



AGENDA

FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024

The Finke Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Finke Council Office on Tuesday 22 October 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 to the meeting;
- b) tables any apologies received for this meeting.

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members records the members absences, without notice for this meeting.

3.3. RESIGNATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.3.1
TITLE	Resignation from the Local Authority
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the resignation received from Geoffrey Stuart.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority
MRC Elected Members

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Resignation letter-Geoffrey Stuart



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Monday, 9 September 2024

Attention: MacDonnell Regional Council
Bagot St,
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Letter of Resignation

Dear Local Authority Chair and Members,

Geoffrey Stuart

I,am no longer able to commit to
the Local Authority and tender my resignation as a member of the
.....Finke Local Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity in being part of the local Government
process to help improve the lives of our community.

I wish the members of the Authority well and the best of luck for the future.

Signed Geoffrey Stuart

Date 09/09/24

.5. NOMINATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Local Authority Nominations
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	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 one vacancy is currently available; 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 OCT 2024	
7 Appointed Members	4 Elected Councillors
Michael Ferguson – <i>Chair</i>	Patrick Allen
Charmaine Stuart	Aloyiscois Hayes
Michelle Allen	Lisa Sharman
Rosemary Matasia	Andrew Davis
Jill Doolan	
Richard Doolan	
VACANT	

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.

4. 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 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

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Megan Baliva, Governance Trainee Admin Officer



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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Finke Local Authority accepts the following unconfirmed minutes as true and correct records of the proceedings:

- a) the Ordinary meeting held 5 March 2024; and
- b) the Provisional meeting held 9 September 2024.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Unconfirmed Minutes 05/03/2024
- 2 Unconfirmed Minture 09/09/2024



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN FINKE ON
TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENED

The meeting was declared open at 10.40am.

2 WELCOME

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Michael Ferguson

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Local Authority Members

Chairperson Michael Ferguson, Charmaine Stuart, Rosemary Matasia, Richard Doolan, Geoffrey Stuart

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny (via Teams), Councillor Lisa Sharman, and Councillor Aloyisicoy Hayes

Council Employees

Ken Satour - Acting Director Service Delivery, Kathleen Abbott - Area Manager Service Delivery, Kaisa Suumann - Project and Engagement Coordinator, and Damien Ryan - Governance Officer.

Guests

Shane Franey - Liaison Officer, Member for Namatjira Office, Bruce Fyfe - Representative Department Chief Minister and Cabinet (via Teams)

Apologies

Michelle Allen - Member, Jill Doolan - Member, Cr Andrew Davis, President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees

Nil



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ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance

FLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Jill Doolan, Michelle Allen, President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Patrick Allen, Cr Andrew Davis.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

FLA2024-2 RESOLVED (Aloyischois Hayes/Lisa Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	5.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

FLA2024-3 RESOLVED (Rosemary Matasia/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority resolve the unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting held 4th October 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

FLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Geoffrey Stuart/Richard Doolan)

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



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ITEM NUMBER:	6.2
TITLE:	Notification of General Business Items

FLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Geoffrey Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

1. Streetlights
2. Next Veterinary community visit
3. Compactor Truck wash down bay at Landfill facility

ITEM NUMBER:	6.3
TITLE:	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

FLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyischois Hayes)

That the Finke Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

1. Fencing heights around Houses
2. Roads - Finke to Titjikala maintenance
3. NT Housing maintenance and Air-Conditioning

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Conflict of Interest

FLA2024-7 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) members did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda.

8 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	Finke Youth Board
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. To develop and support our young leaders, Council is in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region. MRC is currently working on developing a Youth Board in Finke.



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The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Finke Local Authority on Finke Youth Board's recommendations to the LA.

FLA2024-8 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) receives and notes the meeting minutes of the Finke Youth Board from 24/01/2024;
- b) discusses the Youth Board's recommendation to move the seats at the football oval to under the shade. The seats are currently next to the shade not under it;
- c) discusses the Youth Board's recommendation to plant some more trees around the oval;
- d) discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation to get new AFL equipment: Guernseys for the community team and for youth;
- e) discusses and decides on the Youth Board's recommendation to get some gym equipment with quote tabled.
- f) Local Authority write to Member for Namatjira Bill Yan to request assistance to purchase AFL Guernseys
- g) Purchase Gym equipment to the value \$800.00

ITEM NUMBER:	8.2
TITLE:	Finke Local Authority Projects
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.



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FLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Charmaine Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority

- a) notes that all available funding has been allocated;
- b) notes and accepts the progress on their projects; and
- c) kept open all current projects.

ITEM NUMBER:	8.3
TITLE:	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

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.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and improve Community development.

FLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes the previous allocation of Discretionary funds; and
- b) notes that the available balance of 1,172.88 must be spent by 30 June 2024.
- c) allocate \$800.00 to purchase Gym equipment as per Intersport Quote 31/01
- d) allocate balance \$372.88 for Easter community BBQ

9 OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Service Delivery Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

FLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Geoffrey Stuart)

That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Service Delivery Report for the community of Finke.



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ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	Community Services Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Community Services programs.

FLA2024-12 RESOLVED (Richard Doolan/Lisa Sharman)

That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 Dec 2023 in the Local Authority community.

FLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure for Finke Community as of 31 December 2023.

10 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	General Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, the Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

FLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Richard Doolan)

That the Finke Local Authority discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2.

- a) **the need for solar lighting in community following recent power outage. Request to place on wishlist:**
 - **2 x Stealth Solar Lights - Putula Street**
 - **2 x Stealth Solar Lights - Outside Recreation Hall**
- b) **asked to be advised dates for next Veterinary visit to community.**
- c) **the need for a future wash down stand to be built at Landfill Facility.**



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ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	General Non-Council Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Governance Officer

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.

FLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyischois Hayes)

That the Finke Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) notes and accepts any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
- c) Fencing - community advised by Representative from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet there was no variation in current housing contract to raise height of fencing
- d) Finke Road - Community advised there is no budget to upgrade the Ghan Heritage Road between Rodinga and Finke
- e) Finke Desert Race President Antony Yoffa advised Representative of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet the Finke Start / Finish line safety will be addressed.
- f) Air-Conditioning issues need to be reported to NT Housing

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1 May 2024, held as an Outdoor Meeting

12 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024.



MINUTES OF THE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE FINKE
COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared a provisional and opened at 10:35AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Michael Ferguson

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Michael Ferguson

Councillors:

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Aloyischois Hayes, Councillor Lisa Sharman and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – Chief Executive Officer, Damien Ryan – Area Manager Council Services, John Fleming – Council Services Coordinator and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests:

Bridget Doolan – Finke Community Resident, Zyeallah Fenton-Woods and Jessica Scrutton – Representatives from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Nil

Absentees:

Member Charmaine Stuart, Member Rosemary Matasia, Member Jill Doolan and Member Richard Doolan, and Councillor Andrew Davis

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

FLA2024-16 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Lisa Sharman)

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

- a) the attendance to the meeting was noted; and
- b) recorded members Charmaine Stuart, Rosemary Matasia, Jill Doolan, Richard Doolan, and Councillor Andrew Davis as absent without notice for this meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Member Geoffrey Stuart

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

FLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

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

- a) noted that the verbal resignation from Geoffrey Stuart was received; and
- b) agreed that on presentation of a signed letter, members will accept the resignation and declare a vacancy on the Authority.

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

FLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Finke Local Authority of 5 March 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Finke Local Authority.

Minute Note: The Authority did not resolve the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 5 March 2024 as the meeting today was a provisional.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

FLA2024–19 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

FLA2024–20 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and raised the following matters for General Council Business.

- Wash Bay to clean work vehicles, and assigned as a new project.
- noted the following matters were discussed and moved to the Projects wishlist:
 - Meeting Place for Visitors to include Shade and seating at the South side entrance from Kulgera.
Scope of works requested and Members will look at the Community Infrastructure Plan at the next meeting to establish the best area.
 - Fence at the Softball ground
 - New Playground
 - Shade over the Basketball Court will investigate ownership of the court and what will be required to install the shelter
 - Realign the Softball Pitch. The CEO will set up a meeting with NPY to discuss a scope of works.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

FLA2024–21 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyischois Hayes)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and raised the following matters for General Non-Council Business:

- Follow up with Police presence in community.
- Housing Projects – raise the height of fencing and when the next Housing Reference Group meeting is
- Make inquiries with Congress regarding the process to take over the operation of the Health Clinic

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

FLA2024–22 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyischois Hayes)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 FIRST CIRCLES LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

FLA2024–23 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council and noted the information on the First Circles Leadership Program.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

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. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

The Local Authority has committed all available funds to projects and there is nil balance remaining to allocate.

FLA2024–24 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyischois Hayes)

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

- a) noted that all funding from previous years had been fully expended
- b) accepted the 2023/2024 funding allocation of \$26,900.00, noting that these funds must be spent by June 2025
- c) noted completion and closed the following projects:
 - 2135 – Wood fire BBQ, returning \$768.40 to unallocated funds; and
 - 2136 – Fence around Cemetery, returning \$5,128.78 to unallocated funds
- d) Created two new projects from the wishlist:
 - Four Stealth Solar lights, allocating \$16,000.00
 - two placed on Putula St, and
 - two placed outside the Rec Hall
 - Wash down bay for work vehicles, allocating \$10,000.00
 - built within the landfill facility with a concrete base, noting that the CSC to mark out an area for the slab

9.2 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

FLA2024–25 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyischois Hayes)

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

- a) **that as authorised by Council, the CEO approved the following commitments:**
 - **MRC to clear the deduction of \$727.27 from the 2024/2025 Discretionary funds and return these funds to the Authority;**
 - **MRC to return \$2,117.26 from the 2023/2024 Discretionary funds period as staff were not available during that time to raise the Purchase Orders; and**
 - **Acknowledged that the Authority had a total of \$6,117.26 to spend by 30 June 2025.**
- b) **allocated \$500.00 towards a Christmas BBQ;**
- c) **allocated \$1,000.00 worth of vouchers to each competition:**
 - **Garden/Yard competition**
 - **Christmas Lights competition**
- d) **approved the following voucher values and conditions to the competitions:**
 - **First prize - \$500, second prize - \$300 and third prize - \$200;**
 - **Noted that vouchers could be raised against Bunnings, Aputula Store and Milner meats; and**
 - **Agreed that the closing date for the competitions be the end November 2024.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2024–26 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

FLA2024–27 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Lisa Sharman)

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

10.3 TECHNICAL SERVICES FINKE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Technical Services program..

FLA2024–28 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

10.4 PEOPLE AND CAPABILITIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides the Local Authority members an insight into MacDonnell Regional Council's staffing diversity and employee distribution among communities.

FLA2024–29 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

FLA2024–30 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyischois Hayes)

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

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under item 6.2, members have the opportunity to raise matters of General Business that are discussed at this report.

FLA2024–31 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Aloyischois Hayes)

That the provisional meeting of the Finke Local Authority, by majority vote made a recommendation to Council that the matters raised at item 6.2 had been addressed.

12 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

12.2 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

FLA2024–32 RESOLVED (Michael Ferguson/Patrick Allen)

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

- a) Representatives from DCM&C to follow up with Regular Police attendance in community
- b) Grading of roads from Kulgera to Finke
- c) Noted the information from the CEO regarding the possibility to transfer Health Services.
Representatives from Tin Truck Consulting are organising community consultations to discuss the development of a Business Case model around the community controlled health services.. This Business Case model will be used to determine the next communities that will be endorsed by the NT Aboriginal Health Forum to seek Commonwealth funding to transfer health services to a community controlled service – who the community wants to manage their health clinic and how do they want these services delivered.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17 OCTOBER 2024

14 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:35 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the unconfirmed minutes of the Finke Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 9 September 2024.

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 notice 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 notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

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

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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) **Note 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.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Tin Truck and Associates
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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".

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and considers the presentation by Tin Truck and Associates.

BACKGROUND

Tin Truck and Associates are providing a general overview of the project and will take onboard any questions that the Appointed Members may have. They will be visiting each of the nominated communities individually to discuss models of future health service delivery.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

It is important that members consider this matter and raise any questions or concerns.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Finke Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

1 AMSANT Transistion Project

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NEXT STEPS FOR COMMUNITIES WANTING TO TRANSITION HEALTH CLINICS TO ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROL

Communities wanting to transition to Aboriginal community control

In 2022, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance NT (AMSANT) - the peak body for Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services - engaged Tin Truck Consultancy to undertake community consultations in four Central Australian communities to discuss community-controlled health services. Since then, more communities have expressed an interest in the transfer of NT Government health clinics to Aboriginal community control.

Central Australian communities who have formally expressed interested in community-controlled health services include: Ikuntji, Papunya, Watiyawanu, Yuendumu, Nyirripi, Yuelamu, Laramba, Titjikala, Apatula, Engawala and Bonya.

If your community is interested in community-controlled health services, but not listed here, please use the contact details below to formally express your interest.

Next Steps

The NT Aboriginal Health Forum has asked AMSANT to manage further engagement with all these eleven communities and other key stakeholders to develop a Business Case. The NT Primary Health Network (NT PHN) is funding this work. This Business Case will be used to determine the next communities that will be endorsed (by Forum) to seek Commonwealth funding to transfer health services to community control and the preferred model of care. For example, who does the community want to manage their health clinic and services; and how do they want the services delivered.

AMSANT has engaged Tin Truck Consulting to do this work, and they will speak with the community about different models community members can consider depending on how they want their services and clinic to be delivered and managed, and what is involved.

When will this work start?

Work on this project will start in June 2024 and a final Business Case is expected to be completed by June 2025.



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What will happen after this?

When the Business Case is finished in June 2025, AMSANT will send the document through a Pathways to Community Control Steering Committee who will review it. This Committee will make recommendations to the NT Aboriginal Health Forum. The Forum will then make a decision on which communities will transfer to community control. This decision and Business Case will then be reviewed by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging who will decide on whether to provide funding for transition activities for the proposed communities /

Who are Tin Truck Consulting and how to contact them?

Tin Truck Consulting Pty. Ltd. is a Northern Territory Aboriginal company, with a majority of Aboriginal employees. Based in Alice Springs, Tin Truck Consulting is committed to their mission, which is 'a commitment to a future where a participatory regional economy sustains Aboriginal People living on country, practicing language, lore and culture.'

Both Directors are long-term Centralians, born in Alice Springs, with deep connections to remote Northern Territory Aboriginal communities. The project team members, health consultants and associates delegated to this project understand the NT context and the challenges that the existing health services are facing and that of community members.

Tin Truck Director | Contract Manager: **Louise Wellington**
 Tin Truck Director: **Scott McConnell**
 Administration Assistant: **Kiara Tillmouth-Presley**



Project Manager: **Glendle Schrader**
 Medical Consultant: **Dr. David Scrimgeour**
 Tin Truck Associate: **Fred McCue** (no photo)

TIN TRUCK CONTACT: Louise Wellington is the Co-Director of Tin Truck
 Email: admin@tintruckconsulting.com | Phone: 0473 872 589

For more information, ask questions or raise concerns, contact AMSANT:

AMSANT is managing this project and can be contacted on:
 Email: transition@amsant.org.au | Phone: (08) 8944 6666



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9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Youth Board Report
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Youth Boards



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- 1) **Receives and notes** the minutes from the Finke Youth Board meetings held on 16th of May 2024 and 12th of September 2024;

- 2) **Reviews and provides feedback** on the following key points raised by the Youth Board:
 - 2.1 **Open action items for review:**
 - **New AFL goal posts:** The Youth Board identified this as their top priority during the 16th May 2024 meeting and recommends it to be added to the Local Authority projects wish list.

 - 2.2 **Youth Board recommendations for Local Authority action:**
 - **Purchase of lights** for the AFL oval to facilitate evening games and events.
 - **Additional seating/grandstands** for the oval to accommodate more spectators.
 - **Upgrading the basketball court** with new hoops, backboards, and painted court lines.
 - **Reorientation of the softball field** to ensure players face away from the sun during games.
 - **Purchase of new basketballs and AFL balls** for youth activities.
 - **Purchase of a freestanding boxing bag and boxing gloves**, for youth fitness and recreation.

BACKGROUND

Youth Boards play a crucial role in fostering communication between young people, the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC), elected Council members, and Local Authorities. They offer a platform for young people to express their needs and contribute ideas for community projects, services, programs, and strategic direction.

The recommendations provided in this report are intended to ensure that the voices of young people in Finke are reflected in local decision-making.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Finke Local Authority to provide feedback on recommendations above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Youth Board can ask funding for their ideas from their respective Local Authority.

All Local Authorities have two separate funding sources to invest for the broadest benefit in their community:

1. Discretionary Funds provided by MRC to support community activities
2. Project Funds provided by the NTG to support community projects

To empower youth-led decisions and encourage young people to be engaged representatives in their communities, there is an MRC Regional Plan 2024-2025 strategy, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) that states that if Local Authorities engage with Youth Boards, 10% of Local Authority Project Funding continues to be allocated to local Youth Board identified projects. This encourages each Local Authority to resolve in a meeting to allocate 1/10th or more of their Project Funding for a Youth Board project in their community.

MRC's Youth Boards can also seek funding from MRC's Discretionary Funds.

CONSULTATION

Finke Youth Board members

Coordinator Youth Boards, MacDonnell Regional Council

Finke Youth Development Officer, NPY Women's Council

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Minutes of the 16-05-2024 YB meeting
- 2 Minutes of the 12-09-2024 YB meeting

Minutes

Youth Board

- Community:** Finke (Aputula)
- Date & Time:** 16/5/24 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Chairperson:** Nahasson Doolan
- Minute Taker:** Kaisa Suumann
- Youth Board Members:** Nahasson Doolan
Kian Doolan
Kelvin Doolan
- Council Members:** Lester Lionel
- Employees:** Kaisa Suumann
- Guests:** Ruei Wal (Catholic Care NT), Clifford Stuart, Ossie Goodwin, Robert Woodford



Minutes

1. Welcome from the Chairperson The Youth Board nominated Nahasson Doolan to be the Chairperson of this meeting.

The meeting was opened at 5.30pm.

2. Our meeting's rules The members of the Youth Board confirmed and adopted the below rules as rules for their meeting:

1. We are respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff;
 2. We are honest and act the right way;
 3. We take care and make sure we make good decisions;
 4. We are accountable for the decisions we make, making sure they represent all young people.
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3. Confirmation of previous minutes The Youth Board confirmed and adopted the meeting minutes of 24/1/24, as true and correct record of the

**4. Open Action Items
from the Youth Board
Action Register**

meeting.

1. Chairs to be moved under the shade at the football oval.

16/05/2024 update - the topic was discussed with the Youth Board. The chairs have been moved by the MRC Civil team.

Recommendation to close this action item.

2. Suggestion to the Council to plant some trees around the oval.

16/05/2024 update - the topic was discussed with the Youth Board. The MRC Civil team has planted trees around the oval and is maintaining them.

Recommendation to close this action item.

3. Question to the MRC Youth Services - are there any jobs available for the Finke young people with the Remote Sports program?

16/05/2024 - update given to the Youth Board.

Currently no positions available.

Recommendation to close this action item.

4. Question to the Civil team - can the change room next to the oval get cleaned?

03/03/2024 - Feedback by Kathleen Abbott, Area Manager of Service Centre Delivery - the change rooms building block is not MRC property, hence the civil team can't clean it. It is managed by the Aputula Aboriginal Corporation.

16/05/2024 - update about this topic given to the Youth Board. Community Engagement Coordinator to pass this topic on to the Aputula Aboriginal Corporation.

Recommendation to keep this action item open.

5. Equipment recommendation to the MRC - new AFL equipment, such as cones, water bottles, whiteboard AFL balls, AFL Guernsey (size S, M, L, XL and XXL all

x 5).

16/05/2024 update - cones, water bottles, whiteboard AFL balls delivered by the MRC. AFL Guernseys on the way and will be donated by Mr Bill Yan's Office.

Recommendation to keep this action item open.

6. New goal posts for the AFL oval. The current goal posts are old and bent and not proper AFL goal posts.

04/10/2023 - The Finke LA determined not to commit funds towards the recommendations of the Youth Board as members were advised by the Officer from Bill Yan's Office that funding may be available from other sources. The Liaison Officer requested that the Youth Board forward onto the Office of Namatjira, quotes for the following:

☒ New Goal Posts for the Footy Oval.

☒ Gym Station.

13/12/2023 - quote for new AFL goal post received and email with the quote has been sent out to Mr Bill Yan's office.

24/01/2024 update - The Youth Board would like the MRC staff to follow up with the Office of Namatjira if they are able to support purchasing the goal posts.

01/03/2024 - MY Bill Yan's office is unfortunately unable to support the Youth Board's request to facilitate the purchase of goal posts.

16/05/2024 - update about this topic given to the Youth Board. Community Engagement Coordinator to pass this topic on to the Aputula Aboriginal Corporation as well ask enquire again if the Finke Local Authority would like to put this topic to their projects wish list.

Recommendation to keep this action item open.

7. Funding for the Finke youth to get some gym equipment. For example, barbell weights set

\$150.00, dumbbell weights set \$50.00, battle rope - \$200.00 or a basic gym station - \$800.00.

03/10/2023 - this request has been sent to the Local Authority.

04/10/2023 - The Finke LA determined not to commit funds towards the recommendations of the Youth Board as members were advised by the Officer from Bill Yan's Office that funding may be available.

04/12/2023 - MRC Youth Services is able to source these items for the Finke youth. Community Engagement Project Coordinator to confirm with the NPYWC the decision to purchase these items for the rec hall and clarify who is responsible for looking after them.

24/01/2024 update - The Youth Board would like the MRC to purchase the gym equipment. (Barbell weights set \$150.00, dumbbell weights set \$50.00, battle rope - \$200.00 or a basic gym station - \$800.00). The older fellas will look after the gym equipment, and it will be located to old art centre that is owned by Finke community.

16/05/2024 - the gym equipment has been purchased by the MRC *Gym station) and through the Local Authority funding (barbell sets and battle rope) and waiting to be handed over to the Aputula Aboriginal Corporation in the near future for the community use.

Recommendation to keep this action item open.

5. Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council

The Finke Youth Board has the following recommendations to the Local Authority/ Council:

1. For the upcoming Finke Desert Race weekend/ Finke Sports Carnival:

1) Maintenance of the oval (clearing it from the weeds, tamping the ground);

2) Fixing up the existing grand stands (some seats are bit loose);

	<p>3) Extra rubbish bins to the oval that are secured to the ground.</p> <p>2. Purchase of new AFL goal posts.</p> <p>3. Purchase of lights for the oval.</p> <p>4. Purchase of more seats/grand stands for the oval.</p> <hr/>
6. Other Topics	<p>1. The Finke Youth Board would like to ask if the NPY Women's Council' has a troopy that could be used to transport Finke youth to sporting events/ footy games happening in other communities nearby.</p> <hr/>
7. Next meeting time	<p>August 2024.</p> <hr/>
8. Meeting closed	<p>The meeting was closed at 6.30pm by the Chairperson.</p>

Minutes

Youth Board

Community: Finke (Aputula)
Date & Time: 12/9/24 from 4:55 pm to 5:25 pm
Chairperson: Desmond Tickner
Minute Taker: Kaisa Suumann
Youth Board Members: Kitisha Douglas



Council Members:
 Felisha Hoosan
 George Tickner
 Steven Baker
 Alex Doolan
 Desmond Tickner
 Lydia Campbell
 Delina James
 Isiaah Kehny
 Annika Churchill
 Tamara Hogan
 Kaisa Suumann

Council

Employees:

Guests: Junella Ferguson (NPY Women's Council), Bianca Deuis (NPY Women's Council), Delina James (NPY Women's Council)

Minutes

1. Welcome from the Chairperson The Youth Board nominated Desmond Tickner to be the Chairperson of this meeting. The Chairperson opened the meeting at 4.55pm.

2. Our meeting's rules Members of the Youth Board meeting accepted the below rules as rules for their meeting.

1. We are respectful to other Youth Board members and Council staff;
2. We are honest and act the right way;

	<p>3. We take care and make sure we make good decisions;</p> <p>4. We are responsible for the decisions we make - we must represent all young people of Finke community.</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>3. Confirmation of previous minutes</p>	<p>Due to the absence of attendees from the Youth Board meeting held on 16th May 2024, the approval of the minutes from that meeting will be deferred to the next Youth Board meeting.</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>4. Open Action Items from the Youth Board Action Register</p>	<p>Due to the absence of attendees from the Youth Board meeting held on 16th May 2024, the following open action items were not discussed and will be addressed at the next meeting.</p> <p>1. Purchase of lights for the oval - This suggestion will be included in the next Finke Local Authority Meeting Agenda on the 17th of October 2024.</p> <p>2. Purchase of more seats/grand stands for the oval - This suggestion will be included in the next Finke Local Authority Meeting Agenda on the 17th of October 2024.</p> <p>3. Upcoming Finke Desert Race Weekend/Finke Sports Carnival:</p> <p>1) Oval Maintenance (Weed Removal and Ground Tamping) Update on 29/05/2024: Area Manager Damien Ryan confirmed that the Civil Team has prepared the AFL oval by dragging it for the upcoming games. It is recommended that this action item should be closed.</p> <p>2) Grandstand Repairs (Loose Seats) Update on 03/06/2024: Area Manager Damien Ryan reported that the Civil Team has placed the grandstands under shelter on the Western side of the AFL oval. It is recommended that this action item</p>

should be closed.

3) Securing Extra Rubbish Bins at the Oval

Update: This request was forwarded to the Area Manager and Council Service Coordinator in May 2024. The action has been completed. It is recommended that this action item should be closed.

4. Question to the Civil team - can the change room next to the oval get cleaned? - This topic was passed on to the Aputula Aboriginal Corporation back in May 2024. It is recommended that this action item should be closed.

5. Equipment recommendation to the MRC - new AFL equipment, such as cones, water bottles, whiteboard AFL balls, AFL Guernsey (size S, M, L, XL and XXL all x 5) - 16/05/2024 update - cones, water bottles, whiteboard AFL balls delivered by the MRC.

31/07/2024 - The Namatjira Office will make the guernseys available for the kids at Finke.

12/09/2024 – The MRC Governance Coordinator will follow up on this matter with Mr. Bill Yan's office.

6. New goal posts for the AFL oval. This suggestion will be included in the next Finke Local Authority Meeting Agenda on the 17th of October 2024.

7. Funding for the Finke youth to get some gym equipment. For example, barbell weights set \$150.00, dumbbell weights set \$50.00, battle rope - \$200.00 or a basic gym station - \$800.00.

12/09/2024 – The gym equipment was donated by the MacDonnell Regional Council to the Aputula Aboriginal Corporation. It is recommended that this action item should be closed.

5. Feedback to the MacDonnell Regional Council

Finke Youth Board Recommendations to the Local Authority:

- 1) Installation of new hoops, backboards, and painted court lines for the outdoor basketball court.
 - 2) Reorientation of the softball field, with the base facing south and the outfield facing north to avoid players facing the sun during games.
 - 3) Purchase of new basketballs and AFL balls for youth activities.
 - 4) Acquisition of a freestanding boxing bag and boxing gloves for fitness and recreational use.
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6. Other Topics/Questions/Comments

NIL

7. Next meeting time

Mid November 2024

8. Meeting closed

This meeting was closed at 5.25pm.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Project
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Megan Baliva, Governance Trainee Admin Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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 LAMP 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) accepts the 2023/2024 funding allocation of \$26,900.00, noting that these funds must be spent by June 2025;
- b) notes and accepts the progress on their projects;
- c) notes completion and approves to close Project 2136 – Fence around Cemetery, returning \$5,128.78 to unallocated funds.

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
10-Sept-24	Res.25 – 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
		underspend or (overspend)	\$16,000.00

Project 2132		Wash down Bay	\$
		Status	Committed
10-Sept-24	Res.25 – 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
		underspend or (overspend)	\$10,000.00

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.		
6-Apr-22	Res.033 – Kept project open		
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.		
9-Mar-23	Res.012 – kept project open.		
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.		
		underspend or (overspend)	768.40

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. Requested for Service Delivery to source quotes on different types of fencing and that they be submitted at the next LA meeting.	
6-Jun-23	MRC has secured the Sacred Sites clearances and lease through CLC. Quotes to survey and fence the newly lease area are attached.	
26-Jul-23	The LA will need to commit up to \$87,000.00 to get the job completed. Res.047 – · accepted quote QU0208 from AJ Nichol Fencing for \$70,029.54 excl. GST, · in anticipation of NTG’s 2023/2024 Project funds commitment, approved to allocate \$26,900.00 to the project, · 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	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. 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
	underspend or (overspend)	5,128.78

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	31,897.18
	Total un-allocated funds	900.00
	Total unspent funds	32,797.18

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 for this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Megan Baliva, Governance Trainee Admin Officer

**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:

- a) **accepts the 2024/2025 funding allocation, and**
- b) **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	Commitments/ Expenditure
1-Jul-24	Approved Funds	\$4,000.00
20-Apr-24	funds retained by MRC until invoice is received from Intersport for the supply of gym equipment for the youth	-\$727.27
9-Jul-24	Funds of \$727.27 return form Gym equipment as invoice was received	\$727.27
9-Jul-24	Allocated \$500 towards a Christmas BBQ	-\$500
9-Jul-24	Allocated \$1000 towards a tidiest yard competition Vouchers to be raised for either bunnings, Aputula store or Milner meats 1st - \$500 voucher 2nd - \$300 voucher 3rd - \$200 voucher Closing date for competition - end of November 2024	-\$1,000
11-Sep-24	Funds toward Milner meats for - community BBQ	-\$297.65
	Remaining Funds	\$2,202.35

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 for this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.4
TITLE	HR Demographic report & Position Vacancy report
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	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 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 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

Nil

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 Demographics Report
- 2 LA-Finke_Position Vacancies report

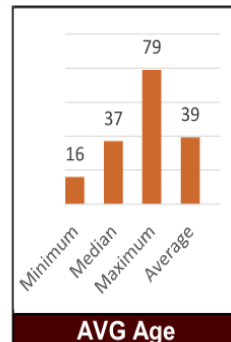
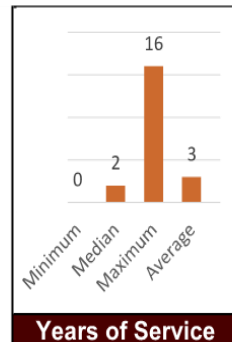
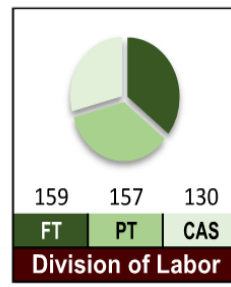
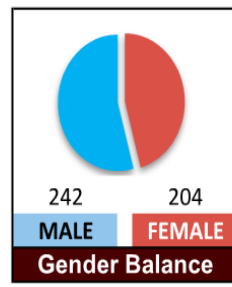
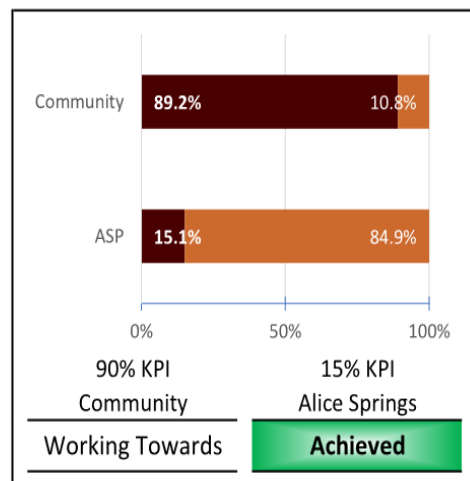
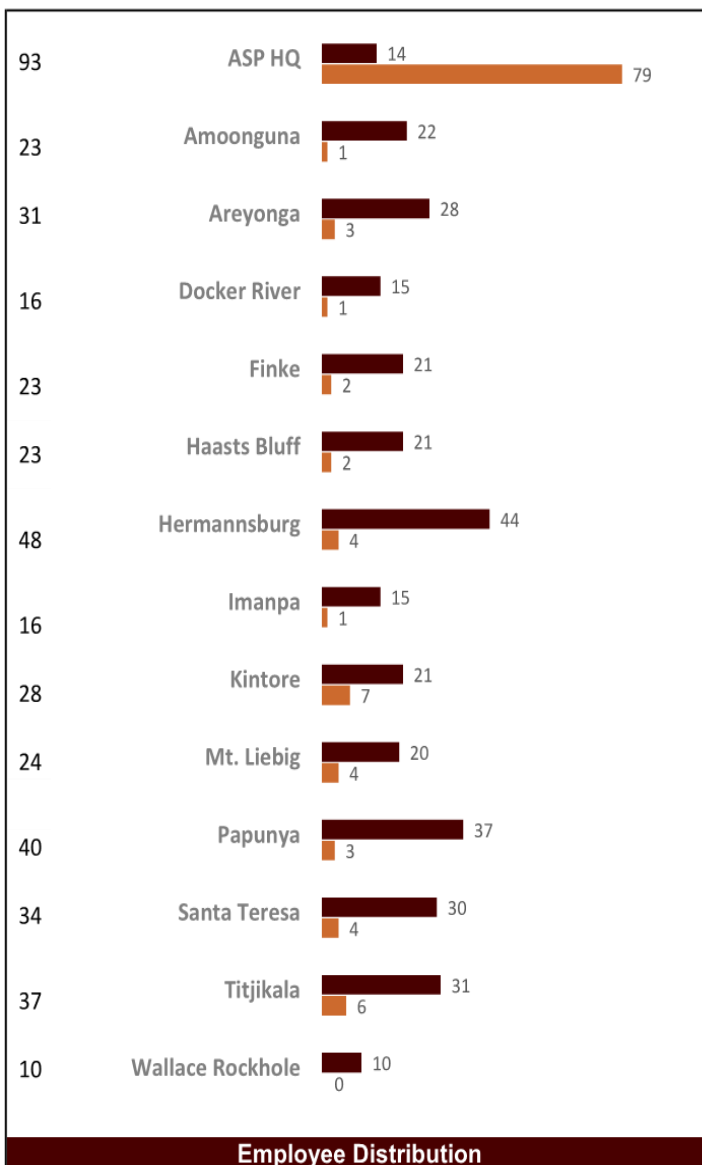
Office of the CEO | People & Capabilities



HR Demographics

as at:
Monday, 14 October 2024

<p>446</p> <p>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</p>	<p>Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander 329</p> <hr/> <p>117 Non-ATSI</p> <p>Aboriginal Focus</p>	<p>Departures 3</p> <p>New Hires 4</p> <p>Monthly Turnover 1</p> <p>Monthly Turnover</p>	<p>Office of the CEO 2</p> <p>Human Resources 9</p> <p>Finance & Governance 14 + 1</p> <p>Tech Services 11</p> <p>Council Services 144 + 8</p> <p>Community Services 251 + 8</p> <p>Primary & Secondary Positions</p>
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NOTE: Values derived from Employee Demographics, Employee Turnover, & Position Vacancy Tech1 Reports as at: 14-Oct-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
401126	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Casual	As Rostered
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
500203	Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Full-Time	38
500204	Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Casual	As Rostered

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure as at: 15/10/2024



10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Community Services Report
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	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
Manager of Youth Services – Jess Kragh
A/Manager of Children's Services – Ainsley Roscrow

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Snapshot Children's Services July-Sept 2024
- 2 Snapshot Aged Care & Disability Services July-Sept 2024



Local Authority MacKids Finke

01/07/2024 - 31/09/2024



6 Employees
83.3 % First Nation

8 Enrolments
2 Average daily attendance



**2 Educator undertaking
Cert III in Education and
Care**



**Service Delivery
258 Hours**



86 Meals served



**Vacancies
none**



**Support
210 HRS
Coordinator
support**



**Stakeholder
Engagement**

Child Health Nurse, Territory Families,
Local School, NPY workers,
Nutritionist, Dental visit and Politician
for voting.

Key Challenges



- Low enrolments
- Cultural business
- Weather

Highlights



- Educator stepped up for Team Leader Higher duties during leave
- Christmas break finalised after community consultations
- 3 Educators attended the 3 day Team Leader Training in Alice Springs
- Staff decorated service for footy final weekend



Local Authority Report Aged and Disability



Hermannsburg 01/07/2024-30/09/2024



99% Indigenous Employment.
Vacancy
1x Home Care Assistant



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



Transport
113 lifts given



68 Individual activities delivered.
0 group activity delivered.



Showers - 2
Toileting - 27
Laundry - 31
Tablet Reminders - 16



2 NATSI Clients
8 CHSP Clients
1 Brokerage clients



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



Meals - 840
Hampers - 208
SNP - 900

Challenges



- Multiple services disruption during the reporting period due to staff recruitment & retention challenges, general staff shortages.
- Ongoing struggles with School Nutrition Program due to lack of support from school authority, collection of parental contributions continues to be a significant factor in managing the daily operations.
- Difficulty in organising group activities due to ongoing community events and lack of adequate staffing.

Highlights



- New Coordinator - Grace Kungu commenced work 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. Graduation due to happen in October.

10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Council Services LA Report
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	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 attached 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 Council Services LA Report



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



11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Local Authority Finance Report
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



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 August 2024 in the Finke Local Authority community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Expenditure report as at 31 August 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

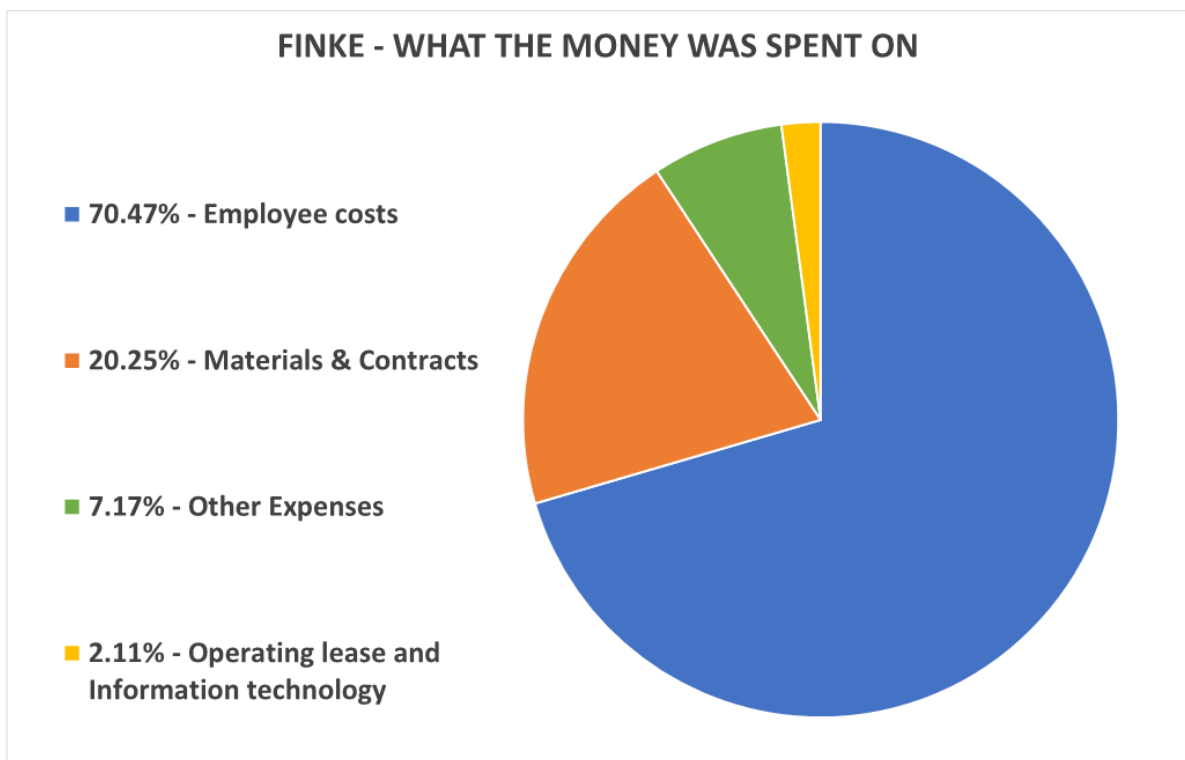
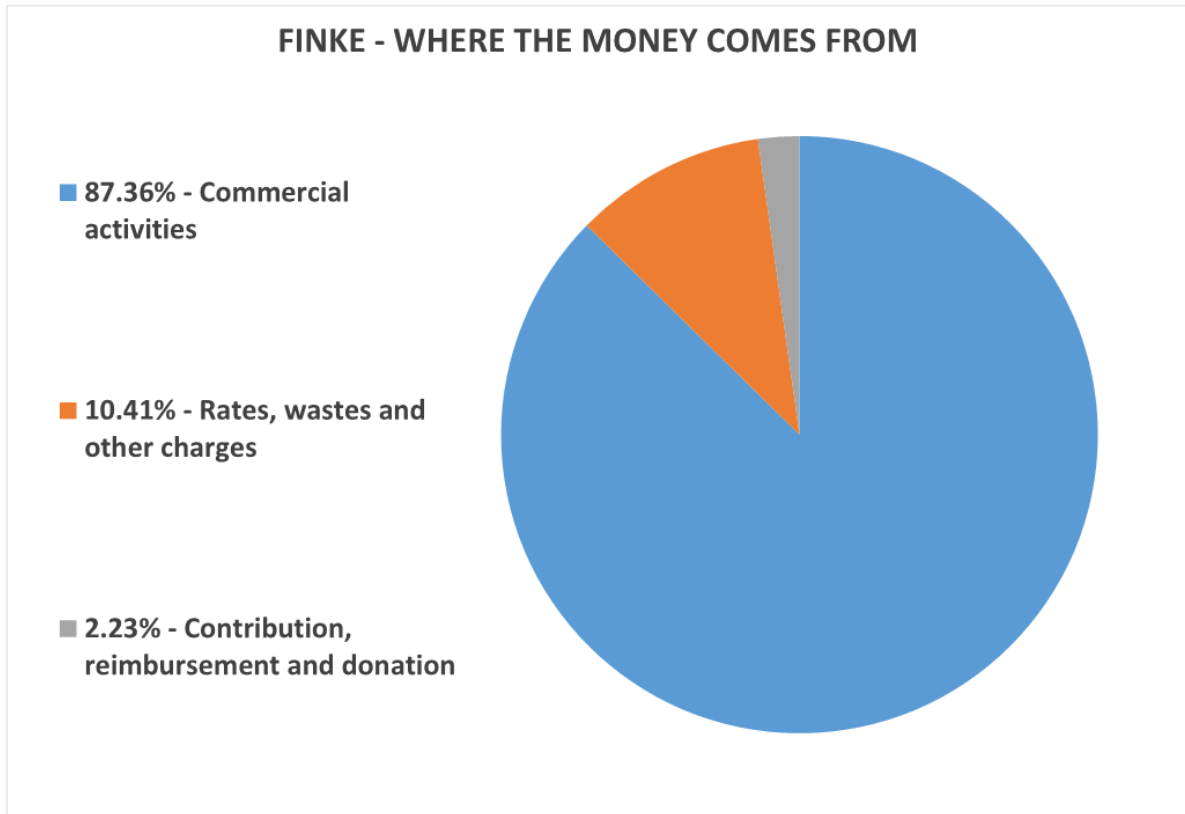
ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Income and Expenditure Statement-August 2024
- 2 Income and Expenditure - Charts

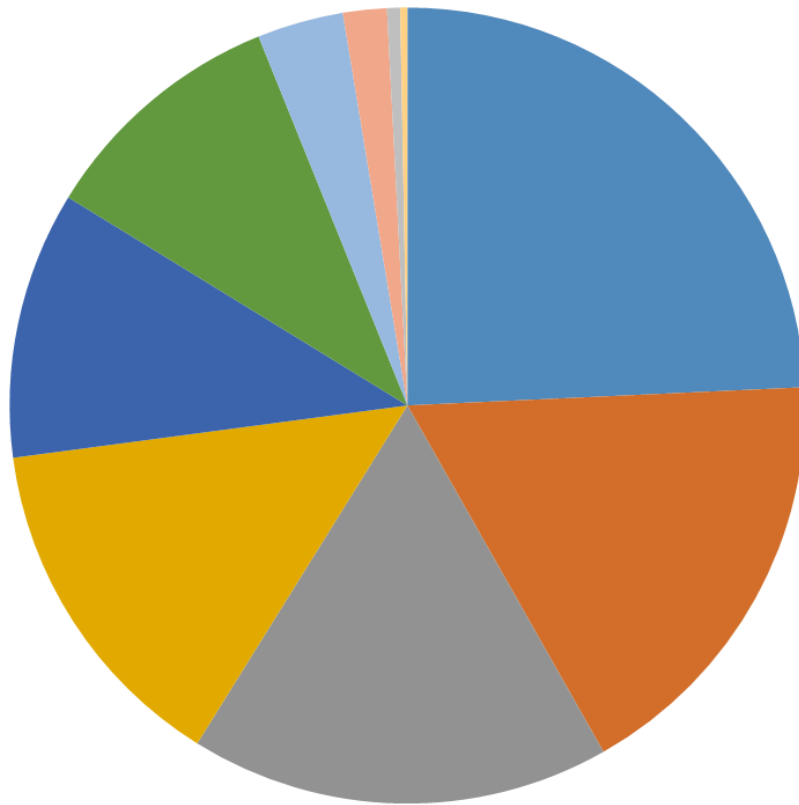
MacDonnell Regional Council
Statement of Income & Expenditure
as at 31 August 2024

004 Finke

Description	Year to Date					Comments
	Actual \$	Committed \$	Actual + Committed \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
INCOME						
Grants income	0	0	0	146,647	146,647	No grant income recieved for 24/25FY
Rates, wastes and other charges	7,098	0	7,098	5,567	(1,532)	
Commercial activities	59,556	0	59,556	71,372	11,816	Revise the budget for P&W / No budget in place for unexpected additional duties P&W sample testing & Maintenance
Contribution, reimbursement and donation	1,522	0	1,522	750	(772)	
Suspense	0	0	0	6,367	6,367	
Total Income	68,176	0	68,176	230,703	162,526	
EXPENDITURE						
Employee costs	162,563	2,874	165,437	197,143	31,707	Underspend across Aged & Disability & Early Learning functions
Materials & Contracts	25,265	22,267	47,532	52,573	5,041	Revise budget - overspend on Bulk Fuel by \$10k and Food Expense by 4k
Operating lease and Information technology	4,961	0	4,961	2,990	(1,971)	Revise budget - overspend for Software Licence Fees by \$2k and \$1.5k for Computer Consumables as no budget line
Other Expenses	14,794	2,038	16,832	37,554	20,723	No significant budget variances across all functions
Capital WIP	0	0	0	6,367	6,367	No significant budget variances across all functions
LA Allowances and Expenses						
Chair Local Authority Members' Allowance	0	0	0	300	300	
Local Authority Members' Allowance	0	0	0	600	600	
Local Authority Meetings Catering	279	313	591	167	(425)	
Local Authority Discretionary funds	0	727	727	667	(61)	
Community Infrastructure	0	0	0	9,950	9,950	No expenditure against LA projects
Total Expenditure	207,583	27,179	234,762	296,627	61,867	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(139,407)	(27,179)	(166,586)	(65,924)	100,659	



FINKE - WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT



- 24.23% - Civil Works
- 17.51% - Power & Water Contract
- 17.04% - Aged & Disability
- 14.02% - Community Safety
- 10.84% - Early learning
- 10.13% - Service Delivery
- 3.49% - Staff housing maintenance
- 1.79% - School Nutrition
- 0.53% - Council Building
- 0.28% - Street & Public

12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	General Council Business
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Megan Baliva, Governance Trainee Admin Officer

**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 for this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	General Non-Council Business
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Megan Baliva, Governance Trainee Admin Officer

**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 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.

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	Policing	NTG Representatives to follow up with NT Police on regular policing in community
9-Sep-24	Roads	Regular grading of road from Kulgera to Finke

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.