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Dear Sir

MacDonnell Regional Council and the community of Titjikala stand very proudly by their achievements, particularly their recent recognition at the Territory Tidy Town and then at the national awards. The Centralian Advocate's acknowledgement of these achievements in its publications around those events reflected positively on the community's pride.

It is unfortunate that within the broader community in Central Australia people exist that take from such achievements and seek to apply their own sad and racially derogatory views. I refer to a posting on the Facebook page *Alice Springs Community Open Forum* that took a photo of our awarded workers from the Centralian Advocate website and changed any relevant meaning with its own racist slur.

MacDonnell Regional Council found this racist, cowardly and socially unsatisfactory post to be a poor reflection on a good story about our communities. MacDonnell Council thanks the Facebook administrators for their judgement to dis-endorse the work of racist trolls on social media by removing the offensive post.

MacDonnell Regional Council continues to work with constituents toward its mission, *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.*

Your sincerely

Jeff MacLeod, CEO, MacDonnell Regional Council