



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10:52AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:52AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Sarah Gallagher (Chair)

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

Chair Sarah Gallagher, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Joy Kunia and Member Garnet Djana

Councillors:

Cr Selina Kulitja and Cr Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Ken Newman (Director Service Centre Delivery), Shae Thompson (Acting Council Service Coordinator), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe (Regional Manager, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Daphne Puntjina, Member Hilda Bert and President Roxanne Kenny

Note: Ken Newman, Director of Service Centre Delivery, spoke on behalf of President Roxanne Kenny who apologised to the Local Authority that she could not be there in person to offer her deepest condolences to Daphne, Sarah, Jonathan and to all present, the loss of a family member.

Absentees:

Nil

Attendance, Apologies and Absentee

ARLA2020-065 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the attendance, apologies and absentees of the meeting.

3.3 Resignations

Nil

3.4 Terminations

Nil

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As a result of the recent passing of Kumantjay Gallagher, a vacancy was created on the Areyonga Local Authority and a call for nominations was declared.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member is nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and (Council Policy) CP111 Local Authorities.

Upon the recommendation of the Local Authority, Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

ARLA2020-066 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the vacancy and to keep nominations in the community open for 28 days.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ARLA2020-067 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting note the Council Code of Conduct.

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ARLA2020-068 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 19 August 2020 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga Local Authority.

6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 That the papers circulated are received for consideration at the meeting.

6.1 Acceptance of the Agenda

ARLA2020-069 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority received the papers circulated for consideration at the meeting.

- 6.2 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business.

6.2 Notification of General Business Items

ARLA2020-070 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority provided the following notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business:

1. Roads.
2. Feral Animals.

- 6.3 That members provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items

ARLA2020-071 RESOLVED(Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority members provided no notification of matters to be raised in Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2020-072 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting:

- a) Noted the Conflict of Interest policy; and
- b) Accepted the audio version played in language

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2020-073 RESOLVED(Selina Kulitja/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

Note: The meeting of Areyonga Local Authority accepted the impromptu deputation from Member Joy Kunia on behalf of the Department of Health.

NT HEALTH - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Member Joy Kunia spoke with the Local Authority to gauge the interest of the community in building temporary wash stations through the CDP Program to aid in the prevention of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.

ARLA2020-074 RESOLVED(Marlene Abbott/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority made a recommendation to note the following comments and feedback:

1. The Areyonga Community would like to have the 1000L wash stations in their community.
2. The Local Authority specified that the wash stations be placed at the Community Store, the Church, the School, the Clinic, MRC Office,

- Recreation Hall and the Aged Care facility.
3. The Community was happy to have the signage/artwork developed by the local artists.
 4. Department of Health to approach Tjuwanpa to encourage and oversee their clients of Areyonga, in starting the project.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a **total un-committed balance of \$32,575.10** to allocate in their community. \$1,875.10 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021. \$30,700.00 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

ARLA2020-075 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the progress of their projects and close completed projects;**
- b) **Kept open Project 2151 – Toilet block;**
- c) **Kept open Project 2154 – Shade shelter and water tank at men’s area;**
- d) **Kept open Project 2158 – Trees at football over;**
- e) **Kept open Project 2155 – Install shade shelter and water tank at Football oval;**
- f) **Kept open Project 2156 – Shade shelter over playground;**
- g) **Kept open Project 2157 – Youth Board project;**
- h) **Requested that Council Services Coordinator seek quotations on repairing the steps of the playground; and**
- i) **Create a new project named ‘Solar Lights’, commit \$20,000.00 and request that Council Services Coordinator seek quotations for 3 (three) Solar lights with sites to be determined at the next Local Authority meeting.**

9.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community 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.*

An important strategy in the Regional Plan asks each Local Authority to guide the input into their Community Infrastructure Plan to meet a 2020-21 Regional Plan objective that MRC’s infrastructure meets community needs.

ARLA2020-076 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) **Provided feedback towards the Areyonga Infrastructure Plan.**

9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is granted \$4,000 from the Council every new financial year to spend on enhancing the community and decide how to spend this money to best benefit everybody. This money cannot be carried over from year to year and it must be spent (with goods received) between 1 July and 30 June.

ARLA2020-077 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds**

ARLA2020-078 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)

- b) **Made an amendment to the commitment of \$4,000.00 for the Christmas BBQ to include Christmas Presents and Power Cards for the community.**

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Regional Plan is developed every year after consultation with the MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) community 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 to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

ARLA2020-079 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) **Provided guidance and supported MRC staff in meeting the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan.**

9.5 CANCELLATION OF ABS CENSUS TEST IN AREYONGA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) had received approval from the Areyonga Local Authority at their last meeting to run a Census Operational Readiness Exercise in Areyonga in preparation for the Census 2021.

The ABS are unable to proceed with the test. Please see attached correspondence from the ABS.

ARLA2020-080 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the report.

Meeting stopped for break at 12:30pm.

Meeting resumed at 1:08pm.

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Areyonga across the area of Local Government Service Delivery.

ARLA2020-081 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the attached report prepared by CT Fraser, Manager Service Centre Delivery.

10.2 AREYONGA COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides and update on Community Services report.

ARLA2020-082 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 2019-20 AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING ACQUITTAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To present to the Local Authority the Areyonga Local Project Funding Acquittal for the 2019-20 financial year.

Income and expenditure for the period ending 30 June 2020

LAPF Grant 2019-20	\$30,870
Other income/carried forward balance from 2018-19	\$30,870
Other income/carried forward balance from 2017-18	\$25,504
Total income	\$87,244
Total expenditure including committed projects \$83,812	\$85,369
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$1,875

Areyonga Local Authority would like to acknowledge the above Project Funding received by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet previously (DLGHCD) for its continued support to the MacDonnell Regional Council's programs.

ARLA2020-083 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Marlene Abbott)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Local Authority Project Funding Acquittal for the 2019-20 financial year.

11.2 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 September 2020 in the Local Authority community.

ARLA2020-084 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 30 September 2020.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.2, members of the Local Authority provided the following notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

ARLA2020-085 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2.

1. Roads

The Local Authority has requested that the main road from Larapinta Drive turnoff leading into the Community be graded.

2. Feral Animals

The Council Services Coordinator has been asked to explore options on keeping feral animals out of the community.

13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3

13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, previously (DLGHCD) provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

At the beginning of the meeting, under item 6.3, members of the Areyonga Local Authority provided notification of no matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

ARLA2020-086 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) Noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet, previously (DLGHCD); and**
- c) Closed 'Room to Breathe Program'.**

1. Air-conditioners and Fans in renovated houses

The Local Authority raised the issue of why the renovated houses did not have air-conditioners installed and that the wall and ceiling fans that were recently put in were not working properly.

The attending representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet advised that if a house did not have an air-conditioner unit already in it prior to renovation, it would not get one after the renovations. It was at the homeowners discretion to purchase their own air-condition unit.

Air-conditioning units were only installed in new homes.

The representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet informed the Local Authority that he would provide feedback to NT Housing regarding the comments from the Local Authority on the installed ceiling fans and wall fans.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 21 January 2021

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 1.58 pm.

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