



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared a provisional and opened at 10:57AM

**1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON**

**AMLA2025-001 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That members present nominated Sharon Alice as Acting Chair for this meeting.

**2 WELCOME**

**3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS /  
NOMINATIONS**

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Sharon Alice and Provisional Member Paul Williams

Councillors:

Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Ken Satour – A/Director Council Services, James Walsh – Project Manager and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests:

Melissa Hope – Community Development Officer, CLC

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Councillor Lisa Sharman and President Roxanne Kenny

Absentees:

Member Samantha Stuart, Member Rhekita Stuart, Member Teresa Alice, Member Lawrence Webb and Councillor Aloyiscois Hayes

### **3.3 Resignations**

Member Henry Oliver

### **3.4 Terminations**

**NIL**

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5.1 VACANCIES IN THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

It is noted that Henry Oliver's and Theresa Alice's memberships in the Local Authority were ratified at the Ordinary Council Meeting in December 2024.

#### **AMLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Patrick Allen)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:**

- a) acknowledged the resignation received from Henry Oliver;**
- b) accepted the nomination from Paul Williams as an interim member of the Authority;**
- c) noted that one vacancy still remains on the Local Authority; and**
- d) called for community nominations to fill this vacancy.**

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **AMLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Sharon Alice)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 was not resolved as this was a provisional meeting.**

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

### **6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

#### **AMLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, noted the that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**AMLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**AMLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

## **9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**AMLA2025-007 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Sharon Alice)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- a) noted the progress on the action items as reported in the previous minutes; and
- b) moved the action to the Projects wishlist.

### **9.2 REGIONAL PLANNING INCORPORATING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with MacDonnell Regional Council's (MRC) communities and directs how we will deliver our vision, mission and goals. The Regional Plan guides MRC staff to deliver on our mission to improve the lives of Council residents by delivering valued and relevant services.

The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff in the development of the 2025-26 Regional Plan in the consideration of the development of the community and planning in relation to the community's infrastructure.

**AMLA2025-008 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:

- provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;
- provided their priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure; and
- noted that the community infrastructure plans are plans for the future and

**will not go ahead until they can be prioritised and funded.**

### **9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER**

#### **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.

#### **AMLA2025-009 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Patrick Allen)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:**

- a) noted the Acquittal and Certification of the Amoonguna Local Authority Project funding as at 30 June 2024;**
- b) noted that \$22,878.41 are funds *at risk* of being returned to NTG;**
- c) noted the progress on their current projects as provided by the Project Management Office as follows:**
  - **Closed Project 2101 - Water Trailer for Sorry Camp, moving it to the wishlist and returning the funds of \$7,000.00 to unallocated;**
  - **Kept open Projects 2103 – Bin Trailers and 2104 – Stealth lighting for Sorry Camp shade structures.**
- a) discussed and determined the priority of the wishlist, adding the following items:**
  - **Pit toilet at the Sorry Camp, noting that the PMO office will source quotes; and**
  - **From the Action register – Build another Shade structure at the Sorry Camp.**

## **9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each financial year, MRC grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority.

The Local Authority decides how best to commit these funds that will benefit the Community and to improve Community development.

Discretionary Funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

**AMLA2025-010 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:**

- a) noted the 2024/2025 Discretionary funds allocation;**
- b) noted that these funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025; and**
- c) allocated the remaining funds of \$1,046.23 towards a Memorial Service.**

## **9.5 MRC POSITION VACANCIES REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**AMLA2025-011 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council and:**

- a) noted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Amoonguna;**
- b) questioned the validity regarding how many Community Safety positions were available; and**
- c) queried whether the Community Safety positions were for both men and women, only men or only women.**

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**AMLA2025-012 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, noted and accepted the attached Council Services Report.**

## **10.2 ROADS, FLEET & WASTE MANAGEMENT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management situation in the community of Amoonguna.

**AMLA2025-013 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Sharon Alice)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote noted and accepted the Roads, Fleet and Waste Management Report.**

## **10.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**AMLA2025-014 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Patrick Allen)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, made a recommendation to Council to:**

- a) note and accept the Community Services report; and**
- b) discussed ideas with the Youth Manager regarding programs that incorporate Cultural workshops as well as exchange programs through the school.**

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 January 2025 in the Amoonguna Local Authority community.

**AMLA2025-015 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at 31st January 2025.**

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **12.1 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss general Council Matters.

**AMLA2025-016 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Sharon Alice)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, did not raise any items of General Council Business for discussion.**

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

#### **13.1 GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A representative provides necessary updates regarding Northern Territory Government services.

Members are given the opportunity to raise and discuss general matters of Non-Council Business.

#### **AMLA2025-017 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Andrew Davis)**

**That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote:**

- a) noted and discussed the following Non-Council Business matters that will be followed up with the CEO and NTG Representative:**
  - Invite the Member for Namatjira – Bill Yan to speak with Members regarding housing**
  - Invite NT Police to speak with Members regarding kids riding motorbikes and to discuss Community Safety Meetings.**
  - Noted that the ALO was not a visible presence in the community.**

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL, 2025**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:43 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2025 and were confirmed at the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.