



AGENDA

AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2023

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Areyonga Council Office on Thursday, 10 August 2023 at 10:30am.

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

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

That members notes the attendance and accepts the apologies to the meeting.

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

That members notes the absentees to the meeting.

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5 NOMINATIONS

NIL

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 notes the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct**Interests of the Council and Community come first**

A member must act in the best interests of the community, its outstations and the Council.

Honesty

A member must be honest and act the right way (with integrity) when performing official duties.

Taking care

A member must be careful to make good decisions (diligence), and must not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, when performing official duties.

Respect/Courtesy

A member must be respectful to other members, council staff, constituents and members of the public.

Conduct towards council staff

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of council staff.

Respect for culture

A member must respect different cultures, families and language groups (cultural diversity) and not be unfair towards others, or the opinions of others, because of their background.

Conflict of interest

A member must, if possible, avoid conflict of interest between the member's private interests (family, other job, business etc.) and duties.

Where a conflict exists, the member must inform the Council, Local Authority or Council Committee and not take part in the discussion or vote.

Respect for private business

A member must not share private (confidential) information that they heard as a member, outside of meetings.

A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to

cause harm to another.

Gifts

A member must not ask for or encourage gifts or private benefits from anyone who might want to do business with or obtain a benefit from Council.

Accountable

A member must be able to show that they have made good decisions for the community, and have allocated the Council's resources carefully and to benefit the region.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Code of Conduct Policy helps Council to ensure that the:

- MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) exercises strong and accountable governance;
- constituents of MRC are aware of the behaviours they can expect from members.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	- 335812
AUTHOR	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement Officer



Unconfirmed minutes from the 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 24 May 2023 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023-05-24 ARLA Minutes (Draft).pdf



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.43AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chairperson Sarah Gallagher

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Sarah Gallagher, Member Garnet Djana, Member Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Joy Kunia and member Jacob Carol

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Keith Hassett, Director Service Delivery, James Walsh, Area Manager Service Delivery, Lucie McKean, CSC Areyonga and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Community Residents

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Kenneth Lechleitner, Regional Coordinator Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet due to mobile network connection

Absentees:

Member Naphtali Scobie

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

ARLA2023-029 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted attendances, apology and absentees to the Areyonga Local Authority meeting.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

ARLA2023-030 RESOLVED(Joy Kunia/Hilda Bert)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

ARLA2023-031 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 23 March 2023 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**

ARLA2023-032 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)

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

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

ARLA2023-033 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)

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

- a) Wi-Fi at the Childcare centre, staff shortage & recent break ins
- b) Firewood
- c) Slashing grass inside residents premises
- d) Local Staff from each department to attend LA meeting

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ARLA2023-034 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)

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

- a) Empty Housing
- b) Mobile network connection
- c) CDP and local employment
- d) Hon Minister Chanston Paech to attend Local Authority

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2023-035 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2023-036 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)

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.

ARLA2023-037 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds;
- b) approved the quote presented to LA at the meeting to buy the Tiger tops football uniform/Jersey sets and allocated \$3,000.00
- c) approved to spend the remaining fund \$1,000.00 to buy power cards for community residents; and
- b) noted that the funds will be forfeited if not spent before 30 June 2023, in about a month time.

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.

ARLA2023-038 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows;
 - Project 2112, Solar Lights – Spot for the one remaining solar light will be erected when member decide where to erect the light and a Sorry camp could be an option if the lights at the camp couldn't be fixed and waiting for concrete to be delivered.
 - Project 2113, Install shade shelter and water tank at football oval – waiting for contractors (AJ Nicole) to come out to community and complete the jobs.
 - Project 2116, Trees at Football Oval – member assigned men to decide on the locations to plant the tress as the trees have been received.
 - Project, Stage near Basketball Court – member approved to buy a modular stage attached in the agenda, printed and provided to LA at the meeting and allocated \$8,000.00 to the project.

ARLA2023-039 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

- b) approved the closure of completed projects as follows:
 - Project 2114, Shade Sails and repairs to Playground equipment – noting that the quote received for this works are way over the budgets available and moved the project to a wish-list, LA have elected to do a new project to replace this project with fencing.
 - Project 2115, Youth board project – noting that the all funds have been spent.

ARLA2023-040 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

- c) created a new project 'Fencing and repairs' at the Playground to replace the project 2114 and reallocated the funds \$32,772.50 to this project noting that any shortfall will be covered by the unallocated funds.

9.3 ACTION REGISTER**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

ARLA2023-041 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and kept action open:
- Noted that the grading would take place in the next few months and top keep open until that happens.
 - Rec hall separation – noting that the quote is being sourced.
- b) noted the quote for stage attached in the project register and closed the action regarding investigate and present modular staging.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

ARLA2023-042 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)

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

10.2 AREYONGA LA CSC REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of council delivered services across the area of local Government Service Delivery

ARLA2023-043 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 April 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

ARLA2023-044 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 April 2023.

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.

ARLA2023-045 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)

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

- a) **Wi-Fi at the Childcare centre, staff shortage & recent break ins during festival**

LA raised that the Wi-Fi password has been leaked and youths are overcrowding around the childcare centre to use the Wi-Fi. There has been recent break ins at the centre around festival season. LA enquired about child care centre staffing and were concerned for centre being closed. It was responded that the Wi-Fi password change will be notified to the IT department to resolve and staff shortage at the childcare centre is an ongoing due to certification requirements in the process of recruitment. Vacancy has been advertised for recruitment.

- b) **Firewood**

LA notified the council that the civil team used to get the wood fire at times when it was a 'Shire' from around the community for elders to put up a fire and this hasn't happened for a long time. It was responded that the 'Shire' has been modified with the new local government act and this request may not be possible for civil team to work on due to insurance and other risk involved.

- c) **Slashing grass inside residents Houses**

LA requested if the grass could be slashed inside the resident premises and the respond was that, the Council is not allowed to slash the grass inside houses.

- d) **Local Staff from each department to attend LA meeting**

LA has requested for community staff members such as MacYouth & MacSafe team leaders could attend the LA meetings and this will be notified to the respective departmental managers.

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 they wish to discuss in General Non-Council Business.

ARLA2023-046 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:**

- Empty Housing

LA raised that there are number of issues to address by the Housing department regarding empty houses, overcrowding and break ins. HRG meeting has not been held for a very long time.

- Mobile network connection

Internet and phone reception has been a huge issue for the community and this has been raised several times to come up with solutions. It was discussed at the last year June meeting that the small cells around the football oval could be a solution but no action has been taken towards the solutions.

- CDP and local employment

Member discussed that here are no noticeable CDP activities happening in the community and requested that the CDP program should be run and prioritised for a local indigenous people.

- Hon Minister Chanston Paech to attend Local Authority

LA Members from the Local Authority have strongly asked Council to invite Hon Minister Chanston Peach to attend next Local Authority meeting and provide support to the issues raised and discussed by the LA at this meeting and on the matters raised at the meeting held on June 2022.

- b) **Noted that the DCM&C have approached governance team to phone in but it was not feasible due to mobile network connection.**

Minute note: Members and community residents were served with BBQ after successful meeting as it was LA outdoor meeting followed by community BBQ.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 10 AUGUST, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:04 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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 notes the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION

That members provides / does not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION

That members provides / does not provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	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.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Menzies School of Health Research
REFERENCE	- 335299
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:

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The purpose of this presentation is to consult with remote Aboriginal communities to obtain endorsement to conduct research on a project titled 'Examining the impact of extreme temperature on Public Health Care services utilisation in remote Central Australia to inform adaptation strategies'.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the presentation; and
- b) provides feedback on obtaining community involvement to conduct the research.

BACKGROUND

The study explores how extreme heat affects the clinic use of remote community members and how best to reduce the heat related risks on community members.

Researchers are asking community to participate in an interview or a focus group discussion in which you can talk about how hot weather affects your health.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority members

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 ParticipantInformationSheet.pdf



Examining the impact of extreme temperature on primary health care services utilisation in remote Central Australia to inform adaptation strategies

Community Member Participant Information Sheet ***THIS IS FOR YOU TO KEEP***

What is the study about?

This study explores how extreme heat affects the clinic use of remote community members and how best to reduce the heat related risks on community members.

What are you asking me to do?

We request you to participate in an interview or focus group discussion with a researcher in which you can talk about how hot weather affects your health and your clinic use and what can be done to reduce the effects.

Who are the researchers?

The research team includes Dr Supriya Mathew (Menzies), Professor John Wakerman (Menzies), A Prof Linda Ford (CDU), Dr Mohammad Radwanur Talukder (Menzies), Dr Sophie Pascoe (Menzies), Dr Deborah Russell (Menzies), A/Prof Kerstin K Zander (CDU), Dr Vahab Baghbanian (Congress), Prof Alan Cass (Menzies), Dr David Reeve (Dept of health), Ms Emma Delahunty (Congress) and Dr Rishu Thakur (Menzies).

Do I have to participate?

All participation is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time without consequence. If you agree to take part in interviews or focus group discussions, you can skip questions or choose not to share personal or sensitive information.

Will I be paid for my participation?

No.

Can I withdraw my response?

You will be able to withdraw your response before data analysis. The research team will remove all identifiable information from the collected data and aggregate it for analysis. Once the data analysis has started, the research team will not be able to remove individual data as it will be stored in a completely de-identified format.

Is the data I share confidential?

All your information collected in interviews or focus group discussions will be treated by the researchers as confidential. This means that no names of people will be used when reporting the research. The project's



reports will talk about the overall data collected and will not be linked to individuals. We will not share stories that could identify you unless you ask us to do so.

We are obliged by law to report any incidents reported to us of child abuse or potential or actual harm to you or other people that you may talk about.

All data collected will be kept in a central location in locked files. Only the research team will have access to the data for approved research.

How do I give my permission to participate?

Before participating in this project, you will need to sign the Consent Form. This is kept separately from any other information you give.

Who has approved this project?

The Northern Territory Health Research Ethics Committee has approved this project.

Who can I contact if I have any problems with the project or any further questions?

If you have any questions about this study or if anything raised in this study has caused you any problem at all, please call +61 8 8959 5385 or email Dr Supriya Mathew (supriya.mathew@menzies.edu.au). You may also contact the NT Health Research Ethics Committee, ethics@menzies.edu.au.

If you would like to participate, please sign the attached consent form.

Thank you!

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Financial Services- Money management program
REFERENCE	- 336240
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a request made by Lutheran Care to inform the Local Authority members of the important Financial Literacy information Lutheran care offers to all community members in remote regions, local town camps and communities under the Council's and Chairperson Direction.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation on Lutheran Care financial Management Services.

BACKGROUND

Lutheran Care a Financial Support Hub that provides financial education & assistance to Alice Springs Town Camps and the 26 surrounding remote communities. They deliver educational workshops on many financial topics and provide one on one appointments for clients who wish to explore their money story or to prevent further hardship with their financial counselling team.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Lutheran Care Brochure, Information posters on the topics will be provided.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority and Community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 336791
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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:

- a) notes that the Youth Boards request to separate the space in the Rec Hall has been moved to the Projects wish list;
- b) notes the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received; and
- c) approves the closure of any completed action.

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 Outstanding actions as at 1 July 2023.pdf

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 16/06/2021	Blacker, Aaron	Local Authority Reports and Correspondence	Build the road up
Action ARLA2021-033: Bring in Machinery to build the road up before grading (raised 16 June 2021)			
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.			
1 September 2021 - 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 LRCI. Timeframe for work is not known as this stage, but will report back to the LA meetings on this work.			
8 December 2021 - ARLA2021-072 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Joy Kunia) That the Areyonga Local Authority kept the action open.			
15 June 2022 – 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.			
19 September 2022 – 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.			
16 November 2022 – Noted that a Local Authority meeting did not take place due to a quorum not being achieved.			
5 December 2022 – Update from Aaron Blacker, Director Technical Services. ASPLUM and Civil engaged to complete a maintenance grade of the Areyonga Access road. Tender for roadworks currently being prepared.			
23 March 2023 – ARLA2023-012 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Joy Kunia) Kept action open, noting that the Grader team would be in community and will assess and grade the road as necessary.			
24 May 2023 – Decision of the Local Authority is to keep the action open.			
21 June 2023 - TECHNICAL SERVICES UPDATE - NTG has provided additional funds through the Immediate Priority Grants to add to the Tender. Design and Tender documentation being prepared for Tendering in the third quarter of 2023.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 24/05/2023	Wedemeyer, Sabine	General Business	Local staff requested at meetings
Action ARLA2023-001 – Local Staff requested to attend LA meetings (raised 24 May 2023)			
ARLA2023-002 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert) That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2 as follows:			
a) Local Staff from each department to attend LA meeting. LA has requested for community staff members such as MacYouth & MacSafe team leaders attend the LA meetings and this will be notified to the respective departmental managers.			
1 July 2023 – Manager from MacSafe will be attending the meeting. MacYouth Coordinator is yet to confirm.			

9.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 335815
AUTHOR	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement 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 \$4,131.50 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	\$
	Status	Allocated
4-Nov-20	Res.75 – Commit \$20,000.00 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 \$2,000.00 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 for \$2,000.00	
20-Nov-22	Tax invoice received for the transportation of lights from Outback Vehicle Recovery.	-1,800.00
23-Mar-23	Res.013 – Two solar lights have been installed, one at the entry into the community on the housing side and second one at the Sorry Camp. Members have advised CSC on the location for the third one.	
9-May-23	PO raised from Bunnings for Concrete and Tolls.	-1,042.83
	underspend or (overspend)	4,569.52

Project 2113	Install shade shelter and water tank at football oval	\$
	Status	Allocated
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 \$10,000.00	10,000.00
10-Nov-22	PO raised for the installation of Roof Installation -4,720.00	
23-Mar-23	Res.014 – allocated additional \$4000.00 to the project and kept the project open. Roof installation, transportation, tools and equipment cost all included.	4,000.00
24-May-23	Waiting on invoice against the PO raised for \$8,016.00 . Waiting on Contractors to complete the job.	
	underspend or (overspend)	14,688.80

Project 2116	Trees at Football Oval	\$
	Status	Allocated
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 \$1,000.00	1,000.00
13-May-20	Res.40 – Allocate \$506.81 from project 2154 to project 2158	506.81
16-Jun-21	Res.34 – Commit an additional \$5,000.00 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.	
23-Mar-23	Res.017 - Requested that the CSC seek quotes on Gum trees.	
13-Apr-23	Trees purchase from Alice Springs Nursery	-4,363.64
24-May-23	Members to decide on the location to plant the trees	
	underspend or (overspend)	2,143.17

Project 2117	Stage near Basketball Court	\$
	Status	Committed
14-Sep-22	Res.108 - The Local Authority requested a stage, similar to the design in Kintore, be placed near the basketball Court.	
23-Mar-23	Res.018 - MRC do not hold a lease for the area near the court. If the Local Authority wanted a stage built, MRC would need to apply to CLC and approval could take some time. The Local Authority were asked to consider modular staging as they were portable, durable and easy to set up.	
24-May-23	The Local Authority requested that Service Delivery investigate the modular designs and bring pictures and quotes of the units to the next LA meeting.	
24-May-23	Res 038 - Members approved to purchase the modular staging, allocating \$8,000.00 to the project.	8,000.00
30-Jun-23	Modular stage purchased	-7,614.00
underspend or (overspend)		386.00

Project 2118	Fencing and Repairs at Playground	\$
	Status	Allocated
24-May-23	Res.040 - Created a new project 'Fencing and Repairs' at Playground to replace project 2114 and reallocated the funds of \$32,772.50 to this project noting that any shortfall will be covered by the unallocated funds.	32,772.50
underspend or (overspend)		32,772.50

Balance of underspend or (overspend)	54,559.99
Total un-allocated funds	4,131.50
Total of unspent funds	58,691.49

Wishlist and estimated costs

Priority: **Technical Services to investigate having a Stage placed on the other side of the creek.**

Date proposed

Scope

Estimate \$

Action

Priority: **Investigate drainage options at the Park.**

Date proposed

Scope

Estimate \$

Action

Priority: **Creating a separate space for Males and Females at the Rec Hall**

Date proposed 23/03/2023

Scope

Estimate \$

Action: Youth Board to bring quotes in separating the space. Update received from Youth Board 22 May 2023 – Youth Board liaised with Tech Services who are now in the process of organizing a quote for the work.

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.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 335813
AUTHOR	Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement 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:

- a) notes the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds; and
- b) notes the 2023/2024 allocation of \$4,000.00 and discusses to expend the funds.

BACKGROUND

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

2023/2024 Discretionary funds

Date	2022/2023 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$
1 Jul 23	Approved funds	4,000.00
Balance remaining		4,000.00
2022/2023 Discretionary funds		
Date	2022/2023 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$
1 Jul 22	Approved funds	4,000.00
14 Sept 22	Res.107 - noted that the funds could be spent with majority member writing a letter to MRC	
23 Mar 23	Res.020 – b) were advised that the funds would be forfeited if not expended with goods received by 30 June 2023; and c) Chose to allocate their funds at a later date.	
16 Jun 23	Power cards	-909.09
30 Jun 23	Guernseys, socks and shorts	-2,687.64
Funds expended		3,596.73

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 to benefit the community before 30 June 2024.

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority and Community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Council Service Co-ordinators report
REFERENCE	- 336519
AUTHOR	James Walsh, Area Manager 1

**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 across of Local Government Service Delivery

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett - Director – Service Centre Delivery
James Walsh – Area Manager – Service Centre Delivery
Lucie McKean – Council Service Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Areyonga CSC Report for Local Authority August 2023.pdf

Council Service Coordinator's Report

TITLE Areyonga Service Delivery Report
DATE 10th August 2023
AUTHOR Lucie McKean - 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 visited on the 15th & 16th of September as planned and was a successful visit.
- Facts and figures will be provided once the report has been received.

Cemetery Management

- The civil team have kept the cemetery tidy and the weeds and grass down.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Internal road have been keep cleaned, removal of rubbish and hard rubbish from the road and verges is an ongoing process.
- The bitumen in community has held up well during the recent rain.
- Due to the rain in June/July the road to the airstrip was very boggy and wet in some areas.
- Most of the other dirt roads held up well after the rain.

Parks and Open Spaces

- The Civil crew have worked hard to keep the rubbish to a minimum around the playground, basketball court and seating areas.
- The playground is in need of some repairs as well as the fence around it.
- Quotes are being sourced to upgrade fencing and playground.

Waste Management

- Rubbish collection is conducted twice weekly on Monday's and Thursday's.
- Hard Rubbish is also being collected on set rubbish days.
- There was a lot of extra rubbish laying around in the weeks after the school celebration, the civil team worked in the rain to get this back under control, they did an awesome job.
- As a team we try hard to encourage everyone to put their bins out on time each rubbish day and also to put rubbish in their bins rather than on the ground.
- As a community we need to do more to make sure the bins around the community are used instead o dropped on the ground.

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

- The Civil team have been doing a great job keeping the grass cut and removing weed around the public areas of community.

Airstrip

- Reports have been completed and submitted to DIPL monthly on the airstrip condition.
- Starting in May this has changed to fortnightly inspections and monthly reporting.
- The civil team have carried out scheduled maintenance at the airstrip at the request of DIPL.
- The firebreak was cleared and the inside area has been slashed, the signal and windsock area have been weeded and all markers cleared around. A section of the runway was also cleaned up with dirt and loose gravel removed.

Council Service Coordinator's Report

Essential Services



- Kieran has been working hard on getting all the compounds cleared and back to bare earth.
- The Civil team worked with Kieran and did a great to clear the solar panel compound, PWC accommodation area and power station.
- The leak at the clinic finally got fixed along with the broken water sample point.
- Kieran has been training Clive Shaw to be the ESO relief, Clive is been doing well.



- Kieran and Clive attended chlorination training in Alice Springs at the end of June.

Council Service Coordinator's Report

- All Power and Water facilities are working well, with no power outages.

Local Authority Projects

- Solar lights are ready to be installed, we picked up the cement but have been unable to get started on installation due to rain and staff attendance.
- We will get these started in early August as Kieran and I have been away for 2 weeks.
- The trees for the oval have been planted and are doing well.



- The stage was ordered and arrived in the last week of June.



Council Service Coordinator's Report**Other Information**

All the new housing has been handed over and are now occupied.

Centrelink have been out to the community again in June. This has been very helpful and beneficial. They asked lots of questions and were of great help to everyone.

Lutheran Care visited in June and they will be coming back 8-11 August to help with all things money and hopefully tax as well.

Tjuwanpa are visiting 3 times per month on Tuesday and Wednesday's.

MRC supplied the BBQ trailer for the school's 50th Celebration, the day was amazing and a good time was had by all who attended. I was privileged to Nick & Prina Oliver who played a big role in getting the now council offices built as well as the swimming pool. It was great to meet some of the past teachers and principals as well.



Council Service Coordinator's Report



The new strip for the football team has been ordered and is due for delivery in early July 2023.

Lucie McKean
Council Services Coordinator

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Community Services Areyonga Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 336067
AUTHOR	Jenny Murnik, CS Coordinator Administration

**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 notes and accepts the Community Services report.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager of Aged & Disability Services – Daisy Kaur
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott
Manager of Youth Services – Jess Kragh

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 2023-08 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Areyonga LAR - approved.pdf
- 2 2023-08 - MACYOUTH Areyonga LAR - approved.pdf

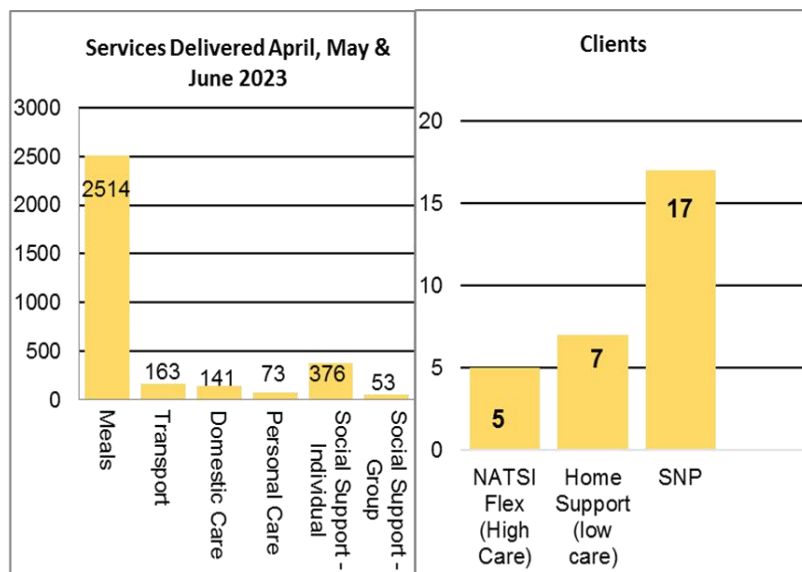
Community Service: Report on Operations



LOCATION: Areyonga Community
PERIOD: 1/04/2023 to 30/06/2023
AUTHOR: Sabine Wedemeyer, Director Community Services

AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES Service Delivery and Engagement

- All Aged care services were fully delivered without disruption for this reporting period.



Other Updates

- Active engagement with stakeholders, regular meeting and catch ups to ensure quality services are being delivered.
- Following training was provided in this reporting period:
 - 22 June 2023 - Cultural Awareness Training - Bishnu Bhattarai
 - 03 May 2023 - Aged Care Quality Review Ready Workshop - Bishnu and Sarah
 - 25 May 2023 - Certificate III in Individual Support - All Home Care Assistant's

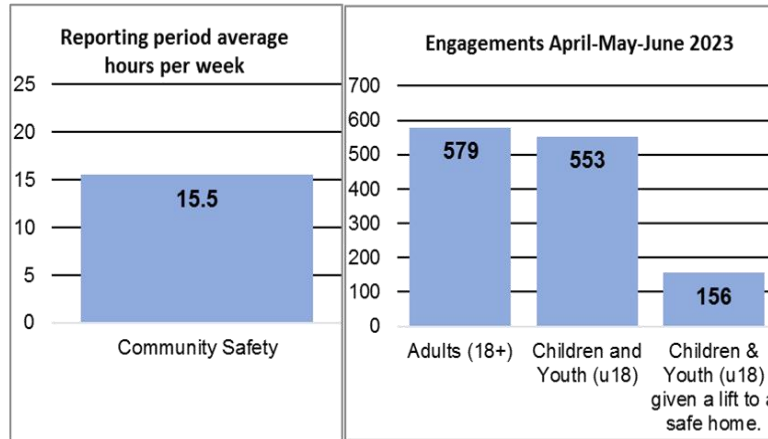
Areyonga staff attending the Certificate III in Individual Support Training at Areyonga



COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement

- The service was disrupted for 17 days, due to Staff shortages and illness; and days lost to the MacSafe vehicle not working.



Other Updates

- MacSafe continues to work in collaboration with MacYouth to support joint service delivery and ensure young people are returning home safely after nightly activities in the Rec Hall.
- The Coordinator and Team Leader, have been conducting recruitment interviews, to grow the MacSafe team.
- The team continues to use the new MacSafe reporting App, and have quickly incorporated it into their nightly routine. This streamlines the reporting of data collected during evening patrols and makes it very accessible for the Coordinator to access the data through their computer at any time .
- The Yarning Circle Space is being regularly used by community members, who come to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with MacSafe staff. This also helps the staff stay informed about what is happening around Areyonga.
- Unfortunately due to the MacSafe vehicle clutch breaking on the way to the annual MacSafe Conference, T/L Wilbur and CSO Stefan were not able to attend. This was very disappointing for them; and the rest of the MacSafe staff who attended from the other 11 Communities.

CSO Stefan Poulson checking the Youth in the music room to see if they okay



MacSafe staff Wilbur and Stefan Poulson checking community members who were gathering for the gospel; and delivering some wood to keep their fires burning



Community Service

Report on Operations

Location(s): Areyonga (Utju)
 Period: 1/3/23 to 30/6/23
 Author: Jess Kragh

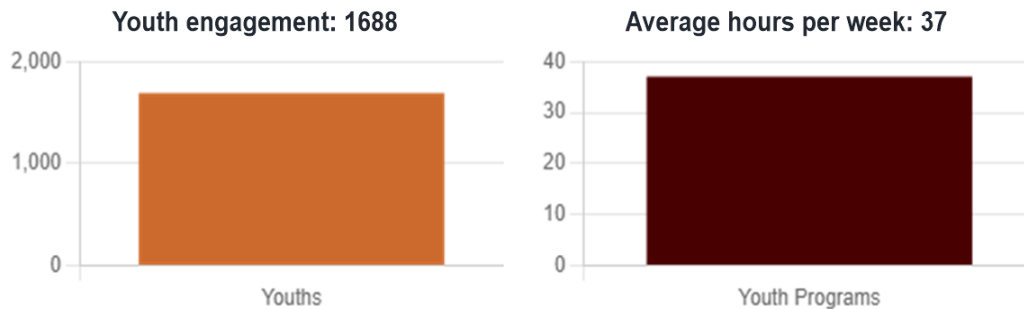


Youth Services

Service Delivery and Engagement



- Youth programs delivered 91% (111/121 days) during this reporting period.



Other Updates

- Fellas doing some squats as part of exercise session organised by MacYouth and Congress in Areyonga. Getting into shape and fit as footy season arrives.
- MacYouth, MacConnect and Areyonga School experimented with virtual reality, games and story telling with Elders from community. School vice-principal Trana decided also joined in for the fun.
- Our amazing senior youth service officer, Kirsten Joseph won the employee of the month for April. Happy and positive youth workers make youth programs better.
- During the school holidays young people enjoyed sports, music, painting art and craft and provided a variety of activities for young people to enjoy.

Photos



Health, Beauty, Wellbeing - Men's Exercise session in Oval with Congress (Utju)



Digital Media, VR Gaming, 360° Videos - Trying technologies in the bush with felix (Utju)



MacYouth Meeting - Weekly Team meeting (Utju)



Games - Games Room/Art & Craft (Utju)

11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2023
REFERENCE	- 336525
AUTHOR	Osman Kassem, Acting Finance Manager

**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 report shows spending until 30 June 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 30 June 2023.

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 2021-22 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 2023-08 - Areyonga LA Expenditure Report.pdf

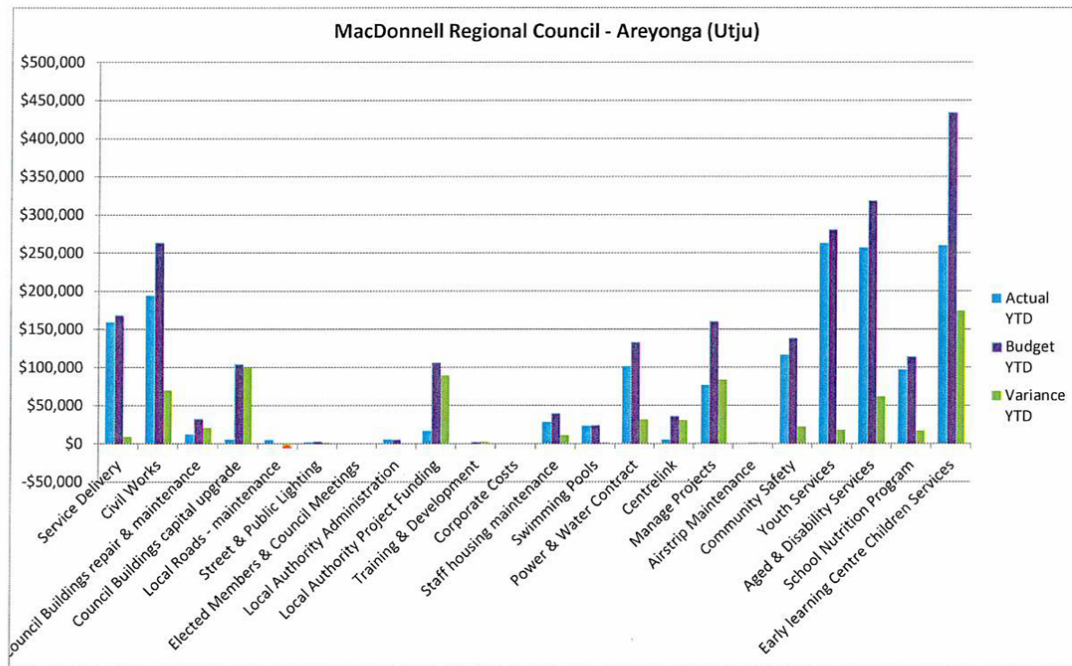
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MacDonnell Regional Council - Areyonga (Utju)					
Expenditure by Community as at 30th June 23					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Delivery	159,168	168,285	9,119	169,288	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	112,190	120,412	8,222	120,412	5%
Other Operational	46,978	47,876	898	47,876	6.8%
					1.9%
Civil Works	193,705	263,556	69,851	263,556	Vacant positions and staff attendance
Wages and Other Employee Costs	188,188	254,926	66,738	254,926	27%
Other Operational	5,517	8,630	3,113	8,630	26.2%
					36.1%
Council Buildings repair & maintenance	12,045	32,850	20,805	32,850	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is spent as required.
Other Operational	12,045	32,850	20,805	32,850	63%
					63.3%
Council Buildings capital upgrade	5,528	104,770	99,243	104,770	
Capital	5,528	104,770	99,243	104,770	95%
					94.7%
Local Roads - maintenance	4,860	0	(4,860)	0	
Other Operational	4,860	0	(4,860)	0	#DIV/0!
					#DIV/0!
Street & Public Lighting	1,785	3,480	1,695	3,480	
Other Operational	1,785	3,480	1,695	3,480	49%
					48.7%
Elected Members & Council Meetings	180	0	(180)	0	
Other Operational	180	0	(180)	0	#DIV/0!
					#DIV/0!
Local Authority Administration	5,968	6,122	154	6,122	
Other Operational	5,968	6,122	154	6,122	3%
					2.5%
Local Authority Project Funding	17,010	106,400	89,390	106,400	Slow responses from contractors leading to lack of quotes
Other Operational	17,010	106,400	89,390	106,400	84%
					84.0%
Training & Development	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	100%
					100.0%
Corporate Costs	802	625	(177)	625	
Other Operational	802	625	(177)	625	-28%
					-28.2%
Staff housing maintenance	28,503	39,920	11,417	39,920	Actual expenditure less than budgeted due to the availability of contractors to complete scheduled works this reporting period.
Other Operational	28,503	39,920	11,417	39,920	29%
					28.6%
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	429,553	728,511	298,957	728,511	
					41.0%
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Swimming Pools	23,230	24,600	1,370	24,600	
Other Operational	23,230	24,600	1,370	24,600	6%
					5.6%
Power & Water Contract	101,637	133,154	31,517	133,154	Underspend due to job sharing and relief ESO positions covering the ESO.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	79,312	105,687	26,375	105,687	24%
Other Operational	22,326	27,467	5,141	27,467	25.0%
					18.7%
Centrelink	5,323	36,356	31,033	36,356	Vacant position
Wages and Other Employee Costs	5,323	36,356	31,033	36,356	85%
					85.4%
Manana Projects	76,800	160,830	84,030	160,830	
Other Operational	0	160,830	160,830	160,830	52%
					100.0%
Capital	76,800	0	(76,800)	0	Incorrect coding - Should be coded to operational not capital
					#DIV/0!
Airstrip Maintenance	0	1,010	1,010	1,010	
Other Operational	0	1,010	1,010	1,010	100%
					100.0%
Community Safety	116,370	138,559	22,189	138,559	There is an underspend in the MacSafe wages and operational costs, as the team hasn't been working to full capacity, due to staff shortages.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	94,787	109,525	14,737	109,525	16%
Other Operational	21,583	29,034	7,451	29,034	13.5%
					25.7%
Youth Services	262,767	280,933	18,167	280,933	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	189,101	208,769	19,667	208,769	6%
Other Operational	73,665	72,165	(1,501)	72,165	9.4%
					-2.1%
Aged & Disability Services	257,179	318,787	61,608	318,787	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	110,110	133,656	23,546	133,656	understaffed
Other Operational	147,069	185,131	38,062	185,131	clients were away
					19%
					17.6%
					20.6%
School Nutrition Program	97,080	114,243	17,163	114,243	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	65,405	65,405	0	65,405	
Other Operational	31,675	48,838	17,163	48,838	school attendance
					15%
					0.0%
					35.1%
Early learning Centres Children Services	260,254	434,500	174,246	434,500	Areyonga Early Learning has been closed since October last year due to the lack of staff and repairs/maintenance issues.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	145,447	240,462	95,015	240,462	40%
Other Operational	114,807	194,038	79,230	194,038	39.5%
					40.8%
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	1,200,639	1,642,972	442,333	1,642,972	
					26.9%
TOTAL	1,630,193	2,371,483	741,290	2,371,483	
					31.3%

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.

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12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Business
REFERENCE - 335814
AUTHOR Lizzinna Ford, Governance Engagement 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and discusses the items raised at Item 6.2.

BACKGROUND

- 1:.....
- 2:.....
- 3:.....
- 4:.....
- 5:.....

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE	- 336792
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 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**ACTION REGISTER**

Date raised	Action	Detail
8 Dec 2021	Housing/Empty Housing	Res. 079 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 Jun 2022 23 Mar 2023		Res.099 -_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. Noted that there were no members present from DCM&C. Res.028_– Noted that the Representative for the Member for Gwoja’s office advised members that residents can send their office an email regarding housing issues. Members requested that Housing consider an easier system for residents to access reporting repairs as the

24 May 2023		current system takes too long and is not user friendly. Res.046 – Members raised a number of issues regarding empty houses, overcrowding and break-ins and advised that the HRG meetings had not been held for quite some time.
15 Jun 2022	CDP & Jobs for local resident	Res.099 - It was discussed that there are no noticeable activities happening in the community to support local employment opportunities.
14 Sept 2022		Res.115 – The Youth Board discussed the possibility to engage in volunteer work.
24 May 2023		Res.046 – Members advised that there was no noticeable CDP activities happening and requested that the CDP program be run and prioritised for local indigenous people.
14 Sept 2022	Internet & Mobile Reception	Res.115 – 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.
24 May 2023		Internet and phone reception has been a huge issue for the community and this has been raised several times to come up with solutions. It was discussed at the last year June meeting that the small cells around the football oval could be a solution but no action has been taken towards the solution.
14 Sept 2022	Rangers Program for Youth	Res.115 – 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.
24 May 2023		No updates received.
24 May 2023	Hon. Minister Paech	Members have asked that Minister Paech be invited to attend the LA meetings to provide support and discuss the issues raised at the 24 May 2023 meeting and the matters raised at the meeting held in June 2022.

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.