



**MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:30 AM**

---

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was held via Teams and declared open at 10:51AM

**1.1 NOMINATION FOR CHAIRPERSON**

**ARLA2025-001 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That members nominated Hilda Bert as Acting Chair for this meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Hilda Bert

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Joy Kunia, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Jacob Carol, Member Hilda Bert and Member Garnet Djana

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Councillor Marlene Abbott and President Roxanne Kenny attended from the Alice Springs Office

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart – CEO, Sharan Shahim – Manager Aged Care, James Walsh – Project Management Office and June Crabb attended from the Alice Springs Office

Stuart Miller – Area Manager and Benny Alick – CSC Areyonga attended from the Areyonga Council Office

Guests:

Ben Humm – NT Housing and Property Representative from his respective Office

Anton Devaratnam - Principal Areyonga School attended from the Areyonga Council Office

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

#### Apologies:

Chairperson Sarah Gallagher

#### Absentees:

Member Naphtali Scobie

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES**

**ARLA2025-002 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

That members:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apology received from Chair Sarah Gallagher; and
- c) noted the absence of Member Naphtali Scobie.

### **3.3 Resignations**

NIL

### **3.4 Terminations**

#### **3.4 TERMINATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

**ARLA2025-003 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

That the Local Authority agreed to terminate the membership of Naphtali Scobie for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings.

### **3.5 Nominations**

NIL

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ARLA2025-004 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ARLA2025-005 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 21 November 2024 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga Local Authority.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ARLA2025-006 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**ARLA2025-007 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting noted the Conflict of Interest policy.**

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**ARLA2025-008 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)**

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

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

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

### **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.

**ARLA2025-009 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) provided guidance and support for MRC staff in the development of the MRC 2025-26 Regional Plan;**
- b) discussed their priorities in relation to the development of the community's infrastructure, noting the following:**
  - Laundry unit**
  - Upgrade to the Basketball Court**
  - Drainage around community**
- c) agreed to give further consideration to large scale projects that special funding could be applied for.**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Funding for Local Authority projects is part of a grant received from The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCM&C) and invested in projects 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.

It is important to note that 'at risk funds' are funds that may include unallocated funds and funds allocated to projects, however, remains unspent.

#### **ARLA2025-010 RESOLVED(Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That the Local Authority**

- a) noted and accepted the Certification of 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding;**
- b) noted that \$32,548.03 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;**
- c) noted and accepted the progress on their projects as provided by the Project Management Office;**
- d) approved closure of the following completed projects:**
  - 2116 – Drainage around the Basketball Court, returning \$1,000 to unallocated**
  - 2117 - Water Trailer, returning \$1,200.55 to unallocated funds**
- e) created a new Project – Community Healthy event, allocating all remaining funds.**

#### **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS REPORT**

##### **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.

#### **ARLA2025-011 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Local Authority**

- a) noted the funds spent on purchasing cleaning equipment and power cards for the houses;**
- b) noted \$2,438.25 remaining and allocated as follows:**
  - \$1,000.00 to support resources for school-based activities for the children, with the PO raised to the School; and**
  - the balance of funds to the Healthy Community event**
- c) noted that the funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025.**

## **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.

### **ARLA2025-012 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Carol)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the list of vacant positions available with MacDonnell Regional Council within the Areyonga Community.

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **FLEET, ROADS AND WASTE MANAGMENT REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a summary of works around Fleet, Roads and Waste Management for the community of Areyonga

### **ARLA2025-013 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Fleet, Roads & Waste Management Report.

### **COUNCIL SERVICES LA REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

### **ARLA2025-014 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of services for Community Safety, Aged Care, Children's Services and Youth Services.

### **ARLA2025-015 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

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

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 December 2024 in the Areyonga Local Authority community.

### **ARLA2025-016 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Income and Expenditure report as at

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with an opportunity to discuss matters of General Council Business.

#### **ARLA2025-017 RESOLVED(Joy Kunia/Jacob Carol)**

That the Local Authority noted the matter previously raised in general Council business – Grading at the turnoff will be acted on as a priority and moved to the Action Register.

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

A representative provides necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

In this section the members have the opportunity to raise matters of Non-Council Business for discussion.

#### **ARLA2025-018 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the previous matters raised of Non-Council Business and closed actions:
  - Housing
  - Dog Bites
  - Water Sources
- b) noted the following information advised by the Representative from NT Housing and Property:
  - One contractor will be responsible for the repairs, maintenance, electrical and plumbing for community houses within Central Australia and this has been awarded to Harvey Developments.
  - Noted that Lot 52 – House on the hill is beyond repair and will be knocked down and replaced.
  - Pest treatments have started and a Business plan is being finalised that will include Areyonga undergoing these treatments twice a year. Members asked that this be a priority as many of their houses had a pest problems.
  - Agreed to follow up fencing repairs, transitional housing, contact details inside the power boxes and the air-conditioner to lot 74
- c) Members accepted the information shared by the CLC Representative regarding the proposal from the Watarrka Family Group, noting that support had been given to the project at the previous meeting.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL, 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:49 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2025 and were confirmed on the 15 May 2025.