



AGENDA

MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2017

The Mt Liebig Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 at 10:30am.

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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 Mt Liebig 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.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
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 Mt Liebig Local Authority note the Conflict of Interest Policy and declare any conflicts either now or as they arise.

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.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of previous minutes
REFERENCE - 168854
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

Local Authority members are to consider the presented unconfirmed minutes carefully before they decide if they are a true record of their last meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Unconfirmed minutes of Local Authority Meeting held 5 April 2017



MINUTES OF THE MT LIEBIG LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 2017
AT 10:30AM

Under the NT Government Guideline 8- Regional Councils and Local Authorities contents 13- Provisional meeting where meeting quorum not present;

• 13.1 in the event that a quorum is not present for a meeting, but the majority of appointed members are present, the members that are in attendance may hold a provisional meeting

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.30AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Melvin Malbunka

2.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: Melvin Malbunka (Chairperson), Carol Peterson, Neil Peterson, Samuel Tilmouth

Councillors: Cr Sid Anderson

Council Employees: Felicity Howell (Governance), Gracie Matteucci (Governance), Simon Murphy (Director of Technical Services), Bob Allen (Coordinator Community Safety)

Others: David Wilson (Dept Housing and Community Development), Maria Viegas (Dept Housing and Community Development)

2.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Cr Lance Abbott, LA member Paul Fly, LA member Geoffrey Wheeler

Absentees: Cr Irene Nangala, LA member Audrey Turner

2.2 Resignations - Nil

2.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

12 RESOLVED (Melvin Malbunka/Neil Peterson)

That the Mt Liebig Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

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2.2 Conflict of Interests

13 RESOLVED (Samuel Tilmouth/Melvin Malbunka)
That the Mt Liebig Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

14 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

***Note: previous minutes cannot be confirmed in a Provisional Meeting.**

5.2 ACTION REGISTER**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- 1) note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received.
- 2) Invite Andrew Crouch from CAT to the next LA meeting.
- 3) Request David Wilson (Dept Housing and Community Development) to follow up the progress regarding the electrical issues with Lots 23, 24, 8, 6, as well as the issues related the septic system.
- 4) Leave open the action regarding inviting the minister for housing to the next LA Meeting.
- 5) Leave open the action regarding the septic system.
- 6) Close the action regarding the garbage truck.
- 7) Leave open the action regarding complaints

Lunch Break – 12:30pm

Meeting resumed – 1:15pm

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is to discuss and identify ideas to utilise their Local Authority Project Funds for the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services. The unallocated Mt Liebig project funds come to a total of \$66,929.10 (this is the current unspent LA project funds including brought forward balances for the previous financial year.)

The 15/16 funds totaling \$38,501.10 need to be committed before July 2017.

Note: Resolutions around funding cannot be made at Provisional Meetings but the Local Authority prioritised their projects as follows:

- a. **Water tank trailer - \$10,000.**
- b. **Upgrading the basketball court with new concrete and upgrade the lights around the court - \$25,000.**
- c. **BBQ Trailer - \$8,000.**

They also requested a quote to install ceiling fans inside the church, and that a contractor to come and hang the shade sails over the soccer oval.

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15 RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority decides on the priorities for their LA Project Funds.

7.1 MRC 2016 – 2020 REGIONAL PLAN**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In this report input is sought from the Local Authority into Council's Regional Plan review. The review is required annually under the Local Government Act.

16 RESOLVED (Samuel Tilmouth/Neil Peterson)

That the Local Authority review Council's 2016 – 2020 Regional Plan and advises on strategies and key performance indicators under the plan.

7.2 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Areyonga and documents any other relevant issues.

17 RESOLVED (Samuel Tilmouth/Neil Peterson)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.

7.3 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update to the Local Authority about complaints received regarding Council Service Delivery.

Nil Complaints Received.

18 RESOLVED (Melvin Malbunka/Samuel Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority note that no complaints were received this reporting period.

7.4 MT LIEBIG COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery

19 RESOLVED (Neil Peterson/Samuel Tilmouth)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

7.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As part of a review of the Community Safety services feedback is being sought from the Local Authority on what the key community safety issues are in their community, and how the Community Night Patrol service could be better utilised to address these safety issues. The Local Authority is also being asked to provide ongoing advice to Council on the suitability of community members who apply to be employed in the Night Patrol program.

20 RESOLVED (Samuel Tilmouth/Neil Peterson)

- a) That the Local Authority nominates any Local Authority member without a conflict of interest to be available to sit on the selection panel for all**

- Community Safety recruitments undertaken in their community.
b) Puts forward suggestions for improvements to the Night Patrol program.

Break – 2:45pm

Meeting resumed – 3:00pm

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2016 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 December 2016.

*Note: no resolution was made as decisions regarding Council funds cannot be made in a provisional meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE, 2017

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 3:35pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEDING 3 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Mt Liebig Provisional Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 5 April 2017 AND ARE UNCONFIRMED.

UNCONFIRMED

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.2
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 170308
AUTHOR	Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
 Goal 02: Liveable Communities
 Goal 03: Engaged Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 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.

Action Item- Laundry (raised on 07/09/2015)**Summary of action item:**

Council to assist the community in doing an application to the Aboriginal Benefits Account or other funding for a community laundry. Note that the application would need to be done by the community not Council. The CEO agreed to obtain a quote for the proposed community laundry and assist the LA in drafting a submission for ABA once costed. It is the Local Authority's recommendation that the new laundry be situated in the old arts centre building where the water and power is already connected.

Update:

Council considers this action, the laundry, is not viable and recommend to close.

Action Item- Inviting the Minister for Housing (raised on 07/09/2016)**Summary of action item:**

That the Local Authority invite the new Minister for Housing out to the next Local Authority Meeting in Mt Liebig to discuss the potential for upgrades to old houses. Council extended an invitation to Assistant Minister for Remote Housing Delivery Scott McConnell, however he was not able to come due to another commitment in Hermannsburg. As he was committed to attending the Council meeting in Papunya on 13 April, the Council will speak with him on Mt Liebig's behalf and feed back his comments.

Update:

Senior Governance Officer and Governance and Planning Manager emailed Scott McConnell asking for his feedback/comments after the Papunya Council meeting. Have not yet received a response.

Action Item- Depot (raised on 30/09/2015)**Summary of action item:**

Local Authority would like to move the depot to over behind the staff house, saying this will make it safer for the kids, and then have the old depot turned into a storage shed for any equipment.

At their meeting in November 2016 the Local Authority requested an update on this item. CLC met recently at Liebig to seek (traditional owners?) permission for extending the yard of the depot closer to the tip. Once approved, Council can store larger plant and vehicles there to cease using the depot 'in town' at Liebig (and then do the actions above?).

Update: This has been actioned and CLC will be consulting on the new lot addition and MRC will then take to NTG Lands and Planning for amendment to the lot.

Action Item- Telstra (raised on 02/11/2016)

Summary of action item:

That the Local Authority would like Council to contact Telstra on their behalf and enquire about when the community can expect Telstra to return and conduct the necessary work to enable mobile coverage in Mt Liebig.

Update: From Andrew Crouch from CAT - via email 24 April 2017:

The current schedule for Mt Liebig mobile tower to be operational is some time in 2018, so it is too early for a presentation visit. Also, at this stage the NT Government are only arranging these visits for those sites that they are co-funding with Telstra. The Mt Liebig tower is being funded by the Commonwealth under a separate program (Mobile Blackspots), so we would have to see closer to the time whether they are prepared to support a similar initiative for Mt Liebig. I'd suggest you touch base late in 2017, and we'll see how their schedule is progressing. Experience has shown that it is quite difficult to get feedback until the preparations are well advanced.

Update from Telstra contractor Service Stream 19 April 2017: Telstra wants Council to consult the Local Authority about additions to the existing tower at Mt Liebig in order to bring mobile coverage. This is addressed in a separate report later in this agenda.

Action Item- Outstations (raised on 02/11/2016)

Summary of action item:

That the Local Authority requests Council action the following requests for the outstations:

- 1) Service the generators, fixing or replacing the pump required to operate the generators.
- 2) Fix the damaged doors
- 3) Fix the solar lights that are not working
- 4) Enquire about connecting power lines to the outstations closest to community.

The CSC reported that all outstations were visited by JP Services in March/April and they conducted a total assessment of the plumbing, carpentry, and electricity – work on this is to be undertaken in the coming weeks.

Update:

This work has been completed, recommend close.

Action Item- Basketball Court (raised on 02/11/2016)

Summary of action item:

At their last meeting the Local Authority requested an update on the Facility and Capital Equipment (FACE) Grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation for the upgrade of the basketball court.

Update:

To be addressed in the Local Authority Project report.

Action Item- Electrical issues

Summary of action item:

Request David Wilson (Dept. Housing and Community Development) to follow up the progress regarding the electrical issues with lots 23, 24, 8, 6 as well as the issues related to the septic system at Mt Liebig.

Update: to be given by Dept. Housing and Community Development

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE	- 170137
AUTHOR	Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At their last meeting on 5 April 2017 the Local Authority discussed projects they wish to prioritise. As this was a provisional meeting, a resolution was not able to be passed. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Housing and Community Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority resolve to fund the projects below to the quoted amount for the water trailer and barbecue trailer and an agreed amount for the basketball court upgrade.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the Local Authority meeting on 5 April 2017 there were not enough members present to make decision about Local Authority project money. The Local Authority discussed committing project funds to the following projects:

1. Water tank trailer - \$10,000
Update: Has been ordered and quote came in at \$10,502
2. Upgrading the basketball court with new concrete and upgrade the lights around the court - \$25,000.
This project is being co-funded with FACE funding (NTG Sport and Rec) and their input is \$89k. Planning work is underway however more funds will be needed to complete the project in full. There is \$23,930 LA funds left after these three priorities as costed here (\$10k, \$25k and \$8k); so could the LA consider additional funds for this project from this year's (or next years) LA project funds, depending how much more is needed?
3. BBQ Trailer - \$8,000.
Update: Has been ordered at a cost of \$6,590

Note: only \$96 in Discretionary Funds remains at Mt Liebig.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are taken into account when allocating project funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Funds from the grant have two years from the date of issue to be acquitted (i.e. 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2018).

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and community

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE	\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03 - LOCAL AUTH MTGS\MT LIEBIG\09 - 2017 MEETINGS\MTNG 2 - 170408
AUTHOR	Stuart Millar, Council Services Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of achievements relating to key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Mt Liebig and any other relevant issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.

Staffing update

- All positions on the Mt Liebig Works Team are filled
- New team leader for youth starting shortly.
- Childcare is awaiting appointment of staff to help with school nutrition program
- We have a few people waiting for employment.

Local Government Services Update

- **Cemetery Management**
 - Cemetery has been slashed and glyphosate sprayed to control weeds.
 - 75% of the native trees planted around the cemetery perimeter have established successfully.
 - New shade structure will be erected shortly
- **Companion Animal Welfare Control**
 - Most animals are in healthy condition and free from ticks, mites and scabies, ivermectin/cydoctin treatments carried out on a regular basis.
 - Dr Bob the vet visited in May and approximately 39 females have received contraceptive injections.
 - Eight dogs were euthanized
 - Currently have no problem dogs and the clinic has had no one presenting with dog attack injury.
 - 101 dogs on community
- **Local Road Maintenance**
 - Curbing has been sprayed with glyphosate.
 - Emu bobs are ongoing along community streets.
 - All aluminium Cans and plastic bottles collected are being manually separated for recycling
- **Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces**
 - Sporting grounds have been graded and maintained and over 1 hundred square meters of crusher dust has been delivered to upgrade the surface of the softball oval. (awaiting decision from MacYouth as to how they want it layed)

- CLC approval has been granted for the building of new playground/park facility's at lot 99
- Basketball court has had some minor electrical upgrades.
- And will soon undergo full redesign.

- **Outstation MES Services**
 - Rubbish is collected twice a week
 - Clean up at all outstations including clearing the fire breaks, weed control and large rubbish removal has been completed.
 - Weed clearing and spraying of glyphosate conducted in and around solar installations, water tanks, bores and housing.
 - MRC grader team has been out and graded all internal roads, bore roads and fire breaks.

- **Waste Management.**
 - Emu bobs around the community to collect litter are ongoing
 - Tip drop of areas are being re-established to be more defined and easier to identify.
 - Community garbage is collected twice a week

- **Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**
 - Civil works team have been mowing and whipper snipping
 - Mowing, wiper snipping spraying and slashing is ongoing.
 - All fire breaks are in place and in good condition

- **Other Service Delivery Updates**
 - All fencing upgrades are completed.
 - 14 New solar lights have been delivered for outstations and around the community and have been erected at Willy wagtail and Ngumpa so far
 - Awaiting CLC approval for the extension of lot 45 council depot.
 - Mailboxes for community houses have been picked up and just require upright supports, these have been fabricated and are awaiting pick up at DNA steel Direct.
 - New Solar farm constructed at power facility is complete awaiting P&W to connect.
 - New water tank has arrived for installation at Lizard Bore OS
 - 50 Trees to be delivered shortly for placement around sports ovals



New solar lights at Willy wagtail OS



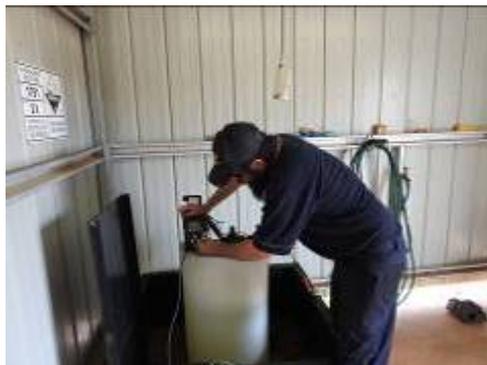
New shade structures at sports ovals



Dr Bob keeping the community dogs healthy



Mt Liebig ESO keeping our water flowing



New Chlorine pump to keep our drinking water safe



Civil team keeping the Airstrip in good working order



Community BBQ to explain the new solar project to help community power supply



Youth music workshop



Land prep for new water tank at Lizard Bore OS



Civil team manually sorting recyclables to be taken in to Alice Springs and kept out of community landfill



Softball oval prepped ready for new surface

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.2
TITLE Complaints Received
REFERENCE - 170191
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update to the Local Authority about complaints received regarding Council Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note that no complaints were received this reporting period.

CONSULTATION

Community Service Coordinator

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Community Service Mt Liebig Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 170234
AUTHOR	Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES**Service Delivery**

- The Early Childhood and Outside School Hour Care programs were fully delivered during this reporting period.

Service Engagement

- An average number of 13 children attended the Early Learning program and 12 children attended the Outside School Hours Care program this reporting period.

Other Updates

- The school nutrition program is operating well when all staff attend. However it is disruptive to the Early Learning program when staff are away as the team leader needs to ensure all school nutrition meals are delivered on time to the school.
- Two educators remain focused on their Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care accredited training with Batchelor Institute. They will be attending another study week in Alice Springs in June.

COMMUNITY SAFETY**Service Delivery**

- Night Patrol services fully delivered this reporting period.
- This team generally works well with little supervision. Recruiting will strengthen team structure

Service Engagement

- Mount Liebig Night Patrol assisted 203 people this reporting period;
 - 106 Men and 97 Women were assisted
 - 40 School Aged Children returned to family
 - 11 school aged children refused Night Patrol transport.

Other Updates

- Community Safety continues to work towards a collaborative approach between all stakeholders, particularly Police.
- Coordinator provided informal training and mentoring during this reporting period. Computer training to be conducted on community 5th June, 2017.

YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery

- The MacYouth Senior Youth Services Officer (SYSO) in Mount Liebig has been managing the delivery of the youth program in accordance with the weekly roster since February 2017. Due to personal reasons the SYSO has returned to Papunya community. MacYouth Mt Liebig will have a new Team Leader commencing on the 13th June.
- The service was disrupted for approximately eight days during this reporting period due to sorry business and staffing issues.

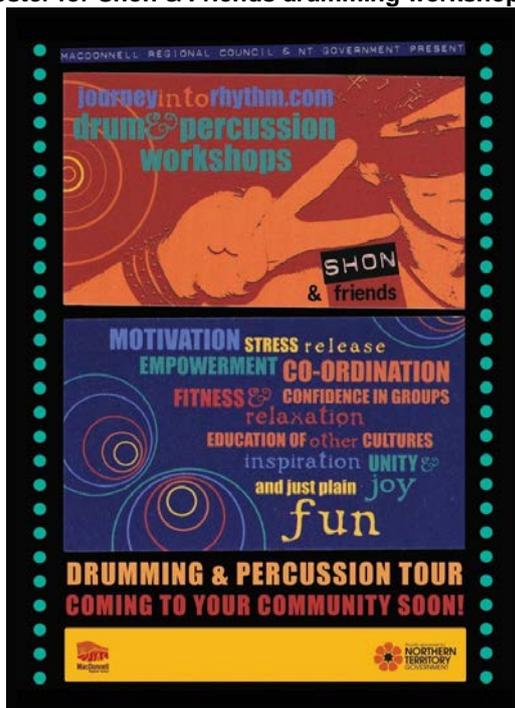
Service Engagement

- Approximately 700 engagements from young people at youth programs each month during this reporting period, with an average of 15 attending each activity.
- Mount Liebig Youth team had regular programs which consisted of Softball, Football, Music, Computer Room, Disco Tjilirra tool making and Cultural Bush Trips.

Other Updates

- Mount Liebig hosted two drumming workshops in this reporting period. One, facilitated by Relationships Australia, involved building wooden drums and learning to play them. The second music workshop, delivered by Shon & friends, provided a 'Journey into Rhythm' with drums and other percussion instruments.
- Mount Liebig have been participating in the Regional Softball Competition, playing games and travelling between Papunya, Kintore and Haasts Bluff.
- All Teams remained focused on their Certificate II in Sport and Recreation accredited training.
- MacYouth Mount Liebig held events for National Youth Week lead by the local youth board. The youth board raised issues of the need for more support around education and more accessible schooling options. They have also begun fundraising as part of the youth program and planning for a trip to town in the future.

Poster for Shon & Friends drumming workshop



MacYouth staff holding a team meeting



Papunya and Mount Liebig girls playing softball in Papunya April 2017



CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager Children's Services – Margaret Harrison
Manager Community Safety – Paul Dickson
Manager Youth Services – Bianca Rayner

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Nominations for Mt Liebig Local Authority
REFERENCE	- 170309
AUTHOR	Stuart Millar, Council Services Coordinator

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There are currently 2 vacant positions on the Mt Liebig Local Authority. Nominations for these positions closed on 22 May 2017. The Council is seeking good community members that will be assertive and help put forward ideas to make the community better. Council makes the appointments to Local Authorities at its next Ordinary Council meeting after hearing from the Local Authorities and the communities about the suitability of nominees.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority consider the nominations received for the vacant Local Authority member positions and give their recommendation on these nominees up to Council.

BACKGROUND

The Mt Liebig Local Authority is made up of 7 local members and 3 Councilors. They have 4 Local Authority meetings a year and discuss things like council service delivery, project funding and project ideas and progress, finances etc.

CONSULTATION

Community Service Coordinator
Local Authority members

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.5
TITLE Local Authority Survey
REFERENCE - 168840
AUTHOR David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is seeking feedback from the Local Authority about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority give their feedback to Council about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.6
TITLE	MacDonnell Regional Council election and candidates
REFERENCE	- 168836
AUTHOR	David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
Goal 03: Engaged Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) election happens every four years; our 12 Councillors serve for four-year terms. The election is due this year, to be held on 26 August. All Councillor positions are available for election, or re-election of Councillors wanting to continue on Council. Candidate nominations close at 12 noon on Thursday 3 August. The election is held in MRC's four wards. A number of Councillors are elected from each ward. The elected Councillors then elect the President and Deputy President of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the presentation on this year's MRC election and candidate requirements and give the information presented to other community members.

BACKGROUND

Election is necessary if there are more nominations than the number of members drawn from each ward. More than this number allows residents of all MRC's communities a good choice of who they want to represent them on Council. Candidates must be enrolled to vote. There are other requirements too, to be explained. The election is to be run by the NT Electoral Commission.

The Council office can help by providing information to you if you wish to nominate or find out more information about what it means to be a Councillor. But to be fair, Council staff can't help you with your campaign or provide material or funds in any way to support your campaign. Nor should you ask a staff member during or after work to help promote you as a Councillor over another member of the community. While they can help with information, Council staff must be fair, and seen to be fair or unbiased.

CONSULTATION

MRC Director Corporate Services

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2017
REFERENCE	- 168848
AUTHOR	Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2017 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 March 2017.

BACKGROUND

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Expenditure report as at 31 March 2017

{March 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Mount Liebig (Watiyawanu)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 17					
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	26,708	30,249	3,541	40,332	
Other Operational	26,708	30,249	3,541	40,332	
Maintain Roads	16,418	12,555	(3,862)	16,740	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	3,758	3,480	(278)	4,640	
Other Operational	12,659	9,075	(3,584)	12,100	
Manage Council Service Delivery	133,305	143,826	10,521	189,530	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	109,503	112,888	3,385	148,280	
Other Operational	23,802	30,938	7,136	41,250	
Civil Works	225,822	230,760	4,938	301,770	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	183,987	179,572	(4,415)	233,520	
Other Operational	41,835	51,188	9,352	68,250	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	1,371	4,777	3,406	6,370	
Other Operational	1,371	4,777	3,406	6,370	
Street & Public Lighting	2,928	2,535	(393)	3,380	
Other Operational	2,928	2,535	(393)	3,380	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities	33,387	73,791	40,404	74,746	
Other Operational	33,387	73,791	40,404	74,746	Projects to be funded agreed but not fully spent.
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	42,451	37,883	(4,569)	50,510	
Other Operational	42,451	37,883	(4,569)	50,510	
Manage HR	44	165	121	220	
Other Operational	44	165	121	220	
Training & Development	509	2,550	2,041	3,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	509	2,550	2,041	3,400	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	482,943	539,091	56,147	686,998	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Outstations Civil Works	60,724	67,759	7,035	85,590	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	15,802	17,981	2,180	23,380	
Other Operational	44,922	49,778	4,855	62,210	
Outstations Housing Repairs & Maintenance	9,099	26,755	17,656	33,940	
Other Operational	9,099	26,755	17,656	33,940	Contractors have recently completed works - awaiting invoices. Further works planned.
Homelands Extra Allowance	3,874	7,875	4,001	10,500	
Other Operational	3,874	7,875	4,001	10,500	
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	68,779	76,430	7,651	99,980	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	52,417	59,255	6,838	77,080	
Other Operational	16,362	17,175	813	22,900	
Centrelink	23,366	35,692	12,326	46,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	23,366	35,692	12,326	46,400	Underspent employee costs due to the position being vacant for an extended period.
Manage Projects	136,642	282,904	146,262	373,010	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	2,100	3,825	1,725	5,100	
Other Operational	134,542	279,079	144,537	367,910	Budget is for Municipal & Essential Services Special Purpose Grant various outstations project and Basketball Court. Most of the purchases will happen in the next quarter.
HMESP	65,540	50,272	(15,268)	67,030	
Other Operational	65,540	50,272	(15,268)	67,030	
Community Services					
Community Safety	129,024	157,741	28,717	205,470	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	122,646	146,618	23,972	190,640	

{March 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Other Operational	6,377	11,122	4,745	14,830
Youth Development	143,862	157,166	13,304	206,170
Wages and Other Employee Costs	98,787	102,011	3,224	132,630
Other Operational	45,075	55,155	10,080	73,540
Children's Services	294,921	312,506	17,585	411,570
Wages and Other Employee Costs	199,560	195,535	(4,025)	255,610
Other Operational	95,361	116,970	21,609	155,960
SNP School Nutrition Program	60,964	50,620	(10,344)	67,380
Wages and Other Employee Costs	7,672	6,633	(1,039)	8,730
Other Operational	53,292	43,987	(9,304)	58,650
Children's Services	0	7,500	7,500	10,000
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	3,998	3,998	5,330
Other Operational	0	3,502	3,502	4,670
Self Funded Sport and Rec	0	1,125	1,125	1,500
Other Operational	0	1,125	1,125	1,500
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	996,794	1,234,345	237,550	1,618,540
TOTAL	1,479,738	1,773,435	293,698	2,305,538

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.

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year
Discretionary Funds	3,579	4,000	421	4,000

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Service Stream on behalf of Telstra
REFERENCE	- 170601
AUTHOR	David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
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Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Telstra proposes to install mobile phone coverage equipment on an existing 23 metre Telstra tower at Watiyawanu Road Mt Liebig. Via Service Stream, it is seeking Mt Liebig Local Authority comments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority consider the Telstra proposal to install mobile phone coverage equipment at Docker River and provide their comments.

BACKGROUND

Information on the works on and around the tower, and other relevant information, will be tabled at the meeting.

Mobile coverage can bring some negative social impacts to communities. Some information on this will be tabled too.

Via Vision Stream, Telstra is also consulting with the Central Land Council re any sacred site protection requirements, even though this is a proposal to use an existing tower.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 170306
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any updates necessary and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept any information or updates from the Department of Housing and Community Development.