

AGENDA

DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024

The Docker River Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Docker River Council Office on Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 10:30am.

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3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

MacDonnell Regional Council

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

That members notes the attendance and accepts the apologies to the meeting.

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members notes the absentees to the meeting.

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5. NOMINATIONS

ITEM NUMBER 3.5.1

TITLE Nominations to Docker River Local Authority

REFERENCE - 339306

AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Executive Services Manager



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).

Two vacancies exists on the Local Authority as a result of their membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 meeting and the 12 October 2022 meeting as these members were absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Additionally, Priscilla Abbott and Meryvyn De Rose had their membership dismissed at the 13 April 2023 meeting due to being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes the four vacancies available on the Local Authority;
- b) calls for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days to fill these vacancies: and
- c) encourages members to seek suitable applicants to nominate.

BACKGROUND

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

Appointed Members
Ruby James - Chair
Winsome Newberry
Rosina Kunia
VACANT
VACANT
VACANT
VACANT

Elected Members
Cr Marlene Abbott
Cr Abraham Poulson

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 - 335955

AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Executive Services Manager



Unconfirmed minutes of the Docker River Local Authority meeting held on the 11 October 2023 is submitted to the Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That members adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on the 11 October 2023 as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023-10-11 DRLA MINUTES (Draft).pdf



MINUTES OF THE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE DOCKER RIVER COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.17AM

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 Rosina Kunia and Member Winsome Newberry

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny (via Teams)

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Jake Potter – Manager Infrastructure and Fleet, Stephen Trindle – Council Services Coordinator, Iryna Mustiats – Manager Children's Services, Kaisa Suumann – Project and Engagement Coordinator and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Guests:

Jeff Humphreys - Representative from Department Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics.

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Kathleen Abbott - MRC Area Manager

Absentees:

Councillor Marlene Abbott and Councillor Abraham Poulson

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3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

DRLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Ruby James)

That Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attendance to the meeting; and
- noted the absence without notice of Councillors Marlene Abbott and Abraham Poulson to the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

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).

Two vacancies were created on the Local Authority as a result of their membership being revoked at the 15 October 2020 meeting. In and the 12 October 2022 meeting as these members were absent without permission from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

Additionally, Priscilla Abbott and Meryvyn De Rose had their membership dismissed at the 13 April 2023 meeting for their absence without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

DRLA2023-052 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the four vacancies available on the Local Authority;
- b) called for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days to fill these vacancies; and
- c) encouraged members to seek suitable applicants to nominate.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

DRLA2023-053 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

DRLA2023-054 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That members of the Authority adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meeting held on the 19 July 2023 as a resolution of the Docker River Local authority

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

DRLA2023-055 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRLA2023-056 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That members did not raise any matters for discussion in General Council Business.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS DRLA2023-057 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

That members raised the following matters for discussion at General Non-Council Business:

- a) School attendance / Police attendance
- b) Sewerage

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

DRLA2023-058 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

DRLA2023-059 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

DOCKER RIVER YOUTH BOARD REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. In order to develop and support our young leaders, the MRC is in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently working on developing a Youth Board in Docker River.

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Docker River Local Authority on Docker River Youth Board's recommendations to the LA.

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DRLA2023-060 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry) That the Local Authority:

- Received and noted the Docker River Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 5th of October 2023.
- b) Moved to the Projects wishlist, the Youth Board's recommendations to get a water tap, a toilet and a changing room near the football oval and softball ground, noting that a water tap was too costly and a water trailer would be more suitable:
- Moved to the Projects wishlist, the Youth Board's recommendation to get benches at the basketball court for community events;
- d) Discusses and agreed on the Youth Board's recommendation to purchase new softball equipment for community sports carnivals - one bag of softball equipment.

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.

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

DRLA2023-061 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted that the 2023/2024 Project funds from NTG are yet to be released;
- b) noted the progress of their projects and kept open:
 - 2122 Score Board, noting that the scoreboard had been collected from Amoonguna;
 - 2125 Shade Shelter for parks, noting that contractors had yet to submit their quotes;
 - 2128 Fencing around playground and Lasseter park, noting the uneven ground and for Technical Services to investigate drainage issues and the CSC take measurements to get quotes for fencing similar to around swimming pools.
 - 2129 Solar lights to post and entry into Docker River, noting that the lights had been ordered and will be installed once they arrive in community.

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- c) agreed to add items to the wishlist as follows:
 - Changing room and toilet near the football oval and softball ground.
 - Bench seating at Basketball Court.
- d) removed from the wishlist Eastside Playground as approval was not granted.

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.

DRLA2023-062 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Winsome Newberry)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted the expenditure of \$1,363.64 allocated to the football uniforms;
- approved the quote of \$1,600.00 for the purchase of a complete softball kit;
 and
- c) allocated the balance of funds towards a community Christmas party.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

SCD - DOCKER RIVER LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Docker River across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

DRLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Service Delivery report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE DOCKER RIVER LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

DRLA2023-064 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Winsome Newberry)

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

DTS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A summary of Technical Services completed in Docker River since the last Local Authority Meeting

DRLA2023-065 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the Technical Services report

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11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

DRLA2023-066 RESOLVED (Ruby James/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 August 2023.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

DRLA2023-067 RESOLVED (Winsome Newberry/Rosina Kunia)

That the Docker River Local Authority noted Council Business matters for discussion was not raised at item 6.2.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

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.

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.

DRLA2023-068 RESOLVED (Rosina Kunia/Ruby James)

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) noted a Representative from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet did not attend the Authority meeting.
- b) discussed the matters raised at item 6.3 as follows:
 - School attendance
 Members advised that school kids were breaking into buildings due to the college being closed. Police would be notified, but fail to attend.
 - Sewerage and septic issues
 - Members advised that sewage and septic issues mainly affecting houses on Eastside were not being fixed. Contractors would attend, however blockages would still occur.
 - Members were advised to report the issues to Housing and not to the contractor directly.
- c) noted the information shared by the Representative from Housing.

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14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2024

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1:25 pm.

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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 notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

That members provide / do not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

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

That members provide / do not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

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 declare 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 Projects

REFERENCE - 335957

AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Executive Services Manager



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 repairs and

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

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.

The Local Authority has \$47,340.00 in unallocated to spend on community projects

That must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2024

It is noted that \$48,360.15 of unspent funds must be spent immediately or risk being returned to the NTG.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority:

- a) notes that the 2023/2024 Project funds from NTG have yet to be released;
- b) notes and accepts the progress of their projects; and
- c) approves the closure of any 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 2125	Shade Shelter for Parks		\$
	Status	Co	ommitted
26-Jun-19	Res.87 - share shelter for parks and allocated \$6,000	\$	6,000.00
	6m * 6m share shelter with concrete footings is approx.		
	\$6,000.00 FIS Docker River		
11-Mar-21	Quotes will be presented at meeting for LA approval		
	The estimate of \$12,000.00 to carry out the necessary works		
9-Dec-21	was approved by the Local Authority with an additional	\$	6,000.00
	\$6,000.00 to be committed to this project.		
11-May-22	Res.066 - – members allocated an additional \$8,000 to this	\$	8,000.00
	project to cover freight and installation.	Ψ	0,000.00
1-Jul-22	Quotes will be coordinated with Tech Services		
3-Aug-22	Invoice for shade structure - Alice Sheds.	-\$	5,085.45
12-Oct-22	Res.028 - Requesting that Service Delivery follow up with		
12 000 22	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.		
	Update from TS - Shade structure was delivered to Community		
	late October 2022 and at this time, the project is still waiting on		
	quotes for contractors to install.		
	Res.062 – Service Delivery is to engage contractors in the		
13-Apr-23	community for the installation and quotes are being sourced		
	for the costs.		
11-Oct-23	Contractors yet to submit quotes.		
	Underspend or (overspend)	\$	12,641.20

Project 2128	Fencing around playground and Lasseter Park		\$
	Status	C	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.		
13-Apr-23	Res.062 – CSC to take measurements for the fencing and obtain quotes.		
28-Aug-23	CSC approached two contractors who were already in community – waiting on them to get back to him with quotes.		
11-Oct-23	Fencing around playground and Lasseter park, noting the uneven ground and for Technical Services to investigate drainage issues and the CSC take measurements to get quotes for fencing similar to around swimming pools.		
	Underspend or (overspend)	\$	30,000.00

Project 2129	Solar light to post at entry into Docker River		\$
	Status	Co	ommitted
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 installed 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
13-Apr-23	Res.062 – MG Electrical are currently in community and will be approached to quote on the installation.		
5-Jul-23	Waiting on quotes for the five (5) lights from Green Frog.		
25-Sep-23	Invoice received from Green Frog for 8 x Stealth Solar lights. Solar lights to post and entry into Docker River, noting that the	-\$	26,239.60
11-Oct-23	lights had been ordered and will be installed once they arrive in community. underspend or (overspend)	\$	5,478.95

Budget consideration	
Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$ 48,120.15
Total unallocated funds	\$ 47,340.00
Total	\$ 95,460.15

Wishlist and estimated costs

Priority: New Window for Church

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

Estimated Cost:

Priority: Shade cover for the Softball Diamond

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

Estimated Cost:

Priority: Construct toilet at Sorry Camp

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

Estimated Cost:

Priority: Changing Roomand Toilet near the football oval and softball ground

Scope of Work: N/A Estimated Cost:

Priority: Bech seating at Basketball Court

Scope of Work: N/A Estimated Cost:

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 9.2

TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds

REFERENCE - 335960

AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Executive Services Manager

MacDonnell Regional Council

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 the update provided regarding its Discretionary Funding.

BACKGROUND

2023/2024 Discretionary Fund

Date	Descriiption	Approved Funding / Expenditure
1-Jul-23	Discretionary Fund	4,000.00
8-Sep-23	Docker River Football Uniforms – actual invoice received.	-1,363.64
11-Oct-23	Approved the quote of \$1,600.00 for the purchase of a complete softball kit – actual invoice received.	-1,454.55
11-Oct-23	Allocated the balance of funds towards a community Christmas party – no expenditure recorded yet.	-1,181.81
	Balance Remaining	0.00

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

The Docker River Local Authority has no funds not allocated for the 2023/2024 Discretionary Funds. Any amount not expended 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 \$1,181.81 to spend before the end of the financial year.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1

TITLE Service Centre Delivery - Docker River LA Report

REFERENCE - 339295

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 Service Centre Delivery report.

BACKGROUND

Refer attached report.

Please also note the following update from Technical Services:

- **Plant crew** is currently in Docker River tidying the Waste Management Facility and car collection in the community.
- **Grader crew** will commence maintenance grading of all MRC funded roads around Docker WC on 12/02/2024.
- **Mechanics** will be in Docker River WC 29/01/2024 for fleet servicing.
- **Fleet** a new Hydraulic Broom has been ordered for the civil crew to manage horse waste around the streets within the community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Director Service Centre Delivery Kathy Abbott – Area Manager – Service Centre Delivery Stephen Trindle – Council Service Coordinator – Service Centre Delivery

ATTACHMENTS:

1 SCD - Docker River LA Report.pdf

Service Centre Delivery - Docker River







Snapshot



2,938 Litres Fuel Usage Total



8 Vehicles and Plant in Use



170 Bins Emptied Weekly



24 Street Lights Operational 5 Street Lights Non-Operational



2 Sports Grounds Maintained



7 Toolbox Talks Completed



12 Australia Post Deliveries



0 Funerals



6 Generator Services 3 Water Tests



24 Hours of Maintenance Completed at Airstrip



9 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections



Water Refill Stations scheduled to be Installed

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2

TITLE Community Service Docker River Local Authority

Report

REFERENCE - 338503

AUTHOR Jenny Murnik, CS 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

Manager of Children's Services – Iryna Mustiats

Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott

Manager of Youth Services – Jessica Kragh

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 2024-02 COMMUNITY SERVICES Docker River LAR approved.pdf
- 2 MACKIDS SNAPSHOT
- 3 MACSAFE SNAPSHOT

Community Service: Report on Operations

LOCATION: Docker River Community PERIOD: 1/10/2023 to 31/12/2023

AUTHORISED: Gina Lacey, Director Community Services

MacDonnell

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Early Learning program was delivered based on children's interest and Educator observation on children's learning
- The Childcare has new opening hours covering the breakfast, morning tea and lunch 08:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- The Childcare had a combined Christmas Party with Night patrol and the Council.
- The childcare was closed over the Christmas break for 10 days.

Other Updates

• Vacancies:

 The Children's Services is in search for 2 part-time Educators (working 55 hours per fortnight)

Staffing levels:

 Currently we have 1 full-time Team Leader and 1 casual Educator. For the service to operate efficiently we require 1 Team Leader, 3 part-time Educators and 1 casual Educator.

• Training being undertaken

Team Leader is enrolled in Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and is supported by Coordinators to progress with studies and finish it on time. All Educators have to enrol in Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and progress with their studies, complete Mandatory Reporting training, and have a valid OCHRE card and a police clearance and undertake First Aid training in educational setting.

The children are enjoying some new books helping with concentration and picture recognition some using their hands to tell a story.





A very healthy salad encouraging children to try new vegetables like cucumber the importance to teach children to try different foods



COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement



- In the last three months the Community Safety service has been disrupted for nine days due to Staff Leave and Sorry Business.
- The Docker River Team continues to operate on a 5 day roster, Monday to Friday with nightly Patrols operating from 6pm until Midnight.
- Training & Development: Ongoing visits by coordinator ensure Computer literacy training
- Cultural Programs: Yarning Circle in the development stage.
- Accomplishments: Successfully worked with visiting MacSafe team and the Cross border Police officers for the Docker River Sports Carnival
- Vacancies: There are positions available for Casual staff with a current drivers licence
- Key Challenges: Recruitment of staff who have a current drivers licence

Other Updates

- There was one prospective employee interviewed over this reporting period, since the interview he has not been in the community for any follow up.
- There are positions available for Casual staff with a current drivers licence
- Over a four day long weekend the Docker River MacSafe team mounted a Joint operation with MacSafe teams from Kintore, Imanpa and Finke in collaboration with the Cross Border Northern Territory and Western Australian Police Force to support the Docker River Sports Carnival.

Selwyn Burke Docker River and Abraham Paddy Imanpa working together



Crowds at night at the Docker Sports Carnival



MacSafe Staff helped at the official Scoring desk across the carnival when needed



MacSafe vehicles lined up outside the Docker River Office ready to head out on patrol



The Night-time scene at Docker River Sports carnival with new floodlights



Joint NT and WA Police working together with the MacSafe teams



YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Regular disruptions due to staffing vacancies
- The activities offered include: Basketball, Soccer, AFL and Softball
- Since the reestablishment of the remote sports & Rec Program in November there has been 37 hours of activities with an average of 6 hrs per week.
- No snapshot provided in this report due to the size of the program

Other Updates

- Filled Positions we have successfully recruited Dion Bell to the role of a remote Sports and rec worker since he began he has gradually increased his engagement with the youth in the community. He has offered the Youth games both inside the Rec Hall and out under the Basketball court.
- Vacancies, we are still actively looking for a female Sport and Rec worker to help support
 healthy active lifestyles for the youth in Docker River and if anyone would like to apply
 please contact the coordinator Yarran Cavalier on his mobile: 0428 242 559. Yarran will
 be in Docker River looking to interview candidates for the Remote Sports and Rec roles
 in late January 2024.
- Joint partnerships the Remote Sports and Rec Coordinator helped support the Docker River Healthy Communities event on Wednesday 20th September as well as the Docker River Sports Carnival from October 20th – 24th. The Remote Sports program continues to work collaboratively with the (NPY) Women's Council youth work team.

Dion Bell our New Remote Sports & Rec Worker



Docker River Healthy Community day MacYouth meets a Steam Punk Gnome



Community Healthy Day MRC Staff after the colour run having fun



Bush Wok Cooking Competition underway



New Lights at Softball diamond for night Games



Docker River Footy Oval Panorama



New Scoreboard on Display



Docker River AFL Team ready to run out at Sports Carnival



Special celebration Cake for the first Docker Sports carnival under lights



Band Night at Docker Sports





SNAPSHOT



Period: 01/10/23-31/12/23

Community: Docker River

Enrolment

Total enrolment is 12 children, on avg. 6 children are attending daily



Meals

50 meals delivered.

Opening Hours

82/92 days delivered services with 10 days closed over Christmas break.



Training

Team Leader enrolled in Cert III Early Education and Care.

Stakeholder Engagment

NPY visited once a month. NT Families visited once a month. MRC Christmas Party held in Alice Springs



Cultural Program

24 language songs and stories delivered twice a week.

Key Challenges

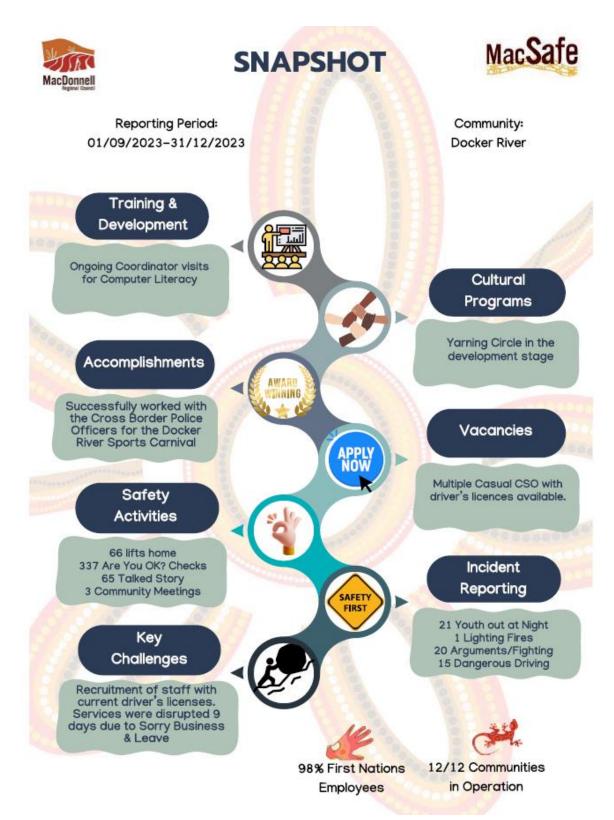
Staffing Children Attendance Weather Infrastructure



80% First Nations Employees



Casual Educator position available



11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.1

TITLE Income and Expenditure Report as at 31 December

2023

REFERENCE - 338600

AUTHOR Osman Kassem, Acting Finance Manager



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 December 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 31 December 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 2021-22 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

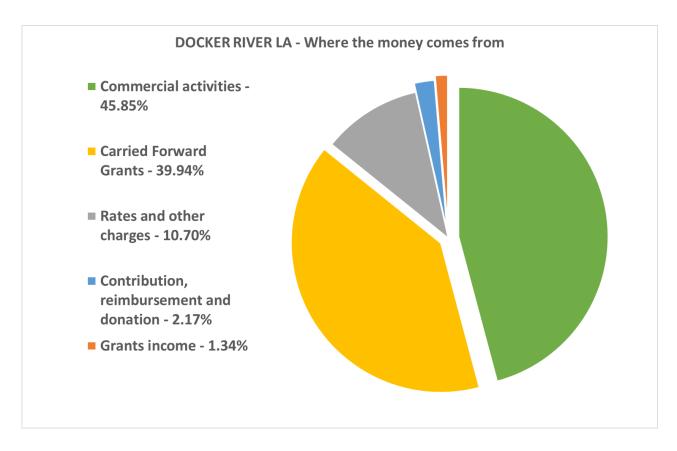
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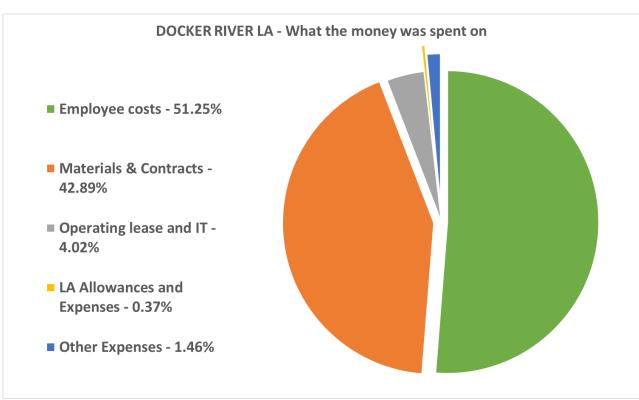
- 1 2023 Docker River Satement of Income and Expenditure.pdf
- 2 Where the money comes from and what it was spent on.
- **3** Where the money was spent.

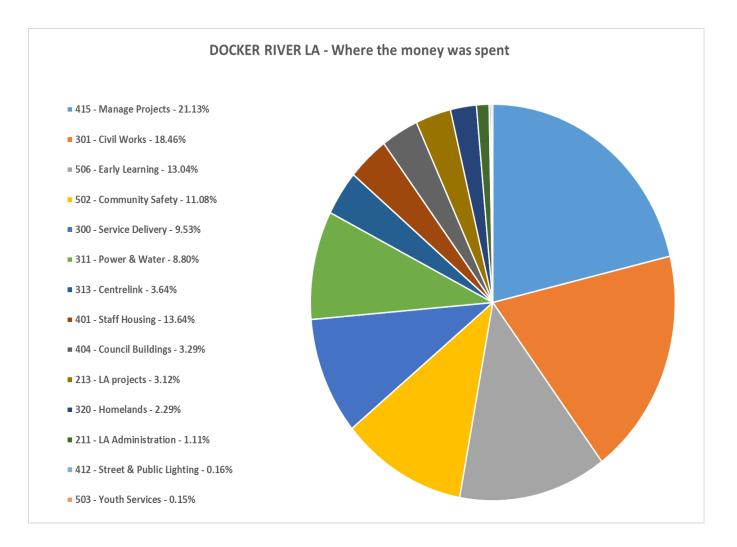
MacDonnell Regional Council Statement of Income & Expenditure as at 31 December 2023

003 Docker River (Kaltukatjara)

			Year to Date			
Description	Actual \$	Committed \$	Actual + Committed \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	Commentary
INCOME						
Grants income	5,000	0	5,000	131,316	(126,316)	Funding yet to be received for the Early Learning Program.
Rates, wastes and other charges	39,990	0	39,990	35,195	4,795	One-off invoice for Dept Health for property maintenance - \$6.3k for land tipping fees. Offset by reduced Visitor Accommodation Service Fees.
Commercial activities	171,306	0	171,306	133,724	37,583	The Power and Water contract is currently earning \$18k more than the budget. In addition to this there have been extra services provided to P&W at a cost of \$20k.
Contribution, reimbursement and donation	8,116	0	8,116	750	7,366	The increase is due to an insurance claim being reimbursed.
Total Income	224,413	0	224,413	300,985	(76,572)	
EXPENDITURE Employee costs	442,378	780	443,158	496,203	53,044	Reduced salary expenses due to staff vacancies.
Materials & Contracts	348,655	22,241	370,896	447,553	76,657	Infrastructure Repairs and Maintenance for ABA projects are \$78k below budget. Solar Bore spent \$55k - budget \$91k. Wataru Project spent \$123k - budget \$176k. Projects yet to be completed.
Operating lease and Information technology	33,096	1,700	34,796	47,815	13,019	Internet expenses are \$6k below budget and leasing cost for staff housing are also \$6k below budget.
Other Expenses	12,634	0	12,634	25,591	12,956	The main factor here is reduced electricity and water expenses which combined are \$9k below budget. But Invoices for December were not posted until January.
LA Allowances and Expenses	3,182	0	3,182	5,600	2,418	The Docker River LA does not have full membership - this is why costs are down.
Total Expenditure	839,945	24,721	864,666	1,022,761	158,095	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(615,532)	(24,721)	(640,254)	(721,777)	81,523	
Less Additional Outflows						
Capital WIP	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Additional Outflows	0	0	0	0	0	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(615,532)	(24,721)	(640,254)	(721,777)	81,523	
Add Additional Inflows						
Carried Forward Grants	149,225	0	149,225	46,235	102,990	Might be a budget problem here - to be reviewed.
Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Additional Inflows	149,225	0	149,225	46,235	102,990	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(466.307)	(24,721)	(491,028)	(675,542)	184,513	
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12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER 12.1

TITLE General Business

REFERENCE - 335956

AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Executive Services Manager



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Docker River Local Authority notes and discusses the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2.

BACKGROUND 1:		
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ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPT Nil	TONS	

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Docker River Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1

TITLE Non-Council Business

REFERENCE - 335959

AUTHOR Barbara Newland, Executive Services Manager



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

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.
		UPDATE 19.1.21: Email send 19/01/2021 to the Electoral office of the Member for Gwoja inviting the Minister to the LA meeting, 8 April 2021.
		UPDATE 9.12.21: 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.
		UPDATE 12.10.22: 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.
		UPDATE 1.2.23: 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.

UPDATE 13.4.23: Response by Hon Minister Paech is that,
Hon Kate Worden will be invited to attend the celebration with
the community and LA during the celebration of solar light
installation where the matter for a Women Safe House will be
discussed with the community.
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	19-Jul-23	Water Pressure	Email attached regarding the Water pressure check for Docker River.
	19-Jul-23	Outstations	Members were advised that MRC receives funding for Wataru only and will follow up with Territory Families regarding Tjuntinanta Outstation being without water.
	19-Jul-23	NPY WC Youth Programs	Advised that the Youth Programs had not had many services available since Feb 2023 and the Representative will discuss this with NIAA.
	19-Jul-23	Wild horses	Noted that horses are causing damage and problems for community. Representative suggested that MRC approach CLC on behalf of the Traditional Owners.
	19-Jul-23	Housing	Agreed to advise DIPL that the new houses that are replacing BER do not have insulation and are very cold.
	11-Oct-23	School Attendance	Members advised that school kids were breaking into buildings due to the college being closed. Police would be notified, but fail to attend.
	11-Oct-23	Sewerage and septic issues	Members advised that sewerage and septic issues mainly affecting houses on Eastside were not being fixed. Contractors would attend, however blockages would still occur. Members were advised to report the issues to Housing and not to the contractor directly. No further action.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

ATTACHMENTS:
There are no attachments to this report.