



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN AREYONGA ON  
THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED**

Meeting Opened 10.30am

**2 WELCOME**

Welcome to Country - Chairperson Sarah Gallagher

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**Local Authority Members**

Sarah Gallagher - Chairperson (left meeting at 12.00pm), Jonathon Doolan (left meeting at 12.00pm), Joy Kunia, Hilda Bert, Naphtali Scobie, Jacob Carol.

**Councillors**

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Marlene Abbott and Councillor Abraham Poulson

**Council Employees**

Aaron Blacker - Director Technical Services (via Teams) , James Walsh - Area Manager Service Delivery, Jake Sellers - Coordinator Youth Services, Emily McBride - Manager Aged & Disability Services, Jake Potter - Manager Transport Infrastructure & Fleet, Lucie McKean - Council Service Coordinator, June Crabb - Governance Officer (via Teams) and Damien Ryan - Governance Officer.

**Guests**

Bruce Fyfe - Regional Manager Department Chief Minister and Cabinet, Phillip Allnut, Fiona Sckluna - Red Dust, Greg Hibble - Northern Territory Electoral Commission (via Teams)

**Apologies**

Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer, Member Garnet Djana,

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Attendance

**ARLA2024-1 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted the attendance; and
- b) accepted the apology received from Members Garnet Djana

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Nominations
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority

**ARLA2024-2 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes there are no vacancies currently available on the Local Authority.

#### **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

**ARLA2024-4 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes the Council Code of Conduct.

#### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**ARLA2024-5 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Jacob Carol)**

That the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority meeting held on 10th August 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## 6 NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of General Business Items

**ARLA2024-6 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Naphtali Scobie)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

1. Healthy Community Event
2. Community Road maintenance

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items

**ARLA2024-7 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Jacob Carol)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Non - Council Business as follows:

1. Community Safety meeting.
2. Housing

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Acceptance of Agenda

**ARLA2024-8 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Jonathan Doolan)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

## 7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Conflict of Interest

**ARLA2024-9 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Joy Kunia)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority

- a) notes the Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- b) members did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting Agenda

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	NT Electoral Commission
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NT Electoral Commission (NTEC) is an independent government agency responsible for the impartial conduct of Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections. Our work aligns to a four-year cycle, with the next Legislative Assembly election scheduled for August 2024 and Local Government elections scheduled for August 2025.

### ARLA2024-10 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Abraham Poulson)

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the presentation from the NTEC Representatives.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Action Register
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a running list of Local Authority action items as reported in previous meetings.

### ARLA2024-11 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Naphtali Scobie)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes and accepts the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received; and
- b) approves the closure ARLA2023-062 Childcare Building, ARLA2023-063 Invite to Tjuwampa, ARLA2023-063 Invite CLC to discuss Rangers Program.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Youth Board Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community & Engagement Project

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) has set itself a goal to support youth leadership development in all our 13 communities. To develop and support our young leaders, MRC is in the process of developing Youth Boards across the MacDonnell region.

The MRC Youth Boards are committees of young people aged between the ages 12-25 who are engaged to represent young people in communities within the MacDonnell Region.

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Areyonga Local Authority on Areyonga Youth Board's recommendations to the Local Authority.

**ARLA2024-13 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) receives and notes the Areyonga Youth Board's meeting minutes from the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2023;
- b) discusses the Youth Board's recommendation to get a drainage solution for the basketball court. The basketball court becomes a catchment when it rains, all the dirt and sand washes onto it as it's at the bottom of the hill. Making it a huge clean up job every time.
- c) members requests MacDonnell Regional Council - Service Delivery undertake investigation work to address drainage and redirect water flow.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Projects
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

**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. 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.

It is important to note that \$52,203.58 are funds that are at risk of being returned to the Northern Territory Government as they have not been spent within the allotted timeframe. This amount is from funds committed to current projects but remains unspent, as well as any unallocated funds.

**ARLA2024-14 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) notes that \$52,203.58 is funds that have not been spent within the recommended timeframe and are at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) notes and accepts the progress on their projects; and
  - Project 2113 - Install Shade Shelter and Water Tank at Football Oval, Keep Open
  - Project 2118 - Change Project name (Fencing and Repairs at Playground) to Playground Upgrades.

- c) approves to close any completed Project 2112 Solar Lights, returning unused funds to unallocated funds.
- d) Create the following new Projects:
  - Upgrade 4 x new LED lights, Repair 4 x broken LED lights allocate \$15,000.00
  - Install 1 x GFS 200 Solar Light between MRC office and Tjuwampa allocate \$3,500.00
  - Project from Wishlist - Build separate spaces for Males and Females at Recreation Hall, allocate balance of unallocated funds.
- e) Remove from Wishlist - Bring in machinery to build the road up before grading. Contractor to start work in the next two weeks, weather permitting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.4
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

#### 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 between 1 July and 30 June.

#### ARLA2024-15 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chairperson)/Abraham Poulson)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes that a Purchase order was not raised for the Christmas allocation;
- b) notes that a Purchase order is yet to be raised for the Power cards;
- c) discusses to spend the balance of \$3,000.00; and
- d) acknowledges that any unspent funds will be returned to MRC if not expended before 30 June 2024.
- e) purchase 2 x Whipper Snipper's for community use.
- f) allocate balance to community event.

## 10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Service Delivery Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	James Walsh, SD Area Manager

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

#### ARLA2024-17 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the Service Delivery Report.

Minute note: Chairperson Sarah Gallagher had to leave the meeting. Member Hilda Burt was nominated by Councillor Abraham Poulson and seconded Member Joy Kunia to take over the Chairperson role at 12.00pm.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Community Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Jenny Murnik, Coordinator Administration

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **ARLA2024-18 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Naphtali Scobie)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	People and Capabilities Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Katy Nagahawatte, Administration Officer

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

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

#### **ARLA2024-19 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Marlene Abbott)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority**

- a) **accepts the report recognising the vacant positions within the Community; and**
- b) **supports to encourage community residents to apply.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.4
<b>TITLE:</b>	Income and Expenditure Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

#### **ARLA2024-20 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 31 January 2024.**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

### ARLA2024-21 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.2;
  - Healthy Community Event information presented by James Walsh - Area Manager.
  - Roads, Contractor to start repairs to community road from main road into community, 7 Kms of gravel road and 2 x Floodways.  
Contract to be completed by June 2024, weather permitting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Officer

### 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 were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

### ARLA2024-22 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3;
- b) notes and accepts the Red Dust presentation by Phillip Allnut & Fiona Sckluna.
- c) notes the updates on the progress of previous actions relating to Northern Territory Government Services.
  - Community Safety meetings - Northern Territory Police have been asked to attend future Local Authority meetings
  - Housing maintenance and air conditioning, Northern Territory Housing has no plans to change swampy air conditioners to split system. Housing Tenants must obtain permission to install their own split system air conditioners.  
For any Housing enquirers Ring 1800 104 076  
Housing updates, 4 x homes to be built, there is no land tenure or available serviced blocks available within Areyonga community.



**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024 AT THE BASKETBALL COURT**

**Date of the next Areyonga Local Authority will be Wednesday 12th June 2024 at the Areyonga Basketball Court**

**13 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 1.30pm

This page and the preceding pages are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 21st March 2024.

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