



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT  
10:30AM

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**1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:40am

**1.1 NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR  
RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority nominated Jonathon Doolan as Acting Chair of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting.**

**2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Members present were welcomed at the meeting.

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

**3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Garnet Djana, Jonathon Doolan, Joy Kunia and Jacob Carroll

Councillors:

Councillor Abraham Poulson

Council Employees:

Belinda Urquhart, Director Service Delivery, Mark O'Bryan, CSC Areyonga, James Walsh, Service Delivery Acting Area Manager, Kaisa Suumann, Coordinator Community Engagement Project Coordinator, Justine Brierty, Coordinator Planning and Engagement, Kelly Ryan, ESO Areyonga and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance Admin Officer

Guests:

Matt Adams & David Hanley, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet

Ephram Poulson, Dickey Dickson, Caesar Dickson and Andrew, Community Resident

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

#### Apologies:

Councillor Marlene Abbott, Chair Sarah Gallagher, Member Hilda Bert and Naphtali Scobie

#### Absentees:

Nil

### **3.3 Resignations**

**NIL**

### **3.4 Terminations**

**NIL**

### **3.5 Nominations**

**NIL**

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**ARLA2022-100 RESOLVED(Joy Kunia/Garnet Djana)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**ARLA2022-101 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Jacob Caroll)**

**That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 8 December 2021 and provisional meeting held 15 June 2022 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**

**ARLA2022-102 RESOLVED(Abraham Poulson/Jonathan Doolan)**

**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**

**ARLA2022-103 RESOLVED(Jacob Caroll/Joy Kunia)**

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

- a) Grass at the football oval**

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

**ARLA2022-104 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Joy Kunia)**

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

- a) Internet and mobile reception in the community
- b) Rangers program for Youth (engagement and volunteer)
- c) Volunteer work for youth with civil teams

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**ARLA2022-105 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**ARLA2022-106 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)**

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

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

## **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.

**ARLA2022-107 RESOLVED(Abraham Poulson/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2021/2022 Discretionary funds;
- b) noted the new allocation and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds; and
- c) noted that the funds could be spent with majority member writing a letter to MRC.

## **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.

### **ARLA2022-108 RESOLVED(Jacob Caroli/Abraham Poulson)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

**a) noted and accepted the progress of their projects as follows:**

- **Project 2112, Solar lights – transportation is currently being organized, kept project open;**
- **Project 2113, Install shade shelter and water tank at the football oval – allocated \$10,000.00 and kept project open;**
- **Project 2115, Youth board project – requested that the youth board get a quote for the music speakers;**
- **Project 2116, Trees at football oval – there were no inventory available at the Alice Springs nursery and awaiting for quotes from Correction Centre;**

**b) approved the closure of project 2114, Shade shelter over playground to recreate a project with available balance \$32,772.5 and named it 'Shade sails, upgrade and repair of playground equipment'; and**

**c) created a new project near to basketball court and named it 'Stage near basketball court' with the similar design at Kintore.**

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## **9.3 YOUTH BOARD PROJECT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Youth Boards can be a great way for young people to engage in the decision making process for their community. Involving young people benefits their Community by building their skills and knowledge to grow, learn, develop and lead.

Young people can develop these strengths when they are connected to programs that have effective youth engagement strategies.

### **ARLA2022-109 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Joy Kunia)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the minutes of the Youth Board Meeting attached;**
- b) requested that the letter be written to Department of Education to invite representative for further discussion on higher studies above 6<sup>th</sup> grade be made available at the community, action item; and**
- c) discussed that the Youth be given opportunity to engage and involve in the Ranger program and DCMC to discuss the opportunity and will get back to LA after consultation with CLC.**

## **9.4 ACTION REGISTER**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **ARLA2022-110 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the progress report on actions from the minutes of previous meetings as received as follows:

- a) noted that council will be doing some works at the access road, specifically the flood areas; and
- b) The action remains open.

## **10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COUNCIL SERVICE COORDINATORS REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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

#### **ARLA2022-111 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached CSC report.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on Community Service program delivery.

#### **ARLA2022-112 RESOLVED(Jonathan Doolan/Abraham Poulson)**

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

## **11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

### **11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2022**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure reports shows spending until 31 July 2022 in the Local Authority Community.

#### **ARLA2022-113 RESOLVED(Jacob Carol/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 July 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.

#### **ARLA2022-114 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Garnet Djana)**

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

**a) Grass at the football oval**

LA enquired on getting grass at the football over similar at Santa Teresa and James, Acting Manager explained that the scope of work involved is significantly extensive and the fund required for the project is far beyond what is available for the work. Instead, It was discussed that the football oval could be made more softer by sand and civil team is to investigate the options. The CSC will report back at the next LA meeting.

## **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.

#### **ARLA2022-115 RESOLVED (Jacob Carol/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and discussed the Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3 as follows:

**a) Internet and mobile reception in the community**

LA raised that the telephone lines in the community houses have been disconnected and discontinued after renovation. DCMC representative Matt has taken over the issue and will provide follow up at the next meeting;

**b) Rangers program for Youth (engagement and volunteer)**

The youth board requested if there were any possibility of engaging the community youth in the rangers programs. This item is suggested for action register and also, Matt has taken over to follow up with CLC and provide update at the next meeting.

**c) Volunteer work for youth with civil teams**

Youth board enquired the possibility of engaging the community youth in the volunteer work and discussed trainings and volunteer work with civil team.

**d) noted and accepted updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and kept open both item from the action register for follow up at the next meeting.**

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 2022**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 1:09 pm.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2022 and was confirmed Thursday, 23 March 2023.

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Chair

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