West Arnhem Regional Council is tackling rubbish head on and the Territory Government is helping out through the Local Government Special Purpose Grants program.

The remote local government organisation has been granted $132,210 towards the purchase of a Hino 500 series ‘Combo’ Rubbish compactor for the community of Maningrida. The grant is 50 percent of the cost with the council contributing the other 50 percent.

“The Local Government Special Purpose Grants Program is for local governing bodies and other incorporated organisations providing local government services. The program assists in the delivery of key programs aimed at improving community infrastructure and local government service delivery outcomes,” Local Government and Community Services Minister Bess Price said.

“Local Government has a large role to play in maintaining and improving service delivery and we are pleased to be able to play a supportive role in this area.

“I congratulate West Arnhem Regional Council for their great work in their region.”

Local Member for Arafura Francis Kurrupuwu said the grant was well deserved.

“There are rubbish problems in Maningrida and it is great the Council is working on this,” Mr Kurrupuwu said.

“By funding the compactor 50/50 with the Territory Government the Council is showing they are using their funds wisely for a much deserved project. Their current compactor is well worn and costly to maintain so it’s great they are getting a new one.

“Tackling rubbish issues in any remote community is a positive step and restores community pride” Member for Arafura Francis Xavier Kuuupuwu said.

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