



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:46AM

Minute Note: A mo,k

2 WELCOME

Roxanne Kenny – President MRC

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE

ITEM NUMBER:	3.1
TITLE:	Attendance, Apologies and Leave

Local Authority Members

Sarah Gallagher - Chairperson, Garnet Djana - Member, Hilda Bert - Member, Jonathan Doolan - Member and Joy Kunia – Member and Member Jacob Yarma

Councillors

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Stuart Miller – Area Manager, Ryan Rosenberg – PMO Office and June Crabb – Governance Coordinator (Minute Taker)

Guests

Dr Vishnu Khanal - Menzies School of Health Telehealth Project and Martin Chicaton – Oral Health

Raymond Walters and Nicki - Penangke Consultancy

Penieli Dovoivoi - Tjuwanpa Representative (left the meeting at 11:20am)

Deepika Mathur - Charles Darwin University Research Department

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.

ARLA2025-55 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tables apologies received from Councillor Peter Wilson for this meeting; and
- c) records no Member absent, without notice, for this meeting.

4 NOMINATIONS AND CURRENT 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 Local Authority of any legislative changes to appointments introduced in the Local Government Act 2019 (the Act).

ARLA2025-56 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jacob Yarma)

That the Local Authority;

- a) congratulates returning Councillor Abraham Poulson and welcomes newly elected Councillor Peter Wilson to the Authority;
- b) accepts the following appointments of Council;
 - o Roxanne Kenny as President
 - o Maryanne Malbunka as Deputy President;
- c) calls for community nominations to open to fill the one vacancy; and
- d) notes that memberships may be revoked if members are absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

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.

ARLA2025-57 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jacob Yarma)

That the Local Authority notes 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 Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 16 July 2025 to be approved by the Authority.

ARLA2025-58 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority confirms the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 16 July 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

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.

ARLA2025-59 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)

That the agenda papers for this Local Authority meeting as presented, be 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.

ARLA2025-60 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) that members declare any conflicts of interest.

9 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER:	9.1
TITLE:	Charles Darwin University - Disaster Waste Management Plan
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is seeking permission from members to collect data from community residents on a Disaster Waste Management project.

ARLA2025-61 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the presentation from the Representatives of Charles Darwin University; and
- b) gives consent by signing the ATSIRA form for the researchers to collect data in relation to a disaster waste management plan.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.2
TITLE:	ORVAC and Thrive Studies - Menzies School of Health
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an opportunity for the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research to provide a brief update on the ORVAC study led by Dr Bianca Middleton, and to introduce the THRIVE study, also led by Dr Bianca Middleton.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the information provided by the representative of the Menzies School of Health Research; and
- b) considers the request for MSHR staff to visit community to invite families to participate in the THRIVE study.

Minute Note: Representatives presenting the Thrive Study did not attend this meeting.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.3
TITLE:	Menzies School of Health Research - Telehealth Project
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Researchers are sharing the implementation research on the Telehealth Project conducted through the Clinic and how it has been working.

ARLA2025-62 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- a) accepts the information on the Digital Health Project shared by Menzies School of Health; and
- b) discusses and agrees on further development of the initiatives for Health using technology.

ITEM NUMBER:	9.4
TITLE:	Community Alcohol Planning Engagement
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from Penangke Cultural Consultants are attending the Local Authority meeting to begin a consultation process regarding Community Alcohol Planning.

ARLA2025-63 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the information provided by Penangke Cultural Consultants; and
- b) agrees to move forward with the consultation process.

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.

ARLA2025-64 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the updates to the actions to move the action – Invite CLC to Non-Council Business; and
- b) agrees to close completed actions as follows:
 - Invite Tjuwanpa, noting that the Representative had departed just before this report was discussed;
 - Invite Chansey Paech, noting that he has been invited to attend the first meeting of 2026;
 - Invite the Childcare Manager, noting that the members were pleased with the efforts of the Childcare Coordinator.

ITEM NUMBER:	10.2
TITLE:	Local Authority Project Register
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, 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.

ARLA2025-65 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority:

- a) acknowledges that \$45,976.51 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes the progress on their current projects as of 22 September 2025; as follows:
 - 2112 – Water Bubbler, noting that the bubbler is expected to be installed by December.
 - 2114 – Solar light at Entrance, noting that the contractor's expected installation timeframe is prior to December 2025.
 - 2261 – Community Healthy event, that it is still in the planning stages.
- c) notes completion and closes:
 - 2114 – Install a GFS 200 Solar light, returning \$3,500.00 to unallocated; and
 - 2260 – Waste Trailer, returning \$4,274.54 to unallocated.
- d) did not discuss the wishlist items;
- e) creates a new project – Maintenance and Registration of trailer, allocating \$3,500.00.

Minute Note: The PMO Office will investigate the feasibility of constructing a partial wall along one side of the basketball court to mitigate flooding during heavy rainfall.

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.

ARLA2025-66 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Abraham Poulson)

That the Local Authority:

- a) notes the spending of their Discretionary funds;
- b) accepts the thanks received from Principal Anton Devaratnam for the funds that were used to support school trips as part of the Caring For Country learning units this year;
- c) notes the top up to their 2026 funding allocation to cover the deductions from the previous financial year;
- d) discusses to allocate their available funds of \$4,000.00 at this meeting towards the purchase of music equipment, with members in agreement for Councillor Poulson to source the quote and pass onto Governance to raise the PO. Cr Poulson and Member Joy Kunia be responsible for the equipment; and
- e) acknowledges that all funds must be spent with goods received by the 30th June 2026.

11 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
TITLE:	MRC Position Vacancies Report
AUTHOR:	Shae Thompson, Coordinator Governance

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.

ARLA2025-67 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jacob Yarma)

That the Local Authority accepts the attached list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council in Areyonga as of 30th September 2025.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
TITLE:	Council Services LA Report
AUTHOR:	Ellen Fitzgerald, Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2025-68 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Yarma)

That the Local Authority of Areyonga notes and accepts the attached report,

ITEM NUMBER:	11.3
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.

ARLA2025-69 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Safety and Youth Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	11.4
TITLE:	Aged and Children's Services Report
AUTHOR:	Annaliza Rivera, Senior Administration Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2025-70 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority notes and accepts the Aged Care 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.

ARLA2025-71 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jonathan Doolan)

That members did not raise any matters for discussion.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	13.1
TITLE:	General Non-Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2025-72 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Local Authority did not raise any matters for further discussion.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 2026

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 12:30 pm.

This page and the preceding 8 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2025 and are UNCONFIRMED.