

Murdi Paaki Services Ltd

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DES JONES

Independent Chairperson

Des is a Murrawarri man born in Brewarrina, now living in Wentworth. Prior to his appointment as Chairperson of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, Des was Chairperson of Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation, a position he has held for over 20 years and still holds. For more than 37 years, Des has had a strong interest in social justice, economic development, revival of Aboriginal culture, language maintenance and sites protection, and is passionate about improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people. He has had a long and continuing association with Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation, joining the Board in 1996. Des' commitment to the Murdi Paaki Region and its communities is unwavering and he strives to see all individuals and families benefiting from improved services and programs, and for the Assembly to have strong working relationships with governments and Aboriginal communities.

Allan was born in Brewarrina and now resides in Lightning Ridge. He has been called a leader for his whole life: evident through his efforts in his local community and further afield. While the three-tier land council structure was in place, Allan sat on the board as a delegate of NSW Aboriginal Land Council and as Treasurer of the Regional Land Council. He sat on the Group 15 Rugby League committee as the Secretary-Treasurer for 10 years and spent eight years on the Lightning Ridge Redback Rugby League Committee in a similar role. He was Chairperson of the Board of Barriekneal Housing and Community Ltd for 10 years, Chairperson and member of the North-West Land Trust, and continues his role as Chairperson of the Lightning Ridge LALC and Chairperson of Lightning Ridge AECG. Allan is currently a delegate to Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and has been a Director of Murdi Paaki Services Ltd since its inception in 2016.



ALLAN COBB

Director



ANTHONY KNIGHT

Director

Anthony Knight was born in Bourke, proud Barkindji/Kunja man who has resided in Weilmoringle for over 30 years. Anthony has been MPRA Community Working Party Chairperson for over 7 years, and was elected as a MPSL Board of Director in December 2021. He is also the Chairperson for the Weilmoringle Local Aboriginal Land Council. Anthony is a dedicated member of the community who likes to see his region benefiting. Anthony's grandfather was a voice for the Bourke community and Anthony is following in his footsteps.

Grace Gordon is a Ngemba Elder who has lived and worked in Brewarrina for most of her life. She has four children, ten grandchildren and two great grandsons. Grace has obtained a Bachelor of Social Science Welfare Studies from the University of Western Sydney. Certificate IV in Business Governance Tafe NSW. Besides being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Grace has held various positions in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, CEO Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service, Manager Ourgunya Womens Safehouse Brewarrina, Coordinator of Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Centre Newcastle, Community Engagement Officer Family Violence Education Aboriginal Corporation Dubbo. Aboriginal Community Consultant TAFENSW, Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator for TAFENSW. Grace has been a Director of many Aboriginal Organisations across NSW over many years. She is a dedicated Board member of Murdi Paaki Services Limited and Chairperson of Ngemba Community Working Party Brewarrina and MPRA delegate. Grace also is a RAHLA and Accord Mark 11 rep. Grace is a strong advocate for social justice, equity and First Nation women and children,s wellbeing.



GRACE GORDON
Director



OLIVE 'PAM' HANDY
Director

Pam Handy is a Murrawarri woman born in Brewarrina NSW before moving to the lands of the Maura/Barkindji on the Murray and Darling Rivers near Dareton in the 1960's. Pam is currently the CEO of the Dareton Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Chairperson of the Wentworth/Dareton CWP. Pam previously held positions as the Chairperson and Board member to many committee's at the National, State , Regional and local. Pam has worked in administration, housing, education, training and welfare, in a range of public service and community organisations. Ms. Handy is a strong Aboriginal woman who has been working and voicing her opinions around Local Decision Making for many years. Forging relationships with local, state and federal government and non-government agencies. Pam strives to strengthen the voices of Aboriginal people and improve community life styles across the Murdi Paaki Region. Pam has been a Director with MPSL since October 2019 and Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and the RAHLA Committee's.

Amanda is a proud Aboriginal woman from Menindee in Far- West NSW. She is a mother of four beautiful children. Amanda is currently employed with the Department of Education at Menindee Central School as an Aboriginal Education Officer and Aboriginal Language Teacher. Amanda has a passion for Indigenous education. Amanda has been involved with the Menindee Community Working Party and became the Chairperson in 2018. Since then, Amanda has been proactive at the MPRA and has been a Director of Murdi Paaki Services Limited since she was nominated and elected in October 2019.



AMANDA KING
Director



MPSL CHAIRPERSON REPORT

As the Independent Chairperson of Murdi Paaki Services Limited, I am delighted to introduce our 2021-2022 Annual Report.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all our staff, remote and in our Cobar office over the last financial year. It has taken a great effort to continue to support all of our communities. You have continued to provide an outstanding service to the region and ensuring we a consistent with our MPSL, MPRA and CWP required activities. Especially, while dealing with Covid-19.

MPSL provided support to each community in the Murdi Paaki Region through the Community Working Party's while our communities were in lockdown due to Covid-19. While Covid-19 did run wild throughout the region, our region demonstrated pure resilience and a spirit of determination. Our communities rallied together to ensure that everyone was looked after. We were also the highest vaccination mob in NSW.

During this period, the Regional Housing Aboriginal Leadership (RAHLA) secured funding for four Tenant Support and Education Program (TSEP) staff and two Building Efficiency Advisors. These positions have proven to be very beneficial for our communities and will be instrumental in RAHLA future endeavors. RAHLA commenced the Alternative Energy Project - which saw solar PV, spilt systems and other energy saving measured installed in over 500 homes across 23 communities.

Through the RAHLA, each community participated in the development of their Housing and Environmental Health Plans. This making the Murdi Paaki Region, the only region with their own plans.

Year after year Maari Ma Health have continued to show outstanding support to us through auspicing arrangements. I would sincerely like to thank Maari Ma and their staff for the support and mentoring provided to our staff, this allows MPSL staff to undertake ongoing professional development, while also allowing MPSL to provide the correct and necessary services to our stakeholders. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to invest in another Murdi Paaki Region Aboriginal organisation that supports and creates employment and professional development opportunities for our communities.

MPSL have continued to provide the required compliance and reporting over the last financial year, which allow MPSL to continue to be a vital support and development service both in the Murdi Paaki Region and beyond.

MPSL and MPRA are in a strong position in terms of representation, governance and management. Moving forward MPSL and MPRA will continue to meet milestones and goals both internally and with our external stakeholders. MPSL will continue to build compacity to further progress the priorities of each Community Working Party and the Assembly. We will continue to build relationships and partnerships which are essential to pursuing and implementing meaningful outcomes for the Aboriginal people across the Murdi Paaki Region.

MPSL and the MPRA have continued to work on the implementation and monitoring of the MPRA Accord Mark II. The Accord Mark II committee decided that it would be best suited for MPSL, and NSW Aboriginal Affairs work together on designing and monitoring the implementation of the five Accord Schedules. MPSL and Aboriginal Affairs have since met and started designing the implementation plans with the relevant leads of each schedule. Although the schedules are yet to be signed off by government, MPRA and MPSL are working towards an internal sign off with the lead agencies of each schedule.

In closing I would like to thank the MPSL Board of Directors for your dedication and professionalism over the last financial year, our Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly members and the broader communities. I am sure all will agree that your collective efforts continue to return great outcomes for the Murdi Paaki Region.

ABOUT MPSL

Murdi Paaki Services Ltd (MPSL) was established in 2016 to act as the operational arm of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA). MPSL is tasked to provide corporate support and act as chief negotiator for strategic initiatives with a view to establishing innovative, better coordinated models of service delivery.

The MPRA is unincorporated and unable to enter into contracts with governments or other agencies. To enable a greater level of participation in operational matters associated with the implementation of the Murdi Paaki Regional Plan 2016, MPRA established MPSL as an independent professional legal entity under sole ownership and governance of MPRA.

Even though the rhetoric of partnership has been at the forefront of Government policy packaging over the 28 years of Aboriginal representation in the Murdi Paaki Region, true partnership has rarely been a reality. Lack of resourcing of Aboriginal representative bodies has ensured that MPRA has never had the ability to negotiate with governments as an equal partner. With modest funding now committed, MPSL provides MPRA with a more equitable seat at the negotiating table.

We would like to thank our funding body, the National Indigenous Australians Agency for their ongoing support.

Murdi Paaki Services Members

NAME	COMMUNITY	WARD	DATE COMMENCED
Allan Cobb	Lightning Ridge	Wangkumara	26 August 2016
Ted Fernando	Coonamble	Wangkumara	26 August 2016
Grace Gordon	Brewarrina	Wangkumara	26 August 2016
Fay Johnstone	Ivanhoe	Far West	26 August 2016
Des Jones	Dareton	Independent Chair	6 March 2017
Anthony Knight	Weilmoringle	Wangkumara	6 March 2017
Maureen O'Donnell	Broken Hill	Far West	31 March 2017
Garry Trindall	Walgett	Wangkumara	2 September 2019
Millie Shillingsworth	Enngonia	Wangkumara	2 September 2019
Amanda King	Menindee	Far West	2 September 2019
Stephen Forrester	Goodooga	Wangkumara	2 September 2019
Olive 'Pam' Handy	Dareton	Far West	2 September 2019
Carl Mason	Collarenebri	Wangkumara	7 July 2021

MPSL UPDATE

Over the 2021/2022 period, Murdi Paaki Services Limited has been successful in receiving grants for community and auspicing numerous grants throughout the Murdi Paaki Region.

MPSL acquired a 2-year peppercorn lease with the Department of Education for the old TAFE NSW building at 45 Bathurst Street in Cobar. MPSL moved into the premises in January 2022. This site has been beneficial for MPSL, as it houses the administrative staff and is conveniently located in the center of the Murdi Paaki Region.

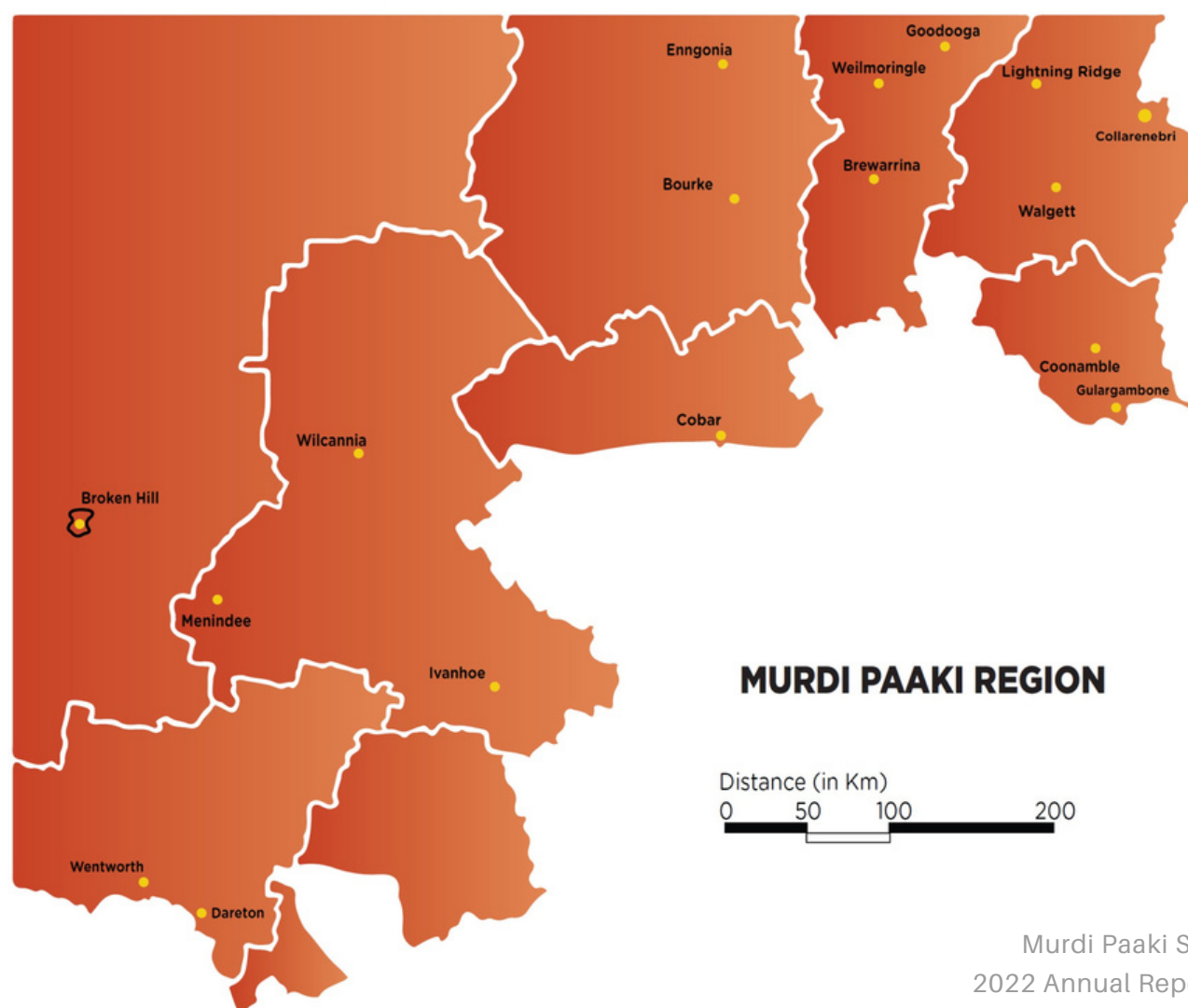
Since moving in, MPSL has hosted the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and MPSL Board meeting. MPSL also has fitted out the old training rooms and have hired the rooms out to Community members, local businesses, and government agencies.

Covid-19 impacted and played a huge part in the cancellation of a lot of community events and meetings during the last 12 months. Due to consistent lockdowns and increase of Covid cases there were delays in achieving milestones.

MPSL received numerous donations of items for the protection and recovery of Covid-19. These donations consisted of face masks, hand sanitisers, Covid testing kits, hand wash & PPE packs. MPSL would like to give a huge thanks to Dr Steve Burrough Foundation for his generosity of donations throughout this tough time. MPSL staff worked with the CWP Chairpersons of each community to assist in the distribute these items throughout the 16 communities in Murdi Paaki Region.

MPSL applied, received & auspiced grants associated with the protection & recovery of Covid-19 that was also distributed throughout the region. Some grants received were to facilitate the delivery of community led and focused wellbeing initiatives that aimed to help improve mental health and build up community resilience during the Covid-19 pandemic.

MPSL would like to thank Kenny Clark for his service and dedication to the Murdi Paaki Region during his time as the CEO for MPSL. MPSL would also like to thank the Board of Directors, Staff, Community Working Party Chairpersons, and the community for their input throughout this time.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

MPSL continue to guide and support all the communities and Community Working Parties in the Murdi Paaki Region. Over the past year we have supported Community Working Parties to hold regular meetings and link them up with specialist support whether it be a government agency or NGOs we are always working towards furthering and bettering each community.

We have been working with each of our 16 Community Working Parties to create their Housing and Environment Health Plans (HEHP). HEHP's are a vital document and are a way to showcase to whole of community and government what is needed in each community, a way to work towards making each community economically stable and protect their Culture and Heritage.

Our Tenant Support and Education Programme (TSEP) and Building Efficiency Advisors (BEA) have continued to work closely with each community helping social housing tenants with a range of things such as housing applications, rectifying debt, helping tenants understand their power bills and educating tenants on power usage efficiency.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In early 2021, the MPRA adopted the Murdi Paaki Economic Development Strategy prepared by an external consultant. Following that, MPSL employed an Economic Development Officer to work closely with the MPRA and Community Working Parties to support and nature the economic development aspirations of the Aboriginal communities.

Over this reporting period, the EDO undertaken a survey across the region with the CWP Chairperson to detail the required economic development opportunities across the region. The EDO and the MPRA Secretariat worked closely together to develop a mechanism in which the data from the surveys can be analysed. Information taken from their surveys will be incorporated into priorities for the MPRA region and CAP's.

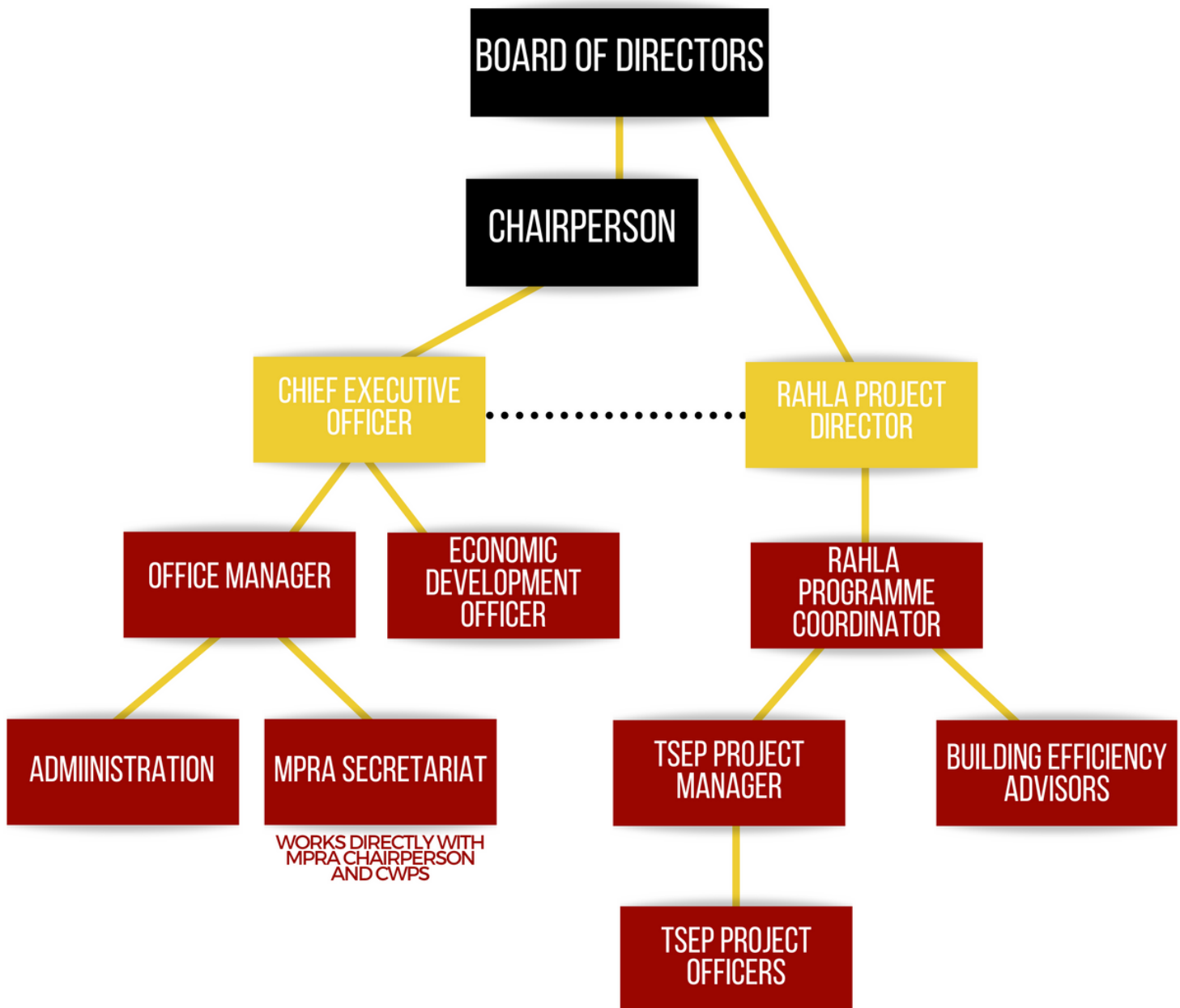
Working in line with the MPRA Regional Plan 2016 and the Economic Development Strategy, MPSL has been able to achieve some of the key areas through research, development and establishment of sound working relationships with capacity partners who deliver the services required. An example of this is the MoU with Kirinari Community Services who are committed to working with communities in the Murdi Paaki region with development of human services which in turn will create economic opportunity.

MPSL continues to work with community and Government of Authentic co-design of infrastructure projects like the Wilcannia Weir replacement and the Nyngan to Cobar Pipeline. This approach will ensure greater legacy assets benefit the community.

MPSL with the support of MPRA, are working closely with the Three Rivers Regional Assembly (TRRA) and Riverina Murray Regional Alliance (RMRA) to establish a partnership working together to identify gaps and opportunities for the Aboriginal Procurement Policy to be implemented in the MPRA, TRRA and RMRA regions. All three regions have a combined footprint that covers 75% of NSW.



ORGANISATIONAL CHART



MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

REGIONAL PLAN

Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly has a long and proud history of prosecuting a visionary agenda for regional autonomy and self-determination in the Murdi Paaki Region. Through a succession of regional planning instruments, and our ever-evolving relationships with Governments, NGOs and other partners, we have sought to assert our sovereign rights as First Nations peoples of Australia and to have our aspirations for jurisdiction within our own country recognised, respected and resourced.

Through the MPRA Accord Mark II, MPRA and MPSL have been able to achieve and work towards achieving many of the priorities/goals in the MPRA Regional Plan. The MPRA and MPSL are currently working on Implementation Plans for the 5 Accord Schedules which are, Health, Education, Early Childhood, Economic Development and Law & Justice. The implementation and monitoring of these 5 schedules will see MPRA meet many of the priorities and aspirations as set out in the Regional Plan.

Due to lack of resources, there are still many priorities/goals we are yet to achieve. We hope Government will continue to support and provide resources to the Assembly and MPSL in the coming year so that we can continue to work towards the aspirations of each community in the Murdi Paaki Region.

The MPRA agreed to postpone the review of Murdi Paaki Regional Plan until late 2022/early 2023 so that the 2021 census data could be included in the review of the Plan.

MPSL has developed a report and implementation plan in conjunction with NIAA. This will map MPRA progress with the implementation of the Regional Plan priorities over the past 5 years. This plan will help shape and support the priorities that may be adopted for the next Regional Plan.

Each Community Working Party has a Community Action Plans, this is an important process as the aspirations of our communities as recorded by sixteen Community Action Plans, and by MPRA priorities derived through our consultations with communities and stakeholders will feed back into the new Murdi Paaki Regional Plan.

ACCORD MK II AND LDM EVALUATION

Over the past year the MPRA Accord Mk II committee have continued to meet with the government leads of each of the five Accord schedules, the five schedules are Education, Health, Early Childhood, Law & Justice and Economic Development. In early 2022, the MPRA Accord Mk II committee met and decided that they would task MPSL with the job of meeting with the government leads and creating an implementation plan for each of the schedules. The Accord Schedules are yet to be signed off by the Government Secretaries, however we have been meeting with the lead of the schedules and are confident we can get internal sign off and start implementing the schedules once endorsed by the MPRA.

In early 2022, we met with staff from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) to start the process of the Murdi Paaki Region LDM Evaluation. CAEPR recruited Community Based Researchers (CBRs) to support the evaluation of the Local Decision Making initiative in the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly footprint between April and June 2022.

The LDM Evaluation will be a great tool to showcase the work that the MPRA have done and also show where we need to work a little harder. We hope the evaluation will show government that LDM is a great initiative and with their support we can do great things for our communities.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECT

This project was funded by RAHLA with a contribution from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) through their Home Energy Action Program.

Stage 2 - Smaller Communities

Stage 2 - Small Communities of the project was to install solar split system air conditioning and other energy efficient measures for the installation in dwellings in Enngonia, Ivanhoe, Menindee and Tibooburra.

The project saw 55 homes within 4 Aboriginal communities receive the following measures:

- Tenant rooftop solar PV with draught proofing and ceiling fans
- Spilt Systems Air Conditioners
- LED lighting for each household.

Stage 3 - Residual Communities

Stage 3 - Residual Communities of the project was to install solar split system air conditioning and other energy efficient measures for the installation the remaining communities.

The project saw 578 homes across 19 Aboriginal communities receive the following measures:

- Tenant rooftop solar PV with draught proofing and ceiling fans
- Spilt Systems Air Conditioners
- LED lighting for each household.

BUILDING EFFICIENCY ADVISERS

MPSL employed two Aboriginal identified Building Efficiency Advisers (BEAs) on full-time basis to work with tenants in home and with ACHPs to maximise project achievements and provide the foundation for a longer-term energy management and system maintenance regime. BEAs worked closely with tenants to explain the project, collating the pre surveys and obtaining the tenants consent to access their billing data. The BEAs assisted the contractors to access tenant properties and being that conduit for communication.

HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PLANS

One of the key action area's of the Social Housing agreement was to review the current regional housing environment is described and needs and priorities identified as the basis for region-specific policy setting, decision-making and planning within the Murdi Paaki Region.

This was to be completed by a review of the current Aboriginal social housing environment in the Murdi Paaki Region and develop Environmental Health Plans (H&EHPs) for communities in our region. As of 30 June 2022, all CWP's have endorsed their HEHP's except for Wilcannia. Wilcannia's HEHP meeting is scheduled for mid-July. Work on the Housing and Environmental Health Regional Strategy commenced, the draft strategy will be presented at the MPRA meeting in September 2022.

TENANT SUPPORT & EDUCATION

TSEP staff continued to community visitations across the region on a weekly- two weekly rotation at a minimum. We have found a huge increase in support needed with housing applications and have predominately been receiving referrals from Housing Providers. This highlights a huge need for more housing throughout the region, which we have been able to emphasise in the Housing and environmental health plans.

AUDITED FINANCIALS

Murdi Paaki Services Limited

ABN 55 614 474 118

Independent Audit Report

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Murdi Paaki Services Ltd

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Murdi Paaki Services Ltd, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the director's declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Murdi Paaki Services Ltd has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of Murdi Paaki Services Ltd.'s financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of Murdi Paaki Services Ltd in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Murdi Paaki Services Ltd, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Murdi Paaki Services Ltd are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing Murdi Paaki Services Ltd's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate Murdi Paaki Services Ltd or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>>. This description forms part of our auditor's report. We communicate with directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings.



Anthony Conolan
Registered Company Auditor
Dated : 31 / 10 / 2022

Murdi Paaki Services Limited

ABN 55 614 474 118

Directors' Report

For the Year ended 30 June 2022

The directors present their report together with the financial report of Murdi Paaki Services Limited ("the Company"), for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 and the auditor's report thereon.

Directors

The following persons were directors of the Company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report:

- Des Jones (Board Chairman)
- Allan Cobb
- Ted Fernando (resigned 31 July 2021)
- Grace Gordon
- Olive Pam Handy
- Fay Johnstone (resigned 7 March 2022)
- Amanda King
- Anthony Knight (appointed 6 December 2021)

Board meetings

There were 9 Board meetings held during the year. The number of meetings attended by each Board member is as follows:

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|-------------------|-----|
| - Des Jones | 9/9 |
| - Allan Cobb | 8/9 |
| - Ted Fernando | 1/2 |
| - Grace Gordon | 8/9 |
| - Olive Pam Handy | 6/9 |
| - Fay Johnstone | 6/7 |
| - Amanda King | 6/9 |
| - Anthony Knight | 5/5 |

There are no Board committees.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Company during the financial year were the provision of services targeted towards Aboriginal persons in the Murdi Paaki region in north western New South Wales. There were no changes in the nature of the activities during the year.

Review of Operations

The Company recorded a surplus for the year of \$56,678 (2021: \$340,011). The Company did not suffer any adverse financial impact from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year.

Distributions

The Rules of the Company do not allow any distributions to be made to its members and none were made during the financial year (2021: \$nil).

Future Developments

The company is expected to continue to provide operating services to support the activities and interests of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly in subsequent financial years subject to the continuation of government grants for its operations.

The expected results of those operations in subsequent years is dependent upon the level of funding from government grants.

Matters Subsequent to the End of the Financial Year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the Company's operations in future financial years; or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- (c) the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Directors' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director has received or become entitled to receive a benefit by reason of a contract made by the company with a director or with a company of which any director is a member or with a company in which any director has any substantial financial interest. Company is not subject to significant environmental regulations.



D Jones
Board Chairman
1st November 2022

Murdi Paaki Services Limited

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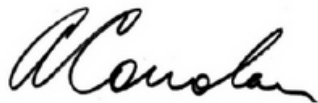
Auditor's Independence Declaration

**Under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not For Profits
Commission Act 2012**

To the Members of Murdi Paaki Services Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022,
there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the independence requirements of the ACNC Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.



Anthony Conolan CPA
Registered Company Auditor 226482
AJC Audit Services
Dated: 20th October 2022

Murdi Paaki Services Limited
ABN 55 614 474 118
Statement of Financial Position
As At 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	7,209,950	10,581,421
Trade and other receivables	3	232,677	1,581,528
Other current assets	4	20,852	12,167
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>7,463,479</u>	<u>12,175,116</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	392,557	226,335
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>392,557</u>	<u>226,335</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>7,856,036</u>	<u>12,401,451</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	7,243,857	11,879,907
Short term provisions	7	120,994	87,037
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,364,851</u>	<u>11,966,944</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>7,364,851</u>	<u>11,966,944</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>491,185</u>	<u>434,507</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Accumulated surplus		<u>491,185</u>	<u>434,507</u>
CLOSING ACCUMULATED MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>491,185</u>	<u>434,507</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

Murdi Paaki Services Limited
ABN 55 614 474 118
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For The Year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Grant revenue	8	1,062,683	1,077,964
Other income		203,783	366,588
Bank interest		92	270
Total Revenue from Continuing Operations		1,266,558	1,444,822
Less: Expenditure	9	(1,240,375)	(1,104,811)
Net Surplus from Operations		26,183	340,011
Net gain on disposal of assets		30,495	-
NET SURPLUS		56,678	340,011
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		56,678	340,011

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

Murdi Paaki Services Limited
ABN 55 614 474 118
Statement of Changes in Equity
For The Year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year	434,507	94,496
Impact of adoption of new accounting standards	-	-
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	56,678	340,011
Other comprehensive income	-	-
ACCUMULATED MEMBERS' FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	491,185	434,507

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

Murdi Paaki Services Limited
ABN 55 614 474 118
Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$ Inflows / (Outflows)	2021 \$ Inflows / (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from funding providers and customers (<i>inclusive of GST</i>)		4,199,369	8,414,160
Payments to suppliers and employees (<i>inclusive of GST</i>)		(7,338,886)	(2,055,570)
Interest received		8164	4,008
Sundry income received			-
NET CASH FLOWS (OUTFLOWS) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	11	<u>(3,131,353)</u>	<u>6,362,598</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	5	(317,391)	(167,175)
Proceeds from sale of financial assets		77,273	-
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>(240,118)</u>	<u>(167,157)</u>
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS HELD		(3,371,471)	6,195,423
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>10,581,421</u>	<u>4,385,998</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	2	<u>7,209,950</u>	<u>10,581,421</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes To and Forming Part of These Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Murdi Paaki Services Limited are set out below to assist in a general understanding of these financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented except where otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

In the directors' opinion, the Company is not a reporting Company because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports.

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements which have been prepared for the sole purpose of complying with the *Corporations Act 2001* requirement to prepare and present financial statements to the members at the Company's annual general meeting and must not be used for any other purpose.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Property

Freehold land and buildings are measured on a cost basis.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on a cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts. Plant and equipment costing less than \$5,000, except computer equipment, is expensed in the year of acquisition.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives to the Company commencing from the time asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates for each class of depreciable assets are:

Plant and equipment	10%
Motor vehicles	20%

The residual value and useful lives of property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land, are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting period.

(c) Employee Entitlements

Provisions for employee entitlements at balance date are recognized as they accrue, and it is probable there will be an outflow of funds which can be reliably measured. Contributions are made to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(d) Goods and Services Tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

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The Australian Taxation Office recognises that the Company is a public benevolent institution and, as such, is exempt from income tax.

2. Cash

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
MPS - Debit Card	9,829	10,972
MPS - Business Saver Account	1,180,781	1,453,683
MPS – Operating Account	6,594	20,602
MPS – Petty Cash	200	200
RAHLA – Online Saver Account	6,003,801	9,083,849
RAHLA – Operating Account	8,745	12,115
	<u>7,209,950</u>	<u>10,581,421</u>

3. Trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Trade Debtors	33,542	1,573,928
Sundry Debtors	31,688	7,600
GST Control	167,447	-
	<u>232,677</u>	<u>1,581,528</u>

4. Other current assets

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Prepayments	20,852	12,167
	<u>20,852</u>	<u>12,167</u>

5. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Freehold land \$	Plant & equipment \$	Total \$
At 30 June 2021			
Cost	84,350	264,080	348,430
Accumulated depreciation	-	(122,095)	(122,095)
Net book value	84,350	141,985	226,335
Year ended 30 June 2022			
Opening net book value	84,350	141,985	226,335
Additions	-	317,391	317,391
Disposals	-	(45,020)	(45,020)
Depreciation charge	-	(106,149)	(106,149)
Closing net book value	84,350	308,207	392,557
At 30 June 2022			
Cost	84,350	457,269	541,619
Accumulated depreciation	-	(149,062)	(149,062)
Net book value	84,350	308,207	392,557

6. Trade and other payables

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Trade Creditors	1,649,333	159,868
Accruals	225,186	277,888
3 rd Party Funds	5,369,338	10,621,928
GST Control	-	820,223
	<u>7,243,857</u>	<u>11,879,907</u>

7. Short term provisions

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Provision for Annual Leave	107,252	87,037
Superannuation Payable	13,742	-
	<u>120,994</u>	<u>87,037</u>

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	2022 \$	2021 \$
8. Grant Revenue		
Operational grant - NIAA	1,007,964	838,166
Other grants	19,964	70,000
Total grants received	1,027,928	908,166
Prior year unexpended grants	34,755	204,553
Unexpended grants carried forward	-	(34,755)
GRANT REVENUE FOR THE YEAR	1,062,683	1,077,964
9. Expenditure		
Audit fees	14,400	13,200
Auditors – other services	1,300	-
Computer support	10,703	8,683
Consultants' fees	53,457	17,992
Depreciation	106,149	51,762
Directors' meeting expenses	736	10,596
Insurance	7,468	6,638
Meeting expenses - Assembly	63,395	74,774
Miscellaneous expenses	11,748	2,933
Motor vehicle expenses	72,549	32,291
Office running costs	30,950	23,721
Postage & stationery	6,119	10,487
Repairs & maintenance	75,062	84,413
Salaries & wages and on-costs	685,597	664,650
Staff costs	10,405	22,048
Telephone expenses	19,098	19,139
Travel, accommodation & meetings	71,239	61,484
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,240,375	1,104,811

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	2022 \$	2021 \$
10. Remuneration of Auditors		
(a) Audit services		
Gardiner Hall	14,400	-
Paul Campion	-	13,200
	<u>14,400</u>	<u>13,200</u>
(b) Non-audit services		
Gardiner Hall	<u>1,300</u>	<u>-</u>

11. Cash Flow Information**Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities to operating surplus / (deficit)**

Operating surplus	56,678	340,011
Depreciation	106,149	51,762
Net (profit) / loss on disposal of assets	(32,255)	-
Increase / (decrease) in unexpended grants	(150,102)	-
Decrease / (increase) in trade and other debtors	1,340,167	(1,575,926)
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	766,642	540,849
Increase / (decrease) in Auspice funds held	(5,252,589)	6,960,985
Increase / (decrease) in provisions	33,957	45,007
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>(3,131,353)</u>	<u>6,362,598</u>

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12. Company Limited by Guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee with the liability of the members limited to the amount of \$1 as set out in the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Membership numbers as at the date of this report
were

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13. 3rd Party Funds

Of the cash balance of \$7,209,950 as at balance date, \$5,369,338 represents funding received from funding bodies in respect of various programs. These funds are committed for expenditure in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding agreements.

14. Economic Dependency

The company is dependent upon grants from various government departments as described in Note 13 for its operations. The company operates in the Murdi Paaki region of north-western New South Wales

15. Auspice Grants

The company receives grant funds from various agencies and departments including Commonwealth National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), NSW Department Communities & Justice (DCJ), NSW Department Planning & Environment (DPE), NSW Department Premier & Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs (DAA), and others to assist the administration of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA) and the activities of the Regional Aboriginal Housing Leadership Assembly (RAHLA). The company acts as banker for these funds, decisions concerning the expenditure of the grant funds rests with MPRA.

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Directors' Declaration

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 3 to 13 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors dated 1st November 2022.



Des Jones
Board Chairman

Dated this 1st day of November 2022

OUR STAFF

Employees as of 30 June 2022

Position

Chairperson
Chief Executive Officer
Office Manager
MPRA Secretariat
Administration Officer
Economic Development Officer

Name

Des Jones
Kenny Clark
Jayde George
Amy Pagett
Jasey Bruce
Paul McCullagh

Position

RAHLA Programme Director
RAHLA Programme Coordinator
TSEP Manager
TSEP Community Project Officer
TSEP Community Project Officer
Building Efficiency Advisor
Building Efficiency Advisor

Name

William Johnstone
Haylee Rogers
Ashlee Brown
Catherine Cubby
Taryne Albert
Jesse Cochrane
Peter Boon



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