



AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2023

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Docker River Council Office on Thursday, 13 April 2023 at 10:30am.

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

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5. NOMINATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Nominations to Docker River Local Authority
REFERENCE	- 330909
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LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (*the Authority*) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act).

A vacancy exists on the Local Authority as a result of a membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 and a second vacancy aroused on 12 October 2022 meeting due to a member being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Additionally, three other members were absent noted in the table below, at the previous meeting held 1 Feb 2023 and their membership may be dismissed if members do not attend (without permission) the meeting held 13 April 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes that two vacancy are available on the Local Authority; and**
- b) calls for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to fill the vacancy.**

BACKGROUND

The charts below show the current membership of the Docker River Local Authority:

Appointed Members	Elected Members
Ruby James - Chair	Cr Marlene Abbott
Winsome Newberry	Cr Abraham Poulson
Meryvyn De Rose (Absent at previous meet)	
Rosina Kunia (Absent at previous meet)	
Priscilla Abbott (Absent at previous meet)	
VACANT	
VACANT	

The Local Authorities are made up of local members. They have four (4) Local Authority meetings per year and discuss things like council service delivery, project funding, project ideas and progress, finances etc.

Functions of the Local Authority (*Local Government Act 2019* section 78):

- (a) To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government; and
- (b) To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government; and
- (c) To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region; and

- (d) To take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf; and
- (e) To contribute to the development of the relevant regional plan; and
- (f) To make recommendations to the council in relation to:
 - (i) The council's budget; and
 - (ii) The part of the council's area within which the local authority performs its functions; and
- (g) To perform other functions assigned to the local authority by the Minister, in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, para.4.14: Nominations and Appointments states:

- a) nominations will be tabled at the next local authority meeting and considered. A recommendation on the nominations to Council will be recorded and presented with the nomination forms at the next Council meeting.
- b) in the case that there is a nomination or nominations submitted but no timely local authority meeting (that is before the next council meeting), nominations will still be presented to the next Council meeting. The Council may appoint based on the submitted nominations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Local Authorities do not maintain their membership numbers, their ability to make quorum for their meetings is impaired and they may not be able to commit funds to Community projects and events.

CONSULTATION

Docker River Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

4. 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 notes the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct

Interests of the Council and Community come first

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to cause harm to another.

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	- 330910
AUTHOR	Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer



Unconfirmed minutes of the 12 October 2022 and 1 Feb 2023 Docker River Local Authority ordinary meetings are submitted to the Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 12 October 2022 and 1 Feb 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Docker River Local Authority 2022-10-12 [1289] Minutes.pdf
- 2 Docker River Local Authority 2023-02-01 [1339] Minutes.pdf



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2022 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was postponed at 11:00AM to reconvene at 11:14AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Ruby James

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Ruby James, Member Mervyn De Rose, Member Priscilla Abbott, Member Rosina Kunia and Member Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Director Service Centre Delivery, Keith Hassett – Contracts and Projects Manager, James Walsh – Essential Services Mentor, Stephen Trindle – Coordinator Council Services and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Matt Adams-Richardson – Department Chief Minister and Cabinet (attended via zoom)

Katharine O'Donoghue – Gwoja Electorate Office (attended via zoom)

Congress Representatives:

Catherine Satour – Transition Project Officer

Alex Craig – Contracts Manager/In-House Lawyer

Dorethea Randall – Remote Health Board member

Dr Sam Heard – Medical Director

David Busuttil – General Manager Business Services

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Rita Okai

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

DRLA2022-018 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Mervyn De Rose)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance and apologies to the meeting; and
- b) noted the absence of Rita Okai from the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

3.4 TERMINATION

DRLA2022-019 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and agreed that the membership of Rita Okai be revoked for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (*the Authority*) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act).

A vacancy exists on the Local Authority as a result of a membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 meeting due to a member being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

DRLA2022-020 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that a second vacancy was created due to a membership being terminated; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to fill the two vacancies.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2022-021 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Winsome Newberry)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2022-022 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Rosina Kunia)

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 11 May 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2022-023 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2022-024 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That members noted the matter to be discussed in General Council Business

1. Healthy Community Day

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members did not raise any matters to be discussed in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2022-025 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2022-026 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Mervyn De Rose)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 CAAC TRANSITION TO THE KALTUKATJARA HEALTH SERVICE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Executive and Transition team formally engage with the Kaltukatjara Local Authority, providing an information update about the transition implementation and allow for questions and community discussion.

DRLA2022-027 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Priscilla Abbott)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the information shared by the CAAC representative; and
- b) requests that Congress organise a meeting with Community to discuss the transition and to answer any questions the community may have.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

There is current balance of \$6,713.55 uncommitted funds available to spend on the community project.

It is noted that Docker River has received their full allocation for the 2021/2022 Project funds grant that has since been allocated to current projects.

DRLA2022-028 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that Docker River had received their full allocation of the 2021/2022 project funds;
- b) approves the closure of Project 2127 – Street Lighting, returning the underspend of \$5,000.00 to unallocated funds.
- c) agreed to close Eastside Playground as an active project, electing instead to move it over to the wishlist and returning the underspend of \$52,500.00 to unallocated funds.
- d) created the following new projects:
 - Fencing around playground and Lasseter Park, committing \$30,000.00 to the project, noting that the CSC will take measurements and source quotes.
 - Solar light to post at entry into Docker River, committing \$5,000.00 to the project and noting that quotes for the light will be sourced by the Coordinator Service Delivery.
- e) noted and accept the progress of their projects and kept open:
 - Project 2121 – BBQ Trailer and trees for Eagle Park, noting that the trailer

had been used at various community events. The members agreed for the CSC to source quotes for the trees.

- Project 2122 – Scoreboard, noting that it was awaiting delivery to community.
- Project 2125 – Shade shelter for parks, requesting that Service Delivery follow up with Technical Services on this project

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

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

DRLA2022-029 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2021/2022 Discretionary Funds;
- b) noted and accepted the release of their discretionary fund for the year 2022/2023; and
- c) chose to allocate their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds of \$4,000.00 at a later date.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update on Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

DRLA2022-030 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2022-031 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31st August 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

DRLA2022-032 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

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That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31st August 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised for discussion at item 12.1 - General Business.

DRLA2022-033 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Abraham Poulson)

That the Docker River Local Authority discussed the items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Healthy Community Event

The Local Authority were informed that MRC will be hosting a healthy community event in all 13 of their communities with activities, workshops and talks planned throughout the day. The focus of the event is to promote healthy lifestyle choices that encourages healthy practices and it is recommended that all community participate.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

The members noted that the DCM&C were unavailable at the last meeting to provide update on the non-council business. The action register will be updated when response are received from the DCMC.

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

DRLA2022-034 RESOLVED (Priscilla Abbott/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that no discussion items was raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet Representative and:
 - Closed action – Draft Community use plan; and
 - Kept open action – Options for a Domestic Violence Service. The Representative advised that he will follow up on the service and inform the CSC and MRC's Governance team of a response.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:27 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 and are UNCONFIRMED.

UNCONFIRMED



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023 AT
10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared as provisional meeting due to Quorum not being met and open at 10.41AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Members present were welcomed at the meeting.

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Ruby James and Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod, CEO MRC, Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services, Kathleen Abbott, Area Manager Service Delivery and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Raymond Walters, DCM&C and Maryanne Walley, Engagement Officer IEPP

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Cr Abraham Poulson

Absentees:

Members Meryvyn De Rose, Rosina Kunia and Priscilla Abbott

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3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

DRLA2023-035 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted attendance, apologies and absentees at the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (*the Authority*) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the *Local Government Act 2019* (the Act).

A vacancy exists on the Local Authority as a result of a membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 and a second vacancy aroused on 12 October 2022 meeting due to a member being absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

DRLA2023-036 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that two vacancy are available on the Local Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 21 days to fill the vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2023-037 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Docker River Local Authority of 12 October 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

Minutes note: Provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of the meeting held with a full Quorum.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2023-038 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2023-039 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) School attendance

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2023-040 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business .

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2023-041 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2023-042 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is an independent Federal Agency that operates under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the reason for this paper is to provide information on the work they are doing in various remote communities on the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (IEPP)

DRLA2023-043 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the presentation from the Australia Electoral Commission.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

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

DRLA2023-044 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the release of their discretionary fund for the year 2022/2023;
- b) noted and discussed the spending of their funds in the community; and
- c) noted and discussed to spend the fund with further consultation for the celebration of opening new lights at the softball and football oval.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Local Authority on the structure and assembly of the Local Authority meeting Agenda to best meet the needs of the community and to ensure that their regional councils' planning, prioritising, funding and delivery of services and infrastructure is being met.

The intention is that LA's should be able to set their own agendas and conduct their own meetings, while recognising the role of Councils in managing administration and building capacity.

Following this report is an attachment of a meeting Agendas' Table of Contents and the subjects highlighted are a prerequisite for an Agenda.

The Local Authority is asked discuss what they would like to see included in a meeting agenda and provide examples of good practices.

DRLA2023-045 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Marlene Abbott)

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That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) reviewed and discussed the contents of a meeting agenda in brief;
- b) did not identify any additions or deletions that members would like to make to the current agenda;
- c) noted that the local authority will discuss this at the full quorum meeting.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community. Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

There is current balance of \$29,213.55 uncommitted funds available to spend on the community project.

It is noted that Docker River has received their full allocation of Project funds that has since been allocated to current projects.

DRLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows and kept project open;
 - project 2121, BBQ Trailer and trees for Eagle Park – Area manager is going to source quotes for decent size trees
 - project 2122, Score Board – Score board has been destroyed while transportation and Area manager is following up and will provide update at the next meeting
 - Project 2125, Shade Shelter for Parks – Kept project open and update will be provided at the next meeting
 - Project 2126, Fencing around playground and Lasseter park – Quote will be sourced for this with a similar fence at the child care center
 - Project 2127, Solar Light post at the entry into Docker River – altogether 5 large size lights will be put on and one of them will be installed at the sign to 'Welcome to Docker River' and committed all remaining funds (\$26,718.55) to this project after deduction from project 2122.
- b) committed funds of \$2,495.00 to cover the overspend to Project 2122 – Scoreboard.

9.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the Community services report.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update on Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

DRLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the attached report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2022 in the Local Authority community

DRLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 December 2022.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under item 6.2, members have the opportunity to raise matters of General Business that are discussed at this report.

DRLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Marlene Abbott)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation and :

- a) noted that no General Business items is raised at Item 6.2;
- b) discusses and provides feedback on the Development of the 2023/2024 Regional Plan to focus on the following:

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- More involvement of youth & children in the community
 - Increase consultation with NPY around youth services
 - Shade & seating near football oval & eastside of the community and shop and review by CLC
- c) accepted to hold meetings in an outdoor space and requested if BBQ can be arranged for visitors, guests & members;
- d) noted the meetings can be recorded for minute taking purposes; and
- e) discussed how to assist MRC in achieving quorum and ideas as follows:
- Providing poster for LA meeting for the whole of the year
 - Text message to be sent to the LA members prior to the meeting.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

The members noted that the DCM&C were unavailable at the last meeting to provide update on the non-council business. The action register will be updated when response are received from the DCMC.

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

DRLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Ruby James)

That the provisional meeting of the Docker River Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;
- School attendance, families and children have been away from the communities and it was discussed that they should be back to community and children be sent to school
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:
- Option for domestic violence services - Minister Paech received from Robin as requested by community, Bruce Fyfe mentioned we will follow up again with the Minister for an update response re DV service enquiry.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 13 APRIL, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:53pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Docker River Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 1 February 2023 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED
RECOMMENDATION**

That the Docker River Local Authority noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

**6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS
RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Noted that the members have / have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business

**6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS
RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Noted that the members have / have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
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 Meeting:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) that members declares any conflicts of interest.**

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.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 331108
AUTHOR	Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000.00 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to benefit everybody.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and discusses the spending of their funds in the community.

BACKGROUND**2022/2023 Discretionary Fund**

Date	2022/2023 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$	Expenditure remaining \$
1 July 22	Discretionary Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
12 Oct 22	Res.029 - chose to allocate their 2022/2023 Discretionary funds of \$4,000.00 at a later date.		
1 Feb 23	Res.044 - noted and discussed to spend the fund with further consultation for the celebration of opening new lights at the softball and football oval.		
Balance Remaining			4,000.00

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Local Authorities decide how to best spend this money to broadly benefit the community. The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are taken into account when allocating discretionary funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This money cannot be carried over from one financial year to the next. Discretionary Funds must be fully expended annually between 1 July and 30 June or forfeited. Currently the community has \$4,000.00 to spend before the end of the financial year.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 331111
AUTHOR	Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (*DCM&C*) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community. Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

repairs and ablution facilities.

- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

Docker River Local Authority (The Authority) has allocated all of its Local Authority project funds available to spend on the community projects.

It is noted that Docker River has received their full allocation of Project funds that has since been allocated to current projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress of their projects;**
- b) approves the closure of their completed projects.**

BACKGROUND

The Local Authority decides on the allocation of their Project Funds for infrastructure projects to benefit the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

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

Register of Projects and Commitments

Project 2121		BBQ trailer and trees for Eagle Park	\$
Action	Status		Committed
26-Jun-19	Res.87 – BBQ to be installed at Eagle Park and trees and allocate \$2,400.00 .		2,400.00
	One similar to that built at Tjungu Park would be about \$2,000.00, if MRC staff have the capability to build such a BBQ.		
	Trees can cost anywhere upwards from \$40.00 per tree + freight from Alice Springs.		
6-Feb-20	Res.17 – That the Docker River Local Authority kept the project 2029 – BBQ and trees at Eagle park open and moved to a BBQ trailer.		
15-Oct-20	Commit \$10,000.00 towards a BBQ trailer and trees at Eagle park.		10,000.00
11-Mar-21	Quotes will be presented at the meeting for LA approval. BBQ Trailer.		
9-Dec-21	The BBQ trailer has been delivered – includes freight It is anticipated that the remaining funds will be expended on trees for Eagle Park.		-10,800.00
11-May-22	Res.066 - all members present supported the continuance of this project with appointed members Mervyn De Rose and Priscilla Abbott asked to make a selection of trees whilst they are in Alice Springs.		
12-Oct-22	Res.028 - Trailer had been used at various community events. The members agreed for the CSC to source quotes for the trees.		
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Area manager is going to source quotes for decent size trees.		
16-Feb-23	PO raised to buy trees from Alice Springs Nursery		-1,360.00
	Underspend or (overspend)		240.00

Project 2122		Score Board	\$
Action	Status		Committed
15-Apr-20	Res.49 – Docker River Local Authority request that the projects be separated as: 1. Information Bay 2. Score Board		
15-Oct-20	Commit \$25,000.00 to the scoreboard and have the scoreboard stored in a container.		25,000.00
11-Mar-21	Quotes will be presented at meeting for LA approval.		
9-Dec-21	The information Bay is to be removed from this project. The quotation provided for the Scoreboard of \$38,115.00 has been accepted. It is anticipated that the remaining funds will cover the cost of the new playground once CLC approval for a licence to maintain the lot.		

3-Feb-22	It is to be noted that a Purchase Order has not been raised against the quotation.	
11-May-22	Res.066 – notes the quotation for the scoreboard accepted at the 9 December 2021 meeting with advice received that the Purchase order raised as soon as possible and allocates an additional \$15,115 to this project to cover the additional costs.	15,115.00
8-Jun-22	Scoreboard has been ordered, PO088172 raised for 50% deposit.	-21,305.00
12-Oct-22	Res.028 – Awaiting delivery to community. Invoice received for Scoreboard, total of \$42,610.00 ex. GST. Notes: Deposit of 50% already paid.	- 21,305.00
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Score board has been destroyed while transporting and Area manager is following up and will provide update at the next meeting.	
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Committed funds of \$2,495.00 to cover the overspend to Project 2122 – Scoreboard.	2,495.00
	(overspend)	0.00

Project 2125		Shade Shelter for Parks	\$
Action	Status		Committed
26-Jun-19	Res.87 - share shelter for parks and allocated \$6,000 6m * 6m share shelter with concrete footings is approx. \$6,000.00 FIS Docker River		6,000.00
11-Mar-21	Quotes will be presented at meeting for LA approval		
9-Dec-21	The estimate of \$12,000.00 to carry out the necessary works was approved by the Local Authority with an additional \$6,000.00 to be committed to this project.		6,000.00
11-May-22	Res.066 - – members allocated an additional \$8,000 to this project to cover freight and installation.		8,000.00
1-Jul-22	Quotes will be coordinated with Tech Services		
30-jun-22	PO has been requested for shade structure PO088751		-5,085.45
12-Oct-22	Res.028 - Requesting that Service Delivery follow up with Technical Services on this project.		
31-Oct-22	Tax invoice from Alice Hosetech, transportation expenses		-2,273.35
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Kept project open and update will be provided at the next meeting.		
	Underspend or (overspend)		12,641.20

Project 2128		Fencing around playground and Lasseter Park	\$
Action	Status		Committed
12-Oct-22	Res.028 – created new project and committed \$30,000.00 to the project noting that the CSC will take measurements and source quotes.		30,000.00
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Quote will be sourced for this with a similar fence at the child care center.		
	Underspend or (overspend)		30,000.00

Project 2129 Solar light to post at entry into Docker River		\$
Action	Status	Committed
12-Oct-22	Res.028 – Created new project and committed \$5,000.00 to the project noting that quotes for the light will be sourced by the Coordinator Service Delivery.	5,000.00
1-Feb-23	Res.046 - Altogether 5 large size lights will be put on and one of them will be installed at the sign to 'Welcome to Docker River' and committed all remaining funds which is \$26,718.55 (after deduction from project 2122) to this project.	26,718.55
underspend or (overspend)		31,718.55

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	74,599.75
	Total unallocated funds	0.00
	Total	74,599.75

Wishlist and estimated costs

Priority: New Window for Church

Scope of Work: SDC to determine the scope of work.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

Priority: Shade cover for the Softball Diamond

Scope of Work: SDC to determine the scope of work and provide quotations.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

Priority: Construction of toilet at Sorry Camp

Scope of Work: SDC to determine the scope of work and provide quotations.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

Priority: Eastside Playground

Scope of Work: Agreed to close Eastside Playground as an active project, electing instead to move it over to the wishlist.

Estimated Cost:

Request date:

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of *Unacceptable* Purposes for Expenditure include:

- Purchase of vehicles and fuel expenses
- Payment of salaries, cash prizes or recurrent operating costs of council
- Meeting costs and payments to local authority members
- Sponsorship by way of uniforms, travels cost and allowances
- Purposes that are not related to local government services and that should be addressed by another government agency.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Finance Grants Officer
Area Managers

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Community Service Docker River Local Authority Reports
REFERENCE	- 331174
AUTHOR	Jenny Murnik, Community Services Coordinator Administration

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Acting Manager of Children's Services – Thersa Peeke
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott
Manager of Youth Services – Jessica Kragh

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023-04 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Docker River LAR - approved.pdf

Community Service: Report on Operations

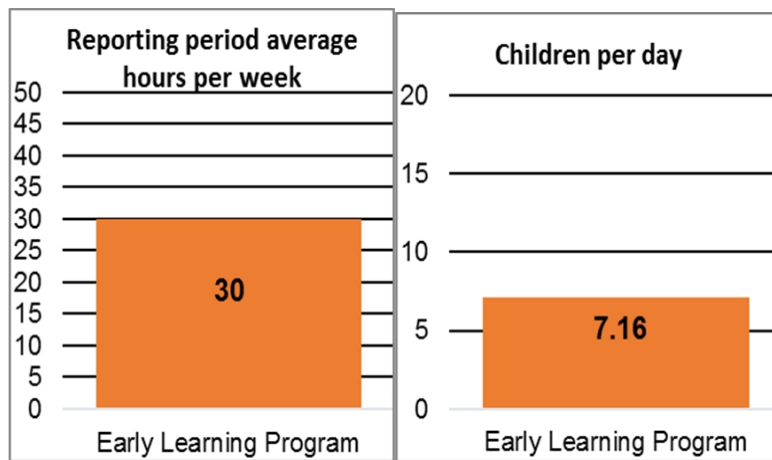


LOCATION: Docker River Community
PERIOD: 1/01/2023 to 28/02/2023
AUTHOR: Sabine Wedemeyer, Director Community Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Docker River Childcare reopened on the 8 February 2023 with new Team Leader Helen Harbour.



Other Updates

- The new Team Leader has already been living in community and knows most of the residents and children.
- The centre has been very busy since opening just showing how much it was missed, the children enjoyed fun days with painting and playdough every day.
- Helen is working with coordinator Thersa to get new enrolments completed and it is great to see parents from the outstations bringing their children in.
- We have provided a separate area for baby's to learn to crawl on a new large coloured mat and some new baby toys.
- Staff have done a great job coming into work and supporting the new Team Leader Helen.

Best thing for a 46 degrees day and some fun play inside and in the shade

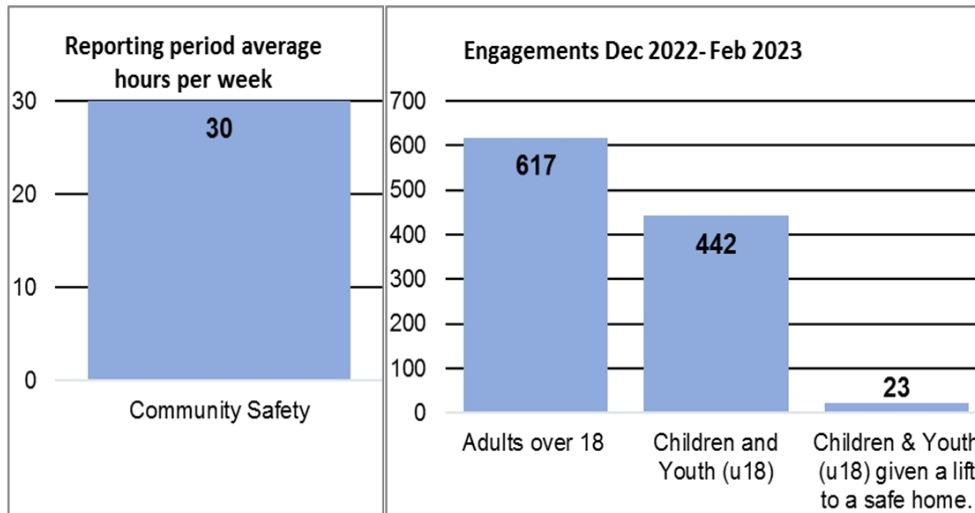


COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement



- Community Safety services operated as per their service delivery requirements over the last three months.
- The Docker River Team continues to operate on a 5 day roster, Monday to Friday with nightly Patrols



Other Updates

- Team Leader Selwyn Burke has stepped up into the Team Leader role, he is working well in his new role with a lot of support and encouragement from other staff members and the MacSafe coordinator.
- We are looking to recruit new workers into the MacSafe team to work when needed to fill in for current team members when they are unable to work. There are Position vacant posters currently up on the Community noticeboards

Bernard Bell from CLC Ranger Program discussing Community safety issues with our Docker River MacSafe workers



YOUTH SERVICES

- Nil Sport and Recreation delivered from MacYouth this reporting period.



10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Council Service Coordinators Report
REFERENCE - 330919
AUTHOR Kathleen Abbott, Manager Service Delivery 4

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Stephen Trindle, Council Service Coordinator, Docker River
Kathleen Abbott, Area Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2303 CSC Docker River LA Report.pdf

Council Service Coordinators Report

Service Delivery Report

TITLE Docker River Service Delivery Report
DATE 27/03/23
AUTHOR Stephen Trindle, Docker River Council Services Coordinator



SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Kaltukatjara/Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

BACKGROUND

Local Government Services Update

Animal Management

- The number of horses coming into community has increased since the rains. They are destroying property and causing major damage to water pipes and taps around the community.
- Growing number of concerned residents over the safety of children and welfare of the horses when the next dry season comes.



Cemetery Management

- Slashing and mowing is being done to get the cemetery looking good.

Internal Road Maintenance

- All internal and service roads will be getting another going over after the bit of rain we had.
- There are a few signs that still need replacing as well as the new speed bump near Tjungu Park.

Council Service Coordinators Report

- Slashing of the verges are still being done.

Parks and Open Spaces;

- All the parks are good and all equipment in good condition.
- Bollards have been put around Lasseter Park and we will be replacing soft fall sand in Tjungu and Eagle Parks.
- Replacing of sand in some parks are still being done when possible.
- One new shed structure to be erected on one of the playgrounds.
- Sport and rec areas have had a big clean up and graded for upcoming sports carnival and school holiday rec program.

**Outstation MES Services**

- Tjilkamata/Wataru:
- 2 new structures are to be installed, still waiting on work to be done.

Waste Management

- Wheelie bins are emptied twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays
- The tip is working well.
- The waste pit is pushed once a week and then capped on Fridays.
- Still waiting on advice from management on the new drop off bays.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Slashing and cutting of weeds around community is ongoing.
- The fire breaks around the community have all had a grader put over them are all good.

Council Service Coordinators Report

**Other Service Delivery Updates**

- The new Team Leader for the child care has started and the Tjitji's are happy to have their safe space back after such a long break..
- Trees from the last LA meeting are due to arrive on the next CDT delivery and civil team planning to plant them out asap.
- Still waiting on the new scoreboard to be delivered
- The employment service provider. Rise Ngurratjuta are closed until they find someone to come out.

Stephen Trindle
Council Services Coordinator
Docker River

11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY
REFERENCE	- 331261
AUTHOR	Osman Kassem, Management Accountant and Grants



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 31 March 2023.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority Project Funding is to be expended within 2 years of the receipt of the funding otherwise failure to do so may result in the Department withholding any future payments of Local Authority Project Funding or request unspent funding to be repaid. As an example any funds prior to the 2020-21 financial year need to be spent not just allocated to projects.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023 - Docker River Expenditure Detail.pdf

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MacDonnell Regional Council - Docker River (Kaltukatjara)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 23					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Delivery	123,296	125,748	2,451	171,985	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	74,937	83,734	8,796	115,966	2%
Other Operational	48,359	42,014	(6,345)	56,019	10.5%
					-15.1%
Civil Works	218,948	252,998	34,050	354,619	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	200,889	234,901	34,012	330,489	13%
Other Operational	18,059	18,097	38	24,130	14.5%
					0.2%
					Staff vacancies have created an underspend
Council Buildings repair & maintenance	35,679	33,196	(2,483)	44,262	
Other Operational	35,679	33,196	(2,483)	44,262	-7%
					-7.5%
Street & Public Lighting	2,223	4,692	2,469	6,256	
Other Operational	2,223	4,692	2,469	6,256	53%
					52.6%
Elected Members & Council Meetings	382	0	(382)	0	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	382	0	(382)	0	#DIV/0!
					#DIV/0!
Local Authority Administration	19,045	22,259	3,215	29,679	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	17,227	16,500	(727)	22,000	14%
Other Operational	1,817	5,759	3,942	7,679	-4.4%
					68.4%
Local Authority Project Funding	30,024	113,793	83,769	151,724	
Other Operational	30,024	113,793	83,769	151,724	74%
					73.6%
					LA to decide to projects to allocate remaining funds
Training & Development	0	2,250	2,250	3,000	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	2,250	2,250	3,000	100%
					100.0%
Corporate Costs	1,282	909	(373)	909	
Other Operational	1,282	909	(373)	909	-41%
					-41.0%
Staff housing maintenance	402,209	335,850	(66,359)	447,800	
Other Operational	384,415	335,850	(48,565)	447,800	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is spent as required.
Capital	17,794	0	(17,794)	0	-20%
					-14.5%
					#DIV/0!
Staff housing Capital upgrade	61,800	100,090	38,290	100,090	
Other Operational	18,291	0	(18,291)	0	38%
					#DIV/0!
Capital	43,509	100,090	56,581	100,090	works in progress, works programmed/started and expected to be completed by April
					56.5%
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	894,888	991,786	96,898	1,310,323	9.8%
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Homelands Municipal & Essential and Home	6,413	3,187	-3,226	4,187	
Other Operational	6,413	3,187	(3,226)	4,187	-101%
					-101.2%
NT Homelands Housing Repair & Maintenance	7,527	3,548	-3,979	4,730	
Other Operational	7,527	3,548	(3,979)	4,730	-112%
					-112.2%
Power & water contract	75,906	98,868	22,962	134,879	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	60,507	77,413	16,906	106,272	23%
Other Operational	15,400	21,455	6,056	28,607	21.8%
					28.2%
					ESO on leave
Centrelink	46,994	41,009	(5,985)	53,673	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	46,994	41,009	(5,985)	53,673	-15%
					-14.6%
NDIS Service Centre Delivery	7,888	18,317	10,429	25,094	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	7,888	18,317	10,429	25,094	Vacant positions
					57%
					56.9%
Manage Projects	197,817	71,724	(126,093)	241,206	
Other Operational	197,817	71,724	(126,093)	241,206	Commitments for outstations projects
					-176%
					-175.8%
Airstrip Maintenance	0	1,125	1,125	1,500	
Other Operational	0	1,125	1,125	1,500	100%
					100.0%
Community Safety	109,304	114,893	5,589	157,917	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	97,288	98,029	741	135,431	5%
Other Operational	12,016	16,864	4,848	22,486	0.8%
					28.7%
Youth Services	5,281	14,820	9,539	20,337	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	5,281	11,512	6,231	15,926	64%
Other Operational	0	3,309	3,309	4,412	54.1%
					100.0%
Aged & Disability Services	0	402	402	536	
Other Operational	0	402	402	536	100%
					100.0%
Early learning Centre Children Services	131,411	325,116	193,705	415,305	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	71,124	165,638	94,514	223,357	Centre was closed for a long period.
Other Operational	60,287	159,478	99,192	191,947	60%
					57.1%
					62.2%

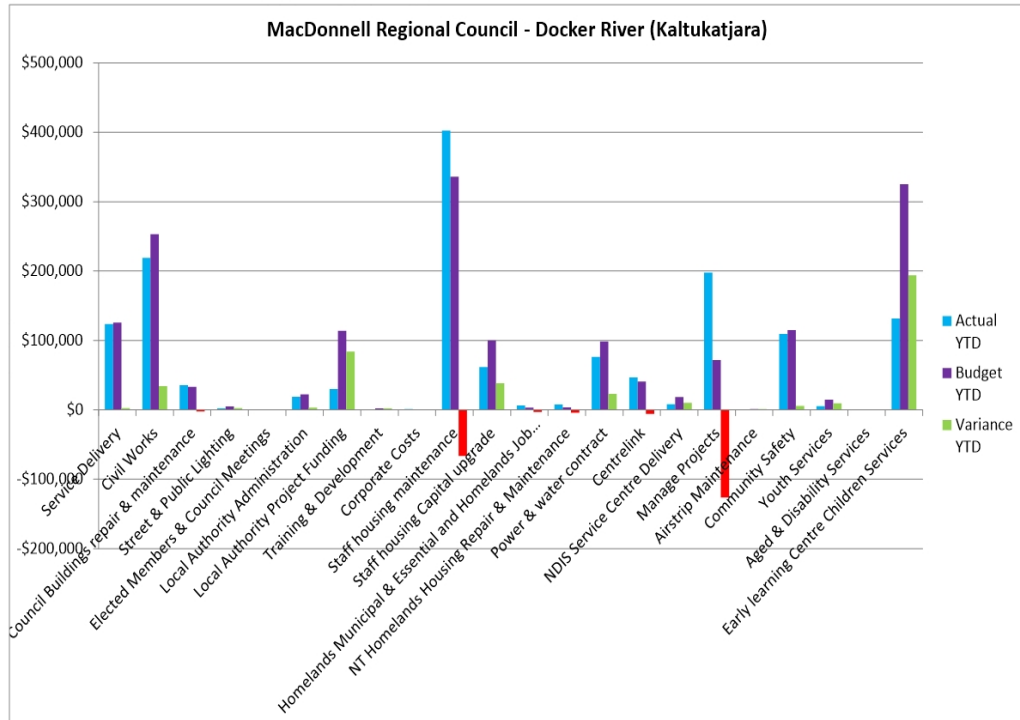
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SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	588,541	693,010	104,469	1,059,364	15.1%
TOTAL	1,483,429	1,684,796	201,366	2,369,687	12.0%

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.

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



12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Business
REFERENCE - 331109
AUTHOR Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under item 6.2, members have the opportunity to raise matters of General Business that are discussed at this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the General Business items raised at Item 6.2; and
- b) be updated at the next meeting on the issues arising from this meeting.

BACKGROUND

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- 2:.....
- 3:.....
- 4:.....
- 5:.....

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Docker River Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Non-Council Business
REFERENCE	- 331110
AUTHOR	Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet attends the Local Authority meetings to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) notes and accepts the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

BACKGROUND

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ACTION REGISTER

Date raised	Action	Detail
15-Oct-20	Options for a Domestic Violence Service	Res.096 - The Local Authority requested the Director of Community Services invite the member for Gwoja regarding options for a Domestic Violence Service in Docker River, including the possibility of a safe house.
19-Jan-21		Email send 19/01/2021 to the Electoral office of the Member for Gwoja inviting the Minister to the LA meeting, 8 April 2021.
9-Dec-21		Mr Robin Hall commented that the matter of options for a Domestic Violence Service was an ongoing issue which involves many factors - he will provide an update at the next meeting.
12-Oct-22		Res.034 - The Representative advised that he will follow up on the service and inform the CSC and MRC's Governance team of a response.
1-Feb-22		Res.051 - Minister Paech received from Robin as requested by community, Bruce Fyfe mentioned that he will follow up again with the Minister for an update response re DV service enquiry.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.