



AGENDA

AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

The Areyonga Local Authority of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at Areyonga on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 10:30 am.

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3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER: 3.1

TITLE: Attendance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the record of the Areyonga Local Authority, any apologies received from Members for this Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes the Members' attendance at this meeting;**
- b) tables apologies received for this meeting; and**
- c) records the Members' absences, without notice, for this meeting.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER: 3.2
TITLE: Local Authority Nominations
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that no vacancies are currently available on the Local Authority.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

New members are nominated and appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, Ministerial Guidelines and Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, MC02-P2.

Council appoints Local Authority members under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Functions of the Local Authority (Local Government Act 2019 section 78):

- (a) To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government; and
- (b) To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government; and
- (c) To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region; and
- (d) To take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf; and
- (e) To contribute to the development of the relevant regional plan; and
- (f) To make recommendations to the council in relation to:
 - (i) The council's budget; and
 - (ii) The part of the council's area within which the local authority performs its functions; and
- (g) To perform other functions assigned to the local authority by the Minister, in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

4 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 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; and
- Constituents of MRC are aware of the behaviour they can expect from members.

(SECTION-NO} CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER: 5.1

TITLE: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority meeting to be approved by the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority approves the unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting held 10 August 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2023-08-10 ARLA MINUTES (Draft) [5.1.1 - 6 pages]



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:43AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Sarah Gallagher

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

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

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Marlene Abbott and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Peter Blythman – Manager Information, Communications, Technology, Liz Scott – Manager MacSafe, Iryna Mustiats, Kieran McKean – Essential Services Officer,

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe, Regional Manager – Department Chief Minister & Cabinet,
Alex Dunnage & Bec Holt – Representatives from Lutheran Care,
Gloria Baliva & Manoj Bhatta – Representatives from Menzies School of Health Research

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Garnet Djana and Member Jacob Carol

Absentees:

Nil

3.3 Resignations

NIL

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3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

NIL

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ARLA2023-047 RESOLVED(Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ARLA2023-048 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 24 May 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

ARLA2023-049 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)

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

ARLA2023-050 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)

That the members noted that this item was not raised at this point.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

ARLA2023-051 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)

That members noted that this item was not raised at this point.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2023-052 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2023-053 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)

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

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8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH

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'.

ARLA2023-054 RESOLVED(Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the presentation;**
- b) signed their acceptance to support community involvement with the Menzies Health Research.**

8.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES- MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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.

ARLA2023-055 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation on Lutheran Care financial Management Services.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2023-056 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) moved the Youth Boards request to separate the space in the Rec Hall to the Projects wish list;**
- b) noted that the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings were closed as follows:**
 - Bring in machinery to build up the road before grading, noting that this matter was moved to the wish list until a success tender is approved; and**
 - Local Staff to attend LA meetings.**

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.

ARLA2023-057 RESOLVED(Naphtali Scobie/Abraham Poulson)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress of their projects as follows:
 - 2112 – Solar lights noting that the Director Technical Services will assess the lights to determine if an inspection will be added onto the electrical audit.
Members also advised that they would like a solar light placed on the laneway near the store.
 - 2113 – Shade Shelter and Water tank at football oval, noting that the project was still waiting on parts.
 - 2118 – Fencing and repairs at Playground.
- b) approved the closure projects:
 - 2116 – Trees at football oval, returning the underspend of \$2,143.17 to unallocated funds; and
 - 2117 – Stage near Basketball Court, returning the underspend of \$386.00 to unallocated funds.

9.3 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.

ARLA2023-058 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds; and
- b) noted the 2023/2024 allocation of \$4,000.00 and discusses to expend the funds as follows:
 - \$2,000.00 towards a Christmas celebration to include toys for the kids; and
 - \$1,000.00 towards Power Cards.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2023-059 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)

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

10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

ARLA2023-060 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2023-061 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

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

ARLA2023-062 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Accepted that General Council Business matters was overlooked at item 6.2;
- b) raised the following matter for discussion:
 - **Childcare Services**
Children's' Services Manager informed members that the Childcare had been closed since late 2022 and as a result of the closure, the building had received substantial damage and was deemed unsafe. Members were advised that Council was waiting on funding from the Federal Government for a new building and as the current site was not suitable, Council asked if members had any suggestions.
Members proposed a site by the Sorry camp and a site on a section of the School grounds and requested that if the site at the Sorry camp was

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suitable, to then follow up with CLC, alternatively, if the site at the school was the better option, then the Child Services Manager was requested to consult with the Department of Education on the process to having a childcare centre within the school grounds.

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.

ARLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) accepted that General Non-Council Business matters was overlooked at item 6.3;
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows and kept open:
 - Housing – noting that all new houses were tenanted and that the Representative will follow up on a Housing Reference Group meeting and invite Territory Housing to the next Local Authority meeting.
 - Internet and Mobile reception.
- c) closed the following actions, noting that they will be moved to Councils' action register:
 - CDP & Employment opportunities, requesting information on how Council advertises their vacancies and that Tjuwanpa be invited to the next meeting.
 - Rangers Program – requesting that MRC invite CLC to discuss the program.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:58 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 10 August 2023 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER: 6.1

TITLE: Notification of General Business Items

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

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6 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER: 6.2

TITLE: Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

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6 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER: 6.3

TITLE: Acceptance of Agenda

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER: 7.1

TITLE: Conflict of Interest

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **notes the Conflict-of-Interest Policy; and**
- b) **members declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda.**

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.

DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ITEM NUMBER: 8.1
TITLE: NT Electoral Commission
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance 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 NT Electoral Commission (NTEC) is an independent government agency responsible for the impartial conduct of Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections. Our work aligns to a four-year cycle, with the next Legislative Assembly election scheduled for August 2024 and Local Government elections scheduled for August 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the NTEC Representatives.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Representatives from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission are attending the Local Authority meeting to provide a snapshot of the Federal Direct Enrolment, key election dates and a summary of the NTEC activities in the lead up to the 2024 Territory Election as well as to inform members about changes to the Gwoja electorate as a result of the redistribution.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.1
TITLE: Action Register
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities
Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **notes and accepts the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received; and**
- b) **approves the closure of any completed actions.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

1. AREYONGA LA OUTSTANDING ACTIONS [9.1.1 - 2 pages]

Areyonga Local Authority Outstanding Actions

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 10/08/2023	Lacey, Gina	General Business	Site for new childcare building
Action ARLA2023-062 – Childcare Building (raised 10 August 2023)			
ARLA2023-062 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)			
That the Areyonga Local Authority:			
b) raised the following matter for discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childcare Services 			
Children's Services Manager informed members that the Childcare had been closed since late 2022 and as a result of the closure, the building had received substantial damage and was deemed unsafe. Members were advised that Council was waiting on funding from the Federal Government for a new building and as the current site was not suitable, Council asked if members had any suggestions.			
Members proposed a site by the Sorry camp and a site on a section of the School grounds and requested that if the site at the Sorry camp was suitable, to then follow up with CLC, alternatively, if however, the site at the school was the better option, then the Child Services Manager was requested to consult with the Department of Education on the process to having a childcare centre within the grounds of the school.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 10/08/2023	Urquhart, Belinda	Non-Council Business	Invite Tjuwampa
Action ARLA2023-063 – Invite Tjuwampa (raised 10 August 2023)			
ARLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)			
That the Areyonga Local Authority:			
b) closed the following action in General Non-Council Business, noting that it will be moved to Councils' action register:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDP & Employment opportunities, requesting information on how Council advertises their vacancies and that Tjuwampa be invited to the next meeting. 			
10 August 2023 – Noted that at a previous Local Authority meeting, members were advised that there was no noticeable activities happening in the community to support the local employment opportunities.			
15-March 2024 – Note that a report has been prepared providing an overview of the current staff vacancies within community.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Areyonga Local Authority 10/08/2023	Urquhart, Belinda	Non-Council Business	Invite CLC
Action ARLA2023-063 – Invite CLC to discuss the Rangers Program (raised 10 August 2023)			
ARLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)			
That the Areyonga Local Authority:			
c) closed the following action in General Non-Council Business, noting that it will be moved to Councils' action register.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangers Program, requesting that MRC invite CLC to the next Authority meeting to discuss opportunities for youth to engage in the Rangers Program. 			

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.2
TITLE: Youth Board Report
AUTHOR: 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

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. To develop and support our young leaders, MRC is in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region.

The MRC Youth Boards are committees of young people aged between the ages 12-25 who are engaged to represent young people in communities within the MacDonnell Region.

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Areyonga Local Authority on Areyonga Youth Board's recommendations to the Local Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) **receives and notes the Areyonga Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 7th of December 2023;**
- b) **discusses the Youth Board's recommendation to get a drainage solution for the basketball court. The basketball court becomes a catchment when it rains, all the dirt and sand washes onto it as it's at the bottom of the hill. Making it a huge clean up job every time.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Youth Boards are an important platform for MRC administration, the elected Council members and Local Authorities to engage with young people about community services, programs and strategic direction.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. 20231207 Youth Board Minutes 2cdc6295e5 6 [**9.2.1** - 3 pages]



MacDonnell Regional Council Youth Board - meeting minutes

Date	07/12/2023	
Community	Areyonga/Utju	
Chair	Mary Ebatarinja	
Minutes	Rajan Khadka	
Youth Board Members	Lenny Driffen Geoffrey Barnes Jono Poulson Phelep Kitson Louie Hayes Patrick Driffen	Giselle Larry Monica Kitson Nolene Shaw
Youth Workers	Rajan Khadka Kathleen Windy Kirsten Joseph	
This week's agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from Chair • Last Youth Board's meeting actions – is there any outstanding matters • Youth Issues • Feedback for MacYouth • Feedback for the Council and Local Authority • School Holiday Programs • Youth Board elections • Any additional concern 	

Agenda item1	Last Youth Board's meeting actions – outstanding matters
Notes Questions Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New speakers have been provided by the Local Authority. • Caylus organised a push bike workshop. • New bins are in place, regular kids meetings with the kids not to play drums with bins and don't move or smash the bins. • Girls camping happened this year and multiple bush trips were organised to keep the youths connected with the country. • Progress on building stage to be brought forward in next LA meeting.

Agenda item 2	Youth Issues
Notes Questions Comments	
Outcome/Action	

Agenda item 3	Feedback to MacYouth
Notes Questions Comments	<p><u>Programs liked by Youth</u> Disco, concert, games room, hair colour, Sports, Indoor games</p> <p><u>Programs not liked by Youth</u></p> <p><u>What do youths want more?</u> Competitions (Basketball, footy, soccer, softball, cooking) Bikes & skateboard workshops Fellas camping Town trips (cinema, desert park, bowling)</p>
Outcome/Action	Basketball competition to happen early 2024 Town trips during school holidays Fellas camping after summer

Agenda item 4	Feedback to Local Authority and the Council
Notes Questions Comments	Basketball court issue is still ongoing
Outcome/Action	To follow up in next LA meeting
Agenda item 5	School Holiday Program
Notes Questions Comments	Bingo and prizes Board games Hair Colour Volley Ball Swimming competition Town trips Christmas Party
Outcome/Action	Mac youth to organise the activities during the school holidays
Agenda item 6	Youth Board elections
Notes Questions Comments	The nominations for youth board to be brought in before next youth board. The election dates to be decided in next youth board meeting.
Outcome/Action	Youth workers to spread the proposal to the youths to be candidates for youth board chair and vice – chair.
Agenda item 7	Any Additional Concern
Notes Questions Comments	
Outcome/Action	

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.3
TITLE: Local Authority Projects
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects to benefit and improve the community.

Examples of acceptable purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. 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.

It is important to note that \$52,203.58 are funds that are at risk of being returned to the Northern Territory Government as they have not been spent within the allotted timeframe. This amount is from funds committed to current projects but remains unspent, as well as any unallocated funds.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes that \$52,203.58 is funds that have not been spent within the recommended timeframe and are at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes and accepts the progress on their projects; and
- c) approves to close any completed projects.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Members of the Local Authority allocates project funds to support community and sporting infrastructure, open space developments and community priorities. These projects are intended to assist communities to improve community amenity through the provision of social and community facilities.

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Examples of *unacceptable* purposes for Expenditure include:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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
Grants Officer

ATTACHMENTS

1. AREYONGA LA PROJECTS REGISTER [9.3.1 - 3 pages]

AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS REGISTER

Project 2112		Solar lights	\$
	Status		Committed
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-Oct-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	Invoice from from Bunnings for Concrete and Tolls.	-\$	1,042.83
17-Oct-23	Tech Services advised that they assess the lights to determine if an inspection will be added onto the electrical audit.		
	Third solar light still to be installed.		
15-Mar-24	Project completed - recommend to close		
underspend or (overspend)		\$	4,569.52

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 \$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. Waiting on invoice against the PO raised for \$8,016.00.		\$ 4,000.00
24-May-23	Waiting on Contractors to complete the job.		
10-Aug-23	Res.057 – Project waiting on parts		
17-Oct-23	In the process of sourcing quotes for shade sails. Eyelets have to be installed then re-measured for the new quotes.		
13-Dec-23	Invoice from Bunnings for tools and equipment		-\$ 526.38
13-Dec-23	Balance of PO for Bunnings for tools and equipment		-\$ 45.87
13-Dec-23	PO Stratco for assorted bolts, etc.		-\$ 503.83
29-Jan-24	Ongoing - work being carried out when able to		
		underspend or (overspend)	\$ 13,612.72

Project 2118		Fencing and Repairs at Playground	\$
		Status	Committed
24-May-23	Res.040 - Created a new project 'Fencing and Repairs' at Playground to replace project 2114 and reallocated the funds of \$32,772.50 to this project noting that any shortfall will be covered by the unallocated funds.		\$ 32,772.50
17-Oct-23	Supply 74m aluminum fencing		-\$ 5,961.18
11-Dec-23	Project expected to commence end January 2024		
		underspend or (overspend)	\$ 26,811.32

Budget consideration	
Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$ 44,993.56
Total un-allocated funds	\$ 37,360.32
Total of unspent funds	\$ 82,353.88

WISHLIST/ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR FUTURE PROJECTS		
23-Mar-23 22-May-23	Separate spaces for Males and Females at the Rec Hall Youth Board liaised with Tech Services who are in the process of organising a quote for the work	Tech Services
10-Aug-23	Bring in machinery to build the road up before grading This matter was moved from the Action register to the wish list until a successful tender is approved to upgrade the road.	Tech Services

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 9.4
TITLE: Local Authority Discretionary Funds
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes that a Purchase order was not raised for the Christmas allocation;
- b) notes that a Purchase order is yet to be raised for the Power cards;
- c) discusses to spend the balance of \$3,000.00; and
- d) acknowledges that any unspent funds will be returned to MRC if not expended before 30 June 2024.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

	2023/2024 Discretionary funds	Budget \$4,000.00
10-Aug-23	Allocated \$2,000.00 to Christmas including toys for the kids.	
10-Aug-23	Allocated \$1,000.00 for power cards	- 1,000.00
	Available funds	\$ 3,000.00

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivities
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- Naidoc Celebration
- Youth Board

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 10.1
TITLE: Service Delivery Report
AUTHOR: James Walsh, SD 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 Service Delivery Report for the community of Areyonga.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Nil

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2403 - SCD - Areyonga LA Report [**10.1.1** - 2 pages]



Service Centre Delivery - Areyonga



95% First Nations Employees in SCD



**Vets visit
71 dogs treated
9 cats treated**



**Council Office
456 Hours of Service**

Snapshot



2525 Litres Fuel Usage Total



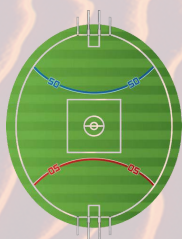
13 Vehicles and Plant in Use



178 Bins Emptied Weekly



**25 Street Lights Operational
5 Street Lights Non-Operational**



2 Sport Grounds Maintained



10 Toolbox Talks Completed



12 Australia Post Deliveries



0 Funerals



**9 Generator Services
3 Water Tests**



7 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip



3 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections



Shade Shelter



Civil team at work on the new shade shelter



New civil team member
Frank
Jonathon Doolan - In
training to be relief ESO



OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 10.2
TITLE: Community Services Report
AUTHOR: Jenny Murnik, 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/DISCUSSION

Community Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements as per the attached Operations Reports with the exception of Child care.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Child care

The childcare centre is due to reopen early April. The successful recruitment of a Team Leader has brought a new family to town. This is great news for the community and we will be reengaging with our previous staff and holding an open day very soon.

Aged Care

Still looking for a Male Home Care assistant in Areyonga which is proving difficult.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Manager of Aged and Disability Services – Emily McBride
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott
Manager of Youth Services – Jess Kragh

ATTACHMENTS

1. Snapshot of Aged and Disability Services [**10.2.1** - 2 pages]
2. Snapshot of Community Safety Services [**10.2.2** - 1 page]
3. Snapshot of Youth Services [**10.2.3** - 2 pages]



Local Authority Aged and Disability

Areyonga

1/11/2023-31/01/2024



100% Indigenous
Employment.
Advertising 2x Casual
Home Care Assistants



1566 meals delivered.
273 hampers delivered.



252 lifts given.



519 Individual Activities delivered.
No group activities.



162 Toilet Assistance.
111 Showering
Assistance delivered.



4 NATSI funded
clients
8 CHSP funded
clients



1,470 Meals delivered to
School Nutrition, avg.
14 children attending
school daily.



Met with the
Clinic weekly

Challenges

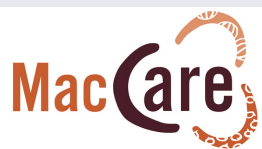


Staff Attendance
Hot weather

Highlights



Client Christmas party held 11th December 2023.



COMBINED MRC
SERVICES &
CLIENT
CHRISTMAS
PARTY



Local Authority

Areyonga

November 2023 to January 2024



100% Community-based
Employees are Aboriginal



Hours patrolled 458
Hours worked 1135



845 Engagements
with young people



639 Engagements
with over 18's



98 Young people
taken home



Training
0 hours



264 Are you okay?
Checks



No Community
gatherings

Challenges



- Staff working to a roster, to ensure consistent service Monday - Friday.
- The Coordinator could not visit the community for much of this reporting period, due to A/L and being injured in an accident.
- The MacSafe yard has been impacted by ongoing plumbing leaks.
- Many of the Yarning Circle plants died during the severe summer heat.

Highlights



- Having two new recruits, who are motivated; and want to increase the consistency of the MacSafe service delivery.
- Working with the MacYouth team, when patrolling around the community.
- Keep on checking on young people in the community.



Local Authority Youth Services

Areyonga

Nov 23- Jan 24



Employees

7 staff

85% Aboriginal

1 Vacancies



Activities

109 activities

359 hours



Engagements

182 young people

948 touch points



Bush Trip

4



School Support

5



Training

4 days



Youth Board

1



Sport

33



Youth Diversion

0

Challenges



- Staff cohesion
- Staff shortages due to cultural commitments
- Staff behavioural management

Highlights



- Starlink, projectors and speakers for family movie nights
- Fellas Basketball tournament in Yulara
- School summer holiday program; ice skating and bowling in Town.



1/2. Yulara Basketball Trip
3. Night Program with Elders



OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 10.3
TITLE: People and Capabilities Report
AUTHOR: Katy Nagahawatte, 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 provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) accepts the report recognising the vacant positions within the Community; and**
- b) supports to encourage community residents to apply.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The People & Capabilities Advisory Department reports to the Office of the CEO. This department contains the work Divisions of 1) Human Resources, 2) Cultural Advisory, 3) Learning & Development, 4) Work, Health, & Safety. These divisions of the P&C team work together to manage employee end-to-end career cycles, to include recruitment, records administration, performance management, learning & development, employee relations, industrial relations, administrative processing, and overall employee wellbeing.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The People & Capabilities Report contains staff demographics and statistics, recruitment analytics, and summarises any projects undertaken by the P&C Team for Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Brian Robinson, Executive Manager People & Capabilities, MRC
Rhiannon Pomery, Human Resources Advisor, MRC
Keheli Nagahawatte (Katy), Human Resources Generalist – Administration, MRC

ATTACHMENTS

1. LA Areyonga Position Vacancies 14MAR2024 [**10.3.1** - 1 page]



Position Vacancies

Areyonga

Position #	Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
400504	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Part-time	27.4
400505	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Part-time	27.4
400506	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Casual	As Rostered
400507	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Casual	As Rostered
400508	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Casual	As Rostered
400509	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Casual	As Rostered
400521	MacKids	Educator – Early Learning	Part-time	11.4
401323	MacSafe	Senior Community Safety Officer	Part-time	25
401324	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-time	20
401325	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-time	20
402235	MacCare	Home Care Assistant	Part-Time	19
402237	MacCare	Home Care Assistant	Casual	As Rostered
402240	MacCare	Home Care Assistant	Casual	As Rostered
403004	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-Time	9.5
403006	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Casual	As Rostered
403009	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-Time	9.5
501102	SCD	Customer Service Officer	Part-Time	19
501102	SCD	Customer Service Officer	Part-Time	19
501103	SCD	Customer Service Officer	Part-Time	19
501104	SCD	Customer Service Officer	Casual	As Rostered
501127	SCD	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
501127	SCD	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19

Table data derived from *XLOne Position Vacancy Report* of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure as at: 14/03/2024



OFFICERS' REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER: 10.4
TITLE: Income and Expenditure Report
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance 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 expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2024 in the Local Authority community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 January 2024.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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 need to be spent and not just allocated to projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

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

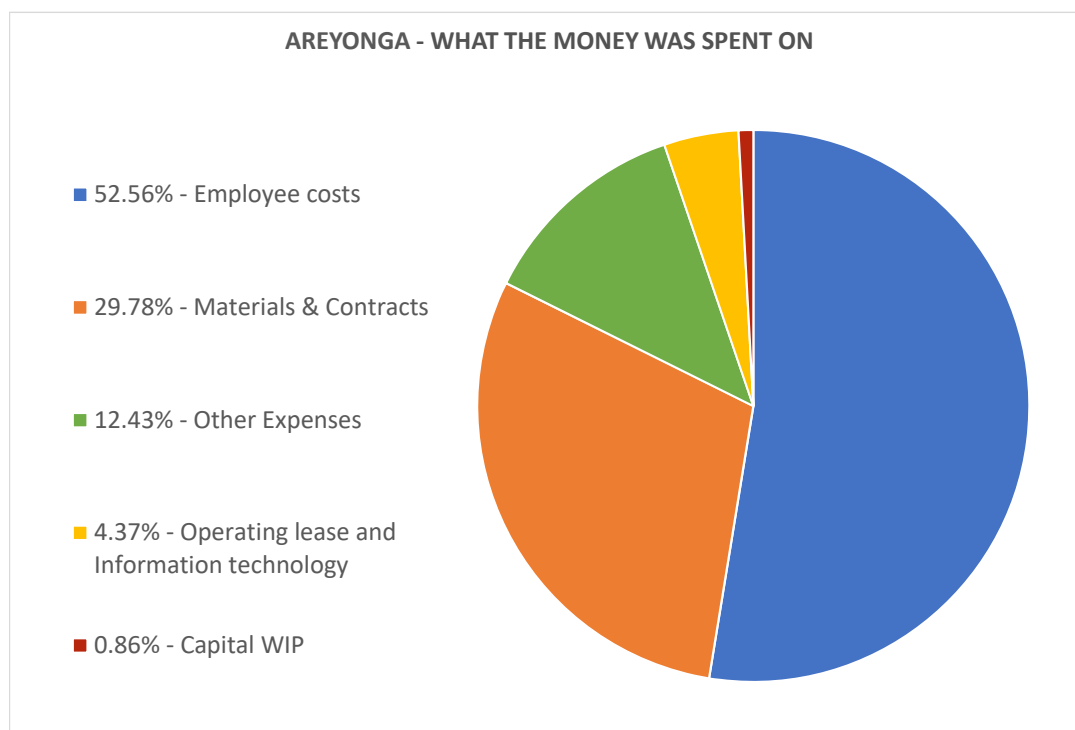
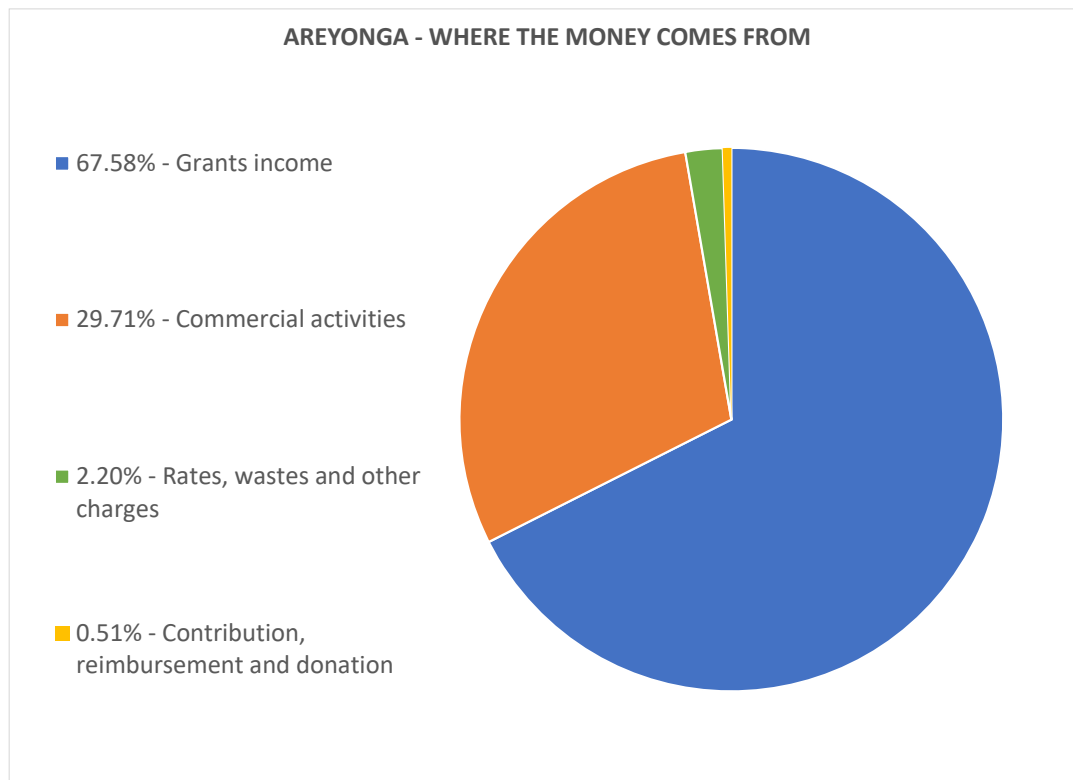
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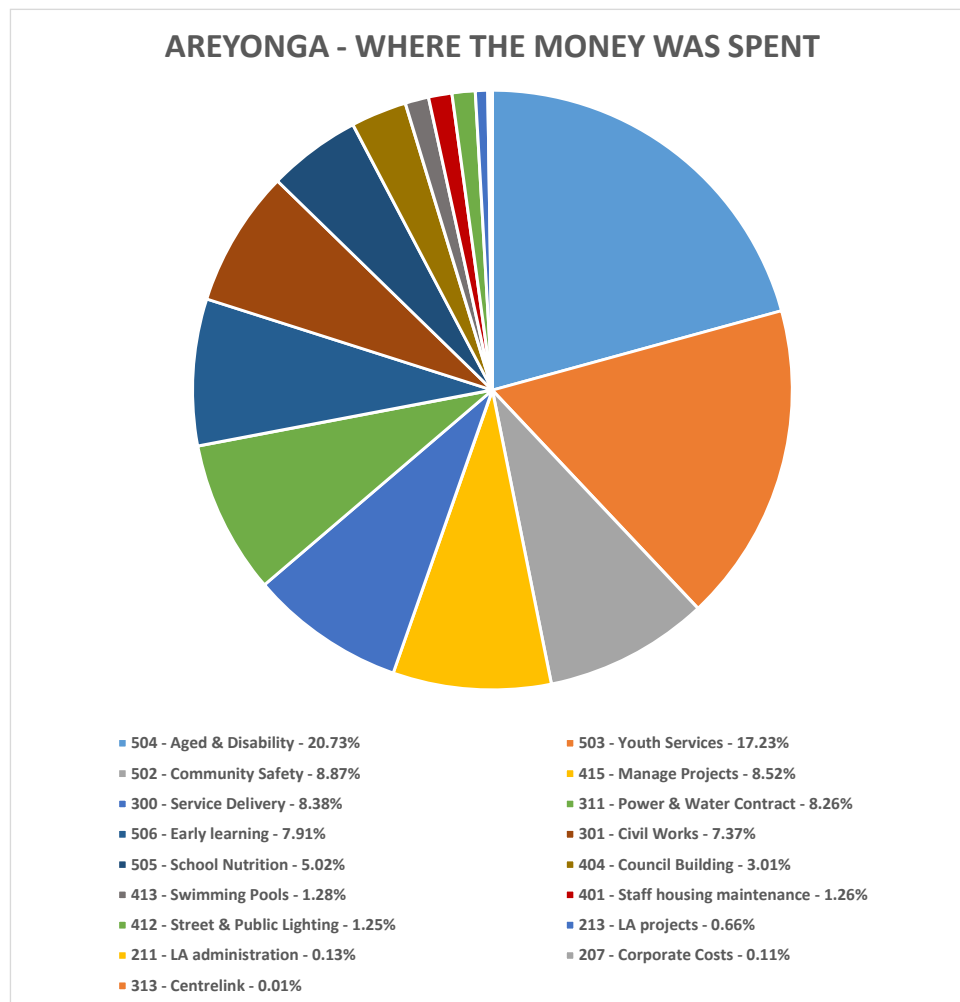
1. Areyonga Statement Income & Expenditure January 2024 [10.4.1 - 3 pages]

MacDonnell Regional Council
Statement of Income & Expenditure
as at 31 January 2024

002 Areyonga

Description	Year to Date					Comments
	Actual \$	Committed \$	Actual + Committed \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
INCOME						
Grants income	503,250	0	503,250	1,868,622	1,365,372	Variance due to budgeted grant funding not yet received
Rates, wastes and other charges	16,409	0	16,409	15,674	(735)	
Commercial activities	221,228	0	221,228	219,527	(1,701)	Revise the budget for P&W / No budget in place for unexpected additional duties P&W sample testing & Maintenance
Contribution, reimbursement and donation	3,825	0	3,825	2,917	(909)	
Total Income	744,713	0	744,713	2,106,739	1,362,027	
EXPENDITURE						
Employee costs	554,727	1,260	555,987	752,309	196,322	Underspent across Service Delivery and Youth functions
Materials & Contracts	256,809	58,248	315,057	1,494,566	1,179,509	Overspend of \$47k for works to open Early Learning Centre & \$50k for staff house carpentry/electricity maintenance, \$1M underspend for roads - tender in process
Operating lease and information technology	43,548	2,674	46,222	67,998	21,776	No significant budget variances across all accounts
Other Expenses	131,355	80	131,435	259,422	127,988	No significant budget variances across all accounts
Capital WIP	9,071	0	9,071	0	(9,071)	No significant budget variances across all accounts
LA Allowances and Expenses						
Chair Local Authority Members' Allowance	0	0	0	1,050	1,050	
Local Authority Members' Allowance	900	0	900	2,800	1,900	Not all members attending meetings
Local Authority Meetings Catering	430	80	510	583	73	
Local Authority Discretionary funds	0	0	0	2,333	2,333	No expenditure for LA discretionary funds
Community Infrastructure	6,488	46	6,533	70,053	63,520	Expenditure on LA Projects is underspent by \$63k
Total Expenditure	995,510	62,262	1,057,772	2,574,296	1,516,523	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(250,797)	(62,262)	(313,059)	(467,556)	(154,497)	





11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER: 11.1
TITLE: General Business
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance Officer

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2; and**
- b) **notes any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Matters are discussed as follows:

1.
2.
3.
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5.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

ITEM NUMBER: 11.2
TITLE: General Non-Council Business
AUTHOR: June Crabb, Governance 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 were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3; and**
- b) **notes the updates on the progress of previous actions relating to Northern Territory Government Services.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

ACTION REGISTER

8-Dec-22	Housing/Empty houses	Res.079 - Members asked about future housing, current availability and what could be done to have tenants removed from their house because they no longer stayed there. Members were advised to raise this matter at their Housing Reference Group meeting.
22-Jun-23		Members were advised by the Hon. Minister Paech that he would address the current action by writing to the Minister Housing and Homelands.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority
Department Chief Minister and Cabinet

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024 AT THE BASKETBALL COURT**
- 13 MEETING CLOSED**