



AGENDA

AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023

The Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Amoonguna Basketball Court on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 10:30am.

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

3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

3.3 RESIGNATIONS

NIL

3.4 TERMINATIONS

NIL

3.5. NOMINATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Nominations to Amoonguna Local Authority
REFERENCE	- 333445
AUTHOR	Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to let the Authority and community know regarding the Local Authority Vacancy available in the membership and encourage local residents to fill in the vacancy.

One vacancy remains on the Local Authority and it is recommended that Community nominations remain open to fill the vacancy.

As per Council policy MC01-CP, ref: 8.1:1(b) – Council will appoint any suitable nominations.

It is to be noted that the nominations received from Audrey Miller and Sharon Alice will be presented to Council at the June 2023 OCM.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) welcomes Andrew Davis and Aloyiscois Hayes as Councilors of the Rodinga ward;**
- b) requests that Council approves the nominations received from Audrey Miller and Sharon Alice.**
- c) notes that there is one vacancy remaining on the Local Authority;**
- d) calls for community nominations to remain open for 28 days to fill the vacancy.**

BACKGROUND

The charts below show the membership of the Amoonguna Local Authority (the Authority) and the vacancy available in the Authority:

CURRENT
7 Appointed Members
Caroline Peters (Chairperson)
Samantha Stuart
Henry Oliver
Lawrence Webb
Audrey Miller
Sharon Alice
Vacant

CURRENT
4 Elected Members
Cr Andrew Davis
Cr Lisa Sharman
Cr Patrick Allen
Cr Aloyiscois Hayes

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

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Council's Local Authority Meeting Procedure, para.4.14: Nominations and Appointments states:

- a) nominations will be tabled at the next local authority meeting and considered. A recommendation on the nominations to Council will be recorded and presented with the nomination forms at the next Council meeting.
- b) in the case that there is a nomination or nominations submitted but no timely local authority meeting (that is before the next council meeting), nominations will still be presented to the next Council meeting. The Council may appoint based on the submitted nominations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONSULTATION

Amoonguna Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

4. 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 notes the Council Code of Conduct.

MacDonnell Regional Council Code of Conduct

Interests of the Council and Community come first

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

Honesty

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

Taking care

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

Respect/Courtesy

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

Conduct towards council staff

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

Respect for culture

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

Conflict of interest

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

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

Respect for private business

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

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

Gifts

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

Accountable

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

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

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

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE - 333426
AUTHOR June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer



Unconfirmed minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting held on the 29 March 2023 is submitted to the Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority ordinary meeting held on 29 March 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Amoonguna Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023-03-29 AMLA Minutes (Draft).pdf



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:55AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

AML2023-001 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority nominated Councillor Lisa Sharman as acting Chair of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Members present were welcomed at the meeting.

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

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Member Henry Oliver, Caroline Peters and Lawrence Webb

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod, CEO MRC, Chris Kendrick, Director Corporate Services, Simran Behl, CSC Amoonguna and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Eric Turner, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, Daniel Measures, Liaison Officer Non Elect, Raima and Alexander, Lutheran Care, Morris Ndwiga, NT Trachoma Program Clinical Nurse Specialist and Audrey Miller, Community resident

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Councillor Patrick Allen

Absentees:

Member Samantha Stuart

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES

AML2023-002 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted attendance and absentees to the meeting; and
- b) accepted the apologies received.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to let the Authority and community know regarding the Local Authority Vacancy available in the membership and encourage local resident to fill in the vacancies.

Three vacancy remains on the Local Authority and it is recommended that Community nominations remain open to fill the vacancy.

It is to be noted that the Local Authority hasn't appointed a Chairperson in the Authority.

AML2023-003 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) appointed Caroline Peters as a Chairperson to the Amoonguna Local Authority;
- b) noted that there are three vacancies available in the Local Authority;
- c) noted that two nominations have been received in the Local Authority membership from the community residents Audrey Miller and Sharon Alice;
- d) requested that their nominations be endorsed; and
- e) called for community nominations to remain open for 21 days to fill the remaining one vacancy.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

AML2023-004 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Caroline Peters)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AML2023-005 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Henry Oliver)

That the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority ordinary meeting held on 31 August 2022 and the provisional meeting held on the 2 November 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Amoonguna Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

AML2023-006 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lawrence Webb)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

AML2023-007 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lawrence Webb)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted that the members have provided notification of matters and discussed in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Some Youth & Night Patrol team members are not living and based in Amoonguna and cannot look after the community as being residents of the Local Community. It was responded that other department in community services have more often upskill training and changes to keep up with their work. Community service director will be notified with this issue discussed.
- b) Member discussed that the Civil team require training (tools, machinery & equipment) and Jeff responded that the trainers were there in the community in September but there were no staff who wanted to participant in the training and advised that the trainers will be back again end of this year and Civil team members who wish can attend.
- c) Members raised that the community needed more bollards and Jeff responded that two pallets will be sourced and Simran to follow up for delivery.

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

AML2023-008 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lawrence Webb)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and discussed matters raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- a) Community houses are overcrowded
- b) There are locked empty houses where people have moved away and the houses haven't been in use

- c) There are no new transitional houses and there has been no HRG meeting for a long time
- d) LA enquired about who the members were in the HRG so that the housing in the community issued could be address promptly and efficiently

And in response, Eric Turner (DCM&C) has advised the LA that the issues will be notified to the Housing department for their response to the all enquires LA have raised above. And Jeff responded that the HRG meeting be held soon after this Local Authority meeting.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

AML2023-009 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

AML2023-010 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority declare no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH & NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM - TRACHOMA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the visit is to seek permission and cooperation from the community for the planned Trachoma trip. Date is yet to be finalised. The program is intended to educate the community about Trachoma and provide information on the Trachoma program.

Local Authority and community will be made aware when the Trachoma trip dates are finalised. At the moment, LA is being informed of the upcoming Trachoma program and seeking cooperation and permission for the program to go ahead. An IEH community flipchart will be provided at the meeting.

AML2023-011 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) be informed of the upcoming NT Trachoma program; and
- b) supported the program and cooperates with the Public Health Unit.

8.2 DEPUTATION - ENHANCED INCOME MANAGEMENT

AML2023-012 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Lawrence Webb)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the information & presentation shared by Lutheran Care representative Ra and Alex.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 AMOONGUNA YOUTH BOARD'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

MRC Youth Boards' objectives are to provide opportunities for youth led decision making and encourage young people to identify and participate in issues, ideas and future developments that matter to them. Youth Boards are an important platform for MRC administration, the elected Council members and Local Authorities to engage with young people about community services, programs and strategic direction.

The development of Youth Boards in MRC communities has been supported by MRC's Governance and Compliance Department and Youth Services Department. MRC is not resourced to establish Youth Boards in our communities without Community Support and assistance from Stakeholders.

AML2023-013 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) received and noted the Amoonguna Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 02/03/2023;
- b) approved the funding request for a projector (\$995.00) and for a speaker (\$859.00) for the rec hall to be bought from the LA project funds;
- c) discussed Youth Board's suggestion to get automatic lights installed at the basketball court. Lights on from 7pm-10pm only but no outcome yet.
- d) supported Youth Board's suggestion to get a 40km zone sign installed next to the rec hall and noted that Simran (CSC) will liaise with Jake (Fleet manager) to get the sign installation work underway.

9.2 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

AML2023-014 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds;
- b) discussed to do a community BBQ during the Easter; and
- c) noted that the remaining funds can be used by writing a letter to Council by majority members.

9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

Amoonguna currently has 5,670.68 of unallocated funds to spend on Community projects.

AML2023-015 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted that there were not significant update to their current projects and kept all project open for further update at the next meeting;
 - project 2107, Solar lights
 - project 2230, Fence for the Footy Oval
 - project 2231, Shade Shelter and Water for the Sorry Camp
 - project 2232, Softball Oval Cracker Dust and Fencing.

9.4 ACTION REGISTER - AMOONGUNA LA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AML2023-016 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received and kept action open as follows:
 - AML2022-067: Invite Youth Board members to LA meeting
- b) approved the closure of their completed actions as follows:
 - AML2022-087: Community store to remain open on Saturday for 3/4 hours noting that a trial run of opening will be done in April 2023.
 - AML2022-042: Basic Card Facility noting that no response is received from Services Australia
 - AML2022-087: Projector to screen movies noting that a new quote received through Youth Board is approved.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

AML2023-017 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

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

10.2 COUNCIL SERVICE REPORT - CIVIL WORK (CSC REPORT)

AML2023-018 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Service Coordinator report tabled at the meeting.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 28 February in the Local Authority community.

AML2023-019 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Henry Oliver)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 28 February 2023.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss any General Council Business matters raised at item 6.2.

AML2023-020 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted that the issues raised at Item 6.2 was discussed when it was raised;
- b) approved for the meeting to be held outside in the open space; and
- c) discussed and provided feedback to include on the Development of the 2023/2024 Regional Plan as follows:
 - Oval
 - Fencing, remove the old ones and put on a new one
 - Solar lights
 - Drinking water taps at the Oval
 - Seating arrangements and a stage be build
 - More bins be provided
 - Soccer Field/Pitch
 - Water stations
 - New swings at Ross Park

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

AML2023-021 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Caroline Peters)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted that Non-Council Business issue at 6.3 was discussed above as raised;
- b) kept the existing action item open regarding housing and noted next HRG meeting will be held on 26th April 2023.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE, 2023**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:08pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 29 March 2023 and are UNCONFIRMED.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting.

6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Noted that the members have / have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Noted that the members have / have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
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 Meeting:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and**
- b) that members declare any conflicts of interest.**

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.

8. DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Federal Labour Government Central Australian Plan
REFERENCE	- 333493
AUTHOR	June Crabb, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to inform members on the Federal Labour Government's Central Australian Plan and respond to queries that members may have.

Representatives from the Office of the Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP are presenting information on the Federal Labour Government's Central Australian Plan commitment in funding for health, housing, schools, safety and other community projects and to discuss the up and coming referendum.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the information shared by the Representatives; and
- b) provides feedback to the Representatives on the Central Australian Plan and Referendum.

BACKGROUND

The Hon. Marion Scrymgour, elected Member for Lingiari has been working hard within her Electorate and is passionate about better outcomes for communities with issues on housing, employment, health, education, better road infrastructure, clean drinking water and listening to people about their issues.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Amoonguna Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE	- 333466
AUTHOR	Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

Members are advised that the Purchase Order of \$90.91 raised on the 11 April 2022 has been cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority notes and discusses the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds.

BACKGROUND

Date	2022/2023 Discretionary Funds	Approved Commitment \$
1-Jul-22	Approved funds	4,000.00
31-Aug-22	Res.056 – noted and discussed the balance of last year, new allocation and spending of 2022/23 funds.	
2-Nov-23	Res.083 - That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds to be used for Christmas and New Year celebration with a discretionary fund letter.	
29-Mar-23	Res.014 – b) discussed to do a community BBQ during Easter; and c) noted that the remaining funds can be used by writing a letter to Council by majority members.	
30-May-23	Discretionary fund release letter received to buy the power cards/top up for community residents \$4,000.00 PO has been raised to buy the power card. Letter attached.	- 3,636.36
Balance Remaining		363.64

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

- Community Christmas and New Year's Festivity
- Community BBQ's
- Sports weekends
- Naidoc Celebration

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a current balance of **\$363.64** to spend before 30 June 2023.

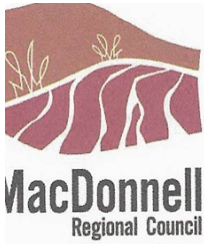
This money cannot be carried over from one financial year to the next and must be fully expended between 1 July and 30 June annually or the funds forfeited.

CONSULTATION

Amoonguna Local Authority

ATTACHMENTS:

1 discretionary funds .pdf



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Amoonguna Local Authority

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Local Authority Discretionary Funds

We the undersigned members of the Amoonguna Local Authority would like a purchase order raised for the discretionary funds given by MacDonnell Council to the Local Authority to be spent as agreed to benefit the local community.

We have chosen to pay \$ 4000.00 to Amoonguna store
For payment of power top-up for Amoonguna community houses.

Amoonguna Local Authority Members:

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Henry Oliver | Signature: _____ |
| 2. Lawrence Webb | Signature: <u>Lawrence Webb</u> |
| 3. Cr Andrew Davis | Signature: <u>Andrew Davis</u> |
| 4. Caroline Peters | Signature: <u>Caroline Peters</u> |
| 5. Samantha Stuart | Signature: <u>S. Stuart</u> |

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 333479
AUTHOR	Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

Examples of *acceptable* purposes for expenditure include:

- Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council’s own Local Authority area.

Amoonguna currently has 3,816.68 of unallocated funds to spend on Community projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes the update to their current projects; and**
- b) approves closure of any completed 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 Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

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

Register of Projects and Commitments

Project 2107		Solar lights	\$
		Status	Expenditure
10-Nov-21	Res.80 – That the Local Authority opened a new project named Solar lights, committed \$20,000.00 towards the purchase of five (5) Solar lights and will discuss with the CSC on the locations.		20,000.00
9-Mar-22	The Local Authority were asked to revise the commitments made at the 10 Nov 2021 meeting as there were insufficient funds to cover the new projects. Their resolution is as follows: Res.016 - Retained the \$20,000.00 that was allocated to the purchase of five new Solar lights		
9-Mar-22	Res.16 - That that Authority were advised that the costs would range between \$3,200.00 ea. for Stealth lights and \$5,500.00 for the larger lights, excl. GST.		
1-Jun-22	Res.036 – Request CSC and LA members works together with Councillor Ellis to provide options for a suitable location.		
31-Aug-22	Project 2107 – Solar lights, approved quote Q004251, received from green from for \$16,022.25 and requested the lights be put on at Stuart park, end of lot 96 corner, basketball court men shade, bus stop/clinic and behind aged care.		
20-Sep-22	PO of \$15,765.50 raised against the quote from Green Frog for the Solar lights		-15,765.50
2-Nov-22	Res.082 - lights hasn't been received yet, kept project open.		
		underspend or (overspend)	4,234.50

Project 2230		Fence for the Footy Oval	\$
		Status	Committed
2-Nov-22	Res.082 – Create a new project with allocation of \$5,000.00 and requested Service Delivery to provide cost estimation.		5,000.00
		underspend or (overspend)	5,000.00

Project 2231		Shade Shelter and Water for the Sorry Camp	\$
		Status	Committed
2-Nov-22	Res.082 - Created new project with allocation of \$10,000.00		10,000.00
		underspend or (overspend)	10,000.00

Project 2232		Softball Oval Cracker Dust and Fencing	\$
		Status	Committed
2-Nov-22	Res.082 - Created new project and allocated \$5,000.00 to the project.		5,000.00
		underspend or (overspend)	5,000.00

Project 2105		Youth Board	\$
		Status	Committed
29-Mar-23	Res.013 - Approved the cost of \$995.00 towards a projector and \$859.00 for a speaker for the Rec Hall.		1,854.00
		underspend or (overspend)	1.854.00

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	26,088.50
	Total un-allocated funds	3,816.68
	Total unspent funds	29,905.18

Wishlist and estimated costs

Priority

Scope

Estimate

Action

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Examples of *Unacceptable* Purposes for Expenditure include:

- Purchase of vehicles and fuel expenses
- Payment of salaries, cash prizes or recurrent operating costs of council
- Meeting costs and payments to local authority members
- Sponsorship by way of uniforms, travels cost and allowances
- Purposes that are not related to local government services and that should be addressed by another government agency.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be fully expended within two years of receipt of funding. Failure to expend the funds may result in the funds being returned to the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Finance Grants Officer

Area Managers

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	Amoonguna Youth Board Report
REFERENCE	- 333586
AUTHOR	Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community Engagement Project



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

MRC Youth Boards' objectives are to provide opportunities for youth led decision making and encourage young people to identify and participate in issues, ideas and future developments that matter to them. Youth Boards are an important platform for MRC administration, the elected Council members and Local Authorities to engage with young people about community services, programs and strategic direction.

The development of Youth Boards in MRC communities has been supported by MRC's Governance and Compliance Department and Youth Services Department. MRC is not resourced to establish Youth Boards in our communities without Community Support and assistance from Stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) **gives feedback on the Youth Board's suggestion to get automatic lights installed at the basketball court. Lights on from 7pm-10pm only.**

BACKGROUND

The minutes of the Amoonguna Youth Board meeting held on the 2nd of March 2023 are attached to this report.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Youth Boards can ask funding for their ideas from their respective Local Authority. All Local Authorities have two separate funding sources to invest for the broadest benefit in their community:

1. Discretionary Funds provided by MRC to support community activities
2. Project Funds provided by the NTG to support community projects

To empower youth-led decisions and encourage young people to be engaged representatives in their communities, there is a MRC Regional Plan 2022-2023 strategy, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) that states that if Local Authorities engage with Youth Boards, 10% of Local Authority Project Funding continues to be allocated to local Youth Board identified projects. This encourages each Local Authority to resolve in a meeting to allocate 1/10th or more of their Project Funding for a Youth Board project in their community.

CONSULTATION

Amoonguna Youth Board members, MacDonnell Regional Council

Kaisa Suumann, Community Engagement Project Coordinator, MacDonnell Regional Council

Ted Lawrence, Area Coordinator, Youth Services, MacDonnell Regional Council

Samantha Stuart, Amoonguna Youth Services Team Leader, MacDonnell Regional Council

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 MRC Youth Board Meeting Minutes Amoonguna - 02-03-2023.pdf



MacDonnell Regional Council Amoonguna Youth Board - Meeting Minutes

Date	02/03/2023
Community	Amoonguna
This meeting's Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Item 1 – Our meeting's rules; • Agenda Item 2 – Welcome from Chair; • Agenda Item 3 – Amoonguna Youth Board's open action items; • Agenda Item 4 – Feedback for MacYouth services; • Agenda Item 5 – Feedback for the Local Authority; • Agenda Item 6 – Other Topics/Questions/comments.
Chair person	Gilbert Wallace
Minute taker	Kaisa Suumann
Youth Board Members	Akiel Douglas, Jahquille Stuart, Kent Smith, Jamahl Scrutton, Duron Dickson, Tanika Mahar, Gilbert Wallace, Keylin Peters, Malakai Hays, Reymond Tucker, Gosiah Stuart, Lee-Roy Dixon (also MacYouth staff)
Council Employees	Kaisa Suumann, Samantha Stuart, Kyle Stuart, Waylon Dixon, Richard Dixon
Guests	-

Agenda item nr 1	<p>Deciding on our meeting rules.</p> <p>The youth board members decided that during the Youth Board meeting they need to respect each other, listen to each other when talking, take turns when talking and no bullying.</p>
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Agenda item nr 2	<p>Welcome from Chair. Gilbert Wallace opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.</p>
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Agenda item nr 3 Open Action Items	<p>Amoonguna Youth Board’s open action items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Connect with town youth services - Gap Youth / Brown Street - 16/01/2023 - Ted - MacYouth has welcomed Gap Youth to Amoonguna for a basketball game and BBQ in September. MacYouth reached out to Brown Street and they said we are more than welcome to attend their centre whenever. 01/03/2023 – MacYouth Area Coordinator – Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board would like to keep this item still open and go for a return visit one of the Saturdays.</u> •Rec Hall speaker system fixed - including projector system - 02/11/2022 - the LA decided not to grant the money at the moment for the speaker and projector as they need to use funding for the community Christmas party. Action to do: Resubmit the request for the next Amoonguna LA meeting on 29/03/2023; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board would like to keep this action item open and resubmit the funding request to the LA.</u> •Trip to somewhere, more boys/girls nights, more discos and bingo nights, cinema visit, Olive Pink visit, Camel Riding visit, swimming visits - 16/01/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - Doing more discos has been taken into the plan, went to bowling and swimming to town. MacYouth has been doing lot of bush trips to Emily and Jesse Gap and other places. Planning of cinema visit soon. Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board agreed to close this action item.</u> •The youth would like to play more basketball, soccer, football, softball - 16/01/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - MacYouth organises lots of basketball and soccer. We need to include more football and softball practices into our program. MacYouth Area Coordinator Ted on 01/03/2023 – Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board agreed to close this action item.</u> •The youth would like to learn how to play musical instruments in the rec hall - 16/01/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - no update. Need to do more. 01/03/2023 – MacYouth Area Coordinator Ted - No update. Would like to discuss this topic at the next youth board meeting. Sammy and the team are planning to convert the dilapidated “music room” into a dedicated arts and crafts room. Reasoning being: arts and crafts is a big focus for Amoonguna already and we have the staff to run it, whereas we don’t have any musicians within our team and the investment and time it takes to operate a music room too big.
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	<p>Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board agreed to close this action item.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •New soccer goals - 16/01/2023 - MacYouth - we have new soccer goals. We need to set them up. 01/03/2023 – MacYouth Area Coordinator Ted – Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board would like to keep this action item open as the current footy posts keep breaking. The Youth Board is requesting new posts.</u> •A pool table - 16/01/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - MacYouth is purchasing it, waiting to receive a quote and then organising the purchase; •Hair trimmers for boys and hair colours for girls - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - trimmers going out. 01/03/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence – this equipment has been purchased. Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board would like to keep this action item open as still interested in getting blond hair colours.</u> •Boxing equipment - 01/03/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - no update; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board agreed to close this action item.</u> •More disco nights, cooking nights, boys and girls nights - 16/01/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - MacYouth delivers all these programs. Each one of them has become a big part of our programs over the school holidays and we intend to keep them running. Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board agreed to close this action item.</u> •Trips to town and other communities - MacYouth - did do cinema on school holidays and trip to Titjikala. 16/01/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - yes, lots of excursions. Recommend to close; <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board agreed to close this action item.</u> •Dodgeball equipment - 16/01/2023 - MacYouth Coordinator Ted Lawrence - We have dodgeballs. We can purchase more if needed. Dodgeballs delivered. Recommend to close. <u>02/03/2023 – The Youth Board agreed to close this action item.</u>
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<p>Agenda item nr 4</p>	<p>Feedback for MacYouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What’s been working in the youth program (recent months, trips, events etc.)</i> • <i>What hasn’t been working?</i> • <i>What would you like to see happen? (Activities etc)</i>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Any requests to MacYouth team? (Equipment etc)</i>
Notes	The Youth Board has liked going to swimming and to cinema, other trips and playing footy, soccer and dodgeball.
Questions	
Comments	<p>The youth Board would like to go for more sporting trips, camping (mixed groups), the girls would like to do more cooking nights.</p> <p>Equipment request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small size dodgeballs as the balls they are using currently, are too big; • 2x soccer balls.
Outcome/Action	The Amoonguna Youth Board would like to ask the below mentioned topics from the MRC Youth Services Department.

Agenda item nr 5	<p>Feedback for the Council and the Local Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are there any recommendations?</i> • <i>Any requests for the LA, such as repairs and maintenance of community assets, upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, ideas for events within a council's own LA area, tools and equipment that benefit the community.</i>
Notes	Basketball court could have automatic lights from 7pm-10pm;
Questions	40 km zone sign next to the rec hall as people often speed in this area.
Comments	
Outcome/Action	<p>The Amoonguna Youth Board would like to ask the Amoonguna LA the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the basketball court could have automatic lights from 7pm-10pm; • If the Council could put 40 km zone sign next to the rec hall.

Agenda item nr 6	Other topics/Questions/Comments
Notes	Bring open action items to MacYouth and LA again.
Questions	
Comments	
Outcome/Action	Bring open action items to MacYouth and LA again.

Next meeting date	July 2023

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Community Service Amoonguna Local Authority Report
REFERENCE	- 333614
AUTHOR	Jenny Murnik, CS Coordinator Administration

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.

BACKGROUND

All Community Services programs continue to be delivered in line with funding requirements as per the attached Operations Report.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Manager of Aged & Disability Services – Amandeep Kaur
Manager of Children's Services - Iryna Mustiats
Manager of Community Safety – Liz Scott
Manager of Youth Services – Jessica Kragh

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 2023-06 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Amoonguna LAR - approved.pdf
- 2 Youth report.pdf

Community Service: Report on Operations

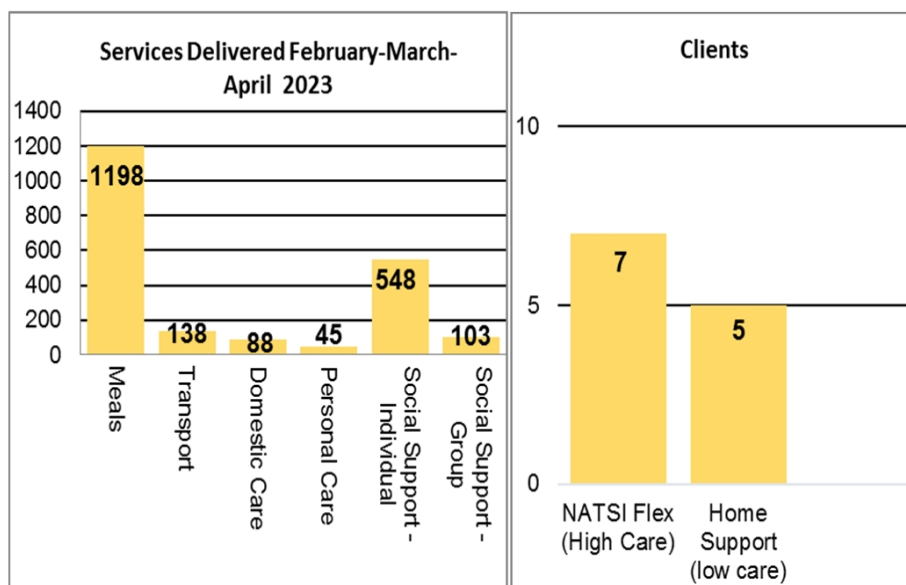


LOCATION: Amoonguna Community
PERIOD: 1/02/2023 to 30/04/2023
AUTHOR: Sabine Wedemeyer, Director Community Services

AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES Service Delivery and Engagement



- Home Care services were momentarily disrupted for two days this reporting period from 21st and 22nd February 2023 due to short staff. Breakfast and lunch were provided during those two days.



Other Updates:

- Conducted regular meeting with Congress Allied Health to make sure clients are receiving proper therapy.
- Conducted tool-box talk on this reporting period
 - Chemical Safety awareness
 - Protective Foot Wear
 - Aggressive Cheeky Dogs
- Training was conducted and finished this reporting period attended by team leaders and coordinators.
 - Aged Care Quality Standard Training attended by all team leaders and coordinators which was conducted by CDCS for two days from 21-22 February 2023.
- Trainings were conducted and finished on this reporting period attended by the coordinator.
 - 24 February 2023 - Desert Dietitian Training
 - 7-8 March 2023 - Mental Health First Aid
 - 17 March 2023 - Snake Awareness by Alice Springs Reptiles.

ACQS Training held at Quest Training Room



Mental Health First Aid

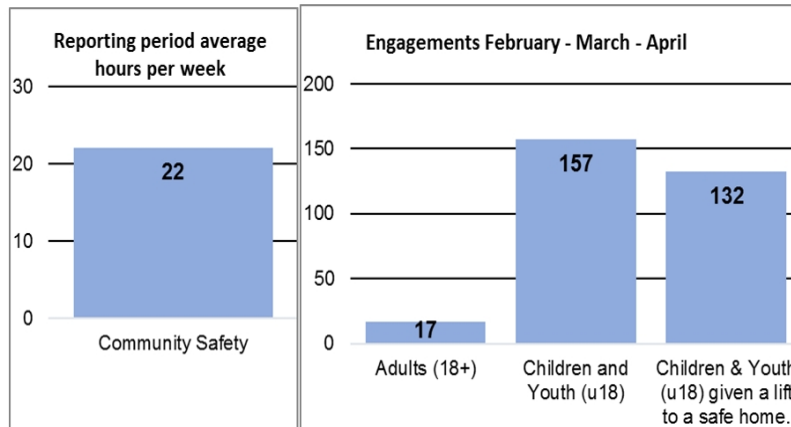


COMMUNITY SAFETY

Service Delivery and Engagement



- Community Safety services were disrupted for 13 days during this reporting period, due by staff illness, staff shortages and Cultural Business.
- The Amoonguna Community Safety Team operates on a 5 day roster, Monday to Friday from 6pm to 11pm. The small team continue to provide a safe and reliable service to the Amoonguna community.



Other Updates

- The MacSafe team from Amoonguna travelled to Santa Teresa in late March to help and support the local Sport's Carnival. Three Amoonguna MacSafe staff spent the weekend in Santa Teresa where they provided great service.
- Unfortunately with the start-up of the Arrernte Foot Patrol service in Alice Springs, a number of the Amoonguna staff have gone to work in town at night, as the new service is offering much higher wages, something we cannot match. This has really impacted the running of the Amoonguna service
- Amoonguna's MacSafe will start a new recruitment process to fill the vacant positions. At this stage we are looking for at least three new Community Safety Officers and we will do permanent recruitment to the Team Leader's position.
- Amoonguna MacSafe was one of the first communities to receive one of the new MacSafe vehicles, because they look after their work vehicle really well. All the staff are happy with the new Ranger; and it seems kids are more interested in getting a lift in the new flashy car.
- Alcohol abuse and intoxicated visitors in community have increased. This has led to more complicated work for the Patrolling Team, however they have been doing an outstanding job when it comes to engaging and interacting with intoxicated people.

MacSafe's Manager and Amoonguna's acting Team Leader during training



Community Service

Report on Operations

Location(s): Amoonguna
 Period: 1/2/23 to 30/4/23
 Author: Kristen Elms



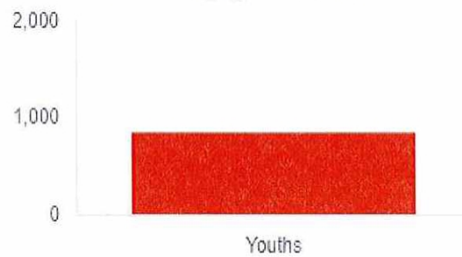
Youth Services

Service Delivery and Engagement

- Youth programs delivered 92% (81/88 days) during this reporting period.



Youth engagement: 848



Average hours per week: 29



Other Updates

- Senior Youth Service Officer, spends time at program putting young people's names on the App for data collection and reporting.
- Amoonguna MacYouth partnered with Congress Health Team and CAYLUS to delivery two sessions for the girls at Emily Gap.
- During the school holiday period MacYouth supported young people to attend the Alice Springs Town Pool and ensured all young people had parental permission. Swimming is a fun healthy activity for young people.

Photos



Soccer (Amoonguna)

10. COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE CSC LA Report
REFERENCE - 333584
AUTHOR Ken Satour, Area Manager

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority notes and accepts the attachment report.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Simran Behl, Council Services Coordinator, Amoonguna
Ken Satour, Area Manager Service Centre Delivery

ATTACHMENTS:

1 CSC LA Report - Amoonguna.pdf

Service Delivery Report

TITLE Amoonguna Service Delivery Report
DATE 31st May 2023
AUTHOR Simran Behl Council Services 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

- Vet visited 28th and 29th March 2023
- Dog numbers have decreased in community and their general health has improved

Internal Roads

- The internal roads are in good condition, civil team is fixing up some pot holes during this report was provided
- Broken glass on streets has been a regular problem but we are making sure to sweep the streets regularly.
- Some road signs are damaged/grafitteid and order for street signs and park signs will be placed soon.
- Weed management on side streets and around community common areas is regularly being slashed.



Parks and Open Spaces

- Parks are cleaned regularly by civil team, some shady trees which we planned around Ross Park were died due to cold weather and we will look into some better options in future.
- Rubbish clean up and whipper snipping and slashing is getting done in open areas and around community regularly.
- We are waiting on solar lights to arrive and two lights will be installed in both parks.



Sports Grounds

- Sports grounds are in good condition; staff has been cleaning and maintain both ovals and basketball court regularly.
- Softball was oval was recently been graded as community is planning to send Amoonguna softball team to Finke sports weekend and to Barunga festival.
- Kids have burned the seats at basketball courts and at sitting bench at bus stop, if Mac youth team can come up with some plan to control this.



- Amoonguna school was got broken into during this reporting period and school was shut for the day



Waste Management

- Bins collected twice a week on Mondays & Thursdays, civil team have been keeping this a regular schedule.
- Regular clean up at Waste Management Facility is also carried out, civil team is working hard to keep waste management facility drop off bays clean but same as past illegal rubbish is still an ongoing issue.
- Hard Rubbish Collection is done on Wednesday afternoons or as per required.



Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Whipper Snipping around community common area is ongoing
- Civil team is also having been controlling the weed at sewerage pond and compounds.
- Lawrence Webb has done great job with fire break around community.
- We have removed 12 cars from people's yards with owner's permission during reporting period.

Other Service Delivery Updates

- As per community request store is operating 5.5 days a week now, no serious concern at this stage.
- We are conducting interviews for 2 positions for service delivery at the moment, we didn't get much applicants applied, local job provided agency was also approached by CSC to encourage applicants for empty positions but they were not much helpful

Simran Behl
Council Services Coordinator
Amoonguna Community

11. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Expenditure Reports as at 30 April 2023
REFERENCE	- 333160
AUTHOR	Osman Kassem, 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 30 April in the Local Authority community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority notes and accepts the expenditure report as at 30 April 2023

BACKGROUND

The attached finance report details the budget, variance, and actual expenditure on council services in the community.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

The Local Authority Project Funding is to be expended within 2 years of receipt of payment. Failure to expend funds received may result in the Department withholding future payments or requesting the unspent funds be repaid. As example any funds prior to the 2020-21 financial year needs to be fully spent not just allocated to projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONSULTATION

MRC Executive Leadership Team
MRC Management Team

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2023 - Amoonguna LA Expenditure.pdf

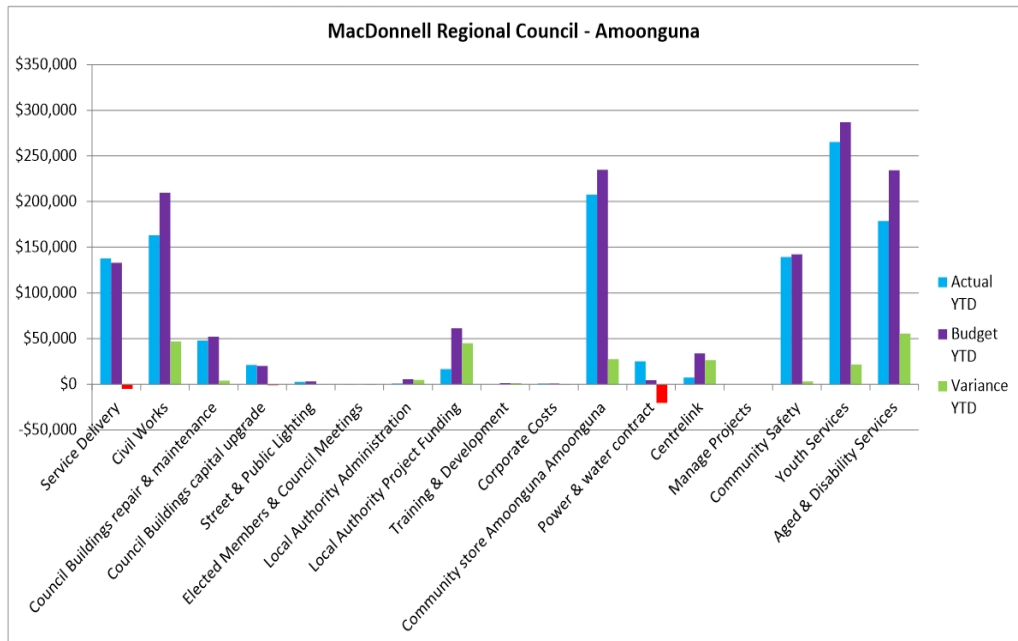
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MacDonnell Regional Council - Amoonguna					
Expenditure by Community as at 30th April 23					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Delivery	137,778	132,811	(4,967)	156,280	-4%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	106,329	106,722	393	124,973	0.4%
Other Operational	31,449	26,089	(5,360)	31,307	-20.5%
Civil Works	162,974	209,765	46,790	250,898	22%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	150,963	193,682	42,718	231,596	22.1%
Other Operational	12,011	16,083	4,072	19,300	25.3%
Council Buildings repair & maintenance	47,846	51,933	4,087	62,320	8%
Other Operational	47,846	51,933	4,087	62,320	7.9%
Council Buildings capital upgrade	21,241	20,180	(1,061)	80,680	-5%
Capital	21,241	20,180	(1,061)	80,680	-5.3%
Street & Public Lighting	2,720	2,852	131	3,422	5%
Other Operational	2,720	2,852	131	3,422	4.6%
Elected Members & Council Meetings	91	0	(91)	0	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	91	0	(91)	0	#DIV/0!
Local Authority Administration	567	5,368	4,801	6,442	89%
Other Operational	567	5,368	4,801	6,442	89.4%
Local Authority Project Funding	16,617	61,345	44,728	73,614	73%
Other Operational	16,617	61,345	44,728	73,614	72.9%
Training & Development	0	1,250	1,250	1,500	100%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,250	1,250	1,500	100.0%
Corporate Costs	718	536	(182)	536	-34%
Other Operational	718	536	(182)	536	-33.9%
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	390,553	486,041	95,487	635,690	19.6%
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Community store Amoonguna Amoonguna	207,593	234,807	27,214	284,855	12%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	32,868	46,873	14,005	59,335	29.9%
Other Operational	174,724	187,933	13,209	225,520	7.0%
Power & water contract	25,060	4,533	(20,527)	5,440	-453%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	21,644	0	(21,644)	0	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	3,417	4,533	1,117	5,440	24.6%
Centrelink	7,524	33,997	26,473	41,249	78%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	7,524	33,997	26,473	41,249	77.9%
Manage Projects	0	0	0	20,507	#DIV/0!
Other Operational	0	0	0	20,507	#DIV/0!
Community Safety	139,361	142,231	2,870	166,156	2%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	127,952	126,476	(1,476)	147,250	-1.2%
Other Operational	11,409	15,755	4,346	18,906	27.6%
Youth Services	265,131	286,755	21,623	352,605	8%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	187,422	200,573	13,152	231,464	6.6%
Other Operational	77,710	86,181	8,472	121,140	9.8%
Aged & Disability Services	178,916	234,491	55,575	277,638	24%
Wages and Other Employee Costs	107,769	82,829	(24,941)	95,641	-30.1%
Other Operational	71,146	151,662	80,516	181,994	53.1%
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	823,585	936,813	113,228	1,148,447	12.1%
TOTAL	1,214,138	1,422,854	208,716	1,784,138	14.7%

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.

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12. GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Business
REFERENCE - 333530
AUTHOR Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss any General Council Business matters raised at item 6.2.

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) is gathering information on the type of Childcare facility each community would prefer.

To assist MRC, a survey has been introduced that asks members to choose what Childcare service would be more suited for your community.

The survey tabled at this meeting will help MRC in advocating for your choice.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the items raised at Item 6.2;
- b) notes and provides feedback on the Childcare survey; and
- c) notes any update to the issue, Dumping of rubbish.

BACKGROUND

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Date raised	Action	Detail
2 Nov 22	Rubbish dump at Amoonguna turn off	Res.087 – It has been discussed that the people are bringing in rubbish from outside the community and dumping at the Amoonguna turn off and although the camera was installed to monitor the situations but the camera itself has been stolen. Members requested the possibility to fence the entire area from the turn off to Community and asked that Technical Services provide advice if this option may work.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Amoonguna Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 333540
AUTHOR Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Administration Officer



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) notes and accepts any progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

BACKGROUND

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- 2:.....
- 3:.....

ACTION REGISTER

Date raised	Action	Detail
10 Nov 2021	Housing	The Local Authority requested they be advised on when the next Housing Reference Group meeting will be. The Representative will forward their request onto Housing and to inform Councillor Ellis of the date.
9 Mar 2022		Res.022 – Kept action open.
1 June 2022		Res.043 - Robin Hall updated that In response to the question from the LA regarding the next HRG meeting, Housing informs me that Gene Martin is away at the moment and the next meeting is still in the planning stage. Advice will be provided once the date has been set.
31 Aug 2022		Noted that a Representative was not in attendance to the meeting and requested that an update be provided regarding housing.
2 Nov 2022		Res.088 - Gini Martin is back and more update in the exiting action register will be made available regarding community housing and fencing at the next meeting

29 Mar 2023		Res.021 – Action kept open and noted that the next HRG meeting would be on the 26 April 2023.
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ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, NT

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.