



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST 2022 AT  
10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:37am as a provisional meeting and Quorum was achieved when member Henry Oliver arrived during item 4.1 at 11:10am.

**1.1 NOMINATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHAIR**

**AML2022-044 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lisa Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and nominated Councillor Lynette Ellis as Acting Chair of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting.

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Councillor/Acting Chair Lynette Ellis welcomed all members to the meeting.

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Henry Oliver at 11:10am, Caroline Peters and Lawrence Webb

Councillors:

Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Lynette Ellis and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

Keith Hassett, Contracts & Projects Manager, Amandeep Kaur (Daisy), Manager Aged and Disability, Simran Behl, CSC Amoonguna, Cristiano Castro, Coordinator Community Safety MacSafe, Kaisa Suumann, Community Engagement Project Coordinator and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Emily Buzzacott, Lutheran Care  
Andrea Martin & Bob Durnan from Office of Marion Scrymgour M.P.

### 3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Marilyn Dixon

Absentees:

Member Samantha Stuart, Rhekita Stuart, Travis Williams and Councillor Annie Young

### 3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGY AND ABSENTEES

**AMLA2022-045 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lisa Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted attendance, apology and absentees to the meetings.

### 3.3 Resignations

NIL

### 3.4 Terminations

**AMLA2022-046 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lisa Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted;

- a) member Rhekita Stuart has been absent without permission from two consecutive meetings;
- b) member Rhekita Stuart no longer lives in the Amoonguna Community; and
- c) member Rhekita Stuart membership from the Amoonguna Local Authority is terminated.

### 3.5 Nominations

#### 3.5.1 AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the current membership at the Amoonguna Local Authority and welcome new members.

***The Amoonguna Local Authority is yet to appoint a Chairperson for the Authority.***

*It is to be noted that there were four vacancies available in the Authority due to resignation of members. The authority have nominated and received nomination from the local residents to fill all those four vacancies. All four nomination have been endorsed by the Council at the meeting held 24 June 2022 ordinary council meeting.*

**AMLA2022-047 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lisa Sharman)**

That the provisional meeting of the Amoonguna Local Authority by majority of vote, made a recommendation to council and:

- a) noted that all vacancies were filled by the community residents;

- b) noted and discussed to appoint a Chairperson to the Authority and no appointment is made yet;
- c) welcomed new members Lawrence Webb who was present at the meeting;
- d) noted that the termination of Local Authority member Rhekita Stuart has created a vacancy in the Authority; and
- e) requested that the nomination be remain open for 21 days to fill in the vacancy.

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

##### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AMLA2022-048 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.**

Minutes note: meeting met the quorum.

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

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

**AMLA2022-049 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Patrick Allen)**

- a) that the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting held on 9 March 2022 and provisional meeting held on 1 June 2022 be adopted as a resolution of the Amoonguna Local Authority; and
- b) that the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority provisional meeting held 1 June 2022 has been approved by the Ordinary Council meeting held 24 June 2022.

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

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

**AMLA2022-050 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lisa Sharman)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting**

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

**AMLA2022-051 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)**

Noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- Night patrol and youth throwing rocks at the vehicles in the community
- Youth Programs during summer breaks

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

**AMLA2022-052 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)**

Noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

- Grog in the community

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**AMLA2022-053 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Caroline Peters)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted the Conflict of Interest policy.**

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**AMLA2022-054 RESOLVED (Lynette Ellis/Caroline Peters)**

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

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

**AMLA2022-055 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation by the Lutheran Care representative.**

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

### **9.1 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. It is to be noted that there is an outstanding purchase order for \$90.91 and invoice hasn't been received. This will be paid off against the discretionary fund for the year 2022/23 if invoice is received.

**AMLA2022-056 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lawrence Webb)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) notes the spending and forfeited balance of its 2021/2022 Discretionary funds;**
- b) notes and accepts the new allocation for the year 2022/2023;**
- c) notes and discusses the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds.**

## 9.2 ACTION REGISTER - AMOONGUNA LA

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

#### **AMLA2022-057 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Patrick Allen)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the progress reports on the actions from the minutes of the previous meeting as received;
  - Action AMLA2022-042: Leave action open and Keith is following up with services Australia.
- b) approved the closure of any completed actions as follows:
  - Action AMLA2022-019: MacCare manager, Daisy updated that the MAcCare Amoonguna has successfully passed the accreditation;
  - Action AMLA2022-019: SSCC/S19 was submitted to CLC and advice was that there is already an application in place via ICL. The MRC application was subsequently withdrawn.

## 9.3 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.

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.

**Amoonguna currently has \$5,313.89 to spend on Community projects.**

#### **AMLA2022-058 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted the update to their current projects as follows:
  - Project 2107 – Solar lights, approved the quote received from green from Q004251 for \$16,022.25 and requested the lights be put on at Stuart park, end of lot 96 corner, basketball court men shade, bus stop/clinic and behind aged care.
- b) approved the closure of completed projects as follows;

**AMLA2022-059 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lisa Sharman)**

- Project 2102 – Security option for Rec hall, noting that the project has been completed and returned the remaining funds \$2,404.19 to unallocated balance;

**AMLA2022-060 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lawrence Webb)**

- Project 2103 – Fence around Ross Park, noting that there is already a fence and second fence isn't required and returned the allocated balance of \$15,000.00 to unallocated balance;

**AMLA2022-061 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lynette Ellis)**

- Project 2104 – Community park/Sports area, noting that the application has been withdrawn as there is already an application from ICL.

**AMLA2022-062 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Patrick Allen)**

- Project 2108 – Paint the football changing room, noting that the project has been completed and returned the underspent \$2,808.85 back in to unallocated balance;

**AMLA2022-063 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Patrick Allen)**

- Project 2109 – Paint the Rec Hall Toilets, noting that the project has been completed and returned the underspent \$143.75 back in to unallocated balance.

- c) noted and discussed a new project and added in to a wish list, Fence for the Footy Oval with estimated cost of \$5,000.00

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATORS REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

**AMLA2022-064 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Caroline Peters)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority note and accepted the attached report.**

### **10.2 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

**AMLA2022-065 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lynette Ellis)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report and discussed:**

- a) MacSafe will have new vacancy soon for the community resident and encouraged LA members to share the vacancy;
- b) MacSafe coordinator Cristiano will try to liaise with police department, Territory family to held a meeting at the community to improve the safety and

security and guest Andrea Martin mentioned that she is also going to assist in the process.

- c) noted and discussed the minutes of youth board tabled at the meeting and added in to general business at item 12.1.

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 June 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

**AML2022-066 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Caroline Peters)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Expenditure Report as at 30 June 2022.

## **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.

**AML2022-067 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2 as follows:

- a) Youth Programs during School breaks
- Authority suggested that they be invited to their youth board meetings and youth participate in the LA meeting
  - present their youth board minutes at LA meetings by youth team members instead of coordinator
  - suggested to organise intercommunity sporting activities
  - suggested youth trips to visit outstations

Coordinator Kaisa requested that the Amoonguna LA and council offer employments to youth at the store for hands on learning and experiences. It was discussed by Keith that the position is not available at the moment and youth can be engaged to volunteer for learning and experiences. Admin position might open and will be advertised.

- b) requested that Youth Board get a quote for rec hall speakers and present to LA at the next meetings; and
- c) noted that night patrol item was discussed at the community services report.

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

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this paper is to note and discuss the matters raised at item 6.3 and to be informed of any updates to the actions relating to services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

**AML2022-068 RESOLVED (Caroline Peters/Lawrence Webb)**

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted and discusses that grog in the community item was raised for Non-Council Business at Item 6.3 but did not discussed at 13.1; and
- b) noted that DCM&C representative was absent; and
- c) requested that the DCM&C be present at the next meeting to provide an update on pending actions regarding housing from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 2022**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:17 pm.

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Chairperson

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