



MINUTES OF THE AREYONGA LOCAL AUTHORITY HELD IN AREYONGA ON  
WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2024 AT 10:30 AM

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**1 MEETING OPENED**

The meeting was declared open at 10:52 am.

**ARLA2024-23 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jacob Yarma)**

**That members of the Authority nominate Hilda Bert as acting Chairperson for the meeting held 12th June 2024.**

**2 WELCOME**

Welcome to Country - acting Chairperson Hilda Bert.

**3 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Attendance/Apologies/Absentees

**Local Authority Members**

Hilda Bert – Acting Chairperson, members Jacob Yarma and Garnet Djana.

**Councillors**

Cr Marlene Abbott, Cr Abraham Poulson - attended via teams.

**Council Employees**

Belinda Urquhart - Chief Executive Officer - attended via teams, June Crabb - Governance Officer, James Walsh - Area Manager, Megan Baliva - Governance Assistance Officer, Lucie Mckean - CSC in Areyonga.

**Guests**

Katherine O'Donoghue - Representative from Member for Gwoja office, David Kerrin and Mardi Haselton - NIAA Representatives.

### **Apologies**

Members Sarah Gallagher, Jonathon Doolan, Joy Kunia, Naphtali Scobie, President Roxanne Kenny.

### **Absentees**

NIL

### **ARLA2024-24 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma /Garnet Djana)**

That the Authority:

- a) noted the attendance;
- b) accepted the apologies received from Members
- c) noted no absentees for this meeting.

## **4 COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	MacDonnell Council Code of Conduct

### **ARLA2024-25 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jacob Yarma)**

That the Authority noted the Council Code of Conduct.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### **ARLA2024-26 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jacob Yarma)**

That the minutes of the Authority meeting held on 21st May 2024 be adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## **6 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND NOTIFICATIONS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of General Business Items

### **ARLA2024-27 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that members provided notice of matters to be raised in General Council Business as follows:

- a) NTG housing to attend next meeting.
- b) Invite Tjuwanpa to the next meeting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Notification of Matters Raised in General Non-Council Business items <b>ARLA2024-28 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)</b>

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that members provides notice of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business as follows:

a) Housing Maintenance

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	6.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Acceptance of Agenda

**ARLA2024-29 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority notes that the papers circulated were received for consideration at this meeting.

## 7 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Conflict of Interest

**ARLA2024-30 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jacob Yarma)**

That the Authority noted the Conflict of Interest Policy.

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Information on the Community Alcohol Plan
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Representatives from NT Health's Harm Minimisation Unit is presenting information to members on understanding the interim alcohol protected area opt-out model and the options available on whether their community would continue being a dry community or to allow alcohol back into community.

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and discusses the presentation from the Harm Minimisation Unit on Community Alcohol Plans.**

Minute note: Representative did not attend this meeting.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	NT Electoral Commission
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NT Electoral Commission (NTEC) is an independent government agency responsible for the impartial conduct of Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and Local Government elections. Our work aligns to a four-year cycle, with the next Legislative Assembly election scheduled for August 2024 and Local Government elections scheduled for August 2025.

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the online presentation from the NTEC Representatives.**

Minute note: Representative did not attend this meeting.

## 9 LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Action Register
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

**ARLA2024-31 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and approves the closure of completed actions ARLA-2024-13.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Projects
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### 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. e.g. park fencing, solar lighting, road repairs and ablution facilities.
- Acquisition of plant and equipment directly related to local government service delivery. e.g. trailers, graders, garden maintenance equipment such as brush cutters, lawn mowers and pressure cleaners, rubbish bin enclosures/stands.
- Upgrade/enhancement of community facilities, e.g. sporting venues, upgrade of community ovals, basketball courts and playgrounds, shade structures, picnic areas, seating and park furniture, tree planting and irrigation; upgrade of women's or men's sheds /shelters.

- Festivals or other events – to be conducted only within the Local Authority area LAPF has been provided for.
- Community based programs – including music, art or dance; uniforms for sporting events; or preservation of culture or traditions.

Funds at risk are from funds that have been allocated yet remain unspent as well as unallocated funds. Project funds from NTG must be spent with goods or services received within an allotted timeframe.

**ARLA2024-32 RESOLVED (Jacob Yarma/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) noted that \$35,283.42 were funds at risk of being returned to NTG;
- b) noted that the 2023/2024 Project funds were still to be received;
- c) noted completion and closed Project 2115 (Separate spaces for males and females), reallocating the underspend of \$7,014.39 to Project 2111 – Upgrade 4 x LED lights and repair 4 x broken LED lights;
- d) Reallocated \$8,000.00 from Project 2113 (Shade Shelter and water tank at football oval) to the creation of a new Project from the wishlist – Drainage around the Basketball Court;
- e) noted and accepted the summary on their projects as follows;
  - accepted the reallocation of funds from Project 2115 to Project 2111;
  - accepted the reallocation of funds from Project 2113 to Drainage around Basketball Court;
  - kept open Project 2114 – GFS 200 Solar light, noting that MG Electrical would install at the same time as the installation for Project 2111;
- f) Noted that a PO of \$11,812.00 has been raised to complete the fencing to Project 2118 – Playground upgrades; and
- g) Added Fence off the Men’s area to the wish list.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	9.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Local Authority Discretionary Funds
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Each financial year, MacDonnell Regional Council grants a discretionary fund allocation of \$4,000.00 to the Local Authority. These funds cannot be carried over from year to year and must be spent (*with goods received*) between 1 July and 30 June.

**ARLA2024-33 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Jacob Yarma)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

- a) noted and accepted the spending of their Discretionary funds;
- b) accepted the Bunnings quote and agreed to allocate the remaining funds towards gardening equipment for each household; and

- c) acknowledged that any remaining funds will return to MRC if not spent by 30 June 2024

## 10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	Service Delivery Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	James Walsh, SD Area Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

#### **ARLA2024-34 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Authority notes and accepts the Service Delivery Report for the community of Areyonga.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	Community Services Report

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Community Services program delivery.

#### **ARLA2024-35 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the Community Services report for the months of March – May 2024.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.3
<b>TITLE:</b>	Technical Services Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Ruth Tahere, Project Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the management of Technical Services for MacDonnell Regional Council within the community of Areyonga.

#### **ARLA2024-36 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Garnet Djana)**

**That the Authority notes and accepts the Technical Services Report for the community of Areyonga.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.4
<b>TITLE:</b>	People and Capabilities Report

<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Katy Nagahawatte, Administration Officer
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### 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

**ARLA2024-37 RESOLVED (Hilda Bert/Jacob Carol)**

**That the Authority notes and accepts the Peoples and Capabilities report for the Community of Areyonga.**

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	10.5
<b>TITLE:</b>	Income and Expenditure Report
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Osman Kassem, Finance Manager

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The expenditure report shows spending until 30 April 2024 in the Local Authority community.

**ARLA2024-38 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority notes and accepts the Income and Expenditure report as at 30 April 2024.**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS RAISED

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.1
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under item 6.2, Members of the Authority have an opportunity to table items that they wish to discuss at General Council Business.

**ARLA2024-39 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)**

**That the Areyonga Local Authority:**

a) noted and discussed the matters raised at Item 6.2 as follows;

- Members asked that on behalf of the Authority, the CEO to draft a letter signed by the members and addressed to NT housing and DIPL requesting that they attend the next LA meeting to address the issues with housing maintenance, lack of communication from the departments and the delays in repairs.
- The members requested the CEO to invite Tjuwanpa to attend the next LA meeting.

- b) noted any action items arising from these discussions will be moved to the action register for Council to respond.

<b>ITEM NUMBER:</b>	11.2
<b>TITLE:</b>	General Non-Council Business
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	June Crabb, Governance Coordinator

### 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 were given the opportunity to provide notification of matters to be raised in General Non-Council Business.

### **ARLA2024-40 RESOLVED (Garnet Djana/Hilda Bert)**

That the Areyonga Local Authority:

- a) notes and discusses the matters raised at Item 6.3 as follows;
- Invite NT housing to discuss the ongoing maintenances issues within the community houses; and
  - Invite Tjuwanpa to the next Local Authority meeting.
- b) noted that any action items arising relating to NT Government Services will be followed up with and a response bought before members at their next Local Authority meeting.

## **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 4th of September 2024

## **13 MEETING CLOSED**

The meeting concluded at 12:12pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the unconfirmed Minutes of the Areyonga Local Authority Meeting held on 12th June 2024.