



## **AGENDA**

# **AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

## **TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2026**

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Areyonga Council Office on Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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**15 MEETING CLOSED**

### **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; and**
- c) records the Member absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

#### **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 LOCAL AUTHORITY 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) notes the members’ attendance at the previous meeting;
- b) notes that Sarah Gallagher has stepped down as Chairperson;
- c) discusses and selects a Chairperson for a 12-month term
- d) are advised that Peter Wilson has resigned as an Elected Member of Council;
- e) notes a by-election will be forthcoming for the Iyarrka Ward;
- f) calls for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy for an appointed member; and
- g) notes that a membership may be revoked if a member is absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

**BACKGROUND**

The chart below shows the membership of the Local Authority who attended the meeting on the 31 March 2026:

Appointed Members Areyonga LA	Meeting Attendance 31 March 2026
Sarah Gallagher – Chairperson	Present
Jonathan Doolan	Present
Joy Kunia	Apology
Garnet Djana	Present
Hilda Bert	Present
Jacob Carol	Present
Vacant	
Elected Members Iyarrka Ward	
Cr Abraham Poulson	Present
Cr Peter Wilson	Apology

**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.

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 31 March 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 31 March 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 31.3.2026 - MINUTES [ 9 pages]

UNCONFIRMED

MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026 AT 10:30 AM

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:59AM with a prayer from Councillor Abraham Poulson

**2 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

**3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Attendance, Apologies and Leave</b>

Local Authority Members

Member Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson), Member Garnet Djana, Member Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan, and Member Jacob Yarma

Councillors

Councillor Abraham Poulson and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees

Libby Taylor – Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety, Victor Morgan – Area Manager and June Crabb – Governance Officer

Via Teams Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Office

Guests

Katharine O’Donoghue – Member for Gwoja Office

Via Teams – Adele McCorkindale – Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development and Bernadette Shields – Census Representative

Apologies

Councillor Peter Wilson and Member Joy Kunia

**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.

**ARLA2026-01 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jacob Yarma)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at this meeting;**
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Joy Kunia and Councillor Peter Wilson for this meeting; and**
- c) noted that no members were absent for this meeting.**

#### **4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Authority Membership</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

##### **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).

##### **ARLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

That the Local Authority;

- a) noted the members' attendance at the previous meeting;
- b) did not receive any nominations at this meeting;
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy; and
- d) noted that memberships may be revoked if members are absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

#### **5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct</b>

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct Policy.

##### **ARLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

**Minute Note:** On the approval of the Chair, the Deputation presented by the Census Engagement Team was bought forward.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Census Engagement Team - ABS</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Census Engagement Team are attending the Local Authority Meeting to introduce their staff, provide information about the Census, outline employment opportunities, gain community support for the Census and seek input regarding the best approach to ensure participation is maximised.

##### **ARLA2026-04 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the information provided by the Census Engagement Team; and
- b) provided advice on ways to improve participation within the community.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides the minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 15 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

### **ARLA2026-05 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)**

That the Local Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 15 October 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## **7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Acceptance of Agenda</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### **ARLA2026-06 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

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

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest</b>

### **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.

### **ARLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members did not declare any conflict of interest.

## **9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

Item 9.1 – Census Engagement Deputation was moved to between item 5.1 and item 6.1

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>CAAMA Radio</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The representatives from CAAMA Radio are seeking permission from the Local Authority to install metal signs within the community that will display the CAAMA Radio frequency and encourage community members and visitors to tune in to the radio.

CAAMA Radio is also seeking guidance about the most appropriate location for the sign, whether at the entrance to the community or another agreed place.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **approves or does not approve the installation of a CAAMA Radio sign within the community; and**
- b) **provides advice on appropriate placement of the sign.**

**Minute Note:** The Representatives from CAAMA were not in attendance to this meeting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>9.3</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Menzies School of Health Research</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>June Crabb, Coordinator Governance</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Menzies School of Health Research wishes to deliver a presentation on a proposed employment-focused digital technology program and is seeking the views and support of Local Authority members and the community.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **notes and accepts the report; and**
- b) **supports the project team to engage with Aged Care staff, Council staff and community members for consultation and delivery purposes.**

**Minute Note:** The Representatives from Menzies were an apology to this meeting.

## **10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Introduction to the Regional Plan</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented.

### **ARLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) reviewed the information presented; and
- b) provided feedback to MacDonnell Regional Council to ensure local needs and community priorities are reflected in the development of the Regional Plan as follows:
  - Prioritise upgrading the road and causeway to ensure safe and reliable access in and out of the community when flooding occurs.
  - Training, Certificates, Licences, Literacy and Numeracy tests for youth.
  - Collaborate with key stakeholders in particular Tjuwanpa to ensure training is being offered to young people
  - Job opportunities that support residents who do not have a drivers licence

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Authority Project Register</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

### **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.

**ARLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- noted the Project Funding Acquittal and Certification (attached) as at 30 June 2025;**
- acknowledged that \$45,723.83 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- noted the available funds of \$38,474.54 includes the 2025/2026 Project funding allocation of 30,700.00;**
- noted the progress on their current projects as presented by the Project Management Office as follows:**
  - **2112 - Water Bubbler at the Bus Stop, allocate an additional \$7,500.00 to cover the increased installation cost;**
  - **2119 - Solar light at the entrance, waiting to be installed by the Civil team**
  - **2261 - Healthy Community event is still in the planning stage.**
- closed Project 2115 – Maintenance and Registration of the trailer, returning \$3,500.00 to unallocated as Council will cover these expenses;**
- created a new project – allocating \$15,000.00 to a Ride on mower for the Civil team to use around community; and**
- did not discuss the wish-list items at this meeting.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Authority Discretionary Funds</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>June Crabb, Coordinator Governance</b>

**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.

**ARLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- noted the spending of their Discretionary funds;**
- resolved to return \$1,438.25 committed to the Healthy Community event, as members chose not to proceed with this allocation;**
- allocated the balance, currently at \$1,691.07 to a Community Easter BBQ, with the CSC to collect the items and the Local Authority members to organise the BBQ; and**
- agreed that any funds remaining after the purchasing for the BBQ will go to buying power cards for each occupied house.**

## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Council Services LA Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### **ARLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report**

**Minute Note:** The Area Manager to assess and rectify the issue with the security camera at the works depot

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Aged and Children's Service Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care and Children's Services

### **ARLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **accepted the Aged and Children's Services report;**
- b) **advised that following incidents involving unauthorised persons taking meals and food from the Aged Care facility, members requested the installation of appropriate signage, to include:**
  - **No animals permitted in the building**
  - **Authorised personnel only**
  - **No food to be removed from the premises**

**Minute Note:** The Authority noted concerns regarding unexplained absences impacting service delivery and the Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety will refer this matter to the Executive Manager Aged and Children's Services.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Youth and Community Safety Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**ARLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

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

**12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>General Council Business</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to discuss General Council Business items.

**ARLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Yarma)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the matters raised had been discussed;
- b) requested that Council invite Tjuwanpa to the June meeting to discuss the new program and how this will benefit Areyonga residents;
- c) was advised that Member Sarah Gallagher has stepped down as Chairperson to foster leadership development among members; and
- d) noted that at the June Local Authority meeting, nominations will be called for Chairperson for a 12-month term.

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Non-Council Business</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- Health
- Police
- Land Management

**ARLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that Chansey Paech will attend the Local Authority meeting in June and closed this matter;
- b) noted the update on the invitation for a CLC representative to attend a Local Authority meeting and kept this matter open; and
- c) noted and discussed new matters raised as follows:

- **Representative/s from Housing, Maintenance and Repairs to attend the next Local Authority meeting to speak to members about how long it takes to get their repairs attended to**
- **How are repairs prioritised**
- **Audit on all the houses in community as they are very old and rundown**
- **What is happening to Lot 52**
- **RTB Program – is that program still running**
- **New Builds in community - how many and when**
- **Will the new builds receive splits**
- **Does NTG replace swampy's with splits**
- **Housing Pop-up shop and to place posters around community at least 6 – 8 weeks in advance, should this event go ahead.**
- **Notifying residents of visits from the Housing team should also be – 6 to 8 weeks in advance.**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 4 JUNE, 2026**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:52 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 31 March 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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## **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.**

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## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	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**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Menzies School of Health Research
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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**

Vishnu Khanal from the Menzies School of Health Research will present the key findings of an ongoing digital health project entitled, '*Optimizing Digital Solutions to Improve Access to Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services in Remote Indigenous Communities*', which is scheduled for completion at the end of 2026.

Vishnu Khanal will also be seeking in-principle support from the Local Authority to continue activities beyond the current project period.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) **notes and accepts the report; and**
- b) **provides in-principle support for the continuation of the described activities beyond the current project period.**

### **BACKGROUND**

In this project, the Menzies School of Health Research, the University of Sydney, and other partners have worked collaboratively with the Utju PHC clinic and the community to co-design, implement, and evaluate four digital health initiatives: • Hybrid telehealth model for outpatient specialist services

- Telehealth for aged-care allied health services
- Oral health services delivered via telehealth (teledentistry)
- Ear health services using a digital otoscope

This presentation will provide an overview of these initiatives, the lessons learned, and key recommendations. It will also highlight which initiatives have been the most successful and impactful and outline future directions.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments to this report.

**10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEM NUMBER** 10.1  
**TITLE** Local Authority 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 at previous meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes the progress on the action items.**

**BACKGROUND**

Meeting	Officer	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 31/03/2026	Executive Manager, Aged and Children’s Services	Signs for Aged Care
<p><b>AMLA2026-12 – Signs for Areyonga Aged Care facility</b>            requests signage for the Aged Care facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dogs inside</li> <li>• Authorised personnel only</li> <li>• No food or meals to be removed from the premises</li> </ul> <p><b>29-May-26: Response from the Executive Manager Aged Care.</b>            The drafting of the signs is currently with MRC Housing.</p> <p>MRC offers a ‘Meals on Wheels’ service where takeaway food, hampers and SNP lunches are made and delivered. As such, we have adjusted the wording to the sign regarding takeaway to ‘no unauthorised takeaway’.</p> <p>The Coordinator has also reached out to the Coordinator to monitor food delivery and pick up from the centre. She also notes that often client family members, who are approved to collect food, do so on behalf of clients.</p> <p>This will be monitored by the Team at an operational level.</p>		

Meeting	Officer	Subject
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Areyonga Local Authority 31/03/2026	Governance	Invite Tjuwanpa
<p><b>AMLA2026-14: Invite Tjuwanpa to discuss their new program</b> requested that Council invite Tjuwanpa to the June meeting to discuss the new CDP program and how this will benefit Areyonga residents</p>		
<p><b>10-Apr-26: Additional information received from Katharine O’Donoghue, Representative from the Member for Gwoja’s Office</b> Tjuwanpa are running the RAES and the RJED program, the new names for the CDP program. RAES is to support job seekers in building their skills and addresses the barriers to employment (upskilling with training etc) RJED program is creating 6,000 jobs until 2030 with wages and superannuation. The main goal of the RJED program is to assist income support recipients to move into paid employment through the creation of new jobs that support community.</p>		
<p><b>1-Jun-26: Response received from Sneha Sarfare, Advisor &amp; Performance Management</b> Unfortunately, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June is a little too early for us as we are currently in the process of resetting our operations and service delivery. Attending on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September would be more suitable and would allow us to provide a clearer and more meaningful update on the services and how they can benefit the Areyonga community residents. Please keep the invitation open for the 9<sup>th</sup> of September and we will coordinate a suitable representative closer to the date.</p>		

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Project Register
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 LAMPF 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 \$45,723.83 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as presented by the Project Management Office;**
- c) closes any completed projects on receipt of invoices received; and**
- d) discusses the priority of wish-list items.**

### **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.

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<b>Project 2111</b>		<b>Ride on Mower</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>31-Mar-26</b>	Res.009 – Created a new project – allocating \$15,000.00 to a Ride on mower for the Civil team to use around community.		\$15,000.00
		<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>

<b>Project 2112</b>		<b>Water Bubbler near Bus Stop</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>12-Sep-24</b>	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.		<b>-\$7,507.00</b>
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.		
15-Oct-25	Res.065 - Noted that the bubbler is expected to be installed by December.		
1-Dec-25	PMO update - The quote for the installation of the Bubbler has come in at \$5,700 - additional funds will be required to complete this project.		
31-Mar-26	Res.009 – Noted progress and allocated an additional \$7,500.00 to cover the increased installation cost.		\$7,500.00
13-Apr-26	Purchase Order raised with Advanced Plumbing and Gas Services		<b>-\$6,166.00</b>
		<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$3,827.00</b>

<b>Project 2119</b>		<b>Solar light at entrance</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>21-Nov-24</b>	Res.067 – New Project established November 2024, \$4,000 allocated.		\$4,000.00
28-Feb-25	Invoice received from Green Frog Systems.		<b>-\$2,845.00</b>
10-Mar-25	Invoice received from Bunnings.		<b>-\$63.38</b>
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.		
15-Oct-25	Res.065 - Noted that the contractor's expected installation timeframe is prior to December 2025.		
1-Dec-25	PMO update - to be installed by Civil Team.		
31-Mar-26	Res.009 – Noted progress - waiting to be installed by the Civil team.		
		<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$1,091.62</b>

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.		
15-Oct-25	Res.065 - Noted that the event is still in the planning stages.		
31-Mar-26	Res.009 – Noted progress - event is still in the planning stage.		\$7,500.00
		<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$65,064.67</b>

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$84,983.29
	Total un-allocated funds	\$19,474.54
	<b>Total of unspent funds</b>	<b>\$104,457.83</b>

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

**PROJECTS CLOSED 2025-26**

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.		

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15-Oct-25	Res.065 - Closed the project and returned funds to unallocated.	<b>-\$3,500.00</b>
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$-</b>

<b>Project 2115</b>	<b>Maintenance and Registration of Trailer</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
<b>15-Oct-25</b>	Res.065 – New Project established.	\$3,500.00
31-Mar-26	Res.009 – closed Project 2115 – Maintenance and Registration of the trailer, returning \$3,500.00 to unallocated as Council will cover these expenses	<b>-\$3,500.00</b>
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$-</b>

<b>Project 2118</b>	<b>Fencing and Repairs at Playground</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
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.	<b>-\$5,961.18</b>
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.	<b>-\$13,640.00</b>
12-Sep-24	Invoice received from Bunnings for 10 bags of concrete.	<b>-\$75.55</b>
10-Jan-25	Invoice received from Complete Fencing.	<b>-\$1,303.75</b>
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;	<b>-\$11,792.02</b>
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$-</b>

<b>Project 2260</b>	<b>Waste Trailer</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
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.	
15-May-25	Res.031 – Delivery expected by the end of June.	
2-Jun-25	Invoice received from Modern Trailers Pty Ltd.	<b>-\$13,318.18</b>
25-Jul-25	Invoice received from Napa Auto Parts - Battery Chargers	<b>-\$154.60</b>
5-Sep-25	Invoice received from Steve's Electrix Pty Ltd - GPO's and Inlets	<b>-\$252.68</b>
22-Sep-25	PMO update - Trailers ready to go - Delivery to be arranged - good to close project.	

15-Oct-25	Res.065 - Closed the project and returned funds to unallocated.	<b>-\$4,274.54</b>
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$-</b>

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

**Examples of unacceptable purposes for Expenditure include:**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

Funds from the Grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the 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 notes the spending of their Discretionary funds**

### BACKGROUND

#### Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

Community Christmas and New Year’s Festivities Community BBQ’s Sports weekends / Trophies / Equipment Naidoc Celebration Youth Board Yard and cleaning equipment Community Competitions – Tidy Yards / Christmas Lights  
**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
25-Mar-26	These funds have yet to be spent	
31-Mar-26	Res.10 – Members chose to return these funds for reallocation.	1,438.25
15-Oct-25	Res.66 – allocates the remaining funds towards the purchase of music equipment with Cr Poulson to source the quote and along with Member Joy Kunia share responsibility for the equipment.	
21-Oct-25	Invoice received from Rock, City Music	- 3,460.00
31-Mar-26	Res.10 – Allocated the balance, currently \$1,691.07 to a Community Easter BBQ	- 1,545.80
22-May-26	Invoice from Milners still to come	
31-Mar-26	Res.10 – agreed that any funds remaining after purchasing the BBQ supplies will go towards buying power cards for each occupied house	- 445.45
11-May-26	Invoice received from Areyonga Store Aboriginal Corporation.	
	<b>Available funds</b>	<b>45.82</b>

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

**CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 ARLA Discretionary Funds Easter BBQ



## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.1  
**TITLE** Council Services LAR  
**AUTHOR** Ellen Fitzgerald, 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 is an update of Council Delivered Services in Areyonga across the area of Local Government Council Services.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

Nil

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION**

Keith Hassett – Deputy Chief Executive Officer | Director Council Services  
Victor Morgan – A/Area Manager  
Beatrice Ker – Council Services Coordinator

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Council Services Areyonga LAR



# Council Services Areyonga



**90% First Nations Employees in SCD**



**5 Area Manager Visits to Community**



**Council Office 456 Hours of Service**

## Snapshot



**2083 Litres Fuel Usage Total**



**13 Vehicles and Plant in Use**



**178 Bins Emptied Weekly**



**28 Street Lights Operational  
1 Street Lights Non-Operational**



**2 Sport Grounds Maintained**



**7 Toolbox Talks Completed**



**12 Australia Post Deliveries**



**10362 plastic bottles saved**



**4 Water Tests**



**9 Generator Services**



**10 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip**



**3 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections**

### Animal Management

- Vets and animal management visited in March.
- They were very happy with the large number of dogs they desexed and gave medicine to
- They were happy with how community engaged with them and helped them to treat their dogs
- Next vet visit is planned for September
- CSC has been working with CLC to advertise about culling days for donkeys and horses

### Cemetery Management

- Civil Team cleaned and whipper snipped cemetery to prepare for funeral in June.
- Council have also been assisting sorry camp in clearing land, cleaning and lending trailer for firewood collection.

### Internal Road Maintenance

- Civil team worked on clearing mud off roads and fixing road into town after the rain event
- Civil team have been regularly street sweeping
- Council have whipper snipped inner lanes around town
- Civil team have been busy picking up rubbish around town roads
- Grading around town, oval, power station and road into town has been done by a contractor

### 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

- Basketball court is regularly cleaned
- New grandstand has been put in at the Oval
- Grading around oval has been done by a contractor

### Waste Management

- Council are doing standard rubbish twice a week
- Civil have been collecting rubbish around town
- Civil have done a big clean up of dump including covering the rubbish pit

### Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Civil team have been mowing bush around town
- Civil team slashed the sewerage pond

### Other Council Services Updates

- In late March the “Mapping the Digital Gap project” came from RMIT in Melbourne
- Council helped them to connect to local worker Amos
- They successfully interview many community members and are working towards improving digital access in Areyonga
- Council have continued to support the project by providing support and answering questions



## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.2  
**TITLE** Aged Care 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 and Children's Services

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Aged Care and Children's Services reports.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Aged Care and Children's Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements.

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION**

Ainsley Roscrow – Executive Manager of Aged and Children's Services  
Emma Hacche - Senior Coordinator Quality Compliance & Strategy of Aged Care  
Damiana Gentili – Team Leader of Areyonga Children's Services  
and Administration

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Aged Care and Children's Services Areyonga LAR February - April 2026



# Local Authority Report Areyonga Aged Care Services Feb-April 26

**Aged Care  
Services**



**3 Staff in the Areyonga team  
100% Community-based Employees are  
Aboriginal**

**Stakeholders' engagements:  
Congress Health, NT Allied Health and  
School Principal and Clinic**



**Lifts provided: 191**



**Client Interactions: 209**  
This includes client welfare  
checks and client engagement at  
the Aged Care Centre



**Personal Care provided: 49**  
Including:  
shower & toilet assistance, laundry  
loads, tablet reminders



**Active Clients: 11**



**Training:**  
Induction for new staff member.  
Tool Box talks: New Aged Care  
Standards and WHS



**Meals Provided**  
Breakfast, lunches  
& Hampers: 1013  
SNP Meals delivered: 782

## Updates



- We have welcomed a new member to the team: Janice..
- Earlier in the year severe weather and associated road closures, affected freight deliveries and Allied Health visits, resulting in some unavoidable delays to non-essential services.
- clients have continued to attend the centre to enjoy a cup of tea, social interaction, and television time. Engagement has remained consistent with clients continuing to access support and engage with activities,
- Staff are enrolled to complete First Aid training and will commence Certificate III in Individual Support training in the coming weeks.
- SNP continues to run smoothly with great engagement from the school.



# Local Authority Report Areyonga Aged Care Services Feb-April 26



Over the past few months we have welcomed both Congress and NT Allied Health teams to the centre



Below - Aged Care client Ena with the Congress Allied Health Eye Specialist and Podiatrist



Above - Aged Care client Rene enjoying a game of quoits



# Local Authority Report Areyonga Aged Care Services Feb-April 26



Left - new Home Care Assistant Janice  
Welcome to the Team

Below - Areyonga Aged Care team and  
Compliance Coordinator Pat providing  
staff training on the new Aged Care Standards





# Local Authority Children Services Areyonga February - April 2026



**6 Employees**  
**83.33% First Nation**



**14 - Enrolments**



**32 Hours Coordinator &  
Manager support**



**Service Delivery  
292.5 Hours**



**135 - Meals  
served**



### Training

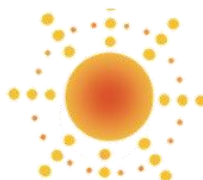
- Team Leader attended the Compliance Training in Head Office focusing on Child safety and risk assessments.



### Stakeholder Engagement

- Families
- Clinic
- Art Centre
- School
- Children Health Team

## Highlights



Successful Compliance visit from the Family Assistance Law Department of Education team

Consistent opening hours with dedicated educator team

Transition to new coordinator to facilitate hands on support for team leader

Preparation of painting materials to begin the visual philosophy canvas.

We have seen positive progress, including an increase in:

- Enrolments
- Family involvement and participation



# Local Authority Children Services Areyonga February - April 2026



Educators and children engaging in games and songs to support social and emotional development. The children also participated in group activities, creative play, and outdoor learning experiences that encourage communication, fine motor skills, and teamwork.





# Local Authority Children Services Areyonga February - April 2026



Team Leader, Community and Educators work together to create a positive environment for children's learning.

Children enjoying building and construction with Lego and art and colouring with educators outside.





# Local Authority Children Services Areyonga February - April 2026



Staff and Team Leaders engaged in professional development training sessions held in the Council Chambers, focusing on collaborative learning and program planning, child safety and risk assessments.



Yvette from the regulatory compliance team joined executive manager Ainsley, Team Leader Damiana and educator Belinda at the Areyonga ELC. She observed the program and operations, interacting with staff and children.



# Local Authority Children Services Areyonga February - April 2026



Executive manager and compliance officer sharing the program with children, educators, and families.



## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.3  
**TITLE** Youth Services and Community Safety Reports  
**AUTHOR** Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

### **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 Safety and Youth Services report .**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Youth Services and Community Safety programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements

### **ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION**

Libby Taylor - Executive Manager of Youth and Community Safety  
Yarran Cavalier – Senior Coordinator of Community Safety Youth Services  
Coordinators and Admins

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1 Youth and Community Safety Areyonga LAR February - April 2026



# Local Authority Report

## Areyonga Community Safety February - April 2026



- 3 staff in the Areyonga team
- 3 casual vacancies at present
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal

- 386 Hours patrolled Work
- 5-6 hour shifts Mon-Fri
- Between 5.00pm - Midnight



558 Engagements with young people



719 Engagements with over 18's



177 Young people taken home



8 Training Hours



467 Are you okay? Checks



2 Community gatherings

### Highlights



- The Community Safety team had one coordinator visit in this reporting period
- Wilbur Poulson Team Leader has completed nine of the Learning Management System (LMS) Training Modules through the online portal.
- Stefan Poulson has begun the (LMS) online portal training sitting in with Wilbur to complete training relevant to the Community Safety service.
- There was a special commemorative service for Kumanji little baby held at the Church during this period.
- Wilbur and Gus have completed their Annual Performance reviews.

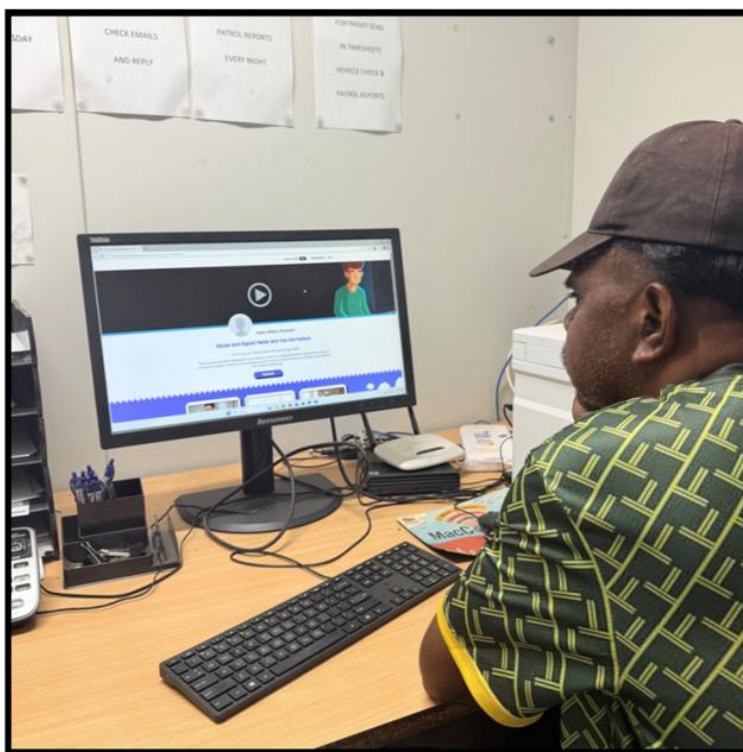
**Wilbur and Gus signing up for Cert 3  
Community Safety training.**



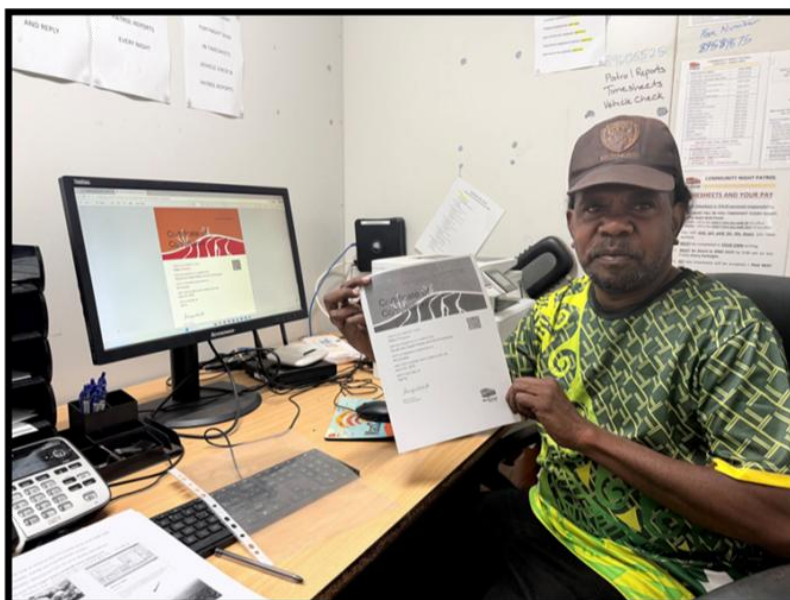
**Wilbur and Stefan Cert 3 Training First Aid**



## Wilbur LMS online training Social and Digital Media in the Workplace



## Wilbur obtained his Certificate for online LMS Training





# Local Authority Youth Services Areyonga February-April 26



**Employees**  
5 Staff  
100% Local



**Activities Hours**  
136 Hours  
open



**Engagements**  
78 Participants  
591 Engagements



**Bush Trip**  
0



**Art Craft**  
15



**Average Participant Age**  
11



**Youth Board**  
1



**Activities delivered**  
90



**Events**  
1

## Highlights



- **Youth board meeting:**The Areyonga Youth Board meeting was held on 14th of April 2026 with 9 young people attending. The Youth Board discussed current Youth Program activities, reviewed progress on previous action items, and identified key priorities including school holiday trips, an overnight trip to Hermannsburg and additional sports equipment.
- **Regular Youth Program Activities:** As part of their regular program, the Areyonga Youth Services Team organizes a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for young people. These activities include cooking sessions, arts and crafts, painting, basketball, football, volleyball, community games, bush walks, cultural outings and outdoor fitness activities. The programs support youth engagement, skill development, teamwork, and positive community participation.

Young kids are enjoying doing painting and try to be expressive through arts

Young people attended the Youth Board meeting, which focused on building leadership skills and understanding how leadership can positively impact young people and the wider community..



Kids are enjoying making food with youth staff. Through cooking and food preparation, they are learning teamwork, building positive relationships, and developing important life skills. These shared experiences encourage bonding, communication, cooperation, and confidence in a fun, safe, and supportive environment.



## **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  
**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**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC’s area
- Education
- Health
- Police
- Land Management

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes that Chansey Paech will attend the Local Authority meeting in June and closes this matter;
- b) notes the update on the matters raised at previous meetings; and
- c) notes and discusses any new matters raised.

**BACKGROUND**

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

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/07/2025	CLC	Invite CLC to discuss leases and land management
<b>ARLA 2025-002 - Members would like CLC to attend to speak with them regarding leases and land management.</b>		
<b>18-Jul-2025 – Response from Governance</b> An invitation to attend the October Local Authority meeting has been emailed to the CLC Representatives.		
<b>10-Oct-2025 – No response from CLC</b>		
<b>15-Oct-2025 ARLA2025-64 – moved this item to Non-Council Business.</b>		
<b>19-Feb-2026 – Response from CLC</b> Georgia Chinchilla - the Regional Lawyer for Utju - is unavailable to attend the meeting on the 31 <sup>st</sup> March due to other commitments in Kaltukatjara. She indicated a willingness to		

discuss any issues with the Local Authority and requested additional information regarding the members concerns.

**31-Mar-26: Res.15**

Noted the update and kept the matter open.

**1-Jun-26:** No response as yet from CLC

Meeting	Officer/ Organisation	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/07/2025	DLGHCD	Housing/Repairs/Maintenance
<b>ARLA 2026-015 – Housing to attend Local Authority meeting.</b>		
<b>31-Mar-26 – Res.15</b>		
Members have requested that a Representative from Housing, Maintenance and Repairs attend the next Local Authority meeting to speak with members on the following matters:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While we would greatly value the opportunity for Housing Property Services (HPS) to attend and provide support, our current operation environment is placing significant pressure on delivery of core property services to both urban and remote communities. As a result, our immediate focus and limited resources are directed toward strengthening and improving these essential services.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How are repairs prioritised?</b> Repairs are prioritised based on the severity of the issue, tenant health and safety risks, legislative requirements and the potential impact on the standard of the dwelling. Urgent repairs, such as those involving electrical faults, plumbing failures, structural safety concerns or risks to occupant health and safety are addressed as a priority. Non-urgent repairs are assessed and scheduled according to their condition, operational impact, available resources and access to community For all public housing tenancies, repairs and maintenance requests can be lodged through the Dept’s 27/7 hotline on 1800 104 076, which connects directly to the call centre. To further support remote tenants, multilingual assistance is available via 08 8951 5344, offering services in four languages.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Audit on all houses in community as they are very old and run down</b> Housing team attended Areyonga in 2025 and conducted audits on approximately 11 dwellings that were accessible to the team at the time of their visit. The HPS team has a scheduled remote circuit planned for mid-early, during which dwellings requiring repairs and maintenance will be assessed. The purpose of these assessments is to identify and undertake works necessary to restore the properties to Residential Tenance Agreement standards. If damage is determined to be the result of tenance misuse or neglect, and not from fair wear and tear, the cost of repair or replacement may be recovered from the tenant in accordance with section 51(2) of the Residential Tenancies Act 1999 NT.</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Does NTG replace swampy’s with splits?</b> Not if the swampy is fit for purpose and repairable. The Department understands that tenants may want to make alterations to public housing premises. Any alterations to the premises, the tenant is required to complete the alterations and additions forms (attached) seeking approval from the Department. Written approval must be provided to make any alterations. Any application is free to submit. The tenant will be responsible to pay for all related alteration costs – including installation, operation, ongoing maintenance, certification costs and removal. Where</li> </ul>		

a certification is required, the Certificate of Compliance (COC) must be provided to the Department.

- What is happening to Lot 52?
- RTB program – is that still running?
- New Builds in Community, how many and when?
- Will the new builds receive splits?
- Housing pop-up shot and to place posters around community at least 6 – 8 weeks in advance, should this event go ahead
- Notifying residents of visits should also be 6 to 8 weeks in advance

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments to this report.