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PHOTO: Isaiah Firebrace and Kiaasha Hall sing
It's gotta be you at the Hermannsburg rec hall



KIAASHA LIGHTS UP NTARIA

**STARS KIAASHA AND ISAIAH FIREBRACE
SHINE IN HERMANNSBURG**

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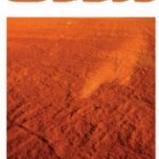
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Mark Inkamala elected as a new Councillor



ABOVE: Cr Mark Inkamala on Western Arrernte land

Mark Inkamala is the new Councillor for the Ljirapinta Ward for the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC). Cr Inkamala is a senior Western Arrernte Man from Hermannsburg with considerable community leadership experience. He has worked with the Strehlow Research Centre (SRC), the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Ninti One and currently with the Tjuwanpa Resource Centre.

“Congratulations to Councillor Inkamala, thank you for joining us on the Council, your experience will be an asset and we look forward to your contribution to the decision-making team”

Roxanne Kenny
President

MacDonnell Regional Council

Cr Inkamala attended his first Ordinary Council Meeting on 31 October 2019 at the Glen Helen Lodge on his traditionally owned country.

“I have lived all my life in community and would like to continue to see positive change for all of our families and their lifestyles”

Mark Inkamala
Councillor

MacDonnell Regional Council

“I would like to assist the MacDonnell Regional Council communities to maintain and develop important community infrastructure like the ovals, parks and cemeteries, I am looking to work together two-way with all levels of government,” Cr Inkamala said.

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Councillor Mark Inkamala

Cr Inkamala was the first Aboriginal person to work at the SRC and was a translator for the landmark publication *Carl Strehlow's 1909 comparative heritage dictionary: an Arrernte, German, Loritja and Dieri to English dictionary with introductory essays, transcribed and translated from the German by Anna Kenny; translated from Arrernte and Loritja to English by the Inkamala families and members of the Western Arrernte community.*

Cr Inkamala's experience includes assisting AIATSIS to repatriate culturally significant objects from the United Kingdom as part of the Return of Cultural Heritage Project and is passionate about the repatriation of knowledge.

“One of the ways I would like to make sure we pass on our cultural knowledge is the set-up of cultural centres for young people to learn culture. This would help the younger generations research their family trees”

Mark Inkamala
Councillor
MacDonnell Regional Council

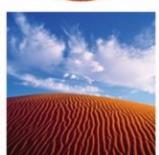
Cr Inkamala has actively supported the maintenance of storytelling in Hermannsburg through encouraging the tradition of passing language, knowledge and old stories along to the future generations to keep culture strong. To secure knowledge in the modern day, he has utilised digital technology to complement this. He has also given guidance to young men to gain work skills on community driven development projects.

Cr Inkamala has been a lead community researcher with Ninti One on business development and remote service delivery evaluation. He has also advised and supported local tourism initiatives with his knowledge as a traditional custodian of the land.

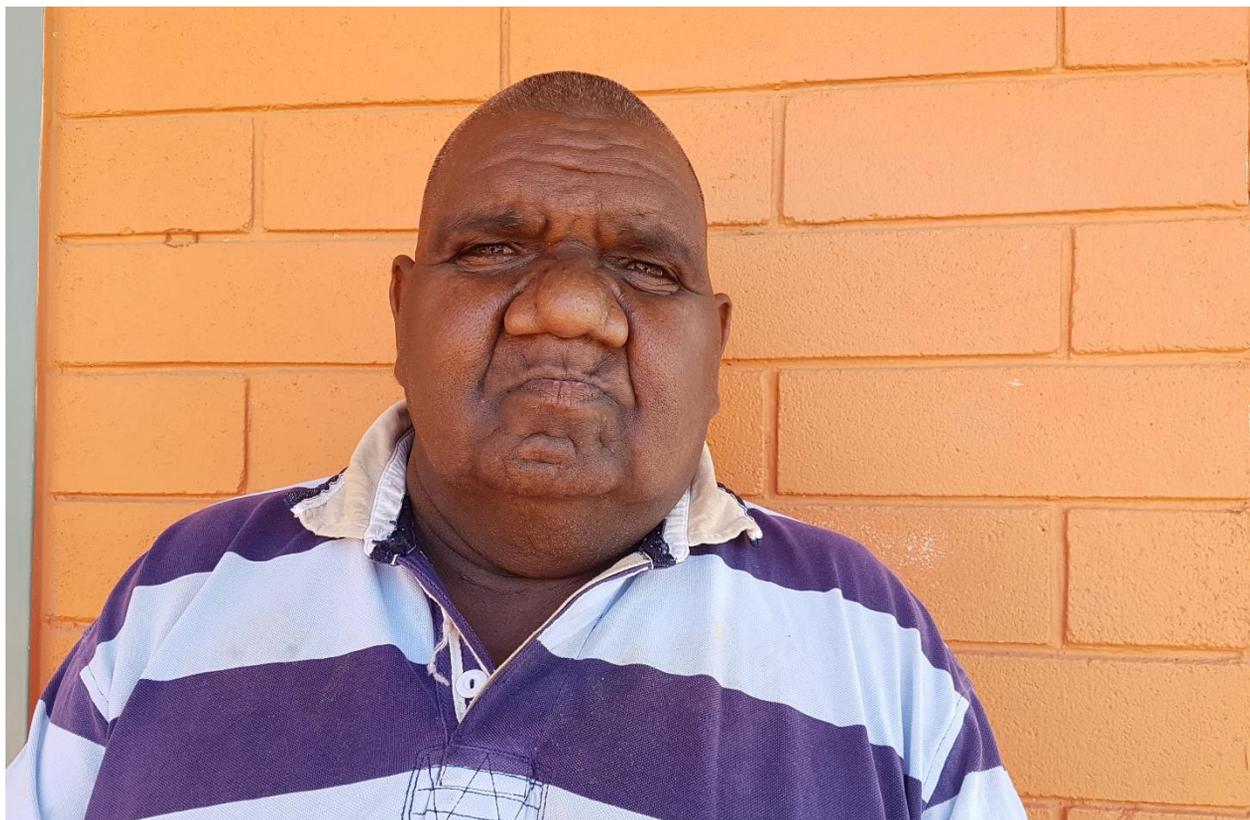


ABOVE: Cr Mark Inkamala on Western Arrernte land

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Phillip Alice chosen to take ideas to NTG Cabinet



ABOVE: Phillip Alice will participate in the NTG First Circles Leadership Program

Santa Teresa Local Authority chair Phillip Alice will take part in the Northern Territory Government's First Circles Leadership Program. He will participate in a group representing 19 remote communities across the Territory. Representatives are chosen for their demonstrated leadership skills. Throughout the program, they develop and expand these skills, increase their personal governance capabilities and learn more about government, with the aim of taking this knowledge back to their communities to make a real difference.

“I am working with all of the community on this. These ceremonies are very important for the young fellas and the rest of the community should be nearby”

Phillip Alice
Chair of Local Authority
Santa Teresa

At the end of the program, the participants address Northern Territory Government Cabinet Ministers to provide ideas on policies, projects and initiatives that could positively impact their communities.

Phillip will workshop a few ideas. One is providing the right facilities for ceremonial areas so that knowledge exchange is made easier for the whole community. Another is investigating fitness and tourism infrastructure for important landmarks, such as a stairway for the cross in Santa Teresa.

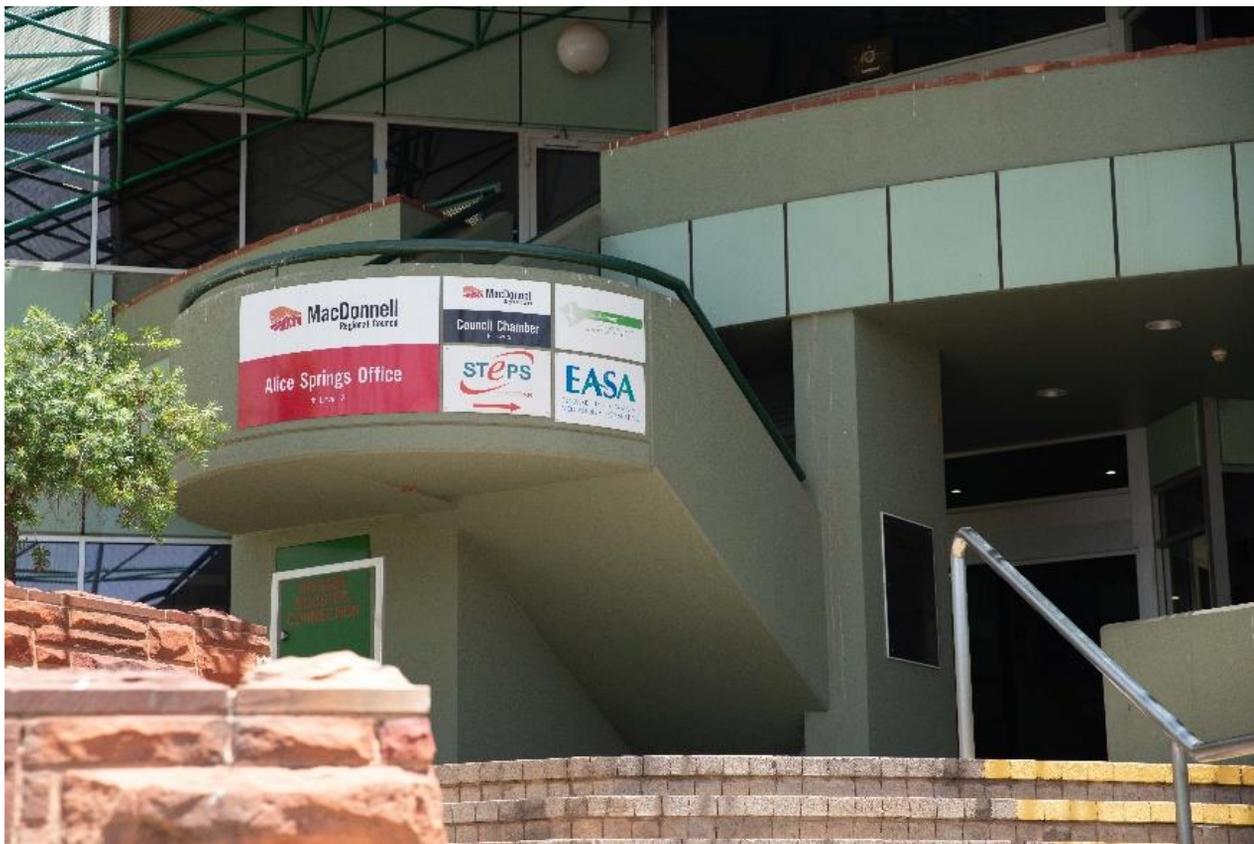
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Alice Springs office has relocated to Level 2 / 16 Hartley Street because MRC is going up

The Alice Springs based team of the MacDonnell Regional Council have outgrown the office building on Bagot Street. Approval has been received to build a second story on the existing ground floor office. The addition to the building has been assisted by a grant of \$1.5 million from the Northern Territory Government Strategic Local Government Infrastructure Fund. The tender process for the addition will start in early 2020, with works to commence shortly after.

While the addition is being completed, the MRC Alice Springs office has relocated to Level 2 / 16 Hartley Street, the *Jock Nelson building*. *Continued on the next page...*



ABOVE: Hartley Street view of the new office. RIGHT: Our vision and mission on the front windows of the foyer

“The Alice Springs based team play an important role in supporting the wide variety of services delivered by our great teams located in each of the communities we serve”

Rohan Marks
Acting CEO

MacDonnell Regional Council





Alice Springs office relocation

Acting Chief Executive Officer Rohan Marks said “We have outgrown our existing Alice Springs office and we’re pleased that with this addition to the Bagot Street office, we’ll be able to return and continue to operate from the location we have been in since 2009. We appreciate the funding provided by the NT Government to support this project”.

For parking when visiting, there is 1 hour car parking on Hartley Street, with all day parking available at ANZAC Oval.



ABOVE: Acting CEO Rohan Marks addresses the Alice Springs based staff in the new board room
RIGHT: The 1st emergency drill of the new building with (left to right) Fire Warden Jahnvi Gupta, Chief Fire Warden Bre Parfit and Fire Warden Danielle Schaeche making sure everyone is safe

Goodbye for now Bagot St



ABOVE: Yarran Cavalier, Marcella Remedio and Jahnvi Gupta say goodbye to Bagot St and we'll be back





IN MEMORY

Kumanytjayi Corby

Thank you for your service and dedication



ABOVE: MacSafe teams form a guard of honour at the church entrance

People gathered in Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji) on Tuesday 12 November for the memorial service/sing-a-long of Kumanytjayi Corby, the night before his funeral. Kumanytjayi was the longest serving member of MacDonnell Regional Council’s Community Safety staff, working as a Patroller for 10 years. At the time of his death, he was the Senior Community Safety Officer in Mt Liebig (Watiyawanu).

Kumanytjayi grew up in Ikuntji, the son of Nola and Brian Corby, the middle of 3 sons. When he married Sarina Wheeler, he moved to her community of Watiyawanu. They have 3 daughters: Stellastina, Leanda and Nikisha. Kumanytjayi was a proud Luritja man and a “gentle giant” who loved his family, the land he grew up on and his job. MacSafe staff thought of him as the “philosopher” because he thought deeply and came up with many insights. He had a beautiful manner and thoughtful approach to keeping communities safe and healthy.

Kumanytjayi loved talking to people and had a keen sense of humour. Every night he worked, he would ring MacSafe team members in other communities and in town, just for a chat! He was happy to talk about anything from the weather to the more serious goings on of life. He was genuinely interested in what was going on for the person on the other end of the phone and would remember many details about people’s lives like the names of their children and what they were doing. *Continued on the next page...*



IN MEMORY

Kumanytjayi Corby – honoured and respected

Kumanytjayi Corby loved dressing well when he came to town and socialising with those he was fond of.

Kumanytjayi passed away suddenly on the 3 September, just shy of his 40th birthday. His passing has been felt deeply by Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people far and wide. The amount of people who traveled to Ikuntji to celebrate his life and mourn his loss was evidence of the respect and fondness felt toward him. As requested by the family, 7 MacSafe teams and 4 coordinators travelled to join the Ikuntji MacSafe team in honouring and caring for Kumanytjayi and his family.

The 6 hour sing-a-long was well attended and the MacSafe staff felt proud to feed all those present with a big BBQ. It was a very beautiful and special evening with many community members contributing to the singing and prayers on stage. A gentle breeze blew and a full moon shone as stories were shared and tears were shed.

At 3.30pm the following afternoon, Kumanytjayi's coffin was brought to the church in the Mt Liebig MacSafe vehicle. As requested by the family, MacSafe staff formed a guard of honour at the entrance of the church. There were hundreds of mourners who couldn't fit into the church and sat quietly outside listening to the service.

After the service, MacSafe vehicles formed a procession following the coffin to the cemetery. After the very tearful burial, all members of the 8 MacSafe teams, who worked so magnificently together to honour this well-loved and respected Patroller, lined up to shake the hands of all the mourners. This was at the request of the family as their way to say thank you to the MacSafe teams for all the support the family had received.



“On behalf of all the MacSafe teams, it was a great privilege to be involved in the celebration of Kumanytjayi’s life and ensuring he had as rich and honourable send off as possible”

MacSafe Coordinators

LEFT: MacSafe vehicles form a procession
BELOW: The 8 MacSafe teams line up to offer condolences





MacSafe help at Uluru climb closure



ABOVE: MRC Community Safety vehicles parked at the MCAC Night Patrol office in the shadows of Uluru



On the last weekend of October, MacSafe teams from Docker River and Finke supported the Uluru climb closure celebrations, working alongside Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation (MCAC) Night Patrol team and the NT Police.



The MacSafe teams were requested to attend by Councillors from the Iyarraka Ward, as many community members from the region were travelling to attend this monumental occasion. The initial request was for Imanpa and Docker River to attend, however unfortunately Imanpa were not able to due to sorry business. The Finke team stepped in to assist at short notice, with Team Leader Lorraine Stuart working along side Docker River team members Selwyn Burke and Luke Kennedy.



The MacSafe teams provided patrol services around the National Parks headquarters and the Cultural Centre, as well as at the site for the celebrations at Talinguru Nyakuntjaku, the Uluru sunrise viewing area. They also supported the MCAC team to patrol the Mutitjulu community on Saturday and Sunday evenings.



Over the course of the weekend there were no major incidents and Sergeant Potts of the NT Police contacted MRC to thank the MacSafe teams for their work throughout the event. The MCAC Community Safety manager also contacted MRC to express their thanks for MacSafe supporting their operation over the weekend. *Continued on the next page...*



BELOW LEFT: (left to right) MacSafe's Yarran Cavalier, MacSafe Docker River's Selwyn Burke with his grandfather senior lore man Sandy Willy from Docker River

BELOW CENTRE: Finke MacSafe's Lorraine Stuart checking in with family

BELOW RIGHT: Docker River MacSafe's Selwyn and Luke entering Talinguru Ngaykuntjaku, the sunrise viewing area





MacSafe teams at the Uluru climb closure



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT: (from left to right) Selwyn Burke, Luke Kennedy, MCAC Night Patrol Manager Dave Tome. The site of the closed climb. Central Land Council poster featuring Uluru traditional owner and CLC chair Sammy Wilson



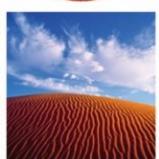
The events on Saturday night was reserved for Mutijulu community members and involved musical performances and rehearsals for the 7 sacred dances (Inmas).



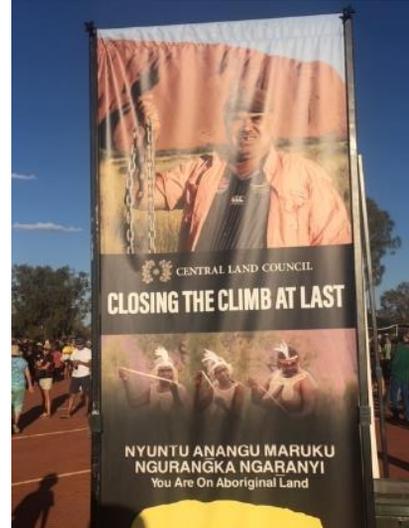
On Sunday night the celebration moved up to Talinguru Nyakunyjaku Uluru Sunrise viewing area where National Parks had set up a stage and created a sacred dance ground and areas for Aboriginal arts and cultural enterprises to showcase their programs. Over 1,200 people attended with a program that included: speeches both in Pitjantjatjara and English by senior traditional elders speaking passionately about their views on the closure of the climb and what it meant for them as a way to empower their long held wishes to stop this practice



The first musical performance was Shane Howard from the Goanna Band who wrote a song with Trevor Adamson, a senior elder from South Australia, about the closing of the climb. This was followed by a performance by Peter Garrett from Midnight Oil. Then the focus moved across to the ready-made red earth sacred dance ground where 7 sacred dances were performed from communities in South Australia and the NT. These dances depict the stories of the ancestral creative heroes that are etched in the rock formations on Uluru and have been passed down for thousands of years



The pride in the dances was met with thunderous applause and the Elders sang as the younger generations performed alongside one older dance instructor. The sacred Inma dancing went on for over an hour and a half and was truly a tribute to the strength of the culture that is embodied in the beauty of Uluru. The celebrations culminated with musical performances back on the main stage by the local Mutitjulu band and the Docker River band.





Kuprilya Springs Pipeline celebration



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: 'Zorro' (Byron Ratara from MacSafe) on his horse, 3 young lads on their recently broken-in horse, many mounted horses on the road up to the spring

During the late 1920s, Hermannsburg experienced a severe and long lasting drought, resulting in no fresh running water in the community. This meant the locally grown fruit and vegetables hardly grew, resulting in many of the local community members developing scurvy and many of the children dying (there are reports that up to 85% of the local children passed away).

It was not until 1 October 1935 that the mission got a permanent water supply through the development of the Kuprilya Springs Pipeline. Pastor Albrecht was integral to the development of the pipeline, which was funded in part by the fundraising efforts of a Melbourne artist Violet Teague and her sister Una. The pipeline carries the fresh Kuprilya Spring water from the 'permanent' waterhole, 6km southwest of the Hermannsburg community.

On the 1st Sunday of each October, the community holds a day of celebration up at the Kuprilya Spring. Men and boys ride their horses from the community up to the spring, where there is a thanksgiving church service, babies are baptised and the community joins together in celebration over a picnic.

This year MacSafe Community Safety Coordinator Liz Scott was privileged to be invited and attend with her MacSafe team members. *Continued on the next page...*



Kuprilya Springs Pipeline celebration



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Family picnic, Norman Raggett on his horse, everyone attends, church services

“It was a delight from the very beginning, as I watched fellas leaving community in the morning on their horses, many without saddles and young lads riding young colts they had recently broken in themselves. Car loads of families slowly drove past the mounted horses, often offering water out car windows as it was a hot day from early morning”

Liz Scott

Coordinator Community Safety - MacSafe

Once up at the spring, family groups gathered in different spots, many making temporary sunshades with tarps and spreading out their tucker. Adults participated in the church service, while kids tended to the horses, roamed the bush and climbed the cliff walls. Unfortunately no one could play in the water as the spring is dry for the first time in living memory.

“I am very grateful to have experienced such a special day as it is an event the community is always excited about and rightly proud of. It was a great reminder of the wonderful organisational abilities of bush communities for large events, and the joy of coming together, sharing food and stories in a relaxed and culturally safe environment”

Liz Scott

Coordinator Community Safety - MacSafe



MacTruck rolls out



TOP: Deon Dhamarranydji, Paul Fly and Graeme Miller
ABOVE: MacTruck

To keep delivering valued and relevant services to our residents, MacDonnell Regional Council has acquired a heavy duty truck.

The Australian-made Kenworth T659 prime mover was purchased with the assistance of Northern Territory Government Strategic Local Government Infrastructure Fund grant and will be used to move heavy equipment and other loads around our communities.

Plant Operator Graeme Miller will drive it initially, with Senior Grader Operator Paul Fly looking to get his license to drive it in the near future. Grader Operator Assistant Deon Dhamarranydji has recently joined the team.

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MacTruck rolls out



ABOVE: MacTruck

BELOW: (left to right) Mobile Mechanic Jamie Smith, Coordinator Fleet and Mechanical Tony White and Mobile Mechanic Chris Paine



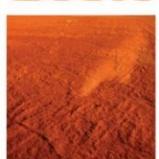
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Areyonga Landfill project update



Before

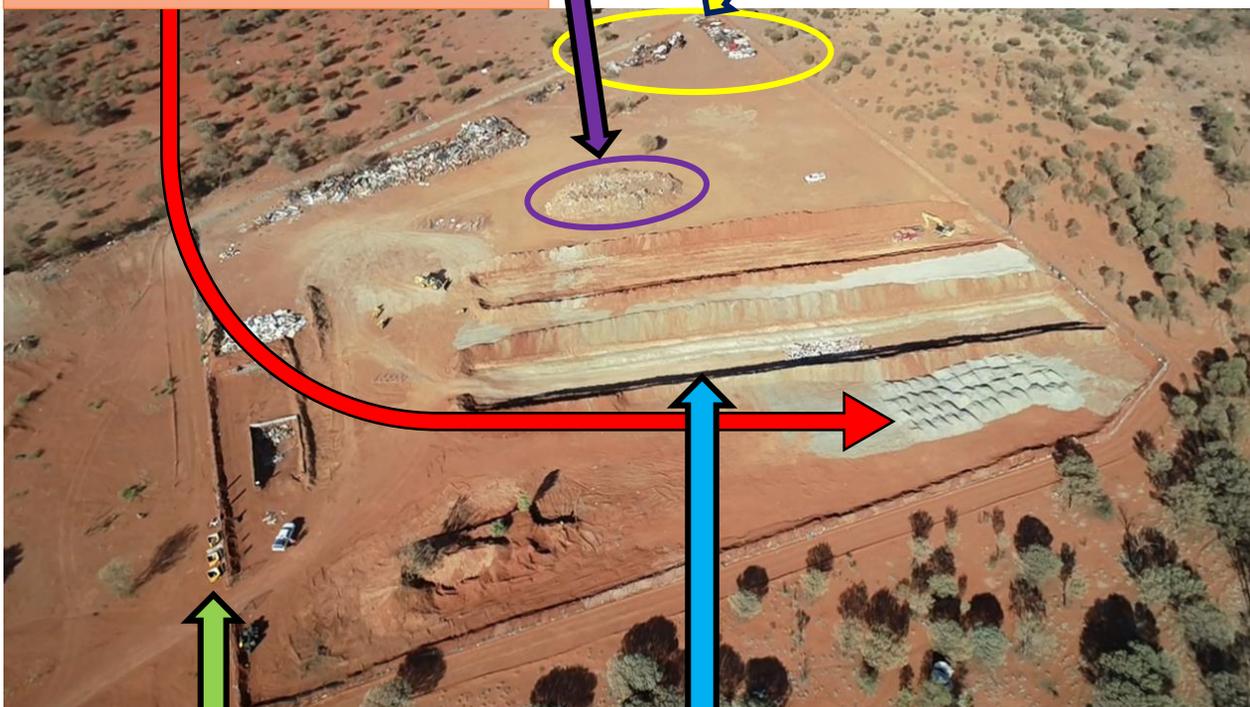


Old general waste

Construction and demolition

Car bodies

After (progress photo)



Community drop-off bays

New general waste pits (130m long)

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ABOVE: Jacob Carol, Paul Fly and Graeme Miller

Areyonga Landfill project update

In October 2019, work commenced on updating the Areyonga Landfill site. Previous issues with the site included abandoned vehicles stored within the Council compound fence and not stacked properly, the general waste pit nearing capacity, old building and demolition mounds, contaminated metals stockpiles and ground water management. The site was not complying with the Central Australian Landfill Operating Manual with regards to Regional Recycling activities.

The project is broken into 4 Stages with 10 steps in total. These include, organising and stacking current abandoned vehicles in a corner of the compound, constructing 2 new general waste pits, closing and capping the existing general waste pit, erecting retaining walls around the internal fence line and around pits and stockpiles, remediate and bury the old building and demolition stockpiles within the compound and construct ground water systems including drainage channels and sediment/catchment ponds within the leases area.

Challenges for the project so far have included soil configuration (rock) for the construction of general waste pits, machinery breakdown and broken attachments and licensed operators for the operation of the council plant.

Work on the project should be completed by the end of the year, where the equipment will be mobilised to Hermannsburg for a similar project to occur.

On-the-ground team gets the job done

Works Supervisor Jacob Carol and the team have been doing a stellar job at Areyonga. Jacob is the community champion for the waste facility and particularly does a fantastic job at keeping the General Waste Pit maintained and the waste within covered which is very important for community health.

On this project, Jacob was the assistant to the operators and helped manage the work crew as they completed tasks such as constructing retaining walls and capping and stacking of the vehicles.

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Do the right thing...put it in the bin

840 new wheelie bins are heading out to our communities



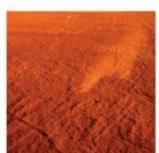
ABOVE: Area Manager Sam Ashton inspects the bins

The Service Delivery directorate put on shorts and started in the early hours to assemble and sort the bins for transport to MRC communities. Wheelie good work team!



ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: Kirsten Baliva and Ken Newman, Keith Haskett and Michael Davis sorting the bins
BELOW: Finished: the 840 bins assembled and ready for transport to the MRC communities.





MacCare delivering healthy lunches in Papunya



ABOVE: MacCare client Beyula Napanangka (left) receives lunch at her workplace at Papunya Tjupi Arts Centre from Aalia Coordinator Aged and Disability Services for Haasts Bluff and Papunya

“Lunch is good”

Narlie Nakamarra
Papunya MacCare client

BELOW: MacCare client Narlie Nakamarra with her lunch at her workplace at Papunya Tjupi Arts Centre





Do you want help with using digital devices?

MacConnect is here to teach residents and staff how to use digital devices



MacConnect is a service that is currently being delivered in all MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) communities to develop the capacity of residents and staff in digital literacy and digital safety. The goals MacConnect are to provide safe connected access to the internet, digital education and content contribution. Funding has been received from the NT Libraries BeConnected initiative which will provide communities with free Wi-Fi.

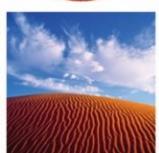


“A highlight for me has been running training sessions for MRC staff in communities and empower them to increase their confidence whilst addressing their digital literacy”

Gordon Marshall
MacConnect Project Officer



Project Officer Gordon Marshall is out and about running digital learning sessions on smartphone, tablet and iPad usage for residents and staff in the communities of Titjikala, Areyonga, Hermannsburg and Santa Teresa. This has included running training sessions for staff in how to write emails (structure, construction and grammar). Whilst eSafety workshops have been run for MacYouth using tablets and desk-top computers. Additionally, workshops have been run for MacCare clients on using tablets and iPads, while engaging with music and art via film and apps. *Continued on the next page...*



ABOVE and BELOW: Titjikala MacCare residents using tablets and iPads



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MacConnect



Gordon continues to run Pop-Up workshops on *The Basics and Starting Out* with tablets and smartphones for MyGov, online banking, the Yarnsafe website and Aboriginal multimedia art.



ABOVE and BELOW: MacConnect delivering a workshop for Titjikala MacCare clients about using tablets and iPads with Gordon (back centre)



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The joy of caring for kids

A day at the Early Childhood Learning Centre in Papunya



ABOVE: MacKids Papunya team: (back from left to right) Druscella Kantawarra , Priscilla Brown, (front from left to right) Mia Hofer, Florence Brown and Emily Puntungka

The MacKids team at Papunya love their jobs working the with kids of the community. The team's continued service ensures the delivery of quality care. The team is made up of Emily Puntungka (4 years service), Druscella Kantawarra (2.5 years service), Priscilla Brown (2 years service), Florence Brown (7 months service) and Team Leader Mia Hofer.

"I like looking after the kids, cooking kangaroo tails, damper and pumpkin, for them, sometimes we go looking for honey ants. We show them culture and dancing"

Priscilla Brown
MacKids Papunya





MacKids - Papunya





MacKids – Papunya Morning tea time



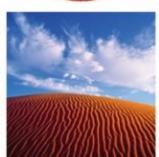
“I like to carry the kids, show them how to paint and make playdough”

Florence Brown
MacKids Papunya





MacKids – Papunya Play time



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Shared time for the young and their Elders in Kintore



A collaborative effort with MacKids Kintore, Ngurratjuta Community Development Programme and Pintupi Homelands Health Service Aboriginal Corporation Aged Care has seen the young and their Elders spend quality time together over a meal at the Kintore Early Learning Centre.



Over 70 people ate roo tails, spuds and salad with all staff contributing to the "get-together", with Ngurratjuta supplied the wood for cooking. Community members ate a yummy meal together, sat around and yarned and everyone got family time. The event provided space for the Elders to share their knowledge with the kids and staff. The interactions helped to strengthened the respect and connection between the young ones and their community Elders.



ABOVE: Community time between young and the Elders at MacKids Kintore
RIGHT: Cooking the roo tails





Collaboration brings young and their Elders together in Kintore



ABOVE: Community time between young and the Elders at MacKids Kintore
BELOW: Staff from all organisations helped in the kitchen



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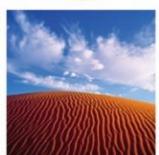


Creative methods spread from the innovative training

MacKids staff were heartened by photos taken out at Haasts Bluff the following week where Team Leader Sue Ware had presented some of the ideas from the training to families at the Early Learning Centre. The result is shown below, a beautiful platter of decorated 'chocolates' created by young mother Claudia, while her 18 month old daughter played happily nearby.

MacKids sees the benefit of including these displays and materials in their training and encourages other teams to try these methods for a more focussed and creative meeting outcome.

BELOW: Young mother Claudia from Haasta Bluff with her creations

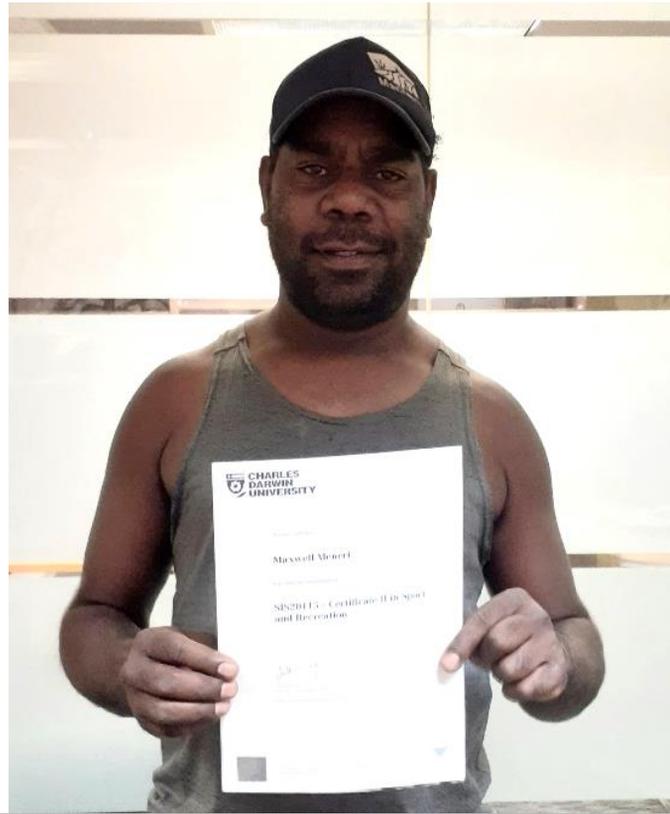




Congratulations on receiving your Certificate II in Sport and Recreation Maxwell!

Maxwell Meneri is an important senior staff member in MacYouth. As a Youth Engagement Officer in Santa Teresa, Maxwell plays an important role in the delivery of programs for youth and is a great role model.

RIGHT: Maxwell with his certificate from Charles Darwin University



Award for community involvement

MacKids in Areyonga was recognised for their approach to involving the community in early childhood education. The Areyonga Early Learning Centre was a finalist in the Northern Territory Education and Care Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Community Engagement.

See the last edition of the MacNews for more details on the Areyonga program:

https://www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au/uploads/misc/MacNews_v11i1_September2019.pdf



ABOVE: Sarah Gallagher (left) and Estefania Diaz (centre) accept an award from the Minister for Education Selena Uibo (right), photo courtesy of Northern Territory Education and Care Awards



MacYouth Training



ABOVE: MacYouth team

In November, MacYouth held bi-annual training at Ross River Resort for over 50 staff from across the region. A variety of workshops were delivered including Reactive Strategies with Daryl Murdock; a presentation by the MRC HR team; a Youth Board workshop held alongside the MRC Governance and Planning team; how to deliver youth programs to our Youth Service Officers by Shon Klose and presentations on Youth Diversion and The Right Track program. Guest speakers included Jamie Tjupurrula from WILD1, representatives from Territory Families, CAYLUS and the Youth Diversion Police Unit.

“A big thank you to everyone who travelled in to the event and to the guest speakers for attending this memorable training week”

MacYouth



ABOVE: MacYouth bi-annual training

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MacYouth Training



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MacYouth Training





MacYouth Training





2 stars perform in Hermannsburg



ABOVE: Isaiah Firebrace and Kiaasha Hall sing *It's gotta be you* at the Hermannsburg rec hall with support from family and the Hermannsburg community
BELOW: Hermannsburg MacYouth team with Isaiah Firebrace (centre)





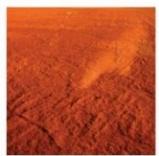
Water and recommendations flow in Kintore



ABOVE: Derek Major grabs a drink at the water fountain next to the Kintore basketball courts.

In Kintore a Youth Board and MacYouth request for a drinking fountain near the basketball court to the Local Authority was approved, then actioned by Council Service Coordinator Frank Tzoukos. With approval from MacSafe Team Leader Rex Eddie and the team at Community Patrol to branch off their plumbing, a water fountain was installed. The water fountain gets a lot of use from keen basketballers and is located at a central point in the community. Many litres were drunk at the MacYouth Western Cluster basketball competition. It is a welcome addition to the Kintore community's infrastructure and makes the public space much more comfortable and safe, especially with the hotter months approaching.





Local Authorities support Youth Boards

Decision-making for our future leaders

Several Local Authorities have shown support to Youth Boards by allocating 10% of Local Authority Project Funding to the youth led decision-making process. Youth Boards can come up with project proposals that include design, resources required and a budget for the Local Authority to assess and approve.

Discretionary Funding has also been allocated to assist the facilitation of Youth Board meetings by some Local Authorities.

So far Titjikala, Areyonga, Santa Teresa, Hermannsburg, Imanpa, Papunya and Kintore Local Authorities have allocated 10% of their Local Authority Project Funding to Youth Boards. These Local Authorities that have allocated some of their funds to Youth Boards have had meetings recently and we look forward to discussion amongst other Local Authorities about how they can support youth led decision-making.

The allocation of Project Funding is in line with the Council's 2019-20 Regional Plan objective to empower young people as engaged representatives of community. See below:

Goal 3: Empowered Communities	
	Objective 3.1 Young people are empowered to be engaged representatives
	Strategy Local Authority engage with Youth Boards
	Key Performance Indicator 10% of Local Authority Projects funding approved for local Youth Board identified projects



ABOVE: Representatives of the Titiikala Youth Board with their ideas

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Annual Report
MacDonnell Regional Council



2018-19 Annual Report released

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<https://www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au/uploads/agendas/2018-19-MacDonnell-Regional-Council-Annual-Report.pdf>

For those elected to Council, we must continue to be strong and honest as we stand up for our communities.

I encourage our Councillors and Local Authority members to engage with our communities and residents, to talk and listen, to learn what is happening in community and how MacDonnell Regional Council can build a quality desert lifestyle.

Let us carry and amplify the many voices of our communities towards this vision as we guide the MacDonnell Regional Council.”

(excerpt from Annual Report)

Roxanne Kenny
President
MacDonnell Regional Council



REWARD AND RECOGNITION

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

October Employees of the Month Maddy Mackin and Ted Lawrence

Maddy Mackin who is part of the MacYouth team was nominated by an appreciative Service Delivery directorate for going **Above and Beyond**. She answered phone calls from community members in the Haasts Bluff Council office and was on call for emergencies when the Council Service Coordinator role was vacant.

Ted Lawrence recently organised, planned and prepared 3 MacYouth softball teams to travel into Alice Springs to compete in the Northern Territory Softball Championships. Ted worked **Above and Beyond** for the program over the weekend supervising youth at night, cooking breakfast, lunch and dinner, cleaning, coaching, positively representing MacYouth to funding bodies and organising 40+ young women and staff over the 4 day weekend. Ted also sat in the emergency department on Sunday until midnight with a young girl who had broken her arm playing in the softball Grand Final. This was Ted's 1st MacYouth sports competition held in Alice Springs and it was the most efficient, effective and successful sports weekend MacYouth have ever been involved in. *(see softball photos in the sports section)*



ABOVE: Maddy Mackin (top right) with the Haasts Bluff Women's Football Team
BELOW: Ted Lawrence (centre) with Zack Tonkin (left) and Renathan Patrick (right)





SERVICE RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

7 Year Service

Jillianne Renner	Senior Youth Services Officer	Titjikala
Mervyn Young	Works Assistant	Santa Teresa



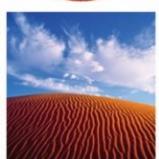
5 Year Service

Ian Boko	Works Assistant	Titjikala
Barry Douglas - Campbell	Works Assistant	Titjikala
Anusha Banagala	Finance Officer - Quality Assurance	Alice Springs
Rex Eddie	Team Leader Community Safety	Kintore
Ethan McCormack	Works Assistant	Wallace Rockhole
Gary Mumu	Works Assistant	Imanpa
Natasha Stuart	Team Leader Youth Services	Amoonguna
Jill Doolan	Customer Service Officer	Finke



2 Year Service

George Achike	Team Leader Community Safety	Docker River
Francesca McMillan	Early Learning Educator	Santa Teresa
Gareth Lea	Council Service Coordinator	Papunya
Thaddeus Mitchell Brady	Works Assistant	Docker River
Bhan Pratap	Director Corporate Services	Alice Springs
Brian Wells	Community Safety Officer	Titjikala
Kym Stuart	Customer Service Officer	Hermannsburg
Rachel Kantawara	Customer Service Officer - Centrelink	Hermannsburg
Eva Smith	Early Learning Educator	Santa Teresa



ABOVE: Jill Doolan (left) receives her 5 Year Service Award from Acting Director of Service Delivery Ken Newman



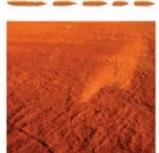
STAFF MOVEMENTS

We congratulate those who have taken up new roles and welcome those returning within the Council and extend a big welcome to the following people who have joined MacDonnell Regional Council since our last issue.



Alice Springs

Lourdes Blom	Customer Service Officer
Joanne Craven	Administration Officer - Technical Services
Paul Leary	Manager Human Resources
Alexander Marcus	Coordinator Youth Services
Catherine McCarthy	Team Leader Children's Services - Casual
Paula Nadas	Coordinator Children's Services
Gemma Neil	Community Engagement Officer
Robert Rabotot	Governance Officer
Zachary Tonkin	Case Manager (The Right Track)



Amoonguna and Imanpa

Corey Baker	Youth Engagement Officer
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Areyonga

Joanne Howe	Pool Assistant
Michael Howe	Team Leader Pool
Gordon Long	Community Safety Officer
Arron Tiger	Works Assistant



Docker River

Tristan Anderson	Works Assistant
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Finke

Bridgette Doolan	Educator - Early Learning
Heather Doolan	Educator - Early Learning
Lisa Doolan	Educator - Early Learning
Elisha James	Educator - Early Learning
Rodney Lambourne	Community Safety Officer
Heather Smith	Coordinator Service Centre Delivery



Haasts Bluff

Adam Bell	Youth Engagement Officer
Denise Pareroultja	Youth Services Officer



Haasts Bluff and Papunya

Aalia Hape	Coordinator Home Care - Community
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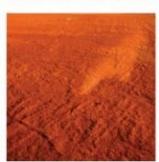
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Kintore

Rowena Gibson
 Lorna Jackson
 Sophie Johnston
 Dylan Long
 Gary Marshall
 Ingrid Miller
 Rebecca Pollard
 Shimona Pollard
 Doreen Reid
 Ashley Spencer

Pool Assistant
 Pool Assistant
 Youth Engagement Officer
 Works Assistant
 Works Assistant
 Customer Service Officer
 Educator - Early Learning
 Pool Assistant
 Educator - Early Learning
 Works Assistant



Papunya

Tyron Anderson
 Thristina Malbunka
 Rosanna McCormack
 Kaylee Mitchison
 Sam Nowicki
 Tracey Raggett

Youth Services Officer
 Youth Services Officer
 Youth Services Officer
 Youth Engagement Officer
 Youth Engagement Officer
 Home Care Assistant



Santa Teresa

Tyron Hayes
 Rowena Lynch
 Patricia Oliver
 James Walsh
 Shania Williams
 David Wongway
 Jocelyn Young

Pool Assistant
 Educator - Early Learning
 Pool Assistant
 Team Leader Pool
 Educator - Early Learning
 Pool Assistant
 Pool Assistant



Titjikala

Thelma Doolan
 Niamh Geoghegan

Educator - Early Learning
 Youth Engagement Officer





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MacNews out and about



ABOVE: MacNews in Kintore with Youth Board members Francis Collins and Cheryl Raggett, both who are part of the MacYouth Kintore team.
BELOW: MacNews being read online in the Papunya Early Childhood Learning Centre



BIG THANKS

Special thanks go to all staff contributors for this issue.

BELOW: Camels coming in for a visit in Docker River



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Women's Softball teams from Hermannsburg, Mount Liebig and Kintore travelled to Alice Springs for the NT Softball Championships.



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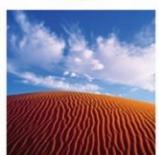
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Good sportspeople-ship was on show at the MacYouth Western Basketball Cluster held in Kintore with Kintore, Papunya and Mount Liebig teams competing. Special thanks to MacSafe Kintore's Adam Tjapaltjarri Gibson and MacYouth Ted Lawrence for their tireless refereeing.





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