



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AMOONGUNA BASKETBALL COURT ON
WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2023 AT 10:30AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10:35AM

1.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

AML2023-022 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) appointed member Lawrence Webb as an acting Chair of the Amoonguna Local Authority meeting in the absence of Chair Caroline Peters; and
- b) noted that the Chair Caroline Peters was going to be late to the 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:

Member Henry Oliver, Member Lawrence Webb, Member Samantha Stuart arrived at 10:45am and Member Caroline Peters arrived at 11:08am

Councillors:

President Roxanne Kenny, Councillor Lisa Sharman, Councillor Patrick Allen, Councillor Andrew Davis and Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

Council Employees:

Aaron Blacker, Director Technical Services, Ken Satour, Area Manager Service Delivery, Simran Behl, CSC Amoonguna and Gaurab Ghimire, Governance admin Officer

Guests:

Bruce Fyfe, Regional Manager DCM&C

Daniel Measures, Liaison Officer Non Elect

Lachlan Hogg and Kim Pastrokos, Electorate Officer (Remote Engagement, Central Australia) Office of the Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

Member Henry Oliver

Absentees:

Nil

3.1 & 3.2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND ABSENTEES

AMLA2023-023 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted attendance to the meeting and accepted the apology received.

3.3 Resignations

NIL

3.4 Terminations

NIL

3.5 Nominations

3.5.1 NOMINATIONS TO AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to let the Authority and community know regarding the Local Authority Vacancy available in the membership and encourage local residents to fill in the vacancy.

One vacancy remains on the Local Authority and it is recommended that Community nominations remain open to fill the vacancy.

As per Council policy MC01-CP, ref: 8.1:1(b) – Council will appoint any suitable nominations.

It is to be noted that the nominations received from Audrey Miller and Sharon Alice will be presented to Council at the June 2023 OCM.

AMLA2023-024 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) welcomed Andrew Davis and Aloyiscois Hayes as Councilors of the Rodinga ward;**
- b) requested that Council approves the nominations received from Audrey Miller and Sharon Alice;**
- c) noted that there is one vacancy available in the Local Authority to appoint a member; and**
- d) called for community nominations to remain open for 28 days to fill the vacancy.**

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

AMLA2023-025 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Andrew Davis)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

AMLA2023-026 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority ordinary meeting held on 29 March 2023 be adopted as a resolution of the Amoonguna Local Authority.

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

6.1 PAPERS CIRCULATED AND RECEIVED

AMLA2023-027 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyiscois Hayes)

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

AMLA2023-028 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted that the members have provided notification of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) Additional bollards are requested by the Authority and two were already confirmed at the previous meeting, however they have not been organised yet and this matter will be forwarded to CSC for further follow ups.**

6.3 NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS RAISED IN GENERAL NON-COUNCIL BUSINESS

AMLA2023-029 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Aloyiscois Hayes)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted that the members have not provided notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

AMLA2023-030 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Andrew Davis)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

AMLA2023-031 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Andrew Davis)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 FEDERAL LABOUR GOVERNMENT CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to inform members on the Federal Labour Government's Central Australian Plan and respond to queries that members may have.

Representatives from the Office of the Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP are presenting information on the Federal Labour Government's Central Australian Plan commitment in funding for health, housing, schools, safety and other community projects and to discuss the up and coming referendum.

AMLA2023-032 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted and accepted the information shared by the Representatives; and
- b) provided feedback to the Representatives on the Central Australian Plan and Referendum.

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.

Members are advised that the Purchase Order of \$90.91 raised on the 11 April 2022 has been cancelled.

AMLA2023-033 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted and discussed the spending of its 2022/2023 Discretionary Funds; and
- b) requested that the remaining funds \$363.64 be spent to purchase power cards for the Basketball Court.

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.

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 \$3,816.68 of unallocated funds to spend on Community projects.

AMLA2023-034 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lawrence Webb)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted the update to their current projects as follows and kept all project open:
 - **Project 2107, Solar Lights – Ken, Area manager is chasing up the lights and its whereabouts as they have been mixed up with Haasts Bluff;**
 - **Project 2230, Fence for the Footy Oval – although the fund required for the fencing is well below the standard fence but quotes will begin soon to find out what can be sourced with the available funds;**
 - **Project 2231, Shade Shelter and Water for the Sorry Camp – kept project open;**
 - **Project 2232, Softball Oval Cracker Dust and Fencing – Fencing for the Softball Oval is not achievable with the funds allocated to this project and Mr. Blacker (Director, Tech Services) will look into the Cracker Dust and provide update at the next meeting;**
 - **Project 2105, Youth board – Projector and Speakers have been ordered (PO raised) and Youth Board are waiting to receive them.**
- b) **created a new project ‘Installation of a new water bubbler near ablution block’ and allocated all remaining funds \$3,816.68 to this project.**

9.3 AMOONGUNA YOUTH BOARD REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

MRC Youth Boards' objectives are to provide opportunities for youth led decision making and encourage young people to identify and participate in issues, ideas and future developments that matter to them. Youth Boards are an important platform for MRC administration, the elected Council members and Local Authorities to engage with young people about community services, programs and strategic direction.

The development of Youth Boards in MRC communities has been supported by MRC's Governance and Compliance Department and Youth Services Department. MRC is not resourced to establish Youth Boards in our communities without Community Support and assistance from Stakeholders.

AMLA2023-035 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **agreed on the Youth Board's suggestion to get automatic lights installed at the basketball court, lights on from 7pm-10pm only; and**
- b) **requested that the necessary steps be taken to commence the work.**

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

AMLA2023-036 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the Community Services report.

10.2 CSC LA REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

AMLA2023-037 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Patrick Allen)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report.

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 April in the Local Authority community.

AMLA2023-038 RESOLVED (Aloyiscois Hayes/Lisa Sharman)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 30 April 2023.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS AS RAISED AT ITEM 6.2

12.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this paper is to give members the opportunity to discuss any General Council Business matters raised at item 6.2.

MacDonnell Regional Council (MRC) is gathering information on the type of Childcare facility each community would prefer.

To assist MRC, a survey has been introduced that asks members to choose what Childcare service would be more suited for your community.

The survey tabled at this meeting will help MRC in advocating for your choice.

AMLA2023-039 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Aloyischois Hayes)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted that the items raised at Item 6.2 was already discussed at item 6.2;
- c) noted the update below to the issue, Dumping of rubbish and closed the action:

Cost for the fencing and a permanent gate would come with the cost around 200K and that is way beyond funds available to the Local Authority. Illegal dumping of the rubbish will continued to be monitored.

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.

AMLA2023-040 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)

That the Amoonguna Local Authority:

- a) noted that there was not any Non-Council Business items raised at Item 6.3; and
- b) noted and accepted the progress on existing action regarding housing from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet as follows:
 - community members are encouraged to raise their concerns at the HRG meeting and they attend the HRG meetings noting that the next HRG meeting is on the 4th of Oct 2023;
 - noted that the Mr. Bruce Fyfe (Regional Manager, DCM&C) is going to approach Territory Family and Housing regarding short term contract given that the residents in some of the houses have moved away and no longer lives in the community and the empty housing are abandoned. By contrary, many community houses are overcrowded. Mr. Bruce responded that the empty houses may have ongoing lease contracts with the tenant who have not terminated their lease and they continuing to pay the rent. This would mean that the empty houses can't be used for new occupant given that the tenancy contract is ongoing. This situation may be improved with a short term contract and automatic termination of their lease and Mr. Bruce is going to provide the feedbacks and discussion to the Housing department and hopefully will have a update to the Local Authority at the next meeting.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2023

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 11:42am.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Amoonguna Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 2023 and were confirmed Wednesday, 20 September 2023.