



## **AGENDA**

# **AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at 10:30AM.



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**MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting note the Council Code of Conduct.**

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

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

**Honesty**

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

**Taking care**

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

**Respect/Courtesy**

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

**Conduct towards council staff**

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

**Respect for culture**

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

**Conflict of interest**

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

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

**Respect for private business**

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

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

**Gifts**

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

**Accountable**

A member must be able to show that they have made good decisions for the community, and

have allocated the Council's resources carefully and to benefit the region.

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

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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

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

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**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Conflict of Interests

**SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 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**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Confirmation of previous minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 197369
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Erich Brown, Manager of Governance and Planning

**SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 28 March 2018.



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2018 AT  
10:30AM

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## **1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:40am

## **2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country and opening Prayer – Daphne Puntjina

### **2.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members: Jonathon Doolan (Chairperson), Joy Kunia, Daphne Puntjina, Garnet Djana, Peggy Gallagher

Councillors: Cllr Marlene Abbott, Cllr Selina Kulitja

Council Employees: Jeff McLeod (CEO), Gracie Matteucci (Senior Governance Officer), Ken Newman (Area Manager)

Others: Maria Viegas (Dept. Housing & Community Development),  
Michael Paten (Territory Families)  
Dan McCarthy (NT Police)  
Owen Auricht (NT Police Community Engagement Officer)

### **2.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies: Sarah Gallagher

Absentees: Nil

### **2.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct**

**79 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting note the Council Code of Conduct.**

### **2.2 Conflict of Interests**

**80 RESOLVED (Cr S Kulitja/Daphne Puntjina)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting note and declare any conflict of interests.**

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Wednesday, 28 March 2018

## 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### SUMMARY:

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

**81 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Daphne Puntjina)**

**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.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority**

- 1. Request to leave all actions open until completed;**
- 2. Open action 5.2.1 as below**

### 5.2.1 INVITE ANTHONY BELL (GEC) TO LA MEETING

**82 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Cr S Kulitja)**

**The Local Authority request Council invite the Areyonga Government Engagement Coordinator (Anthony Bell) to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss the GBM housing at Areyonga**

## 6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

### SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is to make decisions about where to allocate their Project Funds. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

**83 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of their LA projects and open item 6.1.1 as below.**

### 6.1.1 SEALING THE CARPARK WITH BITUMEN OUTSIDE COUNCIL OFFICE

**84 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Garnet Djana)**

**The Local Authority request Council investigate the possibility of putting bitumen in front of the Areyonga Council office for where cars park**

## 6.2 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - AREYONGA

### 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 can not be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**85 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Local Authority allocate their remaining discretionary funds (\$1,621.82) towards mail boxes for each house in community.**

### 7.1 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

#### SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Areyonga and documents any other relevant issues.

**86 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.**

### 7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

#### SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**87 RESOLVED (Cr M Abbott/Daphne Puntjina)**

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

### 7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY

#### SUMMARY:

The MacDonnell Council Community Safety team have put together a survey to ask community members what they think the main issues in Areyonga are.

**88 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Local Authority talk about their safety concerns for Areyonga.**

### 8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

#### SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2017 in the Local Authority's community.

**89 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Cr S Kulitja)**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2017.**

### 10.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### SUMMARY:

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any updates necessary and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise.

**90 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Cr S Kulitja)**

**That the Local Authority request Dept. Housing & Community Development find out when the next Housing Reference Group Meeting is.**

*The NT Police were in attendance and advised that a Community Safety Meeting was taking place after this Local Authority meeting.*

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 21 JUNE, 2018**

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting terminated at 1:10pm.

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**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Action Register
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 197345
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Erich Brown, Manager of Governance and Planning

**SUMMARY:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

***Action Item- Resurfacing Road Access (raised on 05/10/2017)*****Summary:**

The Local Authority requests advice on when Council plan to resurface the Areyonga access road as current condition is very poor  
Resurfacing Access Road

**Update: Completed.**

***Action Item- Community Service (raised on 05/10/2017)*****Summary:**

Council investigate the options for a community safe house in Areyonga for victims of domestic violence  
Director Community Services to meet with Territory Families, NT Police and Alice Springs Women's Shelter in late January to look at models of immediate support for victims of domestic and family violence.

**Update: This meeting had to be postponed. We will provide an update at the next Local Authority meeting.**

***Action Item – Replace Speed Humps.*****Summary:**

That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report with their suggestions for speed hump locations noted on map.

**Update: Council supplied Eight (8) sets of Speed humps last Nov 2017 under Black Spot Program. The rest are in progress of being installed as the resurfacing has been completed.**

***Action Item – GBM housing (raised on 28/03/18)*****Summary:**

The Local Authority invite the Areyonga Government Engagement Coordinator (Anthony Bell) to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss the GBM housing at Areyonga.

**Update: Will be in attendance**

**LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Project Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 198429
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is to make decisions about where to allocate their Project Funds. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Local Government and Community Services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of their LA projects.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

1. Commentary Box at football oval (\$17,800)  
**Update: Delivered to community as flat pack kit only around \$9000. Still to be installed**
2. Water tank at sorry camp (\$1,600)  
**Update: Delivered to community but still to be installed**
3. 7 smaller solar lights (11,500) with 2 lights – 2 being for the walkway behind houses 94 and 97 and the other 5 locations TBC.  
**Update: Complete**
4. Install toilet block at Rec Hall for Youth and Childrens services to use (\$50,000).  
**Update: In progress**

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Funds from the grant have two years from the date of issue to be acquitted (i.e. 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2018).

**CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority and community

**LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 6.2  
**TITLE** Community Consultation & Planning  
**REFERENCE** - 197414  
**AUTHOR**

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is asked to think about projects (big and small) and other ways to improve the community. Each year NT Government and Council gives each community project money to spend on improvements but Local Authority should also consider what other services could be engaged to improve community life and infrastructure. Council asks Local Authority to think about what they would like to see in their community in the next 5 years.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority discuss community planning and project spending under the following headings.**

COMMUNITY	MEETING DATE	PROJECT & PLANNING		COMMENTS
		PROJECT	PRIORITY	

**BACKGROUND**

The Northern Territory Government makes Local Authority Project funding available to Council, to be spent in a fair way and to benefit the whole community.

The Local Authority members (with direction from community members) decide where this budgeted money will be spent and must follow MRC policy, guidelines and legislation.

Good decision making about the use of funds should include prioritising decisions. E.g. which decisions are the most important and which ones can wait until more funds come in.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Funds from the grant have to be spent in a fair way and to benefit the whole community, and According to MRC policy, guidelines and legislation.

**CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority and community  
 The Executive Leadership Team

**LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Discretionary Funds - Areyonga
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 198430
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Senior Governance Officer

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority note their spending of discretionary money to date.**

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

2018/2019 Local Authority Discretionary Funds is \$4,000.

**ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES**

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AND TIMING**

Funds from the grant have one year from the date of issue to be acquitted (i.e. 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2017).

**CONSULTATION**

The Local Authority and community

**COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**ITEM NUMBER** 7.1  
**TITLE** Community Service Areyonga Local Authority Report  
**REFERENCE** - 196651  
**AUTHOR** Rohan Marks, Director Community Services



**SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

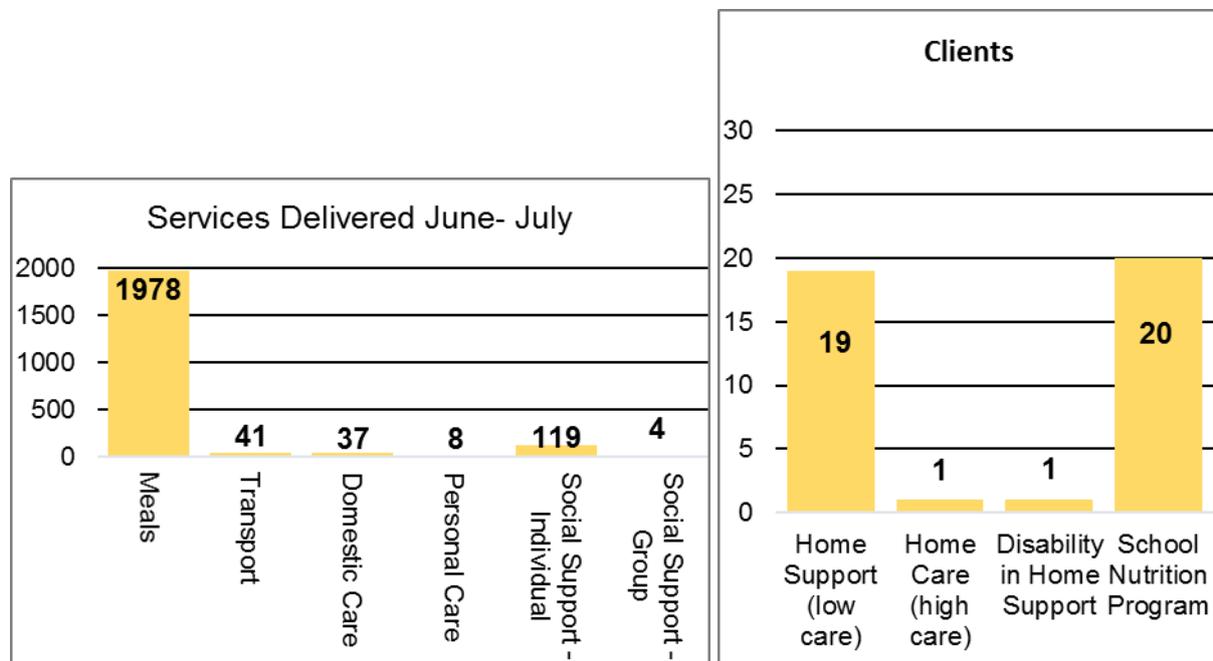
**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**MacCare**

**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- All Home Care services fully delivered this reporting period



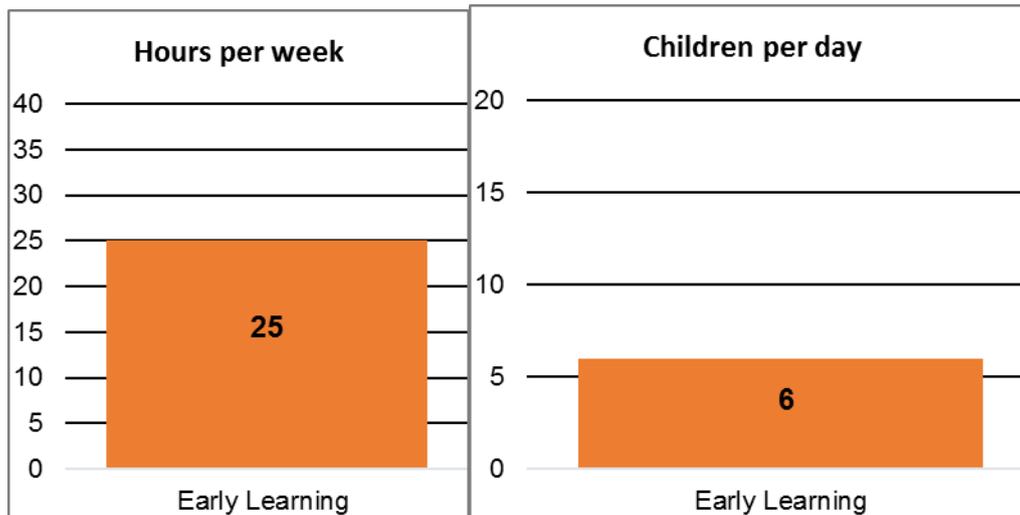
**Other Updates**

- All staff are undertaking accredited training through Charles Darwin University (Certificate III Individual support)
- We have recruited two staff members at Areyonga, increasing our team to five.
- School Nutrition Programme numbers have decreased with a number of students having moved on to boarding school.

**MacKids**

**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- All services were fully delivered this period.



**Other Updates**

- The Early Learning Centre is working with the Preschool program, to support children transitioning through Early Learning to Preschool to Primary school.
- One local Educator is finalising her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care through Batchelor Institute and will graduate later this year.
- Community Elders have been regularly visiting the centre, sharing songs and stories with children.

**Opening the space for other play**



*Loretta teaching songs*



### **MacSafe**

#### **Service Delivery and Engagement**

- Community Safety Services were interrupted for 12 days during this period due to Sorry Business.
- The Areyonga MacSafe team has implemented the new MacSafe reporting processes which has improved the range and accuracy of data captured. The Coordinator Community Safety is working with the team increase the ways in which they are connecting with their community.

#### **Other Updates**

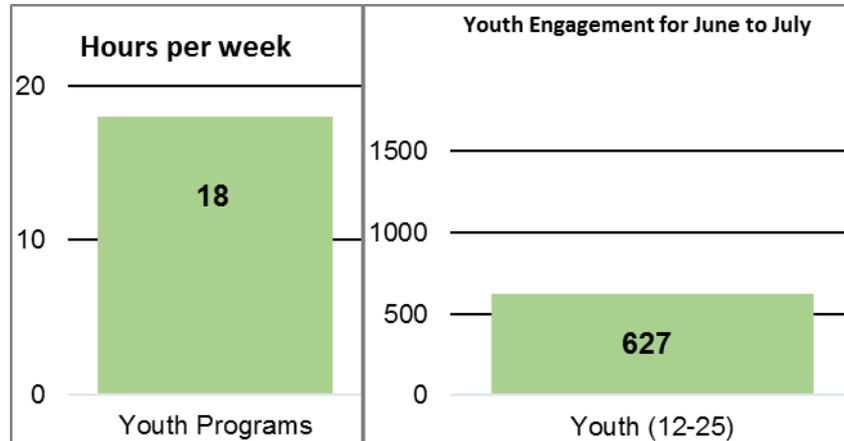
- The MacSafe team have attended the Police Community Safety Action Plan meetings and community meetings held to address alcohol being brought into the community.
- The MacSafe team assisted a community resident whose home had been broken into, successfully locating the majority of items stolen and ensuring they were returned within two hours of the break-in.
- During June, the MacSafe team attended a week of Language, Literacy and Numeracy training provided by Institute for Aboriginal Development.
- The team were very pleased to have their vehicle branded with the new MacSafe logos, and to receive their new MacSafe uniforms.

**Team receive the new MacSafe  
Uniforms**



**MacYouth  
Service Delivery and Engagement**

- Youth programs were disrupted for 11 days during this reporting period due to Sorry business.
- In June, Areyonga travelled to Haasts Bluff to play women's softball, and in July to Hermannsburg for a basketball competition and campout. Bush trips focusing on young men's mental health and connection to country were also delivered during this period.



**Other Updates**

- Two MacYouth employees attended a four-day training course held in Alice Springs which included sexual health training delivered through Congress and Apply First Aid training through St John's Ambulance.
- Throughout the school holidays, MacYouth employed a casual Program Support Officer to assist the Youth Program with the delivery of school holiday activities for young people.
- MacYouth in both Haasts Bluff and Areyonga coordinated together with Waltja and Unity College in Murray Bridge, South Australia, to assist a student to enrol and attend boarding school for Term 3.

**Basketball competition in Hermannsburg, attended by Areyonga and Santa Teresa Youth during the July school holidays**



**COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Service Delivery Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	\\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03-LA MTGS\AREYONGA\2018\MEETING 3 - 198432
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Chris Broomhall, Council Service Cordinator

**SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of achievements relating to Key Council Service Delivery standards and guidelines in Areyonga and documents any other relevant issues.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the Service Delivery Report.**

**Key Council Services Achievements and Relevant Issues****Animal Management and Control**

- Northern Territory Veterinary visited Areyonga on 5 and 6 April (first week after Easter) to assess and control dog numbers and advise residents about their animals.
- The next scheduled visit is on 5 & 6 September 2018.
- The Community is very cooperative with the dog program and Council Staff make themselves available to assist each visit.

**Cemetery Management**

- At the time of this report one funeral occurred during the period from the last Local Authority meeting and the local Register is being up-dated. Pastor Rob has said that he has a register of all the graves at the Cemetery.
- Headstones were placed on graves and the remaining few need to be placed on the sites. More may be required to be purchased in the future.
- The cemetery had been weeded and cleaned.
- Council have purchased equipment and artificial grass matting along with straps and another shade structure for future funerals.
- The water tank has been scrubbed and put back on the stand and filled with water.

**Internal Road Maintenance**

- Repairs to community roads are on-going with pot holes near the pool and the drain beside the pool road most recently repaired.
- Council organised Downers to re-seal the roads in Areyonga and patching with it is now completed.
- Installed bollards along road side to the basketball court for child safety in the area and along roadside from shade structure opposite rec. hall past store towards pool. More have been placed and the others will be completed as work permits.
- Work on the Access Road is completed with repairs to the bad sections.



**Civil Works team marking out crossing on new bitumen**

### **Parks and Open Spaces**

- Both community parks are cleaned and maintained weekly by council works team.
- The tank at the sorry camp has had a solid base constructed and the tank is now filled and working with clean water
- Tree planting has been a great success with trees planted near Rec. Hall and along the river bank park and also at the Ida Voss Park alongside Church.
- More trees were purchased (mainly a variety of fruit trees) and were planted at houses for owners with more being completed. A total of 60 fruit trees in total
- Sofffall has to be ordered for under the play equipment at the main Park.

### **Fruit trees growing in residents' yards**





**Water tank at Sorry Camp**

#### **Waste Management**

- New Tip trench constructed by Council is estimated to be 75% usage.
- Tip area has been reorganized to localize hazards from dangerous materials.
- The new Community drop off zone has been completed at the gate to the tip.

#### **Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**

- Weed control and Fire hazard control measures for the community have been completed and current weed control and firebreaks at the Tip, Airstrip, Bore Fields, Sewer Ponds and Power station have been made.
- Grass cutting has continued along the river side and parks as the grass has started to grow and ongoing mowing to keep it down.

#### **Airstrip**

- Ongoing maintenance in accordance with prescribed guidelines has continued.
- Weed spraying of both signal area and wind sock are ongoing.
- The Airstrip is now operational and new cones have been placed along the strip and around the plane parking area.
- Contractors are installing a new fence around the Airstrip starting towards the end of June.
- Completion of the new fence should be at the end of August.

#### **Essential Services**

- The ESO continues to provide ongoing maintenance to P&W assets in the community with a new E.S.O. in training.
- All services provided are now working at 100% to Power/Water standards.
- The Solar farm is operational and a new Generator has been installed at the power house.

**Housing project and HMP Fencing**

- Currently 4 lots are remaining. All material to complete installation of new fencing and gates. Is now at the Council Depot and will be completed as soon as Staff are available.
- The room to breathe program has commenced with some houses nearly ready to hand back to residents.

**Future Projects**

- Safe Eyes Implementation Program Australian Trachoma Alliance has begun in Areyonga with the latest report showing that it has all been cleaned up and now it is up to all on Community to keep it away.
- Installation of 6 solar street lights were purchased for Community and were placed where the Local Authority has agreed to put these to light the dark walkways. One more still to be placed.

**Community Events-**

- Local Authority is discussing where to place the new speed humps for maximum effect and will be placed after the reseal program.
- Football Season has began and the new Commentary Box has been built by the work crew at the football oval and was completed on 14/8/2018.
- Extra fencing for the Softball area to protect onlookers has been completed.
- 2 more solar lights have been sent to Areyonga and the Local Authority are deciding the best place to erect them.



**Commentary Box at Footy Oval**



Chris Broomhall  
Council Services Coordinator  
Areyonga

**COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Technical Services report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 198496
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Simon Murphy, Director Technical Services

**SUMMARY:**

This report will inform Local Authority of recent Council approved fees for pool use.

**RECOMMENDATION**

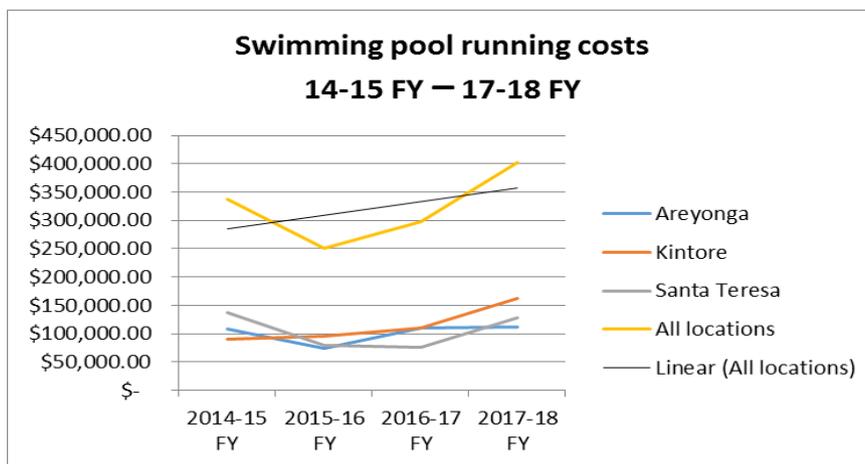
That Council note and accept the technical services report.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION****MRC Swimming Pools – introduction of user charges**

- Fee structures have been approved by Council, to make it more affordable for all people e.g. casual visit, 10 pass, season pass.
- Actual cost to run the three pools over last four financial years was \$322,000 on average. See attachment 1 for details.
- Facilities are getting older and requiring more maintenance, which is costly.
- Swimming pool budget comes from limited untied Council funds.
- MRC services 13 communities, only 3 of which have swimming pools. This means the other 10 communities subsidise the cost of running all of the pools.
- Most other pools in the NT have user fees. Town pool examples: Alice Springs, Darwin, Tennant Creek. Remote pool examples: Jabiru, Maningrida, Nhulunbuy, Tiwi Islands.
- Proposed fees are modest and in line with other pools around the NT. See attachment 2 for details.

**Attachment 1: Swimming pool running costs 14-15 FY – 17-18 FY**

	<b>2014-15 FY</b>	<b>2015-16 FY</b>	<b>2016-17 FY</b>	<b>2017-18 FY</b>
<b>Areyonga</b>	\$108,624.01	\$74,678.97	\$110,632.12	\$111,964.88
<b>Kintore</b>	\$90,464.99	\$96,205.49	\$110,394.51	\$161,788.72
<b>Santa Teresa</b>	\$137,770.09	\$79,938.49	\$75,930.39	\$128,091.09
<b>All locations</b>	\$336,859.09	\$250,822.95	\$296,957.02	\$401,844.69

**Attachment 2: MRC proposed pool charges; charges for other pools**

	<b>MRC – proposed</b>	<b>Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre (ASALC)</b>	<b>West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru and Maningrida)</b>	<b>Tennant Creek Swimming Pool, Barkly Regional Council</b>	<b>Nhulunbuy Aquatic Centre</b>
<b>Single entry</b>					
Under 5	Free	-	Free	Free	-
Child (5 - 17)	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.75	\$3.00
Concession	\$4.00	\$3.00	-	\$3.00	\$3.00
Adult	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$5.50	\$6.00
<b>10 pass</b>					
Child (5 - 17)	\$27.00	\$27.80	\$18.00	\$25.00	-
Concession	\$36.00	\$27.80	-	\$27.00	-
Adult	\$54.00	\$55.60	\$36.00	\$50.00	-
<b>Season pass</b>					
Child (5 - 17)	\$99.00	\$267.80	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$121.00
Concession	\$132.00	\$267.80	-	\$165.00	\$121.00
Adult	\$198.00	\$535.60	\$260.00	\$300.00	\$234.00
Family (2 adults and their children)	\$594.00	\$964.00	-	\$600.00	\$382.00

**CONSULTATION**

Simon Murphy – Director of Technical Services  
Kea Lambert – Infrastructure Officer

**CONSULTATION**

Kitty Comerford – Manager Property and Tenancy  
Benjamin Dugay – Coordinator Infrastructure projects  
Tony White – Coordinator Fleet and Mechanical  
Kea Lambert – Infrastructure Officer

**FINANCE**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2018
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 198516
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhan Pratap, Director Corporate Services

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 March 2018 in the Local Authority's community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2018.**

**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 Kane, Co-Ordinator Grants

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Expenditure report as at 31 March 2018

{March 2018 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1\_ORG\_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Areyonga (Utju)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 18					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
<b>COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Service Centre Delivery</b>					
<b>Manage Council Buildings &amp; Facilities</b>	<b>49,156</b>	<b>44,655</b>	<b>(4,501)</b>	<b>59,540</b>	
Other Operational	49,156	44,655	(4,501)	59,540	
<b>Maintain Roads</b>	<b>29,104</b>	<b>16,695</b>	<b>(12,409)</b>	<b>22,260</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	3,450	2,513	(937)	3,350	
Other Operational	25,655	14,183	(11,472)	18,910	Commitments for the underway road patching, resealing and Access road flood damage repair projects under Road To Recover Program and Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangement. Budgeted under 000 (Head Office) with cost against each location.
<b>Manage Council Service Delivery</b>	<b>98,549</b>	<b>114,003</b>	<b>15,454</b>	<b>149,750</b>	Overall underspend due to underspent employee costs and less than expected expenditure on internet service costs.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	59,919	68,373	8,455	88,910	
Other Operational	38,631	45,630	6,999	60,840	
<b>Civil Works</b>	<b>231,829</b>	<b>232,083</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>303,060</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	194,399	193,270	(1,129)	251,310	
Other Operational	37,430	38,813	1,382	51,750	
<b>Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces</b>	<b>-4,497</b>	<b>3,523</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>4,697</b>	
Other Operational	(4,497)	3,523	8,019	4,697	
<b>Street &amp; Public Lighting</b>	<b>3,895</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>7,466</b>	
Other Operational	3,895	5,600	1,704	7,466	
<b>Council Engagement</b>					
<b>Local Authorities</b>	<b>-24,988</b>	<b>72,515</b>	<b>97,504</b>	<b>96,595</b>	
Other Operational	(24,988)	69,741	94,729	92,895	Local Authority project funding is yet to be spent.
<b>Support and Administration</b>					
<b>Staff Housing</b>	<b>64,671</b>	<b>115,263</b>	<b>50,591</b>	<b>135,450</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	80	0	(80)	0	
Other Operational	42,321	60,563	18,242	80,750	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is only spent as required.
Capital	22,271	54,700	32,429	54,700	Connections to bunkhouse to be spent by May 2018
<b>Manage HR</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>220</b>	
Other Operational	107	165	58	220	
<b>Training &amp; Development</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,120</b>	<b>3,120</b>	<b>4,160</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	3,120	3,120	4,160	
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>447,828</b>	<b>606,234</b>	<b>158,406</b>	<b>781,348</b>	
<b>NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Operate Swimming Pools</b>	<b>103,851</b>	<b>85,192</b>	<b>(18,659)</b>	<b>111,554</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	80,743	61,880	(18,864)	80,470	Most expenditure occurs in middle 6 months of the financial year (when the pool is open). Expenditure is within budget for full year.
Other Operational	23,108	23,313	205	31,084	
<b>Commercial Operations</b>					
<b>Essential Services</b>	<b>79,507</b>	<b>82,161</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>107,350</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	63,959	66,448	2,489	86,400	
Other Operational	15,548	15,712	165	20,950	
<b>Centrelink</b>	<b>26,955</b>	<b>42,962</b>	<b>16,007</b>	<b>55,850</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	26,955	42,962	16,007	55,850	Underspent Employee costs due to vacancy in the position for a period.
<b>Manage Projects</b>	<b>5,942</b>	<b>7,673</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>10,230</b>	
Other Operational	5,942	7,673	1,731	10,230	
<b>Airstrip Maintenance</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>1,060</b>	
Other Operational	279	795	516	1,060	
<b>SLGIF Projects</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,551</b>	<b>45,551</b>	<b>118,120</b>	
Capital	0	45,551	45,551	118,120	Projects yet to commence.

{March 2018 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1\_ORG\_NAME}

Community Services					
<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>103,865</b>	<b>123,668</b>	<b>19,803</b>	<b>161,200</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	90,487	111,698	21,211	145,240	Underspent wages due to staff not working allocated hours and positions being vacant.
Other Operational	13,378	11,970	(1,408)	15,960	
<b>Youth Development</b>	<b>110,220</b>	<b>125,790</b>	<b>15,570</b>	<b>165,000</b>	Underspent wages due to Youth Services Officers not working allocated hours and positions being vacant.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	73,454	82,860	9,407	107,760	
Other Operational	36,767	42,930	6,163	57,240	
<b>Home Care Services</b>	<b>91,229</b>	<b>275,792</b>	<b>184,564</b>	<b>362,325</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	84,487	92,501	8,014	119,520	
Other Operational	6,742	183,291	176,550	242,805	
<b>Children's Services</b>	<b>204,322</b>	<b>226,004</b>	<b>21,682</b>	<b>296,510</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	145,139	159,741	14,602	208,160	
Other Operational	59,182	66,262	7,080	88,350	
<b>SNP School Nutrition Program</b>	<b>55,605</b>	<b>44,197</b>	<b>(11,408)</b>	<b>58,930</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	30,782	23,205	(7,577)	30,940	
Other Operational	24,823	20,992	(3,831)	27,990	
<b>Children's Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>4,250</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,500	1,500	2,000	
Other Operational	0	1,688	1,688	2,250	
<b>Self Funded Sport and Rec</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,500</b>	
Other Operational	0	1,125	1,125	1,500	
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>781,775</b>	<b>1,064,097</b>	<b>282,322</b>	<b>1,453,879</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,229,602</b>	<b>1,670,331</b>	<b>440,728</b>	<b>2,235,227</b>	

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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	2,378	4,000	1,622	4,000

**FINANCE**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2018
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 198517
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Bhan Pratap, Director Corporate Services

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2018 in the Local Authority's community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2018.**

**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 Kane, Co-Ordinator Grants

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Expenditure report as at 30 June 2018

{June 2018 Final - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1\_ORG\_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Areyonga (Utju)					
Expenditure by Community as at 30th June 18					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
<b>COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Service Centre Delivery</b>					
<b>Manage Council Buildings &amp; Facilities</b>	<b>65,284</b>	<b>59,540</b>	<b>(5,744)</b>	<b>59,540</b>	
Other Operational	65,284	59,540	(5,744)	59,540	
<b>Maintain Roads</b>	<b>552,237</b>	<b>22,260</b>	<b>(529,977)</b>	<b>22,260</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	3,816	3,350	(466)	3,350	
Other Operational	548,420	18,910	(529,510)	18,910	Commitments for the underway road patching, resealing and Access road flood damage repair projects under Road To Recover Program and Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangement. Budgeted under 000 (Head Office) with cost against each location.
<b>Manage Council Service Delivery</b>	<b>136,294</b>	<b>149,750</b>	<b>13,456</b>	<b>149,750</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	90,346	88,910	(1,436)	88,910	
Other Operational	45,948	60,840	14,892	60,840	Underspent operating cost due to savings on internet service costs
<b>Civil Works</b>	<b>319,812</b>	<b>303,060</b>	<b>(16,752)</b>	<b>303,060</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	279,538	251,310	(28,228)	251,310	Overspent Employee costs due to staff working more hours than allocated in the budget
Other Operational	40,274	51,750	11,476	51,750	Underspent operating costs due to less than expected expenditure in bulk fuel purchases and freight costs
<b>Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces</b>	<b>-1,617</b>	<b>4,697</b>	<b>6,314</b>	<b>4,697</b>	
Other Operational	(1,617)	4,697	6,314	4,697	
<b>Street &amp; Public Lighting</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>7,466</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>7,466</b>	
Other Operational	5,011	7,466	2,455	7,466	
<b>Council Engagement</b>					
<b>Local Authorities</b>	<b>-18,525</b>	<b>96,595</b>	<b>115,120</b>	<b>96,595</b>	
Other Operational	(18,525)	92,895	111,420	92,895	Local Authority Projects yet to be spent.
<b>Support and Administration</b>					
<b>Staff Housing</b>	<b>148,120</b>	<b>135,450</b>	<b>(12,670)</b>	<b>135,450</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	80	0	(80)	0	
Other Operational	93,334	80,750	(12,584)	80,750	
Capital	54,707	54,700	(7)	54,700	
<b>Manage HR</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>220</b>	
Other Operational	195	220	25	220	
<b>Training &amp; Development</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>4,160</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	4,160	4,160	4,160	
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>1,206,810</b>	<b>781,348</b>	<b>(425,462)</b>	<b>781,348</b>	
<b>NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>					
<b>Operate Swimming Pools</b>	<b>116,857</b>	<b>111,554</b>	<b>(5,303)</b>	<b>111,554</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	88,638	80,470	(8,168)	80,470	
Other Operational	28,219	31,084	2,865	31,084	
<b>Commercial Operations</b>					
<b>Essential Services</b>	<b>120,678</b>	<b>107,350</b>	<b>(13,328)</b>	<b>107,350</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	99,119	86,400	(12,719)	86,400	Overspent Employee costs due to Accrued salary expenses not accounted for in the budget
Other Operational	21,559	20,950	(609)	20,950	
<b>Centrelink</b>	<b>40,493</b>	<b>55,850</b>	<b>15,357</b>	<b>55,850</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	40,493	55,850	15,357	55,850	Underspent employee costs due to a vacancy in the role for an extended period
<b>Manage Projects</b>	<b>20,106</b>	<b>10,230</b>	<b>(9,876)</b>	<b>10,230</b>	
Other Operational	20,106	10,230	(9,876)	10,230	
<b>Airstrip Maintenance</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>1,060</b>	
Other Operational	279	1,060	781	1,060	
<b>SLGIF Projects</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118,120</b>	<b>118,120</b>	<b>118,120</b>	
Capital	0	118,120	118,120	118,120	Projects yet to commence.

{June 2018 Final - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1\_ORG\_NAME}

Community Services					
<b>Community Safety</b>	<b>155,938</b>	<b>161,200</b>	<b>5,262</b>	<b>161,200</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	136,976	145,240	8,264	145,240	
Other Operational	18,962	15,960	(3,002)	15,960	
<b>Youth Development</b>	<b>162,303</b>	<b>165,000</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>165,000</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	110,017	107,760	(2,257)	107,760	
Other Operational	52,286	57,240	4,954	57,240	
<b>Home Care Services</b>	<b>163,983</b>	<b>362,325</b>	<b>198,342</b>	<b>362,325</b>	Underspent due to reallocation of operational cost to SNP
Wages and Other Employee Costs	129,587	119,520	(10,067)	119,520	
Other Operational	34,396	242,805	208,409	242,805	
<b>Children's Services</b>	<b>289,499</b>	<b>296,510</b>	<b>7,011</b>	<b>296,510</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	206,858	208,160	1,302	208,160	
Other Operational	82,640	88,350	5,710	88,350	
<b>SNP School Nutrition Program</b>	<b>70,134</b>	<b>58,930</b>	<b>(11,204)</b>	<b>58,930</b>	Increase in operating cost to meet additional school enrolments and visiting kids (increase in additional staffing and operation cost)
Wages and Other Employee Costs	38,580	30,940	(7,640)	30,940	
Other Operational	31,554	27,990	(3,564)	27,990	
<b>Children's Services</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,250</b>	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Other Operational	4,250	2,250	(2,000)	2,250	
<b>Self Funded Sport and Rec</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	
Other Operational	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	
<b>SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES</b>	<b>1,144,518</b>	<b>1,453,879</b>	<b>309,361</b>	<b>1,453,879</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,351,329</b>	<b>2,235,227</b>	<b>(116,102)</b>	<b>2,235,227</b>	

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	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year
Discretionary Funds	2,378	4,000	1,622	4,000

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**DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 198274
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Erich Brown, Manager of Governance and Planning

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to Local Authority meeting to discuss the GBM house on community and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority note and accept any information or updates from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Local Authority, at the Areyonga Local Authority meeting of 28 March 2018, requested Anthony Bell, the GEC - Ntaria, Utju & Wallace Rockhole, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to attend the Local Authority meeting to discuss the GBM house on community and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Other non-Council Business
<b>REFERENCE</b>	- 197687
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Erich Brown, Manager of Governance and Planning

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be in attendance to provide any updates necessary and answer queries from the Local Authority as they arise.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority note and accept any information or updates from the Department of Housing and Community Development.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Local Authority requested the Department of Housing and Community Development to follow up when new houses will be built and find out when the road will be graded next.