



AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Finke Council Office on Thursday, 19 November 2020 at 10:00am.

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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.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE - 277475
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer



The Local Authority adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting of 21 May 2020 and the provisional meeting of 17 September 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Finke Local Authority 2020-05-21 [920] Minutes.pdf
- 2 Finke Local Authority 2020-09-17 [964] Minutes.pdf



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020 AT 9:00AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:15am

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Michael Fergusson

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: attended at the Finke Council office via videolink

Member Michael Ferguson (Chair), Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Rosemary Matasia and Member Jill Doolan

Councillors: attended at their respective community Council offices via videolink

Cr Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Greg Sharman,

Council Employees: attended from their respective Council offices via videolink

Ken Newman (Director Service Delivery), CT Fraser (Area Manager), Heather Smith (CSC), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests: attended from the department's office

Robin Hall (Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Cr Susan Doolan, Cr Lynette Ellis, Member Michelle Allen and Member Richard Doolan

Absentees:

Nil

Attendance, Apologies and Absentee

FLA2020-061 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

Nil

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the termination of a member at this meeting, one vacancy in the Finke Local Authority remains open and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended.

FLA2020-062 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority call for community nominations in order to fill the vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2020-063 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

FLA2020-064 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 12 March be adopted as a resolution of the Finke Local Authority.

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

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

6.1 Acceptance of the Agenda

FLA2020-065 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the Finke Local Authority received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 Notification of General Business Items

FLA2020-066 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the Finke Local Authority provided notification that there were no matters to be

raised in General Council Business

- 6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

FLA2020-067 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the Finke Local Authority members provided notification that there were no matters to be raised in Non-Council Business

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2020-068 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2020-069 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority members declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2020-070 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority

- a) Noted the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received, and
- b) Kept open – Action Item 1
- c) Closed – Action Items 2 and 3

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NTG Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in local government community projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$2,080.00 to allocate in their community. \$0 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020.

\$2,080.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

FLA2020-071 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority

- a) Noted and accepted the progress of their projects,
- b) Kept open – Projects 2191, 2192 and 2193 (formerly XYZ); and
- c) Open 'Priority 6: Trees around oval' as a new project and commit \$2,000.00

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

FLA2020-072 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority

- a) Noted and discussed the spending of their 2019/20 discretionary funds, and
- b) Committed their remaining funds of \$4,000.00 for power cards to be evenly distributed amongst 34 houses

Cr Lynette Ellis left meeting 11:45am

9.4 COVID-19 UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, a sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection. MRC in response to the COVID-19 outbreak has identified and is managing various risk through guidelines and regular communication with staff to ensure compliance.

FLA2020-073 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the report on COVID-19 update.

Member Charmaine Stuart arrived at meeting 12:28pm

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered Services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

FLA2020-074 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Finke CSC Heather Smith.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

FLA2020-075 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Greg Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2020****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2020 in the Local Authority's community

FLA2020-076 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Jill Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2020.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

FLA2020-077 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Michael Ferguson)

That the Finke Local Authority noted and accepted there were no General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

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

We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

FLA2020-078 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Noted there were no Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;
- b) Noted and accepted updates and progress on actions from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development:
 - Overdue 4 new house – Waiting for reply from Darwin
 - Room to Breathe program – Waiting for reply from Darwin
 - Mobile phone service – Depending on Telstra

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER, 2020**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:12pm.

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MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD IN
THE TITJI PARK ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9:45AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 9:45 AM

FLA2020-079 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Charmaine Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to nominate Councillor Susan Doolan as Chair for the Finke Local Authority meeting of 17 September 2020.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Cr. Susan Doolan

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Charmaine Stuart, Rosemary Matasia

Councillors:

Deputy President Greg Sharman, Cr Susan Doolan, Cr Lynette Ellis (via phone)

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Lou Bloom (EA to CEO), CT Fraser (Area Manager), Heather Smith (CSC Finke), Jeff Tan (Coordinator Communications and Engagement), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer), June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Robin Hall (Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Chair Michael Ferguson, Michelle Allen, Jill Doolan, Richard Doolan

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held on Thursday, 17 September 2020

Absentees:

Nil

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

FLA2020-080 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to note the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

Note: Quorum not met, this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following the termination of a member at this meeting, one vacancy in the Finke Local Authority opens and as a consequence a call for nominations is recommended.

FLA2020-081 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Charmaine Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, recommended to Council to keep the call for community nominations in order to fill the vacancy open.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2020-082 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council that the Council Code of Conduct was noted.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority meeting of 21 May 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

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

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

6.1 Acceptance of the Agenda

FLA2020-083 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting were received.

6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 Notification of General Business Items

FLA2020-084 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business were provided as follow:

1. Taps at Sorry Camp and Cemetary

6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

FLA2020-085 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Lynette Ellis)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that no notification of matters for Non-Council Business were provided.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2020-086 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the Conflict of Interest policy was noted.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

FLA2020-087 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda were declared.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and
- b) Close Action Item 1 – Open Space Meeting.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NTG Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet for investing in local government community projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$26,980.00 to allocate in their community. \$80.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021. \$26,900.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the progress of their projects;
- b) Keep all projects open;
- c) Create a new project named 'Fence around Titji Park';
- d) Seek quotation for 1.8 metre high fence for approval at the Finke Local Authority of 18 November 2020.

9.3 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to *improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services*.

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

FLA2020-088 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the report, and
- b) Provide feedback towards the Finke Infrastructure Plan.

9.4 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Note the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Funds; and
- b) Note and discuss the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds.

Note: This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

9.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The

Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

FLA2020-089 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Charmaine Stuart)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the report, and
- b) Provide guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2020-090 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note and accept the attached report prepared by Heather Smith, Council Services Coordinator, Finke; and
- b) Request to have the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) contacted in order to attend to the scavenging pigs in the community.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

FLA2020-091 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Susan Doolan)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note and accept the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2020 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2020.

Note: This item was not discussed as this meeting was conducted as a Provisional Meeting.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an

opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

FLA2020-092 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Greg Sharman)

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to note that the Local Authority discussed the General Business items raised at Item 6.2 as follow:

1. Tap at Sorry Camp and Cemetary

The Local Authority advised that the taps at the Sorry Camp and the Cemetary are placed low on the ground and a leak was found at the Sorry Camp.

The Local Authority requested to have the tap at the Sorry Camp installed at the sink that is already in place.

The Local Authority requested to have the water to be re-instated at the cemetary.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will be in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the provisional meeting of Finke Local Authority, by majority of vote, made recommendation to Council to:

- a) Note that no items to be discussed the Non-Council Business were raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) Note and accept the updates and progress from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet on actions, Overdue 4 new houses, and, Room to Breathe Program, that a team from Darren Johnson's office (Senior Director Land Tenure) will be in Finke next week and these matters can be discussed then.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:28 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Thursday, 17 September 2020 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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 Finke Local Authority Meeting:

- a. **Note 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.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Action Register
REFERENCE - 277495
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Healthy Communities
Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke 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.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Finke Action Register.docx.pdf

Outstanding/Finalised	Division:	Finke Local Authority	Date From:	1/01/2020
	Committee:		Date To:	31/12/9999
	Officer:		Printed: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 9:17:07 AM	
Action Sheets Report				

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Finke Local Authority 17/09/2020	Newman, Ken	Council Services Reports	Council Services Coordinator's Report
<i>30 Sep 2020 - 11:55 AM - Robert Rabotot</i>			
Action: Request to have the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) contacted in order to attend to the scavenging pigs in the community.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Finke Local Authority 17/09/2020	Newman, Ken	General Business as Raised at Item 6.2	General Business
<i>30 Sep 2020 - 11:58 AM - Robert Rabotot</i>			
Action: Tap at Sorry Camp and Cemetary			
The Local Authority advised that the taps at the Sorry Camp and the Cemetary are placed low on the ground and a leak was found at the Sorry Camp.			
The Local Authority requested to have the tap at the Sorry Camp installed at the sink that is already in place.			
The Local Authority requested to have the water to be re-instated at the cemetary.			

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.2
TITLE Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE - 277494
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, previously (DLGHCD) for investing in local government community projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$26,980.00 to allocate in their community.
 \$80.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.
 \$26,900.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Register of Projects and Commitments

Project 2191		Commentary Box	\$
Action	Status		Committed
6 Jun 2019	<u>Resolution</u> Allocate \$10,000 to a commentary box at the oval.		+ 10,000.00
19 Nov 2019	Purchase and delivery		- 8,408.09
6 Mar 2020	Freight to Finke		- 884.55
underspend or (overspend)			\$ 707.36
Project 2192		Shade structures at oval	\$
Action	Status		Committed
6 June 2019	<u>Resolution</u> Shade structures at the oval		+ 2,000.00
12 Mar 2020	<u>Res.011</u> : Allocated and extra \$10,000.00		+10,000.00
underspend or (overspend)			\$ 12,000.00
Project 2193		Bench Seats	\$
Action	Status		Committed
12 Mar 2020	<u>Res.012</u> : Allocated \$3,000.00 for 8 benches with backs for the cemetery and the oval		+ 3,000.00
underspend or (overspend)			\$ 3,000.00
Project 2194		Trees around Oval	\$
Action	Status		Committed
21 May 2020	<u>Res.071</u> : Open project and allocate \$2,000.00		+ 2,000.00
underspend or (overspend)			\$ 2,000.00

Project XXXX		Fence around Titji Park	\$
Action	Status		Committed
17 Sep 2020	<u>Res.089</u> : Seek quotation for 1.8 metre high fence for approval at the Finke Local Authority of 18 Nov 2020		0.00
	underspend or (overspend)		\$ 0.00
Budget consideration			
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)		17,707.36
	Total un-allocated funds		+ 26,980.00
	Total unspent funds		\$ 44,687.36

Unapproved projects and estimated costs

Priority 1: Fencing Contract
Scope:
Requested: 7 November 2019
Action: Leave open for discussion at a community meeting
Estimate: \$0

Priority 2: Commentary boxp
Scope:
Requested: 7 November 2019
Action: MRC is awaiting advice from NT Corrections
Estimate: \$0

Priority 3: Grandstand and Shade
Scope: 12m X 6m shade structure including freight
Requested: 7 November 2019
Action: Requires further discussion in the community
Estimate: \$0

Priority 4: Scoreboard at oval
Scope: electronic scoreboard depending on size
Requested: 16 August 2018
Action:
Estimate: \$11,000 including freight

Priority 5: Wood BBQ at oval
Scope:
Requested: 16 August 2018
Action:
Estimate: \$4,000 materials and labour

Priority 6: Trees around oval
Scope: Trees \$150 each + Bulker Bags of fertilizer
Requested: 16 August 2018
Action:
Estimate: \$1,000

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority receive a Discretionary Fund from the Council to spend each financial year on enhancing the community. 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 project funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a total un-committed balance of \$26,980.00 to allocate in their community.
\$80.00 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.
\$26,900.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team
Finance Grants Officer
Area Managers

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.3
TITLE Community Infrastructure Plan
REFERENCE - 280368
AUTHOR Dominica Roebuck, Community Engagement Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **Note and accept the report; and**
- b) **Provide feedback towards the Finke Infrastructure Plan.**

BACKGROUND

Regional Plan Key Performance Indicators that the Local Authority can assist with are:

- **Community Infrastructure Plans:** MRC wants to make sure that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs. To do this, the MRC is facilitating the development and implementation of Community Infrastructure Plans to guide infrastructure investment and development.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership team
Local Authority members
Governance and Engagement team

ATTACHMENTS:

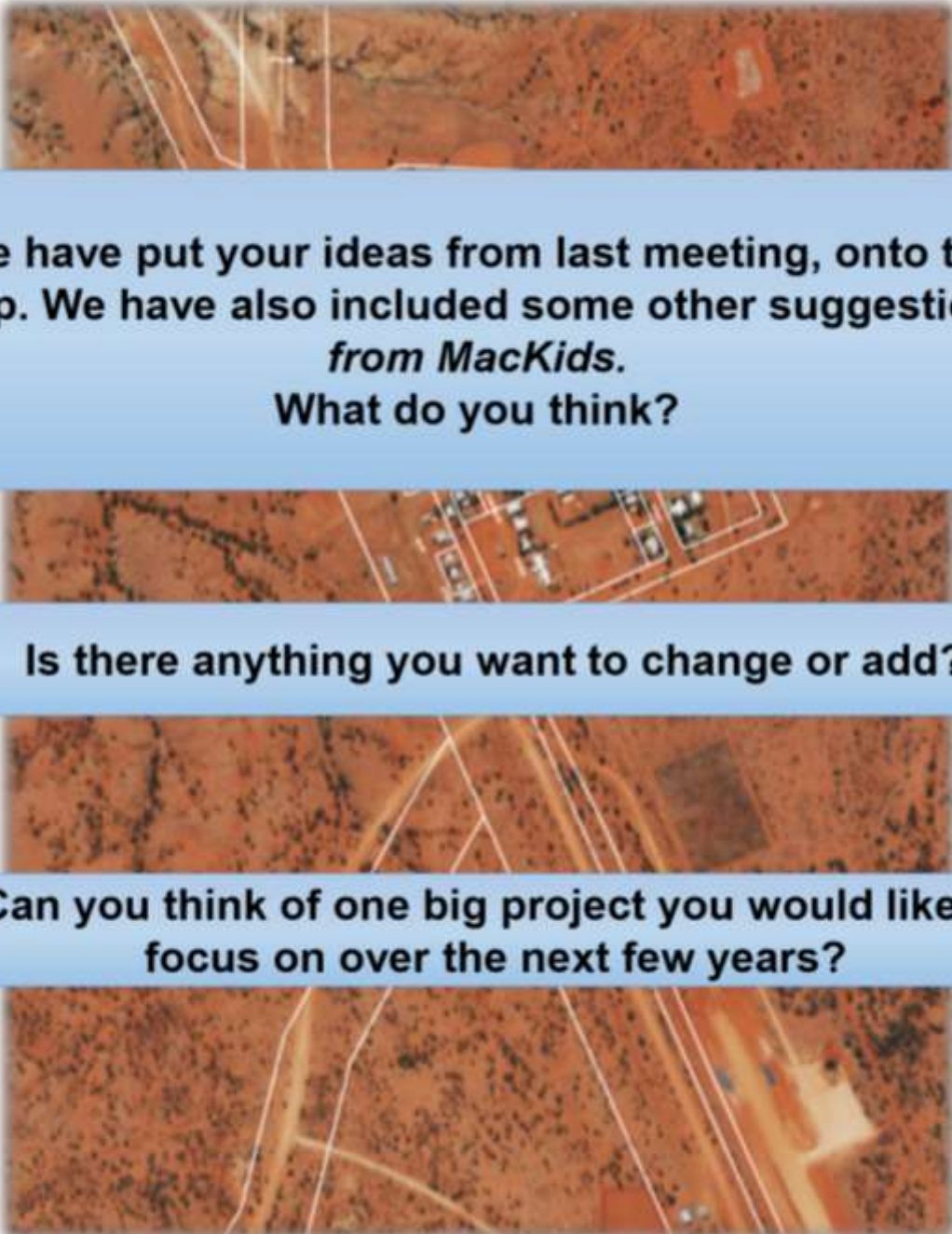
1 (Infrastructure)Report for Finke.pdf

Community Infrastructure Plans

A key objective of the 2020-2021 MRC Regional Plan is for MRC's Infrastructure to meet community needs. MRC want to plan with communities to identify the current and future infrastructure needs for the next 5-10 years. An Infrastructure Plan that has the community's approval will guide investment and development with Local Authority Project Funding and will strengthen applications for any other funding that is available. At the moment, there is no allocated funding to pay for the infrastructure decided upon for these plans.

For each MRC community, there will be:

1. An initial round of Local Authority Consultation
2. Broad stakeholder consultation - **Community consultation will continue until the end of March next year.**
3. Ongoing liaison with the Local Authority
4. Community Infrastructure Plan approved by Local Authority by June 2021



**We have put your ideas from last meeting, onto the map. We have also included some other suggestions *from MacKids*.
What do you think?**

Is there anything you want to change or add?

Can you think of one big project you would like to focus on over the next few years?

FINKE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – DRAFT 1

MacDonnell Regional Council is working with the Local Authority and Councilors to plan for future infrastructure needs at Finke. Below are some current ideas. We want to hear from you as we plan for the next 5-10 years. An Infrastructure Plan that has the community's approval will guide investment and development with Local Authority Project Funding and will strengthen applications for any other funding that is available. At the moment, there is no allocated funding to pay for the infrastructure decided upon for these plans.



Stage (near sporting area)

Maps (displaying wiring and pipes)

Rec hall fans

Humpy and traditional shade (Elder Audrey Breadon has drawn design)

Connection between MacKids and MacCare
• Shade
• Fence
• Veggie garden
• Other safe, nurturing elements
Update: These lots are leased by MRC

Fix public toilets

Flat curbs and gutters

Can you think of one big project you would like to focus on over the next few years?

SPEAK TO YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS BEFORE APRIL 2021

OR CONTACT MRC

- Michelle Allen
Richard Doolan
Michael Ferguson
Charmaine Stuart
Rosemary Matasia
Jill Doolan
Deputy Cr. Greg Sharman
Cr. Susan Doolan
Cr. Lynette Ellis
Cr. Annie Young
Pr. Roxanne Kenny
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Connection between MacKids and MacCare
Update: these lots are leased by MRC



Entrance
to
MacKids

Entrance
to
MacCare





The designs below were contributed by Elder Audrey Braedon as infrastructure suggestions for the Early Learning Centre's teaching objectives. Audrey selected them from the current *Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara to English Dictionary* (IAD Press).



Traditional shelter



Traditional shade



Traditional bowl for digging and collecting



LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 9.4
TITLE Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE - 277500
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 02: Healthy Communities
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money must benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spend (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **Note the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Funds; and**
- b) **Note and discuss the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds.**

BACKGROUND**Approved projects****2019/20 Discretionary Fund**

Approved Project		Status	Approved Commitment	Actual Expenditure
Income	Discretionary Fund	\$4,000.00		
Balance Remaining				\$ 4,000.00

2020/21 Discretionary Fund

Approved Project		Approved Commitment	Actual Expenditure
1 July 2020	Discretionary Fund	+ \$4,000.00	
Balance Remaining		\$4000.00	\$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

There is a current balance of \$4,000.00 to spend before 30 June 2021. This money cannot be carried over from one financial year to the next. Discretionary Funds must be fully expended annually between 1 July and 30 June or forfeited.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.5
TITLE	Local Authority assistance with the Regional Plan
REFERENCE	- 280389
AUTHOR	Dominica Roebuck, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

The Annual Report is produced every year in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2008*. Council members have been asked to review and approve the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) **Note and accept the report;**
- b) **Provide guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan; and**
- c) **Note and accept the MRC 2019-2020 Annual Report.**

BACKGROUND

Key Performance Indicators from the Regional Plan that the Local Authority can assist with are:

- **Community-selected Focus Initiatives:** MRC wants to support Councillors, LA member and community representatives to provide direction on initiatives that improve the lives of MRC residents. The LA is asked to nominate an initiative for MRC to work with the community on, and who MRC should work with.

Annual Report

The MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) 2019-2020 Annual Report has been approved by the Elected Councillors and is available at MRC offices and on the MRC website.

The report documents how MRC is striving to achieve its shared goals, providing real employment, and improving life opportunities for constituents. It includes reports on our Strategic Planning, Service Centre Delivery, Community Services, Corporate Services and a range of Financial Statements.

In summary, it describes MRC's progress against the previous financial year's Regional Plan.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Annual Report is a report to the Minister and is required under the *2008 Local Government Act*. The Annual Financial Statements are presented to Council for approval as required under the Local Government (Accounting) Regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report has been submitted to the Minister, as is required by 15 November.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership team

Local Authority members

Governance and Engagement team

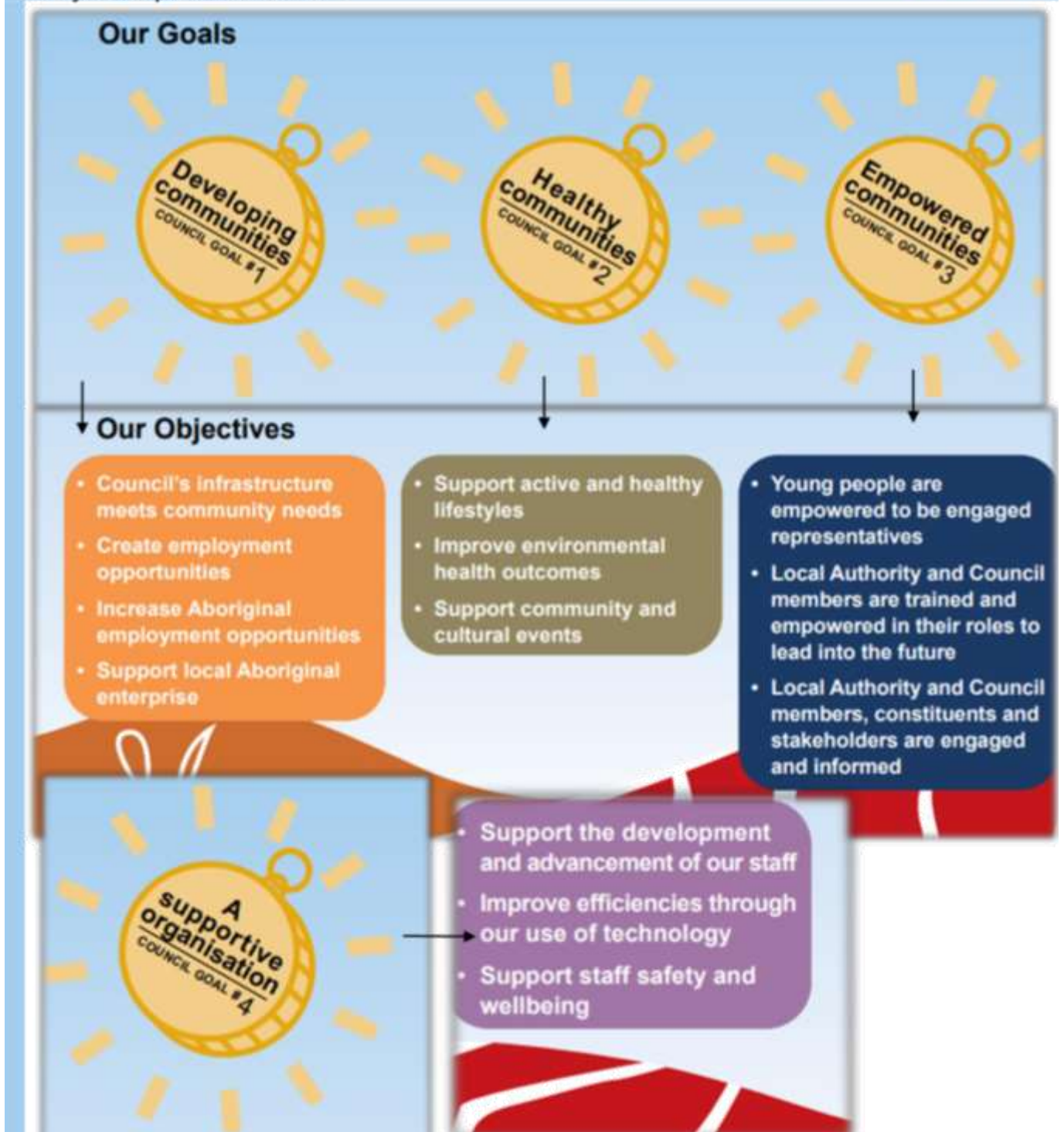
ATTACHMENTS:

1 (General Engagement) Report for Finke.pdf

Local Authority Assistance With The Regional Plan

1. 2020-21 MRC Regional Plan

The MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) 2020-2021 Regional Plan has been approved by the Elected Councillors and is available at MRC offices and on the MRC website. The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council community and is how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The 4 goals in this year's plan remain as:



2. Community-led Focus Initiative

From the 2020-21 MRC Regional Plan:

MRC will support the elected Councillors, LA member and community representatives to **provide direction on initiatives that improve the lives of MRC residents.**

This is an opportunity for MRC, Local Authority, Councillors and community to work together, and focus on an aspect of community life.

Community-led Focus initiative: Finke

At the last Local Authority meeting, the following initiative was discussed for Finke Apatula:

School attendance

Focusing on improving school attendance and raising community awareness around education.

Update:

MRC Engagement team (Jeff and Min) have been regularly speaking to Helen Lopinski (Principal) about school attendance, and keeping updated on engagement activities the school is doing, along with the assistance of Cr. Susan Doolan, Justine, Silvana and new teacher Mikayla. Parent meetings have occurred and attendance is slowly improving. Helen informed the engagement team of the Halloween party celebrated at the beginning of Term 3, and the upcoming school Christmas party.



Would you like the engagement team to support the upcoming Christmas party?

How would you like engagement to continue supporting school attendance?

3. 2019-2020 MRC Annual Report

The MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) 2019-2020 Annual Report has been approved by the Elected Councillors and is available at MRC offices and on the MRC website.



This report documents how MRC is striving to achieve its shared goals, providing real employment, and improving life opportunities for constituents. It includes reports on our Strategic Planning, Service Centre Delivery, Community Services, Corporate Services and a range of Financial statements.

In summary, it marks MRC against the previous financial year's Regional Plan (cover below).



LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.6
TITLE	Support for a Youth Board in Finke
REFERENCE	- 280301
AUTHOR	Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In line with 2020-21 Regional Plan Objective 3.1 that 'Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives' is the strategy to 'Partner with service providers to support the development of Youth Boards in Finke, Imanpa and Docker River'.

Local Authority members are asked to discuss their interest in having MRC and NPY Women's Council work together to establish and develop a Youth Board in Finke.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority support the MRC and NPY working together to establish and support a Youth Board in Finke, to provide a voice for young people in their community and to assist in developing the community leaders of the future.

BACKGROUND

Youth Boards provide opportunities for youth led decision making and encourage young people to identify and participate in issues, ideas and future developments that matter to them. Youth Boards are an important platform for MRC, the elected Council members and Local Authorities, to engage with young people about community services, programs and strategic direction.

Youth Boards have been established in 9 of MRC's communities through the support of MRC's MacYouth program. NPY Women's Council are funded through National Indigenous Australians' Agency to deliver youth programs in Finke, Imanpa and Docker River. MacDonnell Regional Council have been engaging with NPY Women's Council (NPY) to identify opportunities for establishing Youth Boards in Finke, Imanpa and Docker River.

Most recently, in late October, Cr Susan Doolan from Finke, Cr Selina Kulitja and Cr Marlene Abbott from Docker River, along with MRC President Roxanne Kenny and Director Community Services Rohan Marks, met with senior members and staff from NPY Women's Council. The meeting was to discuss opportunities for each of their services to work together for the benefit of youth in these communities, including how Youth Boards could be established and supported.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The development of Youth Boards in other MRC communities has been supported by MRC's MacYouth program. As MRC is not funded for youth services in Finke, Imanpa and Docker River, MRC is not resourced to establish Youth Boards in these communities without assistance from other stakeholders.

NPY Women's Council has indicated they may be able to assist in establishing and supporting a Youth Board in Finke, if this is something the community support.

Without Youth Boards in Finke, Imanpa and Docker River, young people do not get the opportunity to engage in community decision-making processes with their Local Authority and see the outcomes of their decisions in their community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Authorities receive project funding annually from the NT Government. Council, through its 2020-21 Regional Plan has a strategy for 'Local Authorities to engage with Youth Boards', encouraging Local Authorities to allocate 10% of their Local Authority Project funding to Youth Board identified projects.

Without established Youth Boards in these communities, Local Authorities may not be able to allocate funding to youth identified projects.

CONSULTATION

Cr Susan Doolan from Finke
Cr Selina Kulitja from Docker River
Cr Marlene Abbott from Docker River
MRC President Roxanne Kenny
Director Community Services Rohan Marks
NPY Women's Council members and staff

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Council Services Coordinator's Report
REFERENCE - 279579
AUTHOR Ken Newman, Director Service Delivery

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Healthy Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note and accept the attached report prepared by Tanya Luckey, Council Services Coordinator, Finke.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Tanya Luckey, Council Services Coordinator, Finke
Donelle (CT) Fraser, Manager Service Centre Delivery

ATTACHMENTS:

1 201119 Finke CSC Report for Local Authority November 2020.pdf

Service Delivery Report

TITLE Finke Service Delivery Report
DATE 19 November 2020
AUTHOR Tanya Luckey Council Service Coordinator



SUMMARY:

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

Local Government Services Update

Animal Management

- No vet visit in this period. The vets last visited in September 2020.
- Pigs are wandering around scavenging for food and tipping wheelie bins over.
- Dog numbers are high at the moment and are cheeky too. (People are walking around with sticks for protection)
- Horses have been wandering into community looking for water. (Maybe community can look at putting in troughs just outside of community)

Cemetery Management

- General maintenance has been carried out.
- We have started looking at the water to the cemetery and considering putting in a water tank instead of putting a line and meter.

Internal Road Maintenance

- No road maintenance has been carried out this period.

Parks and Open Spaces

- Parks and playgrounds have been maintained and cleaned.
- Currently looking at fencing ideas for the Tjitji park.
- Minor maintenance for the park has been identified for the park at the office.
- Inspections get done every month to ensure playground equipment is safe for kids to play.

Sports Grounds

- Slashing and mowing has been done to bring the vegetation down.
- Inspections get done every month.

Waste management

- General rubbish collection takes place twice a week Mondays and Thursdays unless it's a public holiday.
- Hard rubbish has been done in this period.
- Landfill maintenance gets done on rubbish days but gets checked daily by the men.
- We will be starting to work with community on getting rid of some rubbish from inside of yards.
- Inspections get done monthly.
- New signs arrived in community and are waiting to be put up.



Phillip Doolan working on compacting at the waste area.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- The firebreak around community is maintained.
- Slashing and mowing has started in community to bring the vegetation down.

Local Authority Updates



Above photos of the first Local Authority outside in the open

Project 1

Commentary Box - Planning has started for the football oval to map where everything will go.

Project 2

Shade shelter at oval - Still waiting for the Shade to be delivered.

Project 3

Bench seats - 8 benches for the cemetery and oval are to be installed.

Project 4

Trees around oval – These have not yet been ordered.

Project 5

Fence around Tjitji park - Mapping and planning has started for the Tjitji park.

Other Service Delivery Updates

- Interviews done this period so we should have 2 new workers starting before Christmas.
- Works assistant Nevio Tjami is waiting to do his White Card training.
- Social distancing is still being practised in community just in case.
- Long term office assistant Jill has left the Council. We wish her the best for the future and thank her for all her hard work and effort in Finke.
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Tanya Luckey
Council Services Coordinator
Finke NT

COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Community Service Finke Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 280214
AUTHOR	Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**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 Finke Local Authority note and accept 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 Aged & Disability Services – Luke Everingham
Manager of Children's Services – Margaret Harrison
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott
Manager of Youth Services – Cherie Forbes

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2020-11 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Finke LAR v2.pdf

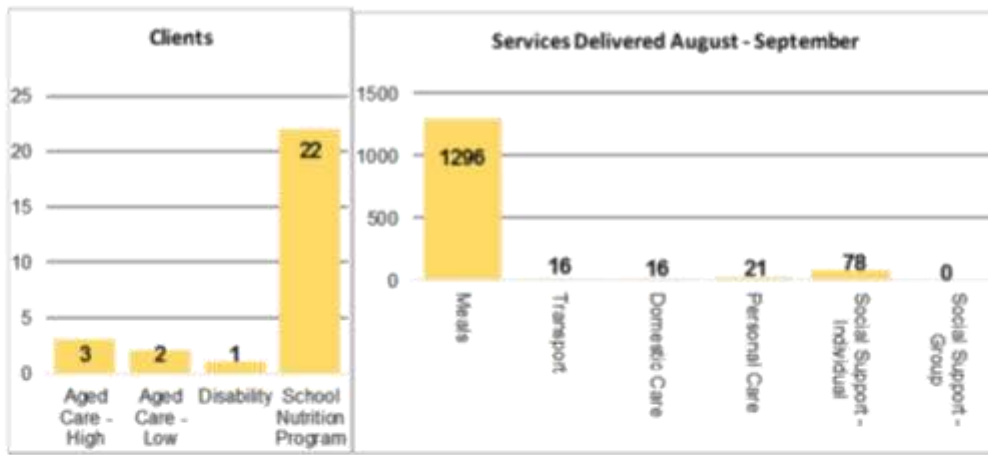
Community Service: Report on Operations



LOCATION: Finke Community
PERIOD: 01 August 2020 to 30 September 2020
AUTHOR: Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES Service Delivery and Engagement

- All Aged and Disability services were fully delivered in this reporting period.



Other Updates

- Marlene Boko has been appointed as Team Leader Aged and Disability Services for and is currently undertaking induction training for the role.
- Coordinator Aged and Disability (Rosemary Matasia) has been accepted into Milparanga, a leadership development course for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander leaders.

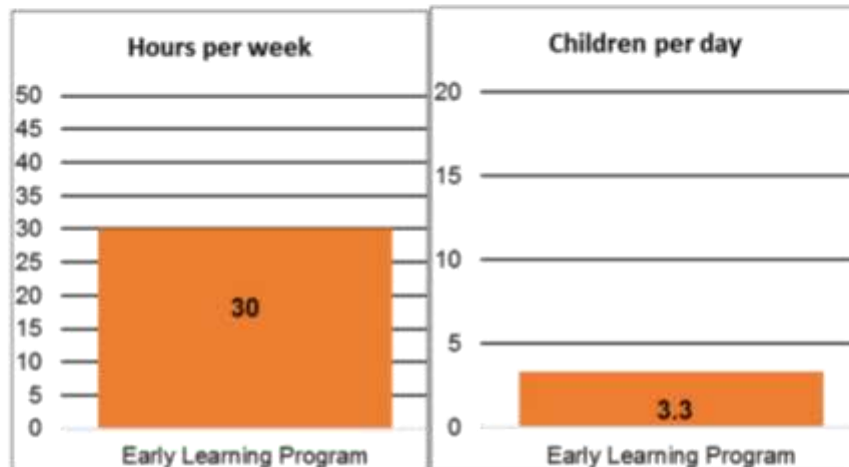
Rosemary Matasia going over the staff plan for next month



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

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



Other Updates

- MacKids have introduced a weaving circle, with weaving kits available for families to use while in the centre. This has proved a popular activity and encourages families to spend time with the children in the centre.
- Collaboration continues to develop with Waltja, Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPY), the clinic, and other stakeholders to identify ways the services can work together to support families. This includes making spaces available for child health nurses to meet with families as well as allowing the dietician and families to cook lunch for the children together..
- MacKids has supported the Waltja Teenagers Program through providing access to the facility for an evening of games and cooking.
- Educators have been developing posters for use within the centre, promoting early childhood education. The posters have been developed in both Yankunytjatjara and English.
- The annual closure for the Early Learning Centre will be from 21st December – 19th January. The centre will re-open to families on Wednesday 20th January, with staff returning on Tuesday 19th January.

Creating Information for families in Yankunytjatjara and English



Help from families with building a new wheelbarrow



Helping families with subsidy applications



Road safety



Ready for play



Community made resources



Refreshment time



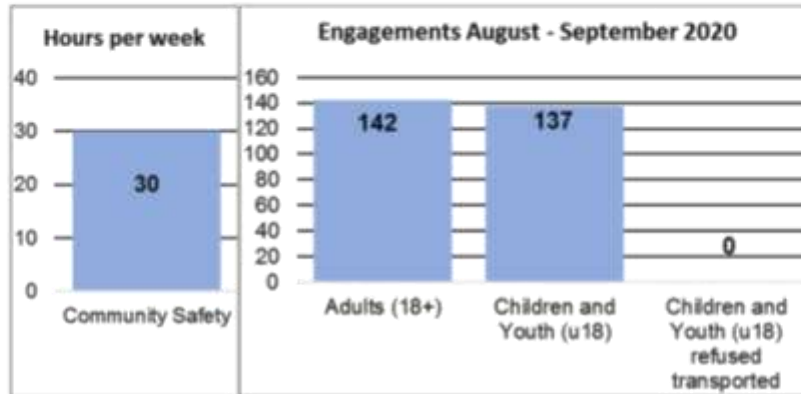
Tackling the Malu puzzle under the supportive gaze of Audrey



COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Community Safety services were disrupted for three days this reporting period, due to sorry business and staff leave.



Other Updates

- COVID-19 preventative measures continue with the MacSafe team practicing physical distancing and maintaining increased cleaning of the office and vehicle.
- Finke MacSafe has been working closely with the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council Youth Team and MacYouth, in assisting young people to and from activities.
- The Finke MacSafe team worked together with the Imanpa MacSafe team to support a sorry camp and funeral for a community elder in early August.
- A new Community Safety Officer has been appointed to the Finke MacSafe team and commenced in November.
- The 'green' fence planted along the side of the MacSafe office has received a lot of positive feedback. The MacSafe are tending to the trees and plants daily, seeking to develop the area into an inviting place for community members to visit.
- The Yarning Circle continues to be utilised as a gathering space for community members to share stories. It is available for other service agencies to use for special events too; WALTJA held a BBQ at the space to celebrate RUOK Day and a large number of community members came across to enjoy a meal and share stories.

WALTJA poster advertising RU OK day to be held at the Finke MacSafe Yarning Circle



New Community Safety Officer Matthew Henry-Whisky with Team Leader Community Safety Rodney Lambourne, and Senior Community Safety Officer Ivan Palmer



Finke MacSafe office looking towards the Yarning Circle with the growing green fence.



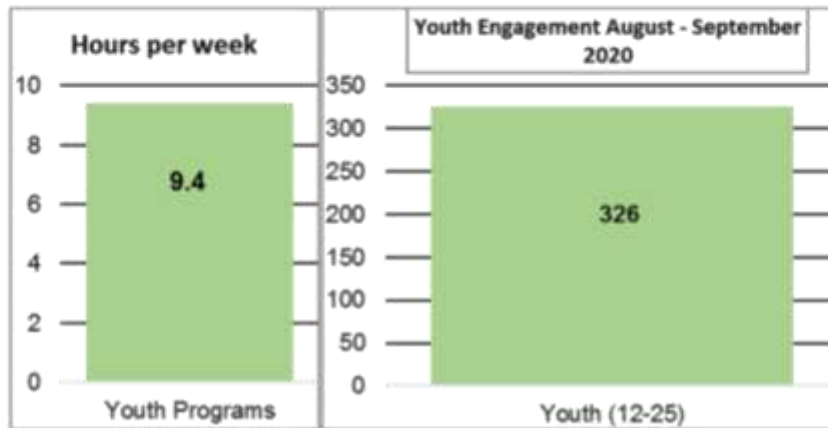
Finke Yarning Circle planter beds with flowering shrubs



YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- All programs were delivered this reporting period.
- The main programs accessed were AFL and Basketball



Other Updates

- Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council modified the use of the Rec Hall in Finke to abide by Covid-19 guidelines. As a result of the limits put on the number of young people inside the Rec Hall, our staff have been limited in their use of this facility.
- Our Sport Development Officer has utilised outdoor spaces to deliver football and basketball activities.
- There is currently a vacancy for a part time Sport and Recreation Officer. Local Authority members are asked to encourage suitable community members to apply.

MacYouth Sport and Recreation Officer Lester Lionel installing new shelving for sports equipment in the storage container at Finke



FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2020
REFERENCE	- 280326
AUTHOR	Sheree Kane, Management Accountant and Grants

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2020 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2020.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Management Team
Sheree Sherry (Kane), Management Accountant & Grants

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Sept 2020 - Local Authority Expenditure

{Sept 2020 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORIG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Finke (Aputula)					
Expenditure by Community as at 30th September 20					
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	129	5,535	5,406	22,140	Building RAM less than anticipated.
Other Operational	129	5,535	5,406	22,140	
Manage Council Service Delivery	38,999	42,956	3,957	209,286	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	24,161	24,381	200	129,423	
Other Operational	15,818	18,615	2,797	79,863	
Civil Works	40,181	49,913	9,732	281,138	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	36,898	37,356	458	219,781	
Other Operational	3,283	12,557	9,274	61,358	
Street & Public Lighting	0	2,203	2,203	8,810	
Other Operational	0	2,203	2,203	8,810	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities Projects	0	11,173	11,173	44,690	Zero expenditure against Local Authority Projects
Other Operational	0	11,173	11,173	44,690	
Elected Members & Council Meetings	373	377	4	1,127	
Other Operational	373	377	4	1,127	
Local Authority Administration	129	3,172	3,043	12,688	Zero expenses against LA allowance/meeting and Discretionary trust.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	375	375	1,500	
Other Operational	129	2,797	2,668	11,188	
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	70,707	33,800	(36,907)	135,200	Over expenditure relates to RAM and building upgrade at lots 2, 9 and 76 in Finke.
Other Operational	26,056	9,125	(16,931)	36,500	
Capital	44,651	24,675	(19,976)	98,700	
Manage HR	30	0	(30)	0	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	30	0	(30)	0	
Training & Development	0	625	625	2,500	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	625	625	2,500	
Corporate Costs	0	0	0	370	
Other Operational	0	0	0	370	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	151,547	149,792	(1,755)	717,950	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Community Operations					
Essential Services	29,102	28,102	(1,001)	115,404	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	20,922	20,355	(567)	83,457	
Other Operational	8,180	7,746	(434)	31,947	
Centrelink	7,335	7,522	187	36,172	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	6,270	6,457	187	48,658	
Other Operational	1,065	1,065	0	7,514	
Manage Projects	8,938	17,685	8,747	70,740	
Capital	8,938	17,685	8,747	70,740	
Airstrip Maintenance	0	335	335	1,340	
Other Operational	0	335	335	1,340	
NDIS	0	4,674	4,674	23,674	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	4,674	4,674	21,754	
Other Operational	0	0	0	2,520	

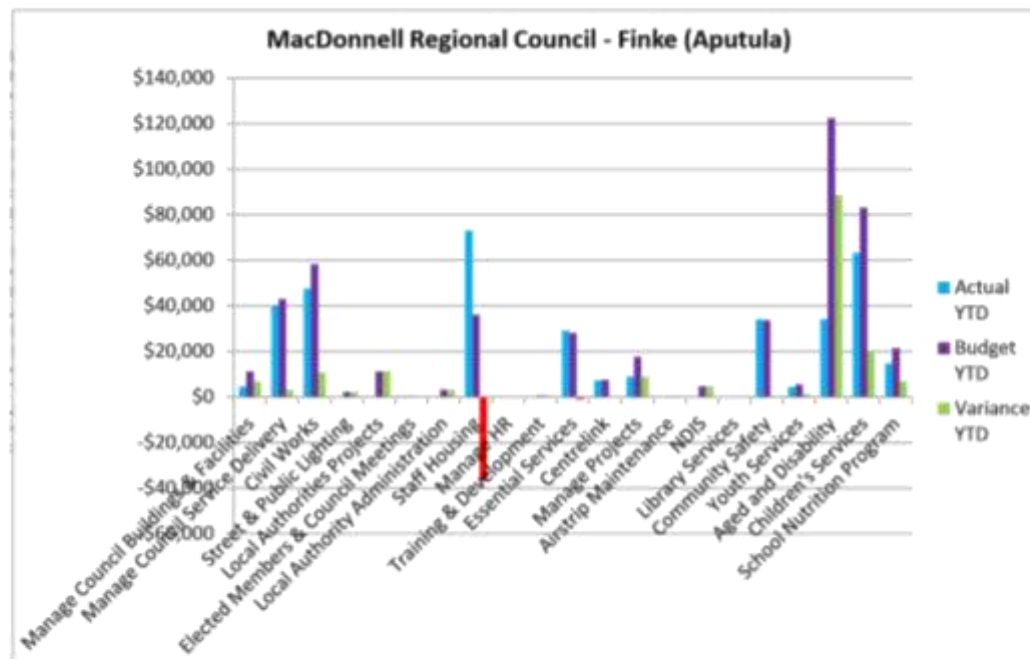
[Sept 2020 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORIG_NAME]

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget	Notes
Community Services					
Library Services	0	50	50	200	
Other Operational	0	50	50	200	
Community Safety	33,925	33,886	(239)	180,255	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	24,445	25,907	1,462	143,555	
Other Operational	9,480	7,779	(1,701)	36,700	
Youth Services	4,254	3,463	1,070	32,068	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	4,164	4,164	0	26,332	
Other Operational	230	1,299	1,070	5,736	
Aged and Disability	34,041	122,406	88,365	269,770	Main variance from Operational expenditure
Wages and Other Employee Costs	12,586	13,757	1,171	74,937	
Other Operational	21,456	108,650	87,194	194,833	
Children's Services	63,187	83,171	19,984	379,624	internal charges for staff and staffing cost not posted.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	28,606	28,407	(200)	156,618	
Other Operational	34,491	54,764	20,273	223,006	
School Nutrition Program	14,815	21,345	6,730	85,380	Food services less than budget
Wages and Other Employee Costs	8,373	8,372	(1)	33,490	
Other Operational	6,242	12,973	6,730	51,890	
SUB-TOTAL - NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	195,535	324,438	128,903	1,214,626	
TOTAL	347,063	474,230	127,148	1,932,576	

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

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

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



GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2



ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Business
REFERENCE - 280367
AUTHOR June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority note and discuss the General Business items raised at Item 6.2.

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ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Other Non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 280375
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, previously (DLGHCD) will be in attendance to provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

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

We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) Note and discuss the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and,
- b) Note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

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Date raised	Issue	Detail	Update
12 Mar 2020	Overdue 4 new house	Res. 021 That the Finke Local Authority open action for department to explain when the overdue 4 new house builds will be delivered.	
12 Mar 2020 16 Sept 2020	Room to Breathe program	Res. 022 That the Finke Local Authority open action for the department to explain the status of the Room to Breathe program	A team from Darren Johnsons' office, (Senior Director Land Tenure) is expected in Finke Community in the forthcoming week and the issues raised, 'Overdue 4 new houses' and

			'Room to Breathe Program' will be discussed then.
12 Mar 2020	Mobile phone service	Res. 023 That the Finke Local Authority open action for the department to explain when a mobile phone service will be available in Finke.	Depending on Telstra

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, previously (DLGHCD)
The Finke Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.