



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 12 JULY 2018

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Docker River on Thursday, 12 July 2018 at 10:30AM.

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MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**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

**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	- 192585
AUTHOR	Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Senior 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 Previous minutes of the Local Authority meeting held 19th April 2018.pdf



**MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2018 AT 10:30AM**

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.45AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Robert Tilmouth

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS

3.1 Attendance

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

Councillors: Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees: Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Jacinta Barbour (Policy and Governance Officer), Bill Dalton (Team Leader), George Achike (Community Safety Team Leader)

Others: Chansey Paech (Member for Namatjira), Maria Viegas (Department of Housing and Community Development), Amanda Kahun and Trisha Crowe (Territory Housing), Cameron Bellis (Remote Sargent)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Councillor Selina Kulitja

Absentees: Winsome Newberry, Lily Tjiwer

3.3 Resignations Nil

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**157 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Mavis Robinson)
That the Docker River Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.**

4.2 Conflict of Interests



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

This is page 1 of 4 of the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 19 April 2018

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

SUMMARY:

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

57 RESOLVED (Bernard Bell/Ruby James)

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

5.2 ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

58 RESOLVED (Cllr M Abbott/Robert Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;
- 2) leave open action regarding Liru Street;
- 3) leave open action regarding the Community Car Ramp;
- 4) leave open action regarding speed bumps;
- 5) open new action 5.2.1;
- 6) open new action 5.2.2; and
- 7) open new action 5.2.3.

5.2.1 SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

59 RESOLVED (Cllr M Abbott/Barnaby Kunia)

Chansey Paech, Member for Namatjira announced that contracts are currently being drawn up and that Docker River will receive a Sport Infrastructure Grant for \$600,000. The grant will be administered through the Council and will be paid in two instalments of \$300,000 over two financial years.

The Local Authority is to discuss with community members on what they would like to allocate the funds towards and provide feedback to the next Local Authority meeting. The Local authority have also requested that Council provide a quote on lights for the football oval.

5.2.2 CLOSE LANEWAY

60 RESOLVED (Cllr M Abbott/Barnaby Kunia)

The Local Authority request council to ask Lands and Planning to close the laneway between Lot 138 and Lot 130 to prevent people driving through it.

5.2.3 NEW GATE

61 RESOLVED (Cllr M Abbott/Barnaby Kunia)

The Local Authority request Council to investigate why a gate was not installed at Lot 146 under the HMP Project.

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

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.

62 RESOLVED (Robert Tilmouth/Mavis Robinson)

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

6.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**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.

63 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Barnaby Kunia)

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

7.1 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT**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.

64 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Robert Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report

Lunch break: 12:00PM

Meeting resumed: 12:30PM

7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

65 RESOLVED (Mavis Robinson/Ruby James)

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

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

66 RESOLVED (Barnaby Kunia/Bernard Bell)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure report as at 31 December 2017.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Note and accept any information or updates from the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- 2) Request Territory Housing to bring lease holder action to management and get Member for Namatjira, Chansey Paech to write a letter to Minister for Housing and Community Development, Gerry McCarthy if lot 84 can be occupied by another family;

- 3) Request Member for Namatjira, Chansey Paech to write a letter to Minister of Housing and Community Development, Gerry McCarthy to request an Occupational Therapist to conduct a house assessment for a family support package for people living with special needs;
- 4) Provide funding status of Tjilkamata and Kunapula outstations;
- 5) Invite Superintendent Jody Knobbs to the next Local Authority meeting; and
- 6) Request that Member for Namatjira, Chansey Paech to write a letter to Minister for Territory Families, Dale Wakefield to attend the next Local Authority meeting to discuss options for responding to domestic and family violence in Docker River , including the possibility of a safe house.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 12 JULY, 2018

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 1:45 pm.

This page and the preceding 3 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority meeting held on Thursday, 19 April 2018 and are UNCONFIRMED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.2
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 192586
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 1 - 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 requested the Department of Housing and Community Development assist them to write a letter to the Secretary of the Place Names Committee, to go with supporting letters from Council, NT local member of parliament Chansey Paech and the Aboriginal Interpreter Service.

On 7 February 2018 the Local Authority signed the draft letter and was sent along with supporting documentation on the 27th of February 2018 to the NT Place Names Committee.

Update: letter to the Local Authority is attached.

Action Item 2 -Community Car Ramp (raised on 15/02/2018)**Summary of action item:**

The Local authority request council to do a risk assessment and investigate to relocate the community car ramp.
Risk assessment is being conducted.

Update: This is a community issue and not a service delivery issue. The ramps themselves would require structural work to make them compliant and safe to use. They were not safe to move in their present condition and any work done to these ramps would essentially mean the onus was on MRC to install them correctly, make them compliant and possibly provide training and/or supervision in their use.

Action Item 3 - Speed Humps (raised on 15/02/2018)**Summary of action item:**

The Local Authority request council replace the speed humps that are located on the main entrance road opposite the police station near lot 88. Supplied 7 sets of speed humps under Black Spot Program. Waiting to be installed by Service Delivery. Based on the length of access the road, two sets can be installed. One in front of lot 88 and one in front lot 233.

Update: waiting to be installed by Service Delivery. This was also raised in the November LA meeting and it was requested that the speed humps would be installed after work on the sports area and the Eagle Park playground was completed. Work at Eagle Park has begun and the scheduled timeline for the installation of the speed humps has been delayed a little due to the works crew's high level of absenteeism.

Action Item 4 -Sport Infrastructure Funding (raised on 19/04/2018)**Summary of action item:**

Chansey Paech, Member for Namatjira announced that contracts are currently being drawn up and that Docker River will receive a Sport Infrastructure Grant for \$600,000. The grant will be administered through the Council and will be paid in two instalments of \$300,000 over two financial years. The Local Authority is to discuss with community members on what they would like to allocate the funds towards and provide feedback to the next Local Authority meeting. The Local authority requested Council quote on lights for the football oval.

Update: grant application has been received from NTG Sport and Rec for softball upgrades. DTS will communicate the change of scope to the NTG and provide updates on possibility of us for lighting.

Action Item 5 -Close Laneway (raised on 19/04/2018)**Summary of action item:**

The Local Authority request council to ask Lands and Planning to close the laneway between Lot 138 and Lot 130 to prevent people driving through it.

Update: The lane itself is blocked at one end by a metal bin stand. There is no evidence that suggests cars have ever driven down the laneway. The rear boundary fences were put in according with the wishes of the residents of those houses. The laneway allows the MRC civil team to maintain a clearway/firebreak between the Aged Care facility and Lots 132, 133, and 134. The laneway helps prevent intruders using backyard fences to climb over the Aged Care security fence thereby assisting in the safety and care of those residents in Aged Care.

Action Item 6 -New Gate (raised on 19/04/2018)**Summary of action item:**

The Local Authority request Council to investigate why a gate was not installed at Lot 146 under the HMP Project.

Update: Gates had been installed when the fence was built as evident by the existing hinges on the gate post. The residents removed the gates from the hinges and used them for outdoor bedding – the gates are no longer on the property. One gate post had been replaced in late 2016 after it was bent by traffic – the replacement post is now also bent.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Letter received from NT Place Names Committee, 29 June 2018, Liru Street t.pdf

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Docker River Local Authority
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Dear Docker River Local Authority Members

Request to rename "Liru Street"

I refer to your letter dated 25 January 2018, where you have requested to rename "Liru Street" in Kaltukatjara (Docker River) to "Kurparu" Street

On 15 June 2018, the Place Name Committee (PNC) met to consider this request.

At this meeting the PNC noted the views expressed by the various persons and interested agencies. In particular the views from President, Ms Roxanne Kenny, MacDonnell Regional Council, Members of Docker River Local Authority; Mr. David Alexander, Executive Director Department of Housing and Community Development and Mr Clansy Paech Local Member of Namatjira.

The PNC decided that although a Kurparu Crescent exists in Alice Springs, within Karnte Town Camp, this should not create confusion to rename "Liru Street" to "Kurparu Street" in Kaltukatjara Community, within the MacDonnell Regional Council area.

The PNC also agreed that due to the sensitive nature of this request and to avoid possible future changes, they would DEFER its decision subject to the requestor –

- (a) Providing further evidence of the broad community consultation that has occurred in regards to changing the street name "Liru" and the nature of this consultation i.e. by door-knocking, public display, petition etc
- (b) Confirmation that the alternate name "Kurparu" has been accepted by the Community of Kaltukatjara.
- (c) To clarify spelling, what aboriginal dialect it came from, pronunciation, and some additional background.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have in relation to the above.

Yours sincerely



Rita Carter
A/Secretary Place Names Committee
25 June 2018

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE	- 192587
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.

Approved Projects**2016/17 Local Authority Project Fund**

Project 1: Lasseters Park Development

Project Scope: New park to be developed and named 'Lasseters Park'. This includes a new playground and 1 x DDA compliant picnic table.

Approved Allocation: \$80,000

Meeting approved: 13 July 2017

Update: The majority of the Lasseters Park area has been cleared ready for work to begin. Contractors to install the play equipment to safety standards in July 2018. All material, play equipment and furnishings arrived in Docker River in May 2018 and are being safely stored at the works depot.

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	- 192588
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

2018/19 discretionary funds \$4,000

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 2018 until 30 June 2019).

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.3
TITLE	Community Consultation & Planning
REFERENCE	- 193725
AUTHOR	Erich Brown, Manager Governance & Planning

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is asked to think about projects (big and small) and other ways to improve the community. Each year NT Government and Council gives each community project money to spend on improvements but Local Authority should also consider what other services could be engaged to improve community life and infrastructure. Council asks Local Authority to think about what they would like to see in their community in the next 5 years.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority discuss community planning and project spending.

BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Government makes Local Authority Project funding available to Council, to be spent in a fair way and to benefit the whole community.

The Local Authority members (with direction from community members) decide where this budgeted money will be spent and must follow MRC policy, guidelines and legislation. Good decision making about the use of funds should include prioritising decisions. E.g. which decisions are the most important and which ones can wait until more funds come in.

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 to be spent in a fair way and to benefit the whole community, and According to MRC policy, guidelines and legislation.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community
The Executive Leadership Team

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE	\\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03-LA MTGS\DOCKER RIVER\2018\MEETING 3 - 192991
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.

Animal Management

- The Council is reminding residents to keep their gates closed as the number of horses entering the community and encroaching into people's yards has increased. This has resulted in a number of taps being broken and water wastage.
- One dog body and one foal have been disposed of in the animal burial pit this month.
- The Docker River CLC Rangers have investigated setting up a water trough beyond the back of the college in an attempt to give the horses somewhere to go for water (off point watering) to avoid infrastructure damage within the community.
- Their next step is to clean out the existing bore and set up a 2,000 litre tank and solar pump.

Cemetery Management

- Approval for the cemetery extension is being sought from the CLC.
- A fencing contractor has been engaged to do the fencing extension once CLC approval has been received.
- The Docker River works crew will clear the area for the fence, create a new boundary road and undertake general maintenance of the whole area.
- The Cemetery register is currently being updated and the layout of the grave sites revised.

Internal Road Maintenance

- A works schedule for the installation of new signs and speed humps will be implemented when work on the playgrounds has been completed.
- This includes the replacement of damaged speed humps and the installation of new larger profile speed humps in designated areas.
- A new cross-walk section will be installed near the store to inhibit speeding vehicles.
- Several new speed limits, traffic road signs and "T" intersection signs will be installed as part of the road maintenance.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Most of the area for Lasseter Park has been cleared and the debris removed ready for the contractors when they arrive.
- A section of ground has been removed for the installation of the play equipment and soft fall.
- The bollards around Eagle Park have been installed and the park cleared of debris.
- Bin stands will be installed at Eagle park once all the work is completed.
- Most of the open spaces were slashed last month and litter will be removed before the proposed sports carnival



Lasseter Park area being prepared for playground installation

Sports Grounds

- The tracks around the sports areas have been graded and some of the over-burden remains to be tidied up.
- All the shade shelters have been installed.
- The new goal posts have been erected at the oval.
- Bin stands will be placed around both playing areas and appropriate litter disposal will be encouraged.
- Water Bubblers/drink fountains will be installed at the oval and softball fields after the plumbing has been completed at the Rec Hall and a branch line is in place.



New Goal posts being installed at footy oval

Outstation MES Services

- After an inspection of the Tjilkamata outstation on 13/6/18, it appears to remain unoccupied.
- The outstation itself remains reasonably tidy and the MRC Works Crew have cleared the fire-break and removed unwanted items.
- There is funding from the NTG for installing a hybrid solar power system and reinstating the water bore, if the outstation was occupied.

Waste Management

- Waste engine oil was dumped near the main rubbish pit.
- Lime has been added to neutralise the oil and all contaminated soil will be removed in the near future.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- The Mimosa tree (a Class A pest tree) was removed from the front of the college at the request of NT Weed Control Officers.
- NT Weed Control Officers also found a number of Athel Pines (a Class A pest tree) growing within the community and will provide permits for those growing within resident's yards or used as shade trees.

Other Service Delivery Updates

- A new Team Leader Works has been appointed after the departure of Bill Dalton and his wife
- Upgrades to the Rec Hall are currently in progress and a new duplex is being built at the college for teacher accommodation.
- A Docker River sports carnival has been proposed for the end of July
- MRC 10th birthday celebrations and a community BBQ is to be held on Friday 13 July at the Council Office.

Robert McQuade
Council Services Coordinator
Docker River (Kaltukatjara)

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Community Service Docker River Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 193703
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:

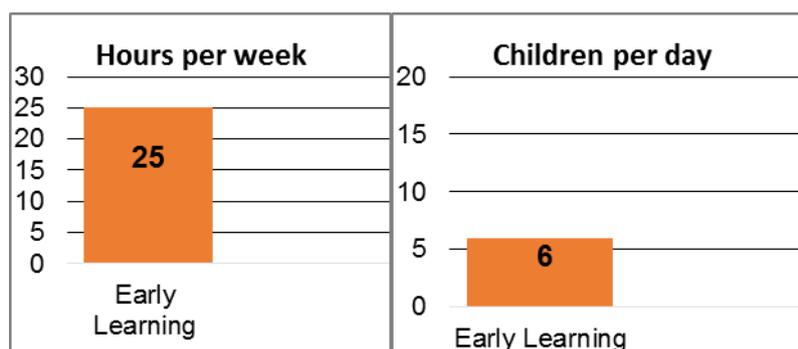
This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

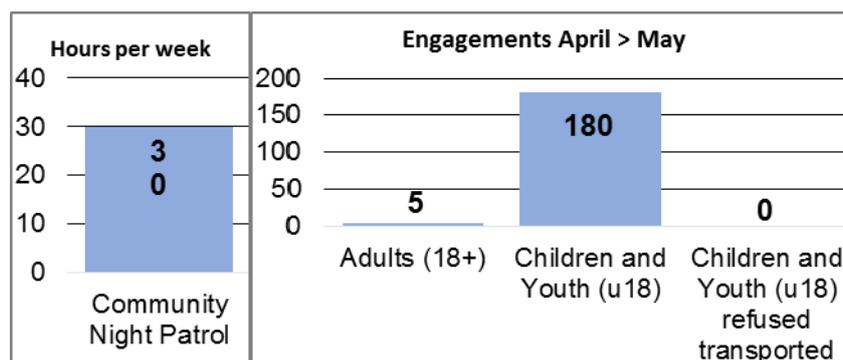
- The Early Childhood program was fully delivered this reporting period.

**Other Updates**

- All Educators remains focused on their accredited training in Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Educators worked with the child health nurse during her visit to Docker River to support families to accessing this service and to ensure families understand the importance of regular health checks for children.

COMMUNITY SAFETY**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- Community Safety Services were closed (as scheduled) for 12 days during this reporting period to allow staff to attend training at Ross River.

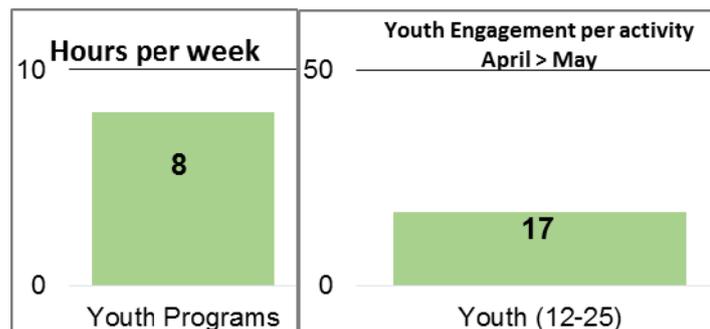


Other Updates

- Two members of the Docker River Community Safety Team attended Certificate III training conducted by Charles Darwin University (CDU) held at Ross River.
- Team members assisted NT Police and Talice Security with crowd control during an AFL game in Alice Springs. The match held on May 27th was used for workplace-based training assessments conducted by the CDU trainer. Staff were commended by NT Police for their participation.
- During this reporting period, members of the Docker River Community Safety Team attended 2 x 4 day workplace based Language Literacy and Numeracy development workshops in Docker River. The workshops were conducted by educators from the Institute of Aboriginal Development (I.A.D).
- On the 14-15 June the Team leader attended a two-day Adaptive Leadership workshop conducted by educators from Polykala.
- The Docker River Community Safety Team were awarded with the MRC 'Above and Beyond' Award in April for assisting NT Police by providing victim assistance and emergency transport to a place of refuge for a victim of family violence.

YOUTH SERVICES**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- Services were not delivered for 15 days during this reporting period due to MacYouth staff attending training, and community cultural and sorry business.
- The programs delivered have included football and softball and basketball.

**Other Updates**

- The team are working closely with the NPY staff and MRC Coordinator Service Delivery.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
 Manager Children's Services – Margaret Harrison
 Manager Community Safety – Peter Devine
 Acting Manager Youth Services – Jessica Kragh

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2018
REFERENCE	- 193526
AUTHOR	Bhan Pratap, Director Corporate Services

**SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure report as at 31 March 2018.

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.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Management Team
Sheree Kane, Co-Ordinator Grants

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Expenditure Report 31 March 2018

(March 2018 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME)

MacDonnell Regional Council - Docker River (Kaltukatjara)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 18					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
<i>Service Centre Delivery</i>					
Manage Council Buildings & Facilities	27,331	28,673	1,342	38,230	
Other Operational	27,331	28,673	1,342	38,230	
Maintain Roads	11,340	13,358	2,018	17,810	
Other Operational	11,340	13,358	2,018	17,810	
Manage Council Service Delivery	102,716	110,991	8,275	145,120	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	74,406	86,781	12,375	112,840	
Other Operational	28,310	24,210	(4,100)	32,280	
Civil Works	211,856	269,494	57,638	351,700	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	166,659	230,682	64,022	299,950	
Other Operational	45,197	38,813	(6,384)	51,750	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	5,528	3,523	(2,005)	4,697	
Other Operational	5,528	3,523	(2,005)	4,697	
Street & Public Lighting	1,275	4,309	3,034	5,746	
Other Operational	1,275	4,309	3,034	5,746	
<i>Council Engagement</i>					
Local Authorities	53,578	116,106	62,528	154,715	
Other Operational	53,578	113,143	59,565	150,765	Local Authority project funding is yet to be spent.
<i>Support and Administration</i>					
Staff Housing	87,403	84,270	(3,133)	112,360	
Other Operational	87,403	84,270	(3,133)	112,360	
Manage HR	1,612	165	(1,448)	220	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	1,480	0	(1,480)	0	
Other Operational	132	165	33	220	
Training & Development	0	2,243	2,243	2,990	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	2,243	2,243	2,990	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	502,640	631,649	129,010	831,613	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Outstations Civil Works	0	6,765	6,765	9,020	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,350	1,350	1,800	
Other Operational	0	5,415	5,415	7,220	
Outstations Housing Repairs & Maintenance	0	2,705	2,705	3,360	
Other Operational	0	2,705	2,705	3,360	
Homelands Extra Allowance	600	4,650	4,050	6,000	
Other Operational	600	4,650	4,050	6,000	
<i>Commercial Operations</i>					
Essential Services	82,657	82,161	(497)	107,350	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	66,675	66,448	(227)	86,400	
Other Operational	15,983	15,712	(270)	20,950	
Centrelink	37,942	42,962	5,020	55,850	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	37,942	42,962	5,020	55,850	
SLGIF Projects	0	11,827	11,827	28,500	
Capital	0	11,827	11,827	28,500	Project yet to commence.
<i>Community Services</i>					
Community Safety	94,578	97,065	2,487	126,630	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	83,185	84,660	1,475	110,090	
Other Operational	11,392	12,405	1,012	16,540	
Youth Development	12,333	10,431	(1,902)	13,630	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	12,009	8,714	(3,295)	11,340	
Other Operational	324	1,717	1,394	2,290	
Children's Services	126,290	143,024	16,734	187,190	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	90,829	107,983	17,155	140,470	
Other Operational	35,461	35,040	(421)	46,720	

(March 2018 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME)

SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	354,400	401,588	47,188	537,530
TOTAL	857,039	1,033,237	176,198	1,369,143

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	3,583	4,000	417	4,000

DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Empowered Communities
REFERENCE	- 193605
AUTHOR	Jacinta Barbour, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

Empowered Communities would like to share with the Local Authority members:

- What Empowered Communities has been up to in the NPY region
- What Anangu from across the NPY region have told them are the big issues, and some ideas on what they want to see done about it
- What they have found out and started to do about these issues
- To discuss the next steps of creating an Anangu led, 5 year development plan for the NPY region

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the information from Empowering Communities.

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 recognizes 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	- 192659
AUTHOR	Jacinta Barbour, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any updates necessary and answer questions 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 that the Department of Housing and Community Development:

- 1) Request Territory Housing to bring lease holder action to management and get Member for Namatjira, Chansey Paech to write a letter to Minister for Housing and Community Development, Gerry McCarthy if lot 84 can be occupied by another family;
- 3) request Member for Namatjira, Chansey Paech to write a letter to Minister of Housing and Community Development, Gerry McCarthy to request an Occupational Therapist to conduct a house assessment for a family support package for people living with special needs;
- 4) provide funding status of Tjilkamata and Kunapula outstations;
- 5) invite Superintendent Jody Knobbs to the next Local Authority meeting; and
- 6) request that Member for Namatjira, Chansey Paech to write a letter to Minister for Territory Families, Dale Wakefield to attend the next Local Authority meeting to discuss options for responding to domestic and family violence in Docker River , including the possibility of a safe house.