



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON THE  
AREYONGA BASKETBALL COURT  
ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2020 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 11:05 AM

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Sarah Gallagher

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Chair Sarah Gallagher, Member Jonathan Doolan, Member Garnet Djana, Member Hilda Bert, Member Joy Kunia

Councillors:

Cr Selina Kulitja

Council Employees:

Jeff McLeod (Chief Executive Officer), Lou Bloom (EA to CEO), Kathleen Abbott (Area Manager), Chris Broomhall (CSC Areyonga), Jeff Tan (Coordinator, Communications and Planning), Min Roebuck (Community Engagement Officer), June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer), Robert Rabotot (Governance Officer)

Guests:

Chansey Paech (Member for Namatjira)

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny, Cr Marlene Abbott, Member Peggy Gallagher, Member Daphne Puntjina,

Absentees:

Nil

## Attendance, Apologies and Absentee

**ARLA2020-048 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/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

Nil

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ARLA2020-049 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Selina Kulitja)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**ARLA2020-050 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Garnet Djana)**

That the Minutes of the 13 May 2020 Local Authority meeting 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**

**ARLA2020-051 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

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**

**ARLA2020-052 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority provided notification that there were no matters to be raised in General Council Business

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

### **6.3 Notifications of Non-Council Business Items**

#### **ARLA2020-053 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority members provided notification of matters to be raised in Non-Council Business as follow:**

**1. Census**

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

#### **ARLA2020-054 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

#### **ARLA2020-055 RESOLVED (Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting did not declare any conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.**

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

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

### **9.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the NT Government Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Services for investing in community projects.

There is a total un-allocated balance of \$1,875.10 for the Local Authority to consider for investment into their community. This amount is comprised from the following two funds: \$0.00 is from the 2018/19 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2020. \$1,875.10 is from the 2019/20 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2021.

#### **ARLA2020-056 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the progress of their projects and kept all projects open.**

Hilda Bert left the meeting, the time being 11:43 AM

Hilda Bert returned to the meeting, the time being 11:48 AM

### **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.

**ARLA2020-057 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

**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.

**ARLA2020-058 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) **Noted the spending of their 2019/20 Discretionary Funds; and**
- b) **Allocated \$4,000.00 of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds for a Christmas BBQ.**

The Local Authority meeting took a break at 12:32 PM.

The Local Authority meeting resumed at 12:54 PM.

### **9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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The Local Authority is asked to guide and support MRC staff to meet the objectives of the 2020-21 Regional Plan.

**ARLA2020-059 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Selina Kuiltja)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) **Provided guidance and support for MRC staff to meet the objectives of the MRC 2020-21 Regional Plan; and**
- b) **Noted and accepted the report.**

### **9.5 POSTPONEMENT OF MUSIC PERFORMANCES: "THE SAPPHIRES" AND "ISAIAH FIREBRACE"**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

After receiving an offer from Hit Production for "The Sapphires" and "Isaiah Firebrace" to perform in Areyonga. The Areyonga Local Authority extended an invitation for both acts to visit Areyonga for musical performances in late 2020.

MRC has received an update from the touring company that due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) restrictions, planning for any touring of The Sapphires or Isaiah has been pushed out to 2021.

**ARLA2020-060 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the update that the musical performances of "The Sapphires" and "Isaiah Firebrace" has been postponed to 2021.**

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **ARLA2020-061 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

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

### **10.2 COUNCIL SERVICE COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **ARLA2020-062 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Chris Broomhall, Council Services Coordinator, Areyonga.**

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2020 in the Local Authority Community.

#### **ARLA2020-063 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 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 have an opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Business.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority note and discuss the items raised at Item 6.2.**

Note: No matters were raised at Item 6.2

## **13 NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.3**

### **13.1 OTHER NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development provide any necessary updates in regards to Northern Territory Government services.

#### **ARLA2020-064 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) Noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as below; and**

**b) Noted that no representative from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development attended the meeting.**

### **1. Census**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics requested to inform the Areyonga Local Authority and sought assistance with the testing of the ABS Census Operational Readiness Exercise.

#### **ABS Census Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) Key Points for Areyonga LA Meeting**

- Census Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) is how ABS will test processes for Census 2021, this includes offering interviews, paper forms and online options for people to complete their Census forms.
- Remote area testing will be done in 5 Alice Springs Town Camps plus Amoonguna and Areyonga. ABS will be recruiting a Remote Area Management Team (RAMT) from Alice Springs area (with assistance from Tangentyere Council) to conduct ORE.
- RAMT will be looking to recruit and train 13 paid Community Field Officers (CFO) in Areyonga who will visit every household to conduct Census interviews and write household responses on a Census interview form, online Census form and self complete options will also be offered to households by CFOs.
- RAMT will visit Areyonga for 1 or 2 days between 12 to 18 October 2020 to identify and locate dwellings and return between 21 October 2020 to 5 November 2020 to offer interviews and other Census options. This second visit is when CFOs will be trained and employed.
- No one from outside the NT will be visiting the community and, in all likelihood, won't be from any further than Alice Springs. We want to hire in community wherever possible because of familiarity with residents and, of course, COVID-19 safety.

#### **14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER, 2020**

#### **15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:32 PM.

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