



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022 AT 10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:48AM

Note: Meeting was held as provisional due to quorum not being met.

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Sarah Gallagher

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Sarah Gallagher, Hilda Bert and Jonathan Doolan

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees:

Jeff MacLeod, CEO MRC, Mark O'Bryan CSC, Ken Satour, Area Manager Service delivery arrived at 11:45am, Gaurab Ghimire, Governance administration officer

Guests:

Hon Chanston Paech, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Racing, Gaming & Licensing

Bec Osei-Agyeman, Representative, Central Land Council

Fraser Chapman, Financial Councillor, Lutheran Care

Jacob Carol, Community Resident

Daphne Puntjina, Community Resident

**3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Joy Kunia, Garnet Djana, Naphtali Scobie and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Absentees:

Nil

### **3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDENCE, APOLOGY AND ABSENTEES**

#### **ARLA2022-080 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)**

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

- a) noted and accepted the attendance and absentees to the meeting and;
- b) accepted the apologies given by members and councillor

### **3.3 Resignations**

#### **3.3.1 RESIGNATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

It is noted that the resignation paper has been received from one of the Areyonga Local Authority members and this paper reflects the changes in the Local Authority Membership.

#### **ARLA2022-081 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)**

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

- a) noted and accepted the resignation of Ms Daphne Puntjina; and
- b) endorsed the resignation and noted a vacancy was been created.

### **3.4 Terminations**

NIL

### **3.5 NOMINATIONS**

#### **ARLA2022-082 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)**

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

- a) noted and accepted the nomination submitted by community resident Jacob Carol; and
- b) requested that Council endorse the nomination.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **ARLA2022-083 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Abraham Poulson)**

That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 8 December 2021 be adopted as a resolution of Areyonga Local Authority.**

Note: That the minutes of the 8 December 2022 was not discussed as the provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of a meeting held with full quorum.

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

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

#### **ARLA2022-084 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the papers circulated were received for consideration at the meeting**

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

#### **ARLA2022-085 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:**

- Employee irregular attendance at work

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

#### **ARLA2022-086 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows;**

- a) Network Coverage
- b) Road
- c) Art Centre
- d) CDP & employment of local resident
- e) Central link payment

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

## **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

### **ARLA2022-087 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)**

That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the Conflict of Interest policy.

## **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

### **ARLA2022-088 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Sarah Gallagher)**

That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and declared no conflict of interest with the meeting agenda.

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **8.1 UTJU CONCERT STAGE PROPOSAL FROM THE WATARRKA FAMILY GROUP**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek a recommendation from the LA about the approval of the concert stage and the location of the concert stage within the park.

### **ARLA2022-089 RESOLVED(Abraham Poulson/Sarah Gallagher)**

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

- a) noted the proposal by CLC representative, Bec on the location within the park for the stage to set up;
- b) determined that the proposed spot for the stage was not suitable as the shade shelter would have to be removed;
- c) discussed and agreed to the recommendation by MRC CEO, Jeff MacLeod that the corner of the park be considered for the stage as this was a more suitable location.

### **8.2 LUTHERAN CARE SERVICES**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Lutheran Care is seeking to provide an explanation on their services available to the remote communities of the NT. It provides financial capability & financial wellbeing, hence the organisation is looking to establish workshop delivery and how community can potentially benefit from the organisation.

### **ARLA2022-090 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Abraham Poulson)**

That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the presentation by the Lutheran Care representatives.

## **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.

#### **ARLA2022-091 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received;**

- Bring in Machinery to build the road up before grading – This will be initiated by Minister by writing a letter to DIPL as noted in the general non council business and update will be provided to MRC at the next meeting.  
Kept the action open.

## 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.

#### **ARLA2022-092 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)**

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

- a) noted and accepted the release for the allocation of the 2021/2022 project grant;
- b) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows and kept open;
  - Project 2112 – Solar Lights, 3 of them they are waiting to be delivered from Alice
  - Project 2113 – Install shade shelter and water tank at football oval;
  - Project 2115 – Youth board project, noting that the Youth Team were advised that the funds could be forfeited if not spent by 30 June 2022;
  - Project 2116 – Trees at football oval, Area manager and CSC will seek quotes from either Correction Center or Alice Springs Nursery.
- d) discussed the quotes presented and approved option one for the Shade Structure over playground supplied by Complete Steel Sales, quotation Q1151 (\$30, 691.47).

#### **ARLA2022-093 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher/Hilda Bert)**

**Project 2114 – Shade Shelter over playground, Committed additional \$8,000.00 which includes the remaining funds \$5,256.67 from 2020/2021 grant to complete the project and accepts the quote Q1151.**

### **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.

#### **ARLA2022-094 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Hilda Bert)**

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

- a) noted and discussed the current spending of its 2021/22 Discretionary Funds;**
- b) noted the community has balance of \$1,272.73 available to spend before 30 June 2022; and**
- c) committed the remaining balance of \$1,272.73 to celebrate end of school term BBQ.**

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report is an update of Council delivered services in Areyonga across the area of local government service delivery.

#### **ARLA2022-095 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the report presented at the meeting by Council Service Coordinator.**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **ARLA2022-096 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Sarah Gallagher)**

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

- a) noted and accepted the Community Services report; and**
- b) raised that the MacCare department is understaffed and recommended that the matter be addressed.**

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure reports shows spending until 30 April 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

#### **ARLA2022-097 RESOLVED (Abraham Poulson/Sarah Gallagher)**

**That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 April 2022.**

## **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.

#### **ARLA2022-098 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)**

**That the provisional meeting of Areyonga Local Authority by majority vote, made a recommendation to council and noted and discussed the items raised at Item 6.2 as follows;**

- **Employee irregular attendance at work**  
It was discussed that the workers do not attend to work regularly and as consequence, animals such as Horses and Dogs in the community are getting in to bins and scatter rubbish. It was advised that the civil team will be briefed on this and CSC will observe and control the situation.  
No further action.
  
- **Swimming Pool**  
It was discussed that contractors have done excellent work at the pool and appreciation will be conveyed. It was informed that the new fence will be installed at the pool.  
No further action.

## **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 to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

#### **ARLA2022-099 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Abraham Poulson)**

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

- a) **noted that the Hon Minister Chanston is present at the meeting and there have been changes in regards to his previous Ministry.**

b) accepted that the matter discussed in Non-Council business will be updated to community by the Minister by liaising with their respective department as follows;

- **Network coverage**

It was discussed that the community has really poor mobile phone and internet connection. Hon Minister, Chanston discussed small cells at football oval and in the community for the better connections. Minister is going to write a letter to Minister of essential services and provide update to the community.

- **Road**

The action item was discussed that the Hon Minister Chanston is going to write a letter to department and provide update to the CEO of MRC.

- **Art Centre**

It was discussed that the Hon Minister Chanston is going to write a letter to department on upgrading the Art Centre and provide update to the community.

- **CDP & employment of local resident**

It was discussed that there are no noticeable activities happening in the community to support on the local employment opportunities.

- **Centre Link payment**

It was discussed by the Hon Minister during the deputation from Lutheran Care that the community has wider choices to keep their fund in the bank in order to maximize the security and control of their funds.

Hon Minister mentioned that the letter will be written to department to aware community concern regarding center link.

d) noted that there were no member present from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and Hon Minister, Chanston is going to address the existing action on housing/empty housing by writing to Minister of Housing and Homelands.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 2022**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:35pm.

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Chairperson

Date: .....