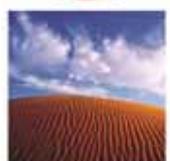




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Despite being a small community Wallace Rockhole has always shown great initiative to get things done

## Wallace Rockhole is open for business...

Following the completion of MacDonnell Regional Council's upgrade of the access road linking Wallace Rockhole to Larapinta Drive, tourists can now drive regular cars to experience the rock art and dot painting tours the community offers. Along with the road upgrade, a recent announcement by the Federal Government to install a mobile phone tower at this and three other communities, in the coming years will add to their accessibility. All this follows Wallace Rockhole being named the first ever community to be awarded a Tidy Town 4 Gold Star Tourism Award, after many years of community support for its cultural tourism infrastructure and services...

Find out the latest instalments at Wallace Rockhole and other communities of the MacDonnell Regional Council inside

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## CEO UPDATE

### Welcome to MacDonnell Regional Council,



We have all been very busy since the last *MacNews* finalising *Our Regional Plan*, meeting our Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and finishing off another financial year full of improvements to the lives of our residents.



At our most recent Council meeting, the KPI Report for the past financial year was presented, showing an outstanding effort across all areas of the MacDonnell Regional Council through some very impressive results. Most notably this was evident with three out of every four KPIs undertaken having been achieved.



Another sign of great progress through our KPIs across our workforce is shown with our target for staff acquiring relevant training being easily exceeded. Importantly this underpins our indigenous employment rate of 80% and ensures our staff are trained to do their job while establishing career paths within the MacDonnell Regional Council.



Being contracted to continue bringing upgrades and refurbishments to another 153 Territory Housing properties – this time across four communities – is an example of how staff can be more employable as a result of our support. The governments' trust was earned by our Civil Works team in Docker River with the support of our Technical Services staff as they delivered a contract across six properties. Their fine work has been rewarded with contracts in their community as well as in Mount Liebig, Kintore and Areyonga.



While our second round of voting overwhelmingly endorsed the revised Enterprise Agreement, we decided to withdraw the application as there were pre-approval issues raised by the Fair Work Commissioner. Council will instead continue to work through the process to make the Agreement beneficial to the future of its staff and the organisation. Once a new HR Manager settles into their position we will begin a review of the Commissioners comments with the aim to have a new agreement in place before the end of this year.



At this moment Heimo Schober from Keep Australia Beautiful NT is judging our communities against the goals of the Territory Tidy Town competition. I'm very interested to see who will be the next Territory Tidy Town. Will our stars at Titjikala continue their great reign, or will another community step up? There are certainly other very deserving communities like Haasts Bluff and Finke, while others like Papunya have made great improvements. We wish everyone who has looked after their community all the best in this year's competition.



MacDonnell Council's outstanding effort over the past twelve months is a reflection on all our staff in all our services across the region.



I send my compliments and thanks to all staff for living up to the Vision, promoting the Mission and delivering the Goals of the MacDonnell Regional Council.



Keep up the great work, Jeff

Jeff MacLeod, Chief Executive Officer, MacDonnell Regional Council.



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## Papunya begins Tidy Town dreaming

Local Authority members in Papunya decided to find ways to involve their community in becoming a Territory Tidy Town. Following discussions with visiting Titjikala workers Darren Wilyuka, Alex Palmer and Dave McGregor, who shared secrets of their community winning Territory Tidy Towns twice, the Local Authority members set out a plan for Papunya residents to better engage and manage their rubbish.

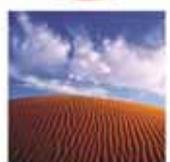


Tidy Town legends, Darren Wilyuka, Alex Palmer and Titjikala CSC Dave McGregor talk with the Papunya Local Authority about ways to become a tidier town

The Papunya Local Authority decided on a week in April and then begun talking up the *Clean Up Papunya Week* among community residents. Council Services Coordinator Rhonnie Wilcomes got the ball rolling and the MacDonnell Council staff in Papunya swung into action preparing for a busy week. MacYouth team made a video featuring Papunya's young people sharing messages about keeping their community clean. A sign for the *Clean Up Papunya Week* winner was made and at school children designed *Keep Papunya Clean* posters. Central to the *Clean Up Papunya Week*, the Civil Works team supplied residents with rakes, gloves and large rubbish bags as households got involved.



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## Papunya begins Tidy Town dreaming continued

During the *Clean Up Papunya Week*, the Civil Works team divided themselves into three groups. One group collected regular rubbish in the compactor truck, another group went around with a small truck picking up the hard rubbish that households had placed on the street (washing machines, tyres etc). The last group was in the work ute checking on the roadsides and helping residents to rake up and bag ground rubbish.



It was very gratifying for the community to get involved with many out raking up their yards and putting hard rubbish out on the footpath. Throughout the *Clean Up Papunya Week* the tally of rubbish taken to the Waste Management Facility included: 18 ute loads of general rubbish; 15 truck loads of large rubbish (car parts, building materials, kids push bikes); 8 rubbish compactor loads (household rubbish); 22 washing machines; 14 fridges; 72 tyres; 24 batteries; and 13 cars were identified to be moved.



At the end of *Clean Up Papunya Week* the community came together for a barbeque lunch where everyone got to relax and admire the great job they had done. The residents judged to have *The Cleanest Area* and *The Runner Up* were announced and awarded their prizes.

The *Clean Up Papunya Week* shows what can be done with some funding, good organisation, planning, a community interested in improvement and a great Civil Works team. The community recognises this is not a one time fix, but rather with the community being a clean canvas they can make Papunya a masterpiece again.

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## Docker River doing such a great job the Minister flew in to check them out



After completing upgrades or refurbishments to six Territory Housing properties in Docker River last financial year, more of our Civil Works teams are now getting ready to do the same – this time working across four of our communities on 153 houses.



Visiting Docker River as the Minister for Housing, Bess Price inspected our workers progress following her announcement that Docker River, Mount Liebig, Kintore and Areyonga would get house upgrades in the coming months. MacDonnell Regional Council can thank the great job done by our Civil Works team in Docker River for the new contracts.



“The works have exceeded our local employment targets and were completed ahead of schedule. This shows the dedication and hard work local Indigenous employees are willing to put in to their own communities to improve living standards” Minister Price said.



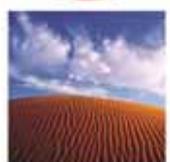
The great news about the housing upgrades came at the same time as the Territory and Federal Governments announced that both Docker River and Papunya will get a new renal clinic, while the health clinic at Mount Liebig will get an upgrade so it is able to also provide renal care.



“When this health problem is so common with our people it makes sense to treat people where they live” our President, Sid Anderson said.



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## Flash new bus for Home Care in Hermannsburg

Staff and clients of our Hermannsburg Home Care cut a ribbon, tied across the access door of their new bus, as they celebrated its recent delivery. Replacing their old bus, this twelve seater HiAce has been specially modified to fit wheelchairs, walkers and even shopping as its driver, Patrick Oliver assists our Home Care clients to get around their community.

“The bus is pretty fancy – it even shows a small movie of what is behind when it is reversing!” Patrick said.

Home Care can now better provide transport around the community for clients and their carer – to visit the clinic, do their shopping, visit Centrelink, and sometimes even go to visit family and friends in Old Timers Aged Home to Alice Springs.

“Having a bus like this helps our clients to maintain their independence, make decisions about their day, feel strong and help them to stay on community longer rather than having to move to Alice Springs” MacDonnell Regional Council’s Manager Home Care, Nina Bullock said.

## Titjikala win as the Army moves in



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An Australian Army contingent of 150 members moved into Titjikala to begin a five month stay to construct sewerage ponds and connect all the Titjikala residents on a sewerage system. Following a series of consultations with the Army, activities will also include building two duplexes, fixing the change sheds at the sports grounds and making upgrades to the men’s shed, including providing a power supply.

The Titjikala Hawks soared over the Australian Army in a friendly footy match before some serious civil works began.  
Photo: CPL Steve Duncan / Department of Defence

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## Wallace Rockhole is open for business... (from front page) ...and with shade over their pumps they can now sell fuel on hot days.

Tourists can now drive regular vehicles to experience the rock art and dot painting tours offered in the Wallace Rockhole community. They can stay overnight in cabins or at the campgrounds and refuel before going on to discover the sights in the West Macs.

The first major project completed from Wallace Rockhole's Local Authority funding allocation has been used to address a long standing issue that had prevented fuel sales on hot days. Fuel is easier to pump in cold weather and on Wallace Rockhole's usually hot summer days it does not pump at all. This project is just the latest of many improvements and acknowledgements the hard working community has been attaining.



**Upgrade around visitor area:** Along with shade being installed at the fuel pumps, other civil works have been completed that upgrade the visitor area adjacent to the Wallace Rockhole Tourist Park and the community store. MacDonnell Regional Council's diligent Civil Works team in Wallace Rockhole have completed works that improve the visitor experience and make life better for the long term residents.

Traffic management and parking around the Wallace Rockhole Tourist Park have been improved following the installation of bollards. Improvements to the toilet facilities, parking, and shading of the fuel pump driveway will add to the visitor experience of the beautiful little community.

**Access road upgrade:** Wallace Rockhole has a long established history as a friendly community and has been running its own tourism operations for several decades. The recently completed road upgrade gives greater access for all residents, tourists and tourism operators.

The upgrade raised and reformed the road making it now safe for two-wheel-drive vehicles to access the cultural tourism opportunities provided by the community. MacDonnell Regional Council acknowledges the Federal Government's support of Council's road development program.

**Gold Star Tourism Award:** After being awarded the inaugural *Gold Star Tourism Award* rating at last year's Territory Tidy Town, Keep Australia Beautiful NT (KABNT) donated roadside signage to further identify the community as a great place to visit. Heimo Schober from KABNT also presented residents with personal accolades for their commitment to the presentation of their community and their tourism infrastructure and services.



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## Wallace Rockhole is open for business...continued



The Tidy Town *Gold Star Tourism Award* rating system offers a qualification for tourists looking to gain cultural experiences by visiting a community. Wallace Rockhole inspired the *Gold Star Tourism Award* rating concept after having received their highest award many times over its history. The community now leads the way for other Northern Territory communities by consistently finding ways to shine as an outstanding community to visit.



**Mobile phone towers:** The Federal Government announced that Wallace Rockhole would be one of five communities in the Northern Territory to have a mobile phone tower installed in the coming years.

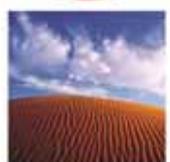
The announcement included three other MacDonnell Regional Council communities of Finke, Imanpa and Mount Liebig. Following the rollout of the mobile phone towers, the number of communities in the MacDonnell Regional Council with mobile reception will double from four to eight (out of thirteen) communities.



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## Keeping our communities even safer

Ross River Resort proved the perfect retreat for our Night Patrol staff to complete their Cert 3 in Community Safety. Night Patrol staff came from communities across the MacDonnell Regional Council to enjoy learning together.



Night Patrol staff from left to right after finishing their Cert 3 training. BACK ROW: Rex Eddie, Dennis Nipper, Peter Bennett, Ashley Wiseman, Silvester Jugardi, Tutuma Jack, Bob Allen, Sebastian Allen, Larry Major, Daryl Corby, Wilbur Poulson, FRONT ROW: Marresha Lucky, Margaret Pearce, Garnet Djarna, Veronica Reid, Alison Minor, Clarice Morgan, Alfreda Minor

## Creating great landfills makes for national award

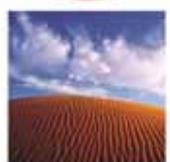
Collectively known as the Central Australian Regional Waste Management Program (CARWMP), the MacDonnell, Barky and Central Desert Regional Councils were recently won a national award for their program *Creating Great Landfills in Central Australian Remote Aboriginal Communities*. They were awarded the *Boosting Productivity Through Infrastructure* category by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon Warren Truss MP at the Local Government Management Conference.

The *Creating great landfills in central Australian remote Aboriginal communities* program has gone from strength to strength in its three years. CARWMP initially won the *Tip Top Tip* category of the Keep Australia Beautiful NT Tidy Towns awards in 2013 and 2014.

A feature of CARWMP is the development of an App that Civil Works teams can use on a graphic tablet device at the tip to record, track and assess the status of their landfill week by week. Enabling staff to complete core tasks with less paper work and much less emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills, the App was developed by CAT and programmer Spinifex Valley and was supported by the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority.



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Local Government and Community Services Minister Bess Price and her Adviser Heidi Williams at Amoonguna playing the roles of a government minister and her advisor visiting the fictitious community of Alangkwa Valley during filming for a television series *Our Place* – while in the background architecture students finish constructing a shade shelter

## Amoonguna, action!

From a television crew that adopted the community as its main location, to architecture students from around the country and the globe collaborating with our staff, to the Ordinary Council meeting where Councillors adopted the next Regional Plan for our coming years – Amoonguna has been at the centre of a lot of action!

With some actors and extras from Amoonguna, community locations shone in the background of scenes as a small but dynamic local television crew shot a four-part pilot television series. Titled *Our Place*, the series is an amusing look at community life written by Warren H Williams.



Some scenes, filmed in and around our council office and store, included mischievous kids, a visiting politician and a stressed out council manager.

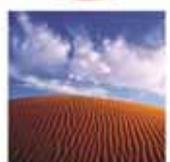
*Our Place* is planned to be broadcast on Indigenous Community Television (ICTV) early next year. ICTV is a television service that can be picked up on digital set-top boxes in remote communities across Australia.

Central characters in the *Our Place* television series, the highly enquisitive kids Mali and Dion, were played by Amoongua locals Leroy Dickson and Mythusius Stuart

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## Amoonguna, Action! continued



The young stars Leroy Dickson and Mythusius Stuart explore other roles in the television industry (left), while Minister Price was only acting when she promised a massive new grandstand to the fictitious council manager Lionel, played by Young Warren Williams (above), and (below) Melbourne University students demonstrate their skills in both the building process and the users' enjoyment of the new shade shelter



After spending 10 days with the Civil Works team in Amoonguna, architecture students from Melbourne University's Bower Studio created their signature shade shelters. At the same time they had done a similar program in Areyonga after last year initiating their relationship with MacDonnell Regional Council in Titjikala.

Their program is an exercise in two-way learning where the students and supervising lecturers work with residents to define the community needs of a building and with our Civil Works team they design and build a shelter.



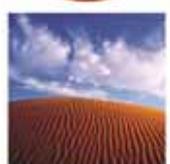
As part of our rotation of MacDonnell Regional Council meetings in communities, the previous Ordinary Council meeting, held in June, was at Amoonguna. After months of development and consideration, the meeting was Council's final assessment of *Our Regional Plan* before its approval. *Our Regional Plan* is the document that puts forward our ideas and direction for the coming years.

See a summary of the new Objectives from the current *Our Regional Plan* on the back page:

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## A SHOUT-OUT to our workers!

When staff asked *MacNews* to acknowledge some great work being done by their fellow workers, the “A shout-out” section was introduced. Since then management has introduced a better way for staff to recognise the great work being done by their fellow workers and for management to reward our great efforts. They call them...

## ...the Reward and Recognition Awards.

Each month an email goes out to all staff asking them to nominate a fellow worker or a team that has been doing a great job. By explaining why the person or team should be recognised and rewarded, they can nominate them in any of the 4 categories:

**Service Excellence** – for sustaining a high level of service and receiving consistent positive feedback from clients

**Innovation and Creativity** – for using skills, resourcefulness and creativity to implement changes to improve service, productivity or standards of work

**Above and Beyond** – for performing above what is normally required by achieving additional goals and objectives on a daily basis

**Sustainability** – for making ongoing efforts to increase Council income, decrease costs, maximise efficiency or minimise impacts on the environment.

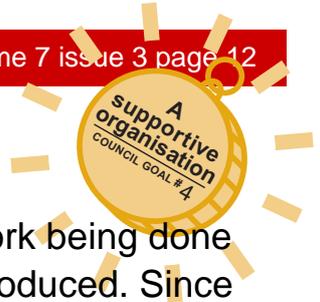
At the Managers’ Meetings nominations are voted on to decide which team will be the *Team of the Month* and who will be awarded the *Employee of the Month*. All those nominated receive a *Certificate of Nomination* to make sure they know their great job is being recognised.

### So far this year we Reward and Recognise:

**June 2015 Employee of the Month):** Paul Fly – Service Excellence  
*Certificates of Nomination:* Amanda Baird; David Brown; Audrey Miller; Cheryle Ryan; and Aaron Young

**May 2015 Employee of the Month:** Melvin Malbunka – Going Above and Beyond  
*Team of the Month:* Mount Liebig Civil Works – Service Excellence  
*Certificates of Nomination:* Ian Boko; David Brown; Megan Emitja; Richard McWaters; Donovan Mulladad; Papunya Civil Works; Cheryle Ryan; Loraine Scobie; Douglas Wells; and Trevor Willy

**February 2015 Employees of the Month (a tie!):** Jenny Murnik and Patty O'Neill – both for Service Excellence; and  
*Team of the Month:* Kintore Night Patrol Team – Service Excellence  
*Certificates of Nomination:* Ian Boko; David Brown; Tanya Lucky; Dave McGregor; Cheryle Ryan; Kura Waugh; Titjikala Civil Team; and Trevor Willy.



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## STAFF MOVEMENTS



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



### Alice Springs

Nathan Coleman - Coordinator Youth Development  
Diana Gallo - Manager Community Safety  
Megan Griffiths - Governance Support Officer  
Children's Services Coordinator – Karen Letsch  
Darlyhne Lillico - Administration Officer  
Rohan Marks - Director Community Services  
Helen McMillan - Coordinator Youth Development  
Steven Pedersen - WHS and Training Coordinator  
Merridie Satour - Acting Manager Community Safety  
Pauline Tisell - Finance Officer - Procurement  
Sarah Tsai - HR Officer  
Rachel Walsh - Senior Governance Officer  
Sophie Wishart – Administration Assistant



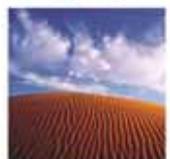
### Amoonguna

Terry Keane - Store Manager  
Levina Phillips - Council Service Coordinator  
Jamie Williams - Night Patrol Officer



### Areyonga (Utju)

Jacob Carol - Works Assistant  
Martin Carroll - Works Assistant  
Dianne Crisp - Team Leader Youth Development  
Jonathon Doolan - Works Assistant  
Rebecca Doolan - OSHC Facilitator  
Mikaela Gallagher - Home Care Assistant  
Veronica Long - Administration Assistant Centrelink  
Alexandra Millar - Program Support Officer OSHC  
Theresa Nantjina - OSHC Facilitator  
Lucinda Nipper - Home Care Assistant  
Judith Walkabout - Early Childhood Educator  
Kathleen Windy - Team Leader Youth Development



### Docker River (Kaltukatjara)

Travis Brown - Works Assistant  
Matthew Garman - Administration Assistant Centrelink  
Gerald Mitchell - Works Assistant  
Kennedy Mitchell - Labourer  
Natasha Robinson - Night Patrol Officer  
Sally Yibardi - ECE

### Finke (Aputula)

Shawn Doolan - Works Assistant  
Kevin James - Works Assistant  
Rodney Lambourne - Works Assistant  
Gareth Lea - Essential Services Operator  
Sylvana Marks - ECE  
Joanne Santo - Team Leader Children's Services  
Charmaine Stuart - Early Childhood Educator

### Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji)

Eli Kantawarra - Night Patrol Officer  
Mandy Godwin - Program Support Officer OSHC  
Roseranna Larry - Administration Assistant  
Francis Marshall - Senior Works Assistant  
Erin Murphy - Team Leader Children's Services  
Amber Thompson - Program Support Officer OSHC

### Hermannsburg (Ntaria)

Rewa Angell - Council Service Coordinator  
Reggie Lankin - Team Leader youth Development  
Francis Oliver - Works Assistant  
Eleanor Robinja - ECE

### Imanpa

Paul Pumpjack - Works Assistant

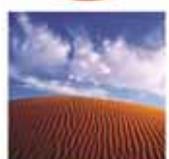
### Kintore (Walungurru)

Joe Barham - Team Leader Works  
Victor Barku - OSHC Facilitator  
Gerrard Giles - Youth Development Officer  
Steven Nolan - Works Assistant  
Samuel Pollard - Works Assistant HMESP  
Shania Sampson - Pool Assistant  
Sylvia Sharpe - Youth Development Officer  
Junior Simms - OSHC Facilitator  
Aaron Young - Works Assistant





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## Mt Liebig (Watiyawanu)

Daryl Corby - Night Patrol Officer  
 Patrick Collins - Works Assistant  
 Dillon Daniels - Youth Development Officer  
 Paul Fly - Essential Services Operator  
 Roderick Kantamara - Team Leader - Night Patrol  
 Wally Kantamara - Works Assistant  
 Lindsay Katakarinja - Works Assistant  
 Maxine Myers - Administration Assistant  
 Centrelink  
 Sarah Pavihi - Program Support Officer - OSHC  
 Tammy Reiss - Relief Council Service Coordinator  
 Franklin Wheeler - Works Assistant

## Papunya (Warumpi)

Donella Clarke - Administration Assistant  
 Centrelink  
 Virginia Coleman - Administration Assistant  
 Centrelink  
 Herman Corby - Youth Development Officer  
 Max Inkamala - Works Assistant  
 Christine Karpa - Home Care Assistant  
 Suzanne Lovett - Team leader Youth Development  
 Vincent McDonald - Works Assistant  
 Jason Minor - Works Assistant  
 Minnie Nelson - Educator OSHC  
 Peter Poulson - Works Assistant  
 Billal Soubjaki - Program Support Officer - OSHC  
 Jonathon Yungut - Works Assistant

## Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte)

Sam Ashton - ESO  
 Barney Conway - Works Assistant  
 Jules Galliers - Team Leader Youth Development  
 Jared Mathieson-Hiakita - Team Leader Youth Development  
 Steven Meredith - Team Leader Works  
 Anne Young - Early Childhood Educator

## Titjikala (Tapatjatjaka)

Leroy Wilyuka - Youth Assistant

## Wallace Rockhole

Bobby Abbott - Works Assistant  
 Howard Abbott - Works Assistant

## Undisputed—longest—serving staff members find new roles

Merridie Satour retired at the end of June as our Acting Manager Community Safety and our former Senior Governance Officer Levina Phillips took up the role of Council Services Coordinator in Amoonguna. While the Alice Springs office feels it has lost some depth from its corporate knowledge, staff have gained a wealth of experience from their professional and cultural knowledge.



Councillors wish Levina well after their last Ordinary meeting with her in Haasts Bluff saying "they are sad to lose her great knowledge and personality from their meetings, but are happy to see another indigenous staff member progress within the organisation.

Both women bring with them many years experience working from when the Shire began in 2008 and into the current Regional Council. We are sorry to say goodbye to Merridie Satour, but glad to still be working with Levina Phillips.

## Thank you!

To the Titjikala and Kintore Childcare and to the Areyonga, Titjikala, Santa Teresa and Wallace Rockhole SDCs, for recycling your Printer Cartridges!



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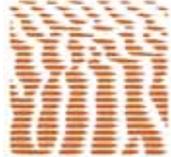
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## UPCOMING MEETINGS



The following dates are correct at the time of publishing – for accurate and up to the minute dates and information please check our **Upcoming Activities** calendar at: [www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au](http://www.macdonnell.nt.gov.au)



### Finance Committee Meeting

10:00am Friday 25 September  
Council Chambers, Alice Springs



### Audit Committee Meeting

11:00am Friday 25 September  
Council Chambers, Alice Springs



### Ordinary Council Meeting

10:00am Friday 30 October  
Council Chambers, Alice Springs



### Local Authority Meetings

10:30am in the Council Office Meeting Room of each respective community:

**Docker River** Wednesday 9 September

**Hermannsburg** Thursday 10 September

**Santa Teresa** Wednesday 16 September

**Titjikala** Thursday 17 September

**Mount Liebig** Wednesday 30 September

**Papunya** Thursday 1 October

**Haasts Bluff** Wednesday 7 October

**Areyonga** Thursday 8 October

**Imanpa** Wednesday 14 October

**Finke** Thursday 15 October

**Kintore** Wednesday 21 October



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## OTHER EVENTS

### Many thanks to our retiring vet



Colin Gulbrandson of Outback Veterinary Services has provided services to the MacDonnell Regional Council for five years. Having announced his retirement his recent round of visits to his communities of Docker River, Imanpa, Finke, Santa Teresa, Amoonguna, Titjikala and Wallace Rockhole were his final.

We thank him for his commitment to improving the lives of our residents.

### Changes to Public Housing Visitor Management Policy

The Department of Housing has revised its Visitor Management policy. The length of time public housing tenants can have visitors to stay before needing Department of Housing approval has been reduced from six to two weeks in remote areas and four to two weeks in urban areas.

For further information please contact your local Housing office.

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## Summary of our current Objectives from the 2015 – 2019 Regional Plan



# Straight guide to Council Goals



### The first Council Goal is for **Developing Communities**

this is achieved when:

- we develop partnerships that support Council and the community vision; and
- our services build community strength.



### The second Council Goal is for **Liveable Communities**

this is achieved when:

- community members are proud of where they live;
- sport and recreation areas are developed; and
- people's health and safety are improved.



### The third Council Goal is for **Engaged Communities**

this is achieved when we:

- increase community involvement with Local Authorities; and
- build relationships with communities.



### The final Council Goal is for **A Supportive Organisation**

this is achieved by:

- supporting our leaders;
- supporting our staff; and
- strong financial management and compliance.



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