



AGENDA

AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2020

The Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Amoonguna Council Office on Wednesday, 29 January 2020 at 10:30 am.

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RESIGNATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.3.1
TITLE	Nominations
REFERENCE	- 261164
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:

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.

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 ect.
- 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

Robert Rabotot, Governance Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the 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.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interests

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note the Conflict of Interest Policy and declare any conflicts either now or as they arise.

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.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE - 261191
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 to consider the unconfirmed minutes of the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Local Authority members that attended the previous meeting are to consider the presented unconfirmed minutes carefully before they decide if they are a true record of their last meeting.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Manager Governance and Planning
Local Authority Members

ATTACHMENTS:

1 AMO_11092019_Kumantjay_MIN_SAVED.pdf



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE
ON WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.46AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Cr Lynette Ellis

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Kumantjay Stuart, Natasha Stuart, Caroline Peters and Donna Dixon

Councillors:

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

Council Employees:

Bhan Pratap (Director, Corporate Services), Paul Leary (HR Manager), Jeff Tan (Coordinator Community Engagement) Gordon Marshall (Mac Connect), Bre Parfitt (Coordinator Governance), Sam Ashton (Regional Manager) Glenn Dixon

Guests:

Erin Brady (Alice Springs Trainer) and Mal Galbraith (Families and Schools Together NT)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Kumantjay Wilyuka, Henry Oliver

Absentees: Nil

26 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)
The Local Authority accept the Apologies and Absentees.

3.3 Resignations / Terminations

Resignations:

NIL

Terminations:

NIL

3.3.4 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of 3 July 2019 nominations to the Local Authority were opened. There have been two nominations received.

27 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Greg Sharman)
That the Local Authority accept the nominations from Glen Dixon and Andrew Alice to the Amoonguna Local Authority.

4 MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

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

4.2 Conflict of Interests

29 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Donna Dixon)
That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and declare any conflict of interests.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

30 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Donna Dixon)
That the Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

5.2 ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

31 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Susan Doolan)
That the Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of the previous meetings as received and request an update on the approval for Land Clearances for Public Spaces.

6 LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

6.1 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 must benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

32 RESOLUTION (Susan Doolan /Donna Dixon)

ITEM 6.1 to be adjourned for informal discussions during lunch.

NOTE: At the reconvened meeting after lunch the resolution below was made.

33 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Stuart/Caroline Peters)

That the Local Authority will allocate \$2000 towards a Community Sports Celebration, to include trophies for sportsmen and women and a BBQ. There will be a further allocation of \$2000 for a 2019 Christmas Party.

6.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

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.

34 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Stuart/Greg Sharman)

That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of their Local Authority projects and that further information be sought on the progress of all Projects.

NOTE: Kumantjay Stuart left the meeting, the time being 11.13AM

NOTE: Kumantjay Stuart returned to the meeting, the time being 11.25 AM

7 COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

7.1 "YOUR VOICE, YOUR COMMUNITY"

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This will be a presentation on the results of the extensive "get on the electoral roll" campaign, "Your Voice, Your Community".

35 RESOLUTION (Greg Sharman /Donna Dixon)

The Local Authority note there was no NTG presentation on this item

NOTE: Caroline Peters left the meeting at 11.41AM

NOTE: Caroline Peters returned to the meeting at 11.44 PM

7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery. A verbal report presented by MacConnect on the NT Libraries Strategic Plan and the Be Connected National Program.

36 RESOLVED (Susan Doolan/Caroline Peters)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report. The Local Authority members will discuss and feedback their preferred times and location of WiFi hubs to the next Local Authority Meeting.

LUNCH ADJOURNMENT 11.50AM

MEETING RESUMED 12.33PM

8 FINANCE

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2019 in the Local Authority's community.

37 RESOLVED (Greg Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2019

NOTE: Caroline Peters left the meeting, the time being 1.05 PM

NOTE: Caroline Peters returned to the meeting, the time being 1.12 PM

NOTE: Kumantjay Stuart left the meeting, the time being 1.12 PM

NOTE: Kumantjay Stuart returned to the meeting, the time being 1.19 PM

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

The Local Authority Chair invited speakers from Families and Schools Together NT to present to the meeting.

38 RESOLVED (Kumantjay Stuart/Caroline Peters)

The Local Authority invited the Families and Schools Together NT program to provide the services to Amoonguna families.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

SUMMARY:

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

39 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Donna Dixon)

That the Local Authority note there was no Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development in attendance. The Local Authority requests updates and progress on the following Actions Items from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

1. The request from the Local Authority to facilitate the introduction of a minimum twice weekly bus service to and from Alice Springs and Amoonguna.
2. The request from the Local Authority to widen and resurface the NTG entry road to Amoonguna.

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10.1.2 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**SUMMARY:**

The MacDonnell Regional Council Community Engagement and Governance Team have carriage of sections of the MRC Regional Plan. The plan requires;

Objective 3.1 Young People are empowered to be engaged representatives

Objective 3.2 Local Authority and Council members are trained and empowered in their roles to lead into the future

Objective 3.3 Local Authority and Council Members, constituents and stakeholders are engaged and informed.

40 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Donna Dixon)

That the Local Authority notes and encourages the activities and ideas on strengthening the Local Authority, reinstating the Youth Board and increasing community participation in planning processes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - To be advised

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 1.26PM.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 and UNCONFIRMED .

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.2
TITLE Action Register
REFERENCE - 261242
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.

Land clearances for public spaces

Resolution 06.1: scope getting land clearances for public spaces across Lot 62 and Lot 63 and then close Project 3 to Re fence the basketball court and remove Priority 1 Fencing and resurfacing (Basketball court)

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE CSC Report
REFERENCE - 259056
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 CSC Report (attached).

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Levina Phillips, CSC Amoonguna

ATTACHMENTS:

1 200129 CSC LA Report - 29 January 2020.pdf

Service Delivery Report

TITLE Amoonguna Service Delivery Report
DATE 29th January 2020
AUTHOR Levina Phillips, 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 Vet visit has been scheduled for 24-25 February.
- Animal management has been fairly good with no major issues reported.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Our roads have held up quite well over the very hot days with no major damage. A couple of small potholes are starting to show and these will be repaired soon.
- The Amoonguna sweeper has been at Santa Teresa for the last 2 months so our roads have been a little neglected while we are waiting for delivery of a new sweeper which will be great once it is here.

Parks and Open Spaces

- Quotes for fencing at Ross Park and Stuart Park (Project 3) have been requested and we are hoping to have it all completed by the next meeting in April.
- Staffing has been a little low over the Christmas period which means our parks haven't had the regular cleaning but everything is slowly getting back on track in this area.

Sports Grounds

- The oval is being kept clean and grass cutting around the oval will begin again.
- The softball oval will have a major clean up but is not a priority at the moment.

Waste Management

- Our tip is currently nearing its capacity and we are having a new trench dug.
- Tech Services has advised the machinery will be in Amoonguna when they have completed Hermannsburg.
- There is still a lot of rubbish being dumped outside by non-residents. We have been able to get some people identified and letters are written to these people, though I'm not sure what happens after that.

Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Our fire break is in good condition; our fire trailer is regularly used, checked and ready in case of a fire in community.
- All our brush cutters are in for a service and grass cutting in community will start once we have them back.
- It would be good if LA members spoke to residents and remind them to keep rubbish loads down and use the bins provided to help prevent any serious danger if a fire was to happen.

Local Authority Updates

- 2 large industrial air coolers have been delivered to the Rec Hall 13th December.
- Quotes for seating and fans will be tabled.

- Quotes for Projects 5 & 6 tabled at meeting, LA members to decide on which ones they would like to go with for the industrial fans, bench seating and type of bbq wanted in the parks.
- An email has been sent to Alice Shed & Structures for an updated quote for the bus shelter. I am still waiting for a final clearance from Congress for this. It has been approved by their Board and now sitting with their Facilities Manager who will contact me about the specifics of the lease and location.

Other Service Delivery Updates

- The store was broken into on 23 December 2019 where there was some damage to the door and major damage to the safe with only a few items taken from the store.
- The store was closed for 2 days while repairs were being made.
- I will be taking 12 months leave without pay with my last day being Friday 31st January.

Levina Phillips
Council Services Coordinator
Amoonguna

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 9.2
TITLE Local Authority Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE - 261262
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
11 Sept 2019	Community Sport Celebration including 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

Executive Leadership Team
 The Local Authority and Community
 Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE	- 261425
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:

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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.

Register of Projects and Commitments

2006.139.001		
(Project 1)	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
	underspend or (overspend)	1,256.00
2008.139.001		
(Project 2)	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
	underspend or (overspend)	117.23
2134.139.001		
(Project 3)	Fencing around parks	\$
Action	Status	Committed
3 July 2019	Resolution 06.2: commit \$30,000 to Fencing around parks	30,000.00
	Update 24/1/20 – Quotes being sought by CSC	
	underspend or (overspend)	

2133.139.001		
(Project 4) Bus shelter at the Clinic \$		
Action 3 July 2019	Status Resolution 06.2: commit \$10,000 to Bus shelter at the Clinic Update 24/1/20 – Awaiting on formal advice from Congress in relation to approval. underspend or (overspend)	Committed 10,000.00
2131.139.001		
(Project 5) Seating and fans for the Recreation Hall \$		
Action 3 July 2019	Status Resolution 06.2: commit \$6,000 to 10 fixed benches, 50 plastic chairs and 6 industrial fans for the Recreation Hall Update 24/1/20 – Quotes will be supplied at LA meeting underspend or (overspend)	Committed 6,000.00
2132.139.001		
(Project 6) Woodfire barbeques for Stuart Park and Ross Park \$		
Action 3 July 2019	Status Resolution 06.2: commit \$5,000 to Woodfire 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 underspend or (overspend)	Committed 5,000.00
2136.139.001		
(Project 7) Scope of works to refurbish change rooms \$		
Action 3 July 2019	Status Resolution 06.2: commit \$20,000 to a Scope of works to refurbish existing football oval change rooms on Lot 66 with new fittings underspend or (overspend)	Committed 20,000.00
2135.139.001		
(Project 8) Footpaths \$		
Action 3 July 2019	Status Resolution 06.2: commit \$20,000 to Footpaths through the community underspend or (overspend)	Committed 20,000.00

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: \$

Priority 2:

Scope:

Requested:

Action:

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

Executive Leadership Team

Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 9.4
TITLE Community Service Amoonguna Local Authority Report
REFERENCE - 261435
AUTHOR Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**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 Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the Community Services report.

BACKGROUND

As per attachment

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager Home Care – Luke Everingham
Manager Community Safety - Peter Devine
Manager Youth Services – Bianca Rayner, Cherie Forbes

ATTACHMENTS:

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COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.3
TITLE Community Services Amoonguna Local Authority Report



REFERENCE

AUTHOR Peter Devine, Acting-Director Community Services

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities
 Goal 02: Liveable Communities
 Goal 03: Engaged Communities
 Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

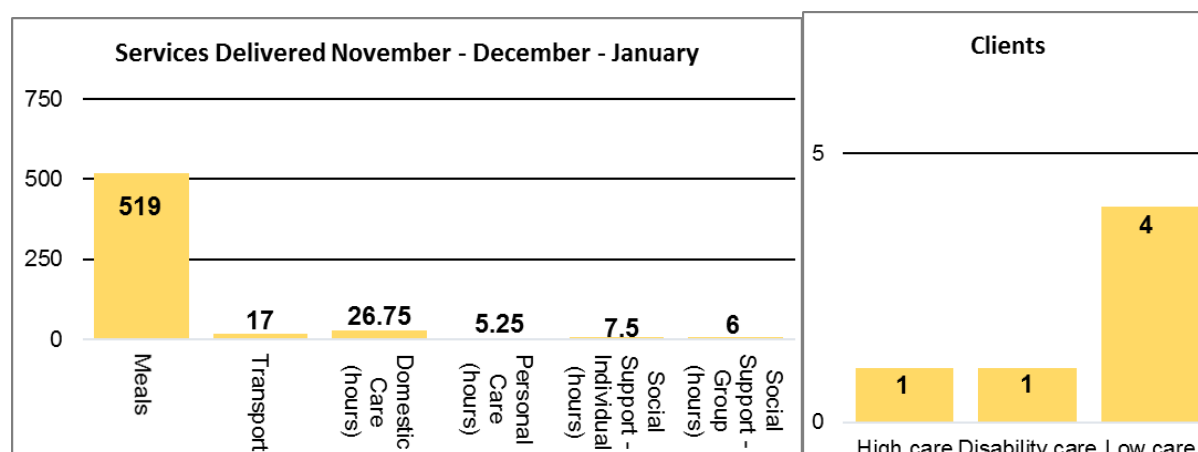
RECOMMENDATION

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

AGED and DISABILITY SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- All services fully delivered in this reporting period including over the Christmas break. Food hampers were delivered to clients to cover public holidays.



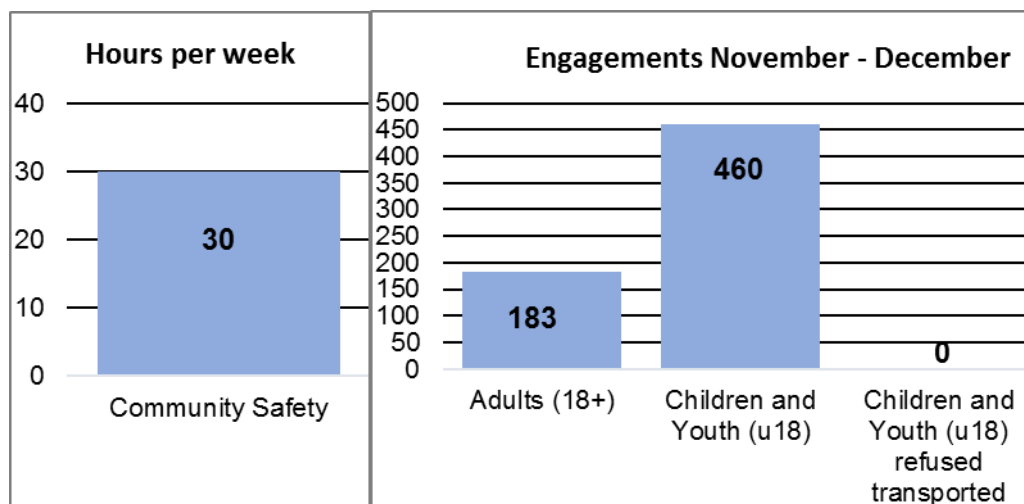
Other Updates

- The home care building has recently been renovated to upgrade its kitchen, roof and office space.
- Funding for High-care aged clients changed on 1 November to funding under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flexible aged care program. This will allow the service to deliver a better range of more appropriate services to our clients.

Some of the renovations at Amoonguna Home Care

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

- Community Safety services was disrupted for 4 days during this reporting period due staff on annual leave and sorry business.

**Other Updates**

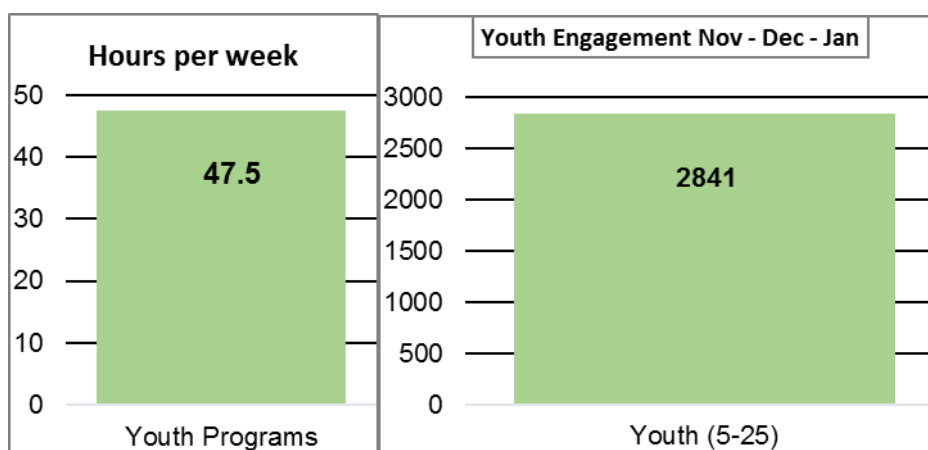
- Two Community Safety Officers were hired during this reporting period (Casual and Part-Time positions).
- The team has been complimented by stakeholders in Local Authority meetings for the team's commitment to Amoonguna community, especially by talking with kids/youth about community safety.
- Three Community Safety Officers attended MacConnect Digital Literacy Training and the feedback from staff was very positive.
- MacSafe team will continue to do school runs in the morning to take kids to class from Monday to Friday to help increase school's attendance.

MacSafe's staff before starting work

**YOUTH SERVICES****Service Delivery and Engagement**

The MacYouth logo, featuring the word "MacYouth" in a blue, sans-serif font. Below the text is a small graphic of a stylized sun or starburst.

- Delivery this period included both Youth and OSHLP programs.
- Youth programs were momentarily disrupted for 6 days this reporting period due to 2 sorry business, 4 days of staff training.



- During November, December and January young people enjoyed fella's nights, town trips to the swimming pool, evening basketball games and pool competitions.

Other Updates

- Staff attended MacYouth training at Ross River from the 5th to 9th of November engaging in training around youth diversion and case management, Youth Boards and governance, managing challenging behaviours at youth program as well as new program ideas, games and sports.
- Children and young people enjoyed town trips to go swimming at the Alice Springs Town Pool with free access being granted by the Office of Youth Affairs for young people over the summer holidays.
- MacYouth welcomed two new staff members, Corey Baker and Simran Behl, to the Amoonguna team through November and January.
- MacYouth Amoonguna partnered with Families and Schools Together NT (FAST) and Larapinta child and family centre to support the delivery of the baby FAST 8 weeks program which saw approximately 7 young parents graduate, having learnt skills in child development and other areas.

MacYouth Amoonguna Staff at Training in Ross River



ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager Home Care – Luke Everingham
Manager Community Safety - Peter Devine
Manager Youth Services – Bianca Rayner, Cherie Forbes

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Community Engagement and the Regional Plan
REFERENCE	- 261354
AUTHOR	Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

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

That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accept the report and select a location and a date for a public open space meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council community and is how we will deliver Our Vision, Mission and Goals.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Local Authority is asked to consider the best dates and venue for this meeting and to decide the way they would like to present the work and the successes of the Local Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Local Authority
Governance and Engagement team

ATTACHMENTS:

1 200124_Regional Plan Report_4.pdf

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE REGIONAL PLAN


1. 2019-20 Regional Plan

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. The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council community and is how we will deliver Our Vision, Mission and Goals.

The 4 Goals have been updated in this year's plan to:




2. 2019-20 Goals and objectives

Goal 3: Empowered Communities		
	Objective	3.3: Local Authority and Council members, constituents and stakeholders are engaged and informed
	Strategy	Local Authority meetings are engaging and accessible to members and the public
	Key Performance Indicator	13 Local Authority meetings are held in public open spaces

3. Proposed Local Authority meetings held in public open spaces

Scheduled date	8 April 2020
Where	

Goal 3: Empowered Communities		
	Objective	3.3: Local Authority and Council members, constituents and stakeholders are engaged and informed
	Strategy	Local Authority meetings are engaging and accessible to members and the public
	Key Performance Indicator	5% of residents attend each Local Authority meetings 13 Councillor community engagement events supported 10% of residents in each community complete a Council services survey

4. Engagement action: Community Survey – Community Engagement Officer

5. Consultation for the 2020-21 Regional Plan

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE The Sapphires Musical Play Offer
REFERENCE - 261359
AUTHOR Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Sapphires is a heart-warming tale inspired by the true story of Tony Briggs' mother. Set in 1968 during landmark changes to Aboriginal rights, it tells the story of a singing group of four young Yorta Yorta women, discovered by a talent scout at St Kilda's Tiki Club. He convinces them to tour Vietnam to sing classic soul songs for the troops and it becomes a life-altering trip to the depths of war and back again.

Whilst *The Sapphires* explores issues such as race, prejudice and pleas for acceptance, it is an energetic and engaging play that affirms life and the realisation of dreams.

The musical play has been performed since 2004, while the feature film in 2012 receiving wide popular and critical acclaim.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Jeff Tan, Coordinator Community Engagement and Planning

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 The Sapphires by Tony Briggs MEDIA RELEASE DEC 2018.pdf
- 2 Stage set up for the Sapphires.jpg



From L to R: Lorinda Merrypor (Julie), Mindy Kwanten (Cynthia), Matilda Brown (Kay) and Ngaire Pigram (Gail)

Produced by **Christine Harris** and **Australia's Premier Theatre Touring Company, HIT Productions**, the acclaimed musical play ***The Sapphires* by Tony Briggs** will tour across the length and the breadth of Australia from 2019 – 2020 reaching over 140+ locations.

Featuring a talented young ensemble of first nation performers in all the Indigenous Australian roles as well as multicultural performers, Tony Briggs will direct his play for the first time and head a highly credentialed Indigenous Australian directing and design team.

2019 will represent *The Sapphires'* first major Australian regional tour.

This production seeks to take *The Sapphires* on stage, further than ever before, both 'on the road' and 'off the road' during its national tours in 2019 – 2020 visiting every Australian state and one territory. This will be the most extensive regional tour ever for this play and first time it has been performed in remote areas.

'On the road', the production will be staged at multifarious theatre venues.

'Off the road', the show will be presented in a special 'Pop-Up' version provided free of charge to Indigenous Australian Communities and regional/remote areas of the country not serviced by a venue or where there are constraints for those people to attend that venue. The pop-up stage will be designed by acclaimed architect Philip Harris and Troppo Architects.

SYNOPSIS

The Sapphires is a heart-warming tale inspired by the true story of Tony Briggs' mother. Set in 1968 during landmark changes to Aboriginal rights, it tells the story of a singing group of four young Yorta Yorta women, discovered by a talent scout at St Kilda's Tiki Club. He convinces them to tour Vietnam to sing classic soul songs for the troops and it becomes a life-altering trip to the depths of war and back again. Whilst *The Sapphires* explores issues such as race, prejudice and pleas for acceptance, it is an energetic and engaging play that affirms life and the realisation of dreams.

The Sapphires by Tony Briggs

HISTORY

The Sapphires directed by Wesley Enoch was first performed by the Melbourne Theatre Company in November 2004 and continued at Sydney's Company B in 2005. It was a smash hit success, taking out the 2005 Helpmann Awards for Best Play and Best New Australian Work.

It was revived by Black Swan and Company B in 2010. The show ran at Deagu International Music Festival in 2010, in 2011 as part of the Adelaide Festival. *The Sapphires* performed for the first time internationally in March 2011 for a two-week London tour at the Barbican Centre.

The Sapphires was released as a feature film in 2012 receiving wide popular and critical acclaim.

HIT PRODUCTIONS' CREATIVE TEAM AND CAST

The exceptional creative team is headed by award winning writer and director **Tony Briggs** and includes Associate Director **Kylie Bracknell** [Karljilba Kaardin], Musical Director **Nathaniel Andrew**, Set & LX Designer **Mark Howett** and Choreographer **Leonard Mickelo**.

Cynthia: **Mindy Kwanten** (*FAME The Musical* [Australia & Asia], *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* [Michael Cassel Group], *Hair* [David Atkins])

Gail: **Ngairi Pigram** (*Cut The Sky* [Marrugeku], *The Sapphires* [2011 Sydney's Belvoir Street & London seasons])

Kay: **Matilda Brown** (*Stolen* [Riverside Theatre], *The Cherry Orchard* QUT)

Julie: **Lorinda Merrypor** (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* [Michael Cassel Group, *American Idiot* [Shake & Stir Theatre Co & QPAC])

Dave: **Mike Smith** (TV – *Winners & Losers*; Theatre – *Billy Elliot The Musical* [directed by Stephen Daldry] and HIT's national tours of *The 39 Steps* and *Hotel Sorrento*)

Robbie: **Don Battee** (*The Sapphires* – feature film), *The Matrix Trilogy*, *X-Men Wolverine*)

Jimmy: **Calen Tassone** (*The Heights* TV series, *Astroman* [MTC], *Sugarland* [ATYP])

Joe: **Aljin Abella** (till March 31st 2019) (*The Sapphires* [MTC, Belvoir & London and Korea touring productions], *La Cage Aux Folles* [The Production Company] and *Aladdin* [Disney])

Joe: **Anthony Lim** (from 1st April 2019) – a recent graduate of Deakin University – Bachelor of Arts

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body





FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.3
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2019
REFERENCE	- 261380
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 December 2019 in the Local Authority's community.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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 Local Authority Expenditure Detail - Amoonguna.pdf

{December 2019 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Amoonguna					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st December 19					
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	63,906	48,065	(15,841)	96,130	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is only spent as required.
Other Operational	58,201	45,215	(12,986)	90,430	Large Aircon failure in the Youth Rec Hall. Emergency repairs required.
Capital	5,705	2,850	(2,855)	5,700	
Manage Council Service Delivery	52,476	62,150	9,674	124,300	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	35,077	40,195	5,118	80,390	
Other Operational	17,399	21,955	4,556	43,910	
Civil Works	143,201	152,960	9,759	305,920	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	104,420	113,495	9,075	226,990	
Other Operational	38,781	39,465	685	78,930	
Street & Public Lighting	4,274	4,405	131	8,810	
Other Operational	4,274	4,405	131	8,810	
Council Engagement					
Manage Governance	1,480	5,400	3,920	10,800	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	12	925	913	1,850	
Other Operational	1,468	4,475	3,007	8,950	
Local Authorities	4,470	48,585	44,115	97,170	
Other Operational	4,470	48,585	44,115	97,170	Projects have been allocated and works are commencing.
Elected Members & Council Meetings	684	500	(184)	1,000	
Other Operational	684	500	(184)	1,000	
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	1,438	0	(1,438)	0	
Other Operational	1,438	0	(1,438)	0	
Training & Development	0	750	750	1,500	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	750	750	1,500	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	271,928	322,815	50,887	645,630	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Commercial Operations					
Operate Community Stores	132,288	151,040	18,752	302,080	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	34,533	63,975	29,442	127,950	Wages are less due to store operating reduced hours.
Other Operational	97,755	87,065	(10,690)	174,130	Store Sales are less than expected to cover costs of purchases to date.
Essential Services	2,656	1,750	(906)	3,500	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	524	0	(524)	0	
Other Operational	2,132	1,750	(382)	3,500	
Centrelink	31,518	20,195	(11,323)	40,390	Overspend due to staff working more than the budgeted hours. Corrections to be made in February Budget Refresh.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	27,647	17,530	(10,117)	35,060	
Other Operational	3,871	2,665	(1,206)	5,330	
Manage Projects	465,143	314,885	(150,258)	667,540	Overall budget is for Basketball Court Canopy \$600K and \$67,540 Home Care Grant.
Other Operational	59,389	130,085	70,696	205,540	Underspent at this time as most commitment/expenditure is in Capital.
Capital	405,754	184,800	(220,954)	462,000	Project for Basketball Court canopy and court about to commence. No actual expenditure to date. Funds are committed. Home Care Grant which is at around 80% completion.
Community Services					
Community Safety	87,521	93,650	6,129	187,300	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	74,267	75,045	778	150,090	
Other Operational	13,254	18,605	5,351	37,210	
Youth Development	131,001	138,335	7,334	288,560	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	96,564	94,705	(1,859)	200,320	

{December 2019 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Other Operational	34,438	43,630	9,192	88,240	
Home Care Services	89,228	132,045	42,817	227,910	Budgeted to cater for maximum potential demand. Expenditure reflects current client base and services used by clients.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	55,702	51,155	(4,547)	102,310	
Other Operational	33,526	80,890	47,364	125,600	
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	939,354	851,900	(87,454)	1,717,280	
TOTAL	1,211,282	1,174,715	(36,567)	2,362,910	

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

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

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

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

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.4
TITLE	Letter from the department regarding members and NT elections
REFERENCE	- 261430
AUTHOR	Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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's two main points outline the need for Councillors and Local Authority members to:

1. disclose any conflict of interest that may arise from a matter before any Council or Local Authority discussion: and
2. stand down before nominating as a candidate in the NT Elections

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act* provides legislation to frame the decision-making and behaviour of elected (Council) and nominated (Local Authority) members to deliver good governance to constituents.

One way to deliver good governance is for a member to not participate in a decision on a question where they have a conflict of interest. Under the *Local Government Act* a member has a legal requirement to disclose a personal or financial interest that gives rise to, a real or perceived, conflict of interest. Conflicts of interest can arise from a member's relevant interest in connection with the pre-selection or nomination of candidates for other government elections.

Another way is for a member to resign in writing from the Council or Local Authority before officially nominating with the Electoral Commission for the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly election. If the person resigns as a Councillor or Local Authority member and is not elected to the Legislative Assembly, the person may then nominate to again be a member of the Council or Local Authority.

Local Government is a feasible early step in a political career. The *Local Government Act* supports individuals to learn and deliver good governance to constituents and to explore opportunities for elected representation at higher levels of government.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Breaches of legislation can incur fines at personal cost.

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 NTG - 2020 Legislative Assembly election - 2019-12-29.pdf



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AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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20 December 2019

Ms Roxanne Kenny
President
MacDonnell Regional Council
PO Box 5267
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

RECEIVED
27 DEC 2019

Dear Ms Kenny

Re: August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election

As we approach the upcoming August 2020 Legislative Assembly election, it is important that all members are reminded of the legal requirement to disclose a personal or financial interest that gives rise to a conflict of interest in a question before the council, council committee or local authority. A member must not participate in any decision on a question where they have a conflict of interest. Members are to be aware that conflicts of interest can arise from a member's relevant interest in connection with the pre-selection or nomination of candidates for elections. Further detail of these requirements are contained in Part 7.2 of the *Local Government Act 2008*.

On 25 September 2019, Ms Maree De Lacey, Executive Director of Local Government and Community Development, emailed all council chief executive officers with advice on the process to follow if members nominate as candidates and they wish to be reappointed to council or the local authority if they are unsuccessful.

On 30 October 2019, Mr Jamie Chalker, the former Chief Executive Officer of this Department, wrote to all chief executive officers with further advice and highlighted the importance of managing conflicts of interest.

As this is an important matter, I ask that you table this correspondence at your next council and local authority meetings so that all members are made aware of this advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me via brett.beaton@nt.gov.au if you or your council require any clarification on this matter or if you would like more information.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Brett Beaton.

Brett Beaton
Acting Executive Director
Local Government and Community Development
20/12/2019

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.5
TITLE	Local Authority meeting process and timing
REFERENCE	- 261431
AUTHOR	Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Local Authority has traditionally had its meetings begin in the morning and run during business hours.

While MRC staff in communities are able to become Local Authority members, they are remunerated at their normal rate of pay. Other community members working for other organisations may be restricted from becoming Local Authority members as they cannot get time away from their job.

Often the people who are good at thinking about money and government things are working for NGOs or government agencies in the community, while most community meetings are held during the day when they cannot always participate. This meeting needs to weigh up whether such a change could open up the Local Authority membership to involve more community members.

If Local Authority meetings were held outside of business hours, the Council office would need to remain open to host the meeting, staff would be required to remain, supporting staff from Alice Springs, ward councillors and the president would need to be accommodated overnight.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Community members would be required to give up some nights with their family to attend Local Authority meetings to address broader community matters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A change to the scheduled meeting time would possibly enable existing and new Local Authority members to receive remuneration in addition to the income they earn during business hours.

This kind of change would also see some increases in the cost for MRC to administer the secretariat support to the Local Authority meetings and for Councillor's attendance to be

supplemented. These matters would need to be addressed in the forthcoming 2020/21 budget.

CONSULTATION

Regional Plan Goal: 3.3.1.1

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 - 261351
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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ACTION REGISTER

Date raised	Issue	Detail	Update
3 July 2019	Bus Services	The Local Authority request the Department of Housing and Community Development to report back about the possibility of getting the Alice Springs Bus Service to provide the Amoonguna community with a (twice weekly) minimum service.	
11 September 2019	NTG entry road to Amoonguna	The request from the Local Authority to widen and resurface the NTG entry road to Amoonguna.	

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
 Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.