



AGENDA

AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Areyonga Council Office on Wednesday 15 October 2025 at 10:30 AM.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Attendance, Apologies and Leave

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 to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the Authority's record, any apologies received from Members for this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tables apologies received for this meeting;
- c) records the Member absences, without notice, for this meeting; and
- d) receives requests for future leave of absence.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Authority can choose to accept the apologies as presented, or not accept them. Apologies that are not accepted will be recorded as absent without notice.

4 NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority;

- a) congratulates returning Councillor Abraham Poulson and welcomes newly elected Councillor Peter Wilson to the Authority;
- b) accepts the following appointments of Council;
 - o Roxanne Kenny as President
 - o Maryanne Malbunka as Deputy President;
- c) calls for community nominations to open to fill the one vacancy; and
- d) notes that memberships may be revoked if members are absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

BACKGROUND

The chart below shows the current membership of the Local Authority:

Appointed Members Areyonga LA	Meeting Attendance 16 July 2025
Sarah Gallagher – Chairperson	Present
Jonathan Doolan	Present
Joy Kunia	Present
Garnet Djana	Apology
Hilda Bert	Present
Jacob Carol	Apology
Vacant	
Elected Members Iyarrka Ward	
Cr Abraham Poulson	Absent
Cr Marlene Abbott	Present

Local Authorities Overview:

Local Authorities are composed of community members and convene **four times per year** to discuss:

- Council service delivery
- Project funding and progress
- Community project ideas

Functions of Local Authorities (as per the Local Government Act 2019, Section 78):

- Engage communities in local government issues
- Provide a platform for community opinions
- Influence local, regional, and area-wide policy development
- Represent and advocate for community views to the council
- Contribute to regional planning
- Make recommendations on council budgets and local matters
- Carry out additional functions as assigned by the Minister

This framework ensures that Local Authorities act as a conduit between communities and Council, fostering inclusive governance and informed decision-making

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, para.4.14: Nominations and Appointments states:

- a) nominations will be tabled at the next local authority meeting and considered. A recommendation on the nominations to Council will be recorded and presented with the nomination forms at the next Council meeting.
- b) in the case that there is a nomination, or nominations submitted but no timely local authority meeting (that is before the next council meeting), nominations will still be presented to the next Council meeting. The Council may appoint based on the submitted nominations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

All members must attend at least 75% of the Local Authority meeting to qualify for the meeting allowance.

For non-employees of Council, the allowance is usually paid on Friday, after a meeting. For Local Authority Staff, you may be eligible for the allowance at the next scheduled pay date of MRC.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 5.1

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 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.

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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.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 16 July 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 16 July 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 16.7.2025 - MINUTES [pages]

MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00AM

2 WELCOME – Chair Sarah Gallagher

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Sarah Gallagher, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Hilda Bert and Member Joy Kunia

Councillors:

Member Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Keith Hassett – Director Community Services, Stuart Millar – Area Manager, Benny Alick – CSC Areyonga and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Via Teams - Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Office

Guests:

Nil

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Garnet Djana and Member Jacob Carol (Yarma)

Absentees:

Member Abraham Poulson

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES

ARLA2025-039 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Garnet Djana and Jacob Carol; and
- c) recorded the absence without notice from Councillor Abraham Poulson

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority.

ARLA2025-040 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the vacancy on the Authority; and
- b) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ARLA2025-041 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ARLA2025-042 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority accepted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 15 May 2025 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

ARLA2025-043 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2025-044 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2025-045 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 REMOTE HOUSING - REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND TENANCY TEAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This section provides an opportunity for representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to provide the Local Authority with updates regarding Remote Housing programs, repairs, maintenance and tenancy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts any updates from Remote Housing representatives; and**
- b) raises matters relating to housing repairs, maintenance and tenancy within the community.**

Minute Note: A Representative from Housing was not in attendance to this meeting

8.2 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every four years, people living in the Northern Territory elect representatives to serve on their Local Government Council. Local Government is the level of government most connected to your community, and the 2025 Local Government Elections will be your chance to stand up and represent your local area.

ARLA2025-046 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority:

- a) urged all eligible residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote;**
- b) encouraged community members to consider nominating as candidates; and**
- c) noted that nominations are open until Thursday 31 July.**
- d) noted that polling will be happening in Areyonga at the Council office on Friday 15 August 2025 from 10am to 1pm.**

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Regional Council develops Community Infrastructure plans for each community every five years. These plans are created in consultation with the Local Authority to record the community's priorities for the future development of their Infrastructure.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

Priority projects discussed at the previous Local Authority Meeting:

- Outdoor Cinema
- Market Garden
- Drainage around the Basketball Court
- Solar lights on the entrance road, like the lights at Ti-tree Roadhouse
- A causeway on the entrance road to prevent the community from being cut off during floods.

ARLA2025-047 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority provided its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development 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 LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

At risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

ARLA2025-048 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepted the 2024/2025 Project funds allocation of \$30,700.00;**
- b) **noted that \$28,749.29 are funds at risk of being returned;**
- c) **closed Project 2118 – Fencing and repairs at Playground, reallocating the underspend of \$11,792.02 to the Healthy Community event;**
- d) **accepted the \$11,792.02 from Project 2118 and committed an additional \$33,770.00 being the current balance of unallocated funds to the Healthy Community event project;**
- e) **noted the progress on their current projects and kept these open; and**
- f) **did not discuss the priorities of their wishlist.**

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT

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 and 30 June.

ARLA2025-049 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority

- a) **noted that \$2,285.05 of discretionary funds from the 2024-25 financial year were spent with all invoices received;**

- b) noted that due to differing funding guidelines, \$1,438.25 that was committed to the Healthy Community event project will be returned to unallocated and approved by the CEO to carry over to the 2025/26 financial year;
- c) noted the approval given from the CEO to carry forward the funds of \$621.80 for the commitment to the School Activities;
- d) noted that an invoice has not been received for the Subway purchased for the School trip;
- e) received the 2025/26 Discretionary funds allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- f) did not allocate any funds at this meeting.

9.4 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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.

ARLA2025-050 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Areyonga as of 3 July 2025; and
- b) invite the Childcare Manager to the next meeting to provide an update to its Children's services.

10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Areyonga across the area of Local Government Service Delivery

ARLA2025-051 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority of Areyonga noted and accepted the Council Services report.

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2025-052 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Members of the Authority have an opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss in General Council Business.

ARLA2025-053 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority did not raise and matters relating to General Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on matters that members may have regarding Non-Council Services.

This may include, but is not limited to, issues relating to housing, health, schools, police and roads.

ARLA2025-054 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority raised the following matters of Non-Council Business.

- Invite MLA Chansey Paech - Member for Gwoja.
- Invite Tjuwanpa to discuss the services that they provide.
- Invite Central Land Council Representatives to discuss leases and land Management.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER, 2025

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:43 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 16 July 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda papers are submitted for acceptance by the Members for this Local Authority Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, be received for consideration at this meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected of the Local Authority in relation to declaring personal or family financial interest that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

Conflicts of interest arise when members are influenced, or appear to be influenced, by personal interests when doing their jobs. The perception of a conflict of interest – the way it seems to the public - can be as damaging as an actual conflict, because it undermines public confidence in the integrity and fairness of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC).

Under the *Local Government Act*, not declaring a conflict of interest or improperly disclosing information can lead to imprisonment.

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

- Example: Council has advertised for a contractor for irrigation of a football oval. A member is employed by a company which has tendered for the contract. This may affect, or it may reasonably be suspected that it could affect, their ability to make an unbiased or fair decision when the contract choice is considered by Council.

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

- Example: A contractor tendering for a Council contract for road works offers to seal the road to a member's house. The member would not be seen as impartial or fair when choosing the contractor for the job.

Information and Opportunities

- Example: a member may know a lot of information about tenders for contracts coming up in the MRC area before the tenders are made public. Conflicts can arise if the member gives this information to a friend or relative working for a company so they can have a better chance of winning the contract.

Undue Influence

- Example: a member tries to pressure a hotel in Alice Springs into providing free accommodation, because they are a member of Council.

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

As soon as practical after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has come up or is about to come up before or during a meeting (council, local authority or council committee), the member must disclose or tell the relevant interest to the meeting and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MRC.

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Details of members' interests and the nature of those interests will be recorded in the relevant Register of Interests published on the Council's website and to be available for any member of the public to look over at the Council's public office.

In addition, if a member enters into a personal or business relationship with another member or Council employee that could result in a conflict of interest, then this relationship must be reported to the President and CEO. A file note will be made and recorded on the relevant Register of Interests.

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

If a member is unsure whether or not they have a conflict of interest, they should give full details to the CEO or seek independent legal advice.

The CEO does not have a responsibility to decide whether or not a member has a conflict of interest in a matter. The responsibility for determining whether a member has a conflict of interest is up to the individual member.

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

After a member has disclosed the nature of the interest, the member must not, without approval from the Minister:

- be present during any discussion of the meeting when the matter is being discussed
- take part in any decision related to the matter
- Influence another member in their decision.

Members will not become involved in the promotion or endorsement of products and/or services unless this has been approved in line with Council's policies and Code of Conduct.

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

Any person may make a complaint that a member has or may have failed to disclose or tell of a conflict of interest. All complaints should be directed to the MRC CEO.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

- the business of Council is conducted with efficiency, fairness, and integrity; and
- members act in the best interests of Council and do not seek personal or family gain when performing their duties or use their public office for personal gain.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Charles Darwin University - Disaster Waste Management Plan
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is seeking permission from members to collect data from community residents on a Disaster Waste Management project.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **notes the presentation from the Representatives of Charles Darwin University; and**
- b) **gives consent by signing the ATSIRA form for the researchers to collect data in relation to a disaster waste management plan.**

BACKGROUND

Researchers from Charles Darwin University are working on a project designing a disaster waste management plan for remote communities that is specific to the context and people living there. The data collection is to get a better understanding of the processes that take place after disasters, getting to know the stakeholders, as well as understanding the infrastructure that could potentially add to the waste volumes after a disaster.

The presentation will highlight the benefits of having a Disaster Waste Management plan that is specifically prepared for Areyonga.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	ORVAC and Thrive Studies - Menzies School of Health
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an opportunity for the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research to provide a brief update on the ORVAC study led by Dr Bianca Middleton, and to introduce the THRIVE study, also led by Dr Bianca Middleton.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepts the information provided by the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research; and**
- b) **considers the request for MSHR staff to visit community to invite families to participate in the THRIVE study.**

BACKGROUND

The ORVAC study, which has been recruiting across the Northern Territory since 2018 is now coming to a close. ORVAC has been looking at whether an extra dose of the rotavirus vaccine can help improve protection against gastroenteritis for First Nations babies.

The THRIVE study is looking at how we can provide extra protection for First Nations babies against RSV infection, a virus that can cause serious breathing problems and is a leading cause of hospitalisation for First Nations children. This new study aims to find out whether giving a dose at 6 months of the RSV immunisation can help offer longer-lasting protection.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Members must consider the proposal for staff from the Menzies School of Health Research to visit the community to invite community members to participate in the study.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.3
TITLE Menzies School of Health Research - Telehealth Project
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Researchers are sharing the implementation research on the Telehealth Project conducted through the Clinic and how it has been working.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **accepts the information on the Digital Health Project shared by Menzies School of Health; and**
- b) **discusses and agrees on further development of the initiatives for Health using technology.**

BACKGROUND

Menzies School of Health Research has been working with the community clinic since 2022 on a digital health project that has now seen the clinic being able to run telehealth consultations.

This initiative has benefitted and improved community wellbeing. The local community's knowledge about what has been done is essential and important to us.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

The Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Action Register
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates to the actions; and
- b) closes completed actions

BACKGROUND

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/07/2025	Governance	Invite Tjuwanpa
ARLA2025-054 – Invite Tjuwanpa		
Members requested that Tjuwanpa be invited to the meeting to answer questions regarding the services that they offer.		
18 July & 10 Oct 2025 – Response from Governance		
An email inviting Tjuwanpa to the October LA meeting was sent.		

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/07/2025	CEO	Invite MLA Chansey Paech
ARLA2025-001 - Invite MLA Chansey Paech		
18 July 2025 – The CEO has spoken with Chansey and invited him to the meeting on the members behalf.		
Recommend to close action		

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/07/2025 ARLA2025-002 – Invite CLC Members would like CLC to attend to speak with them regarding leases and land management 18 July 2025 – Response from Governance An invitation to attend the October Local Authority meeting has been emailed to the CLC Representatives. 10 Oct 2025 – No response from CLC This item will be moved to Non-Council Business	CEO/Governance	Invite CLC

Meeting	Officer/Director	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/07/2025 ARLA2025-003 - Invite the Childcare Manager to provide an update to its Childcare services 18 July 2025 & 10 Oct 2025 – Response from Governance An email inviting the Manager to the October LA meeting was sent. 8 Oct 2025 – Response from Holly Taylor – Coordinator Childcare Areyonga We are pleased to provide an update on recent developments at MacKids Areyonga Childcare Centre. Leadership and Staffing We are excited to welcome Connie, our new Team Leader, who brings fresh energy and commitment to the centre. Under her leadership, we have begun recruiting new team members to support the growth and vision of the centre. We're also pleased to see the return of some of our former staff, whose experience and familiarity with the community are a valuable asset. Enrolments The centre currently has seven children enrolled, and we are working to build our capacity in line with staffing levels and community needs. Equipment and Resources Recent efforts have been made to enhance the learning and play environment. New educational and play equipment has been assembled and is now in use, supporting a range of developmental activities for the children. Community Engagement In a move to strengthen community ties, we have purchased a new BBQ and launched a monthly community BBQ event. These gatherings provide a great opportunity for families, staff, and community members to connect Our first BBQ event was a great success and included visits from the child health nurse and local social workers, helping us to build strong relationships with these important support services.	Governance	Invite the Child Care Manager

Meals and Nutrition

The centre is now open five days a week, providing consistent care and routine for families. We offer breakfast, morning tea, and lunch to ensure all children receive nutritious meals during their time with us.

Collaboration with Areyonga School

We have made contact with the local school to strengthen ties and provide a more seamless experience for children transitioning into formal education. Once staffing levels are sufficient, we plan to welcome kindergarten-aged children into the centre's programs.

Looking Ahead

With a growing team, increasing enrolments, and stronger community partnerships, MacKids Areyonga Childcare Centre is on a positive path forward. We are committed to providing high-quality care and supporting the children and families of Areyonga in every way we can.

Recommend to close action

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development 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 LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

At risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$45,976.51 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as of 22 September 2025;
- c) notes completion and recommends to close:
 - 2114 – Install a GFS 200 Solar light, returning \$3,500.00 to unallocated; and
 - 2260 – Waste Trailer, returning \$4,274.54 to unallocated.

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.

Local Authorities must formally resolve each initiative for which this funding will be used.

Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 15 October 2025 – Agenda

Project 2112 Water Bubbler near Bus Stop		\$
Status		Committed
12-Sep-24	Res.040 - New Project established September 2024, \$10,000 allocated.	\$ 10,000.00
28-Oct-24	Invoice received from Civiq for drinking fountain and bottle refill station.	-\$ 7,507.00
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – Noted that this will be installed by the Plumber	
11-Mar-25	PMO update - waiting on installation.	
15-May-25	Res.031 – PMO will follow up with plumbers on a date for the installation.	
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Bubblers have been reordered - need to confirm installation.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ 2,493.00

Project 2114 Install 1 x GFS 200 Solar Light between MRC office and Tjuwampa		\$
Status		Committed
21-Mar-24	Res.040 - New Project established March 2024, \$3,500 allocated.	\$ 3,500.00
12-Jun-24	Res.032 – noting that MG Electrical would install at the same time as the installation for Project 2112.	
25-Feb-25	PMO update - Area Manager to arrange installation by Civil Works team.	
	PMO update - Quote obtained for installation \$45,000 - if it can't be installed by the Civil Team project will have to be closed.	
11-Apr-25	PMO update - In the process of being installed by Civil Team - not completed yet.	
15-May-25	Res.031 – Civil team is installing and will be complete by the end of May.	
2-Jun-25	PMO update - GFS 200 is too big to instal - will supply Stealth Solar Light.	
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Light has been installed - project to be closed.	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ 3,500.00

Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 15 October 2025 – Agenda

Project 2119		Solar light at entrance		\$	
		Status		Committed	
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – New Project established November 2024, \$4,000 allocated.			\$	4,000.00
28-Feb-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.			-\$	2,845.00
10-Mar-25	Invoice received from Bunnings.			-\$	63.38
11-Mar-25	PMO update - Will be collected from storage and installed by the Civil Team.				
15-May-25	Res.031 – The CSC will collect the parts from Amoonguna.				
2-Jun-25	PMO update - The light is to be delivered to community first week of June.				
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Light has been delivered and will be installed by a contractor shortly.				
	underspend or (overspend)			\$	1,091.62

Project 2260		Waste Trailer		\$	
		Status		Committed	
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – New Project established November 2024, \$18,000 allocated.			\$	18,000.00
13-Jan-25	PMO update - Still working on finalising design - anticipate it will be ordered prior to next meeting.				
6-Feb-25	PO raised with Modern Trailers Pty Ltd - approx 4 months for delivery.				
15-May-25	Res.031 – Delivery expected by the end of June.				
2-Jun-25	Invoice received from Modern Trailers Pty Ltd.			-\$	13,318.18
25-Jul-25	Invoice received from Napa Auto Parts - Battery Chargers			-\$	154.60
5-Sep-25	PO raised with Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd - GPO's and Inlets			-\$	252.68
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Trailers ready to go - Delivery to be arranged				
	underspend or (overspend)			\$	4,274.54

Project 2261		Community Healthy Event		\$	
		Status		Committed	
6-Feb-25	Res.010 – New Project established - all remaining funds allocated.			\$	19,502.65
11-Apr-25	PMO update - No progress yet.				
16-Jul-25	Res.048 – Accepted the \$11,792.02 from Project 2118 and committed an additional \$33,770.00 being the current balance of unallocated funds to the Healthy Community event project.			\$	45,562.02
22-Sep-25	AREA MANAGER update - event to be organised.				
	underspend or (overspend)			\$	65,064.67

Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 15 October 2025 – Agenda

Budget consideration	
Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$ 76,423.83
Total un-allocated funds	\$ -
Total of unspent funds	\$ 76,423.83

WISH LIST		
12-Jun-24	Fence around Men's area	
21-Nov-24	Park Furniture	

PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26

Project 2118	Fencing and Repairs at Playground	\$
Status		Committed
24-May-23	Res.040 - Created a new project 'Fencing and Repairs' at Playground to replace project 2114 and reallocated the funds of \$32,772.50 to this project noting that any shortfall will be covered by the unallocated funds.	\$ 32,772.50
17-Oct-23	Invoice received from Complete Fencing - Supply 74m aluminum fencing.	-\$ 5,961.18
21-Mar-24	Res.014 – Change name to Playground Upgrades.	
30-Aug-24	Invoice received from AJ Nicol Fencing - installation of fencing, bobcat hire, travel costs.	-\$ 13,640.00
12-Sep-24	Purchase Order raised with Bunnings for 10 bags of concrete.	-\$ 75.55
10-Jan-25	Invoice received from Complete Fencing.	-\$ 1,303.75
2-Jun-25	PMO update - This project has been completed - but fence has since been damaged beyond repair. Project to be closed. New project will need to be created if fence is to be replaced.	
16-Jul-25	Res.048 – Closed Project 2118 – Fencing and repairs at Playground, reallocating the underspend of \$11,792.02 to the Healthy Community event;	-\$ 11,792.02
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ -

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 Northern Territory Government.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER 10.3
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending of their Discretionary funds;
- b) accepts the thanks received from Principal Anton Devaratnam for the funds that were used to support school trips as part of the Caring For Country learning units this year;
- c) notes the top up to their 2026 funding allocation to cover the deductions from the previous financial year;
- d) discusses to allocate their available funds of \$4,000.00 at this meeting; and
- e) acknowledges that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

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

Current Financial Year Funds Allocation

Date	2025/2026 Discretionary Funds	Budget \$
1-Jul-25	Approved Funds	\$ 6,060.51
1-Aug-25	Areyonga School supplies/activities/excursions	- 563.44
1-Aug-25	Res.049 – Funds committed to a Healthy Community event	- 1,438.25
	Available funds	4,000.00

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

The Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Photos of the School Science Camp to Haasts Bluff to learn about Caring For Country



Science Camp trip to Haasts Bluff where students learned about Caring For Country

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.1
TITLE MRC Position Vacancies Report
AUTHOR Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority accepts the attached list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Areyonga as of 30th September 2025.

BACKGROUND

The MacDonnell Regional Council embraces its role as a significant employer for people wishing to live and work in our remote communities. It is a priority for MRC to provide meaningful employment opportunities for local people.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Keheli Nagahawatte (Katy), People and Capabilities Operations Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Areyonga MRC Positions Vacant 30 September 2025



Position Vacancies

Areyonga

Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-time	20
MacKids	Educator - Early Learning	Part-time	27.35
MacKids	Educator - Early Learning	Part-time	27.35
MacKids	Educator - Early Learning	Part-time	12.15
MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-Time	9.5
MacCare	Home Care Assistant	Part-Time	19
Council Serv	Customer Service Officer	Part-Time	19
Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers:
30/09/2025



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR Ellen Fitzgerald, 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority of Areyonga notes and accepts the attached report,

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services
Stuart Millar – Area Manager
Benny Alick – Council Services Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS

1 Council Services LA Report



Council Services Areyonga



95% First Nations Employees in SCD



5 Area Manager Visits to Community



Council Office 560 Hours of Service

Snapshot



2590 Litres Fuel Usage Total



13 Vehicles and Plant in Use



178 Bins Emptied Weekly



**29 Street Lights Operational
0 Street Lights Non-Operational**



2 Sport Grounds Maintained



7 Toolbox Talks Completed



12 Australia Post Deliveries



3 Water Tests



11 Generator Services



10 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip



3 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections

Animal Management

- Animal Management were out here in September and did education around animal and pet care.
- Vets were also out here in September and completed de-sexing, worming and vaccinations.
- No Animals were put down on this trip.
- With it starting to heat up and water dried up, Horses and Donkeys are coming into community in groups now. Please don't lock them in your yard and secure your bins

Cemetery Management

- Cemetery is looking good with regular checks and maintenance being completed.
- Still requires regular checks
- Civil are doing regular rubbish pickups from the Cemetery too.
- Civil will look at the Cemetery again late September for works to be completed

Internal Road Maintenance

- Streets are now being swept regularly – this should keep the community looking fantastic.
- Civil will also arrange to tidy up the road coming into community where there are lots of rocks over the road – will try and smooth it out.
- If anyone notices anything around on the roads or anything, please let Civil know.

Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Parks and Open Spaces are looking so much better. This will continue with regular maintenance.
- Removed some shrubs and now the park opposite Council looks a lot bigger and brighter.
- Council is looking into ways to keep our parks lovely and green, including watering options

Sports Grounds

- Civil are preparing to clear the Softball pitch with the Skid Steer
- The oval is looking good – people are reminded not to throw rubbish and other large items onto the oval.
- Civil will spray both ovals for weeds in October.

Waste Management

- Areyonga WMF continues to have the skip bins available for community use
- Pushing up the tip has been delayed due to vandalism on our Loader
- Regular maintenance is happening at the WMF to keep it tidy

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- All Firebreaks are looking good around community; particularly around the airstrip
- Weeds are under control around community and poisoned regularly.

Other Council Services Updates

- Civil will work with the school to repair the shelters opposite the shop – School will paint the panels and Civil will install. BBQ to follow.
- Recycling program has been delayed starting – will begin in Mid-October.
- Centrelink have been bringing people from Canberra and Sydney on their trips and all feedback about community has been fantastic.
- Together with Tjuwanpa, Beau and Kendelle have completed first aid training – they will return in late October for another course.



11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.3
TITLE Youth And Community Safety Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior 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

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety and Youth Services.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

All Community Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements as per the attached Operations Reports.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Libby Taylor - Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety
Rajnil Kumar - Coordinator of Community Safety
Youth Services Coordinator and Admins

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Youth and Community Safety Areyonga LAR June - August 2025



Local Authority Report

Areyonga
Community Safety
June - August 2025



- 3 staff in the Areyonga team
- 3 casual vacancies at present
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 396 Hours patrolled
- 807 Hours worked
- Work: 5-6 hour shifts Mon-Fri
- Between 5.00pm - Midnight



578 Engagements
with young people



1000 Engagements
with over 18's



24 Young people
taken home



6 Training
Hours



156 Are you okay?
Checks



0 Community
gatherings

Highlights



- Wilbur attended the farewell gathering at the Main MRC office for Liz Scott the manager of Community safety.
- Alongside the Coordinator, Wilbur helped fix up the shade sails at the Areyonga Yarning Space and brush cut the office compound.
- The Community Safety team continue to support the Youth Program and transport youth home from the Rec Hall in the evenings.

Wilbur driving MacSafe Vehicle



Wilbur @ MRC Headquarters to attend farewell for Liz Scott



Employees
5 staff
100% Local



Activities
80 activities
213 hours



Engagements
78 Participants
591 Engagements



Bush Trip
0



School Support
4



Training
1 Staff Training



Youth Board
0



Sport
36



Events
0 Family Events

Highlights / Updates



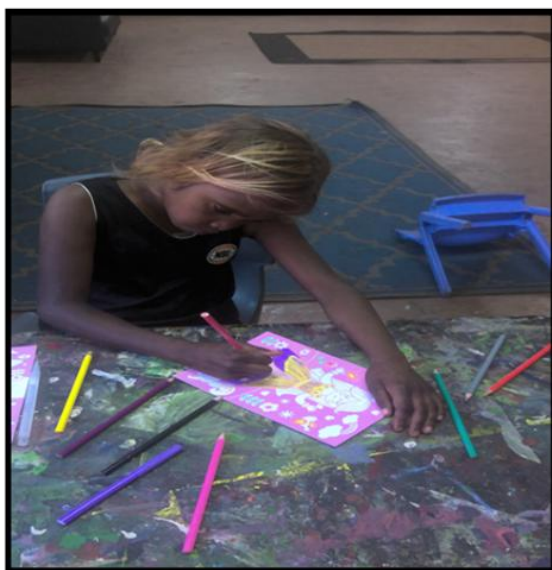
- **Kids' Safety Meeting:** Staff met with children to talk about keeping safe in the community. Young people were reminded to follow community rules, not go into other people's houses without permission, and to use the Recreation Hall as a safe place where youth workers are always around to help.
- **Staff Training – Creatio App:** Mary, our Youth Services Officer, provided training to staff on the Creatio app. This training is part of our ongoing upskilling efforts to empower our team and improve our service delivery.
- **Youth Programs:** Regular activities such as painting, disco nights, games and cooking sessions ongoing. These activities help keep children and young people connected to the community and engaged in positive ways.



Pool Game Fun with Youth Worker Melanie



Youth Enjoy Friday Night Disco



Children Enjoy Ongoing Painting Activities



Getting Ready for Indoor Soccer

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.4
TITLE Aged and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR Annaliza Rivera, Senior 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

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

All Community Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements as per the attached Operations Reports.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services
Emma Hacche - A/Senior Coordinator Quality Compliance & Strategy of Aged Care and Admin.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Areyonga Aged Care report June to August



Areyonga Aged Care Services

June, July, Aug 2025



**100% Indigenous
Employment.**
Community Vacancies: PT:1



Stakeholder meetings: 24
School principal engagements and regular
contact with clinics and healthcare providers



106 lifts given
includes trips,
shopping &
appointments



Client Interactions: 455
This includes client welfare
checks and client
engagement at the Aged Care
Centres



Personal Care provided: 115
Including...
Shower & Toilet assistance,
Laundry loads, Tablet
Reminders.



Clients
3 NATSIFACP
7 CHSP
1 Brokerage clients
= 11 Total Clients



Training
Cert III Individual Support upcoming
Food Hygiene for staff being rolled out
First Aid Training being rolled out



Meals
Breakfast, lunches & Hampers:
1315
SNP Meals delivered: 962



UPDATES



- Ongoing recruitment challenge to fill in the Home Care coordinator position and no expression of interest received for 1 part time and 2 casual Home Care assistant position.
- We continue to see disruptions due to community-based staffing recruitment & retention challenges.
- The centre has been impacted in recent months due to sickness and the theft of the Aged Care vehicle so services have been disrupted.
- NAIDOC event for Areyonga Aged Care Centre aligning with this year's theme 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy'. Aged care clients worked on arts together with school kids in the aged care centre followed by barbecue.
- In August, we successfully held a joint training day for Coordinators and Team Leaders, which was well attended and positively received.

Aged Care Coordinator and Team Leader Training



Areyonga Aged Care NAIDOC 2025



CEO Belinda Urquhart being guided on painting from Areyonga Aged care client

Two generations (School kids and aged care clients) sharing knowledge & culture through art



Aged care client teaching and explaining the school kids about the painting



12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Council Business

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 give Members the opportunity to discuss General Council Business items.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Non-Council Business Items

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 members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to Non-Council Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and discusses the matters raised.

BACKGROUND

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.