



AGENDA

AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MEETING

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2017

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Community Council Office on Thursday, 22 June 2017 at 10:30am.

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MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 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	4.2
TITLE	Conflict of Interests

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 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 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of previous minutes
REFERENCE - 170157
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE 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 29 March 2017



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2017 AT 11:00AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 11.00AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Judy Brumby

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members: Judy Brumby (Chairperson), Daphne Puntjina, Joy Kunia

Councillors: Cllr Marlene Abbott, Cllr Selina Kulitja

Council Employees: Felicity Howell (Snr Gov Officer)
Gracie Matteucci (Gov Officer)
David Jagger (Manager, Gov and Planning)
Jeff MacLeod (CEO)
Chris Broomhall (Council Service Coordinator)

Others: David Wilson (Dept Housing and Community Development)
Mandy Peace (Victims of Crime NT)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: LA members Jonathon Doolan, Sarah Gallagher, Garnet Djana, Peggy Gallagher

3.2 Resignations – Nil

3.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

40 RESOLVED (Cr Abbott/Joy Kunia)

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

3.2 Conflict of Interests

41 RESOLVED (Cr Abbott/Daphne Puntjina)

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

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28 March 2017

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

42 RESOLVED (Cr Abbott/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Local Authority note and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting, with an amendment to include Daphne Puntjina as present.

5.2 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

43 RESOLVED (Cr Kulitja/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority note the progress reports on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received, requesting to close the item regarding the fence between the school and the pool.

Meeting break for lunch: 12:00pm

Meeting resumed: 12:30pm

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is to provide the Local Authority with an update on the progress of the projects they have committed their Project Funds to. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from Department of Housing and Community Development. The unallocated Areyonga project funds come to a total of \$80,734.75 (this is the current unspent LA project funds including brought forward balances for the previous financial year.)

The 15/16 funds totaling \$45,350.75 need to be committed before July 2017.

44 RESOLVED (Cr Abbott/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Local Authority prioritise their projects, capping the total spending for each as follows:

1. Synthetic grass for the pool (\$25,500)
2. Commentary Box at football oval (\$17,800)
3. Boundary mesh for football oval (\$10,000)
4. Shade for sorry camp (\$17,500)
5. Water tank at sorry camp (\$1,600)
6. 2x solar lights at cemetery (\$11,500)
7. 5x smaller lights for dark spots around community (\$15,000)
8. Allocate \$1,500 to support VOCNT's installation of 2 large solar lights in community dark spots as identified by the Local Authority

7.1 MRC 2016 – 2020 REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In this report input is sought from the Local Authority into Council's Regional Plan review.

The review is required annually under the Local Government Act.

45 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority review Council's 2016 – 2020 Regional Plan and advise on strategies and key performance indicators under the plan.

7.2 SERVICE DELIVERY REPORT

EXECUTIVE 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.

In addition to his report, the Council Service Coordinator Chris Broomhall also gave his commendations to the Local Authority and wider Areyonga community for their efforts in preparing for the Tidy Town Awards. He mentioned that community members had the option of 'adopting a tree' and planting one of the 100 trees for Areyonga in their yard if they desired.

46 RESOLVED (Cr Abbott/Joy Kunia)

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

7.3 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update to the Local Authority about complaints received regarding Council Service Delivery.

Nil Complaints Received.

47 RESOLVED (Cr Kulitja/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Local Authority note that no complaints were received this reporting period.

7.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

48 RESOLVED (Cr Abbott/Cr Kulitja)

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

7.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of a review of the Community Safety services feedback is being sought from the Local Authority on what the key community safety issues are in their community, and how the Community Night Patrol service could be better utilised to address these safety issues. The Local Authority is also being asked to provide ongoing advice to Council on the suitability of community members who apply to be employed in the Night Patrol program.

49 RESOLVED (Cr Abbott/Joy Kunia)

- a) **That the Local Authority nominate Jonathon Doolan, Judy Brumby and Daphne Puntjina to be available to sit on the selection panel for all Community Safety recruitments undertaken in their community.**
- b) **That the Local Authority notes the key safety issues and puts forward their suggestions for Community Night Patrol program changes and improvements.**

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2016 in the Local Authority's

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community.

50 RESOLVED (Cr Kulitja/Cr Abbott)

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 December 2016.

9.1 VICTIMS OF CRIME NT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Victims of Crime NT (VOCNT) provides funding (Up to \$10,000) for 6 communities across the NT each year to support projects which help them reduce crime and feel safer. Areyonga has been selected – if the community is interested – to participate in this program in 2017.

Whenever possible the program tries to utilise local people and local skills and provide opportunity in remote locations through working with existing programs like CDP. If the community has a bigger project in mind they can ask to use the VOCNT funds in a joint project.

Mandy Pearce, Projects Manager, would like to know if Areyonga is interested in this program, and commit to consulting further with her about potential projects in community.

51 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Notes the presentation from VOCNT**
- 2. Accepts the offer of \$10,000 from Victims of Crime NT to be used towards purchasing 2 large solar lights**
- 3. Commits \$1,500 of their project funding towards the 2 large solar lights**

10.1 QUERIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report details a summary of queries that the Local Authority have asked the Department of Housing and Community Development to follow up on, including:

- Feral Animal Management programs in Areyonga
- Re-establishing a Housing Reference Group
- Monthly Safety Meetings in Areyonga
- A community safe house in Areyonga.

52 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Cr Kulitja)

That the Local Authority:

- 1. Note and accept the updates provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development.**
- 2. Requested an update on the following issues at the next meeting:**
 - **What is required to re-establish the Housing Reference Group**
 - **Monthly Safety Meetings in Areyonga**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 22 JUNE, 2017

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 3:00pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 3 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Areyonga Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Tuesday, 28 March 2017 AND are UNCONFIRMED.

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.2
TITLE	Action Register
REFERENCE	- 171053
AUTHOR	Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**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 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- Victims of Crime funding (raised on 28/03/2017)**Summary of action item:**

That the Local Authority:

1. Notes the presentation from VOCNT
2. Accepts the offer of \$10,000 from Victims of Crime NT to be used towards purchasing 2 large solar lights
3. Commits \$1,500 of their project funding towards the 2 large solar lights

Update:

Mandy Pearce, Victims of Crime Project Manager wrote on 24 April 2017: It is with great pleasure I am writing to advise the VoCNT, Management Committee have agreed to support and contribute to the Solar Light Project in Areyonga. Please have GreenFrog Systems invoice \$10,100.20 directly to Victims of Crime NT.

Complete

Update on the purchase and installation, factoring in the Local Authority's approved additional \$1,500, to be provided by CSC or Area Manager.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Project Report
REFERENCE	- 170165
AUTHOR	Graham Murnik, Director Service Centre Delivery



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Liveable Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority made a decision on 28 March 2017 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:

- 1. Note and accept the progress of their LA projects;**
- 2. Decide what to spend their remaining \$1,516 in Discretionary Funds on.**

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the Local Authority meeting on 28 March 2017, the Local Authority prioritised their projects, capping the total spending for each as follows:

1. Synthetic grass for the pool (\$25,500)
Update: The grass has been laid
2. Commentary Box at football oval (\$17,800)
Update: Price has changed – Ken to give update
3. Boundary mesh for football oval (\$10,000)
Update: Complete
4. Shade for sorry camp (\$17,500)
Update: Still being sourced
5. Water tank at sorry camp (\$1,600)
Update: Still being sourced
6. 2x solar lights at cemetery (\$11,500)
Update: No update
7. 5x smaller lights for dark spots around community (\$15,000)
Allocate \$1,500 to support VOCNT's installation of 2 large solar lights in community dark spots as identified by the Local Authority
Update: Installed / Complete

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

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Service Delivery Report
REFERENCE	\\5 - GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION\03 - LOCAL AUTH MTGS\AREYONGA\09 - 2016-17\MEETING 2 - 171035
AUTHOR	Chris Broomhall, Council Service Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE 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.

Animal Management and Control

- Northern Territory Veterinary visited Areyonga on 8 & 9 March. They advised that Areyonga dogs are some of the best he has seen in remote Communities. 40 dogs were treated for scabies and others were vaccinated; dogs were disposed of in the animal pit at the Tip.
- The Community is very cooperative with the dog program and all 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 and is passing this to the Council.
- Some Headstones were placed on graves and the rest need to be placed on the sites.
- The cemetery has been weeded and cleaned; reused fencing from the current fencing program has been installed at the cemetery with a pedestrian gate installed near shade area.
- Council have purchased equipment and artificial grass matting along with straps and another shade structure for use at future funerals.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Repairs to community roads are on-going with pot holes near the pool most recently repaired.
- 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 are needed)
- The Local Authority would like more bollards to finish the barrier all the way along the river.

Parks and Open Spaces

- Both community parks are cleaned and maintained weekly by council works team.
- One park bench under the shelter near Recreation Hall has been vandalized and had to be removed. We are awaiting parts for repair.
- Tree planting has started with trees planted near Rec. Hall and along river bank park and also at Park alongside Church.
- River sand has to be ordered for soft fall area under the play equipment.

Waste Management Program

- New Tip trench constructed by Council is estimated to be 45% usage.
- Tip area has been reorganized to localize hazards from dangerous materials.

- The backhoe has made the tidy up scrap metal area and other areas inside Tip. This is ongoing.

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, 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.

Contract Services

Airstrip

- Ongoing maintenance in accordance with prescribed guidelines has continued.
- Weed spraying of both signal area and wind sock are ongoing.
- Government Agencies have sent contractors to prepare the area for full upgrade to a sealed Tarmac and will be finished by mid June.

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 working at 100% to Power/Water standards.
- Training of the ESO and reliefs has been scheduled with both nearly completing.
- New solar program has started. Work has progressed and all solar panels are erected and wired and only are waiting for Power Water to connect to Power house.

Housing project and HMP Fencing

- HMP fencing program that started in Sept 2014 will be extended to install new fencing at all lots that were not replaced in the first 2 rounds. Currently 4 lots are remaining.
- We are awaiting materials to complete installation of new fencing and gates.
- 2 new houses are under construction and waiting for power to be connected and handed to the new Tenants.

Future Projects

- Safe Eyes Implementation Program Australian Trachoma Alliance has begun in Areyonga.
- Installation of 2 solar street lights (Playground and end of Utju Drive) with more to be ordered and placed in Community.
- 5 new solar lights were purchased for Community and are placed where Local Authority has agreed to put these to light the dark walkways

Community Events-

- Tidy Town judging was a great success with all the Community showing that Areyonga is a very Tidy Community and only want it to be better. The National Titles were held in Tasmania with 4 people representing the Community and received 4 highly commendable awards.
- Planting of 50 trees have been made in the community concentrating in park areas such as riverside shelter, Church Park and roadway river side. More trees have been ordered.
- Trachoma and volunteers have designed and completed a large mural on the southern side of the basketball court with another mural facing the Store, Community people also helped in painting and design of the mural for all the Community.

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER 7.2
TITLE Complaints Received
REFERENCE - 170195
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**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 to the Local Authority about complaints received regarding Council Service Delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note that no complaints were received this reporting period.

CONSULTATION

Community Service Coordinator

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Community Service Areyonga Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 170976
AUTHOR	Rohan Marks, 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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES**Service Delivery**

- All Children Service programs fully delivered this reporting period.

Service Engagement

- Average daily attendance
 - 6 x children in Early Learning
 - 12 x children in Outside School Hours Care.

Other Updates

- Milpa the Trachoma Goanna and Indigenous Eye Health team visited Areyonga with Indigenous Hip Hop Projects and ran dance workshops and Mural painting around strong eyes. They visited the Early Learning Centre as part of their visit and talked with educators and families about eye health.
- One educator continues to be focused on her accredited training in the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

COMMUNITY SAFETY**Service Delivery**

- Community Safety services fully delivered this reporting period.

Service Engagement

- Areyonga Community Safety Team assisted 212 people this reporting period;
 - 17 Men and 12 Women were assisted
 - 165 School Aged Children returned to family
 - 18 school aged children refused Community Safety transport.

Other Updates

- On the 21st of April 2017 9 members of Community Safety teams from Hermannsburg and Areyonga Communities attended a training day in relation to the presentation of the Night Patrol Training Package developed and presented by the Northern Territory Police. The package was specific and very relevant to the role and expectations of a Night Patrol Officer.
- No other training was delivered during this reporting period other than routine training during field support trips.

Community Safety Team members and Northern Territory Police



HOME CARE

Service Delivery

- All Home Care services fully delivered in this reporting period
- All School Nutrition Programme services fully delivered in this reporting period

Service Engagement

- Areyonga Home care has a total of clients:
 - Home Care: 3
 - Home Support: 17
 - Disability in Home Support: 1
- Areyonga School Nutrition Programme has a total of students:
 - Regular Students 25
 - Visiting children 15

Other Updates

- Two casual Home care Assistants were recruited and one started work on 15/05/2017.
- Tjuwanpa is assisting by linking potential workers with our services
- All staff are receiving accredited training through CDU. Currently they are studying Certificate (iii) in Individual support including the newly recruited staff that were enrolled onto the programme by CDU staff.
- The social activities planned for our clients, to have a picnic with bush tucker away from the community, have been cancelled due to sorry business in Areyonga.
- We had 6 monthly Client feedback meetings with some of our clients in which they expressed their views and wishes about our service provision on 20/04/2017.
- The number of visiting children increased during the month of April reaching a maximum of 15 Children.
- Recently we have taken measures that have encouraged parental contributions with many signing up to make payments via centrepay deductions.

YOUTH SERVICES

Service Delivery

- The Youth Program in Areyonga was fully staffed during this reporting period. Additional part-time Youth Engagement officer was engaged during this period to provide additional support to Team Leader and develop more targeted programming for young men in community.
- Services were disrupted on two days due to sorry business.

Service Engagement

- Approximately 530 engagements during this period. On average, 8 young people attended each activity.
- The program continued to run regular weekly activities, including basketball, softball, movie nights, discos and cultural bush trips.

Other Updates

- Young men participated in a two-night camp out at Glen Helen in April, where they learnt traditional wood carving and bush craft skills.
- The Youth Team in Areyonga hosted Shon's 'Journey into Rhythm' drumming workshops in May.
- The Youth team also participated in the regional softball competition, which included a training session with Softball NT and travelling to Hermannsburg for a tournament.
- The team remains focused on their accredited training, with one Youth Services Officer enrolled in a Certificate III Sport and Recreation.
- MacYouth Areyonga held events for National Youth Week led by the local Youth Board. The youth board suggested holding a community concert and BBQ while painting a mural in the Rec Hall.
- At the most recent Youth Board Meeting, it was suggested that some of the Local Authority's discretionary funds be allocated to new PA speakers and microphones in order to provide better concerts for the whole of community.
- A Youth Board member intends to sit in on the next Local Authority Meeting in order to discuss this possibility.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
 Manager Children's Services – Margaret Harrison
 Manager Community Safety – Paul Dickson
 Acting Manager Home Care – Luke Everingham
 Manager Youth Services – Bianca Rayner



COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Local Authority Survey
REFERENCE	- 171199
AUTHOR	David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council is seeking feedback from the Local Authority about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority give their feedback to Council about being a Local Authority Member, how the meetings are working for them, what is good, what could be different and what could be better.

COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	MacDonnell Regional Council election and candidates
REFERENCE	- 170156
AUTHOR	David Jagger, Manager Governance and Planning

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) election happens every four years; our 12 Councillors serve for four-year terms. The election is due this year, to be held on 26 August. All Councillor positions are available for election, or re-election of Councillors wanting to continue on Council. Candidate nominations close at 12 noon on Thursday 3 August. The election is held in MRC's four wards. A number of Councillors are elected from each ward. The elected Councillors then elect the President and Deputy President of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the presentation on this year's MRC election and candidate requirements and give the information presented to other community members.

BACKGROUND

Election is necessary if there are more nominations than the number of members drawn from each ward. More than this number allows residents of all MRC's communities a good choice of who they want to represent them on Council. Candidates must be enrolled to vote. There are other requirements too, to be explained. The election is to be run by the NT Electoral Commission.

The Council office can help by providing information to you if you wish to nominate or find out more information about what it means to be a Councillor. But to be fair, Council staff can't help you with your campaign or provide material or funds in any way to support your campaign. Nor should you ask a staff member during or after work to help promote you as a Councillor over another member of the community. While they can help with information, Council staff must be fair, and seen to be fair or unbiased.

CONSULTATION

MRC Director Corporate Services

FINANCE

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 March 2017
REFERENCE	- 171049
AUTHOR	Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 31 March 2017.

BACKGROUND

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The attached report details the expenditure for the Local Authority which is part of the full Council's approved budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Expenditure report as at 31 March 17

{March 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Areyonga (Utju)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st March 17					
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	34,220	39,101	4,881	52,134	
Other Operational	34,220	39,101	4,881	52,134	
Maintain Roads	17,816	21,930	4,114	29,240	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	425	1,320	895	1,760	
Other Operational	17,391	20,610	3,219	27,480	
Manage Council Service Delivery	88,108	102,856	14,748	134,770	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	66,307	71,873	5,567	93,460	
Other Operational	21,801	30,983	9,181	41,310	Underspent operational costs on phone & internet charges
Civil Works	220,418	232,983	12,564	304,580	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	180,907	184,045	3,138	239,330	
Other Operational	39,512	48,938	9,426	65,250	
Fleet Management	127	0	(127)	0	
Other Operational	127	0	(127)	0	
Parks, Ovals and Public Spaces	916	4,583	3,666	6,110	
Other Operational	916	4,583	3,666	6,110	
Street & Public Lighting	1,936	5,588	3,651	7,450	
Other Operational	1,936	5,588	3,651	7,450	
Council Engagement					
Local Authorities	21,767	88,338	66,571	89,538	
Other Operational	21,767	88,338	66,571	89,538	Projects to be funded agreed but not fully spent.
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	22,946	32,512	9,566	43,350	
Other Operational	22,946	32,512	9,566	43,350	
Manage HR	510	165	(345)	220	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	312	0	(312)	0	
Other Operational	198	165	(33)	220	
Training & Development	0	3,000	3,000	4,000	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	3,000	3,000	4,000	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	408,765	531,054	122,290	671,392	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Operate Swimming Pools	78,247	76,728	(1,519)	100,919	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	51,154	42,956	(8,198)	55,890	
Other Operational	27,093	33,772	6,679	45,029	
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	50,465	76,430	25,965	99,980	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	35,438	59,255	23,817	77,080	Underspent employee costs due to the position being vacant for a period of two months.
Other Operational	15,027	17,175	2,148	22,900	
Centrelink	29,555	35,692	6,137	46,400	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	29,555	35,692	6,137	46,400	
Manage Projects	0	7,650	7,650	10,200	
Other Operational	0	7,650	7,650	10,200	
HMESP	56,992	44,190	(12,802)	58,920	Fencing program completed at Areyonga
Other Operational	56,992	44,190	(12,802)	58,920	
Community Services					
Community Safety	80,301	88,761	8,460	115,860	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	68,344	75,223	6,879	97,810	
Other Operational	11,957	13,538	1,580	18,050	
Youth Development	110,236	115,394	5,158	151,530	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	65,299	70,049	4,750	91,070	
Other Operational	44,937	45,345	408	60,460	
Home Care Services	144,203	211,964	67,761	279,290	

{March 2017 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Wages and Other Employee Costs	70,445	88,716	18,271	114,960
Other Operational	73,758	123,248	49,490	164,330
Children's Services	182,920	192,354	9,434	252,500
Wages and Other Employee Costs	134,339	134,912	572	175,910
Other Operational	48,581	57,442	8,861	76,590
SNP School Nutrition Program	53,539	57,809	4,270	76,520
Wages and Other Employee Costs	24,168	31,244	7,077	41,100
Other Operational	29,372	26,565	(2,807)	35,420
Children's Services	0	3,750	3,750	5,000
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,995	1,995	2,660
Other Operational	0	1,755	1,755	2,340
Self Funded Sport and Rec	0	1,125	1,125	1,500
Other Operational	0	1,125	1,125	1,500
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	786,459	911,847	125,388	1,198,619
TOTAL	1,195,223	1,442,901	247,678	1,870,011

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	2,415	4,000	1,585	4,000

DEPUTATIONS/GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Trachoma Treatment - Congress
REFERENCE - 170711
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To follow up community action plan around Trachoma eradication at Utju- this was started with Australian Trachoma Alliance ATA and the Diamond Jubilee tri state trachoma program 12 months ago March 2016 with Cindy Harvey and Daniel Suggit.

Congress has been invited to continue and work with community to address and work with the community around Home health hygiene and to implement cleaning kits to all houses and to investigate the possibility around a shower block- washing machine for visitors when in community to alleviate hygiene overcrowding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note and accept the presentation from Congress regarding Trachoma.

OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 170169
AUTHOR Gracie-Rose Matteucci, Governance Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Liveable Communities
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EXECUTIVE 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.