



Aurukun Community Safety Plan

November 2013 – December 2014

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The Aurukun Community Safety Plan outlines how we will build on the strength, pride, beauty and richness of our unique and ancient people, values, lore, customs and culture and maximizes opportunities for local social, cultural, recreational, educational and economic growth and development.

The Aurukun Community Safety Plan will link to and complement existing community plans including the Aurukun Accord.

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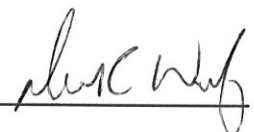
As well as other things, harm reduction targets will tell us if our community is safer.

There are things that will tell us if our community is safer:

- The cost to insure Aurukun Shire Council assets.
- School attendance.
- Number of our community members in correctional centres or youth detention centres; and
- Number of offences being committed.

Signatures

The Aurukun Community Safety Plan was ratified by the Aurukun Shire Council at the Council meeting on 20/11 /2013.

Signed:  20/11/2013

Councillor Derek Walpo

Mayor - Aurukun Shire Council

Forward—Mayors Message

Community Vision

Historical Overview

The name Aurukun comes from the Wik for a delicate aquatic plant (like algae) found in the swamps surrounding the town.

Located approximately 820km northwest of Cairns via the Peninsular Development Road Aurukun is located at the junction of three rivers – the Ward, Watson and Archer.

From the 2011 census the population of Aurukun is 1294. Of these there are 50 to 60 families divided into five major clan groups. They are, from traditional areas north to south of town: Sara, Winchanum, Apalech, Putch, Wanam.

There were 19 languages spoken throughout the Aurukun region of Cape York. It is not unusual for the people of Aurukun to be proficient in 3-5 of them. The main languages spoken are;

Northern languages: Alngithiiy, Linngithiiy, Wik-Ayangencha, Wik-Ompomah

Central languages: Wik-Mungkan, Wik-Ngathan, Wik-Ngatharr, Wik-Ep, Wik-Ilyanh, Wik-Me'an, Wik-Keyang'an, Wik-Thuum'a, Wik-Alkan

Southern languages: Kugu-Mumin, Kugu-Uwbanh, Kugu-Uwanh

Eastern languages: Kaandju, Mungkan, Orakal

The distribution of the families throughout the town is based on historical family holdings, which have been in place since the mission days...this has led to a branding of families as either 'top end' or 'bottom end' and it is along these lines that troubles often occur.

Recent history

Aurukun Mission was established in 1904 with the reserve being managed under the provision of the Queensland Aborigines Act by the Presbyterian Church. Aboriginal people were relocated from a large surrounding area, many against their will, to the mission settlement. Today's township is on the site of the original mission.

The Local Government (Aboriginal Lands) Act came into force on 22 May 1978. This Act constituted the Aurukun Shire Council and granted to it Aboriginal Land Lease No. 1. This lease includes a substantial part, but not all, of the original Aboriginal Reserve and the traditional lands of the aboriginal people living in Aurukun.

Aurukun Shire Council consists of a Mayor and four Councillors.

Mayor	Cr Dereck Walpo.
Deputy Mayor	Cr Angus Kerindun
Councillors	Cr Vera Koomeeta
	Cr Ada Wolla
	Cr Edgar Kerindun

Under the terms of the lease, Aurukun Shire Council is trustee for the land within the Shire boundaries, excluding Crown Reserves.

During the 1980's and 1990's, a lot of people lived on outstations – this changed when the tavern opened and many people moved back in. There were a few community members who enjoyed social drinking, but there were a lot of fights.

Aurukun has received a lot of bad press over the years for a variety of incidents. This is till something that happens today, where for instance a small street fight is reported elsewhere as a major riot.

There was a phase where Aurukun was a rocky place to be... this is slowly changing for the better.

Part of the reason for the improvements is the introduction of the Alcohol Management Plan in 2002 and the closure of the Three Rivers Tavern in 2008.

Aurukun is a Welfare Reform and a Remote Service Delivery community so there are a lot of resources being allocated to help Aurukun re-adjust, and to bring about generational change for the good of Aurukun's children.

What is changing in Aurukun?

- Infrastructure – more services able to be provided and better standard of living
- Housing – tackling overcrowding and homelessness
- Programs – working on the mental, spiritual and emotional health of the community
- Sports – working on the physical and social health of the community
- Community Police – empowering the community to be involved in the safety of Aurukun
- Education – providing the next generation with opportunities to stay in Aurukun or explore the world as if they lived in a any mainstream community
- Employment – infrastructure investment providing opportunities to participate in the real economy and provide for families and self

How we will monitor this plan

The Community Safety Plan including the Action Plan will be monitored by the Community Safety Committee (CSC) who will meet monthly. The Community Safety Committee will comprise;

- The Mayor
- The Officer in Charge-Aurukun Police Station
- Family Responsibilities Commission
- The Director of Nursing –Aurukun Hospital
- The principal—Western Cape College, Aurukun
- The Aurukun Government Coordination Officer
- The Justice Group Coordinator

The Aurukun Government Coordination Officer will provide secretariat to the CSC.

Actions taken under the Plan will be reported in the community newsletter, which is distributed in the community.

As part of the annual refresh of the Aurukun Accord a formal report against the actions in the Aurukun Community Safety Plan will also be developed and made available at the Council Office.

Action Plan to improve community safety in Aurukun community

INITIATIVE	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSIBILITIES	TIMEFRAME	MEASURES OF SUCCESS
Community Police Officers	The Aurukun Community Police (ACP) are trained and equipped to effectively fulfil their role. Suitable mentors are in place to support them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aurukun Shire Council (ASC) QPS JAG Regional Operations Centre (ROC) RFS SES EMQ VMR 	ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of community police training. Completion of security officer training cert2. Completion of Authorized officer training. Completion of SES, VMR, RFS EMQ training.
	Through the ACP the community supports the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and takes responsibility for community safety in Aurukun. ACP takes on the role of an emergency response team			
	Development of a By-Laws Education and Implementation package which will be delivered by the ACP		August 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of effective Community Laws (By-laws).
	A targeted approach to security lighting is undertaken around hot spots for vandalism such as the Council building, Library, Clinic, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASC, Ergon Energy QPS 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vandal free street lighting is installed and functioning. Improved lighting and signage is installed at the boat ramp and other priority locations
Actions to Address Community Unrest	Needs analysis of requirement for mediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASC QPS DATSIMA ROC FRC JAG 	December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment completed.
	Training and capacity development for justice group members including mediation and JP training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAG Justice group 	September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice group members commence training. Justice group meets regularly. Attendance by members high. Promotional materials available
	Develop local promotional materials, activities and events to promote community safety.			
	Develop a robust community induction for all service providers entering Aurukun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROC ASC 	September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generic community induction developed. All new staff and service providers entering Aurukun are inducted. All new staff sign up on being inducted and a record of inductions kept.
	All non-residents entering Aurukun comply with laws regarding entry into the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASC GCO/ROC 	October 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage installed at airport and on access road. ASC website updated

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Sport and Recreation	Develop community sports and recreation plan.		December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the Aurukun Community Sports & Recreation Plan.
	Incorporate youth specific activities in the Community Sports and Recreation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASC • PCYC • ROC 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan developed. • Community police participate in development of the plan
	Indoor sports centre is open and providing after hour's programs.		Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular sporting activities held in the community. • Community police have blue cards. • Night time activities available in community
	Community police participating in youth activities			
Youth Strategy	Community Centre strengthened through activities and community use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJCP provider • ASC 	February 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre regularly utilised
	A forum is developed to give a voice to the young people of Aurukun to engage them in community safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCYC • CYAAA • ROC 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Youth forums held.
	Young people are able provide input into Council, government and community decision making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Justice • LAG • ROC 	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report provided to council. • Input from young people into community safety and other community matters.
	Investigate viability of developing programs to divert troubled youth into outstation based activities including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competency based training • Cultural activities • Access to services ATODS, WBC etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth justice • APN • ROC 	June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan developed.
Employment and Training	VET programs are available for students at school in Aurukun.		December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary trial camp complete
	Vocational activities for boarding school students are during school holidays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEEWR • DETE • CYAAA • EQ • RJCP • Western Cape College 	December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment strategy developed. • List of available community jobs developed.
	Develop a local employment strategy which includes a skills audit of potential employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEEWR • DATSIMA 	September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in school signed up to vocational courses.
			December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local employment strategy developed and implemented

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	within the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DETE • JSA/CDEP/RJCP provider 		
Community Communication Strategy	Ensure that the RIB is operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASC • CYAAA • CDEP/RJCP provider 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs broadcast. • Local content developed
	Provide training for local people in the maintenance of the facility and delivery of programs Regular broadcasts transmitted on local radio including local content providing a voice for the majority of the community who are not causing problems			
Harm Minimisation	Undertake Awareness Programs to better inform community residents of responsibilities, effects and support options on the consumption of alcohol and drug usage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QH • RFDS • DATSIMA 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in Harm caused by alcohol in the community. • Number of people engaging with Alcohol support services.
	Maximize effectiveness of ATODS worker			
	Develop strategies to work with parents and young people to develop better decision making skills at an early age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing Centres • RFDS • Health Services • FRC 	Ongoing	
	Conduct a Community review of the Alcohol Management Program (AMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASC • Relevant Stakeholders 	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community developed proposal to be submitted