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## Passing of Councillor L Abbott



On behalf of the President, councillors and staff of MacDonnell Regional Council it is with great sadness we advise the passing of Councillor L Abbott yesterday.



Cr L Abbott was well known and highly regarded throughout the West Macs and Western Desert and an extensive mourning period is anticipated. He has been a tireless advocate and servant to his community of Kintore, the Luritja Pintubi Ward and the MacDonnell Regional Council.



MacDonnell Regional Council sends it sincere condolences to the Abbott family. Out of respect, Council operations in the communities of Kintore, Mount Liebig, Papunya, Haasts Bluff and Docker River will be closed today, with the exception of its essential services.



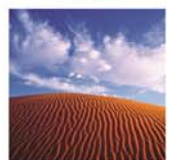
MacDonnell Regional Council asks all services and agencies to join them in respecting the family's privacy during the mourning period. As is the cultural practice, please refrain from mentioning his personal name and cover or remove any images of him.



Out of respect, this is the only comment MacDonnell Regional Council will make at this time.



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