



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 9 JULY 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared a provisional meeting and opened at 10:35AM

1.1 NOMINATION FOR ACTING CHAIR

AML2026-35 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

That members by majority vote nominated Sharon Alice as the Acting Chair for this meeting.

2 WELCOME

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Member Lawrence Webb, Member Samantha Stuart, Member Sharon Alice and Member Rhekita Stuart

Councillors

Councillor Veronica Lynch

Council Employees

Libby Taylor – Executive Manager Youth and Community Services

Roselene Rankin – A/Council Services Coordinator

June Crabb – Governance Coordinator

Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Officer via Teams

Guests

Namal Rathnayaka – Tangentyere Representative

Donna Lemon and Adele (Dee) McCorkindale – DLGHCD Representatives

Apologies

Crs Matthew Palmer, Andrew Davis and Patrick Allen and Member Henry Oliver

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.

AML2026-36 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

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

- a) the Member's attendance at this meeting was noted;
- b) apologies received from Member Henry Oliver and Councillors Andrew Davis, Patrick Allen and Matthew Palmer were tabled for this meeting; and
- c) no Member absences, without notice, was recorded.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

ITEM NUMBER:	4.1
TITLE:	Local Authority Membership
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, 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).

AML2026-37 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Sharon Alice)

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

- a) noted the attendance at the previous meeting;
- b) noted that two vacancies are currently available on the Authority; and
- c) called for community nominations to open to fill the vacancies.

5 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

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.

AML2026-38 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Veronica Lynch)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, noted the Council Code of Conduct.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER:	6.1
TITLE:	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the minutes of the previous Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held 13 April 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

AML2026-39 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Veronica Lynch)

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

- a) note the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 April 2026 as read; and
- b) will approve the minutes as a true and correct record of the proceedings at the next meeting with full quorum.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ITEM NUMBER:	7.1
TITLE:	Acceptance of Agenda

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-40 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Rhekita Stuart)

That the agenda papers for this provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting as presented, was received for consideration at this meeting.

8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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.

AML2026-41 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

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

- a) the Conflict of Interest Policy was noted; and
- b) that members did not declare any conflicts of interest.

Minute Note: The Acting Chair agreed to vary the order of business to allow guest speakers to address the Authority before their departure from the meeting.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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.

AML2026-42 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Sharon Alice)

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

- a) **received no recent updates in relation to Power Bill relief, Funding for the Football Lights or the Old Store;**
- b) **noted that works is currently being undertaken within the Old Store; and**
- c) **noted that updates will again be requested from the Member for Namatjira's Office.**

AML2026-43 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Sharon Alice)

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority, by majority vote, accepted the update provided by the Tangentyere Representative:

a) Invite Tangentyere

The Representative advised that Tangentyere delivers employment support through their Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES) program. As part of its support activities, Tangentyere provides practical assistance to eligible participants to obtain a driver's licence, that helps to address barriers to employment.

Members were advised that the program primarily supports eligible Aboriginal job seekers. Individuals who are not participating in RAES may also be able to access driver licensing assistance when referred through Services Australia (Centrelink).

Assistance includes:

- Driver licence training and assistance, including preparation for and obtaining a learner licence.
- Support to navigate the licensing process, including obtaining required documentation and completing applications.
- Transport to licence-related appointments and training activities.
- Literacy and numeracy support to assist participants to prepare for the learner theory test.
- Employment readiness support, including case management, work-readiness activities, and connections to training and employment opportunities.
- Assistance with other employment requirements, such as obtaining police checks and Ochre Cards.

- b) **thanked the Representative from Tangentyere Council and closed this matter.**

Minute Note: The meeting achieved quorum with the arrival of Member Samantha Stuart at 10:56am

AML2026-44 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Rhekita Stuart)

That the Local Authority:

a) **noted the update provided by the Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development (DLGHCD) Representatives as follows:**

- **Fences and Gates**

An update has been requested from the Housing Property Services Team (HPS) who are currently undertaking a housing audit throughout Central Australia at this time.

- **Low Water Pressure**

As the tenants were not home during the Contractor's visit to Lots 69 and 117, the Representatives will request the Housing Property Services (HPS) Team to follow up on a return visit. Members were reminded that tenants must be home when Contractors inspect their property.

b) **acknowledged the new concerns raised at this meeting and provided responses to the Governance Team following the meeting:**

- **Replacement of house keys/lock sets**

The Tenancy Management manager has confirmed that the tenants are made aware of their responsibility for lost key replacement when they receive keys at the house handover and any keys that do need replacing are at the cost of the tenant. This also includes replacing the lock set.

- Members also advised that some community members had raised concerns that the manner in which locksmiths had communicated with them was not respectful or appropriate

- **Yard maintenance**

Internal yard maintenance is the responsibility of the house tenant. The tenant is aware that they need to maintain their own yard when they move into the house.

- **Aggressive dogs**

Members are advised to contact the NT Animal Welfare Branch regarding animal cruelty and neglect.

- **Contractors not signing in**

The Representatives will advise the Housing Property Services Team to ensure their Contractors sign in and out at the Amoonguna Council Office when attending work in community.

c) **Noted the matter raised after the departure of the DLGHCD Representatives:**

- Requested that the Department Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) assess the installation of a street light at the Amoonguna turnoff and highlighted that this matter had been raised in previous meetings.

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
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.

AML2026-45 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the progress on the action items to keep open Electricity Top Up options; and
- b) agreed to close the Youth Services action item as this matter had been addressed at the previous meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
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 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.

AML2026-46 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Sharon Alice)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that \$18,593.75 were funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted completion of Project 2102 – New Playground, closed the project and returned the underspend of \$17,000.00 to unallocated funds;

- c) accepted the progress on the projects as provided by the PMO Office and agreed to keep the following projects open:
 - 2107 – Solar Street Lights, noting that the Civil Team would install the lights where possible and a Contractor engaged if required;
 - 2108 – Pool table until the table arrives in community.
- d) noted that \$45,893.75 was available in unallocated funds prior to the closure of Project 2102;
- e) discussed the wishlist items and agreed to close BMX Track and Bike Rack, noting that Lights for the Oval, Pit Toilet at the Sorry Camp and Shade Structure for the Sorry Camp will remain;
- f) created a new project from the wishlist for a Water Trailer, for the purpose of providing drinking water, and allocated \$40,000.00

ITEM NUMBER:	10.3
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.

AML2026-47 RESOLVED (Rhekita Stuart/Lawrence Webb)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the spending of their 2025/26 Discretionary funds;
- b) accepted the allocation of \$4,000.00 for the 2026/2027 financial year;
- c) acknowledged that these funds must be spent with goods received by 30 June 2027; and
- d) agreed not to allocate funds at this meeting.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	Council Services LAR
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 Council Services.

AML2026-48 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Aged Care Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of Aged Care services in Amoonguna.

AML2026-49 RESOLVED (Sharon Alice/Rhekita Stuart)

That the Local Authority noted the Aged Care Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
TITLE:	Youth Services and Community Safety Report
AUTHOR:	Libby Taylor, Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

AML2026-50 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Samantha Stuart)

That the Local Authority noted Community Safety and Youth Services report.

12 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

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.

AML2026-51 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Rhekita Stuart)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted that the following matters would be assessed to determine whether they can be addressed operationally, alternatively, referred back to the Local Authority for consideration:
 - Clarify if Electric Whipper Snippers can be purchased for community to use, or if an alternative option may be available.
 - Chairs, tables and water dispenser for the Rec Hall.
 - Inspect and repair the new road to the landfill.
 - Assess the condition of the fence around the Basketball Court.
 - Install a timer for the lights at the Basketball Court to operate between 7pm – 9:30pm.
 - Assess the condition of the roof at the Rec Hall.

Minute Note: Item 13 – Non Council Business was moved to between item 8 and item 10

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER, 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:46 am.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.

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