

AGENDA

AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2020

The Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Amoonguna Council Office on Wednesday 8 April 2020 at 10:30am.

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NOMINATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Nominations
REFERENCE	- 266186
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 29 January 2020 it was noted that there are two (2) vacancies to the Local Authority and as a consequence a call for nominations was recommended.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member is nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and (Council Policy) CP111 Local Authorities.

Upon the recommendation of the Local Authority, Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the two open vacancies and call for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days.

BACKGROUND

The Local Authorities are made up of up of local members they have 4 Local Authority meetings per year and discuss things like council service delivery, project funding, project ideas and progress, finances etc.

The Local Authority should:

- be representative of key groups within the local Authority area such as family groups, women and men, outstations and community residents etc.
- ensure members are committed to attend and participate in meetings and give two way feedback to community members and council;
- include members of Youth boards where they exist;
- list all nominations received along with indicators of community support, including any collective current Local Authority member support for the nomination to be considered at the first Ordinary Council meeting after nominations have closed; and
- select the chair of the Local Authority from the members of the Local Authority.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member will be nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and Council Policy 111 Local Authorities.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

A full membership of the Local Authority will ensure wide input from community members on important decisions that will affect all residents for many years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Authority Members are paid to attend Local Authority meetings in their community.

CONSULTATION

Amoonguna Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER4.1TITLEMacDonnell Council Code of Conduct



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct

Interests of the Council and Community come first

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

A member must not make improper use of confidential information to gain a benefit or to cause harm to another.

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	- 266342
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority of 29 January 2020 be adopted as a resolution of the Amoonguna Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Amoonguna Local Authority 2020-01-29 [847] Minutes.pdf



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2020 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:38 AM.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Cr Lynette Ellis

- <u>Note</u>: A letter of condolences for the passing of Kumantjay Stuart was read by Jeff MacLeod, CEO MacDonnell Regional Council, on behalf of President Roxanne Kenny and a minute of silence was observed.
- <u>Note</u>: Jeff MacLeod, CEO MacDonnell Regional Council, extended his sincere condolences for the loss of Cr. Wilyuka to his family, friends and the entire community on behalf of President Roxanne Kenny, the Councillors, management and staff of the MacDonnell Regional Council.

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Natasha Stuart, Caroline Peters, Glenn Dixon and Donna Dixon

Councillors:

Cr Roxanne Kenny (President), Cr Greg Sharman (Deputy President), Cr Lynette Ellis (Chair) and Cr Susan Doolan.

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod (CEO), Levina Phillips (CSC, Amoonguna), Cristiano Castro (Coordinator, Community Safety), Keith Hassett (Area Manager), Jeff Tan (Coordinator, Communications and Planning), Simran Behl (MacYouth) and Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Nick Thorpe (Senior Land Use Planner, Department Housing and Community Development), Bruce Fyfe (Regional Manager, Local Government and Community Development Division)

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3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Henry Oliver

Absentees: Nil

1 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Glenn Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the attendance of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

3.3.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 3 July 2019 nominations to the Local Authority were opened.

Two (2) nominations were received at the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 11 September 2019.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 31 October 2019, Council endorsed the nomination of Glenn Dixon leaving one (1) open vacancy.

As a result from the passing of Kumantjay Stuart, we now have two (2) open vacancies in the Amoonguna Local Authority membership.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member is nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and (Council Policy) CP111 Local Authorities.

Upon the recommendation of the Local Authority, Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

2 RESOLVED (Natasha Stuart/Greg Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the two open vacancies and call for community nominations to remain open for a further 28 days.

3.4 Terminations Nil

3.5 Nominations Nil

4 MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

3 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Donna Dixon) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5.1 Conflict of Interests

RECOMMENDATION (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

AMENDMENT (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Conflict of Interest Policy.

4 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Natasha Stuart) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Council Conflict of Interest Policy.

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6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

5 **RESOLVED** (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

6.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received.

AMENDMENT (Sharman, Greg/Stuart, Natasha)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and close the action item.

6 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Natasha Stuart)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received and close the action item.

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

That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting and that members provide notification of matters to be raised in general business

7 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters) That the Amoonguna Local Authority accept the Agenda papers and members have not provided notification of any matters to be raised in general business.

Members declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda

RECOMMENDATION (Sharman, Greg/Peters, Caroline) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda.

AMENDMENT (Sharman, Greg/Peters, Caroline) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note that no conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda were declared.

8 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note that no conflict of interests with the meeting Agenda were declared.

Natasha Stuart left the meeting at 11:10 AM

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8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

9 **RESOLVED** (Greg Sharman/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the presentation from Nick Thorpe, Senior Land Planner - Department of Housing and Community Development.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

9.1 CSC REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

10 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Donna Dixon) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the CSC Report.

9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money does not carry over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION (Doolan, Susan/Peters, Caroline)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discuss how to re-allocate their remaining 2019/20 Discretionary Funds.

AMENDMENT (Doolan, Susan/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discuss how to re-allocate their remaining 2019/20 Discretionary Funds and decide allocation of funding at the next Local Authority Meeting after discussion with the community.

11 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discuss how to re-allocate their remaining 2019/20 Discretionary Funds and decide allocation of funding at the next Local Authority Meeting after discussion with the community.

President Roxanne Kenny left the meeting at 11:41 AM President Roxanne Kenny returned to the meeting at 11:44 AM

Donna Dixon left the meeting at 11:50 AM Donna Dixon returned to the meeting at 11:53 AM

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$323.96 to allocate in their community. \$0 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$323.96 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

12 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

This is page 4 of 8 of the Minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the progress of their Local Authority projects.

13 RESOLVED (Doolan, Susan/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 1, Picnic table and chairs, open.

14 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Glenn Dixon) That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 2, Plants and trees, open.

15 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Natasha Stuart) That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 3, Fencing around parks, open until more quotes are received.

16 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Natasha Stuart) That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 4, Bus shelter at the Clinic, open and is awaiting on a decision from Congress' Asset Manager.

17 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Glenn Dixon) That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 5, Seating and fans for the Recreation Hall, open and accept the quotes from Bunnings and Corrections.

18 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Glenn Dixon) That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 6, Woodfire barbeques for Stuart Park and Ross Park, open.

19 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters) That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 7, Scope of works to refurbish change rooms, open.

20 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Greg Sharman) That the Amoonguna Local Authority keep the Project 8, Footpaths, open and withdraw \$5,000 to be re-allocated to Project 3, Fencing around parks.

Cllr Lynette Ellis left the meeting at 11:58 AM Cllr Lynette Ellis returned to the meeting at 12:00 PM

9.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

21 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Roxanne Kenny) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

President Roxanne Kenny left the meeting at 12:08 PM President Roxanne Kenny returned to the meeting at 12:20 PM

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) 2019-20 Regional Plan has been approved by the Council and is available at MRC offices and on the MRC website.

RECOMMENDATION (Glenn Dixon/Caroline Peters) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select a location

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and a date for a public open space meeting.

AMENDMENT (Dixon, Glenn/Peters, Caroline) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select to have a public open space meeting at Stuart Park on the 08 April 2020 meeting.

22RESOLVED (Dixon, Glenn/Peters, Caroline) That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select to have a public open space meeting at Stuart Park on the 08 April 2020 meeting.

Lunch 12:25 PM Resume 1:02 PM

11.2 THE SAPPHIRES MUSICAL PLAY OFFER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Sapphires musical play have requested an approval / invitation to bring the musical play roadshow to Amoonguna.

If the decision is in the affirmative, then please could the Local Authority identify the best place for the Presentation to take place.

23 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the offer and invite the Sapphires Musical to perform in Amoonguna in September/October 2020.

11.3 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2019 in the Local Authority's community.

24 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2019.

Donna Dixon left the meeting at 01:19 PM Donna Dixon returned to the meeting at 01:21 PM

11.4 LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING MEMBERS AND NT ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 20 December 2019 the Acting Executive Director of Local Government and Community Development wrote to President Roxanne Kenny to remind the MacDonnell Regional Council of important matters contained in recent communications.

The letter outlined that members needed to be aware that conflict of interests could arise from a member's relevant interest in connection with the pre-selection or nomination of candidates for the 2020 Legislative Assembly Elections.

25 RESOLVED (Roxanne Kenny/Donna Dixon)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the correspondence from the department.

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11.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING PROCESS AND TIMING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The order of agenda items for Local Authority meetings was changed recently to align with changes made to the order of agenda items for Council meetings. While this was an adjustment made across all its meeting agendas, MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) is interested to know if this affects the running of Local Authority meetings and hear suggestions from members about other improvements that could be made to the meeting format and content.

MRC also asks the Local Authority to consider the impacts and benefits if it were to hold meetings at different times of the day. Particular consideration is asked of meetings being held after work hours and whether this would then appeal to a broader range of people becoming Local Authority members.

26 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept this report and provide feedback.

<u>Note</u>: Feedback received was that changing the time of the meetings was not going to change anything except costing more to MacDonnell Regional Council.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

Nil

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

RECOMMENDATION (Dixon, Glenn/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

AMENDMENT (Dixon, Glenn/Sharman, Greg)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Housing and Community Development and given that the Department is not considering a bus service to Amoonguna and that, in regards to the entry road to Amoonguna, the Northern Territory Government already has plans for the next four (4) to five (5) years and as the Amoonguna Road is not in these plans, the Amoonguna Local Authority decide to close the 'Bus Services' and the 'NTG Entry Road to Amoonguna' actions.

27 RESOLVED (Glenn Dixon/Greg Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Housing and Community Development and given that the Department is not considering a bus service to Amoonguna and that, in regards to the entry road to Amoonguna, the Northern Territory Government already has plans for the next four (4) to five (5) years and as the Amoonguna Road is not in these plans, the Amoonguna Local Authority decide to close the 'Bus Services' and the 'NTG Entry Road to Amoonguna' actions.

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14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 08 APRIL, 2020

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 01:47 PM.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER7.1TITLEConflict 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 Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) Note the Conflict of Interest Policy;
- b) Members declare any conflict of interests 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 / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Local Authorities and the New Guideline
REFERENCE	- 266198
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development is providing the Local Authorities an overview of some of the proposed changes to the Local Government Act and the Guideline relating to Local Authorities and is asking for comments and feedback of the proposed changes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the deputation and provide comments and feedback on the proposed changes.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act is under revision.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Proposed changes which affect the way Local Authority meetings are to be run.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

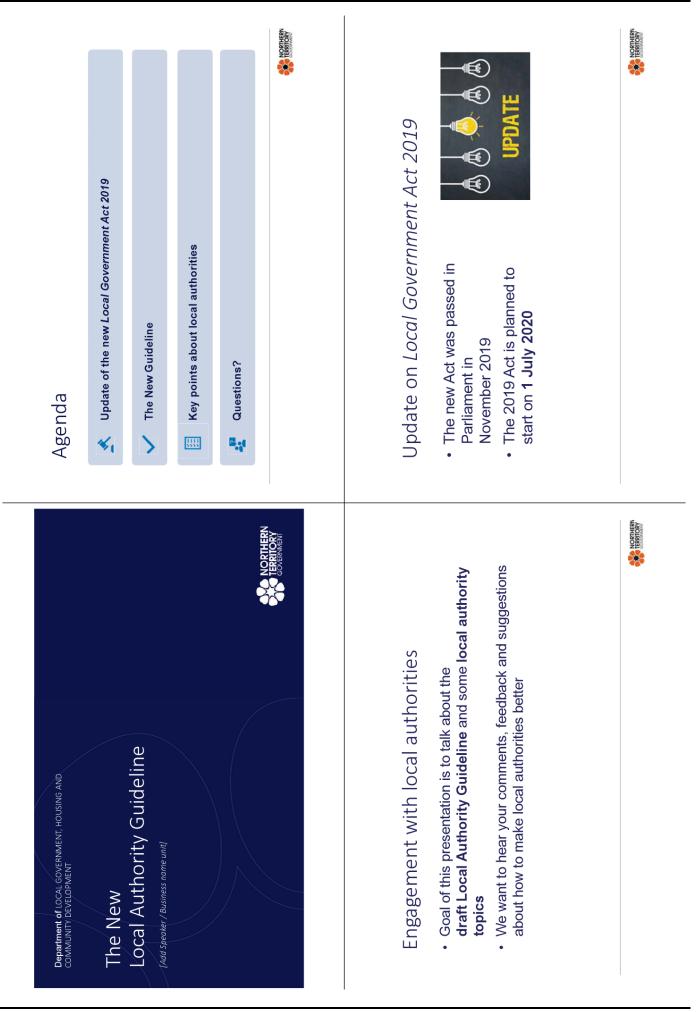
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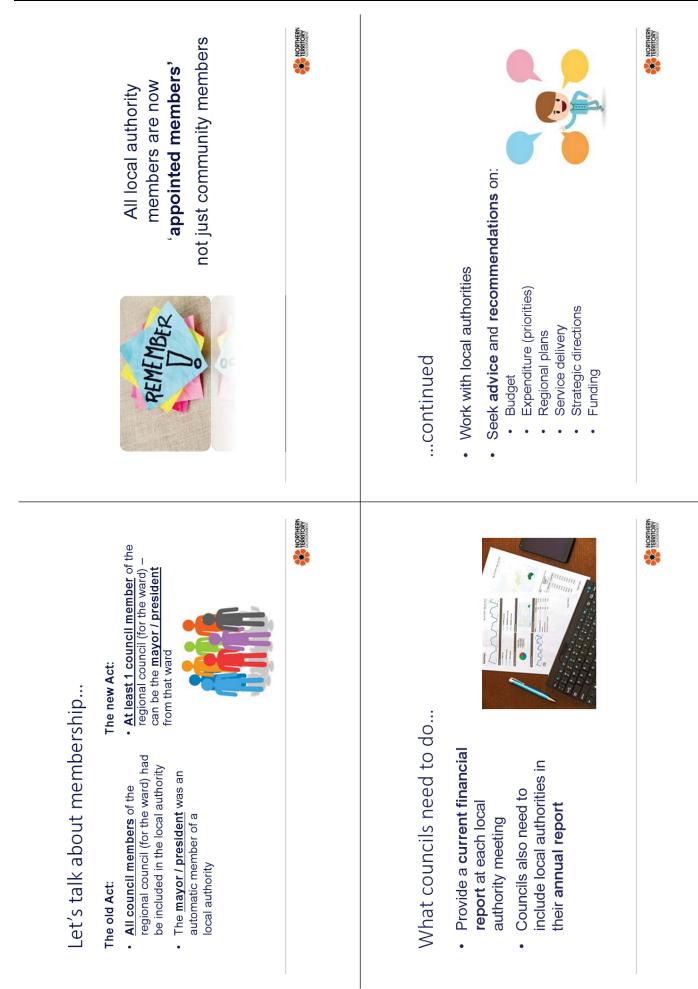
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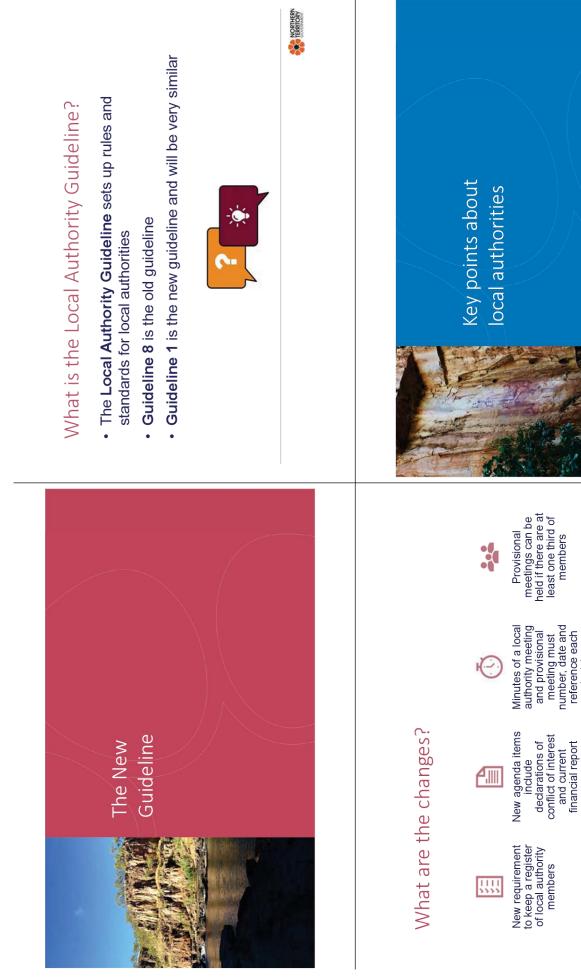
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ATTACHMENTS:

1 Presentation - Local Authorities and the New Guideline.pdf







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NORTHERN TERRITORY

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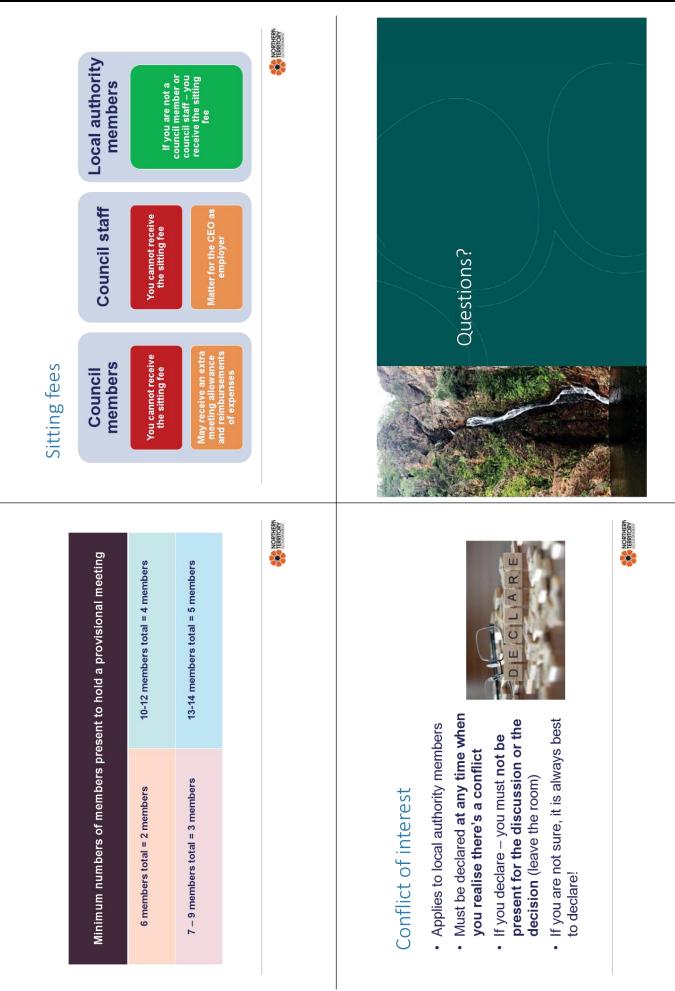
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 Role of local authorities Represent the interests of the community Represent the interests of the community Encourage and advocate for projects Provide Provide recommendations to council Exercise powers delegated by the council 	 Role of chairperson and council Chairperson must be appointed for a set time Chairperson is to run the meetings Chairperson is to run the meetings Council prepare the agenda in consultation with the chairperson Council need to respond to the meeting minutes and any issues raised by the local authority
Key points Role of local authorities Role of chairperson, staff and Role of chairperson, staff and Conneil Membership Appointments and resignations Meeting rules Provisional meetings Conflict of interest	 continued Local authorities decide to make recommendations For example For example If council has asked for feedback on a community project, the local authority must decide together on a recommendation to the council

 Appointments and resignations Council must have a policy for local authorities that includes: How the council CEO calls for <u>nominations</u> How a local authority position is <u>advertised</u> How a local authority position is <u>advertised</u> Selection process for the <u>chairperson</u> How to <u>resign</u> as a member When a member is <u>removed</u> 	<section-header><section-header><list-item><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></section-header></section-header>
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AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY

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LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 261779



AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meetings as received.

BACKGROUND

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

<u>Res.22</u> That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select to have a public open space meeting at Stuart Park on the 08 April 2020 meeting.

Update 31/03/2020: Due to COVID19, the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting will not be attended as a public open space meeting and all Local Authority meetings will be attended via teleconference until further notice.

Recommendation to close this item.

<u>Res.23</u> That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the offer and invite the Sapphires Musical to perform in Amoonguna in September/October 2020.

Update 31/03/2020: Coordinator Communications and Engagement confirmed the invitation was extended to the Sapphires Musical.

Recommendation to close this item.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Nil

CONSULTATION

Jeff Tan, Coordinator Communications and Engagement

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE	- 261774
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$323.96 to allocate in their community. \$0 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$323.96 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the progress of their Local Authority 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 NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services.

2006	Picnic table and chairs	\$
Action	Status	Committed
1 July 2017	For Stuart Park	4,000.00
31 January 2018	ordered – awaiting delivery	-2,744.00
	Update 31 March 2020 - Awaiting order of concrete	
	then this project will be Finished.	
	underspend or (overspend)	1,256.00
2008	Plants and trees	\$
Action	Status	Committed
31 January 2018	Resolution: For both Stuart Park and Ross Park	2,000.00
10 October 2018	Invoiced and paid	-1,882.77
	Update 31 March 2020 - Order was not collected and	
	company was sold. New owner won't accept PO as	
	it's been going on too long.	
	underspend or (overspend)	117.23
2134	Fencing around parks	\$
Action	Status	Committed
3 July 2019	Resolution 06.2: commit \$30,000 to Fencing around parks	30,000.00

Register of Projects and Commitments

	AUTHORIT	
29 Jan 2020/Res.20 31 March 2020	Update 24/1/20 – Quotes being sought by CSC LA allocated \$5,000 from Footpath, Project 8, (2135) Fencing Material Update 31 March 2020 - Project awarded to O&E construction and will commence once travel restrictions are removed.	+5,000.00 -24,545.45
	underspend or (overspend)	10,454.55
2133	Bus shelter at the Clinic	\$
Action	Status	Committed
3 July 2019	Resolution 06.2: commit \$10,000 to Bus shelter at the Clinic	10,000.00
	Update 24/1/20 – Awaiting on formal advice from	
	Congress in relation to approval.	
	Update 31 March 2020 - Still waiting to hear back	
	from Congress Facilities Manager for Approval	
	underspend or (overspend)	
2131	Seating and fans for the Recreation Hall	\$
Action	Status	Committed
3 July 2019	Resolution 06.2: commit \$6,000 to 10 fixed benches,	6,000.00
	50 plastic chairs and 6 industrial fans for the	
	Recreation Hall	
29 Jan 2020/Res.17	LA accepted the quotes from Bunnings & Corrections	
	Ordered 6 Industrial wall fans & 50 plastic chairs –	
30 Jan 2020	Bunnings	-1,213.00
30 Jan 2020	Ordered 10 Steel benches – Correctional Centre	
	Update 31 March 2020 – Chairs and Fans delivered	-2,661.36
	to Amoonguna, Steel Benches are being painted and	
	should be delivered within a week.	
	underspend or (overspend)	2,125.64
2132	Woodfire barbeques for Stuart Park and Ross Park	\$
Action	Status	Committed
3 July 2019	Resolution 06.2: commit \$5,000 to Woodfire	5,000.00
	barbeques built from bricks and metal plate in each	
	Stuart Park and Ross Park	
	Update 24/1/20 – CSC to table at meeting for	
	clarification	
	Update 31 March 2020 - Quotes being Sought.	
	underspend or (overspend)	
0400	Scope of works to refurbish change rooms	\$
2136	Status	Committed
Action		
	Resolution 06.2: commit \$20,000 to a Scope of works	20,000.00
Action	Resolution 06.2: commit \$20,000 to a Scope of works to refurbish existing football oval change rooms on Lot	20,000.00
Action	Resolution 06.2: commit \$20,000 to a Scope of works	20,000.00

2135	Footpaths	\$
Action	Status	Committed
3 July 2019	Resolution 06.2: commit \$20,000 to Footpaths through the community	20,000.00
29 Jan 2020/Res.20	LA withdrew \$5,000.00 and re-allocated to Fencing around Parks, Project 3, (2134)	-5,000.00
	underspend or (overspend)	15,000.00

Projects and estimated costs under consideration

Priority 1: Community Park

Scope: Convert the old vineyard across from the central office into a community park Requested: 1 November 2017

Action: Council look into getting a site clearance from Central Land Council to convert the old vineyard across the road from the Council office into an Oval/park for Community use. \$

Estimate:

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is currently a total un-committed balance of \$323.96 to allocate in their community. \$0 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$323.96 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

CONSULTATION

Keith Hassett, Manager Service Delivery 2 Sheree Kane, Finance Grants Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 263421
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decisions about how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money does not carry over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority discuss how to re-allocate their remaining 2019/20 Discretionary Funds.

BACKGROUND

Very late in the 2018-2019 financial year, the Amoonguna Local Authority allocated \$1000.00 to Junkyard Beats. Unfortunately their invoice was only received during the 2019-2020 financial year. This reduces the available balance of the 2019/20 Discretionary Funds to \$3000.00.

Unaware of this, the Amoonguna Local Authority allocated a total of \$4000.00 towards a Community Sport Celebration and the 2019 Christmas Party at the meeting of 11 September 2019. These allocations accidentally exceed the grant money and in order to balance the funds, the Amoonguna Local Authority is required to re-allocate their 2019/20 Discretionary Funds.

2019/20 Discretionary Fund

Approved Project		Status	Approved Allocated	Actual Expenditure
Income	Discretionary Fund	\$4,000		
26 Aug 2019	Junkyard Beats		-\$1000.00	-\$1000.00
	Community Sport			
	Celebration including			
11 Sept 2019	trophies, and BBQ		-\$2000.00	
11 Sept 2019	2019 Christmas Party		-\$2000.00	
Balance				\$3000.00

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant have one year from the date of issue to be acquitted (i.e. 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2020).

CONSULTATION

The Local Authority and Community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Council Services Coordinator's Report
REFERENCE	- 266298
AUTHOR	Ken Newman, Director Service Delivery



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 Amoonguna across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the attached report from Simran Behl, Council Services Coordinator, Amoonguna.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Nil

CONSULTATION

Simran Behl, Council Services Coordinator, Amoonguna Keith Hassett, Manager Service Delivery

ATTACHMENTS:

1 200408 CSC LA Report Amoonguna - April 2020.pdf

Service Delivery Report

TITLE	Amoonguna Service Delivery Report
DATE	8 April 2020
AUTHOR	Simran Behl, Council Service Coordinator



SUMMARY:

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

Local Government Services Update

Animal Management

• NT Veterinary Services visited Amoonguna on 24-25 February but no report has been received of the visit.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Our roads have held up well after couple of rains with no major damage.
- A couple of small water damages on dirt tracks at the back of community around creek start to show.

Parks and Open Spaces

• Service Centre delivery team is regularly working to clear the growing weeds and cleaning up the parks.

Sports Grounds

- The oval is being kept clean and grass cutting around the oval is done.
- Oval and playgrounds are closed till further notice and signs are up as requested.
- The softball oval will have a major clean up in future but is not a priority at the moment due to the COVID-19 situation.
- Contractors are still working on the new basketball courts at Amoonguna.

Waste Management

- The Waste Management team worked at Amoonguna and have dug a new trench as well as tidied up the area.
- Repairs will be made to the perimeter fence.
- There is still a lot of rubbish being dumped outside by non-residents. We are still working on more plans on how to stop them, suggestions from staff were-to get more signs on White gum drive at the main entrance to Community.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Our water trailer needs some repair soon, as it got some small damage done by the contractors who are working at Basketball courts.
- Brush cutters are in working condition now and we are using them regularly to clean up the community.
- LA members are requested to remind residents to keep rubbish loads down around their fence lines and use the bins provided to help prevent any serious danger if a fire was to happen.

Local Authority Updates

- 6 large industrial wall fans and 41 chairs have been delivered to the Rec Hall on 16/03/2020.
- Steel benches should arrive in Amoonguna in the next couple of weeks.
- Fencing around parks will commence once travel restrictions have been removed.

Other Service Delivery Updates

- Community staff are having staff meetings every Tuesday for updates on COVID-19.
- Store has enough supply of goods and staff are well prepared for just in case of lock down.
- Store staff are discussing 1.5 metre distance rules with people and only 2 customers are allowed in the store at one time.
- Same 1.5 metre rule applies to any visitors at Council office and Centrelink.
- Amoonguna rec hall was broken into on 28th March and damage was reported and door was fixed.
- Rec hall and playgrounds are closed until further notice due to COVID-19.
- The children are always on the street or around the Community store.
- It would be appreciated if Local Authority members could encourage families to keep their kids at home.

Simran Behl Council Services Coordinator Amoonguna

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2020
REFERENCE	- 266269
AUTHOR	Sheree Kane, Management Accountant and Grants



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2020 in the Local Authority community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2020.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

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 Sheree Sherry, Management Accountant & Grants

ATTACHMENTS:

1 March 2020 - Local Authority Expenditure - Amoonguna.pdf

	MacDonne Expenditure	•			-
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES Service Centre Delivery					
Manage Council Buildings & Facilities	81,965	72,247	(9,717)	96,330	
Other Operational	76,260	67,972	(8,288)	90,630	
Capital	5,705	4,275	(1,430)	5,700	
Maintain Roads	3,790	0	(3,790)	0	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	1,595	0	(1,595)	0	
Other Operational	2,195	0	(2,195)	0	
Manage Council Service Delivery	76,065	110,248	34,184	150,040	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	51,282	73,795	22,514		Underspend due to passing of an employee
Other Operational	24,783	36,453	11,670		No admin costs for a period due to absence
Civil Morke	207 107	206,106	(1.001)	200.070	
Civil Works Wages and Other Employee Costs	207,107 153,591	147,951	(1,001) (5,640)	280,870 202,400	
Other Operational	53,516	58,155	4,639	78,470	
Street & Public Lighting Other Operational	4,274 4,274	6,608	2,333 2,333	8,810 8,810	
Cirior Operational	4,214	0,000	2,000	0,010	
Council Engagement					
Manage Governance	1,609	8,100	6,491	10,800	
Wages and Other Employee Costs Other Operational	12	1,387 6,712	1,375 5,116	1,850 8,950	
	1,007	0,112	0,110	0,000	
Local Authorities	32,890	72,878	39,988	97,170	
Other Organianal	22,000	70.070	20,000	07 470	Project in progess. Expenditure less than budgeted for
Other Operational	32,890	72,878	39,988	97,170	the reporting period.
Elected Members & Council Meetings	605	750	145	1,000	
Other Operational	605	750	145	1,000	
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	1,438	0	(1,438)	0	
Other Operational	1,438	0	(1,438)	0	
Training & Development Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,125 1,125	1,125 1,125	1,500 1,500	
wages and other Employee costs		1,120	1,120	1,000	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	409,743	478,062	68,319	646,520	
Commercial Operations Operate Community Stores	197,481	191,016	(6,465)	257,080	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	45,731	60,617	14,887		Casual relief until recruitment takes place
Other Operational	151,750	130,398	(21,351)	174,130	Sales targets not being met
Forential Complete	2.050	0.005	(4.022)	2 500	
Essential Services Wages and Other Employee Costs	3,658 524	2,625	(1,033) (524)	3,500	
Other Operational	3,134	2,625	(509)	3,500	
Centrelink Wages and Other Employee Costs	41,750	29,516	(12,235)	40,390	Additional hours due to passing of an amplouss
Wages and Other Employee Costs	36,484	25,621	(10,863)	35,060	Additional hours due to passing of an employee Slightly overspent operational expenditure for the
Other Operational	5,267	3,895	(1,372)	5,330	reporting period. Will be back in line next report.
Manage Projects	601,386	653,815	52,429	667,540	Operational expenditure less than budgeted for the
					reporting period majority of expenditure/commitments
Other Operational	67,539	191,815	124,276	205,540	for this reporting period were capital expenses.
					Project for Basketball Court canopy and court has
					commenced.Actual expenditure/committed funds is more than budgeted for this reporting period. Home
Capital	533,847	462,000	(71,847)	462,000	Care Grant which is at around 80% completion.
Community Services	400 707	427 740	0.000	400.070	
Community Safety Wages and Other Employee Costs	128,707 109,814	137,713 112,718	9,006 2,904	188,070 154,240	
Other Operational	18,894	24,995	6,102	33,830	
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Youth Development	198,898	208,895	9,997	287,920	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	147,157	145,403	(1,754)	201,870	

{March 2020 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

{March 2020 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Other Operational	51,741	63,491	11,751	86,050	Youth Team impacted by sorry business, had closed for period of time, limited expenditure
Home Care Services	131,239	180,966	49,726	237 810	Budgeted to cater for maximum potential demand. Expenditure reflects current client base and services used by clients.
Wages and Other Employee Costs Other Operational	77,505	80,128 100.838	2,623	110,350	
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	1,303,119	,	,	1,682,310	
TOTAL	1,712,863	1,882,607	169,744	2,328,830	

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 budge

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	
Discretionary Funds	1,000	4,000	3,000	4,000	

GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER	12.1
TITLE	General Business
REFERENCE	- 266347
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, 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:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business. We are now discussing the matters raised as follow:

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and discuss the items raised at Item 6.2.

BACKGROUND

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ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Nil

CONSULTATION Amoonguna Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

ITEM NUMBER	13.1
TITLE	Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE	- 261777
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to present any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business. We are now discussing the matters raised as listed below:

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and discuss the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3.

BACKGROUND

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.