



## **AGENDA**

# **AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025**

The Areyonga Local Authority Meeting of the MacDonnell Regional Council will be held at the Areyonga Council Office on Thursday 6 February 2025 at 10:30 AM.

Belinda Urquhart  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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**15 MEETING CLOSED**

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

**3.1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

That members:

- a) notes the attendance; and
- b) accepts the apologies received for this meeting.

**3.2 ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

That members notes the absentees without notice to this meeting.

**3.3 RESIGNATIONS**

NIL

**3.4 TERMINATIONS**

NIL

**3.5 NOMINATIONS**

NIL

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**4. MACDONNELL COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

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**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 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**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning



Unconfirmed minutes from the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, 2024 are submitted to the Local Authority for confirmation that the minutes are true and correct.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the unconfirmed minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority meeting held 21 November 2024 be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Unconfirmed Minutes Areyonga LA 21 November 2024





MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:33am

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Sarah Gallagher

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Sarah Gallagher, Member Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Joy Kunia and Member Jacob Carol

Councillors:

President Roxanne and Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – Area Manager, Libby Taylor – Manager Contracts and Projects, Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety, Mark O'Brien – Area Manager, Rajan Khadka – Youth Coordinator and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Via Teams - Kitty Comerford - Manager Housing and Katie Fuller – HR Operations Manager

Guests:

Nil

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Councillor Marlene Abbott

Absentees:

Member Garnet Djana and Member Naphtali Scobie

**3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

**ARLA2024-058 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Abraham Poulson)**

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies for this meeting; and
- c) recorded the first absences without notice of Members Naphtali Scobie and Garnet Djana.

**3.3 Resignations**

NIL

**3.4 Terminations**

NIL

**3.5 Nominations**

NIL

**4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT****4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ARLA2024-059 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)**

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

**5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ARLA2024-060 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Carol)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority adopted the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held 12 September 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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

**ARLA2024-061 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Abraham Poulson)**

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

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

**ARLA2024-062 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Abraham Poulson)**

That members raised matters to discuss in General Council Business as follows:

- MRC staff attending LA meetings.  
Members requested that Managers send a representative to the Local Authority meetings if they are unable to attend.
- Advised that the Rubbish truck was currently being repaired and would be returned as soon as possible.

**6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS****ARLA2024-063 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Abraham Poulson)**

Members provided notification of matters raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- House on top of the hill
- Dogs biting kids
- Housing – maintenance and repair issues not being addressed.

**7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST****7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS****ARLA2024-064 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

**7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION****ARLA2024-065 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

**8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS****8.1 PRESENTATION FROM THE WATARRKA FAMILY GROUP TRADITIONAL OWNERS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Watarrka Family Group want to install bench seating along the boundary to provide seating for funerals. They also want to extend the concrete area under the concert stage in the park next to the Church.

The Group is seeking LA approval for the location and the style and will fund the project using the Watarrka money through Central Land Council's Community Development Plan.

**ARLA2024-066 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Representative from CLC was an apology to the meeting;
- b) noted that the Representative from the Watarrka Family Group did not attend the meeting;
- c) discussed and agreed to support the proposal to install bench seating along the boundary and to extend the concrete area under the concert stage in the park next to the church; and
- d) noted that funding and works would come under Central Land Council's Development Plan.

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER**

#### **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. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.
- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

It is important to note that 'at risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and funds allocated to projects, however, remains unspent.

#### **ARLA2024-067 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)**

##### **That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that \$3,151.78 are funds at risk as at 30 September 2024
- b) noted that \$42,372.10 are funds available to spend
- c) noted the progress on the current projects as follows:
  - 2112 – Water Bubbler, noting that this will be installed by the Plumber
  - 2114 – Install Solar light
  - 2116 – Drainage around Basketball Court, noting that some of the suggestions included cementing in park furniture to deflect the course of water
  - 2117 – Water Trailer until it is registered
  - 2118 – Fencing and repairs at the Playground.
- e) moved Park furniture to the wishlist; and
- f) created two new Projects:
  - 1 x Bin Trailer, allocating \$18,000.00
  - 1 x Solar light to install at the entrance of community, allocating \$4,000.00

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY 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.

#### **ARLA2024-068 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)**

##### **That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that Council had reinstated \$2,601.89 for reallocation;
- b) discussed the spending of their current commitments and made the following decisions:
  - noted that members agreed to combine the funds of the Christmas Community BBQ and the end of School BBQ to a Community celebration, noting the allocation as \$2,000.00
  - agreed that Chairperson Sarah Gallagher will organise the shopping for the Celebration
  - noted that Council Services requested notice be provided so that the BBQ trailer could be set up
- c) allocated \$1,000.00 towards Power Cards for each occupied house; and
- d) noted that the funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025.

## 9.3 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

#### **ARLA2024-069 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Areyonga.**

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES AREYONGA LA REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*This report is an update of Council Delivered Services in Areyonga across the area of Local Government Service Delivery*

#### **ARLA2024-070 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Local Authority of Areyonga noted and accepted the attached report.**

### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged and Disability, Community Safety, Children's and Youth Services.

#### **ARLA2024-071 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and
- b) accepted the Youth Report tabled at the meeting.

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 OCT. 2024**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 October 2024 in the Local Authority Community.

#### **ARLA2024-072 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 October 2024.**

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to discuss the matters raised at item 6.2.

#### **ARLA2024-073 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted and discussed the matters raised at item 6.2; and
- b) advised that the community road at the turnoff needed grading.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

### **13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet provides any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Areyonga Local Authority

have an opportunity to provide notification of matters they wish to discuss in General Non-Council Business.

**ARLA2024-074 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:
  - House on the hill  
Members wanted to know what was happening to the house.
  - Dogs biting/attacking kids and residents  
Requesting that the Police be informed of the dog attacks.
  - Noted that no clear responses had been received from housing regarding maintenance issues not being attended to;
- b) noted that CLC are conducting an audit on the situation with the horses;
- c) requested if the Mereenie Loop road would be undergoing further works;
- d) requested what alternative water sources were available for community; and
- e) noted no updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet from the previous meetings.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6 FEBRUARY 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:05 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 21 November 2024 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 Areyonga Local Authority Meeting accepts the Agenda presented to this meeting.**



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## 7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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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 Areyonga Local Authority Meeting 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.

## 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Regional Planning Incorporating Community Infrastructure Plans
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, 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 Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff 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 MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

### RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the Local Authority provides guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan; and
- b) provides its priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure.

### BACKGROUND

MacDonnell Regional Council maintains 4 Goals which it sees as critical to its success. They are:

- Goal #1 Developing Communities
- Goal #2 Healthy Communities
- Goal #3 Empowered Communities
- Goal #4 A Supportive Organisation

The reason for having these Goals is so that we can fulfil the vision of MacDonnell Regional Council: ***"many voices, one dream - building a quality desert lifestyle"***.

The Local Authority is able to make a significant contribution towards the attainment of these Goals by providing direction in relation to the projects it sees as important for the members of its community.

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

It is a requirement under Section 33(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* that all regional councils must have a plan for their area – the regional plan. Furthermore, s34(c) states that the Regional Plan must take into account the projects and priorities for the area identified by a local authority.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The projects and priorities established in the Regional Plan will be considered in determining the Budget for 2025-26.

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team

Local Authority members

Project Management Office

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Areyonga Community Infrastructure Plan

# REGIONAL PLANNING - AREYONGA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – 2025

This is the Infrastructure plan from 2025 until 2030.



# AREYONGA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – 2025

## Think BIG!!!

This community infrastructure plan will give the LA direction for projects for the next 5 years. Projects can be turned into Major Projects and pool funds as well as be broken down into parts to spread the funding over the 5 years.

We would also like the LA to give council some bigger projects they would like to see within the community. If there is grant funding that comes around, we can use the infrastructure plan to guide council in applying for special funding. This can be things that the LA cant afford but will benefit the community.



# AREYONGA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – 2025

Areyonga community receives approximately \$30,700 per year from the NTC and has two years to spend the funds. A clause in the LA funding guidelines called Major Projects means that the LA can join funds from two years of funding for larger projects. The LA will have 4 years to spend the funds rather than 2. These funds can be put towards achieving larger and more productive projects. Combining two years of funds will give the LA approximately 60,000 for a project.

To join the funds a project plan must be submitted to the DCMC for approval. The DCMC Project Management Office will manage the project planning for all Major Projects.

These funds can also be joined with funding from other organisations like the DCMC and grants to achieve bigger projects otherwise not possible with just the LA funds.



# AREYONGA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – 2025

## What can LAPF be used for?

Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.

Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.

Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities. For example sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters  
Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPF has been provided for.

Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.





## AREYONGA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – JULY 2021

MacDonnell Regional Council is working with the Local Authority and Councilors to plan for future infrastructure needs at Areyonga. Below are some current ideas. We want to hear from you as we plan for the next 5-10 years. An Infrastructure Plan that has the community's approval will guide investment and development with Local Authority Project funding and will strengthen applications for any other funding that is available. At the moment, there is no allocated funding to pay for the infrastructure decided upon for these plans.

**Big Project: Drainage for flooding when it rains**

**Basketball area**  
 • Stage and shade  
 • More tiered seating

**Playground needs fixing**

**Solar light behind CSC's house**

**MacKids veggie garden**

**Sorry camp additions**

- Concrete floor
- Shade

**New sorry camp**

**Cemetery additions**

- Trees & plants
- Coffin lowering device (off map)

**Lift the entrance road through the causeway and straighten road into community**

**Solar light repaired at playground**

**BMX track**

**Scoreboard**

**Grass Oval**

**Kerbs down both side of road**

**Bridge (near causeway at entrance)**

# AREYONGA COMMUNITY NIAA Consultation Projects

- Public space – Halls/Hub
- Public space – Greening spaces
- Fences
- Public Art
- Street Lights





# AREYONGA COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – 2025

Based off the new community infrastructure plan, we would request that all allocated funds are allocated to the priority 1 project. If the project costs less than allocated, the funds will be returned and put towards priority 2 at the next meeting. This will prevent hold ups requesting more funds for a project.

This way we can get through projects faster and concentrate on the higher priority projects.



## 9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Project Register
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, Governance and Planning



### LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 01: Developing Communities  
 Goal 02: Healthy Communities  
 Goal 03: Empowered Communities  
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It is important to note that 'at risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and funds allocated to projects, however, remains unspent.

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Local Authority

- a) notes and accepts the Certification of 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding;
- b) notes that \$32,548.03 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- c) notes and accepts the progress on their projects as provided by the Project Management Office; and
- d) approves closure of any completed projects

### BACKGROUND

Members of the Local Authority allocates project funds to support community and sporting infrastructure, open space developments and community priorities. These projects are intended to assist communities to improve community amenity through the provision of social and community facilities.

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

Project 2112	Water Bubbler near Bus Stop	\$
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
12-Sep-24	Res.040 - New Project established September 2024, \$10,000 allocated.	\$10,000.00
28-Oct-24	Invoice received from Civiq for drinking fountain and bottle refill station.	<b>-\$7,507.00</b>
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – Noted that this will be installed by the Plumber	
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$2,493.00</b>

Project 2114	Install 1 x GFS 200 Solar Light between MRC office and Tjuwampa	\$
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
21-Mar-24	Res.040 - New Project established March 2024, \$3,500 allocated.	\$3,500.00
12-Jun-24	Res.032 – noting that MG Electrical would install at the same time as the installation for Project 2112.	
13-Jan-25	<b>PMO update - Area Manager to arrange installation by Civil Works team.</b>	
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>

Project 2116	Drainage around the Basketball Court	\$
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
12-Jun-24	Res.032 – Reallocated \$8,000 from 3112 for a new Project from the wishlist – Drainage around the Basketball Court.	\$8,000.00
27-Aug-24	Purchase Order raised with Asplum Pty Ltd for drainage.	<b>-\$7,000.00</b>
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – Noted that some of the suggestions included cementing in park furniture to deflect the course of water.	
13-Jan-25	<b>PMO update - Project has been completed - recommend to close.</b>	
	<b>underspend remaining</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

Project 2117	Water Trailer - IBC with Tap	\$
	<b>Status</b>	<b>Committed</b>
12-Sep-24	Res.040 - New Project established September 2024, \$6,000 allocated.	\$6,000.00
2-Oct-24	Invoice from Modern Trailers Pty Ltd.	<b>-\$3,909.09</b>
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – Waiting on trailer to be registered.	
8-Jan-25	PO raised with Alice Hosetech	<b>-\$890.36</b>
13-Jan-25	<b>PMO update - Trailer has been registered and will be delivered to Areyonga 14.1.2025 - recommend to close.</b>	
	<b>underspend remaining</b>	<b>\$1,200.55</b>

Project 2118	Fencing and Repairs at Playground	\$
	Status	Committed
24-May-23	Res.040 - Created a new project 'Fencing and Repairs' at Playground to replace project 2114 and reallocated the funds of \$32,772.50 to this project noting that any shortfall will be covered by the unallocated funds.	\$32,772.50
17-Oct-23	Invoice received from Complete Fencing - Supply 74m aluminum fencing.	<b>-\$5,961.18</b>
21-Mar-24	Res.014 – Change name to Playground Upgrades.	
30-Aug-24	Invoice received from AJ Nicol Fencing - installation of fencing, bobcat hire, travel costs.	<b>-\$13,640.00</b>
12-Sep-24	Purchase Order raised with Bunnings for 10 bags of concrete.	<b>-\$75.55</b>
13-Jan-25	<b>PMO update - Just needs completion of fence posts and then panels can be attached. Not predicting any further costs but leave as is in case of contingencies.</b>	
10-Jan-25	Invoice received from Complete Fencing.	<b>-\$1,303.75</b>
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$11,792.02</b>

Project 2119	Solar light at entrance	\$
	Status	Committed
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – New Project established November 2024, \$4,000 allocated.	\$4,000.00
21-Jan-25	PO raised with Green Frog Systems.	<b>-\$2,845.00</b>
21-Jan-25	PO raised with Bunnings.	<b>-\$63.18</b>
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$1,091.82</b>

NEW	Waste Trailer	\$
	Status	Committed
21-Nov-24	Res.067 – New Project established November 2024, \$18,000 allocated.	\$18,000.00
13-Jan-25	<b>PMO update - Still working on finalising design - anticipate it will be ordered prior to next meeting.</b>	
	<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>

Budget consideration		
	Balance of underspend or (overspend)	\$39,077.39
	Total un-allocated funds	\$20,372.10
	<b>Total of unspent funds</b>	<b>\$59,449.49</b>

Wishlist / Future Projects for Consideration		Assigned
12 Jun 2024	Fence around Men's Area	
21 Nov 2024	Park Furniture	

## PROJECTS CLOSED 2024-25

Project 2111	Upgrade 4 x new LED lights, repair 4 x broken LED lights	\$
Status		Committed
21-Mar-24	Res.040 - New Project established March 2024, \$15,000 allocated.	\$15,000.00
12-Jun-24	Res.032 – Project 2115 closed - underspend reallocated to Project 2111.	\$7,014.39
12-Sep-24	Res.046 – Project closed - funds returned to unallocated.	<b>-\$22,014.39</b>
<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Project 2113	Install shade shelter and water tank at football oval	\$
Status		Committed
20-Feb-19	Res.99 – Shade shelter over seating at the football oval and install a water tank at the football oval.	\$15,876.49
20-Oct-19	Shelter materials delivered. Awaiting purchase of water tank and guttering and building can commence.	<b>-\$11,153.64</b>
2-Dec-21	Commitment for scaffolding and platform ladder ordered, waiting for collection/freight to bring to community and invoice received (11/01/2022)	<b>-\$4,034.05</b>
14-Sep-22	Res.108 - Allocated an additional \$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
23-Mar-23	Res.014 – allocated additional \$4,000.00 to the project and kept the project open.	\$4,000.00
13-Dec-23	Invoice from Bunnings for tools and equipment	<b>-\$526.38</b>
13-Dec-23	Invoice from Stratco for assorted bolts, etc.	<b>-\$504.71</b>
12-Jun-24	Res.032 – Reallocated \$8,000 to the creation of a new Project from the wishlist – Drainage around the Basketball Court.	<b>-\$8,000.00</b>
12-Sep-24	Res.046 – Project closed - funds returned to unallocated.	<b>-\$5,657.71</b>
<b>underspend or (overspend)</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**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, travel costs and allowances.
- Purposes that are not related to local Government Services and that should be addressed by another Government agency.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The purchase of any product or service must comply with MRC's Procurement Policy.

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

Grants Officer

Project Management Office

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 LAPF Acquittal 2023 - 2024

# MacDonnell Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2024 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

Local Authority: Areyonga

File number: LGR2016/00104

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

LAPF Grant 2024	\$30,700
Other income/carried forward balance from 2022- 2023	\$30,700
Other income/carried forward balance from 2021- 2022	\$58,691.14
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$120,091.14</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$23,407.72</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$96,683.42</b>

We certify that the LAPF was spent in accordance with,

- the projects submitted by the Local Authority; Yes  No
  - the LAPF funding guidelines; Yes  No
  - the *Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulation; and* Yes  No
  - the Northern Territory Government's buy from Territory enterprise policy. Yes  No
  - the NT Government's COVID19 Conditions of Contract were met: Yes  No
- (If no to any questions above please provide a written explanation with this acquittal)*

Certification report prepared by Osman Kassem.....19...../..08...../2024

The local authority projects formed part of the agenda and minutes of Council's ordinary council meeting and local authority meeting. Yes  No

Laid before the Council at a meeting (held/to be held on) 25/10/2024 Copy of minutes attached (Yes/TBA).

Laid before the LA at a meeting (held/to be held on) ...../...../20.... Copy of minutes attached (Yes/TBA).

CEO or CFO *Osman Kassem* ..... 20/1/2024

### DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Grant amount correct: Yes  No

Balance of funds to be spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date next certification ...../...../20\_\_

CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED Yes  No

Comments

Grants Officer \_\_\_\_\_ ...../...../20\_\_

Manager Grants Program \_\_\_\_\_ ...../...../20\_\_

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet



**9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Discretionary Funds Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, 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:**

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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority**

- a) **notes the funds spent on purchasing cleaning equipment and power cards for the houses;**
- b) **notes that \$2,438.25 is available to allocate; and**
- d) **acknowledges that the funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025.**

**BACKGROUND**

Examples that Discretionary funds can be used for:

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>2024/2025 Discretionary Funds</b>	<b>Commitments / Expenditure</b>
1 Jul 2024	Approved Funds	\$4,000.00
17 Jul 2024	Due to the invoice for the gardening equipment not being received before 30 June 2024 - the invoice has been carried over to the 2024/2025 budget and will be deducted from this financial year	-\$2,601.89
	Balance	\$1,398.11
12 Sep 2024	Res.050 - On behalf of Council, the CEO agreed to clear the deduction of \$2,601.89 from the 2024/2025 Discretionary funds and return these funds to the Authority.	\$2,601.89
	Balance	\$4,000.00
12 Sep 2024	Res.050 - Allocated \$1,000.00 to purchase cleaning supplies for each tenanted house.	
4 Nov 2024	Invoice received for indoor cleaning equipment / supplies.	-\$743.57
	Res.050 - Allocated \$1,000.00 towards a Community Christmas BBQ at the Basketball Court on the 15 November 2024. Allocated \$1,000.00 towards an end of School Celebration for the children to be held on the 6	-2,000.00

1 Feb 2025	December 2024. Res.068 – Combined these Allocations. No purchase orders were raised. Money returned for allocation.	2,000.00
21 Nov 2024	Res.068 Allocated \$1,000.00 towards power cards for each occupied house.	
7 Jan 2025	Invoice received for Power Cards from Areyonga Store.	-818.18
	<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>\$2,438.25</b>

### 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.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the grant must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June or they are forfeited. Community currently has \$4000.00 to spend before end of 30 June 2025.

### CONSULTATION

Areyonga Local Authority

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

**9. LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	9.4
<b>TITLE</b>	MRC Position Vacancies Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, 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 attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council within the Areyonga Community.**

**BACKGROUND**

The MacDonnell Regional Council embraces its role as a significant employer for people wishing to live and work in our remote communities. It is a priority for MRC to provide meaningful employment opportunities for local people.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**CONSULTATION**

Rhiannon Pomery, P&C Advisor, MRC  
Katie Fuller, P&C Operations Manager, MRC  
Keheli Nagahawatte (Katy), P&C Generalist, MRC

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Position Vacancies Report Areyonga



## Position Vacancies Areyonga

Position #	Service	Description	Type	Weekly Hours
401325	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Part-time	20
401326	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Casual	As Rostered
401328	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Casual	As Rostered
401336	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Casual	As Rostered
401337	MacSafe	Community Safety Officer	Casual	As Rostered
402240	MacCare	Home Care Assistant	Casual	As Rostered
403004	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-Time	9.5
403005	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Casual	As Rostered
403006	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Casual	As Rostered
403009	MacYouth	Youth Services Officer	Part-Time	9.5
501124	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19
501125	Council Serv	Works Assistant	Part-Time	19

Table data derived from XLOne Position Vacancy Report of Active Open Positions in the MRC Org Structure and approved by Managers: 30/01/2025



## 10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Fleet, Roads and Waste Management Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Jake Potter, Manager Fleet and Infrastructure



### 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 a summary of works around Fleet, Roads and Waste Management for the community of Areyonga

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Fleet, Roads & Waste Management Report**

### BACKGROUND

#### **Fleet**

MRCs' Fleet team completed servicing in Areyonga in late October and will return in February 2025.

#### **Roads**

The Areyonga Access Roads has been completed and signed off. The road withstood the major weather before Christmas assisting in traffic flow.

#### **Waste Management**

The Plant crew will be mobilizing to Areyonga in Mid Feb to complete a car collection, firebreaks and a tidy of the WMF.

### ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS

NIL

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NIL

### CONSULTATION

Jake Potter – Manager Transport Infrastructure and Fleet  
Sheree Sherry – Chief Financial and Information Officer

### ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

**10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Services LA Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Stuart Millar, Area Manager 2

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Areyonga across the area of Local Government Council Services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the attached report.**

**BACKGROUND**

nil

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

nil

**CONSULTATION**

Keith Hassett – Director Council Services  
Stuart Millar – Area Manager Council Services  
Benny Alick – Council Services coordinator

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Council Services LA Report





# Council Services

## Areyonga

October 2024 - January 2025



**95% First Nations Employees in SCD**



**4 Area Manager Visits to Community**



**Council Office 560 Hours of Service**

### Snapshot



**1555 Litres Fuel Usage Total**



**13 Vehicles and Plant in Use**



**178 Bins Emptied Weekly**



**26 Street Lights Operational  
4 Street Lights Non-Operational**



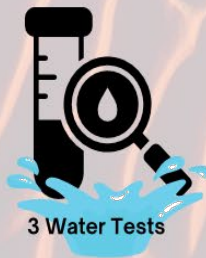
**2 Sport Grounds Maintained**



**1 Toolbox Talks Completed**



**11 Australia Post Deliveries**



**3 Water Tests**



**9 Generator Services**



**6 Hours of Maintenance completed at Airstrip**



**3 Parks & Playgrounds Inspections**

### Animal Management

- The Vets are scheduled to visit in late March
- Cheeky dogs at Lot 94 have been reported to Hermannsburg Police and they have attended Areyonga – No further updates available
- With water drying up around community, please be aware that Donkeys and other animals will be getting closer to the township

### Cemetery Management

- Cemetery will require maintenance (mowing, whipper snipping, etc.) prior to any funerals – This will be undertaken by the Civil Team.
- Regular rubbish pick-ups by civil team have begun and will include the cemetery area.

### Internal Road Maintenance

- Sand over roads in some areas of Areyonga Township – Civil Team are aware and have this clean up scheduled.
- ESO fortnightly reports indicate Airstrip is in good condition – Fence and gate are good, and grass height is acceptable, so no mowing or slashing is currently required.

### Maintenance of Parks and Open Spaces

- Civil Team is working hard to maintain the Parks and open spaces
- The grass of the parks are continuously being cut and due to rain are ready again for more maintenance
- The new shade trees are being watered every week
- New tables and Chairs are required in the parks

### Sports Grounds

- Oval is clean and tidy – May require weed control, but this has also been added to Civil team's schedule.
- Basketball court needs a tidy up – this has been added to the Civil team's schedule

### Waste Management

- Waste management facility requires maintenance around the gate – Civil team have noted this and will prioritise clean up as needed.
- The Areyonga compactor has been repaired and was delivered 13/01 – Rubbish collection to continue Mondays and Thursdays.
- Hard Rubbish collection has been quite successful – Community will be notified before we go out again with the tipper for collection.
- Community is being reminded to try and keep the bins on the holders to prevent animals from spreading rubbish around community.

### Weed Control and Fire Hazard Reduction

- Weed control in Areyonga is okay even with all the rain.
- Fire breaks around community and facilities are still good - Civil will be assessing these in the coming weeks.

### Other Council Services Updates

- MRC Areyonga have a list that will be updated regularly with our community priorities on it. This will be posted on the noticeboard at the front of the council office and the Community Store to show community what we are doing and what we are planning to do for the coming week. Community members reaction to this information being posted has been very positive. Community members are welcome to come in and yarn about the list!

### Projects update

- Tranche 2 Grant project for Community Laundry Facility is still in project plan stages. Exact location and responsible partner has not been identified yet. Quotes and designs received and will display at meeting.



**This Week, Civil Works Team will be doing:**

- Mon – Rubbish (Put your Bin out!)
- Tues & Wed – Mowing and Whipper Snipping
- Thurs – Rubbish AND Hard Rubbish!
- Friday – Funeral (Office Closed)

If you want to talk about anything around Community, come in and have a Yarn!

**10. COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, 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:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Aged Care, Children's Services and Youth Services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the 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 Reports.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Manager of Community Safety  
Manager of Youth Services  
Manager of Aged Care  
Manager of Children's Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Children's Services Snapshot
- 2 Community Safety Snapshot
- 3 Aged and Disability Services Snapshot
- 4 Youth Services Snapshot



# Local Authority MacKids Areyonga

01/11/2024 - 13/12/2024



**5 Employees**  
**80 % First Nation**



**16 Enrolments**  
**4 Av. attendance daily**



### Training

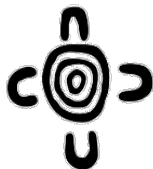
1 Team Leader & 1 Educator working towards Cert III in Early Education and care



**Service Delivery**  
**128 Hours**



**63 Meals served**



**Vacancies**  
**1 Educator**



**Support**  
**15 hours**



### Stakeholder Engagement

Tjowampa  
\* ECA (inclusion support)  
Trades (electrical & pest control)  
Congress Health Clinic  
Dept of Education  
\* NTG CCCFR project

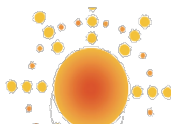
• ECA - Early Childhood Australia  
• NTG CCCFR - Northern Territory Government Community ChildCare Fund Restricted

### Key Challenges



- Centre closures for 3 days due to flood at the Centres verandah in November
- Road closures due to bad weather

### Highlights



- *Increased of enrolments*
- *Successful Christmas party celebration*



# Local Authority MacKids Areyonga



01/11/2024 - 13/12/2024



Educator showed children how to paint using coloured ice



Teaching children how to brush the teeth



Educator reads a story to Richard.



Educators making art with toys



Ali and Sonia counting together



# Local Authority Report

## Areyonga MacSafe Community Safety

November 2024 - January 2025



- 6 staff in the Areyonga team
- No vacancies at present
- 100% Community-based Employees are Aboriginal
- 311 Hours patrolled
- 941 Hours worked
- Work: 5-6 hour shifts Mon-Fri
- Between 5.00pm - Midnight



794 Engagements with young people



631 Engagements with over 18's



4 Young people taken home



6 Training Hours



87 Are you okay? Checks



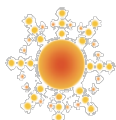
0 Community gatherings

### Challenges



- The MacSafe Coordinator for Areyonga was vacant from September - November while the role was advertised and filled.
- During the absence of a Coordinator the Team did not have as much training and support. as been more difficult supporting the Program.
- Staff absence due to other commitments puts strain on the service delivery in Utju.

### Highlights



- MacSafe Coordinator changes have occurred, Yarran Cavalier supported the team until New Coordinator - Rajnil Kumar was appointed.
- MacSafe Team Leader Wilbur Poulson continues to work effectively as the team leader and he supports the other team members when required.
- The Yarning Circle continues to offer community members a safe place to Yarn.



# Local Authority Report Aged and Disability Areyonga October - December 24



4 Staff in the Areyonga team  
100% Community-based Employees are  
Aboriginal  
1 Vacant position - Home Care Assistant



Stakeholders' engagement  
1 Clinical Meeting with Councils new CSE  
1 School Nutrition Program meeting with  
school principal.



Transport provided:  
81 trips



Activities delivered:  
2 Group activities



Personal support provided  
Toilet assistance - 21  
Laundry loads - 71



Client numbers:  
CHSP - 8  
NATSI - 4



Training:  
Food & Safety Training for all  
staff - expected completion  
End of Jan 25



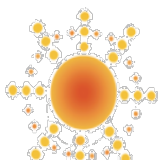
Meals  
Breakfast & lunches - 1647  
Hampers - 116  
School meals - 6828

## Challenges



We faced inclement weather during these months which led to a negative impact on some of our services.

## Highlights



In December we saw clients participating in our MacCare Christmas party which was enjoyed by all who attended.



**Areyonga MacCare Christmas Party 2024**





# Local Authority Youth Services



## Areyonga Oct 24 - Dec 24



**Employees**  
5 staff  
100% Aboriginal



**Activities**  
111 activities  
270 hours



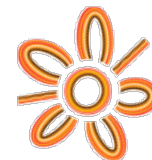
**Engagements**  
88 Participants  
608 Engagements



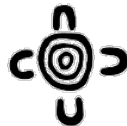
**Bush Trip**  
1



**School Support**  
6



**Training**  
2 Staff training  
1 info session  
2 tool box talk



**Youth Board**  
0



**Sport**  
23



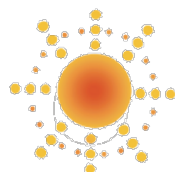
**Youth Safety**  
2 Kids  
meeting

### Challenges



- New App - recording and reporting issues
- multiple position unfilled
- Weather issues and inconsistent staff

### Highlights



- Rec Hall Paint (Unity students and Areyonga Youths volunteered in painting the Rec Hall in Areyonga)
- Elders Program
- School Holiday Program



1. Unity students and Areyonga youths

2. Disco Night

3. James Range Band Fellas



**11. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Income and Expenditure Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, 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 expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2024 in the Areyonga Local Authority community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 31st December 2024.**

**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 the receipt of the funding otherwise failure to do so may result in the Department withholding any future payments of Local Authority Project Funding or request unspent funding to be repaid.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team  
Management Team

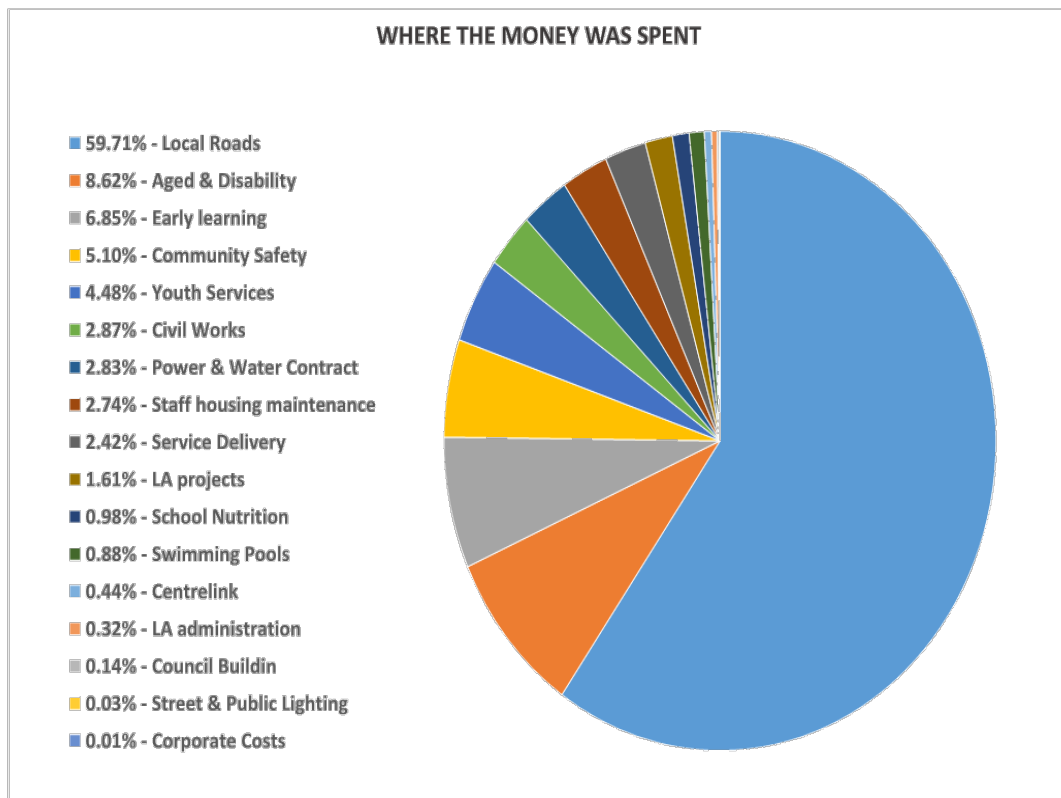
**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Statement of income and expenditure

MacDonnell Regional Council  
Statement of Income & Expenditure  
as at 31 December 2024

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Description	Year to Date					Comments
	Actual \$	Committed \$	Actual + Committed \$	Budget \$	Variance \$	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Employee costs	504,660	0	504,660	678,878	174,217	Underspend across Council Services, Youth and Early Learning functions - overspend on Aged Care by \$32k
Materials & Contracts	1,391,945	94,736	1,486,680	877,844	(608,836)	Overspend for Minor Assets by \$20k install cameras staff housing, Contract roads by \$511k for Areyonga Access Road reinstatement, Contract electrician by \$22k as no budget for streetlight globe replacement
Operating lease and information technology	13,275	0	13,275	25,148	11,873	Variance due to underspend on building leases
Other Expenses	85,858	691	86,549	95,859	9,310	No significant budget variances across all functions
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,995,738</b>	<b>95,426</b>	<b>2,091,165</b>	<b>1,677,729</b>	<b>(413,436)</b>	
LA admin and project expenditure	38,471	2,194	40,665	69,143	28,478	Underspend on community infrastructure by \$29k



**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	12.1
<b>TITLE</b>	General Council Business
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, 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 purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss matters of General Council Business.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority raises and discusses any matters of general Council business.**

**BACKGROUND**

Ongoing matters raised in General Council Business in previous meetings.

Date raised	Action	Detail
21-Nov-24	Grading road at turnoff	Res.074 Members advised that the community road at the turnoff needed grading.
31-Jan-25	<b>Response</b>	Jake Potter – Manager Transport and Infrastructure – MRC - advised that maintenance grading in Areyonga is planned for April 2025.

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Areyonga Local Authority and the community.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**13. NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	13.1
<b>TITLE</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>REFERENCE</b>	-
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shae Thompson, 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:**

A representative provides necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

In this section the members have the opportunity to raise matters of Non-Council Business for discussion.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes and discusses any matters raised of Non-Council Business.**

**BACKGROUND**

Ongoing matters of Non-Council business raised in previous meetings

Date raised	Action	Detail
12-Jun-24		Res.040 - Invite NT Housing to discuss ongoing maintenance issues within community houses.
12-Sep-24	Housing Issues	<b>Response from CEO</b> - The CEO has written to DIPL and Territory Families, inviting Senior Management to attend a Local Authority meeting.
21-Nov-24		Res.074 Members request information on the status of the house on the Hill [Lot 52] – It is currently vacant and fenced off .
21-Nov-2024		Res.074 Members request that a NTG representative advise on maintenance issues not being attended to in the community houses.
21-Nov-2024	Dog Bites	Res.074 Members request that the police be advised of dogs attacking and biting kids residents.
21-Nov-24	Mareenie Loop road	Res.074 Members request information on any further works that will be undertaken on the Mareenie Loop road.
21-Nov-24	Alternate water sources	Res.074 Members request information on alternate water sources for the community

**ISSUES, CONSEQUENCES, OPTIONS**

NIL

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NIL

**CONSULTATION**

Areyonga Local Authority

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.