

MAPOON LOCAL DECISION MAKING GROUP



CHAIR: MAYOR AILEEN ADDO, CR DAWN BRAUN, RICKY GUIVARRA AND PAULINE SMITH. ABSENT: JERRY BURKE & AILSA LING

ABOUT THE LOCAL DECISION-MAKING GROUP:

THE LOCAL DECISION-MAKING GROUP IS AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THIS GROUP IS TO SERVE AS A CHANNEL FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS, ENSURING THAT THE SERVICES DELIVERED ALIGN WITH THE NEEDS AND BEST INTERESTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.



INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCAL DECISION MAKING GROUP

The Local Decision Making Group was established in 2021. Expression of Interest (EOI) processes were conducted for community members to apply for positions within the group.

The Council is responsible for electing members to the local decision-making group.

Members Ricky Guivarra, Ailsa Ling, Pauline Smith, Jerry Burke and Kiri Tabuai.

Later in 2021 Kiri resigned as a member and Diane Ludwick was elected.

These members contributed into the planning and governance of the LDMG.

The LDMG agenda items are follows: Housing, Community Safety Plan, Education, Health, Law & Order & Economic Development.

Since 2021, the group have been able to gain funding for the following:

- Social Reinvestment
- Implementation of the Community Safety Plan
- Service Delivery & Enhance Community Safety & Well being
- LTC Coordinator

Social Reinvestment – This funding supported the Deadly Youth Leadership Program. Which is delivered on school holidays. Mapoon Council delivered a camp in September 2022, which included activities such as Leadership, outdoor activities, team building, arts and craft and elder yarn sessions. LDMG received an Expression of Interest from a local business Out n About to deliver activities during the school holidays which included cultural activities, team building, arts and craft and many more. LDMG granted the EOI and have been working with Out n About to deliver the program.

Implementation of Community Safety Plan – This funding was to support the LDMG to implementation of the Community Safety Plan.

Service Delivery & Enhance Community Safety & Well being – This funding is supporting the Community Safety Plan.

The funds are to help support the following:

- Increasing community engagement
- Building community capacity
- Improving cultural safety
- Facilitating informed decision making

These funds also supported the events held in Mapoon community 2023 such as NAIDOC, Mapoon Barra Bash & Paanja 60th Anniversary etc.



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Local Thriving Communities Coordinator - This funding is for a position within Mapoon Council to help support the operations of the Local Decision Making Group which includes governance and administration duties. This position was advertised on many occasions but no successful applicant. The Executive Manager - Community Development has taken on the responsibilities of this position although Mapoon Council are looking for a LTC Assistant in the new year.

Mapoon are one of the first Local Decision Making Groups to start and have been a role model to other communities. The LDMG have had visits from Napranum and Northern Peninsula Area to see how we operate and get an idea. The NPA LDMG invited the Mapoon LDMG to NPA after visiting Mapoon to see how they are travelling which was a success.

UPDATES

HOUSING

LDMG have been working with department of housing trying to improve many issues raised by community. Some of the issues raised such as allocations, maintenance and repairs, renovations and communication. This is a working progress.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

LDMG have updated Mapoon's community safety plan. As per funding from DTATSIPCA- local thriving communities focus is alcohol management. although the group identified other areas that is needing focus such as drug use, firearms, watercraft safety and many more. Which the board works with stakeholders servicing community to support.



UPDATES

HEALTH

The LDMG have raised the concern about services and issues that have been affecting the community. The group and the health departments have been in discussions about improving service delivery in Mapoon.

This also includes outreach teams and services such as RFDS, Weipa Community Care and more.

EDUCATION

LDMG have raised many concerns regarding education. the LDMG participates in the local community education board in a co-pilot program to improve the best outcomes for Mapoon. The objectives are to:

1. Increase the proportion of ATSI students achieving a c or above in English & mathematics
2. reduce the number of ATSI students receiving multiple school disciplinary absences
3. increase retention of ATSI students from year 10 - 12
4. improve the proportion of educators who strongly agree they are confident in embedding cultural perspectives
5. improve the attendance of ATSI students
6. increase the level of successful year 12 completion and attainment of ATSI students and
7. Increase the proportion of ATSI students transitioning into a meaningful pathway post school

The board works with the Western Cape College. The board have discussed the issues in Mapoon school but also the children that go to high school. The outcomes of these have now been put to action and have finalised some funds to support the operations of Mapoon state school. Some of these include the following:

- School community engagement events calendar
- Culture and community centered curriculum
- Transition support officer
- Communication and community engagement activities - Coordinator and Cultural Awareness for teachers
- Youth support worker and professional development for local staff
- School bus - timeframe est date January 2024



LAW & ORDER

LDMG have raised many concerns regarding Law and Order. Queensland Police Service has been consulting with the LDMG regularly. LDMG raised the concerns about increasing the police presence and advocating to have a sworn police officer based in Mapoon. When needing information the QPS have been supportive with providing information to support any crime activity happening in the community to improve the safety of the community. Regular overnight visits will continue into the new year.

LDMG have raised that a lot of crimes aren't been reported due to the distance of getting assistance but also no safe hub available to go too. This is an ongoing issue and will keep advocating to get more support from other agencies.

LDMG have also been working with the local Justice Group on how the group can support the local justice group. Although 2023 crime rates especially youth have reduced.

LDMG have raised the concerns about drugs and how this effects the youth and community. The group have come up with educational information about the recently findings of Cannabis laced with Crystal methamphetamine, which will be provided to community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development is a very important agenda item as the focus is to support local people in developing their own business, and empowering the community. Mapoon Council and LDMG aim to encourage by getting Many Rivers in the community and providing any information to support the young business grow.

Mapoon Council provides an update about future works in the community which lead to many opportunities for local business. If community members are interested in starting a business please contact Kiri Tabuai Executive Manager - Community Development for more info.



Expression Of Interest

Anyone Interested in becoming a Local Decision Making Group Member?

How do you apply? Send a copy of your resume and a Letter of Interest to the CEO Tom Smith or drop it off at the Mapoon Council.

CEO@mapoon.qld.gov.au or 0459 878 698

Applications close on 8th January 2024

2024 MEETING DATES

13th February

5th March

9th April

14th May

11th June

9th July

13th August

10th September

8th October

12th November

10th December

