



## **AGENDA**

# **AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026**

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Areyonga Council Office on Wednesday 9 September 2026 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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**14 NEXT MEETING – 26 NOVEMBER 2026**

**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

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>ITEM NUMBER</b> | 4.1                                |
| <b>TITLE</b>       | Local Authority Membership         |
| <b>AUTHOR</b>      | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |

### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making  
 Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities  
 Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets  
 Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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) discusses appointing a Chair for a 12-month term;
- c) calls for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy; and
- d) 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 2 June 2026:

| Appointed Members Areyonga LA | Meeting Attendance<br>2 June 2026 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sarah Gallagher               | Present                           |
| Jonathan Doolan               | Present                           |
| Joy Kunia                     | Present                           |
| Garnet Djana                  | Present                           |
| Hilda Bert                    | Present                           |
| Jacob Carol                   | Present                           |
| Vacant                        | Vacant                            |
| Elected Members Iyarrka Ward  |                                   |
| Cr Abraham Poulson            | Absent                            |
| Vacant                        | By-election to be held            |

### 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**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the 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 2 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 2 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING 2.6.2026 - MINUTES [ 9 pages]

MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD UNDER THE  
SHELTER OPPOSITE THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2026 AT 10:30 AM

## **1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was held outdoors and declared open at 10:55AM

### **1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON**

**ARLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That members nominated Sarah Gallagher as Acting Chairperson for this meeting.**

## **2 WELCOME**

Member Sarah Gallagher welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE**

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

### Local Authority Members

Member Sarah Gallagher, Member Garnet Djana, Member Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Joy Kunia and Member Jacob Yarma

### Councillors

Nil

### Council Employees

Keith Hassett – Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director Council Services, Victor Morgan – Area Manager, Beatrice Ker – Council Services Coordinator, Lusiana Ravutu – Home Care Coordinator and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

### Guests

Chansey Paech Member for Gwoja, and Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative from the Member for Gwoja Office  
Vishnu Khanal – Representative of the Menzies School of Health, Digital Health Project, Donna Lemon, Paumea McKay and Shanaya McAdam-Bray – Representatives Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development,  
Ciaran Dunn and Cherisse Buzzacott – Representatives Marion Scrymgour MP Office,  
Alison Anderson – Representative Ngurratjuta,  
Residents of Areyonga Community

### Absentees

Councillor Abraham Poulson

## **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.

**ARLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) noted no apologies received for this meeting; and
- c) recorded the absence of Councillor Abraham Poulson, without notice, for this meeting.

**Minute Note:** Member Joy Kunia arrived to the meeting at 11:03am

**4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>4.1</b>                                |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Local Authority Membership</b>         |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>June Crabb, 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).

**ARLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

That the Local Authority;

- a) noted the members' attendance at the previous meeting;
- b) noted that Sarah Gallagher has stepped down as Chairperson;
- c) discussed to select a Chairperson for a 12-month term at the next meeting;
- d) were advised that Peter Wilson had resigned as an Elected Member of Council;
- e) noted a by-election will be forthcoming for the Iyarrka Ward;
- f) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy for an appointed member; and
- g) noted that a membership may be revoked if a member is absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

**5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

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| <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.

**ARLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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| <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 31 March 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

### **ARLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Yarma)**

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

## **7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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| <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.

### **ARLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Sarah Gallagher)**

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

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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| <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.

### **ARLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Hilda Bert)**

That the Local Authority Meeting:

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

## **9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>9.1</b>                                   |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Menzies School of Health Research</b>     |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b> |

### **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.

### **ARLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the report; and
- b) agreed in providing in-principle support for the continuation of the described activities beyond the current project period.

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

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>10.1</b>                               |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Local Authority Action Register</b>    |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>June Crabb, Coordinator Governance</b> |

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

### **ARLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority noted the progress on the action items as follows:

- a) closed signs for Aged Care, noting that the signs would be installed once completed; and
- b) agreed to keep open the invitation for Tjuwanpa to attend the September meeting to discuss the Remote Areas Employment Services (RAES) and the Remote Job Economic Development (RJED) and how these programs will benefit the community.

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| <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.

### ARLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that \$45,723.83 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted the progress on their current projects as follows:
  - 2111 – Ride on mower, accepting the recommendation from the Project Management Office to provide an additional \$15,000.00 towards the purchase of a Diesel mower and agreed to allocate \$5,000.00, with the balance of up to \$10,000.00 to be funded through Council Service Delivery's Budget.
  - 2112 – Water Bubbler, noting the Purchase Order raised.
  - 2261 – Healthy Community event – noting that planning is underway and the organisers are waiting to hear back from guest speakers.
- c) noted completion and closed Project 2119 – Solar light at Entrance, returning \$1,091.62 to unallocated;
- d) considered the priority of the wishlist items with no decisions made at this meeting; and
- e) requested that the PMO Office source quotes for a fence around the front of the Aged Care facility.

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| <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.

**ARLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Joy Kunia)**

That the Local Authority noted the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funds

**11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

|                     |                                                        |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>11.1</b>                                            |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Council Services LAR</b>                            |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer</b> |

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**ARLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Yarma)**

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

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>11.2</b>                                           |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Aged Care and Children's Services 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

**ARLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services reports.

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>11.3</b>                                                       |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Youth Services and Community Safety Reports</b>                |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety</b> |

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**ARLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Safety and Youth 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.

**ARLA2026-30 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

That the Local Authority noted that no matters were raised in General Council Business.

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

|                     |                                           |
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| <b>ITEM NUMBER:</b> | <b>13.1</b>                               |
| <b>TITLE:</b>       | <b>Non-Council Business</b>               |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>      | <b>June Crabb, 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

**ARLA2026-31 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that Chansey Paech attended the Local Authority meeting in June and closed this action;
- b) determined to close:
  - replacement of swampy's with split systems
- c) noted the matters raised at the previous meeting and acknowledged the responses received. Members expressed ongoing concerns regarding housing maintenance, communication and responsiveness, and agreed that the following matters should remain open pending further action and updates from the Department:
  1. How are repairs prioritised  
Members expressed ongoing frustration regarding delays in maintenance services and the lack of direct communication with residents. Members reiterated their request for Housing, Maintenance and Repairs to establish a pop-up shop in the community to provide residents with an opportunity to discuss outstanding housing matters directly with departmental representatives.
  2. Noted that 11 dwellings underwent audits in 2025 and requested that all remaining dwellings, particularly those occupied by elderly residents, be prioritised for assessment during the next community visit.
  3. The future of Lot 52 noting that information had been requested for more than 12 months.
  4. RTB program – is the program still active?
  5. Whether Areyonga will receive additional housing through future new build programs.
  6. Whether split system air-conditioners will be installed in new builds and to clarify the eligibility criteria for existing dwellings to receive a split system air-conditioner.
  7. Provision of advance notice for community visits
- d) Discussed new matters raised as follows:
  8. Significant delays in housing repairs and maintenance, including priority repairs relating to ongoing plumbing issues.
  9. Lack of communication regarding housing repairs, including limited updates on the progress of repair requests and scheduled contractor visits.
  10. Lack of heating and insulation, particularly in homes occupied by older residents.
  11. Licensing, Birth Certificates and Ochre Cards.  
Members noted that Council will contact Tjuwanpa regarding support services for community residents requiring assistance with driver's licences, birth certificates and ochre cards. Members were also reminded that Tjuwanpa has accepted an invitation to attend the September Local Authority meeting to discuss the services that they provide.
- e) Noted the advice from the Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development (DLGHCD) that residents document maintenance issues by taking photographs and forwarding them to the DLGHCD Team with their name, Lot number, and the reference number received when the issue

was reported. Council agreed to assist residents with sending this information to the Department where required.

- f) **Anti-Social behaviour and vandalism**  
NT Police discussed ongoing efforts to address antisocial behaviour through regular patrols, community engagement and collaboration with local service providers. Residents were encouraged to report incidents promptly to assist with police response and monitoring efforts.
- g) **Members asked the Representatives from Marion Scrygmour's office that they liaise with the Northern Territory Government to facilitate a visit by a Housing Representative to the community to meet with residents who have been experiencing extended delays in receiving housing repairs and maintenance services.**
- h) **Members expressed their appreciation to all special guests and community residents for attending and contributing to their Local Authority Meeting.**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 2026**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:43 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday 2 June 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

## **7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**ITEM NUMBER**        7.1  
**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.**

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ITEM NUMBER</b> | 8.1                  |
| <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.

## **10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>ITEM NUMBER</b> | 10.1                               |
| <b>TITLE</b>       | Non-Council Business               |
| <b>AUTHOR</b>      | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable Organisation

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters that concerns community as a whole; in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- NT Health
- NT Police
- Land Management
- Other Service Providers

**Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues directly to NT Housing by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076. Local Authority discussions will focus on broader issues that affect the wider community.**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) notes and discusses any new matters raised;**
- b) notes the updates to the current matters from the previous meeting and closes resolved items; and**
- c) is informed that the pest control rollout date is Thursday, 15 October 2026**

### **BACKGROUND**

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

Housing Reference Group Meetings held:

- 10 March 2026 (did not go ahead due to no quorum present)
- 13 August 2026 (pop-up stall planned for this date)

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| Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Officer/ Organisation | Subject                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Areyonga Local Authority<br>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><br>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: Res.064: moved this item to Non-Council Business.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |                                                  |
| <b>19-Feb-2026 – Response from CLC</b><br>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. |                       |                                                  |
| <b>31-Mar-26: Res.15</b><br>Noted the update and kept the matter open.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |                                                  |
| <b>1-Sept-26:</b> Email sent extending the invitation to CLC to attend the Authority meeting to discuss the mapping of the sacred sites as members believe that some of the sites listed are incorrect.                                                                                                                                                    |                       |                                                  |

| Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Officer/ Organisation | Subject                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Areyonga Local Authority<br>21/03/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Tjuwanpa              | Update on the RJED & RAES programs and licencing |
| <b>AMLA2026-14: Invite Tjuwanpa to discuss their new program</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |                                                  |
| <b>21-Mar-26:</b> Members requested that Council invite Tjuwanpa to the June meeting to discuss the new CDP program and how this will benefit Areyonga residents                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |                                                  |
| <b>10-Apr-26: Additional information received from Katharine O'Donoghue, Representative from the Member for Gwoja's Office</b><br>Tjuwanpa are running the RAES and the RJED program, the new names for the CDP program.<br>RAES is to support job seekers in building their skills and addresses the barriers to employment (upskilling with training etc)<br>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. |                       |                                                  |
| <b>1-Jun-26: Response received from Sneha Sarfare, Advisor &amp; Performance Management</b><br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |                                                  |

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Please keep the invitation open for the 9<sup>th</sup> of September and we will coordinate a suitable representative closer to the date.

### **2-Jun-26: Licensing, Birth Certificates and Ochre Cards.**

Members noted that Council will contact Tjuwanpa regarding support services for community residents requiring assistance with driver's licences, birth certificates and ochre cards. Members were also reminded that Tjuwanpa has accepted an invitation to attend the September Local Authority meeting to discuss the services that they provide.

**1-Sept-26:** Email received from the Representative confirming their attendance via Teams.

| Meeting                                                                                                                | Officer/ Organisation | Subject                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Areyonga Local Authority<br>2/06/2026                                                                                  | NT Housing            | Split systems and Swampy's |
| <b>2-Jun-26: Requested responses for the following:</b>                                                                |                       |                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will the swampy's and splits be serviced prior to the summer season?</li> </ul> |                       |                            |

| Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Officer/ Organisation | Subject          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Areyonga Local Authority<br>2/06/2026                                                                                                                                                                                    | NT Housing            | Audit on housing |
| <b>2-Jun-26: Requested responses for the following:</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that 11 dwellings underwent audits in 2025 and requested that all remaining dwellings, particularly those occupied by the elderly be prioritised for assessment.</li> </ul> |                       |                  |

| Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Officer/ Organisation | Subject   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Areyonga Local Authority<br>1/09/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DLGHCD                | Tenancies |
| <b>5-Aug-26: Invite the Tenancy Management Team to attend a Local Authority meeting.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |           |
| <b>5-Aug-26:</b> Council has been advised that members would like the Tenancy Management Representative to attend the September 2026 Local Authority meeting to discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there checks in place to ensure that houses are assigned fairly?</li> <li>How does a community member get onto the Housing wait list?</li> <li>What is the process in assigning a house?</li> <li>Can community members attend a Housing Reference Group meeting.</li> </ul> |                       |           |

## **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments to this report.

## **11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>ITEM NUMBER</b> | 11.1                               |
| <b>TITLE</b>       | Local Authority Project Register   |
| <b>AUTHOR</b>      | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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 \$19,557.83 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.

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

| Project 2111 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Ride on Mower             | \$            |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Status                    | Committed     |
| 31-Mar-26    | 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  |
| 2-Jun-26     | Res.025 – Accepted the recommendation from the Project Management Office to provide an additional \$15,000.00 towards the purchase of a Diesel mower and agreed to allocate \$5,000.00, with the balance of up to \$10,000.00 to be funded through Council Service Delivery's Budget. |                           | \$ 5,000.00   |
| 24-Jun-26    | Invoice received from Pump and Power Centre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                           | -\$ 20,000.00 |
|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | underspend or (overspend) | \$ -          |

| 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.                                                                       |                             |              |
| 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  |
| 2-Jun-26     | Res.025 – Noted the purchase order raised.                                                                                                      |                             |              |
| 30-Jul-26    | Invoice received from Advanced Plumbing and Gas Services.                                                                                       |                             | -\$ 6,166.00 |
| 7-Aug-26     | Additional Purchase Order raised with Advanced Plumbing and Gas Services.                                                                       |                             | -\$ 3,827.00 |
|              |                                                                                                                                                 | underspend or (overspend)   | \$ -         |

| 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 |                         | \$ 45,562.02 |

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|                  |                                                                                                            |                     |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                  | balance of unallocated funds to the Healthy Community event project.                                       |                     |
| <b>22-Sep-25</b> | <b>AREA MANAGER update - event to be organised.</b>                                                        |                     |
| 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         |
| 2-Jun-26         | Res.025 – Noted that planning is underway and the organisers are waiting to hear back from guest speakers. |                     |
|                  | <b>underspend or (overspend)</b>                                                                           | <b>\$ 65,064.67</b> |

|                             |                                      |                     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Budget consideration</b> |                                      |                     |
|                             | Balance of underspend or (overspend) | \$ 65,064.67        |
|                             | Total un-allocated funds             | \$ 15,566.16        |
|                             | <b>Total of unspent funds</b>        | <b>\$ 80,630.83</b> |

### PROJECTS CLOSED 2026-27

| WISH LIST        |                         |  |
|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>12-Jun-24</b> | Fence around Men's area |  |
| <b>21-Nov-24</b> | Park Furniture          |  |

## 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.

## 11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 11.2  
**TITLE** Local Authority Discretionary Funds  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making  
 Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities  
 Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets  
 Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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:

- receives the 2026/27 funding allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- discusses to allocate these funds at this meeting.

### BACKGROUND

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

Community Christmas, New Year's Festivities Community BBQ's Sports weekends /  
 Trophies / Equipment Naidoc Celebration Youth Board Activities Yard and cleaning  
 equipment Community Competitions – Tidy Yards / Christmas Lights

**Current Financial Year  
Funds Allocation**

| Date     | 2026/2027 Discretionary Funds | Budget \$   |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1-Jul-26 | Approved Funds                | \$ 4,000.00 |
|          |                               |             |
|          | 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

There are no attachments to this report.

## **12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 12.1  
**TITLE** 2609 Council Services LAR  
**AUTHOR** Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making  
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities  
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets  
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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  
Stuart Millar – Area Manager  
Beatrice Ker – Council Services Coordinator

### **ATTACHMENTS**

**1** 2609 Council Services Areyonga LAR



# Council Services Areyonga



**90% First Nations Employees in SCD**



**4 Area Manager Visits to Community**



**Council Office 513 Hours of Service**

## Snapshot



**588 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**



**13 Toolbox Talks Completed**



**13 Australia Post Deliveries**



**10536 plastic bottles saved**



**3 Water Tests**



**7 Generator Services**



**6 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip**



**3 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections**

### Animal Management

- Animal Management and veterinary staff are scheduled to visit the community on 2-3 September 2026.
- During their visit, they administered medication and provided treatment to several dogs within the community.
- The team reported being pleased with the level of community engagement and participation throughout the program.

### Cemetery Management

- Civil Works staff assisted with the collection and delivery of firewood for funerals and related community services.
- Civil Works staff cleared and prepared a new sorry camp area and assisted with cleaning and maintaining the original sorry camp site.
- Civil Works staff supported the sorry camp by providing access to the community water trailer as required.

### Internal Road Maintenance

- Civil Works staff have undertaken regular street sweeping to help maintain clean and safe public areas.
- Civil Works staff have continued mowing grass along internal community roads to maintain accessibility and presentation.
- Civil Works staff conducted routine litter collection to keep streets and public spaces clean and tidy.

### Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Civil Works staff assisted in extinguishing the playground fire and clearing the site following an incident in the community.
- Civil Works staff have mowed all park areas, including the area behind the clinic, to maintain community presentation and safety.
- Civil Works staff are continuously maintaining the basketball court by keeping the area clean and free of debris using a blower.
- Civil Works staff cleaned the roofs of the school and bus stop to remove accumulated debris and improve overall site presentation.

### Sports Grounds

- Basketball court is regularly maintained by cleaning it after events.
- New grandstand in the Oval remains fully functional.

### Waste Management

- Civil Works staff completed twice-weekly household rubbish collection and hard waste collection three times per week.
- New waste bins were distributed, and damaged bins were repaired as required.
- Broken vehicles were removed and cleared from the landfill area.
- Repairs were undertaken on sections of the landfill fence damaged by donkeys.

### Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Civil Works staff mowed vegetation along the creek corridor from the community store to the clinic.
- Grass and vegetation were kept under control throughout the community.
- Vegetation behind the Council office was cleared to reduce potential snake habitat and improve community safety.

### Other Council Services Updates

- Civil team supported the school by helping establish garden beds, mowing the entire school grounds, and assisting with Sports Day catering.
- Installation of six free Solar Buddy solar lights is scheduled for completion by the end of August.



### **13 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 13.2

**TITLE** Youth Services and Community Safety Report

**AUTHOR** Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

#### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making

Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets

Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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 May - July 2026



# Local Authority Youth Services Areyonga May-July 26



## Employees

4 Staff  
100% Local



## Activities Hours

248 Hours  
open



## Engagements

34 Participants  
610 Engagements



## Bush Trip

0



## Art Craft

6



## Average Participant Age

11



## Youth Board

0



## Activities Delivered

120



## Events

2

## Highlights



- **School Holiday Program:** Youth Services delivered a range of activities during the three-week School Holiday Program, including musical chairs, mini disco nights, snooker, arts and crafts, softball and a cooking competition. These activities provided young people with fun, social, and engaging experiences throughout the holidays.
- **Regular Youth Program Activities:** Youth Services arranges a range of indoor, outdoor, and cultural activities, including a Community Gospel Night where young people sing and families come together. Staff hold regular meetings with young people about caring for shared spaces, respecting property, and understanding the impacts of break-ins and stealing. Elder women lead cultural sessions, teaching traditional damper and kangaroo tail cooking, and sharing stories to strengthen cultural knowledge, identity and connections.

Youth are enjoying some indoor activities while it was raining outside.



A young child enjoys face painting during a Youth Services arts and crafts activity, one of the regular creative programs organised by Youth Services.



Youth are participating in traditional painting activities during the School Holiday Program.



Elders passing down culture and tradition by teaching the younger generation how to cook damper and kangaroo tails.





# Local Authority Report

## Areyonga Community Safety May - July 2026



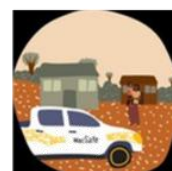
- 3 staff in the Areyonga team
- 3 casual vacancies at present
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 324 Hours patrolled Work
- 5-6 hour shifts Mon-Fri
- Between 5.00pm - Midnight



675 Engagements  
with young people



346 Engagements  
with over 18's



166 Young people  
taken home



12 Training  
Hours



425 Are you okay?  
Checks



Community  
gatherings

### Highlights

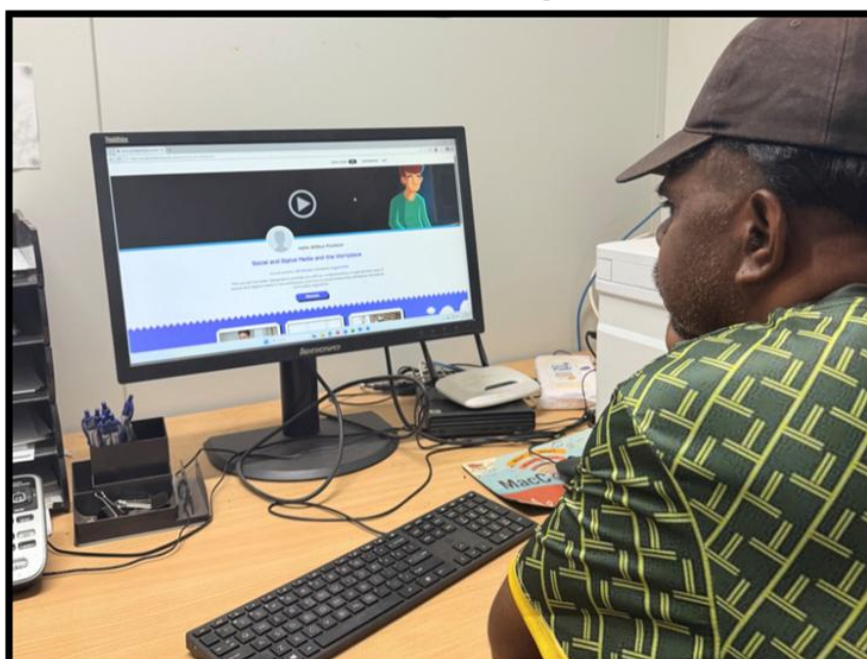


- The Community Safety team had two coordinator visit in this reporting period
- Wilbur Poulson Team Leader has completed ten of the Learning Management System (LMS) Training Modules through the online portal.
- Stefan Poulson and Gus Abbott have completed units of the (LMS) online training portal. Working together with Wilbur on relevant topics for their professional development as workers in the Community Safety Service.
- A Training with the use of the Fleetio App was completed and a vehicle check submitted online.

**Wilbur and Stefan (LMS) Community Safety  
Training online.**



**Wilbur Learning Management System (LMS)  
Online Training**



### Fleetio Vehicle Check Wilbur and Stefan



Stefan working through Fleetio Vehicle check with Wilbur



### **13 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 13.3  
**TITLE** Aged Care and Children's Services Report  
**AUTHOR** Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

#### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Strong Community Leadership and Shared Decision-Making  
Goal 02: Liveable, Healthy and Inclusive Communities  
Goal 03: Resilient Infrastructure, Roads and Essential Community Assets  
Goal 04: A Strong, Accountable and Sustainable 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 Care and Children's Services  
Emma Hacche - Coordinator Compliance & Reporting of Aged Care  
Damiana Gentili – Team Leader of Areyonga Children's Services and Administration

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

**1** Aged and Children's Services Areyonga LAR May - July 2026



## Local Authority Report Areyonga Aged Care Services



May - July 2026

Aged Care  
Services



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

Stakeholders' engagements: 17



Lifts provided: 207



Client Interactions: 1876

This includes client welfare  
checks and client engagement at  
the Aged Care Centre



Personal Care provided: 305

Including:  
shower & toilet assistance, laundry  
loads, tablet reminders



Active Clients: 11



Training:

- First Aid Training
- Cert III Individual Support
- Regular Toolbox Talks



Meals Provided

Breakfast, lunches  
& Hampers: 1364  
SNP Meals: 698



### Updates

- The centre was closed for one week in May due to the diphtheria outbreak. Essential services continued throughout this period, with staff utilising appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure the safety of clients and employees.
- New Centre signage was installed making Aged Care easier to find in community. .
- APM attended the centre to undertake client assessments, ensuring support needs and service requirements remain current and appropriately aligned with individual care plans.
- Staff participated in First Aid and CPR training, while continuing to progress through Certificate III studies as part of ongoing workforce development and capacity-building initiatives.
- Clients continue to regularly attend and spend time at the centre, promoting independence, social connection, and overall wellbeing. Clients also participated in intergenerational activities with the local school, creating meaningful community connections.
- The centre facilitated ongoing stakeholder visits, including Police, Allied Health, Congress, Podiatry, and Dietetians, strengthening partnerships and improving access to information, support, and healthcare services for clients.



## Local Authority Report Areyonga Aged Care Services May - July 2026

Aged Care  
Services

Clients attending the centre, actively engaging in and enjoying services and activities



Anwarri and Tjwupora supported the Areyonga School children on a bush walk up the hill. They shared cultural knowledge teaching and guiding the children about local bush tucker and traditional practices.



Rene, Ena and Upia  
at the centre enjoying a calm and  
supportive environment during their visit





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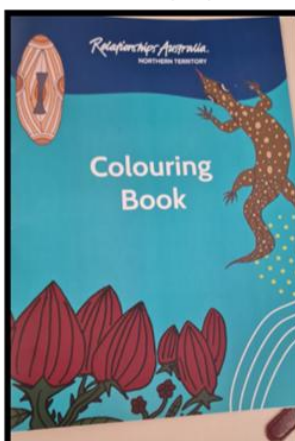


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APM Assessor Yvette attending the centre to undertake client My Aged Care assessments

During the APM Assessors visit to the centre, Clients engaged with colouring books and art projects during the APM visit





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Services

**Clients attending the centre, actively engaging in and enjoying services and activities**

Dennis enjoyed his morning walk to the centre, interacting with family members along the way before arriving to have his morning tea.



Upia regularly assists staff with her laundry tasks, building independence and engagement



Ena, Upia and Rene spending time together enjoying the warmer weather and socialising at the centre.





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Allied Health attended the centre and clients engaged in a low-impact game of quoits. Seated games like these support physical mobility, cognitive skills and social engagement.

Congress podiatrist and dietitian spent 4 days in Areyonga visiting clients and conducting cooking demonstrations.



Dennis and Tjirpowa with Chansey Paech; Member for Gwoja attending the Local Authority Meeting held in community



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Aged Care  
Services

Team Leader Sarah along with  
Dennis taking time to enjoy the  
warmer weather and have a yarn.



New Centre signage was installed  
making Aged Care easier to find in  
community.



Our Areyonga and Hermannsburg staff came together for First  
Aid, CPR and Cert III training





# Local Authority Areyonga May - July 2026



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



**20 - Enrolments**



**95 hours**  
**Coordinator & Manager support**



**286**  
**Service Delivery**



**132**  
**Meals served**



**Training**

- 1 Educator enrolled in Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- 2 Educators are on boarding settling into their roles and learning centre routines.



**Stakeholder Engagement**

*Families  
CAAC - Health  
Check/Audiologist/Chronic Condition  
Coordinator Visit  
MRC P&C Roadshow*

## Highlights

- Nutritionist Manager CAAC - provided ongoing cooking support and shared key nutrition information with families, alongside Rose, Diabetes Educator.
- Kathy, Senior Audiologist, completed ear checks.
- Bea provided physiotherapy support.
- Lily from Congress conducted children's health checks.



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CAAC Allied Health Team visit – Kate and Rose facilitated a nutrition-focused cooking session, Kathy completed ear checks, Bea provided physiotherapy support, and Lily from Congress conducted children's health checks.



# Local Authority Areyonga May - July 2026



Areyonga Early Learning Centre  
Children enjoyed a mix of learning experiences, from  
reading and outdoor play to art.



# Local Authority Areyonga May - July 2026



Areyonga Early Learning Centre  
Children engaged in a range of educational experiences,



### **13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM NUMBER**            6.1  
**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