



AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2017

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Thursday, 1 June 2017 at 10:30am.

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MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct**Interests of the Council and Community come first**

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to

cause harm to another.

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
TITLE	Conflict of Interests

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected of the Local Authority in relation to declaring personal or family financial interests that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note the Conflict of Interest Policy and declare any conflicts either now or as they arise.

BACKGROUND

Conflicts of interest arise when members are influenced, or appear to be influenced, by personal interests when doing their jobs. The perception of a conflict of interest – the way it seems to the public - can be as damaging as an actual conflict, because it undermines public confidence in the integrity and fairness of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC).

Under the *Local Government Act*, not declaring a conflict of interest or improperly disclosing information can lead to imprisonment.

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

- Example: Council has advertised for a contractor for irrigation of a football oval. A member is employed by a company which has tendered for the contract. This may affect, or it may reasonably be suspected that it could affect, their ability to make an unbiased or fair decision when the contract choice is considered by Council.

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

- Example: A contractor tendering for a Council contract for road works offers to seal the road to a member's house. The member would not be seen as impartial or fair when choosing the contractor for the job.

Information and Opportunities

- Example: a member may know a lot of information about tenders for contracts coming up in the MRC area before the tenders are made public. Conflicts can arise if the member gives this information to a friend or relative working for a company so they can have a better chance of winning the contract.

Undue Influence

- Example: a member tries to pressure a hotel in Alice Springs into providing free accommodation, because they are a member of Council.

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

As soon as practical after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has come up or is about to come up before or during a meeting (council, local authority or council committee), the member must disclose or tell the relevant interest to the meeting and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MRC.

Details of members' interests and the nature of those interests will be recorded in the relevant Register of Interests published on the Council's website and to be available for any member of the public to look over at the Council's public office.

In addition, if a member enters into a personal or business relationship with another member or Council employee that could result in a conflict of interest, then this relationship must be reported to the President and CEO. A file note will be made and recorded on the relevant Register of Interests.

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

If a member is unsure whether or not they have a conflict of interest, they should give full details to the CEO or seek independent legal advice.

The CEO does not have a responsibility to decide whether or not a member has a conflict of interest in a matter. The responsibility for determining whether a member has a conflict of interest is up to the individual member.

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

After a member has disclosed the nature of the interest, the member must not, without approval from the Minister:

- be present during any discussion of the meeting when the matter is being discussed
- take part in any decision related to the matter
- Influence another member in their decision.

Members will not become involved in the promotion or endorsement of products and/or services unless this has been approved in line with Council's policies and Code of Conduct.

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

Any person may make a complaint that a member has or may have failed to disclose or tell of a conflict of interest. All complaints should be directed to the MRC CEO.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

- the business of Council is conducted with efficiency, fairness, and integrity; and
- members act in the best interests of Council and do not seek personal or family gain when performing their duties or use their public office for personal gain.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of previous minutes
REFERENCE - 168853
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Local Authority members are to consider the presented unconfirmed minutes carefully before they decide if they are a true record of their last meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Unconfirmed minutes of Local Authority Meeting held 23 March 2017



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2017 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.40AM

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: Rosemary Matasia (Chairperson), Julie Anderson, Charmaine Anderson, Jill Doolan, Sylvana Marks

Councillors: President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Greg Sharman, Cr Richard Doolan

Council Employees: Felicity Howell (Snr Governance Officer), David Jagger (Manager – Governance and Planning), Ken Newman (Area Manager), Gareth Lea (Council Service Coordinator)

Others: David Wilson (Dept Housing and Community Development), Eric Turner, (Dept Housing and Community Development), Felix Alefaio (NT Police), Billy Anthony (NT Police), Sasha Keissling (Empowered Communities), Jeff Tan (Empowered Communities), Andy Ross (Chief Minister's Office), Kevin Tilmouth, (Chief Minister's Office)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: LA Members Edward Baker and Michelle Allen, Cr Jacob Hoosan, Cr Louise Cavanagh

Absentees: Nil

3.2 Resignations -Nil

3.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

17 RESOLVED (Julie Anderson/Sylvana Marks)
That the Finke Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

3.2 Conflict of Interests

18 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Cr G Sharman)
That the Finke Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

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5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

19 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Cr R Doolan)

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

5.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

20 RESOLVED (Cr R Doolan/Rosemary Matasia)

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

5.2.1 MINISTER FOR HOUSING / DEPT OF HOUSING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority wish to invite the Minister for Housing and the Department of Housing to attend the next Local Authority meeting in Finke to inform the community why fencing that was promised several years ago is still not installed and when the community can expect renovations to their houses.

21 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Julie Anderson)

That the Local Authority request Council write to invite the Minister for Housing and the Department of Housing to attend the next Local Authority meeting in Finke to inform the community why fencing that was promised several years ago is still not installed and when the community can expect renovations to their houses.

Member Charmaine Stuart left the meeting at 11:55am.

Meeting break at 11:55am.

Meeting resumed at 12pm.

5.2.2 FENCES ON STATIONS BORDERING FINKE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority requested that Council to contact the owners of the two stations bordering Aputula community who appear to be neglecting to fix their fences – Lilla Creek and Newcrown Stations – asking that they undertake this as soon as possible to prevent animals coming into community. Upon investigation it appears this must be put to the Central Land Council.

22 RESOLVED (Sylvana Marks/Richard Doolan)

That the Local Authority request Council write to the Central Land Council on their behalf requesting information about the problem with the fencing around Aputula community.

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to discuss and identify ideas to utilise their Local Authority Project

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Funds for the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services. The unallocated Finke project funds come to a total of \$27,456.80 (this is the current unspent LA project funds including brought forward balances for the previous financial year.)
The 15/16 funds totaling \$2,565.80 need to be committed before July 2017.

23 RESOLVED (Cr R Doolan/Julie Anderson)

That the Local Authority

- Commits to spending \$27,000 of their LA project funds on the following prioritised projects:
 - 1) Ablution block upgrade (with a total spend of \$15,000)
 - 2) Decommission and levelling of the BMX Track (with a total spend of \$5,000)
 - 3) Ute style BBQ (with a total spend of \$7,000)
- Allocates the full \$4000 of their discretionary funds to plants, paint, pots and freight (decided on and committed to via a letter signed by them after receiving quotes for these from Council.)

7.1 MRC 2016 – 2020 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In this report input is sought from the Local Authority into Council's Regional Plan review. The review is required annually under the Local Government Act.

24 RESOLVED (Sylvana Marks/Julie Anderson)

That the Local Authority review Council's 2016 – 2020 Regional Plan and advise on strategies and key performance indicators under the plan.

7.2 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Nil Complaints Received.

25 RESOLVED (Sylvana Marks/Rosemary Matasia)

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

7.3 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Finke and documents any other relevant issues.

26 RESOLVED (Sylvana Marks/Jill Doolan)

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

7.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

27 RESOLVED (Cr R Doolan/Jill Doolan)

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

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7.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

28 RESOLVED (Cr R Doolan/Julie Anderson)

- a) That the Local Authority nominates Cr Richard Doolan, Sylvana Marks and Rosemary Matasia to be available to sit on the selection panel for all Community Safety recruitments undertaken in their community.
- b) That the Local Authority notes the key safety issues and puts forward their suggestions for any Community Night Patrol program changes/ improvements.

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

29 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Jill Doolan)

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

9.1 EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This presentation is to inform the Finke Local Authority of the vision and objectives of Empowered Communities, and seek the support of the community.

30 RESOLVED (Sylvana Marks/Julie Anderson)

That the Local Authority note and accept the presentation from Empowered Communities (EC) and support EC returning to consult the community further at a community meeting in the future.

9.2 FIRST CIRCLES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A representative from First Circles is attending the Local Authority to present information about the Community Champions Program for Finke community as well as the First Circles Leadership program.

31 RESOLVED (Jill Doolan/Julie Anderson)

That the Local Authority note and accept the deputation from First Circles.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 1 JUNE, 2017

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 2:45pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 4 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Finke Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Thursday, 23 March 2017 AND UNCONFIRMED.

UNCONFIRMED

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.2
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 170050
AUTHOR	Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

This report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented.

Action Item- Signage at entry to community (raised on 13 Oct 2016)**Summary of action item:**

That the Local Authority request that Council designs and installs a new sign at the entrance to community, to the following specifications:

- Large sign at eye level on either side of the road at the intersection near the Store.
- Several different foreign language translations so easily understood by tourists visiting community
- Informing visitors of it being a residential area, and indicating it would be preferred if those who aren't residents were not to trespass into the residential streets and for no photography to be allowed.

Update:

Signs installed – Recommend close

Action Item- Fencing on Stations surrounding Aputula community (raised on 13 Oct 2016)**Summary of action item:**

That the Local Authority request that the Council contact the owners of the two stations bordering Aputula community who appear to be neglecting to fix their fences – Lilla Creek and Newcrown Stations – asking that they undertake this as soon as possible to prevent animals coming into community.

Update:

Council President has written to Central Land Council on behalf on the Aputula Land Trust to seek their information on the status and condition of the fencing the land trust shares with the stations.

Action Item- Minister for Housing (raised on 13/10/2016)**Summary of action item:**

That the Local Authority request Council invite the Minister for Housing and the Department of Housing to attend the next Local Authority meeting in Finke to inform the community why fencing that was promised several years ago is still not installed and when the community can expect renovations to their houses.

Update: Unfortunately the Minister is unable to attend due to conflicting commitments. He has asked that we pass on his apologies. Council has contacted the Department of Housing to give a further update.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report & Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 170068
AUTHOR	Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority made a decision on 23 March 2017 to allocate their Project Funds. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority;

- 1) Note and accept the progress of their LA projects, and discretionary funds spending.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the Local Authority meeting on 23 March 2017, the Local Authority committed to spending \$27,000 of their LA project funds on the following prioritised projects:

- 1) Ablution block upgrade (with a total spend of \$15,000)
Update: Almost finished – Toilet needs to be unblocked.
- 2) Decommission and levelling of the BMX Track (with a total spend of \$5,000)
Update: In progress
- 3) Ute style BBQ (with a total spend of \$7,000)
Update: Ordered and awaiting delivery

At the Local Authority meeting on 23 March 2017, the Local Authority agreed to spend the full \$4,000 of their discretionary funds on plants, paint, pots and freight (formally decided on and committed to via a letter signed by them after receiving quotes for these from Council.)

Update: Paint has been picked up. Plants have been ordered (awaiting delivery) and roses bushes have been collected.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Funds from the grant have two years from the date of issue to be acquitted (i.e. 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2018).

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.1
TITLE Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE \\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03 - LOCAL AUTH MTGS\FINKE\09 - 2017 MEETINGS\MEETING 2 - 170065
AUTHOR Gareth Lea, Council Service Coordinator Acting

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Finke and documents any other relevant issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Please see over the page for report

ATTACHMENTS:

1 CSC Report

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY**COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT****ITEM NUMBER 8.1**

TITLE Finke Service Delivery Report
DATE 1 June
AUTHOR Gareth Lea, Council Service Coordinator
SUMMARY:



This report is a summary of achievements relating to key council service delivery standards and guidelines in Finke and documents any other relevant issues.

Animal management

The Veterinarian is due to visit 24th may. The vegetarian stats will be reported next local authority.

Cemetery management

- The cemetery has been cleaned up, (lawns maintained and litter picked up).

Internal Roads and Traffic Management

- Erringka and and putula street have had some bollards put in
- And the civil works team have been cleaning the roads

**Parks and Open Spaces**

- The parks and open spaces have been maintained.



Sports Grounds

- The Sports grounds have been maintained
- And a new shade structure has been assembled



Waste Management.

- The new tip is well on its way to completion.
- The civil team is cleaning up and organising the tip into recyclable sections.



Weed Management and Fire Hazard Reduction

- The grass has been regularly maintained around the community to reduce the fire hazards.

Other relevant matters

- A solar panel has been installed at the sports ground bathroom



- New 'Resident only' and 'be respectful' signs have been put up



COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.2
TITLE Complaints Received
REFERENCE \5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03 - LOCAL
AUTH MTGS\FINKE\09 - 2017
MEETINGS\MEETING 2 - 170069
AUTHOR Gareth Lea, Council Service Coordinator Acting

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Community Service Finke Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 170180
AUTHOR	Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES**Service Delivery**

- All Early Learning programs fully delivered this reporting period

Service Engagement

- On average 6 children attended the Early Learning program and an additional 4 children attended after school.

Other Updates

- A family open day was held to launch MacKids
- The Children's Services Team Leader attended monthly community network meetings in Finke. Two Children's Services staff attended Bachelor Institute in Alice Springs and completed units of study contributing towards their Certificate III in Children's Services.
- The Team Leader enrolled in a Bridging Program to upgrade her Primary Degree to Early Childhood and also completed her First Aid training in this period.

COMMUNITY SAFETY**Service Delivery**

- Night Patrol services fully delivered this reporting period.

Service Engagement

- Finke Night Patrol worked well over this reporting period assisting **498** community members.
 - **49** Men and **46** Women were assisted
 - **297** School Aged Children returned to family
 - **106** School Aged Children refused Night Patrol transport.

Other Updates

- Apart from routine/informal training delivered by the zone coordinator as required during fortnightly field support visits, no formal training was delivered during this reporting period.
- With the recent employment of a Community Safety, I.T support and training officer, over the next reporting period job specific computer training will be delivered to all community based Night Patrol Officers.

- Finke Night Patrol continues to maintain a strong working partnership with Kulgera Police. Monthly Community Safety Meetings are now being conducted in Finke.
- During this reporting period Finke Night Patrol have been actively assisting school attendance officers in getting children to school in the mornings.
- Finke Night Patrol will be working in partnership with local police with Community Safety planning and resource management for the **Finke Desert Race**, to be conducted between the 9th –12th of June 2017.

Finke Zone Coordinator conducting community support visit and training



Minor repairs to the balcony of the Finke NP office complex.



HOME CARE**Service Delivery**

- All Home Care services fully delivered this reporting period

Service Engagement

- 26 clients are accessing School Nutrition Program (SNP) and receiving breakfast, morning tea and lunch.
- 11 clients are accessing Homecare services
 - 2 Home Care (high care)
 - 8 Home Support (low care)
 - 1 Disability in Home Support

Other Updates

- A request has been put in with Telstra contractors to move the public phone that is at the back of the Home Care building to the area between the Council Office and Home Care building for Community access.
- Manual Handling training was delivered in March by Donnell Fraser, MRC WH&S Officer.
- Environmental Health were due to visit Home Care on the 3rd of May but ran out of time in community.
- New staff members have started at Finke Home Care in May.
- Sarah Jane Moller from CDU spent 2 weeks with the team delivering core modules for Certificate III in Individual Support:
 - HLTAFP001 – Recognising healthy body systems
 - HCTWHS002 – Follow safe work practises for direct care
 - CHCLEG001 – Working legally & ethically

Finke Storage container got a big clean up ready for Environmental Health visit

YOUTH SERVICES**Service Delivery**

- There have been no service disruptions this reporting period.

Service Engagement

- MacYouth Sport and Rec averaged 22 young people for each activity during this reporting period.
- MacYouth offered a variety of sporting activities. Basketball, Soccer, Athletics, Softball, Volleyball, and Footy.
- Through the Remote Sports Voucher Scheme, MacYouth contracted Softball NT to deliver softball umpiring and skills training to young people in Finke.

Other Updates

- The Sport and Rec officer has been working closely with NPY and their team to support the delivery of mutually beneficial programming.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Manager Children's Services – Margaret Harrison

Manager Community Safety – Paul Dickson

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.4
TITLE Local Authority Survey
REFERENCE - 168839
AUTHOR David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	MacDonnell Regional Council election and candidates
REFERENCE	- 168835
AUTHOR	David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

CONSULTATION

MRC Director Corporate Services

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2017
REFERENCE	- 168847
AUTHOR	Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The attached report details the expenditure for the Local Authority which is part of the full Council's approved budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Expenditure report as at 31 March 2017

{March 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Finke (Aputula)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 17					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Centre Delivery					
Manage Council Buildings & Facilities	12,796	20,168	7,371	26,890	
Other Operational	12,796	20,168	7,371	26,890	
Maintain Roads	13,459	7,823	(5,636)	10,430	
Other Operational	13,459	7,823	(5,636)	10,430	
Manage Council Service Delivery	118,899	136,176	17,277	178,140	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	92,825	103,581	10,756	134,680	Underspent employee costs in travel, accommodation and uniforms
Other Operational	26,074	32,595	6,521	43,460	
Civil Works	171,401	207,596	36,195	271,480	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	128,776	161,284	32,508	209,730	Underspent employee costs due to not all hours allocated for positions in the budget being worked. There was also a \$7,500 Employer Incentive Payment received for 26 week CDP participant taking up employment.
Other Operational	42,625	46,313	3,688	61,750	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	1,185	4,373	3,187	5,830	
Other Operational	1,185	4,373	3,187	5,830	
Waste Management	2,887	55,000	52,113	55,000	
Capital	2,887	55,000	52,113	55,000	This project commenced in March further spending on the new landfill will be recorded as works progress
Street & Public Lighting	1,058	6,330	5,272	8,440	
Other Operational	1,058	6,330	5,272	8,440	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities	20,807	38,732	17,925	41,157	
Other Operational	20,807	38,545	17,737	40,907	Projects to be funded agreed but not fully spent.
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	19,801	43,612	23,812	58,150	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is only spent as required.
Other Operational	19,801	43,612	23,812	58,150	
Manage HR	359	165	(194)	220	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	95	0	(95)	0	
Other Operational	264	165	(99)	220	
Training & Development	0	1,650	1,650	2,200	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,650	1,650	2,200	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	362,652	521,531	158,879	657,812	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	73,311	80,978	7,667	105,890	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	57,044	63,803	6,758	82,990	
Other Operational	16,266	17,175	909	22,900	
Centrelink	31,248	35,692	4,444	46,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	31,248	35,692	4,444	46,400	
Manage Projects	603	17,850	17,247	23,800	Early Learning Centre project works underway
Other Operational	603	17,850	17,247	23,800	
HMESP	2,228	2,228	0	2,970	
Other Operational	2,228	2,228	0	2,970	
Community Services					
Community Safety	110,943	126,318	15,375	164,690	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	98,986	112,608	13,622	146,410	
Other Operational	11,957	13,710	1,753	18,280	
Youth Development	13,702	18,008	4,306	23,720	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	7,262	8,715	1,453	11,330	
Other Operational	6,439	9,293	2,853	12,390	
Home Care Services	142,952	211,440	68,488	278,050	

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Wages and Other Employee Costs	79,845	104,932	25,087	136,040
Other Operational	63,107	106,508	43,401	142,010
Children's Services	220,942	275,930	54,988	364,230
Wages and Other Employee Costs	141,106	169,910	28,804	222,870
Other Operational	79,836	106,020	26,184	141,360
SNP School Nutrition Program	53,021	62,416	9,395	82,440
Wages and Other Employee Costs	31,373	37,898	6,525	49,750
Other Operational	21,647	24,517	2,870	32,690
Children's Services	0	3,750	3,750	5,000
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	2,003	2,003	2,670
Other Operational	0	1,748	1,748	2,330
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	648,948	834,609	185,662	1,097,190
TOTAL	1,011,600	1,356,140	344,540	1,755,002

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

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

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year
Discretionary Funds	1,578	4,000	2,422	4,000

DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Victims of Crime NT - Finke to Aputula Program
REFERENCE - 169579
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Mandy Pearce, the Project Manager from Victims of Crime NT's Finke-Aputula Program would like to address the Local Authority and give them information regarding this program.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Note and accept the presentation from Victims of Crime NT.**
- 2) Decide whether they would like to participate in this program.**

BACKGROUND

From Victims of Crime NT: I would like to introduce the Victims of Crime NT- Remote Communities Program to Finke-Aputula. The program provides funding (Up to \$10,000) and support for doing projects which help Communities to reduce crime and feel safer. We liaise and consult with remote communities, regional councils, safety committees, local authorities and relevant service providers to identify strategies and tools that could help make your community safer. This may include things such as:

- Improved street lighting, solar
- CCTV cameras
- Personal Safety Device, fortifying Safe House entry
- Creating 'safe' internally securable rooms at key locations

VOCNT believe that communities know what solution works best for them

When everyone agrees what action should be taken, then we can assist with the where, when, who and how and oversee the implementation. Some communities choose their Safety Committee to lead this project. *Whenever possible* the program tries to utilise local people and local skills and provide opportunity in remote locations through working with existing programs like CDP. Sometimes communities have a bigger project and can ask to use the VOCNT funds in a joint project. Assessment of remote projects greatly assist in determining future projects, whilst each community is unique it is important to look at what has or hasn't worked and why. We will contact Community at 6 and 12 months after project completion for a brief update.

If Local Authorities choose to participate in program, Mandy Pearce, Projects Manager should be advised by email and invited to attend next LA Meeting or Safety Committee meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Finke Desert Race Correspondence
REFERENCE - 170119
AUTHOR Jeff MacLeod, CEO

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council has received correspondence regarding the Finke Desert Race - to be tabled at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the correspondence from the Finke Desert Race.

BACKGROUND

The Tatts Finke Desert Race is an off road, multi terrain two-day race through desert country from Alice Springs to the small Aputula (Finke) Community. The race crosses the Finke River, believed to be the oldest river in the world. The race is held each year on the Queen's Birthday long weekend (second weekend in June). In 2011 the event will be held from Friday 10th until Monday 13th June. "Finke" as it is known, is now one of the biggest annual sporting events in the Northern Territory. It is recognised as the richest Off Road Race in Australia with the added reputation of being one of the most difficult courses in one of the most remote places in the world. Finke is a unique event in that it enables people of all walks of life to become involved.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Correspondence from Finke Desert Race dated 23 April 2017



AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST DESERT RACE
QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 9-12 JUNE 2017

23rd April 2017

Jeff Macleod
Chief Executive Officer
MacDonnell Regional Council
PO Box 5267
Alice Springs NT 0871

Dear Jeff

Re: 2017 Tatts Finke Desert Race

I write to pass on my appreciation to MacDonnell Regional Council for their support at the halfway point of 2016 Tatts Finke Desert Race.

Last year's 41st Tatts Finke Desert Race saw a dip in competitors over the 2015 anniversary year but nonetheless the event still generated a \$5M boost to the local Alice Springs economy. One thing that did grow last year was the number of volunteers; close to 370 worked across race weekend.

This year for reasons I can't explain, we will see the biggest ever number of competitors in both the car and bike fields. The event has reached the stage now where it is a must do race. If you have conquered the Finke, it is a significant achievement.

As with previous years, the race camp at Finke is used to accommodate the large number of competitors and crew overnight on the Sunday of the long weekend. As with previous years, we will work to steer people into defined areas to protect sacred site areas, lessen the spread of campfires and keep rubbish in a manageable area.

I am seeking Council's help to dig a central rubbish pit within the campground again this year prior to the race weekend which commences Saturday 10th June and refill the following week (from Tuesday 14th June). This need be no more than a trench dug to a suitable depth as in the past.

I am also wondering whether Council has a waste oil facility in Finke and if so, would it be accessible to competitors?

I appreciate the ongoing support given to the event by MacDonnell Regional Council.

Antony Yoffa
President

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OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 170067
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept any information or updates from the Department of Housing and Community Development.