



## **AGENDA**

# **AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022**

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Areyonga Council Office on Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 10:30am.



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**3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

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**NIL**

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**NIL**

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**NIL**



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#### **4. MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting note 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.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1  
**TITLE** Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
**REFERENCE** - 324061  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



Unconfirmed minutes from the 14 September 2022 Areyonga Local Authority ordinary meeting are submitted to the Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 14 September 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga Local Authority.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Areyonga Local Authority 2022-09-14 [1276] Minutes.pdf



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT  
10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:40am

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR  
RECOMMENDATION**

That the Areyonga Local Authority nominated Jonathon Doolan as Acting Chair of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting.

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Members present were welcomed at the meeting.

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Garnet Djana, Jonathon Doolan, Joy Kunia and Jacob Caroll

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Delivery, Mark O'Bryan, CSC Areyonga, James Walsh, Service Delivery Acting Area Manager, Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community Engagement Project Coordinator, Justine Briety, Coordinator Planning and Engagement, Kelly Ryan, ESO Areyonga and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Matt Adams & David Hanley, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Ephram Poulson, Dickey Dickson, Caesar Dickson and Andrew, Community Resident

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### 3.2 Apologies/Absentees

#### Apologies:

Councillor Marlene Abbott, Chair Sarah Gallagher, Member Hilda Bert and Naphtali Scobie

#### Absentees:

Nil

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

NIL

### 3.5 Nominations

NIL

## 4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

### 4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

**ARLA2022-100 RESOLVED**(Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)

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

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**ARLA2022-101 RESOLVED**(Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Carroll)

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 8 December 2021 and provisional meeting held 15 June 2022 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga Local Authority.

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

### 6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

**ARLA2022-102 RESOLVED**(Abraham Poulson/Jonathan Doolan)

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

### 6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

**ARLA2022-103 RESOLVED**(Jacob Carroll/Joy Kunia)

noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Grass at the football oval

**6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****ARLA2022-104 RESOLVED**(Jacob Carol/Joy Kunia)

noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) Internet and mobile reception in the community
- b) Rangers program for Youth (engagement and volunteer)
- c) Volunteer work for youth with civil teams

**7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST****7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS****ARLA2022-105 RESOLVED**(Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)

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

**7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION****ARLA2022-106 RESOLVED**(Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)

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

**8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

**9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE****9.1 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

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

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

**ARLA2022-107 RESOLVED**(Abraham Poulson/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted the new allocation and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds; and
- c) noted that the funds could be spent with majority member writing a letter to MRC.



## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community. • Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.

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

### **ARLA2022-108 RESOLVED (Jacob Carroll/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows:

- Project 2112, Solar lights – transportation is currently being organized, kept project open;
- Project 2113, Install shade shelter and water tank at the football oval – allocated \$10,000.00 and kept project open;
- Project 2115, Youth board project – requested that the youth board get a quote for the music speakers;
- Project 2116, Trees at football oval – there were no inventory available at the Alice Springs nursery and awaiting for quotes from Correction Centre;

b) approved the closure of project 2114, Shade shelter over playground to recreate a project with available balance \$32,772.5 and named it 'Shade sails, upgrade and repair of playground equipment'; and

c) created a new project near to basketball court and named it 'Stage near basketball court' with the similar design at Kintore.

## 9.3 YOUTH BOARD PROJECT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Youth Boards can be a great way for young people to engage in the decision making process for their community. Involving young people benefits their Community by building their skills and knowledge to grow, learn, develop and lead.

Young people can develop these strengths when they are connected to programs that have effective youth engagement strategies.

### **ARLA2022-109 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the minutes of the Youth Board Meeting attached;
- b) requested that the letter be written to Department of Education to invite representative for further discussion on higher studies above 6<sup>th</sup> grade be made available at the community, action item; and
- c) discussed that the Youth be given opportunity to engage and involve in the Ranger program and DCMC to discuss the opportunity and will get back to LA after consultation with CLC.

#### **9.4 ACTION REGISTER**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached register provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

##### **ARLA2022-110 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received as follows:

- a) noted that council will be doing some works at the access road, specifically the flood areas; and
- b) The action remains open.

#### **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

##### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICE COORDINATORS REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

##### **ARLA2022-111 RESOLVED (Jacob Carroll/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached CSC report.

##### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Service program delivery.

##### **ARLA2022-112 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Service report.

#### **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

##### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2022**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure reports shows spending until 31 July 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

##### **ARLA2022-113 RESOLVED (Jacob Carroll/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 July 2022.

**12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2****12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss at item 12.1 - General Council Business.

**ARLA2022-114 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2 as follows:

**a) Grass at the football oval**

LA enquired on getting grass at the football oval similar at Santa Teresa and James, Acting Manager explained that the scope of work involved is significantly extensive and the fund required for the project is far beyond what is available for the work. Instead, it was discussed that the football oval could be made more softer by sand and civil team is to investigate the options. The CSC will report back at the next LA meeting.

**13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3****13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Areyonga Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

**ARLA2022-115 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:

**a) Internet and mobile reception in the community**

LA raised that the telephone lines in the community houses have been disconnected and discontinued after renovation. DCMC representative Matt has taken over the issue and will provide follow up at the next meeting;

**b) Rangers program for Youth (engagement and volunteer)**

The youth board requested if there were any possibility of engaging the community youth in the rangers programs. This item is suggested for action register and also, Matt has taken over to follow up with CLC and provide update at the next meeting.

**c) Volunteer work for youth with civil teams**

Youth board enquired the possibility of engaging the community youth in the volunteer work and discussed trainings and volunteer work with civil team.

**d) noted and accepted updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and kept open both item from the action register for follow up at the next meeting.**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 2022****15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:09 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2022 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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Chair

Date: ...../...../.....

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

**6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Noted that the members have / have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business

**6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Noted that the members have / have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

## **7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Conflict of Interests



### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting Meeting:**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

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

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

### **Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:**

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

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

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

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

Information and Opportunities

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

Undue Influence

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

### **Declaring a Conflict of Interest**

As soon as practical after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has come up or is about to come up before or during a meeting (council, local authority or council committee), the

member must disclose or tell the relevant interest to the meeting and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MRC.

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

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

### **Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not**

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

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

### **If you do have a Conflict of Interest**

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

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

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

### **Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest**

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

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

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

## LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**ITEM NUMBER** 9.1  
**TITLE** Discretionary Funds  
**REFERENCE** - 324126  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
 Goal 02: Healthy Communities

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

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

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

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and discusses the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds.**

### BACKGROUND

The Local Authority must decide how to spend their discretionary fund to enhance the community and best benefit everybody.

Date	2022/2023 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$	Expenditure remaining \$
1 July 2022	Approved funds	4,000.00	4,000.00
Balance Remaining		4,000.00	

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members to ensure that community priorities are taken into account when allocating discretionary funds.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June and cannot be carried over. The Areyonga community has \$4,000.00 to spend on community celebrations before 30 June 2023.

### CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority and Community

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.



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**LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 9.2  
**TITLE** Action Register  
**REFERENCE** - 324127  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached register provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received.**

**BACKGROUND**

This report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Areyonga Local Authority  
Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 ARLA Outstanding Actions as at 10 Nov 2022.pdf

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/06/2021	Blacker, Aaron	Local Authority Reports and Correspondence	Build the road up
<b>Action ARLA2021-033: Bring in Machinery to build the road up before grading (raised 16 June 2021)</b>			
ARLA2021-033 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan) That the Areyonga Local Authority:			
b) Requested that the Director Technical Services bring in machinery to build the road up before grading.			
<b>1 September 2021</b> - The Local Authority received the update from CEO, Jeff MacLeod, as received from Simon Murphy, Director TS. Road Coordinator assessing upgrade based on scope/cost estimate completed by CPM in 2019. Cost is in the order of \$1.4 million and will need to go to tender after funding confirmed from R2R and LRCL. Timeframe for work is not known as this stage, but will report back to the LA meetings on this work.			
<b>8 December 2021</b> - Update from Local Authority meeting ARLA2021-072 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Joy Kunia) That the Areyonga Local Authority keep the action open.			
<b>15 June 2022</b> – Update from Local Authority meeting ARLA2022-091 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson) That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and kept action open, noting that Minister Chanston will write to DIPL and an update will be provided to MRC at the next meeting.			
<b>19 September 2022</b> – Update from Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Centre Delivery. MRC will be improving the flood ways on the access road. No response from the NT Government about the upgrade.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 14/09/2022	Kendrick, Chris	Youth Board	Invite a Representative from Department of Education
<b>Action ARLA2022-109: Invite a Representative from the Department of Education</b>			
ARLA2022-109 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)			
That the Areyonga Local Authority:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requests that a letter be written to the Department of Education to invite a representative for further discussion on higher studies above 6th grade be made available at the community.</li> </ul>			
<b>20 September 2022</b> – Community Engagement Project Coordinator has submitted an invitation to the Department of Education.			
<i>Recommendation to LA for the November meeting is to close action.</i>			

## LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 324015
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community. • Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

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

***There is currently \$17,956.43 of unallocated funds to allocate and spend on Community projects.***

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress of their projects; and
- b) approves the closure of any completed projects.

### BACKGROUND

The Local Authority decides on the allocation of their Project Funds for infrastructure projects to benefit the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

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

### Register of Projects and Commitments

Project 2112	Solar lights	\$
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	Status	Committed
4-Nov-20	Res.75 – Commit <b>\$20,000.00</b> and request that the CSC seek quotations for three (3) Solar lights with sites to be determined at the next Local Authority meeting.	20,000.00
31-Mar-21	Res.15 – Commit an additional <b>\$2,000.00</b> towards concreting.	2,000.00
11-Jun-21	Purchase order awaiting approval.	
12-Aug-21	Invoice received from Green frog for 3 x Solar lights	-14,587.65
28-Nov-21	Lights have arrived in Alice Springs and waiting on distribution approximately mid-January 2022, if not collected sooner.	
8-Dec-21	Res 073 - Kept project open	
2-Mar-22	Solar lights still to be delivered.	
15-Jun-22	Res.092 – 3 solar lights waiting for delivery from Alice springs	
14-Sep-22	Res.108 - Kept project open, noting that transport is being organised.	
15-Sep-22	PO to Spinifex Towing and Transport, to freight the lights from Amoonguna to Areyonga	-2,000.00
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>5,412.35</b>

Project 2113	Install shade shelter and water tank at football oval	\$
	Status	Committed
20-Feb-19	Res.99 – Shade shelter over seating at the football oval and install a water tank at the football oval.	15,876.49
19-Jul-19	In progress, the shelter has been measured and ordered. Water tank will be ordered after completion.	
20-Jul-19	As the grandstand has been concreted into the ground it will not be possible to move it, as suggested, to align with the boundary fence.	
20-Oct-19	Shelter materials delivered. Awaiting purchase of water tank and guttering and building can commence.	-11,153.64
16-Jun-21	Res.34 – Install shade shelter and water tank at the football oval and request that the Council Services Coordinator (CSC) purchase scaffolding to assist the team with installing the shade shelter.	
2-Dec-21	Commitment for scaffolding and platform ladder ordered, waiting for collection/freight to bring to community and invoice received (11/01/2022)	-4,034.05
8-Dec-21	Res 073: Kept open project	
2-Mar-22	Scaffold and ladder has been collected and the project will start once a full Civil team is available.	
15-Jun-22	Res.092 – Kept project open.	
14-Sep-22	Res.108 - Allocated an additional <b>\$10,000.00</b>	10,000.00
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>10,688.80</b>

Project 2114	Shade Sails and upgrade and repairs to playground & equipment	\$
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	Status	Committed
5-Sep-17	Res.84 – Shade shelter to be installed over playground.	25,000.00
24-Jul-19	In order to ensure the safety and efficiency of the shade shelter, MRC is seeking advice from the Alice Springs Town Council on the engineering requirements of suitable steel shade shelters they have commissioned.	
3-Oct-19	Plans have been received from Scope builders for a similar shelter and contractors have been asked to price. The minimum cost would be \$50,000.00 and does not include relevant permits (if necessary).	
9-Oct-19	Res.149 – Allocate a further <b>\$15,000.00</b> to project.	15,000.00
13-Jan-20	Drafting for Areyonga playground shade structure.	-157.50
19-Feb-20	Res.18 – Reverse the allocation of <b>\$15,000.00</b> .	-15,000.00
24-Jun-20	Drafting for Areyonga playground shade structure	-70.00
1-Dec-21	CSC to present quotes to the Local Authority.	
8-Dec-21	<u>Res 073</u> : Kept open project noting that Technical services will follow up to see if funding was available for the structures in playgrounds	
15-Mar-22	<p>Tech Services have asked the LA to discuss the two quote options regarding the Shade Shelter. Both quotes exceed the allocated amount and are most likely to increase again. Tech Services requests to amend the quote if an options is approved and further funds allocated.</p> <p>(Quotes as attached)</p> <p><b>Option 1 - \$27,901.34 ex GST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Flat Roof Patio as per a standard design. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Please note this will technically not be high enough to meet recommendations for playground shade structures. This unit has been priced in a full Colorbond finish.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Option 2 - \$40,496.09 ex GST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Gable Roof <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Shed Frame with no walls (price includes a 500mm Skirt around the gutter to allow for additional shade)</li> <li>o Due to the height of the gable unit we would need to take a few machines out to site such as 4wd scissor lifts and a boom lift so the install did increase a bit due to hire costs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>There are no upcoming Infrastructure grants that Tech Services is currently aware of.</p>	
15-Jun-22	Res.092 - approved option one for the Shade Structure over playground supplied by Complete Steel Sales, quotation Q1151 (\$30, 691.47)	
15-Jun-22	Res.093 - Committed additional <b>\$8,000.00</b> which includes the remaining funds \$5,256.67 from 2020/2021 grant to complete the project and accepts the quote Q1151.	8,000.00

23-Aug-22	<b>Update – Tech Services, Simon Murphy</b> Since initial pricing took place the price has risen substantially. The preferred design option (flat roof) has been re-priced on 18/8 at \$43k and the quote is only valid until end of August.	
14-Sep-22	The recent addition of \$8k to the project now has the available funds at \$32,772; more funds will be needed to progress this project. Res.108 – Renamed the project - Shade Sails and Upgrade and Repair of Playground Equipment	
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>32,772.50</b>

<b>Project 2115</b>	<b>Youth board project</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
9-Oct-19	Res.150 – Allocate <b>\$4,140.00</b> to projects planned by the youth board.	4,140.00
6-Dec-21	Youth to present suggestions to the Local Authority for consideration (noted on the YB report)	
8-Dec-21	Res 073: Kept open project	
7-Jun-22	Email sent to YB Coordinator advising of the deadline for the project funds to be sent and to invite a Representative to attend the LA meeting to provide feedback/update to this project.	
15-Jun-22	Res.092 – kept project open noting that the Youth Team were advised that the funds could be forfeited if not spent by 30 June 2022.	
16-Jun-22	Purchase from EB games	-891.36
15-Jun-22	Purchase from Central fruits and veg	-157.80
29-Jun-22	MacYouth musical equipment	-2,727.27
14-Sep-22	Res.108 - Requested that the Youth Board get a quote for music speakers	
	<b>Underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>363.57</b>

<b>Project 2116</b>	<b>Trees at Football Oval</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
5-Sep-18	Res.84 – To be planted at the football oval.	
24-Jul-19	This project is on hold and nothing has been ordered.	
19-Feb-20	Res.15 – Confirmation of allocation of <b>\$1,000.00</b>	1,000.00
13-May-20	Res.40 – Allocate <b>\$506.81</b> from project 2154 to project 2158	506.81
16-Jun-21	Res.34 – Commit an additional <b>\$5,000.00</b> and request that the CSC purchase trees.	5,000.00
1-Sep-21	Res.55 – Kept project open and advised that the trees were being supplied by the Department of Corrections.	
1-Dec-21	Trees are now being sourced by a local Nursery in Alice Springs	
8-Dec-21	Res 073: Kept open project	
15-Jun-22	Res.092 - Area manager and CSC will seek quotes from either Correction Centre or Alice Springs Nursery.	

14-Sep-22	Res.108 - Noted that there was no inventory available at the Alice Spring Nursery and currently waiting on quotes from the Correctional Centre. <b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>6,506.81</b>
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<b>Project</b>	<b>Stage near Basketball Court</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NEW</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
14-Sep-22	Res.108 - The Local Authority requested a stage, similar to the design in Kintore, be placed near the basketball Court.	
<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>		<b>0.00</b>

Balance of underspend or (overspend)	<b>55,744.03</b>
Total un-allocated funds	<b>17,956.43</b>
Total of unspent funds	<b>73,700.46</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, travels cost and allowances
- Purposes that are not related to local government services and that should be addressed by another government agency.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

### CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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**LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 9.4  
**TITLE** CSC LA Report  
**REFERENCE** - 324403  
**AUTHOR** Ken Satour, Area Manager

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the Council Service Delivery report.

**BACKGROUND**

Nil

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Mark O Bryan, Council Service Coordinator, Areyonga  
Ken Satour, Area Manager Service Delivery

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 220302 Areyonga CSC Report for Local Authority November 2022.pdf



**Council Service Coordinator's Report**

**TITLE** Areyonga Service Delivery Report  
**DATE** November 2022  
**AUTHOR** Mark O'Bryan, Council Services Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

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

**Local Government Services Update****Animal Management and Control**

- The Vets visit was on the 16 of September.
- They were here for one full day, 109 services were provided.
- The general health and body condition of dogs in Areyonga is good.
- Dog Population has reduced by 20% compared to their last visit.
- Procedures performed by the Vets, Spayed 3 and Castrated 3, Tick and Mange Injection 34, Tick Sprayed 55, MPA 6, Vaccinations 2 and Euthanasia's 6.

There are still far too many Dogs per household.

**Cemetery Management**

- The cemetery has been weeded and slashed.
- Areyonga has had one funeral between LA meetings.

**Internal Road Maintenance**

- In the New Year the Loader will be out to take away old cars to the tip, a date will be confirm at the start of the New Year.
- The road have been maintained to a high standard, access into Areyonga has been kept clear of large rocks and spillway keep smooth to drive on.



Jonathon 2 years of service with council

### Council Service Coordinator's Report

#### Parks and Open Spaces

- Parks and open spaces grass have been mowed and whipper sniped providing fire and snake protection to local houses and shop area.
- There have been a few fires that have been started in the valley that have caused concern, It is everyone's reasonability to talk to family and friends about the harm a fire can cause to this community.
- The playground equipment has been kept clean and tidy.



#### Waste Management

- Waste collection has been conducted twice weekly and hard rubbish twice per week.
- During sorry business in October council increased collection to 3 and sometimes 4 times per week due to the amount of rubbish being left on the ground. I thank civil team member for their hard work during that time with some team member doing 8 hours a day to keep Areyonga clean and safe.

Below James recognised by council for two years' service and Martin for 7 years



**Council Service Coordinator's Report****Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**

- The civil team have spent a lot of time removing dead trees from around council houses to reduce the risk of fire. Grass and weeds have been cut around all common areas, parks and shade structures.

**Airstrip**

- Reports completed and submitted to DIPL monthly on airstrip condition.
- No work orders have come in, the grass is getting long and trees are starting to grow.

**Essential Services**

- Areyonga ESO continues to provide ongoing monitoring and maintenance to PowerWater assets in the community. All services have been provided at a high standard.
- We have had some issue with water levels and bore controls, PowerWater are fixing these issues.
- Tank two has been dry a couple of time due to a faulty valve.
- Areyonga had had a low CHL reads due to the failure of ChL pumps, both issue have been addressed by PowerWater.
- An attempted break Bore 7 has been reported to both PowerWater and the Police. Bores if damaged could cause a supply issue of water and could take time to fix which would affect the water supply to the community.

**Local Authority Projects**

- Solar lights have been transported to Areyonga.
- Waiting on a quote from contractors for the finishing of the shade structure at the football field.

**Other Information**

Mark O'Bryan  
Council Services Coordinator



## LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Youth Board Project
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 324600
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community Engagement Project



### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Youth Boards can be a great way for young people to engage in the decision making process for their community. Involving young people benefits their community by building their skills and knowledge to grow, learn, develop and lead.

Young people can develop these strengths when they are connected to programs that have effective youth engagement strategies.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) **Receives, notes and discusses the Areyonga Youth Board's meeting minutes from 04/10/2022;**
- b) **Receives, notes and discusses the Areyonga Youth Board's letter from 04/10/2022 to the LA;**
- c) **Receives and discusses the attached quote for 2 speakers for \$ 2408.00 as requested by the LA during the last meeting.**

### BACKGROUND

The Regional Plan outlines strategies to achieve this goal.

Specific Council strategies are:

- Provide support for Youth Boards across the MRC region
- Develop and maintain Youth Boards in the nine MacYouth Communities
- Provide Governance training for the Youth Boards.

The minutes of the Areyonga Youth Board meeting held on the 4th of October 2022 as well as a letter to the LA, quote for the speakers and quote for other music equipment requested for community band project are attached to this report.

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The development of Youth Boards in MRC communities has been supported by MRC's Governance and Compliance Department and Youth Services Department. MRC is not resourced to establish Youth Boards in all communities without Community Support and assistance from Stakeholders.

Without Youth Boards, young people do not get the opportunity to engage in community decision-making processes with their Local Authority and see the outcomes of their decisions in their community.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Authorities receive project funding annually from the NT Government. Council, through its 2021-2022 Regional Plan, has a strategy for 'Local Authorities to engage with Youth

Boards', encouraging Local Authorities to allocate 10% of their Local Authority Project funding to Youth Board identified projects.

Without established Youth Boards in these communities, Local Authorities may not be able to allocate funding to youth identified projects.

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

**CONSULTATION**

Areyonga Youth Board members, MacDonnell Regional Council

Rajan Khadka, Areyonga Youth Services Team Leader, MacDonnell Regional Council

Kaisa Suumann, Community Engagement Project Coordinator, MacDonnell Regional Council

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 20221004 Youth Board Minutes.pdf
- 2 20221015\_Letter-LA.pdf
- 3 Quote for speakers.jpg
- 4 Quote for Community Band Project equipment.jpg



## MacDonnell Regional Council Youth Board - meeting minutes

<b>Date</b>	04/10/2022	
<b>Community</b>	Areyonga/Utju	
<b>Chair</b>	Kaisa Suumann Vice Chair: William Pei Pei	
<b>Minutes</b>	Rajan Khadka	
<b>Youth Board Members</b>	Ceasar Dixon Dickei Dixon Jimmy Doolan Denzel Gallagher Phelep Kitson Jayden Doolan Danny Ebatarinja	Anika Bennett Giselle Larry Monica Kitson
<b>Council Workers</b>	Rajan Khadka Kirsten Joseph Tanya Ebatarinja Nephtali Scobie Kaisa Suumann	
<b>This week's agenda items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome from Chair</li> <li>• Last Youth Board's meeting actions – is there any outstanding matters</li> <li>• Feedback for MacYouth</li> <li>• Feedback for the Council and Local Authority</li> <li>• Questions/comments/topics you would like to discuss that's not in the agenda</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda item1</b>	<b>Last Youth Board's meeting actions – is there any outstanding matters</b>
<b>Notes Questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for additional vehicle is discussed and is subject to funding, additional vehicle might be available if there is funding available in future.</li> </ul>

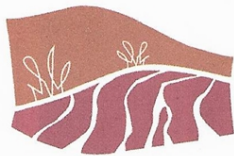
<b>Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to Macdonnell Regional Council communities available, and looking for opportunities to travel beyond MacDonnell Regional Council.</li> <li>• Write a letter to Local Authority to seek support from the NT Department of Education for training and other engagement opportunities for the youth who are not enrolled to school.</li> <li>• Contact Mark the Areyonga CSC if anyone interested in learning about civil work.</li> <li>• The request for laying grass and installing lights in the oval is expensive. The MRC doesn't have funding for this at the moment. For now, the Council can put some soil on the ground to seal it and plant some trees.</li> <li>• Feedback – there is going to be stage built on the basketball court.</li> <li>• Organise a quote for the speakers.</li> </ul>
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<b>Agenda item 2</b>	<b>Feedback to MacYouth</b>
<b>Notes Questions Comments</b>	<u>Programs liked by Youth</u> Basketball, Soccer, Music, Painting, Disco  <u>Programs not liked by Youth</u> Computer Room and Hanging around on their own  <u>What does the youth like to see more?</u> Watti (Boys) Night – Haircut, Hair Colour, Music, Gym equipment Kungka (Girls) Night – Hair Colour, Nails polish, Dance dress (costumes), Movies – Cartoons, High School musicals Dance Competitions Push Bikes
<b>Outcome/Action</b>	<b>The Areyonga Youth Board would like to ask MacYouth team to give feedback to above listed request (The section the youth would like to see more).</b>

<b>Agenda item 3</b>	<b>Feedback to Local Authority and the Council</b>
<b>Notes Questions Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bins outside the Youth Centre and Basketball court are missing. Would it be possible to get more bins.</li> <li>• In addition to the speakers for band room, the youth board is wondering if there is funding available for other crucial items for the</li> </ul>

	community band project (Such as piano keyboard, bass guitar, drum sticks, drum skin, drum kick)
<b>Outcome/Action</b>	<b>The Areyonga Youth board would like to ask:</b> a) if the Council could give us more bins: b) if we could get funding for music equipment listed below for the community band project





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Attention: Areyonga Local Authority

Areyonga Community Council Office

Areyonga NT 0872

Dear members of the Areyonga Local Authority,


We are writing to you in regards to an issue that came up during our Youth Board meeting on 24/06/2022 – the issue of Areyonga School finishing providing education to our community's youth after the Year 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately once students complete the Year 6 education, there are limited opportunities for Areyonga youth for further education and training. Not all children get the opportunity to attend boarding schools as there are only limited spots available. The Areyonga Youth Board would like to know if there are other opportunities available for education or training.

Could we please ask your assistance with this matter and perhaps this issue could be raised with the Northern Territory Department of Education.


Thank you and kind regards,

Areyonga Youth Board Members:

Phelep Kitson - phelep

Camos Bennett -   
Denzel Gallagher - Denzel

Monica Kitson 

Annika Bennett 

 Diana



***ROCK CITY MUSIC***

**ABN: 73 684 284 297**

## QUOTE

**enquiries@rockcitymusic.com.au**

***Shop 8 Polana Centre 10 Smith St  
PO BOX 9202 ALICE SPRINGS 0871  
Ph (08) 89532100 Fax (08) 89531433***

To: MacDonnell Regional Council  
PO Box 5267  
ALICE SPRINGS NT0871

Client Phone, 08 89589600    Client Fax, 89589601

Quote Number	V759
Quote Date	11-11-2022
Account Number	2272
Order Number	Quote 1
Salesman	Daran

Qty.	Description	Price	Tax%	Total
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2	CHR15 Yamaha 15" Passive Speaker	\$1,044.55	10	\$2,298.00
2	RSN30 Carson Speakon Cable - 30 ft - Speakon	\$50.00	10	\$110.00

The title of all goods does not pass to purchaser until payment in full has been received by our bank

EX GST TOTAL	\$2,189.09
GST TOTAL	\$218.91
QUOTE TOTAL	\$2,408.00

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Bank Details: BSB: 015881 A/C: 255445319

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Salesman	Daran

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1	PSRSX700 Yamaha Digital Workstation	\$2,362.73	10	\$2,599.00
1	P2050C Pearl Eliminator Single Pedal - Chain Drive	\$299.09	10	\$329.00
2	FA051400 Remo Ambassador Fibreskyn 14"	\$52.73	10	\$116.00
2	DB765 Drum Tuning Key - Various	\$9.09	10	\$20.00
5	TX5AW Promark TX5AW Hickory Drumsticks	\$27.27	10	\$150.00

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payment in full has been received by our bank

EX GST TOTAL \$2,921.82

GST TOTAL \$292.18

TOTAL + GST \$3,214.00

Please use invoice number on all payments  
Terms 7 Days:

Bank Details: BSB: 015881 A/C: 255445319

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**LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 9.6  
**TITLE** Future of the Basics Card  
**REFERENCE** - 324450  
**AUTHOR** June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
Goal 03: Empowered Communities

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is to present correspondence from Senator McCarthy on the Future of the Basic Card and the changes that the Albanese Labour Government is aiming for.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes the correspondence from Senator McCarthy on the Future of the Basics Card.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Albanese Labour Government has delivered its election promise to abolish the Cashless Debit Card (CDC).

Labor aims to move to a voluntary scheme of income management for those who want that assistance to manage their family budget and wants to ensure that changes are based on community consultations, for example the ability to use the card for on-line purchases. Territorians have been subject to compulsory income management for well over a decade and it's necessary that consultations on the Basics Card is not rushed.

Information about these changes will be distributed by Services Australia and if any community members have any questions to contact their local Services Australia support staff in Community.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Areyonga Local Authority

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Sen. Malarndirri McCarthy - Future of the Basics Card - 2022-10-18.pdf



Senator

**Malarndirri  
McCarthy**

**Senator for the Northern Territory  
and Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands**

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(08) 8941 0003 | Parliament (02) 6277 3094  
Senator.McCarthy@aph.gov.au



Dear Friends

### **Future of the Basics Card**

The Albanese Labor government has moved quickly to deliver its election commitment to abolish the cashless debit card (CDC) at CDC trial sites across Australia (including the Northern Territory).

Now our attention is turning to the Basics Card that continues to apply in the NT. Labor aims to move to a voluntary scheme of income management for those who want that assistance to manage their family budget.

We want to make sure that our changes are based on community consultations taking place over the next 18 months. We also want to improve the way the Basics Card can be used; for example, with PIN number control and ability to use for on-line purchases. Territorians have been subject to compulsory income management for well over a decade and it's necessary that consultations on the Basics Card are not rushed.

If you live in the Northern Territory and have previously joined the CDC scheme you will be contacted by Services Australia about your transition from the CDC and return to the Basics Card – if a return to the Basics Card applies to you. It is also important that people who want to remain on income management on a voluntary basis can still do so if they wish.

Information about these changes will be distributed in First Nations languages and support teams from Services Australia will be available to assist with any changes to income management that apply to you.

Information about the changes is available by:

- Accessing information at [servicesaustralia.gov.au/debit card](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/debit-card)
- Calling the cashless debit card hotline on 1800 252 604
- Meeting with Services Australia support staff in your community

I have been pleased to support these changes and the important next steps in reviewing the Basics Card in the NT. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any concerns or questions:

Telephone: (08) 8941 0003 or Email to [Senator.McCarthy@aph.gov.au](mailto:Senator.McCarthy@aph.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Malarndirri McCarthy".

Malarndirri McCarthy

18 October 2022

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**COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Service Areyonga Local Authority Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 323203
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Jenny Murnik, Community Services 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 Community Services program delivery.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.**

**BACKGROUND**

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

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Manager of Aged & Disability Services – Amandeep Kaur  
Manager of Children's Services – Iryna Mustiats  
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott  
Manager of Youth Services – Jessica Kragh

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 2022-11 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Areyonga LAR - approved.pdf
- 2 2022-11 - MACYOUTH Areyonga LAR - approved.pdf

## Community Service: Report on Operations



**LOCATION:** Areyonga Community

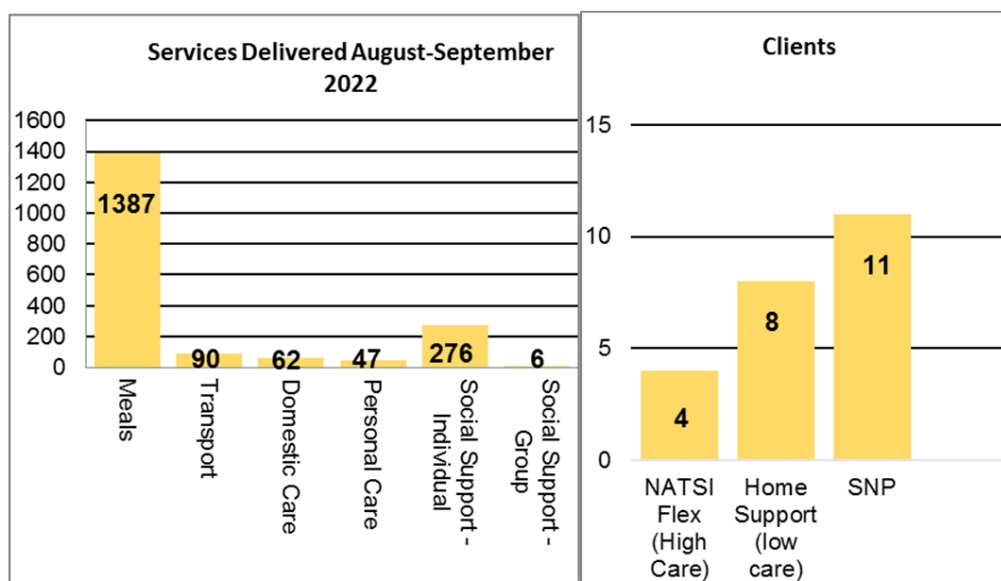
**PERIOD:** 1/08/2022 to 30/09/2022

**AUTHOR:** Jenny Murnik, Senior Administration Community Services

### AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES

#### Service Delivery and Engagement

- All Aged and Disability services fully delivered this reporting period.
- Home Care services were momentarily disrupted for following dates;
  - 11-12 August 2022 – Service disruption due to all staff attending Mental Health First Aid Training at Hermannsburg Aged Care.
  - 09-13-19-20 September 2022 – Centre closure due to staff unavailability because of illness.
- Hampers have been delivered as meal replacement to clients and schools during each service disruption and contingency plans were in place.
- Active engagement with stakeholders, regular meeting and catch ups to ensure quality services are being delivered.



#### Other Updates

- All staff remain focused on their accredited training:
  - 11-12 August 2022 - Mental Health First Aid training. Areyonga staff attended this training held at Hermannsburg Aged Care Centre.



**Team Leader of Areyonga Home Care with Hermannsburg Home Care staff and trainer during Mental Health First Aid Training in Hermannsburg Home Care**



**Team Leader of Areyonga Home Care with Mental Health First Aid Trainers, Hermannsburg staff and Amoonguna and Titjikala Coordinator**



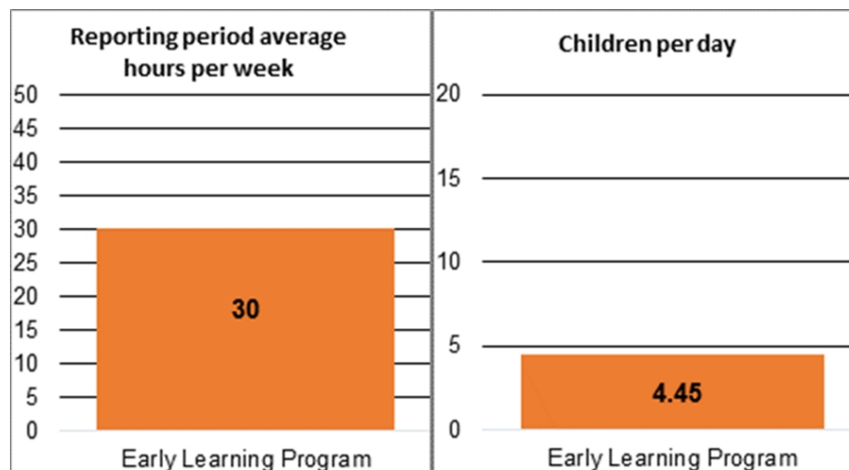
**Team Leader of Areyonga with staff and clients from Areyonga watching a cultural movie**





**CHILDREN'S SERVICES****Service Delivery and Engagement**

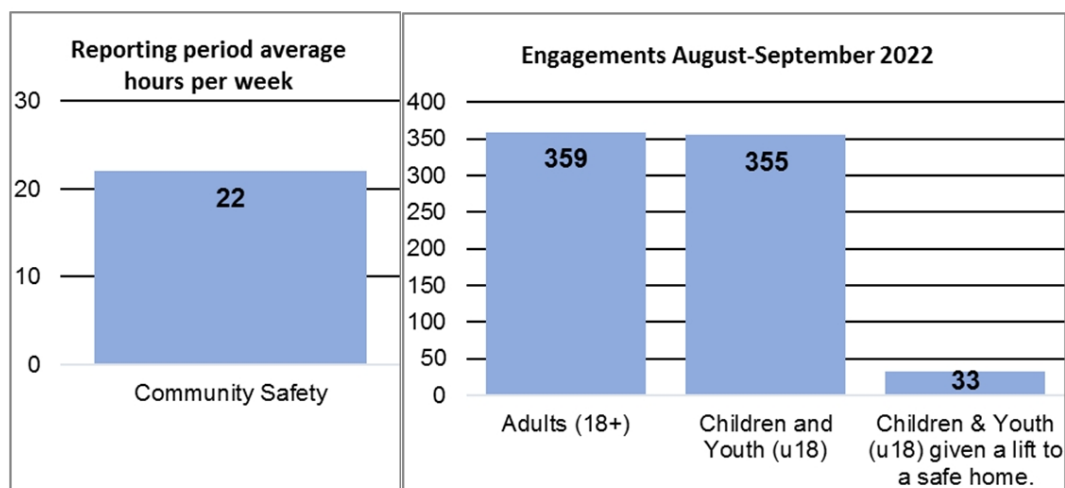
- Due to no staff available the Early Learning Service was unable to operate for three days during this period.

**Other Updates**

- During this reporting period the team leader at Areyonga undertook NAPCAN training.
  - Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect (Mandatory Reporting)
  - Child Safe Organisations Workshop
- The team leader in Areyonga has been recruiting new staff members to ensure the smooth running of the Centre and to maintain staffing ratios.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY****Service Delivery and Engagement**

- Community Safety had 10 unscheduled closures over the reporting period due to a number of factors including: Sorry Business, Bible studies and Choir duties.

**Other Updates:**

- During this period the Areyonga MacSafe Team were involved in a rescue operation to support the MacYouth team and the Areyonga School children who were on their way to a cultural camp arranged at Mutitjulu. The School bus broke down on the Kings Canyon Rd. The MacSafe team travelled to the site and returned some adults safely to Areyonga; enabling the MacYouth staff to take the young people in other vehicles, on to the cultural camp and enjoy a week of learning on Country.
- The development of the Areyonga Yarning Space continues and the MacSafe team are able to utilise the new outdoor sitting area between their nightly patrols of the community. There is one more infrastructure component required which is a triangular shade cloth to reduce the heat from the sun in the afternoons when a Yarning Circle is happening.
- The coordinator has been given positive feedback from the MacYouth team about the increase in patrols around the Recreation Hall and Basketball court at night as well as there being a greater frequency of nightly patrols across the community.
- MacSafe really needs some new staff who are usually in community, to join our service. Please spread the word in community and get anyone who is interested in working, to speak to Team Leader Wilbur.

Wilbur entering the details of his re-fuelling prior to starting night patrols



Wilbur washing the Vehicle



## Community Service

### Report on Operations

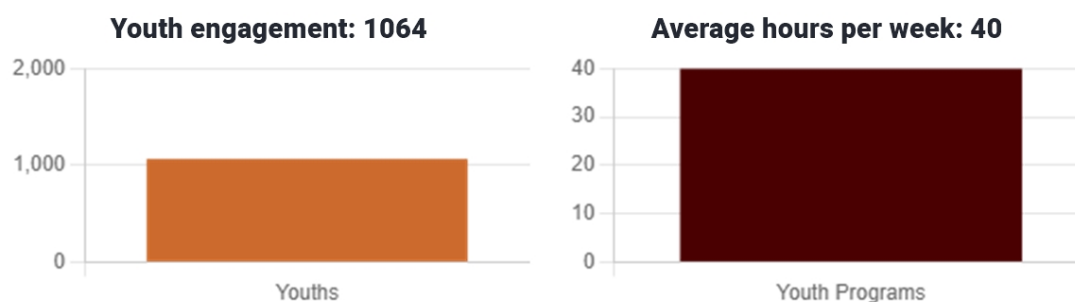
Location: Areyonga (Utju)  
 Period: 1/8/22 to 30/9/22  
 Author: Jake Sellers



## Youth Services

### Service Delivery and Engagement

- Youth programs delivered 96% (58/60 days) during this reporting period.



### Other Updates

- “Music and language are strong components for any culture”, the Kids, youths and the seniors in Areyonga singing in pitjantjara language on a rainy evening.
- Mac Youth supported the Areyonga school with their cultural camp to Mutitjulu (Ayres Rock). This enhanced the existing collaboration between Mac Youth in various ways. Mac Youth supported the cultural camp by: 1. Providing transportation and other accessories including trailer and additional gear for camping. 2. Mac Youth team participated with the school in ensuring the safety and well being of the children and seniors through out the camp in every possible way. 3. Mac Youth team also assisted the school with general duties including cooking, cleaning, water supply. Overall, this camp did not only enhance the positive relation with Areyonga school but also, enhanced the positive relation with the children and other vital community members including the seniors.
- Young people enjoyed a bush trip with the Areyonga school to Palm valley and Hermannsburg

- Tennis NT ran a Tennis workshop in Hermannsburg. Macyouth Areyonga joined other teams from Amoonguna, Hermannsburg, Titjikala, Utopia, Yuendumu and Papunya for a hit.
- The Areyonga pool reopens with a BBQ party for the community. MacYouth provided Bronze Medallion Certificates to local staff across the program to support the safe supervision of young people at swimming pools. Swimming is a much loved activity by all community members.
- MacYouth welcomes Stephanie Donald to the team. She has been running art programs and helped the youth create a mural in the rec hall.
- Senior Youth Service Officer in Areyonga has been delivering a variety of music workshops and sessions with young people of all ages. This is an activity youth often request and MacYouth cater for it in our weekly programs.



Photos



Media, Movies, Computers (Utju)



Swimming - Pool Party with BBQ, collaboration with Areyonga swimming pool (Utju)



Art Craft - Art and Craft (Utju)



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**FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Expenditure Report as at 31 October 2022
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 324670
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Avatar Singh, Management Accountant and Grants

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure reports shows spending until 31 October 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 31 October 2022.**

**BACKGROUND**

The attached finance report details the budget, variance, and actual expenditure on Council services in the community.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

The Local Authority Project Funding is to be expended within 2 years of the receipt of the funding, otherwise failure to do so may result in the Department withholding any future payments of Local Authority Project Funding or request unspent funding to be repaid. As an example any funds prior to the 20-21 financial year needs to be spent not just allocated to projects.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The attached report details the expenditure for the Local Authority which is part of the full Council's approved budget.

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Management Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Local Authority Expenditure Report October 2022 - Areyonga.pdf

{Local Authority Expenditure Report October 2022 - Areyonga1\_ORG\_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Areyonga (Utju)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st October 22					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
<b>COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Service Delivery</b>	<b>55,464</b>	<b>48,947</b>	<b>(6,516)</b>	<b>146,842</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	39,938	32,189	(7,749)	96,568	
Other Operational	15,525	16,758	1,233	50,274	
<b>Civil Works</b>	<b>74,962</b>	<b>96,393</b>	<b>21,432</b>	<b>289,180</b>	Underspend due to civil team not working the allocated work hours.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	70,305	90,853	20,548	272,560	
Other Operational	4,657	5,540	883	16,620	
<b>Council Buildings repair &amp; maintenance</b>	<b>26,902</b>	<b>10,767</b>	<b>(16,135)</b>	<b>32,300</b>	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is spent as required. Also includes leasing costs paid in July and Early Learning Centre expenditure approved by Manager.
Other Operational	26,902	10,767	(16,135)	32,300	
<b>Council Buildings capital upgrade</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>38,060</b>	<b>32,533</b>	<b>114,180</b>	Planned upgrades works at Council office delayed due to contractor shortage.
Capital	5,528	38,060	32,533	114,180	
<b>Street &amp; Public Lighting</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>4,510</b>	
Other Operational	595	1,503	908	4,510	
<b>Local Authority Administration</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>3,136</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>9,408</b>	
Other Operational	251	3,136	2,885	9,408	
<b>Local Authority Project Funding</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>35,467</b>	<b>28,747</b>	<b>106,401</b>	Areyonga keep deferring spending / committing due to not having quorums at meetings. They won't commit in provisional meetings because they want all members to agree to a project.
Other Operational	6,720	35,467	28,747	106,401	
<b>Training &amp; Development</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>2,500</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	833	833	2,500	
<b>Corporate Costs</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>1,520</b>	
Other Operational	45	507	461	1,520	
<b>Staff housing maintenance</b>	<b>22,826</b>	<b>18,085</b>	<b>(4,741)</b>	<b>54,255</b>	
Other Operational	22,826	18,085	(4,741)	54,255	
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>193,293</b>	<b>253,699</b>	<b>60,406</b>	<b>761,096</b>	
<b>NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	<b>4,693</b>	<b>7,087</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>21,260</b>	
Other Operational	4,693	7,087	2,393	21,260	
<b>Power &amp; water contract</b>	<b>39,199</b>	<b>41,979</b>	<b>2,780</b>	<b>127,091</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	32,913	32,823	(90)	99,624	
Other Operational	6,286	9,156	2,870	27,467	
<b>Centrelink</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>19,816</b>	<b>19,464</b>	<b>59,448</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	352	19,816	19,464	59,448	
<b>Manage Projects</b>	<b>62,267</b>	<b>28,013</b>	<b>(34,253)</b>	<b>160,830</b>	Natural account coding error, capital code to be journaled to operational.
Other Operational	0	28,013	28,013	160,830	
Capital	62,267	0	(62,267)	0	
<b>Airstrip Maintenance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1,010</b>	
Other Operational	0	337	337	1,010	
<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>39,423</b>	<b>35,049</b>	<b>(4,374)</b>	<b>105,147</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	34,179	28,926	(5,253)	86,777	
Other Operational	5,245	6,123	879	18,370	
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>89,333</b>	<b>85,502</b>	<b>(3,831)</b>	<b>256,506</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	72,441	65,408	(7,033)	196,224	
Other Operational	16,892	20,094	3,202	60,282	
<b>Aged &amp; Disability Services</b>	<b>56,888</b>	<b>123,819</b>	<b>66,932</b>	<b>371,457</b>	Due to not enough staff.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	27,511	59,971	32,460	179,914	
Other Operational	29,377	63,848	34,471	191,543	
<b>School Nutrition Program</b>	<b>32,693</b>	<b>38,243</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>114,728</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	21,802	21,802	0	65,405	
Other Operational	10,891	16,441	5,550	49,323	

{Local Authority Expenditure Report October 2022 - Areyonga1\_ORG\_NAME}

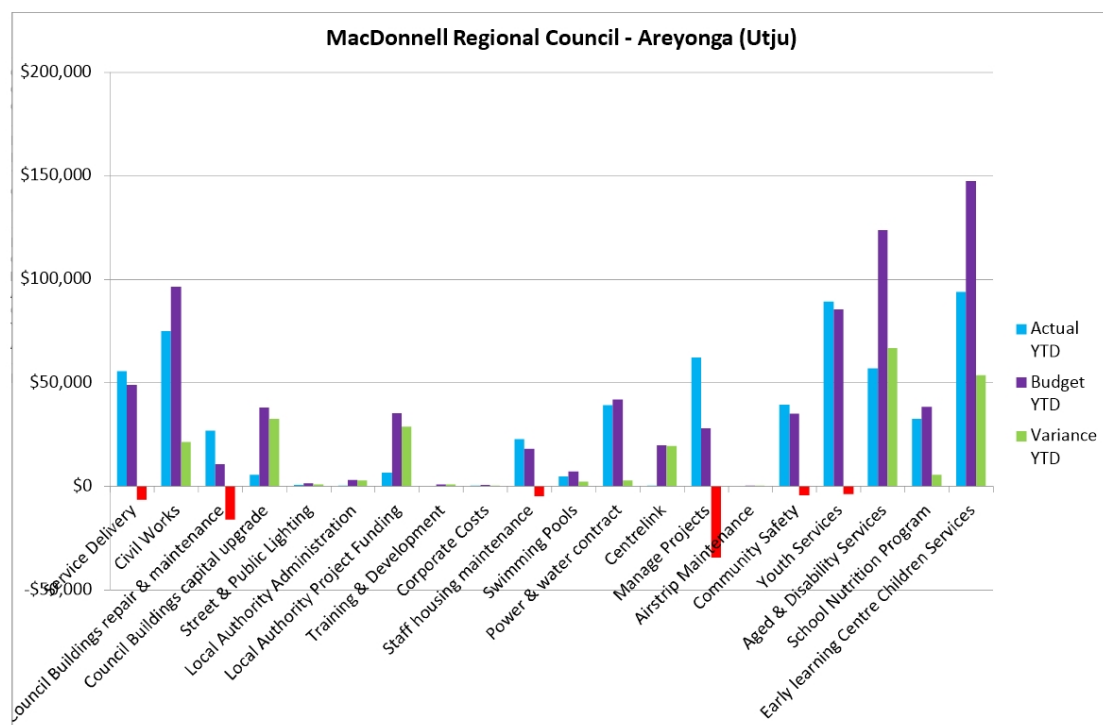
Early learning Centre Children Services	93,894	147,877	53,683	442,730	The centre was closed for 7 days in this reporting period due to the lack of staff.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	53,451	81,806	28,355	245,418	
Other Operational	40,443	65,771	25,328	197,312	
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>418,742</b>	<b>527,421</b>	<b>108,680</b>	<b>1,660,207</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>612,035</b>	<b>781,120</b>	<b>169,085</b>	<b>2,421,303</b>	

The variance is over 10% or \$10,000 due to more money being spent than budget.

The variance is over 10% or \$10,000 due to less money being spent than budget.

Please note the figures above include internal allocations between functions, so that the program expenditure shown is the true cost to Council's budget.

MacDonnell Regional Council - Areyonga (Utju)				
Expenditure by Community as at 31st October 22				
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year
Discretionary Funds	0	4,000	4,000	4,000



**GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.1
<b>TITLE</b>	General Business
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 324128
<b>AUTHOR</b>	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to give members the opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss at item 12.1 - General Council Business.

Additionally, the members are asked to discuss and give feedback on the following matters:

- a) LA meetings to be held in an outdoor space starting April 2023.
- b) LA meetings to be recorded for minute taking purposes.
- c) How can MRC assist the Local Authority members to achieve Quorum?
- d) Is there any suggestions from the Local Authority to encourage members to attend and participate in the meetings?

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2;
- b) approves for a meeting to be held outdoors;
- c) accepts / does not accept that the Authority meetings be recorded; and
- d) notes the discussion on attendance to Local Authority meetings.

**BACKGROUND**

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- 3:.....
- 4:.....
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**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Areyonga Local Authority  
 Executive Leadership Team

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 13.1  
**TITLE** Other non-Council Business  
**REFERENCE** - 324129  
**AUTHOR** Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Areyonga Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters they wish to discuss in General Non-Council Business.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) notes and accepts any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

**BACKGROUND**

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**ACTION REGISTER**

Date raised	Action	Detail
8 Dec 2021	Housing/Empty Housing	<u>Res. 079</u> The Local Authority asked about future housing, current availability and what can be done to have a tenants removed from their house because they no longer stay in it.  The representative advised that if residents have left their houses and moved elsewhere, but continue to pay rent, to raise this at the next Housing Reference Group meeting.
15 June 2022		<u>Res.099</u> - noted that there were no member present from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC) and the Hon Minister Paech advised that he will address the existing action on housing/empty

		housing by writing to Minister of Housing and Homelands.
15 June 2022	CDP & Jobs for local resident	<u>Res.099</u> - It was discussed that there are no noticeable activities happening in the community to support local employment opportunities.
14 Sept 2022		<u>Res.115</u> – The Youth Board discussed the possibility to engage in volunteer work.
14 Sept 2022	Internet & Mobile Reception	<u>Res.115</u> – The LA raised that the telephone lines in the community houses have been disconnected and discontinued after renovation. DCMC Representative advised that he will provide a response at the next LA meeting.
14 Sept 2022	Rangers Program for Youth	<u>Res.115</u> – The Youth Board requested if there was any possibility of engaging the community's youth in the Rangers Program. DCMC Representative will consult with CLC and provide an update at the next LA meeting.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Areyonga Local Authority  
Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.