



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 10:30 AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:38AM

1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

ARLA2026-32 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Hilda Bert)

That members nominated Johnathan Doolan as 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 Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Joy Kunia and Member Jacob Yarma

Member Sarah Gallagher arrived at 10:43am and Member Garnet Djana arrived at 11:13am

Councillors

Via Teams from the Haasts Bluff Council Office Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees

Stuart Millar – Area Manager, Beatrice Ker – Coordinator Council Services, and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Via Teams: Libby Taylor – Executive Manager Youth and Community Safety and Ryan Rosenberg – Project Management Officer

Guests

Via Teams: Donna Lemon – Representative from Department Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Katharine O'Donoghue – Representative Member for Gwoja's Office, Sneha Sarfare and attending in person, Kusol De Silva – Representatives from Tjuwanpa

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted the Member's attendance at this meeting;
- b) tabled no apologies for this meeting as all members were present; and
- c) recorded no absences, without notice, for this meeting.

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

ARLA2026-33 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority;

- a) discussed and did not consider appointing a Chair for a 12-month term at this meeting;
- b) called for community nominations to remain open to fill the vacancy; and
- c) noted that a membership may be revoked if a member is 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.

ARLA2026-34 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jacob Yarma)

That the Local Authority 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 Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 2 June 2026 to be approved by the Authority.

ARLA2026-35 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority confirmed the unconfirmed minutes of the previous Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held 2 June 2026 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.

ARLA2026-36 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Sarah Gallagher)

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.

ARLA2026-37 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Sarah Gallagher)

That the Local Authority Meeting:

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

10 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	10.1
TITLE:	Non-Council Business
AUTHOR:	June Crabb, Coordinator Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to raise matters that concerns community as a whole; in relation to services provided by the Northern Territory Government and its external Stakeholders.

This may include:

- Roads outside of MRC's area
- Education
- NT Health
- NT Police
- Land Management
- Other Service Providers

Members are strongly encouraged to report individual housing issues directly to NT Housing by calling their toll-free line on 1800 104 076.

Local Authority discussions will focus on broader issues that affect the wider community.

ARLA2026-38 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **noted and discussed the new matters raised, and advised the following:**
 - Concerns were raised regarding prolonged delays in repairs and maintenance, with tenants reporting frustration about the lack of action and slow response times to requests.**
 - Difficulties were also raised regarding contacting the Department of Housing hotline, including challenges experienced by community members when responding to questions.**
 - The need for improved communication, culturally appropriate support and more timely action from NTG Housing was highlighted.**
- b) **noted the update to the current matters from the previous meeting with the following decisions made:**
 - **close Update on the RJED, RAES and licencing; and**
 - **kept all other matters open, with a request to re-issue the invitation to CLC for a face to face meeting with members**
- c) **were informed that the pest control rollout date is Thursday, 15 October 2026**

11 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM NUMBER:	11.1
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.

ARLA2026-39 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- acknowledged that \$19,557.83 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- noted the progress on their current projects as presented by the Project Management Office and kept open:**
 - **2112 – Water Bubbler until the bubbler is installed**
 - **2261 – Healthy Community event, noting that the date set for the event is Monday, 5th October 2026 with Costa and the Get Grubby team confirmed to attend.**
- closed completed project 2111 – Ride on mower as invoices have been received;**
- created a new project – Diesel Generator, allocating \$8,000.00**
- discussed the priority of wish-list items, and added the following:**
 - **A shade structure for the Sorry Camp**
 - **2 x Solar lights for the Sorry Camp**

ITEM NUMBER:	11.2
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.

ARLA2026-40 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority:

- a) received the 2026/27 funding allocation of \$4,000.00; and
- b) discussed to allocate these funds at this meeting as follows:
 - \$1,000.00 to a Christmas celebration
 - \$1,000.00 to a New Years celebration
 - \$1,000.00 to power cards to be distributed equally between houses occupied by tenants; and
 - \$1,000.00 towards a celebration for the kids graduation

12 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER:	12.1
TITLE:	2609 Council Services LAR
AUTHOR:	Prisca Mufambisi, Senior Admin Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-41 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Council Services report.

ITEM NUMBER:	12.2
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.

ARLA2026-42 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Jacob Yarma)

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

ITEM NUMBER:	12.3
TITLE:	Aged Care 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 and Children's Services

ARLA2026-43 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the Aged Care and Children's Services reports; and
- b) suggested that activities be planned for the Aged Care participants to keep their minds and bodies active.

Minute Note: Members advised that individuals not affiliated or connected with the Aged Care were seen entering the Centre and taking facility supplies without permission. This information will be reported to the Executive Manager of Aged Care.

13 GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NUMBER:	8.1
TITLE:	General Council Business

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ARLA2026-44 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Local Authority noted and discussed the road at the turn-off into community to inquire when it will be graded as it is rocky with heavy corrugations.

0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 2026**1 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:38 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 and are UNCONFIRMED.