



MINUTES OF THE AMOONGUNA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
AMOONGUNA COUNCIL OFFICE ON  
THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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## **1 MEETING OPENING**

The meeting was declared open at 10:33AM

### **1.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR**

**AML2024-058 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Samantha Stuart)**

That members appointed Lawrence Webb as Chairperson of this meeting.

## **2 WELCOME**

2.1 Welcome to Country – Member Lawrence Webb

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

### **3.1 Attendance**

Local Authority Members:

Member Lawrence Webb, Member Samantha Stuart

Councillors:

Councillor Andrew Davis, Councillor Lisa Sharman and Councillor Patrick Allen

Council Employees:

James Walsh – Manager Projects Management, Liz Scott – Manager Community Safety,  
Rose Byron – Finance Officer, Kaisa Suumann – Coordinator Youth Boards, Bel Shrimpton  
– Coordinator Youth Services and June Crabb – Coordinator Governance

Guests:

Shane Franey – ALO for the Namatjira Office of the Hon Bill Yan

### **3.2 Apologies/Absentees**

Apologies:

Member Rhekita Stuart and Member Sharon Alice

Absentees:

Councillor Aloyischois Hayes

### **3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/ABSENTEES**

**AMLA2024-059 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

**That members:**

- a) noted the attendance;**
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members Rhekita Stuart and Sharon Alice; and**
- c) noted the absence without notice of Cr Aloyischois Hayes.**

### **3.3 Resignations**

**NIL**

### **3.4 Terminations**

**NIL**

### **3.5 Nominations**

#### **3.5.1 NOMINATIONS FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

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

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the changes to the membership of the Local Authority.

Two vacancies on the Authority were created due to the dismissal of a member for being absent without notice from two consecutive Local Authority meetings and a resignation submitted by Caroline Peters.

**AMLA2024-060 RESOLVED (Samantha Stuart/Lawrence Webb)**

**That the Amoonguna Local Authority:**

- a) noted the resignation received from Member Caroline Peters;**
- b) noted and accepted the nominations submitted by Henry Oliver and Theresa Alice;**
- c) recommended that Council endorses the nominees to the Authority;**
- d) noted the vacancy currently available on the Local Authority;**
- e) calls for community nominations to remain open for 21 days to fill the vacancy.**

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **4.1 CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AMLA2024-061 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Samantha Stuart)**

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

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**AMLA2024-062 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Andrew Davis)**

**That the Minutes of the Local Authority meeting held 18 September 2024 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**

**AML2024-063 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)**

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 RECOMMENDATION**

Members provided notification and raised the following items for General Council Business:

- a) Shade Shelter at Sorry Camp.
- b) Cars in yards.

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

**AML2024-064 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Aloyischois Hayes)**

That members did not raise any matters for discussion at item 6.3

## **7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **7.1 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**AML2024-065 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)**

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

### **7.2 MEMBERS DECLARATION**

**AML2024-066 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Lisa Sharman)**

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

## **8 DEPUTATIONS / GUEST SPEAKERS**

*Nil*

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

### **9.1 YOUTH BOARD REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the recommendations put forward by the Amoonguna Youth Board during their meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. It seeks feedback and discussion from the Amoonguna Local Authority on these proposals.

**AML2024-067 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lisa Sharman)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) received and noted the minutes from the Amoonguna Youth Board meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2024;

- b) considered the key points raised by the Youth Board and made the following decisions:
  - Move to the wishlist:
    - Purchase of a pool table for the Rec Hall;
    - Bike Rack
    - Lights for the Oval
- c) did not consider the Guernseys at this time; and
- d) agreed to allocate Discretionary funds towards a Table Tennis table

## 9.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS FUNDS REPORT

### 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.

**AML2024-068 RESOLVED** (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that \$13,978.41 are funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) approved to close Project 2231 – Shade Shelters for the Sorry Camp, returning \$19,175,00 to unallocated, and noting that one shade shelter has been installed and the second shelter will be installed as part of a separate grant funding
- c) allocated \$4,796.59 to cover the overspend to the budget;
- d) noted the progress on the projects as follows and kept open:
  - 2101 – Water Trailer for Sorry Camp, noting that the Project Management Office will order the trailer; and
  - 2103 – 2 x Bin Trailers
- e) discussed the BMX Track on the wishlist, that due to the location preferred by members, the Traditional Owners and neighboring houses would have to be consulted;
- f) added to the wishlist, the recommendations of the Youth Board:
  - Pool table for the Rec Hall;
  - Bike rack
  - Lights for the Oval

- g) created a new project – 2 x Stealth lighting for each of the Shade Structures at the Sorry Camp, allocating \$14,378.41.

### **9.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY 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.

**AMLA2024-069 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) noted that Council reinstated \$1,174.23 for reallocation;
- b) discussed the spending of their current commitments;
- c) allocated \$500 towards a Table tennis table and equipment for the Youth Board; and
- d) noted that the funds must be spent and goods received by 30 June 2025.

### **9.4 PEOPLE & CAPABILITIES REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Local Authority members insight into MacDonnell Regional Council staffing vacancies to help generate local community engagement and direct involvement in supporting Council's strategic goals of Developing Communities and being a Supportive Organisation.

The attached list of vacancies are opportunities for community members to contribute to the community needs, and the People and Capabilities team asks those present at the Local Authority meeting to encourage community members to apply.

**AMLA2024-070 RESOLVED (Patrick Allen/Lawrence Webb)**

**That the Local Authority noted and accepted the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Amoonguna.**

## **10 COUNCIL MANAGED SERVICES REPORTS**

### **10.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update on the delivery of the Community Services program.

**AMLA2024-071 RESOLVED (Lisa Sharman/Andrew Davis)**

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

## **10.2 COUNCIL SERVICES REPORT**

**AMLA2024-072 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Patrick Allen)**

That members noted the Council Services report tabled at the meeting.

## **11 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

### **11.1 FINANCE REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The expenditure report shows spending until 31 October 2024 in the Local Authority Community.

**AMLA2024-073 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Andrew Davis)**

That the Local Authority noted and accepted the expenditure report as at 31 October 2024.

## **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 with Council the General Business matters raised at item 6.2.

**AMLA2024-074 RESOLVED (Lawrence Webb/Aloyischois Hayes)**

That the Local Authority noted the General Business Items raised at Item 6.2.

- a) **Shade Shelter at Sorry Camp**  
Members advised that the Shade Shelter at the Sorry Camp was not big enough and asked if it could be extended.  
Area Manager and CSC to follow up with members to see how much they want to extend.
- b) **Cars in yards**  
Members were advised that Council is not permitted into the yards of residents. Cars had to be outside the yard and a permission form signed by the owner of the vehicle.

## **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 the services provided by the Northern Territory Government.

**AMLA2024-075 RESOLVED (Andrew Davis/Patrick Allen)**

That the Santa Teresa Local Authority:

- a) noted that the Representative from NTG was not in attendance;
- b) accepted the impromptu presentation from Shane Franey – Namatjira Electorate Representative.  
Mr Franey advised that the Hon. Bill Yan may be able to help with lights at the Oval, Housing repairs and maintenance as well as sponsoring Guernseys. Members were advised to send a request to the Namatjira Office.

**14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13 February 2025**

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting terminated at 12:20 pm.

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