



## **AGENDA**

# **FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024**

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Finke Council Office on Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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**15 MEETING CLOSED**

**3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

That members:

- a) notes the attendance; and
- b) accepts the apologies to the meeting.

**3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

That members notes the absentees to the meeting.

**3.3 RESIGNATIONS**

NIL

**3.4 TERMINATIONS**

NIL

### 3.5. NOMINATIONS

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Nominations
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



#### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This paper highlights the changes to the Local Authority Membership and notes that due to a resignation being received from Mr Geoffrey Stuart, a vacancy is currently available on the Authority.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the current membership on the Authority;
- b) notes that the five vacancies were created due to the memberships being revoked for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings; and
- c) calls for community nominations to open.

#### BACKGROUND

The current membership of Finke Local Authority stands at seven appointed positions and four elected positions.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP as at 1 DEC 2024	
7 Appointed Members	4 Elected Councillors
Michael Ferguson – <i>Chair</i>	Patrick Allen
Rosemary Matasia	Aloyiscois Hayes
VACANT	Lisa Sharman
VACANT	Andrew Davis
VACANT	
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New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019, Ministerial Guidelines and Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, MC02-P2.

Council appoints Local Authority members under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

#### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Functions of the Local Authority (*Local Government Act 2019* section 78):

- a) To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government; and
- b) To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government; and
- c) To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region; and
- d) To take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf; and

- e) To contribute to the development of the relevant regional plan; and
- f) To make recommendations to the council in relation to:
  - i. The council's budget; and
  - ii. The part of the council's area within which the local authority performs its functions; and
- g) To perform other functions assigned to the local authority by the Minister, in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

If Local Authorities do not maintain their membership numbers, their ability to achieve quorum for their meetings is impaired and they may not be able to commit funds to Community projects and events.

**CONSULTATION**

Finke Local Authority

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

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#### 4. MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	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 Finke Local Authority notes 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.

**5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



This report provides the minutes of the previous meetings to be approved by the Local Authority.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Finke Local Authority accepts the unconfirmed minutes of the Provisional meeting held 22 October 2024 as a true and correct records of the proceeding.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 2024-10-22 FLA Previous Minutes



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared a provisional and opened at 11.11AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Michael Ferguson

**Minute Note:** The CEO presented four awards to the Finke Civil Team that included:

- Best Sports Ground
- Best Waste Management Facility
- Best Medium Community
- Best Practice in keeping the Waste Management Facility Sustainability – Presented to Chairperson Michael Ferguson

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 ATTENDANCE**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Michael Ferguson and Member Rosemary Matasia

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Damien Ryan – Area Manager, John Fleming – Council, Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Youth Boards, Anya Riley – EA to the CEO and President, Joe Rawson – Essential Services Officer, MRC's Civil Team - Kenneth Hayes (Team Leader), Lincoln Douglas and Phillip Doolan

Via Teams – Kitty Comerford – Manager Housing

Guests:

Shane Franey – Representative Office of Namatjira

Via Teams - Jessica Scrutton – Representative Department Chief Minister & Cabinet

Mr Glendle Schrader and Dr David Scrimgeour – Tin truck Consulting

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Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Jill Doolan, Member Michelle Allen, Member Richard Doolan, Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

**3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES****3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES****FLA2024-033 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apology received from President Roxanne Kenny; and
- c) agreed that the memberships of Richard Doolan, Jill Doolan, Charmaine Stuart and Michelle Allen be terminated for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

**3.3 RESIGNATIONS****3.3.1 RESIGNATION FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is to document the resignations received from Members who can no longer commit to attending a Local Authority meeting.

**FLA2024-034 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and accepted the resignation received from Geoffrey Stuart.

**3.4 TERMINATIONS****3.4 MEMBERSHIP TERMINATIONS****FLA2024-035 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to approve the memberships being terminated of:

- Richard Doolan
- Jill Doolan
- Michelle Allen
- Charmaine Stuart

### 3.5 NOMINATIONS

#### 3.5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY NOMINATIONS

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This paper highlights the changes to the Local Authority Membership and notes that due to a resignation being received from Mr Geoffrey Stuart, a vacancy is currently available on the Authority.

##### **FLA2024-036 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Rosemary Matasia)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council to:

- a) note the current membership on the Authority;
- b) note that five vacancies are currently available; and
- c) call for community nominations to open.

### 4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

#### 4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

##### **FLA2024-037 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Council Code of Conduct was noted.

### 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

##### **FLA2024-038 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and

- a) accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the provisional meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 as true and correct records of the proceedings; and
- b) noted that the Ordinary meeting held 5 March 2024 will be presented at the next meeting.

### 6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

#### 6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

##### **FLA2024-039 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

#### 6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION

Members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business

### **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS RECOMMENDATION**

Members did not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

### **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**FLA2024-040 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Conflict of Interest policy was noted.

#### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**FLA2024-041 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

### **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### **8.1 TIN TRUCK AND ASSOCIATES**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Tin Truck and Associates wish to present to Council information regarding the project "Communities wanting to transition Health Clinics to Aboriginal Community Control".

**FLA2024-042 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council:

- a) that the presentation by Tin Truck and Associates was noted;
- b) noted that members would give serious consideration to what this project may mean to them and their family and whether this project will fulfil the needs of the community; and
- c) agreed to raise any questions at the next consultation in February or March 2025, when Tin Truck and Consultants return.

### **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **9.1 YOUTH BOARD REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the recommendations put forward by the Finke Youth Board during their meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 and 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. It seeks feedback and discussion from the Finke Local Authority on these proposals.

**FLA2024-043 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Rosemary Matasia)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) the minutes from the Finke Youth Board meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 and 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 were received;
- b) the recommendations of the Youth Board were reviewed, noting the following

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in relation to New goal posts and new lights for the AFL Oval:

- Members requested that the CEO write to the Hon. William Yan to inquire if there is the possibility to fund these two items. It was noted that the two items will be moved to the Projects wishlist;
- c) members noted the additional Grandstand seating and Upgrading the Basketball Court and elected not to move forward with the Youth Boards recommendations on these items at this time;
- d) members agreed that the reorientation of the Softball field will be moved to the Projects wishlist, noting that a Scope of Works would have to be conducted by MRC's Projects and Infrastructure team in consultation with NPY Womens;
- e) advised the Youth Board Coordinator work with with NPY Womens Representative and investigate the building across from the store, as it was previously a facility for Youth Services and could potentially be a good place to store equipment;
- f) members gave notice to the Youth Board that until a program offering supervised boxing is offered, the members will not consider purchasing the boxing bag and gloves; and
- g) members agreed to purchase new Basketballs and AFL balls for youth activities.

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

### Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

### FLA2024-044 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the 2023/2024 funding allocation of \$26,900.00 had been discussed at the previous meeting;
- b) noted and accepted the progress on their projects and kept open;
  - 2132 – Stealth Solar lights, still to be ordered;
  - 2133 – Wash down bay, CSC to mark out the area for the slab;

- c) noted completion and closed the following projects:
  - 2135 – Woodfire BBQ – returning \$768.40 to unallocated funds;
  - 2136 – Fence around the Cemetery, returning \$5,128.78 to unallocated funds; and
- d) Created a new projects:
  - Shade cover over the playground at front of Council office, allocating \$5,000.00 to the project.

### 9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

#### **FLA2024-045 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Michael Ferguson)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) the 2024/2025 funding allocation was noted,
- b) members acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2025;
- c) members agreed to allocate 465.00 towards a range of Sporting balls for the Youth Board; and
- d) members made the following decisions regarding their Tidy yards competition:
  - requested that Governance create the Tidiest Yard poster;
  - Competition closes Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November;
  - Judging to take place Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November;
  - Winners announced during the Community Christmas BBQ on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November and will have a choice of vouchers from the local store or Milner Meats; and
  - that the CEO on behalf of the Authority invite the Hon William Yan to judge the competition on the 25<sup>th</sup> November or attend the community bbq on the 29<sup>th</sup> November as the guest of honour and announce the winners of the Tidiest Yard competition.

### 9.4 HR DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT & POSITION VACANCY REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing diversity and employee distribution among communities. Attached is the latest HR Demographic report which will represent the current staff details of MRC including number of employees based in Alice Springs and MRC Communities and monthly staff turnover.

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

#### **FLA2024-046 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Finke was noted.



## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged and Disability, Community Safety, Children's and Youth Services.

#### **FLA2024-047 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Community Services Report was noted

### **10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

#### **FLA2024-048 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Rosemary Matasia)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Council Services report was noted.

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY FINANCE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 August 2024 in the Finke Local Authority community.

#### **FLA2024-049 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Rosemary Matasia)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the Expenditure report as at 31 August 2024 was noted.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to table items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

#### **FLA2024-050 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made recommendation to Council that members did not raise any matters at item 6.2.

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3****13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regard to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

**FLA2024-051 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that:

- a) members did not raise any matters for discussion at item 6.3;
- b) members closed the action item Policing, noting that the community had noticed an increase in Police attendance; and
- c) the NTG Representative will follow up on a schedule for regular grading of the Kulgera to Finke road.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2025****15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:16 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2024 and are UNCONFIRMED.

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Finke Local Authority notes the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

**6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That members provides notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....
- d) .....

**6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That members provides notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....
- d) .....

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## 7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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ITEM NUMBER	7.1
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 Finke Local Authority Meeting:**

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declare any conflicts of interest.

### 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.

## 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Project
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAFP has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes that \$5,897.18 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes that Shade Structures have been installed at Lot 1, across from the shop and Lot 8 – over the Playground;
- c) notes that MRC has received funding for a 'Green Space' and will undertake community consultations regarding what this may look like; and
- d) notes and accepts the progress on their projects.

### BACKGROUND

Members of the Local Authority allocates project funds to support community and sporting infrastructure, open space developments and community priorities. These projects are intended to assist communities to improve community amenity through the provision of social and community facilities.

Project 2132		Stealth Solar Lights	\$
		Status	Committed
9-Sep-24	Res.024 - Allocated \$16,000.00 to place 2 x Stealth Solar lights on Putula St and 2 x Stealth Solar lights outside the Rec Hall.		16,000.00
22-Oct-24	Res.044 -Stealth Solar lights still to be ordered.		
<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>			<b>16,000.00</b>

Project 2133		Wash Down Bay	\$
		Status	Committed
9-Sep-24	Res.024 - Allocated \$10,000.00 to a wash down bay for work vehicles to be built within the landfill facility with a concrete base, noting that the CSC to mark out an area for the slab.		10,000.00
22-Oct-24	Res.044 -CSC to mark out the area for the slab.		
		<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

Project 2137		Shade Cover Over the Playground	\$
		Status	Committed
22-Oct-24	Res.044 - Shade cover over the playground at front of Council office, allocating \$5,000.00 to the project.		5,000.00
		<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	31,000.00
	Total un-allocated funds	1,797.18
	<b>Total unspent funds</b>	<b>32,797.18</b>

#### Projects closed at the previous meeting.

Project 2135		Wood fire BBQ	\$
		Status	Committed
14-Apr-21	Res.34 – Wood fire BBQ to be built near the football oval and commit \$1,687.36		1,687.36
20-Oct-21	Res.76 – Kept open Wood fire BBQ, committing an additional \$1,017.28 and deciding on two (2) BBQ's for near the Football oval and the Softball arena.		1,017.28
4-Jan-22	The CSC will come up with a design and source quotes for materials.		
11-Jan-22	Invoice for Besser Blocks from Bunnings.		- 1,446.55
19-Jan-22	Res. 013 – Kept project open and committed additional \$2,000.00 to the fund.		2,000.00
25-Mar-22	Waiting on backorder from Bunnings.		
20-Apr-22	Transportation cost to deliver bricks		- 545.89
13-Jul-22	Res.049 - Waiting for the delivery.		
20-Sep-22	Cement cost		- 716.36
5-Oct-22	Res.067 – Cement has been delivered.		
15-Mar-23	Invoice received for Concrete Bag 30Kg and Premium cement bag.		- 946.91
28-Jun-23	Invoice for freight		- 280.53
18-Jul-23	Materials are now onsite, project waiting on installation		
4-Oct-23	The CSC will follow up with an available Contractor to teach the team to install the BBQ's.		
9-Sep-24	Res.024 - Project closed and funds returned to unallocated.		- 768.40
22-Oct-24	Res.044 -Project closed - funds returned to unallocated.		
		<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Project 2136		Fence around Cemetery	\$
		Status	Committed
6-Apr-22	Res.033 - created a new project named Fence for around Cemetery, committed \$27,361.82 and that the CSC bring quotes with fencing options to the next Local Authority meeting.		27,361.82
13-Jul-22	Res.049 - Cemetery area extension and lease request is underway with CLC.		
5-Oct-22	Res.067 – Water tank would be installed at the Cemetery and that quotes for the fence was on hold until the lease to extend is approved by CLC.		
9-Mar-23	Res.012 - noted completion and closed Project 2133 – Trees around Oval, reallocating the underspend of \$2,154.73 to Project 2136		2,154.73
9-Mar-23	Res.012 - materials for the water tank had arrived in community and the tank will be installed once the stands are cemented in.		
6-Jun-23	Requested for Service Delivery to source quotes on different types of fencing and that they be submitted at the next LA meeting. MRC has secured the Sacred Sites clearances and lease through CLC. Quotes to survey and fence the newly lease area are attached. The LA will need to commit up to \$87,000.00 to get the job completed.		
26-Jul-23	Res.047 – · accepted quote QU0208 from AJ Nichol Fencing for \$70,029.54 excl. GST, · <b>in anticipation of NTG's 2023/2024 Project funds commitment, approved to allocate \$26,900.00 to the project,</b> · noted the allocation to the project came to \$56,416.55, · accepted the agreement that MRC will commit \$13,612.99 being the difference between the quote and the project allocation.		26,900.00
4-Oct-23	<b>NB: It was actually the 2022-23 Finke LA funding which was allocated to this project - the 23/24 funding is yet to be received and has NOT been allocated.</b> The Executive Manager F&G would follow up and advise if gates would be installed. Members were advised that a tank at the cemetery would be a health issue if the water was not continually replenished. Members agreed to continue using a trailer with the tank for potable water.		
11-Dec-23	Invoice received from AJ Nichol Fencing.		- 51,287.77
9-Sep-24	Res.024 - Project closed and funds returned to unallocated.		- 5,128.78
22-Oct-24	Res.044 -Project closed - funds returned to unallocated. Project already closed.		
<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>			<b>0.00</b>



**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS****Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:**

- Purchase of vehicles and fuel expenses.
- Payment of salaries, cash prizes or recurrent operating costs of Council.
- Meeting costs and payments to Local Authority members.
- Sponsorship by way of uniforms, travel costs and allowances.
- Purposes that are not related to local Government Services and that should be addressed by another Government agency.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The purchase of any product or service must comply with MRC's Procurement Policy.

Funds from the Grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Grants Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- accepts the 2024/2025 funding allocation,
- notes the funds of \$2,117.26 reinstated;
- acknowledges that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2025

**BACKGROUND****Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:**

- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- Naidoc Celebration
- Youth Board

Date	2024/2025 Discretionary funds	Budget \$
1-Jul-24	2024/2025 Discretionary funds allocation	\$ 4,000.00
20-Jul-24	<i>Funds retained by MRC until an invoice is received from Intersport for the supply of Gym equipment for the Youth.</i>	- <b>727.27</b>
9-Sep-24	<i>Res.025 - The CEO approved to return \$2,117.26 that were funds forfeited from the 2023/2024 financial period.</i>	2,117.26
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,389.99</b>
9-Sep-24	Allocated \$500 towards a Community BBQ for the footy competition	- <b>297.65</b>
9-Sep-24	Allocated \$1000 towards a tidiest yard competition	
	Vouchers to be raised for Aputula Store	
	3rd - \$200 voucher	- <b>181.82</b>
	2nd - \$300 voucher	- <b>272.73</b>
	1st - \$500 voucher	- <b>454.55</b>
	Closing date for Tidy Yard competition - end of November 2024	

22-Oct-24	Request that the CEO invite Hon Bill Yan MLA to judge the competition or attend the community BBQ	
11-Sep-24	Milner Meats community bbq for the Tidy Yards comp (Goods collected by Damien)	- 181.82
	Woolworths RQ raised for the community bbq (Goods still to be ordered and collected)	- 272.73
22-Oct-24	Allocated \$465.00 towards the Youth Board for a range of Sports balls	- 422.64
<b>Funds available</b>		<b>\$ 3,306.05</b>

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Local Authorities decide how to best spend this money to broadly benefit the community. The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are considered when allocating discretionary funds.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The use of funds must be approved at a Local Authority meeting with a full quorum, or a form signed by more than half of the active Local Authority members.

Failure to spend the funds within the financial year (1 July to 30 June) will result in these funds being returned to MacDonnell Regional Council.

### CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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**9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE</b>	People & Capabilities Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Katy Nagahawatte, HR Generalist

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Finke.**

**BACKGROUND**

The People & Capabilities Advisory Department reports to the Office of the CEO. This department contains the work Divisions of 1) Human Resources, 2) Cultural Advisory, 3) Learning & Development, 4) Work, Health, & Safety. These divisions of the P&C team work together to manage employee end-to-end career cycles, to include recruitment, records administration, performance management, learning & development, employee relations, industrial relations, administrative processing, and overall employee wellbeing.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Vacancies derived from departmental organisational structure listing of Active and Open positions.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Rhiannon Pomery, P&C Advisor, MRC  
Katie Fuller, P&C Operations Manager, MRC  
Keheli Nagahawatte (Katy), P&C Generalist, MRC

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 HR Demographic Report
- 2 Position Vacancies Report

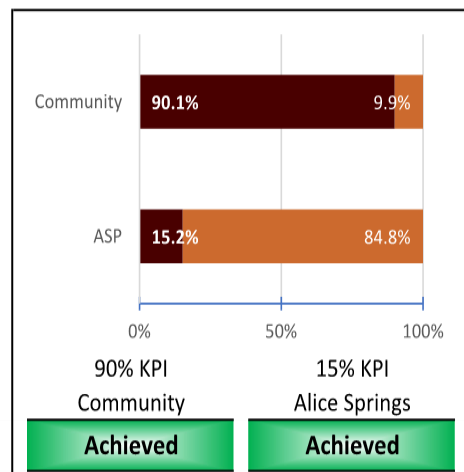
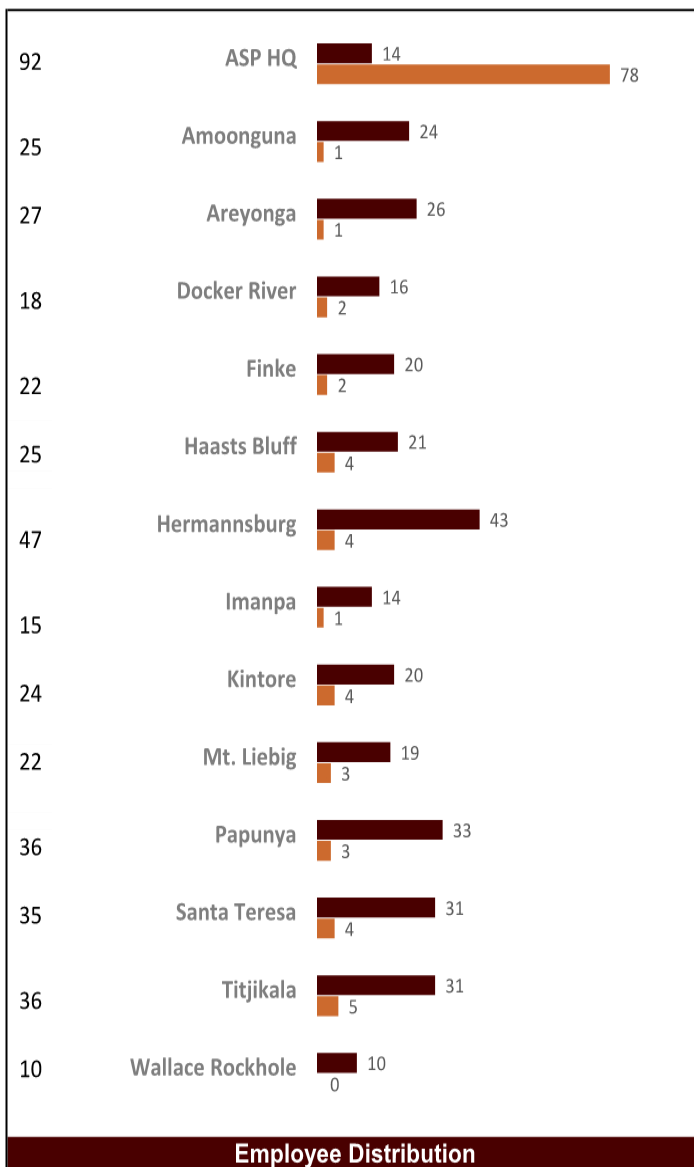
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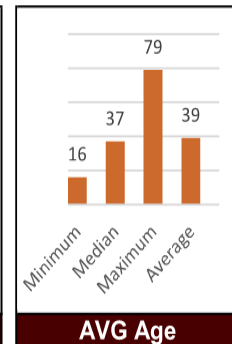
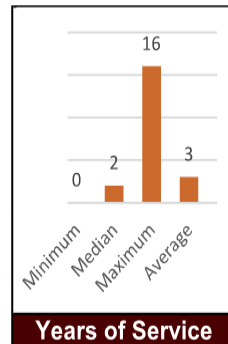
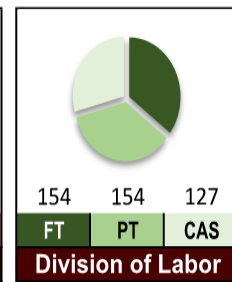
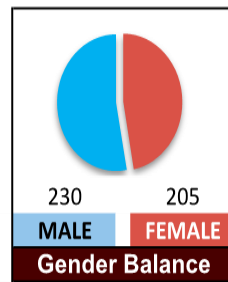
# HR Demographics

as at:  
Tuesday, 26 November 2024

<p><b>434</b></p> <p><b>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</b></p>	<p><b>Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</b></p> <p><b>322</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>112 Non-ATSI</b></p> <p><b>Aboriginal Focus</b></p>	<p><b>New Hires</b></p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Departures</b></p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Monthly Turnover</b></p> <p><b>-3</b></p> <p><b>Monthly Turnover</b></p>	<p><b>Office of the CEO</b> <b>2</b></p> <p><b>Human Resources</b> <b>10</b></p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Governance</b> <b>13</b></p> <p><b>Tech Services</b> <b>11</b></p> <p><b>Council Services</b> <b>134 + 6</b></p> <p><b>Community Services</b> <b>248 + 8</b></p> <p><b>Primary &amp; Secondary Positions</b></p>
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**Aboriginal Employment (Objective 1.3)**



NOTE: Values derived from Employee Demographics, Employee Turnover, & Position Vacancy Tech1 Reports as at: 26-Nov-2024



## Position Vacancies

### Finke

Position #	Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
400305	MacKids	Educator - Early Learning	Part-Time	19
400310	MacKids	Educator - Early Learning	Casual	As Rostered
400311	MacKids	Educator - Early Learning	Casual	As Rostered
401123	MacSafe	Senior Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	25
401124	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	20
401125	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-Time	20
401128	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Casual	As Rostered
401129	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Casual	As Rostered
402136	MacCare	Home Care Assistant	Part-Time	19
403323	MacYouth	Sport and Recreation Officer	Inactive	due to funding unavailability
403324	MacYouth	Sport and Recreation Officer	Inactive	due to funding unavailability
403325	MacYouth	Sport and Recreation Officer	Inactive	due to funding unavailability
403326	MacYouth	Sport and Recreation Officer	Inactive	due to funding unavailability
500202	Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Part-Time	19
500203	Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Full-Time	38
500204	Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Casual	As Rostered
500224	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
500226	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure as at: 26/11/2024



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**10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Services LA Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Damien Ryan, Council Services - Area Manager

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Finke across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Services report.**

**BACKGROUND**

Nil

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Ken Satour – Acting Director Council Services  
Damien Ryan – Area Manager Council Services  
John Fleming – Council Services Coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Snapshot Council Services



# Council Services - Finke

September - October 2024



98% First Nations  
Employees in SCD



7 Area Manager  
Visits to  
Community



Council Office  
320 Hours of  
Service

## Snapshot



3243 Litres Fuel  
Usage Total



12 Vehicles and Plant in  
Use



60 Bins Emptied  
Weekly



26 Street Lights  
Operational  
1 Street Lights  
Non-Operational



2 Sport Grounds  
Maintained



3 Toolbox Talks  
Completed



12 Australia Post  
Deliveries



8 Generator Services  
4 Water Tests



12 Hours of  
Maintenance  
completed at Airstrip



1 Parks &  
Playgrounds  
Inspections



### Animal Management

- Vet Visited Finke Community on 12/09/2024 - 14/09/2024
- Completed control of Lice & Fleas great response from owners with treatments and control & upkeep of Dogs & Cats.
- Owners are controlling Dogs & Cats a lot more also with breeding & housing

### Cemetery Management

- General maintenance cleaning has been up kept and ongoing.
- Fences & Gates all awnings maintained throughout the grounds.
- Minor Repairs are undertaken as required.
- Water Tank is ready transportable on day of funeral to Cemetery.

### Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Parks are always clean and tidy up for the enjoyment of Community.
- Maintenance on equipment for safety is always attended to & Inspected Weekly.
- Trees are watered twice a week throughout the community.
- Emu picking and Clean up of parks done once a week.

### Sports Grounds

- The AFL Oval and Softball Pitch are maintained when required
- Visitors & Competitors can now watch and have a BBQ.

### Waste Management

- Households' wheelie bin collection every Monday & Thursday.
- All pits are tidy up once a week & maintained to stop Rubbish spreading.
- Fences & gates are all in good condition.

### Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Civil crew are on to any hazards that might be of harm to community.
- Grass trimming and weed control addressed each week.
- It's a ongoing job for the crew but I always shared amongst them to keep ahead of hazard reductions



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**10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged and Disability, Community Safety, Children's and Youth Services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services Report.**

**BACKGROUND**

Nil

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

A/Manager of Aged & Disability Care Services – Pratikshya Baral  
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott  
A/Manager of Children's Services – Ainsley Roscrow

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Snapshot Children's Services (Sept-Oct)
- 2 Snapshot Aged and Disability Sept-Oct 2024



# Local Authority MacKids Finke



01/08 /2024 - 31/10/2024



**6 Employees**  
83% First Nation



**Service Delivery**  
288 Hours



**9 Enrolments**  
2 Av. attendance daily



### Training

1 Educator working towards Cert III in Early Education and care  
Team Leader - enrolled in ACECQA CCCFR online training  
Team leader and Educator attended face to face ACECQA training  
Team Leader and 2 Educators attended MacKids Professional development training in Alice Springs.



**144 Meals served**



**Vacancies**

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**Support**  
114 hours



### Stakeholder Engagement

- Territory Families Housing and Communities
- National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIA)
- Hearing Australia
- Disability Support NT (DSNT)
- Dept Health – Health Education

## Key Challenges



- Consistent staff attendance for rostered shifts.
- increasing enrolments at the Centre.

## Highlights



- Service representative, participated in vulnerability and risk profiling.
- Educator close to nearly completing Certificate III in Education and Care
- Educators engaged and contributed to MacKids training with enthusiasm



# Local Authority MacKids Finke 01/08 /2024 - 31/10/2024



Playdough making with Educator Heather ,  
Gracie, Jakaylan and Zahara



Sandpit play with Educator Anne Marie , Gracie,  
Jakaylan and Zahara



Singing time: Gracie, Jakaylan and Zahara with TL,  
Nellie and Educator Ann-Marie



Playdough: Jakaylan and Zahara  
with educator Ann-Marie



Osiris with puzzle play



Zahara home corner play



# Local Authority Report Aged and Disability



Finke - 01/08/2024-31/10/2024



**99% Indigenous Employment.**  
Vacancy  
1x Home Care Assistant



**Stakeholders' engagement**  
10 Clinic Meetings  
10 SNP Engagement  
10 Elder Care Support



**Transport**  
139 lifts given



**91 Individual activities delivered.**  
0 group activity delivered.



**Showers - 5**  
**Toileting - 45**  
**Laundry - 48**  
**Tablet Reminders - 28**



**2 NATSI Clients**  
**8 CHSP Clients**  
**1 Brokerage clients**



- Certificate III in Individual support
- Planning for diversity workshop
- Case management & CPR Training with CDCS



**Meals - 1105**  
**Hampers - 208**  
**SNP - 913**

## Challenges



- Multiple services disruption during the reporting period due to staff recruitment & retention challenges, general staff shortages.
- Difficulty in organizing group activities due to ongoing community events and lack of adequate staffing.
- Difficulty in freight delivery due to wet seasons approaching and road closures.

## Highlights



- New Coordinator - Grace Kungu commenced work PT in August however hasn't worked in Finke due to visa restrictions, Currently Rosemary is covering the operations in Finke.
- Rosemary & Raylene completed Certificate III in Individual support course & graduated in October.



**Sally Morris (Trainer) & Rosemary - holding her course completion certificate**



**Sally Morris (Trainer), Hareesh (Operations coordinator) & Raylene - holding her course completion certificate**

## 11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

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ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Local Authority Finance Report
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager



### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 October 2024 in the Finke Local Authority community.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Expenditure report as at 31 October 2024.**

### BACKGROUND

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

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority Project Funding is to be expended within 2 years of the receipt of the funding otherwise failure to do so may result in the Department withholding any future payments of Local Authority Project Funding or request unspent funding to be repaid.

**As an example, any funds prior to the 2022-23 financial year need to be spent and not just allocated to projects.**

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

### CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team  
Management Team

### ATTACHMENTS:

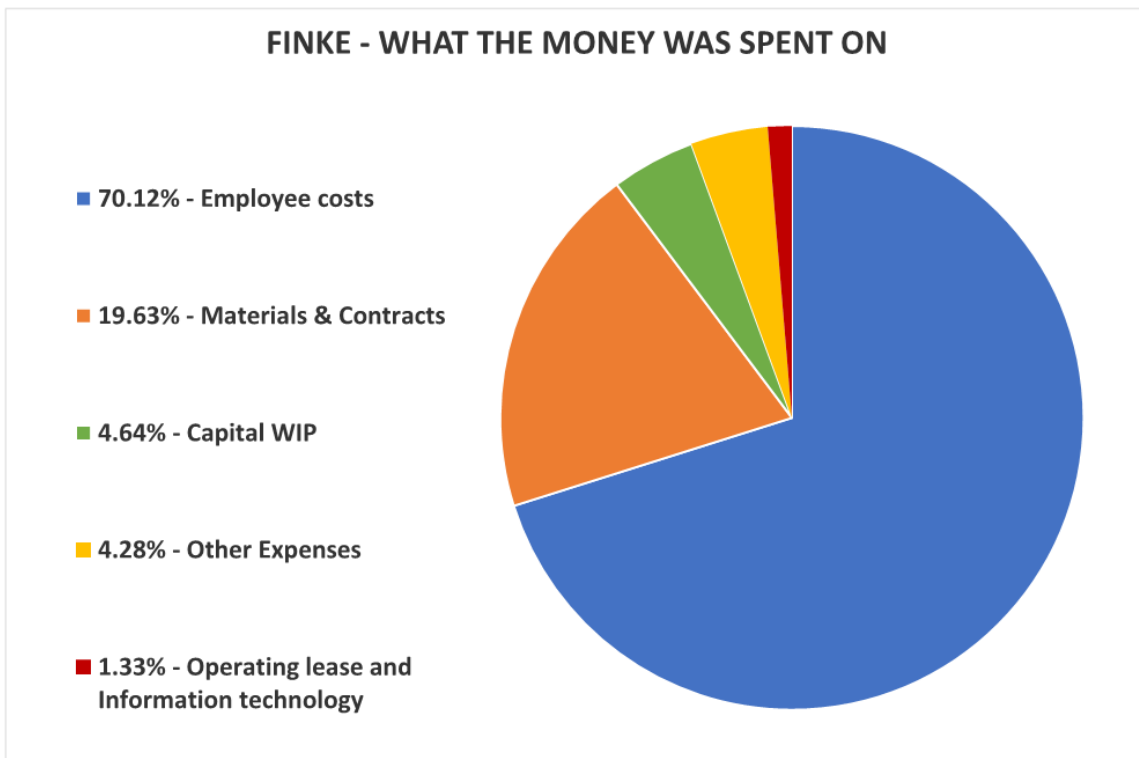
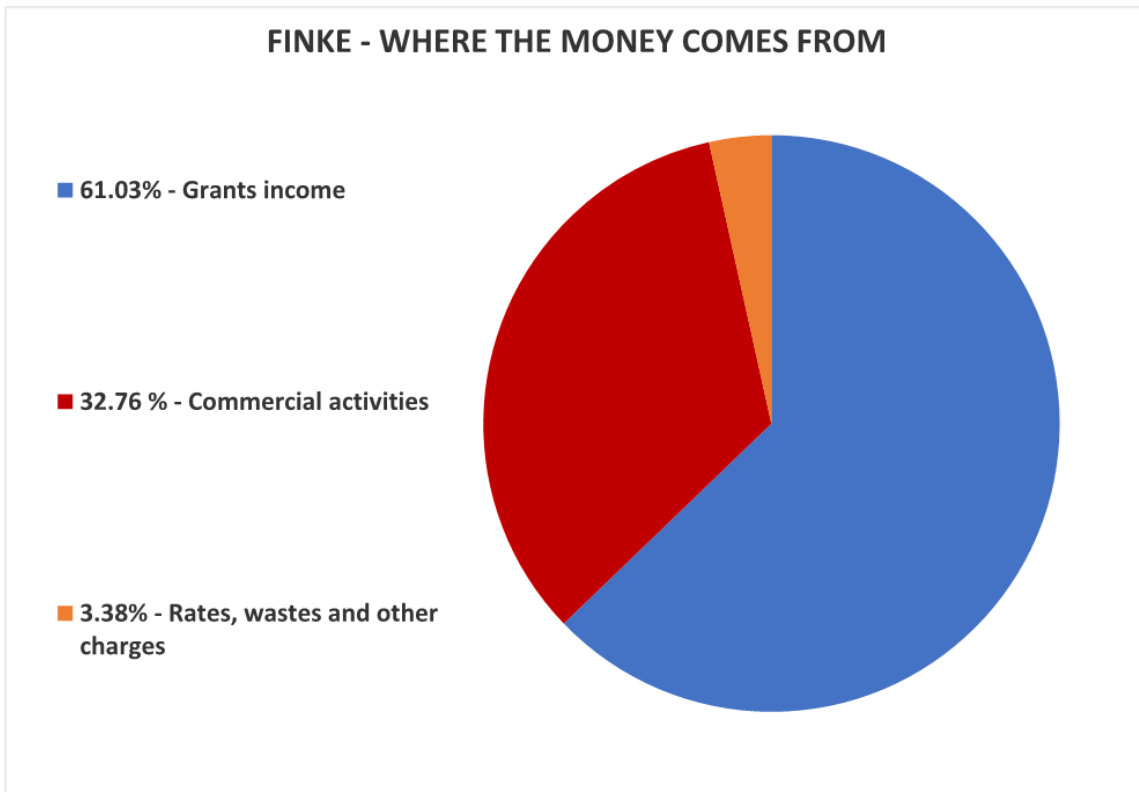
- 1 Income and Expenditure (Sept-Oct 2024)
- 2 Income and Expenditure Charts



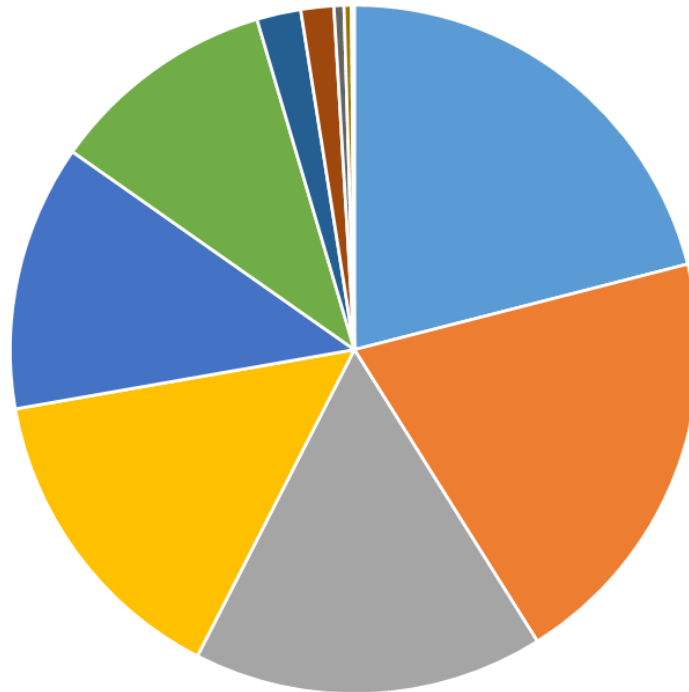
**MacDonnell Regional Council**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
as at 31 October 2024

004 Finke

Description	Year to Date					Comments
	Actual \$	Committed \$	Actual + Committed \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
<b>INCOME</b>						
Grants income	235,469	0	235,469	259,120	23,651	
Rates, wastes and other charges	13,045	0	13,045	11,133	(1,911)	No budget line for Equipment Hire Income \$2.8k
Commercial activities	126,375	0	126,375	118,253	(8,123)	Revise the budget for P&W / No budget in place for unexpected additional duties P&W sample testing & Maintenance
Contribution, reimbursement and donation	10,912	0	10,912	4,243	(6,669)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>374,888</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>374,888</b>	<b>388,506</b>	<b>13,618</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Employee costs	353,920	2,292	356,212	423,505	67,293	Underspend across all functions
Materials & Contracts	70,587	29,108	99,694	96,640	(3,055)	Revise budget - overspend on Bulk Fuel by \$15k, Aged Care Food Expense by \$4k/SNP Food Expense by 3k and Contract veterinary by \$6k as no budget line
Operating lease and Information technology	6,370	370	6,740	5,679	(1,061)	Overspend on building leases by \$17k
Other Expenses	19,127	2,604	21,732	70,908	49,177	Underspend on Electricity by \$8k
Capital WIP	0	23,590	23,590	0	(23,590)	Variance due to no budget line for step install lot 9 Finke
<b>LA Allowances and Expenses</b>						
Chair Local Authority Members' Allowance	300	0	300	600	300	
Local Authority Members' Allowance	0	0	0	800	800	
Local Authority Meetings Catering	776	222	998	733	(265)	
Local Authority Discretionary funds	1,025	1,816	2,841	2,039	(802)	
Community Infrastructure	0	0	0	19,899	19,899	No expenditure on Community Infrastructure
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>450,004</b>	<b>34,374</b>	<b>484,378</b>	<b>596,732</b>	<b>88,764</b>	
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(75,116)</b>	<b>(34,374)</b>	<b>(109,489)</b>	<b>(208,225)</b>	<b>(75,146)</b>	



### FINKE - WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT



- 21.01% - Civil Works
- 20.07% - Aged & Disability
- 16.47% - Power & Water C
- 14.70% - Early learning
- 12.49% - Community Safet
- 10.70% - Service DeliverY
- 2.06% - School Nutritio
- 1.56% - Staff housing m
- 0.47% - LA administratiON
- 0.35% - Council Buildin
- 0.13% - Street & Public

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**12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.1
<b>TITLE</b>	General Council Business
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to table items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2; and
- b) notes any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.

**BACKGROUND**

Members discuss the matters raised at item 6.2 of the agenda.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Finke Local Authority

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.1
<b>TITLE</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
 Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
 Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development provides any necessary updates in regard to Northern Territory Government Services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) notes any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.

**BACKGROUND**

Date		Action
9-Sep-24 22-Oct-24	Roads	Regular grading of road from Kulgera to Finke The NTG Representative will follow up on a regular grading schedule of the road.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.