



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2019

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Wednesday 26 June 2019 at 10:30am.

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MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
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 5.2
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 6.1
TITLE Confirmation of previous minutes
REFERENCE - 214801
AUTHOR Nicole Joy, Governance Officer

**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 that attended the previous meeting are to consider the presented unconfirmed minutes carefully before they decide if they are a true record of their last meeting.

CONSULTATION

Manager Governance and Planning
Local Authority Members

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Previous Agenda of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held 23 May 2019



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
ON THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2019 AT DOCKER RIVER

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.47am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Ruby James

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: Ruby James, Winsome Newberry and Bernard Bell

Council Employees: Graham Murnik (Director Service Centre Delivery) , Ken Newman (Manager Service Delivery), Nicole Joy (Governance Officer), Yarran Cavalier (MacSafe Coordinator).

Councillors: Cr Roxanne Kenny (President), Cr Marlene Abbott and Cr Selina Kulitja.

Guests: Chancy Paech (Member for Namatjira), Maria Viegas (Community Development Office), Johanna Mitchell (NPYWC).

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Barnaby Kunia

Absentees: Mavis Robinson, Robert Tilmouth and Lily Tjiwer

3.3 Resignations

Nil

4 NOMINATIONS

SUMMARY: There are currently three vacant positions on the Docker River Local Authority. The following nominations were received Pricilla Abbott, Rosina Kunia, Mervyn De Rose, Pricilla De Rose, Jason Mitchell, Gerald Mitchell and Denise Brady.

4.1 VOTING FOR NEW LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

67 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Roxanne Kenny)

Pricilla Abbott, Rosina Kunia, Mervyn De Rose were voted in as the preferred new members of the Docker River Local Authority.

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5 MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

68 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

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

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5.2 Conflict of Interests

69 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

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

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

70 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

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

6.2 ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

71 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Ruby James)

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

1. Close action item 1 Liru Street as the street name has now been changed to Kurparu Street.
2. Close action item 2 Community Car Ramp as the car ramp is no longer safe for public use.
3. Leave open action item Speed Humps as this item is in progress.
4. Leave open action item Sport Infrastructure Funding and wait further progress
5. Close action item 5 Close Laneway and install ballads into the laneway and Council are to investigate options for redirecting traffic access through the laneway when access is required, and
6. Close action item New Gate and refer on to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

Break 11:25am

Resume 11:44am

7 LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

7.1 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 cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

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72 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Local Authority discussed what to spend their remaining 2018/19 discretionary funds on and allocated funds to:

1. Local Shop for the Softball team \$400, and
2. Community BBQ, purchases from the shop \$2300.

7.2 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, Housing and Community Development.

73 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

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

1. Allocate a further \$10,500 to the Lasseter's Park Development and close project,
2. Adjust project funds remaining to spend \$34,125
3. Add the following priority projects for consideration: Local Authority Plan, Information Bay, Sign for Community Entry, Shade shelters for parks, Eastside new playground, BBQ to be installed at Eagle Park and trees for the Park, all items need to be costed.

8 COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT**8.1 CONSULTATION FOR POWER AND WATER UPGRADES TO CHILDCARE BUILDING - LOT 237****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Childcare Centre was constructed next door to the Women's Centre around 10 years ago. At the time the lot was one large area and all connections were run from the Women's Centre. When the survey was done around 5 years ago there was a new lot created for the childcare centre. The new lot requires all services to be run separately (so not from the next door lot).

MRC have applied for grant funding in excess of \$200,000 in order to do the work. The main cost is the extension of the water main. The funding body need to know that the community are ok for the work to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority provide endorsement for the project for new power, water and sewer connections to the Childcare building.

8.2 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT**SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Kaltukatjara/Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery and includes the period since the last Local Authority meeting held in July 2018.

74 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report and add action item CLC to give presentation.

8.2.1 INVITE CLC TO GIVE A FERAL ANIMAL PRESENTATION**75 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)**

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MRC are to invite Central Land Council to give a presentation on feral animal control.

8.3 COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

76 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Ruby James)

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

Lunch Break 12:52am

Resumed 13:24pm

4 FINANCE

9.1 2017/18 ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to receive and note the Council's Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2018.

Annual Report to be tabled at the meeting.

77 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Council's Annual Report for the 2017/18 Financial Year.

9.2 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2018 in the Local Authority's community.

78 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 December 2018.

5 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

6 OTHER BUSINESS

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

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

79 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development and:

1. Transfer action Lot 84 to NTG to follow up,
2. Chansey Paech to follow up House Assessment – Family Support Package and report back to the Local Authority, and Lot 144 fencing around the house,
3. Close Outstation Funding as funding has been allocated and MRC are now maintaining,
4. Leave open invite police and invite again,
5. Leave open meeting invitation to Minister Territory Families and NTG will follow up,
6. Add follow up as to why 34 houses remain vacant,
7. Follow up new housing and ask Department of Housing to have a meeting with the Local Authority,
8. Request homelands to attend the next Local Authority meeting,
9. Note the Room to Breathe Program will start next month.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE, 2019

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 14:29 pm.

This page and the preceeding 5 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 23 May 2019 and are CONFIRMED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	6.2
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 214803
AUTHOR	Nicole Joy, 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 – 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.

Previous update: 7 sets of speed humps were supplied under the Black Spot Program. Based on the length of the road, two sets can be installed. 1 x in front of Lot 88 and 1 x in front of Lot 233

Update: In progress. Older speed humps have been removed and new ones will be installed when the weather cools down.

Update: In progress***Action Item 2 - Sport Infrastructure Funding (raised on 19/04/2018)*****Summary of action item:**

Chansey Paech, Minister for Namatjira announced that contracts are currently being drawn up and that Docker River would 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 request council quote on lights for the football oval.

Update:

1. Grant application has been received from NTG Sport and Rec for football upgrades.
2. Grant funds are not sufficient for oval lighting, funding is intended for football area upgrades, other scope items are being considered for grant funds.

Update: Project status as of 24 June 2018

- Sacred Site Clearance Certificate for Lot 240 has been received via CLC

- Consent to construct on Lot 240 has been received via CLC (MRC hold a 'License to Maintain' for this lot)
- Procurement of the 4 lighting towers has taken place, the lead time for supply is approx. 12 – 14 weeks
- EOI has been finalised with PWC and the site can support the electrical load without upgrades to the town grid
- Site Serving Plan is under way and will be submitted once complete
- Modelling for LED lighting has been completed and appears to be satisfactory (LED's will cost much less to run traditional lighting)
- Discussion with installers are ongoing as this is a specialised project

CONSULTATION

Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team
Governance Department

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE - 214804
AUTHOR Nicole Joy, Governance Officer

**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 cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note their remaining 2018/19 discretionary funds spending.

Approved projects**2018/19 Discretionary Fund**

Approved Project		Status	Approved Allocated	Actual Expenditure
Income	Discretionary Fund	\$4,000	-\$0.00	-\$0.00
Project 1	Softball Equipment	Completed	\$1227.27	\$1227.27
Total Spent	-	-	-	\$1227.27
Project 2	Local shop goods for Softball Team	Not Completed	\$400	\$0
Project 3	Community BBQ purchases from Local Shop	Not Completed	\$2300	\$0
Balance remaining	-	-	\$3927.27	\$2772.73

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER 7.2
TITLE Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE - 214805
AUTHOR Nicole Joy, Governance Officer

**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, Housing and Community Development.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Projects for Consideration

Project: Local Authority Plan
Scope: To be scoped
Approved Allocation: To be costed
Meeting approved: 23 May 2019
Update: Nil

Project: Information Bay
Scope: To be scoped
Approved Allocation: To be costed
Meeting approved: 23 May 2019
Update: Further information required so this can be costed

Project: Sign for Community Entry
Scope: To be scoped
Approved Allocation: To be costed
Meeting approved: 23 May 2019
Update: Need suggestions for CSC so costs can be determined unless this relates to the re-installation of the 2nd main MRC entry to community.

Project: Shade Shelters for parks
Scope: To be scoped
Approved Allocation: To be costed
Meeting approved: 23 May 2019
Update: A 6m x 6m shade shelter with concrete footings is approx. \$6000 FIS Docker River

Project: Eastside new playground
Scope: To be scoped
Approved Allocation: To be costed
Meeting approved: 23 May 2019
Update: A playground similar to Eagle park or Lasseter park is approx. \$40,000 + \$11,000 installation. If this is a “green site” development, i.e. a new park not yet built, it will require planning approval first, maybe CLC clearance, + bollards, shelter, etc. as per our Parks and Open Spaces Service Level Guidelines. If softfall is also required, that cost about \$40,000 for each of the other two playgrounds

Project: BBQ to be installed at Eagle Park and trees
Scope: To be scoped
Approved Allocation: To be costed
Meeting approved: 23 May 2019
Update: One similar to that built at Tjungu Park would be about \$2,000, if MRC staff have the capability to build such a BBQ
Trees can cost anywhere upwards from \$40 per tree + freight from Alice Springs

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

The Local Authority have left to allocate \$34,125.87 of the 2018/19 funding.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Hermannsburg Local Authority have a total \$93,000 to allocate from the 2018/19 Project Funds.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team
Council Service Coordinator
Area Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE - 215055
AUTHOR Nicole Joy, 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:

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RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND**Local Government Services Update****Animal Management**

- The Alice Springs vets were in Docker River from 28th to 30th of May. They examined a large proportion of the available community dogs and cats. Three dogs were euthanized and a number of female dogs and some cats were sterilized.
- One dead horse and one camel body were removed from the perimeter of the community.

Cemetery Management

- The repairs to the damaged section of the new fence extension have been completed.
- A general clean-up of the Cemetery has taken place and old posts and wire removed.



Repairs to Cemetery Fence

Internal Road Maintenance

- A number of road signs have been vandalised and have been replaced.
- 3 new Hi profile speed humps have installed on Mala, Marku and Lungkata road opposite the police station.
- Some bollards opposite the speed humps need to be replaced.



New speed hump

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- A general clean-up of the open spaces has taken place over the past several weeks resulting in several areas and verges being litter and weed free.
- Some damaged bollards have been replaced and several more need attention.
- All three playgrounds have received attention and litter and weeds removed.

Outstation MES Services

- The works crew picked up the litter and other debris around the outside of Wataru outstation at the end of May.
- A new wheelie bin was delivered for use by the occupants.
- The old refuse pit will be filled and capped with soil and all future household waste will be collected in the future during the weekly garbage runs.
- A new solar power system will be installed in the coming months

Waste Management

- Waste engine oil was dumped near the main rubbish pit. All contaminated soil was heaped next to an existing container awaiting disposal into suitable containers.
- Mixed soil has been deposited in the old tip area ready for levelling and to complete the capping of the old pits.
- The public recycling areas are scheduled for up-grading and completion over the coming weeks.
- New signs will be installed in the public drop-off bays when all the work has been completed.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Verges have been stripped of weeds to reduce the risk of fires.
- Some limited back-burns may be planned for July/August depending on staff numbers and the weather.

Other Service Delivery Updates

- CAAMA has installed new equipment in the control tower and the radio is back on the air 24/7 in Docker River.
- NPY Indigenous Women's Law and Culture will be held in Docker River at the Tjuntinanta outstation at the end of June.
- The footings for the two 'Victims of Crime' solar lights were poured at the sites directed by Councillor Marlene Abbott.
- They were poured at the beginning of June and allowed to cure before the solar light towers were erected.



One of the Victims of Crime NT Solar Lights

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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CONSULTATION

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Community Service Docker River Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 215390
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:

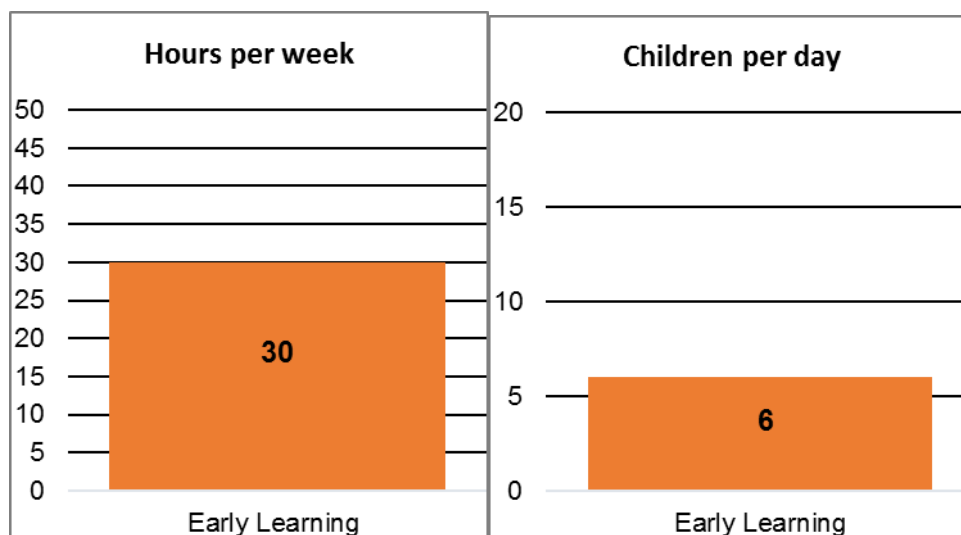
This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Children's Services**Service Delivery and Engagement**

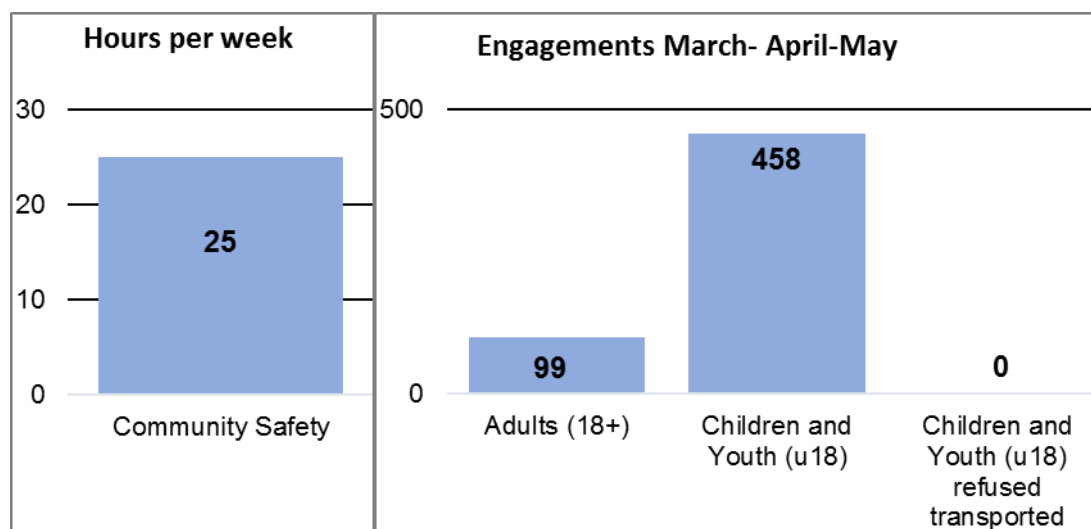
- The Early Learning program was fully delivered this reporting period.
- Team Leader Children Service's returned from maternity leave at the beginning of May.

**Other Updates**

- The Early Learning Centre will be closed from Monday 1st July – Friday 12th July as part of our annual closure.
- Staff from the Department of Education and Training, along with a Coordinator Children's Services visited the Early Learning centre on Wednesday 12th June to inspect the building and meet with local educators.

Community Safety**Service Delivery and Engagement**

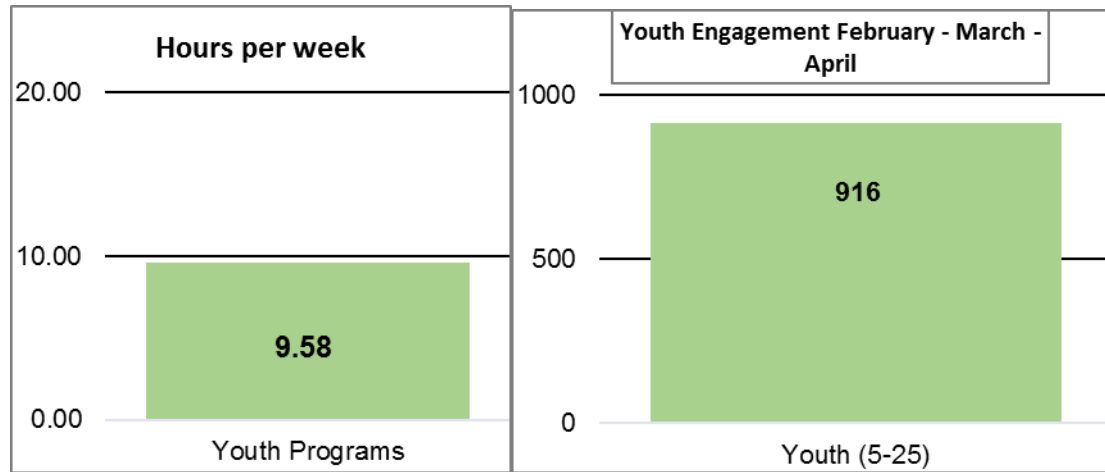
- All Community Safety services were fully delivered this reporting period.

**Other Updates**

- The Service continues to support the Docker River School through assisting young people with transport to school.
- The Docker River Team Leader has successfully completed the Cert III in Community Night Patrol from Charles Darwin University (CDU).
- MacSafe team members completed a course in Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid delivered by NESA and held in Docker River.
- Recruitment is ongoing for two vacant Casual Community Safety Officers.

Youth Services**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- To streamline service delivery across the Docker River, Finke, Imanpa; MacYouth has partnered with MacSafe for the Sport and Recreation program. A new Coordinator Community Safety began in late April, and will oversee both the MacSafe and MacYouth Sport and Recreation services in these communities.
- Sport & Recreation activities were fully delivered this reporting period, except for a three-day period where staff were attending training in Alice Springs.
- There was an average of 24 young people per day, who participated in Sport & Rec activities delivered in the reporting period.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager Children's Services – Margaret Harrison
Manager Community Safety – Peter Devine
Manager Youth Services – Bianca Ray

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2019
REFERENCE - 214998
AUTHOR Bhan Pratap, Director Corporate Services

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2019 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 March 2019.

BACKGROUND

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

Note that Council Engagement / Manage Governance is overall underspent due to savings in operational expenditure.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

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 Sherry (Kane), Co-Ordinator Grants)

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Expenditure Report 31 March 2019

(March 2019 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME)

MacDonnell Regional Council - Docker River (Kaltukatjara)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 19					
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	30,640	33,923	3,282	45,230	
Other Operational	30,640	33,923	3,282	45,230	
Maintain Roads	143	5,145	5,002	6,860	
Other Operational	143	5,145	5,002	6,860	
Manage Council Service Delivery	127,883	133,810	5,926	175,500	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	82,098	88,135	6,037	114,600	
Other Operational	45,785	45,675	(110)	60,900	
Civil Works	182,094	269,808	87,714	352,060	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	135,678	232,195	96,517	301,910	Underspent salaries due to staff not working all hours allocated in the budget.
Other Operational	46,416	37,613	(8,803)	50,150	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	33,156	16,365	(16,791)	21,820	
Other Operational	33,156	16,365	(16,791)	21,820	Project is within budget. Budget has been apportioned over 6mth period.
Street & Public Lighting	8,504	4,462	(4,042)	5,950	
Other Operational	8,504	4,462	(4,042)	5,950	
Council Engagement					
Manage Governance	10,867	22,599	11,733	30,030	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,688	1,688	2,250	
Other Operational	10,867	20,912	10,045	27,780	
Local Authorities	53,475	73,575	20,100	98,100	
Other Operational	53,475	73,575	20,100	98,100	Projects have commenced. Expenditure less than budgeted for this reporting period.
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	89,266	111,920	22,654	132,560	Overall expenditure less than budgeted for this reporting period.
Other Operational	72,068	61,920	(10,148)	82,560	Operational expenditure overspent this period.
Capital	17,198	50,000	32,803	50,000	Capital expenditure less than budgeted this period.
Manage HR	95	0	(95)	0	
Other Operational	95	0	(95)	0	
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	536,123	673,850	137,727	871,100	
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	1,290	1,950	660	2,600	
Other Operational	1,290	1,950	660	2,600	
Homelands Extra Allowance	0	4,050	4,050	5,400	
Other Operational	0	4,050	4,050	5,400	
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	93,280	84,074	(9,206)	109,850	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	76,053	67,814	(8,239)	88,170	
Other Operational	17,227	16,260	(967)	21,680	
Centrelink	27,035	43,462	16,427	56,500	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	27,035	43,462	16,427	56,500	Position has been vacant for an extended period.
MES SPG Projects	117,603	50,370	(67,233)	67,160	Overall operational expenditure more than budgeted this reporting period. This will fall back into line next reporting period.
Other Operational	117,603	50,370	(67,233)	67,160	
Manage Projects	166,303	733,200	566,897	829,600	Overall underspend this reporting period.
Other Operational	0	245,200	245,200	341,600	Works to commence.
Capital	166,303	488,000	321,697	488,000	Works to commence.

(March 2019 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME)

Airstrip Maintenance	0	720	720	960	
Other Operational	0	720	720	960	
SLGIF Projects	7,187	38,500	31,313	38,500	
Capital	7,187	38,500	31,313	38,500	Works commenced. Capital expenditure less than budgeted for this reporting period.
Community Services					
Library	0	150	150	200	
Other Operational	0	150	150	200	
Community Safety	113,397	115,071	1,674	150,190	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	102,516	104,407	1,891	135,970	
Other Operational	10,881	10,665	(217)	14,220	
Youth Development	14,616	25,950	11,334	33,760	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	14,616	25,200	10,584	32,760	Wages underspent this period. Staff not working
Other Operational	0	750	750	1,000	
Children's Services	194,443	233,915	39,472	307,920	Overall underspend due to savings in operational expenditure.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	121,945	125,458	3,513	163,310	
Other Operational	72,498	108,457	35,959	144,610	Operational expenditure less than budgeted for this reporting period.
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	735,153	1,338,177	603,023	1,611,660	
TOTAL	1,271,276	2,012,026	740,750	2,482,760	

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	1,227	4,000	2,773	4,000	

DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
REFERENCE - 214040
AUTHOR Nicole Joy, 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:

To formally commence community consultation with the Docker River community on the proposal for transition to community control of the NT Department of Health Clinic in Docker River.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress deputation.

BACKGROUND

It is proposed that Congress will be the Aboriginal community controlled health organisation (ACCHO) to whom the clinic would transition (subject to further and ongoing due diligence by Congress and the approval of the Congress Board of Directors)

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

Nicole Joy Governance Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Docker River Community Land Use Plan
REFERENCE	- 215341
AUTHOR	Nicole Joy, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Land Tenure Unit will be in attendance to present a 10 minute presentation to inform and get feedback from the Docker River Local Authority on the Remote Planning Framework and the development of a Docker River Community Land Use Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Land Tenure Unit Deputation.

BACKGROUND

The Land Tenure Unit's role is to consult with a number of organisations and the local community to develop a community land use plan.

The purpose of this plan is to provide a guide for the future development of Docker River. In summary the outcome will be a plan that will reflect the aspirations of the community, land owners and affected organisations. In effect this will be a zoning plan that sits outside of the statutory *Planning Act* framework.

The majority of remote communities are identified by the NT Planning Scheme as being unzoned. There are no controls on the development of unzoned land other than in relation to the subdivision of land and the clearing of native vegetation.

In developing the plan consultation will be undertaken with the community, land owners and other service and infrastructure providers. Once the plan is adopted land use proposals would be assessed against the requirements of the plan. Land owners will still be required to give their authorisation before any development can occur on the land.

The plan will be taking into account population projections and housing needs to the year 2035.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

Centre for Disease Control
Manager Governance and Planning

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE Other Non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 214809
AUTHOR Nicole Joy, Governance Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

ACTION REGISITER

Date raised	Action	Detail
19 April 18	Lot 84	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Update 26 June 2019 Recommendation - Action item is not recorded to reflect the changed discussion about these matters. Recommend to update the wording of the action item to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request allocation of Lot 84 to a family in need of a house as the tenants are not living in the house. 2. Vacant houses – Lots 158, 146, 155, 127 and 84 – Local Authority members are concerned that houses will be vandalised if they are left empty for too long, given the current spate of break-ins in the community. <p>RESPONSE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lot 84: Absence of tenants is due to personal reasons. Rent payments are up to date and tenants intend to settle down at the community once personal reasons are resolved.

		<p>Recommendation – This is the second time this item has been provided. Recommend to close this item.</p> <p>2. Vacant houses - Lots 158, 146, 155, 127 and 84 – Each property is accounted for with good reasons for being vacant.</p> <p>Lot 158: Rental payments are up to date. Tenants intend to be back in the community by mid-July 2019.</p> <p>Lot 146: Rental payments are up to date. Housing is not aware of any intention of the tenant to cease their tenancy.</p> <p>Lot 155: Reserved for Room to Breathe program, so Housing is not intending to allocate it at this stage.</p> <p>Lot 127: Rental payments are up to date. Tenant is absent on personal reasons, undergoing treatment in hospital. Housing have visited the tenant in hospital. Tenant has agreed to relinquish property for Room to Breathe and return to the property in 12 months time.</p> <p>Recommendation – Close these Housing action items</p>
19 April 18	House Assessment – Family Support Package	<p>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.</p> <p>Update 26 June 2019: RESPONSE Occupational Therapist recommendations/ modifications for the two dwellings, one in Docker River and one in Imanpa, as requested by the Member for Namatjira, have been implemented.</p> <p>Two ramps installed for 124 Docker River, one at the front door and another at the back door. No. 82 Imanpa all recommended modifications have been completed.</p> <p>Recommendation – Close this action item.</p>
19 April 18	Police Superintendent – Meeting invitation	<p>Invite Superintendent Jody Knobbs to the next Local Authority meeting</p> <p>Update: Police will be in attendance. Refer to attached letter received</p>

		<p>Update 26 June 2019: RESPONSE</p> <p>Letter from Superintendent sent to Docker River Chair, Mrs Ruby James to be included in meeting papers. Letter was sent to MRC Governance on 12 June 2019.</p> <p>NT Police Superintendent Jody Nobbs sends his apologies for not being able to attend the next Docker River Local Authority meeting on 26 June 2019 to speak with the Docker River Local Authority as invited. In his stead, his 2IC, Officer in Charge of the Southern Desert Division, Senior Sergeant Matthew Marshall will attend to discuss any concerns the LA have.</p> <p>Recommendation: Close this action item.</p>
19 April 18	Minister Territory Families – Meeting invitation	<p>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.</p> <p>Update 26 June 2019 RESPONSE</p> <p>Tjikamata is the only Kaltukatjara outstation/ homeland currently being funded by Homelands Services. Kunapula is not currently funded.</p> <p>Recommendation – Close this action item. This is the second time this response has been provided.</p>
23 May 19	New Gate	<p>The Local Authority request council to investigate why a gate was not installed at Lot 146 under the HMP Project. 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 placement post is now also bent.</p> <p>Refereed to DLGHCD for further action.</p>

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Department of Housing and Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter received will be tabled at the meeting.