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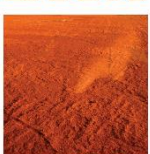
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BELOW: (left to right) Dora Doolan (mum with 2 daughters that attend MacKids), Senior Elder Audrey Breadon who has been assisting at MacKids sharing culture and MacKids Educator Heather Doolan



## APUTULA WORKING TOGETHER FINKE: THROUGH OUR EYES

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## CEO UPDATE

Welcome to MacDonnell Regional Council,

I would like to thank all MRC staff for their hard work and ongoing support to keep our facilities hygienic and COVID-19 compliant as Northern Territory opens up to more interstate and international visitors.

MRC is currently updating our organisational pandemic plan, in line with the Northern Territory Government's Outbreak Management Plan. This pandemic plan will outline our broader response to COVID-19 and is divided into several stages that will require specific responses. MRC's Emergency Management Group (EMG) has commenced drafting the plan and MRC communities and staff will be consulted for input during the development phase.

It's been wonderful to see so many community members participating in the open public spaces Local Authority meetings. This has been part of our initiative to make the meetings as engaging and accessible as possible. I encourage all community residents to be part of the decision making process to guide MRC for your communities. Myself, the Local Authority members and the elected Councillors appreciate and value your feedback and ideas.

MRC has begun to develop long-term Community Infrastructure Plans for all 13 communities we support, as we seek to identify the current and future community infrastructure needs. Thank you to everyone who has provided your input into your community's future and thank you in advance to those that will provide input in this process over the coming months. This process is very important as we will be basing MRC's long-term capital infrastructure plan on these suggestions.

Due to COVID-19, the NT Tidy Towns 2020 competition has required a change in format. As travel restrictions have limited the judging in-person, Heimo Schober, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful will judge the winner based on the information sheet and photos submitted by each community. The results will be announced on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 during a virtual presentation ceremony. Congratulations to Wallace Rockhole, Mount Liebig and Santa Teresa for being selected as the three MRC finalists in 2020 Tidy Towns competition.

On behalf of the President, Councillors, and staff of MRC, I would like to congratulate Councillor Annie Young on her election to Council representing the Rodinga Ward. Councillor Young has been a long standing member of the Santa Teresa Local Authority and a vocal advocate for the Santa Teresa community, especially with regards to housing.

I am proud of everyone's effort and contribution in making MRC a resilient and progressive organisation. Keep up the great work and stay safe.

Jeff MacLeod, Chief Executive Officer,  
MacDonnell Regional Council



ABOVE LEFT: CEO in action: the CEO gets on the tongs at the Titjikala Local Authority in Public Open Space  
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## 2020-21 MRC Regional Plan

2020–24 MacDonnell Regional Council  
Strategic Plan incorporating the

### 2020—21 Regional Plan



**MacDonnell**  
Regional Council

ABOVE: Cover Photo - Kianna Dempsey loves playing at the Kintore MacKids Early Childhood Learning Centre

The MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) 2020-21 Regional Plan has been approved by the Elected Councillors. 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. It can be downloaded here: <https://www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au/about/regional-plans> and is available at all Council offices. The 4 goals in this year's plan remain as:

#### Our Goals

**Developing  
communities**  
COUNCIL GOAL #1

**Healthy  
communities**  
COUNCIL GOAL #2

**Empowered  
communities**  
COUNCIL GOAL #3

**A  
supportive  
organisation**  
COUNCIL GOAL #4

#### Our Objectives

- Council's infrastructure meets community needs
- Create employment opportunities
- Increase Aboriginal employment opportunities
- Support local Aboriginal enterprise

- Support active and healthy lifestyles
- Improve environmental health outcomes
- Support community and cultural events

- Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives
- Local Authority and Council members are trained and empowered in their roles to lead into the future
- Local Authority and Council members, constituents and stakeholders are engaged and informed

- Support the development and advancement of our staff
- Improve efficiencies through our use of technology
- Support staff safety and wellbeing





## Local Authority meetings held in public open spaces (outside)

The 2020-21 MRC Regional Plan suggests that some LA meetings are held in a public open space to be more **engaging and accessible to the public**. This allows community residents to have more access and exposure to the decision making process.



ABOVE and RIGHT: Outside LA in Areyonga  
BELOW: Titjikala LA on the basketball court



ABOVE: Imanpa LA Chair Gary Mumu uses the loudspeaker to call everyone back from lunch break







ABOVE: Outside LA in Imanpa

BELOW LEFT: Finke LA in Titji Park

BELOW RIGHT: Kintore LA in the Council Office Verandah



BELOW : Docker River LA on the Basketball Court







## Planning For The Future Community Infrastructure Plans



ABOVE: Haasts Bluff Local Authority member Sonia Jugadai gives her input for the Haasts Bluff Community Infrastructure Plan

A key objective of the 2020-21 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
3. Ongoing liaison with the Local Authority
4. Community Infrastructure Plan approved by Local Authority by June 2021

**All 13 MRC communities are being asked:  
What would you add to shared community areas?**



ABOVE LEFT: Councillor Selina Kulitja (centre) and her fellow Docker River LA members give their input  
ABOVE RIGHT: Councillor Marlene Abbott (right) works with Community Engagement Officer Min Roebuck (left)





## Mount Liebig 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of Community Infrastructure Plan

### MOUNT LIEBIG COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN DRAFT

MacDonnell Regional Council is working with the Local Authority and Councilors to plan for future infrastructure needs at Mount Liebig. 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.


**SORRY CAMP ADDITIONS**

- Shade, trees
- Toilets (MRC to investigate options)

**Yarning Circle (at Night Patrol)**

**Mac Youth Office Rec hall extension happening (CAYLUS)**

**Footy: seating score board**



**SING-ALONG SPACE**

- Stage with power
- BBQ trailer
- Toilet
- Speakers
- Sliding doors for church
- Shade
- Toilets
- Sitting area
- Solar lights
- Trees

**Community laundry**

**Camp site for tourists (near bore)**

**SPEAK TO YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS BEFORE APRIL 2021**

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Roderick Kantamara  
Audrey Turner

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## Kintore Community-hub Masterplan



ABOVE: Kintore Councillor Tommy Conway describes the Kintore Masterplan at the August Council Meeting

The Kintore Community-hub Masterplan has been presented to and approved by the Kintore Local Authority (LA). The Kintore LA has now allocated all of their Local Authority Project funding provided by the Northern Territory Government to building what is detailed in the plan.

The plan was produced by Arid Edge Environmental Services after consultation with the Kintore Local Authority (see MacNews January 2020 issue). Other consultation activities included participatory mapping, participatory visioning/planning, site investigations and interviews with MRC ESO, Kintore Store and Kintore Medical Clinic staff

The overall vision for the Kintore Community Hub Masterplan is to create a long term coordinated plan for the publicly accessible outdoor spaces in the centre of Kintore Community.

The plan seeks to respond to the expressed needs of Kintore community members in the three key areas of:

- Climate and Environment
- Safety and accessibility
- Community Engagement and Amenities

**Primary Design Area:** This masterplan focuses on the 'community hub' of Kintore, which includes key municipal services and infrastructure such as the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) offices, the Kintore Store, Papunya Tula Arts, Night Patrol, the basketball court and the Swimming Pool. This area is referred to in this masterplan as the 'Primary Design Area' and is where the majority of design solutions are concentrated.





## Kintore Community - hub

### Masterplan



#### Primary Design Area - Design Proposal

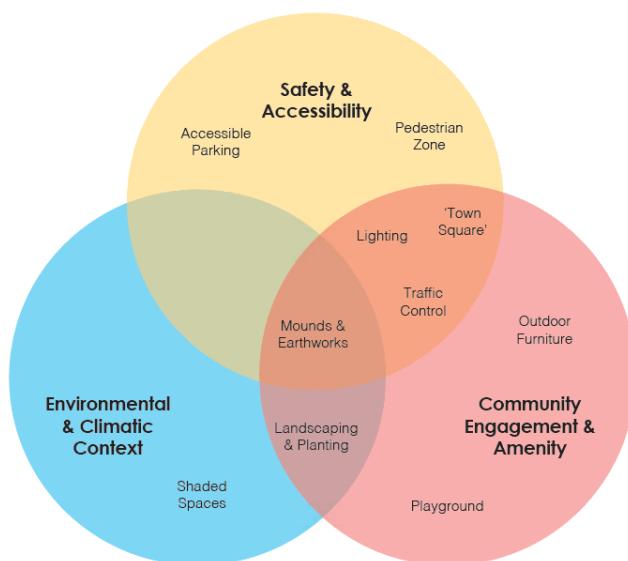


- 01. Mound for wind & dust suppression
- 02. Fence around playground
- 03. Vehicle gate & bollards to control vehicle access
- 04. Parking area for MRC office
- 05. Vehicle gate & bollards to control vehicle access
- 06. New shade structure adjacent existing tree
- 07. Semi-circular shade structure & seating around existing tree
- 08. Mound for wind & dust suppression (amphitheatre)

- 09. Shaded parking area for MRC Office
- 10. Bollards
- 11. Mound to prohibit vehicle access
- 12. Mound for Wind and dust suppression
- 13. Playground for kids under 5
- 14. Community Shade and BBQ Area
- 15. Covered parking, including accessible bay
- 16. Proposed Location for new Rec Hall

- 17. Shade structure
- 18. Bollards to control vehicle access
- 19. Shade Structure at Entrance to Pool
- 20. Vehicle gate & bollards to control vehicle access

Kintore Masterplan 2020 | 16







## Amoonguna Youth Board Meeting



ABOVE: Amoonguna Youth Board members, our future leaders  
(left to right) Josiah Stuart, Mythius Stuart, Shania Stuart and Lakota Dixon

An objective of Goal 3 in the MRC Regional Plan is for young people to be empowered to be engaged representatives in their communities. Specific MRC strategies for this are:

- Provide support for Youth Boards across the MRC region
- Develop and maintain Youth Boards in the nine MacYouth communities
- Provide governance training for Youth Boards

The minutes of the Amoonguna Youth Board meeting held in May (see photos) were presented to the Amoonguna Local Authority. The LA Members were very interested to hear from the Youth Board. *See the next few pages for the minutes.*

BELOW LEFT: MacYouth's Richard Dixon tends the fire

BELOW RIGHT: MacYouth's Natasha Stuart assisting Elwyn to chair the Amoonguna Youth Board Meeting







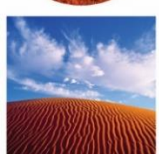
## MacDonnell Regional Council Youth Board - meeting minutes

Date	19.5.20
Community	Amoonguma.
Chair	Mythius, Natasha, Elwyn
Minutes	
Youth Board Members	Troy, Mythius, Malaki, Lacoda, Elwyn, Jerome, Shania, Valentine, Duron, Marilyn
Youth Workers	Natasha, Richard, Samantha, Terrence.
Guests	Min, Ted. Mac-she.
This week's agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome from Chair</li> <li>• Last youth board meeting actions</li> <li>• Feedback for MacYouth</li> <li>• Feedback for Council and the Local Authority</li> <li>• <u>Last Meeting:</u> Travel interstate. Girls want to do.</li> <li>• Jan 31st Cooking nights. Town trips - YMCA, Pool, etc</li> <li>• Hair Salon. ↳ Monthly</li> <li>• </li> <li>• Questions/comments on anything not in this week's agenda</li> </ul>





## Amoonguna Youth Board



Agenda item1	<b>Feedback for MacYouth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What's been working in youth program (e.g. last week, youth board, events etc.)</li><li>• What hasn't been working?</li><li>• What would you like to see happen?</li></ul>
Notes Questions Comments	<p>Nothing because of COVID-19</p> <p>Winning the Soccer Comp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make a girl's room</li><li>- moving out the stage</li><li>- bring back fellas night</li><li>- Girls night</li><li>- Melbourne trip for older age.</li><li>- School attendee trip and fun race for the half of the trip</li><li>- upgrade sound systems.</li></ul>
Outcome/Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- fun raise for ball opening</li><li>- find out how other communities get from fun raise from to go on trips.</li><li>- Get quotes for sound systems fixed</li></ul>
Agenda item 2	<b>Feedback for Council and the Local Authority</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are there any recommendations?</li><li>• Why are these recommendations important to us?</li></ul>
Notes Questions Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Need ball indoor lights</li><li>- ask about funding for youth boards projects</li></ul>



Community	Ammaangung
All outcomes & actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What actions are there from this meeting?</li><li>• Are there actions from last meeting that need to be carried forward?</li></ul> <p>- Quotes for sound system by next meeting</p> <p>- fun raise plans.</p>
Next meeting date	<p>Meeting close 6:07pm</p> <p>Take these actions to the next meeting! 😊</p> <p>16th June 2020</p>





## Finke: Through Our Eyes

The Vision of the MacDonnell Regional Council of *many voices, one dream, building a quality desert lifestyle* speaks to collaboration across the MRC services and other stakeholders so that we are achieving our Mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

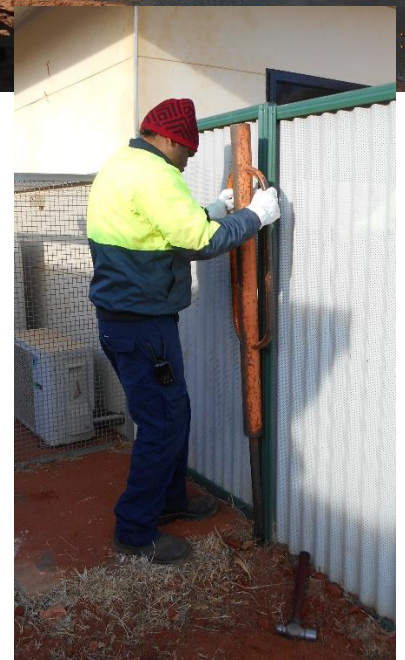
This is summed up in the well-known saying of T.E. Wealth

*The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts.*

So in this sense of team spirit, we have been supplied with wonderful photos from our teams in Finke who work together everyday for the Finke community. They have collaborated to bring us this story and to show us *Finke: Through Our Eyes.*

### Service Centre Delivery

Staff in Service Delivery not only work in general community cleanliness and maintenance but also work to help other services within their community such as the MacKids Early Childhood Learning Centre with repairs, cleaning their playground and night patrol with their tree planting and running up a new replacement Aboriginal flag at the entrance to Finke.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Michael Lambourne on Skid Steer & cleaning playground.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Nevio Tjami repairs to ELC Fence and Jill Doolan handing out mail in Admin.







## Finke: Through Our Eyes

### MacSafe

The MacSafe team at Finke have been developing a Yarning Circle as part of their engagement strategy with the Community. The Yarning Circle has been developed over the last twelve months as part of a strategy to improve the capacity of the MacSafe team to support both the community and external stakeholders, with a place to share stories over a cup of tea and feel safe and relaxed. The Yarning Circle space has a large shaded area for the Summer months to keep the space cool and a fire Drum for the Winter period to keep people warm. Most recently the MacSafe team planted a green fence where the old mesh fence stood as a way to beautify the area and create a green belt which over time will be a haven for community members to come and use of the long hot Summer.

There have been regular gatherings and BBQ's that offer both the MacSafe team and external stakeholders a chance to sit down and share information on current issues confronting the community and ways that these agencies can work together to improve opportunities for community members. Working collaboratively, the CSC Heather Smith, has supported the development of the Yarning Space by enabling the Civil Works team to work alongside the MacSafe team in the most recent tree planting.

It is hoped that over the course of the next year, more meetings will be held at the Yarning Space and the Space will become a place for all community members to feel welcome and able to keep connected.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Rodney Lambourne watering trees; Kenneth Hayes civil works digging holes ready for tree planting ; Nightpatrol - Rodney Lambourne, Ivan Palmer & Lorraine Stuart - planting green fence; Night Patrol - green fence.







## Finke: Through Our Eyes

MacYouth

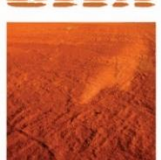


ABOVE: Lester Lionel with some Finke Youth

MacYouth's Lester Lionel has worked with Sport & Rec supporting Finke for the last two years conducting after school sports activities, working along side the NPY Women's Council Youth Team to provide healthy outdoor and indoors games for youth in Finke. Lester delivers 18 hours of sporting activities per fortnight such as Basketball, Football, Indoor Soccer and other skill games. Lester is doing an amazing job with MacYouth, delivering sport and recreation for Finke.



RIGHT: Girls having fun







## Finke: Through Our Eyes

### MacKids – Early Learning Centre

The Finke Early Learning Centre has the loving care of Heather and Virginia Doolan, who are working to support the children and families of Finke by creating a fun, safe environment of educational play and leaning.

Heather Doolan:

**“Helping our families with enrolment forms and Child Care Subsidy claims is important”**

Heather & Virginia Doolan:

**“We both like making information posters in Yankunytjatjara Language for the childcare centre”**

Virginia Doolan:

**“We like using resources that are made here in Finke community for teaching our children”**



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Educators Virginia Doolan and Heather Doolan, traditional resources, Educator Heather Doolan supporting families through enrolment process, Educator Heather Doolan walking to shop with children.





## Finke: Through Our Eyes

### MacCare

Finke MacCare supports Elder's through supplying meals and supports, as well as supporting children by providing school lunches. With help from a driver from the Service Centre Delivery team, meals are delivered by Kayme Matasia.



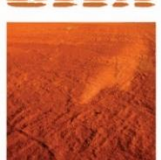
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Kayme Matasia delivering some food and preparing the food; Rosemary Matasia preparing food; Kayme Matasia preparing to deliver school lunches.







## MacCare: Titjikala



Known locally as MacCare, Aged and Disability Services (previously Home Care) provide care and support to clients in eight MacDonnell Regional Council communities, as well as delivering the School Nutrition Program in five of those locations.

MacCare provide culturally appropriate services to individuals and families that promote a respect for culture, dignity, social justice and a healthy lifestyle. Our aim is to support each person's goals, preferences and choices about their life including to remain 'on country'.

Some of the supports available to our clients include: meals, laundry, transport, group activities, bush trips, toileting and showering support, care coordination and planning.



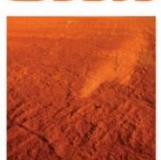








## MacCare Bush Trip: Titjikala

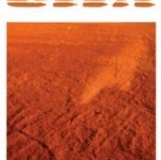


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## Desert Cool! MacCare: Titjikala



ABOVE: (from left to right) Julie Meruntju, Marie Shilling and June Wilyuka at Titjikala MacCare.



The ladies from the Titjikala MacCare are holding their duffle bags of new clothes that were kindly donated from the Central Land Council (CLC) due to challenges of accessing Alice Springs due to COVID-19. In addition to clothing, sleeping bags were also provided for Aged Care clients. Julie, Marie and June were very pleased to receive their packages; it'll definitely take the chill of the cold desert winter nights.

## MacCare: Amoonguna

LEFT: Janie Wells, Amoonguna community.

Aged Care clients in community also received hoodies from the MacCare Team. Janie is wearing her new hoodie with her name embroidered on it.

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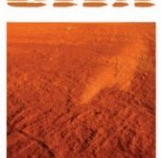
## MacKids: Haasts Bluff



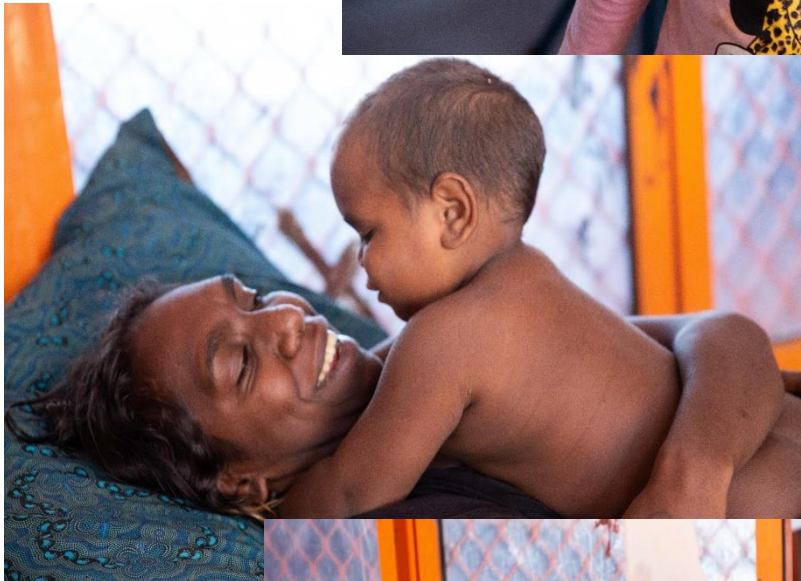
The Haasts Bluff kids enjoy their time together and time with their Educators posing for photos and giving cuddles.







## MacKids: Haasts Bluff







## Desert Highway Kintore Access Road

The major upgrade to the 9km Kintore Access Road has been completed. The upgrade was funded by the Australian Government Roads to Recovery initiative and regular MRC road funding. The project has involved utilising a crushing plant to produce high quality road base as the natural gravel available locally is no longer suitable.



Crushed base haulage



Loading crusher





Back-watering after laying out and compacting



Kintore “highway” nearing completion





## Desert Highway - Kintore Access Road



Impact crusher producing gravel



Gravel pit loading/stacking/stockpiling operations



**“It’s more than a tip”**

## Hermannsburg Waste Management Facility Upgrade

Capital upgrades to the Hermannsburg Waste Management Facility (WMF) have been completed. Two new trenches have been constructed and extensive remediation works have been done.

**BEFORE**



ABOVE: Hermannsburg WMF – March 2020

**AFTER**



ABOVE: Hermannsburg WMF – September 2020





## Connecting young people to culture through *The Right Track* program

MacYouth, Traditional Owners, Elders, family and other community members have worked together to provide cultural camps for young people. The cultural camps are part of The Right Track program, which is funded through Territory Families. It aims to support young people to better engage in positive activities within their community.

The camps are structured to encourage young people to strengthen culture through traditional arts and build connections to families and community. Camp activities included traditional tool-making delivered in partnership with local organisation Wellbeing and Indigenous Leadership Development 1 (WILD1).

### Haasts Bluff and Papunya

MacYouth provided a cultural camp specifically targeting young women (kungka's) for 12 participants over two nights and three days. The MacYouth culture camps have previously primarily targeted young men. MacYouth, with extensive consultation from community, arranged a camp that provided traditional tool making, visiting country, sharing stories of dreaming, and discussion on issues impacting young women. Traditional cooking of kangaroo on the fire also took place.



ABOVE: WILD1 Jamie Millier supporting the Traditional Owners and young girls to make traditional tools including digging and dancing sticks.

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## The Right Track: Haasts Bluff and Papunya



ABOVE: The RightTrack participants working on their clapping sticks, a traditional tool used when singing

BELOW: MacYouth staff member taking the young women to a women's sacred site 80km from Papunya







## The Right Track: Haasts Bluff and Papunya



ABOVE: Young girls setting up camp and preparing the fire for camp participants.



## The Right Track: Haasts Bluff and Papunya



ABOVE and LEFT: The RightTrack participants painting stories told by the elders about culture and country

The Right Track Program is run across all 9 MacYouth sites: Amoonguna, Areyonga, Haasts Bluff, Hermannsburg, Papunya, Mount Liebig, Kintore, Santa Teresa and Titjikala.

Referrals can be made for young people (aged 10 to 17 years) by family or community members, NT Police, schools, MacYouth staff, other community agencies (both non-government and government), as well as by the young person themselves.

To refer a young person to The Right Track please email: [zachary.tonkin@macdonnell.nt.gov.au](mailto:zachary.tonkin@macdonnell.nt.gov.au) or call 0428 102 431.





## Japananka Butcher's Farewell in Papunya



ABOVE: Japananka Butcher (photo printed with the permission of Sammy Butcher)

Late in July, people from across the Western Desert gathered to celebrate the life of Japananka Butcher, the legendary drummer from the original desert rock band, Warumpi. This band brought together two brothers from Papunya (Sammy Butcher and Japananka), as well as a top end Yolgnu man from Elcho Island, and Neil Murray. These four created a sound that was unique and represented a musical expression that gave voice in the mainstream to Aboriginal language songs for the first time.



Their song "Jailanguru Pakarnu" (Luritja language for, Out from Jail) was the first song released in a rock music format which uses an Aboriginal language.

LEFT: Neil Murray performs

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ABOVE: MacSafe staff were there to support the community event: (from left to right) Taralyn Major, Martha McDonald, Tutama Jack, Adam Gibbs, Jeffery Jackson, Desmond Impu and Rodney Wily

The track "Jailanguru Pakarnu" created mainstream media interest and the group travelled to Sydney and Melbourne for live gigs and TV appearances. They played as the support act for Midnight Oil and were signed to Midnight Oils Powderworks label and released their debut album, Big Name, No Blankets. They then toured Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

In 1986, Midnight Oil and Warumpi Band embarked on the Blackfella/Whitefella Tour of remote communities across the Western Desert and throughout the Northern Territory. All this travelling took Japananka away from his family and beloved country and he decided to dedicate his time to growing up his children and working for his community; after the 1986 tour he only played with the band occasionally.

Japananka married into the Multa family at Haasts Bluff having three children and he lived there for most of his adult life working in many roles to support the community: Night Patrol officer, Teachers assistant, Chair of the Ikuntji Art Centre board, and later with the Central Land Council as a regional coordinator for the Central West region. He was a gentle man who had an infectious warm smile that would light up any space he entered, eternally humble and committed to his people.





## Japananka Butcher's Farewell in Papunya

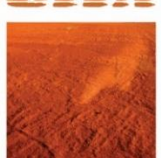
The celebration of Japananka's life began on Wednesday evening with members of his extended family gathering in a specially prepared site out the back of the eastside of Papunya community, where family members had created a large windbreak surrounding a stage. The MacSafe teams from across the Western Desert attended to pay their respects and work together with the Papunya MacSafe team to support the funeral and help keep the community safe.

Family members from Yuendumu and Nyirrpi came with Japananka's family ties to Pikilyi. Others travelled up from the Peterman Ranges area around Docker River through his family ties to the Pitjanjatjarra people. Families came from Kintore, Mt Leibig, Haasts Bluff, Areyonga and Alice Springs. Hundreds of people gathered around campfires on Wednesday evening to share their appreciation of Japananka's life in both song and dance .



ABOVE: The farewell in Papunya

BELOW: (left to right) MacSafe's Coordinator Community Safety, Yarran Cavalier and Papunya Local Authority member Sammy Butcher

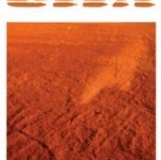




## The set-up for Japananka Butcher's Farewell in Papunya







## Santa Teresa Working Bee National Tidy Towns Champion work together

Santa Teresa once again prove why they are the reigning champs of the National Tidy Towns, working together in keeping their community rubbish free and looking good and healthy.





## Santa Teresa Working Bee







## STAFF MOVEMENTS

### Areyonga

Roger Ebatarinja	Works Assistant
Tanya Ebatarinja	Youth Services Officer - Casual
Jamie Kitson	Works Assistant

### Docker River

Sally Yibardi	Educator – Early Learning Casual
Roselda Teamey	Educator – Early Learning Casual

### Hermannsburg

Roseanne Coulthard	Educator – Early learning Casual
Lenard Kenny	Essential Services Officer
Mildred Malbunka	Educator – Early learning Casual
Jennifer Moketarinja	Educator – Early learning Casual

### Kintore

Noretta Nolan	Educator – Early Learning Casual
Paul Rigney	Team leader Pool
Vronita	

### Mt Liebig

Lawrence Geoghegan	Youth Engagement Officer
Caitlin Muir	Educator – Early Learning Casual

### Titjikala

Norman Clifton – Brumby	Work Assistant Casual
Thelma Doolan	Community Connector NDIS
Renee Douglas	Home Care Assistant Casual
Lloyd Wilyuka	Work Assistant

### Wallace Rockhole

Keiarah Abbott	Customer Service Officer – Centrelink
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## RECOGNITION AWARDS

### June and July Employees of the Month

Name	Reason	Department	Location
Stuart Miller	Service Excellence	Service Delivery	Mount Liebig
Danisha Gallagher	Above and Beyond	MacYouth	Kintore
Doreen Nungarrayi Reid	Above and Beyond	MacKids	Kintore
Andy Carter	Innovation and Creativity	MacYouth	Kintore
Imanpa Civil Works	Innovation and Creativity	Service Delivery	Imanpa
Jocelyn Andy	Service Excellence	Youth Service	Papunya
Donna Ferguson	Service Excellence	MacKids	Docker River
Titjikala MacSafe	Service Excellence	Community Service	Titjikala
Tymara Murnik	Above and Beyond	Finance	Alice Springs

Do you know someone that works for MacDonnell Regional Council whose work deserves Recognition for **Sustainability, Service Excellence, Innovation and Creativity** or going **Above and Beyond**? Contact Alister on [alister.stevic@macdonnell.nt.gov.au](mailto:alister.stevic@macdonnell.nt.gov.au) or 08 8958 9611

## SERVICE RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS



Matthew Rubuntja has served 7 years and Colin Craig 2 years





## SERVICE RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS



Caroline Peters (right) receives her 7-year Service Recognition Award from Councillor Lynette Ellis (left)

### 7 Year Service Awards

Kyle Stuart	Senior Community Safety Officer	Amoonguna
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### 5 Year Service Awards

Martin Carroll	Work Assistant	Areyonga
Derek Hayes	Work Assistant	Amoonguna

### 2 Year Service Awards

Janie Bulla	Home Care Assistant	Imanpa
Travis Williams	Work Assistant	Amoonguna
David Marshall	Essential Service Officer	Santa Teresa
Gavin Hayes	Community Safety Officer	Santa Teresa
Francis Collins	Youth Services Officer	Kintore
Clive Raggett	Youth Services Officer	Kintore
Aurora Hape	Coordinator Home Care – Community	Areyonga/Herms
Anthony Stuart	Work Assistant	Amoonguna
Amandeep Kaur	Coordinator Home Care – Community	Amoonguna/Titji
Baxter Alice	Community Safety Officer	Santa Teresa







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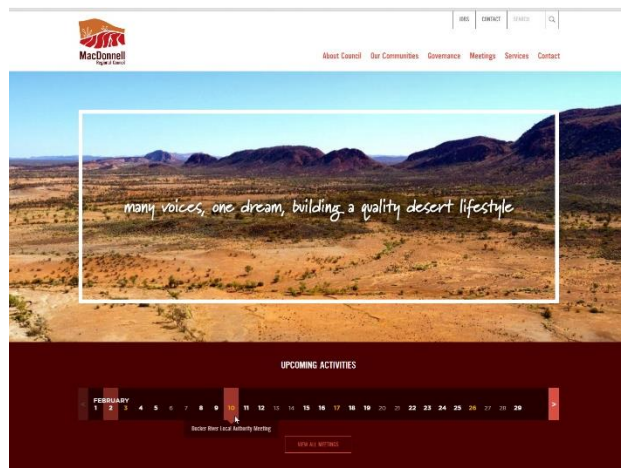
ABOVE: NT Minister Chansey Paech with Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir members in Areyonga



ABOVE: Our friends at NPYWC took Docker River residents Marlene Connolly and Hazel on a bush picnic

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ABOVE: LA Members and Civil Works Dennis Douglas and Douglas Wells set up the BBQ for the outside LA



ABOVE: Donkeys near Areyonga

## TRACHOMA MESSAGE FROM MILPA







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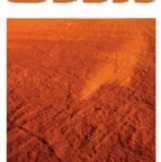


## Papunya Footy Competition



The final score in the Grand Final was: Papunya 59 vs Kintore 63

The teams that attended were: Papunya, Haasts Bluff, Kintore, Areyonga and Mount Liebig. Kintore and Areyonga stayed the night over at the Maku Shed.



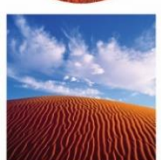




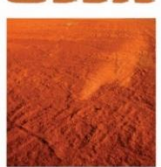




## Softball Smash







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## SPORT

# Softball Smash!

## Communities join together for fun day out



Over 2 gruelling days, 8 teams filled with talented young women representing their communities of Kintore, Mount Liebig, Haasts Bluff, Papunya, Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Finke and Imanpa slid into Alice Springs for the 2020 MacYouth Softball Carnival. With every player putting on epic performances it showed a great event for all to see. Splitting the 8 teams into 2 pools allowed each team to play one another once before the top teams from both pools advanced to the finals based on wins/loss and point differential.

Day 2 was reserved for the finals allowing four top teams Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Papunya and Kintore to face off before the Grand Final began, leaving Hermannsburg to face Kintore. After another tough fought match Kintore were announce the MacYouth 2020 Softball Premiers followed closely by Hermannsburg in 2nd and Areyonga in 3rd.

Huge thanks to Softball NT and Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPY Women's Council) for teaming up with us and of course thank you to all players for making it such a great event. Your hard work, good sportsmanship and great attitude rocked!

