



AGENDA

AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Council Office on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 10:30am.

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NOMINATIONS

ITEM NUMBER	3.5.1
TITLE	Nominations
REFERENCE	- 263389
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of 15 May 2019 it was noted that there is one (1) vacancy to the Local Authority and as a consequence a call for nominations was recommended.

There has since been one (1) nomination to the Local Authority received from Hilda Bert.

New members will be nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and Council Policy 111 Local Authorities. Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority accept the nomination from Hilda Bert to the Areyonga Local Authority.

BACKGROUND

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

The Local Authority should:

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Areyonga Local Authority
Manager Governance and Planning

ATTACHMENTS:

1 200217 Local Authority Nomination Areyonga.pdf

Local Authority Nomination FormI, Hilda BERT
(name of Nominer)(signature of Nominer) Hilda Bert 16.10.19

wish to nominate as a
member of the Local Authority for the Community of:

AREYONGA (UTSU)
(name of Community)

To be returned to the Returning Officer in the stated Community

Chris Broomhall C.S.C.
(name of Returning Officer)(signature of Returning Officer) Chris Broomhall 17.02.2020

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	5.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interests

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting note the Conflict of Interest Policy.

BACKGROUND

Conflicts of interest arise when members are influenced, or appear to be influenced, by personal interests when doing their jobs. The perception of a conflict of interest – the way it seems to the public - can be as damaging as an actual conflict, because it undermines public confidence in the integrity and fairness of MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC).

Under the *Local Government Act*, not declaring a conflict of interest or improperly disclosing information can lead to imprisonment.

Examples of conflicts of interest and improper disclosure of information:

Tendering and Purchasing – financial conflict of interest

- Example: Council has advertised for a contractor for irrigation of a football oval. A member is employed by a company which has tendered for the contract. This may affect, or it may reasonably be suspected that it could affect, their ability to make an unbiased or fair decision when the contract choice is considered by Council.

Tendering and Purchasing – non-financial conflict of interest

- Example: A contractor tendering for a Council contract for road works offers to seal the road to a member's house. The member would not be seen as impartial or fair when choosing the contractor for the job.

Information and Opportunities

- Example: a member may know a lot of information about tenders for contracts coming up in the MRC area before the tenders are made public. Conflicts can arise if the member gives this information to a friend or relative working for a company so they can have a better chance of winning the contract.

Undue Influence

- Example: a member tries to pressure a hotel in Alice Springs into providing free accommodation, because they are a member of Council.

Declaring a Conflict of Interest

As soon as practical after a member becomes aware of a conflict of interest in a matter that has come up or is about to come up before or during a meeting (council, local authority or council committee), the member must disclose or tell the relevant interest to the meeting and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MRC.

Details of members' interests and the nature of those interests will be recorded in the relevant Register of Interests published on the Council's website and to be available for any member of the public to look over at the Council's public office.

In addition, if a member enters into a personal or business relationship with another member or Council employee that could result in a conflict of interest, then this relationship must be reported to the President and CEO. A file note will be made and recorded on the relevant Register of Interests.

Uncertainty about whether a conflict of interest exists or not

If a member is unsure whether or not they have a conflict of interest, they should give full details to the CEO or seek independent legal advice.

The CEO does not have a responsibility to decide whether or not a member has a conflict of interest in a matter. The responsibility for determining whether a member has a conflict of interest is up to the individual member.

If you do have a Conflict of Interest

After a member has disclosed the nature of the interest, the member must not, without approval from the Minister:

- be present during any discussion of the meeting when the matter is being discussed
- take part in any decision related to the matter
- Influence another member in their decision.

Members will not become involved in the promotion or endorsement of products and/or services unless this has been approved in line with Council's policies and Code of Conduct.

Complaints Regarding Failure to Disclose an Interest

Any person may make a complaint that a member has or may have failed to disclose or tell of a conflict of interest. All complaints should be directed to the MRC CEO.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

The Disclosure of Interests Policy helps Council to ensure that:

- the business of Council is conducted with efficiency, fairness, and integrity; and
- members act in the best interests of Council and do not seek personal or family gain when performing their duties or use their public office for personal gain.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	-
AUTHOR	Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2019 AT
10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.42AM with an opening prayer by Daphne Puntjina

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Sarah Gallagher

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Jonathon Doolan, Daphne Puntjina, Garnet Djana, Sarah Gallagher and Peggy Gallagher

Councillors:

Cr Roxanne Kenny (President), Cr Marlene Abbott and Cr Selina Kulitja.

Council Employees:

Simon Murphy (Director Technical Services), Paul Leary (Manager HR), Keith Hassett (Manager Service Delivery), Jeff Tan (Coordinator Communications), Gemma Neil (Community Engagement), Chris Broomhall (Council Services Coordinator), Bre Parfitt (Coordinator Governance)

Guests:

David Wilson (NTG Local Government), Bob Pahl (National Indigenous Australians Agency)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies: Joy Kunia

Absentees: NIL

3.3 Resignations / Terminations

Resignations: NIL

Terminations: NIL

RECOMMENDATION**134 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority Accept the Attendance and Apologies as correct.

3.4 Nominations**RECOMMENDATION****135 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Selina Kulitja)**

That the Local Authority note one vacancy and call for community nominations to remain open for 28 days.

4 MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**4.1 MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct****RECOMMENDATION****136 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

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

4.2 Conflict of Interests**RECOMMENDATION****137 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Garnet Djana)**

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

138 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Daphne Puntjina)

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

5.2 ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

139 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Peggy Gallagher)

That the Local Authority note the Action Item 1: Community Safety Meetings is now closed.

RECOMMENDATION

140 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Jonothan Doolan)

That the Local Authority note the Action Item 2: MacConnect WiFi is now closed.

Daphne Puntjina left the meeting, at 11AM

Daphne Puntjina returned to the meeting at 11.05

6 LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

141 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority will allocate \$1000 for use by the Youth Board to support their meetings and activities.

RECOMMENDATION

142 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority to discuss how to spend the remainder of the 2019/20 discretionary funds.

6.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is a total un-committed balance of \$30,870 to allocate in their community.

\$30,870 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

143 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of Project 1. Toilet Block.

RECOMMENDATION

144 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of Project 2, Shade Shelter and water tank at men's area.

RECOMMENDATION

145 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of Project 3 Football Oval shade and water tank.

RECOMMENDATION

146 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority note Project 4, Guttering at the Sorry Camp remains on hold, pending information from NT Health.

RECOMMENDATION

147 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority note Project 5, Trees at the Football field remains on hold

RECOMMENDATION

148 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority note Project 6 Portable Toilets, is on hold pending further research and information.

RECOMMENDATION

149 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority note and accept the progress of Project 7, Shade Shelter over playground and allocate a further \$15 000 be allocated to this project.

RECOMMENDATION

150 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority note the development of a Youth Board, and allocate \$4140 to projects planned by the Youth Board.

Note: The Youth Board is required to plan, budget and make a formal recommendation to the Local Authority for final approval.

Selina Kulitja left the meeting at 11.30AM

7 COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT

7.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

151 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Local Authority note and accept the report and nominate the Open Space meeting to be held on the Basketball Courts in the second round of Local Authority meetings 2020.

Selina Kulitja returned to the meeting at 11.37AM

7.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA COMMUNITY LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

152 RESOLVED (Daphne Puntjina/Garnet Djana)

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

7.3 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

153 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Local Authority note and accept the Council Services Report.

8 FINANCE

8.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2019 in the local authority's community.

154 RESOLVED (Jonothan Doolan/Daphne Puntjina)

That the Local Authority note and accept the expenditure report as at 30 June 2019.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

10 OTHER BUSINESS

10.2 "YOUR VOICE, YOUR COMMUNITY".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

155 RESOLVED (Jonothan Doolan/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority note and accept the presentation.

10.3 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

156 RESOLVED (Jonothan Doolan/Marlene Abbott)

That the Local Authority note and accept updates from representatives from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.

RECOMMENDATION

157 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonothan Doolan)

That the LGHCD representative provide to the Local Authority a list of properties approved under the Room to Breathe Program.

10.4 THE SAPPHIRES MUSICAL PLAY OFFER.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

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

158 RESOLVED (Peggy Gallagher/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority Note and invite the Sapphires Musical to perform in Areyonga in September/October 2020.

NOTE: The Local Authority will discuss a possible location with the NT Dept Education.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TO BE ADVISED

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 12.15 pm.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 October 2019 and are UNCONFIRMED until the next meeting.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Action Register
REFERENCE - 263355
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

All previous actions were closed at the Areyonga Local Authority meeting of 9 October 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note that there is no actions from previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Local Authority Projects
REFERENCE	- 263295
AUTHOR	Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

There is an over-commitment of \$20,124.90 allocated for the community.

NOTE: Suggested rectification of the over-commitment is to reverse the decisions to allocate a further \$15,000 to (Project 2156) Shade shelter over playground and \$7,000 for (Project Z) Portable toilet, until more funds are available in 2020/21 Project Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the progress of their projects and close completed projects.

BACKGROUND

The Local Authority decides on the allocation of their Project Funds for projects to benefit the community. Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services.

Register of Projects and Commitments

Project 2151 (formerly #1)		
Toilet block		\$
Action	Status	Committed
6 Dec 2017	<u>Res 70</u> allocate \$50,000 towards getting a toilet block at the rec hall for Youth and Children's Services to use	+ 50,000.00
19 Jul 2019	Site servicing plan is being developed for submission to Power & Water which is required to connect to sewer and water. Technical Services working on this project	
24 Jul 2019	After discussion with the MRC CEO, it was Resolved to attach the toilet block to the Rec Hall, utilising existing utilities at the Rec Hall	
18 Nov 2019	Drafting Youth Centre bathrooms	- 1,330.00
17 Feb 2019	Update from Technical Services: Design complete and PWC permission underway, pricing by builders about to commence	
underspend or (overspend)		\$48,670.00
Project 2154 (formerly #2)		
Shade shelter and water tank at men's area		
Action	Status	Committed
5 Sep 2018	<u>Res 84</u> Shade shelter and water tank at men's area	+ 7,500.00
4 Feb 2019	Shade shelter and water tank delivered	- 6,993.19
Feb 2020	Shade shelter completed, water tank yet to be installed	
underspend or (overspend)		\$ 506.81

Project X (formerly #4) Guttering at the sorry camp		
Action	Status	Committed
20 Feb 2019	<u>Res 100</u> Commit from any remaining funds the cost for guttering at the sorry camp	
24 Jul 2019	This project is on hold awaiting advice from NT Health	
Feb 2020	<u>Recommendation</u> to close project as there were no funds remaining	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$
Project Y (formerly #5) Trees at football oval		
Action	Status	Committed
5 Sep 2018	<u>Res 84</u> To be planted at the football oval	+ 1,000.00
24 Jul 2019	This project is on hold and nothing has been ordered	
Feb 2020	Project requires a resolution to have a cost code applied	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ 1,000.00
Project Z (formerly #6) Portable toilet		
Action	Status	Committed
5 Sep 2018	<u>Res 84</u> portable toilet	+ 7,000.00
24 Jul 2019	Investigating options and issues with the portable toilets requiring an additional pump out unit	
Feb 2020	Project requires a resolution to have a cost code applied	
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ 7,000.00
Project 2155 (formerly #3) Install shade shelter and water tank at Football oval		
Action	Status	Committed
20 Feb 2019	<u>Res 99</u> Shade shelter over seating at the football oval and install a water tank at the football oval	+ 15,876.49
19 Jul 2019	In progress, The Shelter has been measured and ordered. Water tank will be ordered after completion.	
20 Jul 2019	UPDATE: As the grandstand has been concreted into the ground it will not be possible to move it, as suggested, to align with the boundary fence	
3 Oct 2019	Shelter materials delivered. Awaiting purchase of water tank and guttering and building can commence	- 11,153.64
	underspend or (overspend)	\$ 4,722.36
Project 2156 (formerly #7) Shade shelter over playground		
Action	Status	Committed
5 Sep 2018	<u>Res 84</u> Shade shelter to be installed over playground	+ 25,000.00
24 Jul 2019	In order to ensure the safety and efficacy of the shade shelter, MRC is seeking advice from the Alice Springs Town Council on the engineering requirements of suitable steel shade shelters they have commissioned	
3 Oct 2019	Plans have been received from Scope Builders for a similar shelter and contractors have been asked to price. The minimum cost would be \$50,000 and does not include relevant permits (if necessary)	
9 Oct 2019	<u>Res 149</u> allocate a further \$15,000 to project	+ 15,000.00

13 Jan 2020	Drafting for Areyonga playground shade structure underspend or (overspend)	- 157.50 \$ 39,842.50
Project 2157 Youth Board project		\$
Action 9 Oct 2019	Status <u>Res 150</u> allocate \$4140 to projects planned by Youth Board underspend or (overspend)	Committed + 4,140.00 \$ 4,140.00

Wishlist and estimated costs**Priority 1:****Scope:****Requested:****Action:****Estimate:****ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

The Local Authority is responsible for consulting with community members and ensuring community priorities are taken into account while remaining with budgeted amounts.

A suggestion to rectify the over-commitment of \$20,124.90 is to reverse the decision to allocate a further \$15,000 to the Shade shelter over playground project, until more funds are available in 2020/21 Project Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is an over-commitment of \$20,124.90 allocated for their community.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Finance Grants Officer
Area Managers

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 9.3
TITLE Discretionary Funds
REFERENCE - 263308
AUTHOR Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority discuss the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Local Authority must decide how to spend their discretionary fund to enhance the community and best benefit everybody.

Approved 2019/20 Discretionary Fund projects

Approved Project		Status	Approved Allocation	Actual Expenditure
1 Jul 2019	Discretionary Fund	Granted	+ \$4,000.00	\$0.00
9 Oct 2019	allocate \$1,000 for use by Youth Board to support their meetings and activities	<u>Resolution 141</u>	- 1,000.00	
4 Dec 2019	pay \$2,000 for payment of the Christmas Party	<u>Circular Resolution</u>	- 2,000.00	
1 Feb 2020	Areyonga Store	invoice		- 1,818.18
Balance	Remaining		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,181.82

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
 The Local Authority and community

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	9.4
TITLE	Letter from the Department regarding Members and NT Elections
REFERENCE	- 263402
AUTHOR	Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Breaches of legislation can incur fines at personal cost.

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

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



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20 December 2019

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

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Dear Ms Kenny

Re: August 2020 Legislative Assembly Election

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Brett Beaton".

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 9.5
TITLE Isaiah Firebrace Music Performance Offer
REFERENCE - 263408
AUTHOR Jeff Tan, Coordinator Communications and Engagement

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After a successful concert in Hermannsburg and at the Araluen Arts Centre, Hit Productions would like to bring Isaiah Firebrace back to the Northern Territory. They would like to offer a free unplugged 30 minute performance to the Areyonga community with a workshop for youth and/or a meet and greet photo session. The community and/or the youth team could decide what they would like and what time he performs.

Hit Productions is proposing Isaiah visit Areyonga on **Thursday 26 November 2020**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note the offer and invite Isaiah Firebrace to perform in Areyonga in November 2020.

BACKGROUND

About Isaiah: Isaiah first stepped into the spotlight a few years ago when he was crowned winner of The X-Factor Australia 2016. His single from the show was "It's Gotta Be You". He then represented Australia in the Eurovision Song Contest 2017 singing "Don't Come Easy".

Please note this is the same production company that will bringing The Sapphires later in the year.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

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PHOTO: Isaiah Firebrace and Kiaasha Hall sing
It's gotta be you at the Hermannsburg rec hall



KIAASHA LIGHTS UP NTARIA

**STARS KIAASHA AND ISAIAH FIREBRACE
SHINE IN HERMANNSBURG**

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many voices, one dream, building a quality desert lifestyle



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2 stars perform in Hermannsburg



ABOVE: Isaiah Firebrace and Kiaasha Hall sing *It's gotta be you* at the Hermannsburg rec hall with support from family and the Hermannsburg community
BELOW: Hermannsburg MacYouth team with Isaiah Firebrace (centre)



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COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Community Service Areyonga Local Authority Report
REFERENCE - 263318
AUTHOR Rohan Marks, Director Community Services

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Service program delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the Community Service 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 – Luke Everingham
Manager of Children's Services – Margaret Harrison
Manager of Community Safety – Peter Devine
Manager of Youth Services – Cherie Forbes

ATTACHMENTS:

1 2020 02 - COMMUNITY SERVICES Areyonga LAR v2.pdf

Community Service: Report on Operations

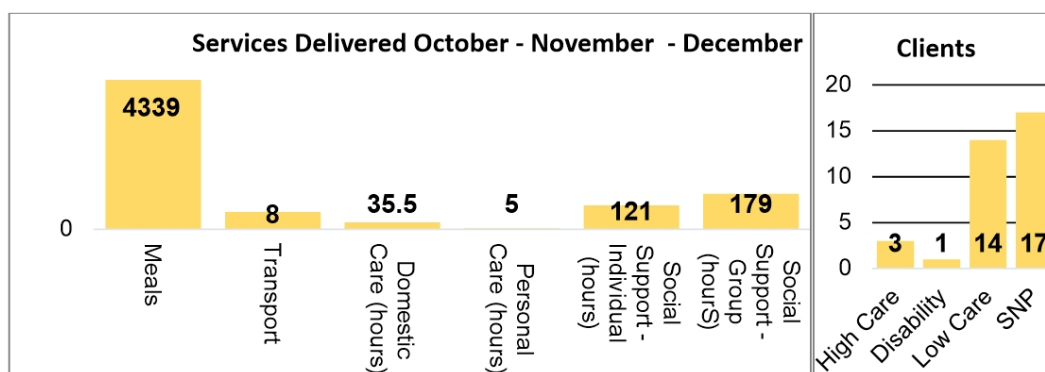
LOCATION: Areyonga Community
PERIOD: 1 September 2019 to 31 December 2019
AUTHOR: Rohan Marks, Director Community Services



AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES

Service Delivery and Engagement

- All services were fully delivered in this reporting period with meal hampers provided for Christmas public holidays.
- 17-24 Children receive lunch through School Nutrition Programme each day. School meals finished for the year on 13 December and commenced again on 29 January 2020.
- We accepted new low-care (Commonwealth Home Support) client in this period.
- On the 22nd October we farewelled a previous client who passed away and our clients were engaged in cultural sorry business during this period.
- Areyonga Home Care is currently in the process of advertising for Home Care Assistants (casuals) to join the team.



Other Updates

- In October, our Team Leader, Sarah Gallagher and our client Daphne Puntjina, joined MacKids in travelling to Darwin to attend the Early Childhood Conference and Awards.
- Our Team Leader and Home Care assistant attended training at the Alice Springs Convention Centre with Keogh Bay on the new Aged Care Quality Standards. The training was designed for frontline, community based staff and the feedback was very positive.
- Staff prepared a Christmas party for clients on the 3rd of December, which 16 clients attended.
- All staff remain focused on their accredited training, CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support (Home and Community).

Clients enjoying movies on the new TV



Staff promoting healthy meals

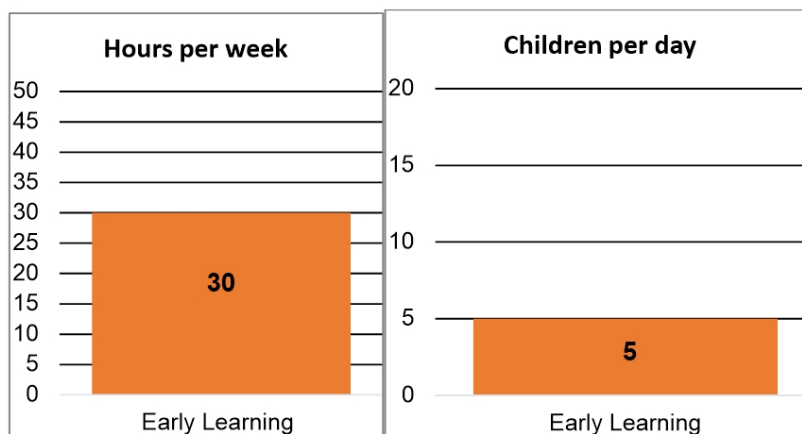


MacCare Christmas celebrations with Clients



CHILDREN'S SERVICES**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- The Early Learning program was fully delivered this reporting period.

**Other Updates**

- The Areyonga Early Learning Team received recognition for involving families and community in the program when they were presented with a finalist's award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Engagement by the Minister for Education, Hon Selena Uibo.
- The Early Learning Team Leader and Coordinator joined with Elder Daphne Puntjina and Sarah Gallagher from MacCare to present at the NT Little People Big Dreams Conference in Darwin, on the importance of connecting with elders on community for a culturally rich and relevant Early Learning program.
- MacKids joined with the school to share in activities run by Red Dust Role Models when they visited community.

Clients from the MacCare program spending time in the Early Learning Centre sharing cultural knowledge, history and memories with the children and staff



Sarah Gallagher and Estefania Fernandez Diaz, accepting the finalist award for “Outstanding Achievement in Community Engagement” on behalf of Areyonga Early Learning team.

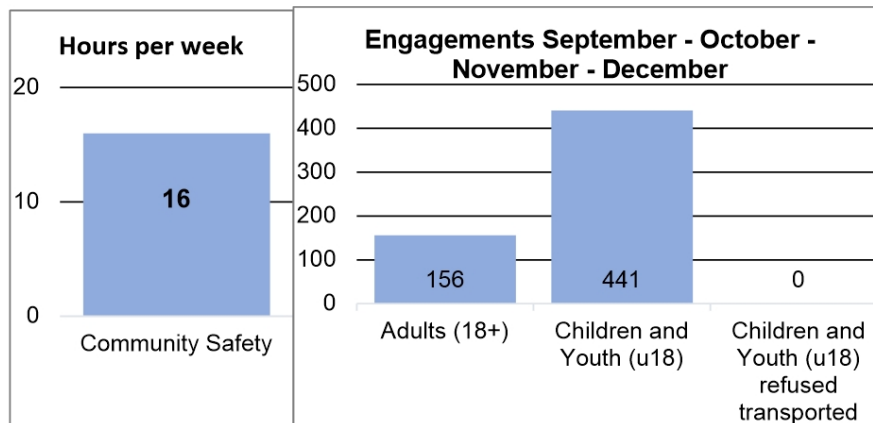


Elder Daphne Puntjina and Sarah Gallagher from MacCare presenting at the NT Little People Big Dreams Conference in Darwin



COMMUNITY SAFETY**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- Community Safety services were disrupted for 30 days during this reporting period, due to staffing, Sorry Business and Cultural Business.

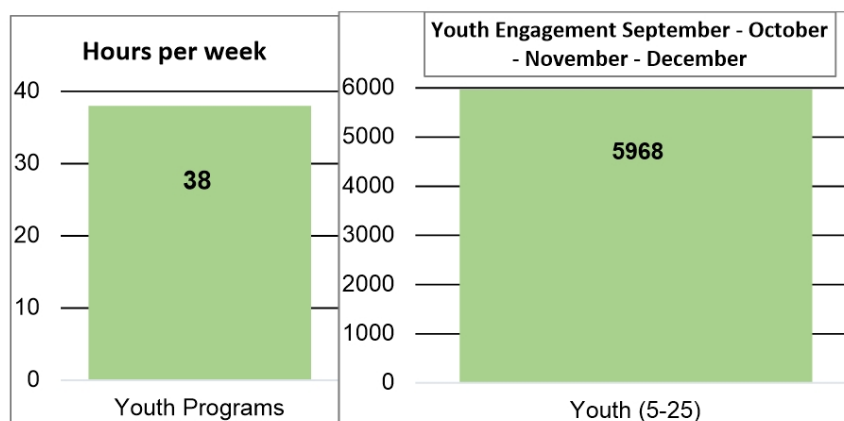
**Other Updates**

- Areyonga MacSafe staff received Digital Literacy training during this reporting period through MacConnect.
- In November, the Areyonga MacSafe Team, along with Seven other MacSafe Teams, attended the funeral for their much-respected colleague from Mt Liebig who passed away suddenly in September. As requested by the Corby family, the eight teams formed a guard of honour at the Haasts Bluff church and lead the procession to the cemetery.

MacSafe staff lining up to pay respects to mourners at Kumanytjaji Corby's funeral

YOUTH SERVICES**Service Delivery and Engagement**

- The Youth and Outside School Hours Learning Program (OSHLP) were both fully delivered this reporting period except for three days due to staff being on leave,



- During September, October, November and December young people enjoyed music programs in the music room, cooking, disco, bush trips, swimming at the Areyonga pool, and art and craft.

Other Updates

- Areyonga Youth Board held a meeting on the 8th of October with fourteen young people present. Youth Board members received their new basketball jerseys, disco lights and band equipment that were purchased with Youth Board funds, and explored future program ideas.
- Two youth teams from Areyonga competed in the MacYouth basketball competition in Ntaria on the 9th October with the women's team taking out second place.
- MacYouth staff from Areyonga attended training at Ross River from the 5th to 9th November with staff engaging in training on youth diversion, Youth Board governance, reactive strategies workshop and new sports development games to take back to youth programs.
- During November MacYouth teamed up with Waltja to deliver healthy cooking programs through the OSHLP program, inviting families to the Rec Hall to share a meal cooked by the children.
- A Youth Engagement Officer joined the team in November, working with the team to run wati nights, music sessions, and music recording at the Rec Hall.
- CAYLUS visited Areyonga on the 3rd December to undertake some maintenance on the youth computers and band room equipment.

Youth Board members with new basketball jerseys



Areyonga vs. Ntaria fellas at the basketball competition in Hermannsburg



Kathleen and Kirsten attending staff training at Ross River



Areyonga teams at the basketball competition in Hermannsburg



Testing out the new music equipment purchased with Youth Board funds



COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2
TITLE Council Services Coordinator's Report
REFERENCE - 263327
AUTHOR Ken Newman, Director Service Delivery

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities
Goal 02: Healthy Communities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is a summary of achievements relating to key Council service delivery standards and guidelines in Areyonga community and documents any other relevant issues.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the attached report from Chris Broomhall, Council Services Coordinator, Areyonga.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

1 200219 Areyonga CSC report for Local Authority February 2020.pdf

Council Service Coordinator's Report

February 2020

TITLE Areyonga Service Delivery Report
DATE 19 February 2019
AUTHOR Chris Broomhall, CSC Areyonga

**SUMMARY:**

- This report is a summary of achievements relating to key Council service delivery standards and guidelines in Areyonga community and documents any other relevant issues.

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

- Northern Territory Vets visited Areyonga 6/2/2020 for injections and litter control. They have stated that if possible they may perform minor surgery.
- Following the visit, the Vets will provide a report on their visit.

Cemetery Management

- At the time of this report there have been two funerals since the last Local Authority meeting.
- The cemetery had been weeded and cleaned.
- The water tank is being cleaned and filled with clean water.
- At the request of the Church Ladies, the small fence inside the grounds has been taken down.

Internal Road Maintenance

- Community roads have been repaired where the mains had leaked and washed away some of the road.
- Council have asked an expert to assess the Access Road to be re-sheeted and gravelled to bring up to the standard that was completed by the Contractors that did the flood damaged sections. Still waiting on the final report and when or if this work will take place.

Parks and Open Spaces

- Both community parks are cleaned and maintained weekly by council works team.
- Over the long hot summer months the work crew were busy watering the trees so as not to lose them. This is still continuing.
- The new seat has been placed along the river side under the trees for shade and a Solar Light is being placed close to the seating.
- We are waiting on when the shade can be installed over the play equipment at the main park

Waste Management Program

- Construction of the new trenches has been completed and cleaning up the old site.
- All the cars have been stacked at the top of the area and the metal is being sorted for recycling.
- There is no more public access to the facility unless directed by the Council or the works crew.
- This is for safety and to ensure that any waste is placed in the correct areas.

Council Service Coordinator's Report

February 2020

**Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction**

- As it has been hot and dry, the weed control and fire hazard control measures for the community have been under control and firebreaks at the Waste Management facility, Airstrip, Bore Fields, Sewer Ponds and Power station have been made.

Contractual Matters**Airstrip**

- Ongoing maintenance in accordance with prescribed guidelines has continued.

Essential Services

- Power Water have notified Council that a new Control panel will be installed at the power house starting at the end of February. A mobile Generator will be onsite during that time and there may be some power shortages while this work is being done.

Housing project and HMP Fencing

- The room to breathe program is continuing and some of the completed houses handed back to the owners with more to be finished to make more room for families

Community Events-

- The shade structure for the men's area is now completed and room to put up the water tank is being made. After using the new structure this year it was asked if it could be extended as it is still not enough cover for when it needs to be used.
- The shade structure for the Football Oval is at the works yard at Areyonga and will be put up as soon as possible.

Chris Broomhall
Council Services Coordinator
Areyonga

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Expenditure Report as at 31 December 2019
REFERENCE	- 263489
AUTHOR	Sheree Kane, Management Accountant and Grants

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
Management Team

ATTACHMENTS:

1 December 2019 - Local Authority Expenditure - Areyonga.pdf

{December 2019 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

MacDonnell Regional Council - Areyonga (Utju)					
Expenditure by Community as at 31st December 19					
Expenditure Category	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD	Budget Full Year	Notes on variations greater than 10% or \$10,000
COUNCIL SERVICES					
Service Centre Delivery					
Manage Council Buildings & Facilities	21,641	34,520	12,879	69,040	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is only spent as required.
Other Operational	21,641	34,520	12,879	69,040	
Maintain Roads	1,542	0	(1,542)	0	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	1,135	0	(1,135)	0	
Other Operational	407	0	(407)	0	
Manage Council Service Delivery	75,330	74,895	(435)	149,790	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	45,184	40,320	(4,864)	80,640	
Other Operational	30,146	34,575	4,429	69,150	
Civil Works	148,348	152,530	4,182	305,060	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	93,279	112,965	19,686	225,930	Staff not working full allocation of budgeted hours.
Other Operational	55,070	39,565	(15,505)	79,130	Bulk fuel expenditure more than budgeted for this reporting period.
Waste Management	1,517	0	(1,517)	0	
Other Operational	1,517	0	(1,517)	0	
Street & Public Lighting	6,182	3,885	(2,297)	7,770	
Other Operational	6,182	3,885	(2,297)	7,770	
Council Engagement					
Manage Governance	889	5,350	4,461	10,700	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,000	1,000	2,000	
Other Operational	889	4,350	3,461	8,700	
Local Authorities	1,330	43,620	42,290	87,240	
Other Operational	1,330	43,620	42,290	87,240	Projects in progress
Elected Members & Council Meetings	916	1,000	84	2,000	
Other Operational	916	1,000	84	2,000	
Support and Administration					
Staff Housing	22,606	44,500	21,894	89,000	This budget is for repairs and maintenance and is only spent as required.
Other Operational	22,606	44,500	21,894	89,000	
Training & Development	0	1,250	1,250	2,500	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	0	1,250	1,250	2,500	
SUB-TOTAL:- COUNCIL SERVICES	280,302	361,550	81,248	723,100	
NON-COUNCIL SERVICES					
Operate Swimming Pools	55,054	74,416	19,362	126,170	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	33,178	43,528	10,351	72,690	Budget is for full year with expenditure only when pool season is operating, wages will catch up to budget during season.
Other Operational	21,877	30,887	9,011	53,480	Expenditure on utility bills, chemicals etc will catch up to budget through the season
Commercial Operations					
Essential Services	59,405	54,805	(4,600)	109,610	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	42,655	38,850	(3,805)	77,700	
Other Operational	16,749	15,955	(794)	31,910	
Centrelink	23,485	23,890	405	47,780	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	20,463	20,695	232	41,390	
Other Operational	3,023	3,195	172	6,390	
Manage Projects	101,867	54,220	(47,647)	91,360	Funding is for Homecare building upgrade which will commence in early March.
Other Operational	101,867	54,220	(47,647)	91,360	
Airstrip Maintenance	0	535	535	1,070	
Other Operational	0	535	535	1,070	
Community Services					
Library	0	50	50	100	
Other Operational	0	50	50	100	

{December 2019 - Local Authority Expenditure Detail by Location1_ORG_NAME}

Community Safety	59,179	86,210	27,031	172,420	Underspend due to staff not working allocated hours
Wages and Other Employee Costs	45,644	68,240	22,596	136,480	
Other Operational	13,535	17,970	4,435	35,940	
Youth Development	83,180	108,775	25,595	235,030	Overall underspend due to staff not working all hours.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	51,982	71,360	19,378	157,840	Staff not working full allocation of budgeted hours.
Other Operational	31,198	37,415	6,217	77,190	
					Budgeted to cater for maximum potential demand. Expenditure reflects current client base and services used by clients.
Home Care Services	144,993	163,085	18,093	296,100	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	69,189	52,605	(16,584)	105,210	
Other Operational	75,804	110,480	34,676	190,890	
					Overall underspend due to staff not working all hours.
Children's Services	176,073	198,070	21,997	393,270	Staff not working full allocation of budgeted hours.
Wages and Other Employee Costs	72,990	84,200	11,210	168,400	
Other Operational	103,083	113,870	10,787	224,870	
SNP School Nutrition Program	36,457	45,115	8,658	90,230	
Wages and Other Employee Costs	20,630	20,630	0	41,260	
Other Operational	15,827	24,485	8,658	48,970	
SUB-TOTAL:- NON-COUNCIL SERVICES	739,692	809,171	69,479	1,563,140	
TOTAL	1,019,994	1,170,720	150,727	2,286,240	

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	0	4,000	4,000	4,000

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.2
TITLE	Community Engagement and The Regional Plan
REFERENCE	- 263410
AUTHOR	Jeff Tan, Coordinator Communications and Engagement

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 01: Developing Communities

Goal 02: Healthy Communities

Goal 03: Empowered Communities

Goal 04: A Supportive Organisation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and is how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides the MRC to deliver on our mission *to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services*.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) staff to meet the objectives of the 2019-20 Regional Plan. Key Performance Indicators that the Local Authority can assist with include:

- The Local Authority meeting in public open space which aims to make meetings more accessible to the public, and
- The community survey which aims to ensure that MRC services reflect community aspirations.

The Local Authority is asked to provide input into the development of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the report.

BACKGROUND

The vision of MacDonnell Regional Council is *many voices, one dream, building a quality desert lifestyle*.

The Regional Plan guides the MRC towards this vision by fulfilling our mission through the achievement of our goals.

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

Local Authority

Governance and Engagement Team

ATTACHMENTS:

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND THE REGIONAL PLAN

1. 2019-20 Regional Plan

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community and is how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides the staff of the MRC to deliver on our *mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services*.



The 4 Goals have been updated in the 2019-20 Regional Plan to:



1.1 2019-20 Regional Plan: Proposed Local Authority meetings held in public open spaces

Scheduled date	13 May 2020
Where	Basketball court
What	Community BBQ and showcase Local Authority Project achievements

Goal 3	Empowered Communities
Key Performance Indicator(s)	13 Local Authority meetings are held in public open spaces 5% of residents attend each Local Authority meetings 13 Councillor community engagement events supported

1.2 2019-20 Regional Plan: Community Survey

We are coming to listen.

Community Engagement Officer Gemma Neil and Coordinator Communications and Engagement Jeff Tan will be around the 13 communities in the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) area talking to residents about how MRC services can be improved for your community. Look out for notices around your community and make sure you say hi and have a yarn about how MRC should plan for the future.



ABOVE: Doing Community Surveys with Docker River Community Patrol: (clockwise from left) Yarran Cavalier, Leo Watson, Luke Kennedy, Selwyn Burke, Gemma Neil and George Achike

Goal 3	Empowered Communities
Key Performance Indicator(s)	10% of residents in each community complete a Council services survey

1.3 2019-20 Regional Plan: Community Project Planning

MRC wants to make sure that MRC's infrastructure meets community needs. To do this, the MRC is facilitating the development and implementation of Community Project plans to guide infrastructure investment and development.

Goal 3	Developing Communities
Key Performance Indicator(s)	Broad stakeholder consultation undertaken in each community to identify Council's current and future community infrastructure needs

2. 2020-21 Regional Plan Consultation

The Local Authority is asked to provide input into development of the 2020-21 Regional Plan. After receiving the Council Services Coordinator and Community Services reports and providing direction on community project planning, the Local Authority is asked to consider:

What can MacDonnell Regional Council do to improve the lives of residents in your community?

It is suggested that the Local Authority provide input on the Empowered Community Goal, which has previously been focused on:

- Community Engagement,
- Governance Training, and
- Young People

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	11.3
TITLE	Local Authority Meeting Process and Timing
REFERENCE	- 263403
AUTHOR	Darren Pfitzner, Manager Governance and Planning



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

This kind of change would also see some increases in the cost for MRC to administer the secretariat support to the Local Authority meetings and for Councillor's attendance to be supplemented. These matters would need to be addressed in the forthcoming 2020/21 budget.

CONSULTATION

Regional Plan Goal: 3.3.1.1

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

ITEM NUMBER 12.1
TITLE General Business
REFERENCE - 263485
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 7, members of the Areyonga Local Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business. We are now discussing the matters raised as follow:

- 1:.....
- 2:.....
- 3:.....
- 4:.....
- 5:.....
- 6:.....
- 7:.....
- 8:.....
- 9:.....
- 10:.....

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and discuss the items raised at Item 7.

BACKGROUND

Nil

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority
Executive Leadership Team

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 7

ITEM NUMBER 13.1
TITLE Other non-Council Business
REFERENCE - 263396
AUTHOR Robert Rabotot, Administration Officer - Governance

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Nil

Date raised	Issue	Detail	Update
9 Oct 19	Room to Breathe Program	Res.157 That the LGHCD representative provide to the Local Authority a list of properties approved under the Room to Breathe Program.	

ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team
 Department of Housing and Community Development

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.