

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

AGENDA

THURSDAY, 28 JULY 2022



Notice is hereby given that a Local Authority Meeting of the West Arnhem Regional Council will be held in Council Chambers, Gunbalanya on Thursday, 28 July 2022 at 10:00 am.

Daniel Findley Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda Reference: 1.1

Title: Presentation - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Survey

File Reference: 1026496

Author: Doreen Alusa, Governance and Risk Advisor

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Gunbalanya Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by representatives of various entities and organisations.

BACKGROUND

At various times, presentations are made so that issues relating to the Gunbalanya community can be raised and information shared.

COMMENT

Today's meeting will include a presentation about a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSIHS) scheduled to commence in Gunbalanya from 28 August 2022. The purpose of the survey is to produce data that identifies the current health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Information produced will be used to develop or refresh policies that impact on the lives of Indigenous Australians, such as Closing the Gap. In addition, and more importantly, communities (or community service providers) can use the information to tailor programs to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to live healthier lives. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will conduct the survey, and a representative from the organization will be in attendance at today's meeting to talk about the survey.

Please see the attached factsheet for additional information.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The presentation will provide community members with information that is aligned to pillars 1, 3 and 6 as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget 2022-2023*.

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Community Engagement

Goal 1.1

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life

PILLAR 3 SAFETY AND WELLBEING

As an 'Employer of Choice', we provide and promote a positive culture of safety, inclusion and respect. Our people are skilled, informed and have opportunities to grow and develop within our organisation. Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs.

Goal 3.2

Health and Safety

Staff and public safety is achieved via planning, education and training

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3

Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Gunbalanya Local Authority notes the presentation.

ATTACHMENTS

1 NATSIHS 2021 Factsheet.pdf



Our Story.
Our Future.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey

Users and Uses

What is the NATSIHS?

The survey collects information about the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Focuses on health conditions, lifestyle factors, health service use, social and emotional wellbeing, and physical measurements

Includes people of all ages living in non-remote and remote areas





Why collect this information?

- To learn more about the treatment and prevention of chronic disease in order to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities now and in the future
- · Understand the links between lifestyle behaviours, health and disease
- · Monitor changes in health outcomes and disease prevalence over time
- Support the development of health and wellbeing programs, services and policies.





Who uses this information?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community organisations, and service providers
- · National health industry and professional organisations
- Health and social researchers
- Government departments and agencies





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2018-19

Key findings from NATSIHS 2018-19

Top 5 health conditions experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



37.8% Eye/Sight problems



24.2% Mental and behavioural conditions



13.7% Ear/Hearing problems



12.6% Back problems



15.7% Asthma



45% of people aged 15+ considered themselves to be in excellent or very good health, up from 39% in 2012-13



More people reported excellent or very good health



Almost 7 in 10 (69%) children aged 2 to 14 years met the guidelines for the recommended number of serves of fruit each day



Children are eating their fruit



Fewer people are smoking



37% of people aged 15+ were daily smokers, down from 41% in 2012-13



More than half (57%) of children aged 2 to 17 years had seen a dentist or dental professional in the last 12 months



People are using health services



A majority of people (86%) had seen a general practitioner (GP) or specialist in the last 12 months.

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Agenda Reference: 1.2

Title: Presentation - Alcohol and Other Drugs

File Reference: 1026575

Author: Doreen Alusa, Governance and Risk Advisor

SUMMARY

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COMMENT

Leon James, a counsellor with expertise in alcohol and other drugs will make a presentation at today's meeting.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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