



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
AREYONGA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2021 AT 10:39AM

1 MEETING OPENING

The meeting was declared open at 10.39AM

2 WELCOME

2.1 Welcome to Country – Chair Sarah Gallagher

3 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / RESIGNATIONS / TERMINATIONS / NOMINATIONS

3.1 Attendance

Local Authority Members:

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

Councillors:

Cr Selina Kulitja and Councillor Marlene Abbott

Council Employees:

Jeff McLeod (Chief Executive Officer), Donelle Fraser (Manager Service Delivery), Dan Rees (Council Services Coordinator Areyonga) and June Crabb (Governance Administration Officer)

Guests:

Maria Viegas (Community Development Officer, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet), Eric Turner (Regional Development Officer, Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet), Walter Bathern (Community Engagement Officer, Indigenous Eye Health), Colin O'Neill (Clinical Nurse Specialist, Central Australia Health Service) and Alex Duffy (Trachoma NT Nurse Specialist)

3.2 Apologies/Absentees

Apologies:

President Roxanne Kenny and Member Daphne Puntjina

Absentees:

Nil

Attendance, Apologies and Absentees

ARLA2021-001 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Joy Kunia)

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

3.5.1 NOMINATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

There is currently one vacant position on the Areyonga Local Authority and as a consequence a call for nominations was declared.

In the event of a vacancy, a new member will be nominated and appointed in accordance with the Local Government Act, Ministerial Guidelines and (Council Policy) CP111 Local Authorities.

Upon the recommendation of the Local Authority, Council appoints Local Authority members under the Local Government Act.

ARLA2021-002 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted the vacancy and called for community nominations to remain open.

4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT

ARLA2021-003 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Jonathan Doolan)

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

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ARLA2021-004 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority of 4 November 2020 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

ARLA2021-005 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Garnet Djana)

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

ARLA2021-006 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chair)/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority provided no notification of 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

ARLA2021-007 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chair)/Selina Kulitja)

That the Areyonga Local Authority members provided no notification of matters to be raised in Non-Council Business.

7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

ARLA2021-008 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)

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

7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION

ARLA2021-009 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)

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

8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS

8.1 INDIGENOUS EYE HEALTH, NT TRACHOMA PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

IEH started in 2008 with the goal of improving Indigenous Eye Health. The NT Trachoma Program started in 2009 and is committed to eliminating blinding trachoma from remote communities in the NT.

Trachoma prevalence continues to be above 5% for the Central Australian region which means the spreading of infection of Trachoma could continue to stay high or even increase if not addressed by screening and treatment.

ARLA2021-010 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the deputation; and**
- b) **Agreed to continue supporting the NT Trachoma Program to deliver screening and treatment services provided by the Trachoma Nursing team.**

8.2 CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL - HAASTS BLUFF ALT INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREA (IPA) DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Central Land Council Land Management team has new funding from the Australian Government to talk to traditional owners and community members of the Haasts Bluff Aboriginal Land Trust (ALT) about:

- Putting an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) on the Land Trust
- Making a Plan of Management about looking after country
- This Plan will help guide the work of the Anangu-Luritjiku and Walungurru Rangers, and country trips with families
- Nominating a Planning Committee that will work together on this project this year

We are inviting all community members to come to a community meeting to talk about this project on the following dates:

MT LIEBIG Thursday 18th March 10:30am outside Office
KINTORE Tuesday 23rd March 10:30am Basketball court
PAPUNYA Thursday 25th March 10:30am CLC Ranger Office
AREYONGA Wednesday 28th April 10:30am Basketball court
HAASTS BLUFF Thursday 29th April 10:30am Rec Hall Haasts Bluff

This year (2021), the IPA Planning Committee will be working with CLC to make the Plan of Management and explore if it's a good idea to put an Indigenous Protected Area on the Land Trust. After this, in 2022, Traditional Owners will vote Yes or No to making an IPA and receiving on-going funding from the Australian Government to look after country on the IPA.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the deputation from Central Land Council on Indigenous Protected Area Development Project.

Note: The Representative from Central Land Council did not attend the meeting to present the report, therefore this deputation was not discussed.

8.3 LG ELECTIONS 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet's plan is to inform Council and Local Authorities that the Local Government election is taking place on 28 August 2021.

The Department will be talking with community members to raise awareness, encourage people to enrol on the electoral roll, encourage people to vote in the election, encourage people to nominate for office, and encourage people to vote in the election.

ARLA2021-011 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the presentation.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MINISTER CHANSEY PAECH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Minister for Local Government, Chanston Paech MLA, is seeking an invitation to meet members of the Areyonga Local Authority at a mutually convenient time.

ARLA2021-012 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted the correspondence received; and**
- b) **Supported Council sending Minister Paech a letter and calendar of meeting dates inviting him to attend forthcoming Local Authority meetings.**

9.2 NT TREATY COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The NT Treaty Commission presented information about their work to Council last year and consulted on the Treaty Discussion Paper. Council resolved to work on bringing Youth Boards together for a meeting with the NT Treaty Commissioner and to place the NT Treaty Commission Executive Summary on all future Local Authority agenda.

The Executive Summary of the Treaty Discussion Paper is attached to this report.

ARLA2021-013 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted and accepted the report; and**
- b) **Provided no feedback to the NT Treaty Commission.**

9.3 ACTION REGISTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2021-014 RESOLVED (Selina Kulitja/Hilda Bert)

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

- a) **Kept open Action - Grade the main road into Community; and**
- b) **Noted completion and closed Action – Options to keep feral animals out of community.**

9.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Authority receive Project Funds from the Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet for investing in local government community infrastructure projects.

There is a total un-committed balance of \$12,575.10 to allocate in their community.

2019/2020 Project Fund have been expended.

\$12,575.10 is from the 2020/21 Project Fund and must be expended before 30 June 2022.

ARLA2021-015 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the progress of their projects:

- a) Kept open Project 2151 – Toilet Block;
- b) Kept open Project 2154 – Shade shelter and water tank at men’s area;
- c) Kept open Project 2155 – Install shade shelter and water tank at Football Oval
- d) Kept open Project 2156 – Shade shelter over playground;
- e) Kept open Project 2157 – Youth Board Project;
- f) Kept open Project 2158 - Trees at football Oval;
- g) Kept open Project 2159 – Solar lights, commit an additional \$2,000.00 for concreting; and
- h) CSC Areyonga to follow up with quotes on repairing the damaged stairs to the playground equipment.

9.5 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.

ARLA2021-016 RESOLVED(Hilda Bert/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Noted and accepted the report; and
- b) Provided feedback towards the Areyonga Infrastructure Plan.

9.6 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.

ARLA2021-017 RESOLVED(Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) Noted the spending of their 2020/21 Discretionary Funds; and
- b) Committed the balance of \$363.63 towards the Youth Program’s Sports and Recreation.

Break from meeting at 12:31pm

Meeting resumed at 1:09pm

9.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY ASSISTANCE WITH THE REGIONAL 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.*

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

ARLA2021-018 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Hilda Bert)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

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

10 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 COUNCIL SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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

ARLA2021-019 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Joy Kunia)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted and accepted the attached report prepared by Donelle (CT) Fraser, Manager Service Centre Delivery.

10.2 AREYONGA COMMUNITY SERVICE LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

ARLA2021-020 RESOLVED (Sarah Gallagher (Chair)/Jonathan Doolan)

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

11 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE REPORTS

11.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The expenditure report shows spending until 28 February 2021 in the Local Authority community.

ARLA2021-021 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jonathan Doolan)

That the Areyonga Local Authority note and accept the Expenditure Report as at 28 February 2021.

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.

ARLA2021-022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Doolan/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority noted that no items was 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 Chief Minister and Cabinet provide 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.

ARLA2021-023 RESOLVED (Marlene Abbott/Garnet Djana)

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) **Noted that there were no Non-Council Business items was raised at Item 6.3;**
- b) **Noted and accepted any updates and progress on actions from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet;**
- c) **Keep open Action – Air conditioners and fans in renovated houses and to inform the Local Authority when the next Housing Reference Group meeting is;**
- d) **Representative from Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to raise with NT Housing on the builders waste left behind at Lot 62;**
- e) **The Local Authority have requested the Representative from DCMC discover what would be needed to move the Sorry Camp to make way for additional housing.**

Aboriginal Leadership Program.

The Representative from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet spoke with the Local Authority on the Aboriginal Leadership Program and encouraged community participation.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE, 2021

15 MEETING CLOSED

The meeting terminated at 2:39 pm.

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