



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2023 AT 10:30AM

**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:43AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Sarah Gallagher

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chairperson Sarah Gallagher, Member Hilda Bert, Member Jonathan Doolan and Member Joy Kunia and Member Naphtali Scobie

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson, Councillor Marlene Abbott and President Roxanne Kenny

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker – Director Technical Services, Peter Blythman – Manager Information, Communications, Technology, Liz Scott – Manager MacSafe, Iryna Mustiats, Kieran McKean – Essential Services Officer,

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe, Regional Manager – Department Chief Minister & Cabinet,  
Alex Dunnage & Bec Holt – Representatives from Lutheran Care,  
Gloria Baliva & Manoj Bhatta – Representatives from Menzies School of Health Research

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Garnet Djana and Member Jacob Carol

Absentees:

Nil

**3.3 Resignations**

**NIL**

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 Nominations**

NIL

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ARLA2023-047 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**ARLA2023-048 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 24 May 2023 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 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED**

**ARLA2023-049 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)**

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

### **6.2 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ARLA2023-050 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)**

That the members noted that this item was not raised at this point.

### **6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ARLA2023-051 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)**

That members noted that this item was not raised at this point.

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**ARLA2023-052 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**ARLA2023-053 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)**

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

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The purpose of this presentation is to consult with remote Aboriginal communities to obtain endorsement to conduct research on a project titled 'Examining the impact of extreme temperature on Public Health Care services utilisation in remote Central Australia to inform adaptation strategies'.

#### **ARLA2023-054 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Jonathan Doolan)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the presentation;**
- b) signed their acceptance to support community involvement with the Menzies Health Research.**

### **8.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES- MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is a request made by Lutheran Care to inform the Local Authority members of the important Financial Literacy information Lutheran care offers to all community members in remote regions, local town camps and communities under the Council's and Chairperson Direction.

#### **ARLA2023-055 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Naphtali Scobie)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation on Lutheran Care financial Management Services.**

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

### **9.1 ACTION REGISTER**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The attached register provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

#### **ARLA2023-056 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) moved the Youth Boards request to separate the space in the Rec Hall to the Projects wish list;**
- b) noted that the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings were closed as follows:**
  - Bring in machinery to build up the road before grading, noting that this matter was moved to the wish list until a success tender is approved; and**
  - Local Staff to attend LA meetings.**

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

### 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. Repairs and maintenance of community assets controlled or owned by the council. For example - office upgrades, fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. For example - trailers, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures /stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community sporting facilities. For example upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation.
- Festivals or other events – but must only be conducted within a council's own Local Authority area.

### **ARLA2023-057 RESOLVED(Naphtali Scobie/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

**a) notes and accepts the progress of their projects as follows:**

- **2112 – Solar lights** noting that the Director Technical Services will assess the lights to determine if an inspection will be added onto the electrical audit.  
Members also advised that they would like a solar light placed on the laneway near the store.
- **2113 – Shade Shelter and Water tank** at football oval, noting that the project was still waiting on parts.
- **2118 – Fencing and repairs** at Playground.

**b) approved the closure projects:**

- **2116 – Trees** at football oval, returning the underspend of \$2,143.17 to unallocated funds; and
- **2117 – Stage** near Basketball Court, returning the underspend of \$386.00 to unallocated funds.

## 9.3 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

### 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.

### **ARLA2023-058 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) noted the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds; and**
- b) noted the 2023/2024 allocation of \$4,000.00 and discusses to expend the funds as follows:**
  - **\$2,000.00** towards a Christmas celebration to include toys for the kids; and
  - **\$1,000.00** towards Power Cards.

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICE CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **ARLA2023-059 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)**

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

### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **ARLA2023-060 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)**

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

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2023 in the Local Authority Community.

#### **ARLA2023-061 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 June 2023.

## **12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2**

### **12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to give Members the opportunity to raise matters that they wish to discuss at item 12.1 - General Council Business.

#### **ARLA2023-062 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Accepted that General Council Business matters was overlooked at item 6.2;
- b) raised the following matter for discussion:

- **Childcare Services**

Children's' Services Manager informed members that the Childcare had been closed since late 2022 and as a result of the closure, the building had received substantial damage and was deemed unsafe. Members were advised that Council was waiting on funding from the Federal Government for a new building and as the current site was not suitable, Council asked if members had any suggestions.

Members proposed a site by the Sorry camp and a site on a section of the School grounds and requested that if the site at the Sorry camp was

suitable, to then follow up with CLC, alternatively, if the site at the school was the better option, then the Child Services Manager was requested to consult with the Department of Education on the process to having a childcare centre within the school grounds.

### **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 provides 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 have an opportunity to provide notification of matters they wish to discuss in General Non-Council Business.

#### **ARLA2023-063 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) accepted that General Non-Council Business matters was overlooked at item 6.3;
- b) noted and accepted the updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows and kept open:
  - Housing – noting that all new houses were tenanted and that the Representative will follow up on a Housing Reference Group meeting and invite Territory Housing to the next Local Authority meeting.
  - Internet and Mobile reception.
- c) closed the following actions, noting that they will be moved to Councils' action register:
  - CDP & Employment opportunities, requesting information on how Council advertises their vacancies and that Tjuwanpa be invited to the next meeting.
  - Rangers Program – requesting that MRC invite CLC to discuss the program.

### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 2023**

### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:58 pm.

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