



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.35AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON

AMLA2026-18 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That members nominated Henry Oliver as acting Chair of the Local Authority Meeting.

2 WELCOME

Henry Oliver welcomed the attendees to the meeting and Quorum was achieved.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 3.1 |
| TITLE: | Attendance, Apologies and Leave |

Local Authority Members

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

Councillors

Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Veronica Lynch and Councillor Matthew Palmer

Council Employees

Deputy CEO and Director Council Services Keith Hassett

Manager Commercial services Mark O'Bryan

Council Services Coordinator Amoonguna Roselene Rankin

Governance Coordinator Shae Millar

Via Teams: Project Management Officer Ryan Rosenberg

Guests

Shane Freney – Bill Yan’s Office

Adele McCorkindale and Donna Lemon – Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development - NTG

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.

AMLA2026-19 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member’s attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled apologies received from Member Sharon Alice, Member Rhekita Stuart, CEO Belinda Urquhart and President Roxanne Kenny for this meeting; and
- c) recorded no Member absences, without notice, from this meeting.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 4.1 |
| TITLE: | Membership of the Local Authority |
| AUTHOR: | Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance |

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).

AMLA2026-20 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) elected to wait for more members to be in attendance before choosing a chairperson for the next 12 months;
- b) noted that there are two vacancies on the Local Authority after Paul Williams’s membership was revoked due to 2 consecutive absences without notice; and
- c) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancies.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 5.1 |
| TITLE: | MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-21 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 6.1 |
| TITLE: | Confirmation of Previous Minutes |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 22 January 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

AMLA2026-22 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 22 January 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 7.1 |
| TITLE: | Acceptance of Agenda |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-23 RESOLVED (Veronica Lynch/Patrick Allen)

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

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 8.1 |
| TITLE: | Conflict of Interest |

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.

AMLA2026-24 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

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

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 9.1 |
| TITLE: | Census Engagement Team - ABS |
| AUTHOR: | Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Census Engagement Team are attending the Local Authority Meeting to introduce their staff, provide information about the Census, outline employment opportunities, gain community support for the Census and seek input regarding the best approach to ensure participation is maximised.

AMLA2026-25 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Census Engagement Team did not attend today's meeting;
- b) discussed the importance of the Census count for future funding for programs within the community; and
- c) were advised to attend the Tangentyere office for assistance applying for work with the Census team.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.1 |
| TITLE: | Introduction to the Regional Plan |
| AUTHOR: | Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance |

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 (MRC) Regional Plan.

It is important that Local Authorities are consulted during the development of the Regional Plan to ensure that the priorities and needs of residents across the region are accurately represented

AMLA2026-26 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority:

- a) recalled the information presented at the last meeting; and
- b) had no additional feedback for MacDonnell Regional Council on the development of the Regional Plan.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.2 |
| TITLE: | Action Register |
| AUTHOR: | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-27 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority notes the progress on the action items as follows:

a) Electricity Top Up Options

- That Council Services has been in communication with Power and Water and the third party provider.
- It is expected that this item will be resolved prior to the next meeting.
- The community will be informed through posters on the notice board and an update will be provided at the next meeting; and

b) Youth Services Ideas

- After Executive Manager Libby Taylor reached out to Drive Safe, she was informed that Drive Safe do not operate in Amoonguna as it is not considered a remote community.
- Youth services will investigate including music lessons in the school holiday program.
- Libby Taylor is still trying to contact Star.
- NTG representatives advised that community members should raise that they would like driver education with Tangentyere and that MRC Youth Services could approach MVR directly about requesting that Drive Safe provide the training as the Drive Safe program operates under MVR.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.3 |
| TITLE: | Local Authority Project Register |
| AUTHOR: | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |

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 LAMPF 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.

AMLA2026-28 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority:

- noted the Project funding acquittal and certification (attached) as at 30 June 2025;
- acknowledged that \$18,593.75 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- accepted the unallocated funds of \$68,893.75 includes the 2025/26 funding grant of \$33,800.00;
- noted the progress on their current project 2102 ‘New Playground’ that the PMO thanked the civil team for their work dismantling the old playground furniture and that the contractors are expected to begin installation of the new furniture within the next 2 weeks;
- created a new project ‘Solar Street Lights’ and allocated \$20,000.00 to buying as many lights as possible within this budget; and
- created a new project from the wish-list and action item ‘Pool Table for the Rec Hall’ and allocated \$3,000.00 to the purchase of a 7 foot pool table/air hockey table and a 7 foot pool table; and
- requested quotes for the wishlist items ‘Shade Structure at the Sorry Camp’ and ‘Water Trailer for the Sorry Camp’ with the additional specification that the water trailer is for the purpose of providing drinking water.

Minute Note: Keith Hassett is in contact with CLC regarding funding for lights for the football oval and will provide an update when information is available.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 10.4 |
| TITLE: | Local Authority Discretionary Funds |
| AUTHOR: | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |

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.

AMLA2026-29 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority:

- noted that the cleaning and gardening equipment has arrived and will be delivered to the houses in the next week;
- allocated the remaining funds of \$198.35 to Youth Services for a Youth activity; and
- acknowledged that funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 11.1 |
| TITLE: | Council Services Amoonguna LA Report |
| AUTHOR: | Ellen Fitzgerald, Senior Administration Officer |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-30 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the attached report; and
- b) were advised that the Civil team are waiting on uniforms and that Council Services are in the process of hiring an additional customer service officer and 2 new civil team members.
- c) were advised that Council Services and the Youth team are working with CLC to prepare the Rec Hall for the CLC BBQ; and
- d) requested that the Council Services Coordinator contact CLC to request that they organise portable toilets for the BBQ as the Rec Hall toilets will be insufficient for the event.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 11.2 |
| TITLE: | Youth and Community Safety Report |
| AUTHOR: | Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-31 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted Community Safety and Youth Services report; and
- b) were informed by Samantha Stuart about a trip for female youth from Amoonguna to Harts Range to attend the Dream Academy where the young women played football and interacted with WAFL players.

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 11.3 |
| TITLE: | Aged Care Report |
| AUTHOR: | Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-32 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Aged Care Services report.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 12.1 |
| TITLE: | General Council Business |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters of General Council Business.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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| ITEM NUMBER: | 13.1 |
| TITLE: | Non-Council Business Items |
| AUTHOR: | June Crabb, Coordinator Governance |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AMLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Matthew Palmer/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that previous matters ‘Fences and Gates’ and ‘Low Water Pressure’ have been referred to the Repairs and Maintenance team and the NTG representatives will provide an update at the next meeting;
- b) requested that Tangentyere be invited to the next Local Authority Meeting to discuss activities that community members would like to have run within the community including the driver’s education program discussed earlier in the meeting;
- c) members raised that many members of the community have recently received large bills from Power and water. This resulted from an emergency program enacted during the recent floods which allowed people to continue to use power after the power recharges had run out. This was done because the floods may have caused residents to be unable to travel to Alice Springs to pay for recharges for their power meters. These bills must be paid before residents can buy credit to turn their power back on. Members felt that people in the community were unprepared for these bills due to a lack of communication. Members requested that Power and Water be contacted to investigate if they can provide any support on this issue;
- d) Shane Freney from the office of Bill Yan advised that there is funding for emergency relief and that this funding could be used to resolve the issue of

the large power bills. He stated that this could be accessed by community members providing a proposal to Bill Yan's office and that this would be done as a community;

- e) Shane Freney proposed opening a bakery in the old store. It would include aboriginal employment, training and ownership. He advised that NT bakery has offered to help out with the training and that Marion Scrymgour will help out with the funding. He requested that members think about this and get back to him. After which, Shane would write up a proposal and present at the next meeting; and
- f) Shane Freney advised that Bill Yan is chasing up with CLC about funding for the football lights at the oval.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 9 JULY, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:00 pm.

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