



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10.40AM

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE ACTING CHAIRPERSON**

**AML2026-01 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)**

**That members nominated Sharon Alice as Acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.**

**Minute Note:** All attendees observed a solemn minute of silence in support of the Stuart family.

**2 WELCOME**

The attendees were welcomed by acting chair Sharon Alice and quorum was achieved.

**3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Attendance, Apologies and Leave</b>

Local Authority Members

Member Lawrence Webb, Member Samantha Stuart, Member Sharon Alice and Member Henry Oliver.

Councillors

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Veronica Lynch and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Council Employees

Director of Council Services Keith Hassett, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety Libby Taylor, Area Manager Ken Satour, Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg, Council Services Coordinator Victor Morgan, Acting Council Services Coordinator Roselene Rankine, and Governance Coordinator Shae Millar.

Guests

Representatives from Central Land Council: Elke Wisemann and Shirlinda Elston who left the meeting at 11:05am after their presentation.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to acknowledge the attendance and to table, for the Authority’s record, any apologies received from Members for this meeting.

**AMLA2026-02 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Henry Oliver)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at the meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Rheikita Stuart and Councillor Andrew Davis; and
- c) recorded the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive Member absence, without notice of Paul Williams for this meeting.

**4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Membership of the Local Authority</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This purpose of this paper is to highlight the vacancies on the Local Authority (the Authority) and to apprise the Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

**AMLA2026-03 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Lawrence Webb)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) welcomed newly elected Councillor Matthew Palmer to the Local Authority;
- b) recommended that Paul Williams membership be revoked as he has been absent without notice from 2 consecutive meetings;
- c) decided not to elect a chairperson until more members are available;
- d) noted that there are now 2 vacancies on the Local Authority; and
- e) called for community nominations to remain open to fill these vacancies.

**5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report contains all of the details about the MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

Policy.

**AML2026-04 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides the minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 2 October 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

**AML2026-05 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the following Amoonguna Local Authority meetings as a true and correct record of the proceedings:**

- Amoonguna Local Authority meeting held 2 July 2025; and
- Amoonguna Local Authority meeting held 2 October 2025.

## **7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Acceptance of Agenda</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda papers are submitted for acceptance by the Members for this Local Authority Meeting.

**AML2026-06 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)**

**That the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, were received for consideration at this meeting.**

## **8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines the minimum standard of behaviour expected of the Local Authority in relation to declaring personal or family financial interest that may impact on the performance of their roles and ability to make objective decisions.

**AMLA2026-07 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Veronica Lynch)**

That the Local Authority Members:

- a) noted the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declared no conflicts of interest.

**9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Central Land Council 50th Anniversary Celebration</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Central Land Council would like to hold a community barbeque at Amoonguna in March or April 2026 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act [NT] 1976. During this event, CLC plan to unveil a plaque outside the hall marking its significance in land rights history. They will also be unveiling a sign nearby with images from early meetings, a quote from the first CLC chair Wenten Rubuntja and some text to provide context.

Representatives from CLC are attending the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting to gain feedback on the content of the plaque and the sign.

**AMLA2026-08 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the presentation from the Central Land Council representatives;
- b) supported the planned CLC BBQ in Amoonguna to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act with the proposed date 15<sup>th</sup> May;
- c) requested that the film 'No Final History' be played during the BBQ; and
- b) agreed to provide feedback on the placement and images on the commemorative sign that will be displayed at the hall in Amoonguna after consulting with families and Traditional Owners.

**10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Introduction to the Regional Plan</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Local Authority with the opportunity to contribute to the development of MacDonnell Regional Council's Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted when MRC develops its Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities of the residents of the region are represented in the plan.

**AMLA2026-09 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Samantha Stuart)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepted the presentation of excerpts from the previous MRC Regional Plan; and
- c) agreed to consider ideas to contribute to the 2026-27 Regional Plan through the CSC or at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Action Register</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as raised in previous meetings.

**AMLA2026-10 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) were advised that Council Services is working with Power and Water and an external provider on the top-up options for power cards in Amoonguna. It is expected that this will be up and running before the next Local Authority meeting; and
- b) kept this item open.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Authority Project Register</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Northern Territory Government (NTG) and invested in projects and development 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.

*At risk* funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and/or funds that have been allocated but remains unspent.

#### **AMLA2026-11 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Samantha Stuart)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledged that \$18,593.75 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) accepted the update on the current project '2102 New Playground Furniture'. The civil team will dismantle the current damaged playground furniture and then the PMO will organise the contractor to begin the installation;
- c) requested that the new playground be locked at night to prevent vandalism;
- d) received the \$750,000.00 estimate for the cost associated with installing a toilet, shower and laundry block from the PMO. This estimates is beyond the capacity of Local Authority Project funds;
- e) decided to add laundry, toilet and shower block and a water park to the community infrastructure plan;
- f) noted that there are \$35,093.75 unallocated funds; and
- g) decided to discuss new project ideas at the next meeting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Authority Discretionary Funds</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

#### **AMLA2026-12 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that no funds were allocated at the previous meeting;
- b) allocated the remaining balance of \$3,084.35 to cleaning and gardening equipment for each occupied house in Amoonguna to be organised by Council Services; and
- c) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

## **11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Council Services LAR</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer</b>

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

**AMLA2026-13 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Veronica Lynch)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Council Services report;
- b) noted that the animal management team will be visiting on the 23 February to run the animal care education program and carry out worming and flea control. Michelle Hayes would like a community member to assist with communication with residents; and
- c) were reminded that Council staff do not work inside the yards of community residences.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Community Services - Aged Care Services Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Aged Care Services.

**AMLA2026-14 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Henry Oliver)**

That the Local Authority

- a) noted and accepted the attached Aged Care Services report; and
- b) stated a preference for another male to be employed at Aged Care as there is currently only one male on the team. This would be advantageous in grounds maintenance.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Community Services - Youth and Community Safety Report</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety and Youth Services.

**AMLA2026-15 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Henry Oliver)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached Youth and Community Safety Services reports;
- b) requested the following be investigated for the Youth Program:
  - learner’s licence training;
  - hairdresser training;
  - purchasing music equipment;
  - running a music education program;
  - quotes be obtained for a snooker table; and
- c) raised the following Community Safety operational matters:
  - identified the clinic and nearby bus stop as a safety concern during Youth program closing times and requested Community Safety patrols at those times;

- raised that the Community Safety team would benefit from more female employees.

## **12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>General Council Business</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to discuss General Council Business items.

#### **AMLA2026-16 RESOLVED (Henry Oliver/Samantha Stuart)**

That the Local Authority raised that the waste facility is almost full and that there are some potholes that need to be filled. These matters will be attended to as operational matters.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Non-Council Business Items</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance</b>

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters relating to Non-Council Business.

#### **AMLA2026-17 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Henry Oliver)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that NTG have not provided an update regarding the state of disrepair of fences and gates in Amoonguna. There have been staff changes at NTG. The CSC will provide an updated audit to Governance so that this can again be raised with NTG;
- b) were informed that Minister Bill Yan's Office have advised that there is currently no funding for the football lights but that they will keep this project in mind for future funding opportunities. MRC will prioritise this project when future grants become available. Keith Hassett will reach out to CLC to see if they have funding that could be applied to this matter and closed this item; and
- c) requested that NTG look into the low water pressure experienced by all houses within the community.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 13 APRIL, 2026**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:33 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 22 January 2026 and were confirmed on the 13 April 2026.