



Agenda

Milingimbi

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

20 July 2021

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Local Authority Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Milingimbi Council Office on Tuesday, 20 July 2021 at 10.00am.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
REFERENCE	1501645
AUTHOR	Candice O'Halloran, Governance, Local Authority and Communication Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to table, for the Local Authority's record, any absences and apologies and requests for leave of absence received from Local Authority Members and what absences that Local Authority gives permission for.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the absence of < >.
- b) Notes the apology received from < >.
- c) Notes < > are absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- d) Notes < > absent without permission of the Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1501648
AUTHOR	Candice O'Halloran, Governance, Local Authority and Communication Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act details that “A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the council, local board or council local authority, committee if the member or an associate of the member has a personal or financial interest in how the question is decided”. Chapter 7, Part 7.2 – Conflict of Interest.

GENERAL

A conflict of interest is a situation that has the potential to undermine a person’s ability to be impartial because of the possibility of a clash between the person’s self-interest and professional interest or public interest.

When this occurs the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove them self from the decision making process.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes no conflicts of interest declared at today’s meeting.**
- b) Notes any conflicts of interest declared at today’s meeting.**

ATTACHMENTS:

PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1501626
AUTHOR	Candice O'Halloran, Governance, Local Authority and Communication Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is asked to confirm the unconfirmed minutes from the previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

As per the Northern Territory *Local Government Act 2008*, "The council, local authority, local board or council committee must, at its next meeting, or next ordinary meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment) as a correct record of the meeting". (*Part 6.3 Section 67.3*).

GENERAL

Local Authority members need to read the unconfirmed minutes carefully before they endorse them as a true record of the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority approves the minutes from the meeting of 18 May 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Local Authority - Milngimbi 2021-05-18 [1608] Minutes.DOCX



Mission

East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.

Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

18 May 2021

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILINGIMBI
COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2021 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow

OBSERVERS

Dale Keehne – CEO, Shane Marshall – Director of Technical and Infrastructure services, Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development

Janine Bevis and Lucasta Clothier-Fairs – Department of Chief Ministers and Cabinet – Local Government Election – in person

Neville Khan – Australia Bureau of Statistics- via audio link

MINUTE TAKER

Candice O'Halloran – Acting Governance, Local Authority and Communications Manager

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:35am and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Joanne Baker - Prayer

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

This report is to table, for the Local Authority's record, any absences and apologies and requests for leave of absence received from Local Authority Members and what absences that Local Authority gives permission for.

112/2021 **RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)**

That the Local Authority:

- a) **Notes the absence of Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Robert Yirapawanga and Rowena Gaykamangu.**
- b) **Notes the apology received from Lapulung Dhamarrandji and Robert Yirapawanga**
- c) **Notes Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Robert Yirapawanga and Rowena Gaykamangu are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILINGIMBI
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Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for members to declare any conflicts they have within the agenda.

113/2021 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Joe Djakala)

That the Local Authority:

a) Notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

Boaz Baker left the meeting, the time being 11:02 AM

Boaz Baker returned to the meeting, the time being 11:03 AM

GUEST SPEAKER – DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF MINISTER AND CABINET

114/2021 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Rosetta Wayatja)

Notes the presentation from Janine Bevis and Lucasta Clothier-Fairs – Department of Chief Ministers and Cabinet – Local Government Election.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to confirm the unconfirmed minutes from the previous meeting.

115/2021 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes from the meeting of 16 March 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

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Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

116/2021 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Rosetta Wayatja)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.
- b) Writes to the AFLNT to express concern over the current commitment of the AFLNT program and facilitation in Milingimbi
- c) Invite AFLNT to attend the next scheduled Local Authority meeting to discuss their commitment to the AFLNT program in Milingimbi

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

MOTION – MOVE TO A PROVISIONAL MEETING

117/2021 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Boaz Baker)

MOVE TO A PROVISIONAL MEETING

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

MOTION – LUNCH BREAK

118/2021 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Joe Djakala)

Adjournment of meeting at 1:22pm for Lunch.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

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MOTION – RETURN FROM LUNCH

119/2021 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

Resumption of meeting at 2:05pm

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

General Business

8.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

120/2021 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

That Local Authority notes the CEO report.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

8.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2021 within the Local Authority area.

121/2021 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 30 April 2021.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

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8.5 FY 2022 DRAFT BUDGET - MILINGIMBI

SUMMARY:

This report presents the 2021-22 draft budget for the Local Authority.

122/2021 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Joe Djakala)

The Local Authority notes the FY 2022 draft budget.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

MOVED TO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

123/2021 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Kaye Thurlow)

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

COMMUNITY REPORTS

9.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

124/2021 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)

That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

9.2 COMMUNITY NIGHT PATROL - FOCUS PROJECT - DEFERRED

SUMMARY:

This report is to inform and seek input from the Local Authority on the Community Night Patrol focus project.

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RECOMMENDATION

This item was postponed till next meeting.

Questions From Members

10.1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority will now take questions from members.

125/2021 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

Questions From Public

11.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority will now take questions from members the public.

126/2021 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

That the Local Authority notes the questions from the public and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting.

For:

In the Chair Rosetta Wayatja, and Local Authority members Joanne G Baker, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joe Djakala and Kaye Thurlow.

Against:

Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20 July 2021

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 3:10pm.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILINGIMBI
COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2021 AT 10.00AM

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 May 2021.

Unconfirmed

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1501649
AUTHOR	Candice O'Halloran, Governance, Local Authority and Communication Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Local Authority is asked to review the range of actions and progress to complete them.

BACKGROUND

The current Local Authority Action Items List, and updates on progress to complete them, is attached.

GENERAL

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented.

If an action is completed the Local Authority need to request for the item to be removed from the Action Register, for the Council to endorse.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Milingimbi Actions - 30.06.2021.docx

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

LOCAL AUTHORITY	ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS
18 May 2021	Local Authority Action register	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse. b) Writes to the AFLNT to express concern over the current commitment of the AFLNT program and facilitation in Milingimbi c) Invite AFLNT to attend the next scheduled Local Authority meeting to discuss their commitment to the AFLNT program in Milingimbi <p>13.07.2021 – Due to the recent disruptions with Football, letter has not yet been sent. Letter and invitation will be sent in July 2021.</p>
	141/2021 Series of Murals (re-tabled)	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Continue to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals. (b) Start gathering together photos of possible candidates, to be given to the Community Development Coordinator. <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – LA are still deciding what way they would like to proceed with.</p> <p>30.06.2021 – Ongoing</p>
	001/2020 RESOLVED	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava. b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or 2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms. c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.

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		<p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Update provided to LA, EARC will provided update from government once received.</p> <p>30.06.2021 – Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>
	Questions From Members	<p>That the Local Authority notes the question about the leases in Milingimbi and requests that the Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services investigates the options for leases in Milingimbi, including 99 year leases, and provides a report to the Local Authority.</p> <p>27/01/2021 – The Director Technical and Infrastructure Services provided a verbal brief to the Local Authority and will provide a presentation to the Local Authority about the zoning plan, and vacant land that can be developed.</p> <p>Director Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up about the abandoned house behind the Municipal Services yard – to confirm if the site is asbestos free and who is responsible for clearing the site.</p> <p>27/01/2021 – The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services has followed up with the NLC and researched the status of the abandoned house. It sits on 'land trust' land and is not on a lot or under lease. The Community Development Coordinator will be provided with an additional update for the Local Authority within the next two weeks.</p> <p>25.02.21 – Council to request the Director of Technical Services to contact the Northern Land Council and the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet about the urgent removal of the abandoned house that sits on 'land trust' land and seek payment for removal.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services, will update at next LA Meeting. Have not received anything in writing to confirm any information.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Recent clean up of items and grass from around the premises was conducted, will keep the LA updated with any further information at next LA meeting.</p> <p>12.07.2021 – correspondence received by the NLC as of the 8th of July no determination has been as yet made, but they are looking into a number of similar sites across the NLC Trust area.</p> <p>Technical services have commissioned a pre demolition asbestos test and report which is due in 2 weeks.</p>

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

		If this is clear EARC will remove the structure and invoice the NLC directly to eliminate this risk.
	Priority footpaths	<p>10/11/2020 – tender release to the market and evaluated – market pricing for the works significantly over budget and works of the same nature across multiple areas – this project will be re-assessed and delivered in a reduced scope or additional funds will need to be allocated – this item will be discussed at the next LA meeting for suggested direction.</p> <p>27/01/2021 – ongoing at this stage – CDP and Contractors still to recommence respective services in Community at this stage.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Will bring information to next LA meeting.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Will update at next LA meeting</p> <p>30.06.2021 – Ongoing – Update provided to council.</p>
	Water to be installed at the oval	<p>19.05.2020 – Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up with Power & Water regarding current status of water sources, and when extra water may become available. To also investigate the use of brackish water for the Oval and report back to the LA.</p> <p>18/01/2021 - Email and discussion are underway with Power and Water surrounding supply options – Brackish Test bore was not approved but other options have been suggested as possibilities – awaiting official Power and Water response.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Awaiting response from Power and Water.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing – Still waiting for response from Power and Water.</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council – no water extraction approvals from Power and Water have advanced at this stage.</p>
	Beautification of Jesse Smith park	<p>27/01/2021 - Additional bollards have arrived and will be installed by the MS Team in the near future.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Bollards are located in Milingimbi and will be placed into the right spots by Monday Morning.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing – is on work list to be installed.</p>

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

		30.06.2021 – Cultural heritage grant has been approved – Ongoing
	Makarata Field	<p>27/01/2021 - NLC consultations were held the week of the 2nd of November – awaiting formal advice on the consultation outcome from the NLC, NLC leasing staff still on holidays and set to return at the end of January. We are awaiting an official response from NLC.</p> <p>18/01/2021 – Director Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up for potential for historical listing (and as bombing site) and options for funding, DTSI looking into options and will report back in future meeting, noting this project was listed on the community priority listing for a co-funding contribution.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Has trust approval, have the paperwork to be signed off. Awaiting for licence and approval for land. – ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing – Licence has been received and will bring next stage to next LA meeting.</p> <p>12.07.2021 –Ongoing site layout and inclusions to be workshopped in the near future for concept drafted drawing sets and costings to be produced for future grant.</p>
	YSR – New commercial stove for YSR center	<p>19.05.2020 – YSR Regional Manager is following up with Department of Health for approval, which is needed, before purchase of the oven.</p> <p>The Local Authority requests the item 'YSR – New commercial stove for YSR center' be placed on hold due to committing funds to other projects.</p> <p>10/11/2020 – The Local Authority requests Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide a satisfactory stove option for the Youth, Sport & Recreation Hall that the Local Authority is happy to fund – yet to be actioned</p> <p>18/01/2021 – to be actioned in February when trades are available in Community.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Stove is located in community, awaiting for installation. – Ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing – Electrician will be out shortly to install the stove</p> <p>12.07.2021 – still to be installed – delays with contractor availability at this point.</p>

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

	Micro-plastics Signage (Arnhem Coast Clean Up)	<p>22.09.2020 The Local Authority supported the installation of a sign to tell the story of micro-plastics in the water. Members recommend simplifying the words and adding language. The first sign is to be installed near the boat ramp. – Action for Director Technical & Infrastructure Services.</p> <p>18/01/2021 – will be ordered with the balance of the community signage order once all community input has been received so all signs can be ordered in one bulk engagement. These signs will also include the local ranger emblems.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Signs are in community and awaiting for installations.</p> <p>18.05.2021 - Signs are in community and awaiting for installations, will be completed shortly.</p> <p>12.07.2021 –Ongoing – Contractors to be engaged for installation of the sign due to local capacity issues – ETA for install 3 weeks max</p>
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FUTURE ACTIONS/ ADVOCACY

Milingimbi	ACTION ITEM	FUTURE ACTIONS
Milingimbi Future Actions/ Advocacy	09/7/2020 Community Development Coordinator Report	<p>(a) Supports a meeting of Local Authority and key Mala leaders with senior Police to discuss concerns with growing law and order issues at Milingimbi, and how to work together to address it, including the permanent placement of Police, neutral Yolgnu Aboriginal Community Police Officers and police liaison officers at Milingimbi.</p> <p>17.11.2020 - Letter written – Local Authority members to meet with police about joint action to address crime in community. EARC CEO to call Senior Police official to advise of local action and seek local action from Police.</p> <p>The Director Community Development to follow up with Chief Ministers office, and other stakeholders, to explore options for housing and confirm if lots have been quarantined for police housing. The local Authority request an update in relation to service provision and investment from both levels of Government.</p> <p>27.01.2021 – CEO to call senior police official again to raise ongoing need for a permanent police presence at Milingimbi, including an Indigenous Liaison Officer(s), and stronger engagement and linkage with Local Authority and broader community members for the benefit of community.</p>

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	<p>The Local Authority to support calling and facilitating community meetings with Police on how to work together to improve community safety.</p> <p>27/01/2021 - The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Service to follow up with Chief Ministers office, and other stakeholders, to explore options for housing and a proper permanent Police Station and see if lots have been quarantined in future subdivisions.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Investigating trial run of housing for the police in Milingimbi.</p> <p>30.06.2021 – Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p> <p>(b) Requests a letter to be sent from the Local Authority Chair and Council President to the Traditional Credit Union (TCU) for a new TCU office at Milingimbi, and for the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to liaise with the TCU and the Government on options for this.</p> <p>10/11/2020 – Still pending and will be looked at in January 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 – Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1501607
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

GENERAL

A lot of things have happened in the last two months since we last met.

Celebration of Regional Office Opening & Projects

Many other important Indigenous leaders were joined by Minister Selena Uibo to mark this special event. This included East Arnhem Regional Council elected Councillors, the Council President and Deputy President, the Chairs of each of the 9 Local Authorities, Indigenous Liaison Officers and many long serving Yolngu and Anindilyakwa staff from across the region.

The Chairs, Board Members and CEOs of all other significant Aboriginal Organisations across the region were invited along with senior officials from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments.

Wityana Marika led a traditional Bungal cultural ceremony reserved for such significant events.

The celebration of the launch of the new office was accompanied by the celebration of Council's commitment to spend over \$9 million dollars on 50 projects across all 9 communities of East Arnhem Land, as determined by the Council Local Authority in each community.

Bringing together of Yolngu and Anindilyakwan leaders from across the Local Authorities, Council and other Aboriginal organisations - is what East Arnhem Regional Council is all about. Being driven by the voice and decisions of the people of each community and their homelands, working in partnership and unity with others, to achieve the best for all.

Yolngu Partnership Agreement

The resolution of Council on its input to the 'Joint Submission' on the Indigenous Voice was not recognised by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

Detailed input has been provided from the Council on a useful way forward to the Yolngu Partnership Local Decision Making process.

There has been valuable engagement with Laynhapuy Homelands, and Marthakal Homelands of the value of their direct 'local' governance and voice within the broader East Arnhem Regional Council regional structure.

Groote Archipelago Agreement

Council officers have contributed to the development of a comprehensive Terms of Reference and provided further information for an independent assessment Financial Assessment Report. The Terms of Reference have still not been finalised. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet have advised that consultations with communities across the East Arnhem Region are planned to commence from 25 October 2021, following the outcome of Council and ALC elections.

The NT Government Local Decision Making Minister has made public statements strongly supporting that the de-amalgamation go ahead - before the independent report to assess the viability of the proposal has even started, or any community consultations have been held to consider the findings of the independent assessment, and whether communities actually support the de-amalgamation of Council.

National Advocacy on Key Local and Regional Issues

The Council delegation used the opportunity of our visit to the Australian Local Government National General Assembly to advocate and engage on a range of key issues, as detailed in attached the Media Releases and newspaper article (Attachments 1 to 5).

The key issues raised for support from the Minister of Indigenous Australians (NIAA) and the CEO of the National Indigenous Australians Agency were:

1. Commit to nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as Aboriginal controlled entities across Australia at all levels of Government. That is, where there is majority representation of both Elected Officials and Constituency of Indigenous Australians

This motion formally proposed by EARC was unanimously endorsed at the ALGA General Meeting.

Deputy President Djuwalpi Marika raised the motion for recognition of Aboriginal Controlled Council and talked through with Minister Wyatt how East Arnhem Regional Council is traditionally based, from the formation of its electoral wards on cultural lines, to the inherent respect for Clan Leaders and Traditional Owners. The Minister was advised about the recognition and respect shown by Council of each Local Authority, and the openness of Council to hear and support the voice of the Laynhapuy, Marthakal and other homelands.

The Minister reaffirmed that government is wanting to hear the voice of traditional cultural structures, and showed interest in the way Council does this and how that could be further deepened.

NIAA CEO Ray Griggs advised the Council delegation that he recognises East Arnhem Regional Council as a 'variation of the construct', of how to engage with the local and regional Indigenous voice, because EARC and other similar councils in the Northern Territory are Aboriginal controlled.

The issue of Council losing and missing out on a range of grant opportunities, was acknowledged. The Minister committed to assess the current criteria being applied. The recognition of Aboriginal Controlled Local Governments was put forward by Council as a straightforward way to deal with this problem.

2. Support the review by the Northern Territory Government of its Local Decision Making Framework Policy and Agreements, to be in line with the principles, partnerships, priority areas and actions within the updated National Agreement on Closing the Gap (unanimously supported at the General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory in April 2021), and upon approval, the more comprehensive and advanced Principles-based Framework for Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice.

The Council delegation raised that there is significant confusion with the range of governance reforms that are being raised and discussed with community and homelands members, and that the different proposed approaches need to be brought together.

Alignment of the Northern Territory and Australian Government approaches with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Councils, will enable the most comprehensive, effective and unified approach to achieve real improvement for our communities and homelands.

These Indigenous Voice principles include the recognition of existing bodies and governance structures, building on existing capability, and a commitment to listen to all voices - traditional owners and leaders, the young, disabled and all others.

The proposed approach for a stronger Indigenous Local, Regional and National Voice being considered by the Federal Government, and its key principles, is aligned with the formal recognition of Aboriginal Controlled Local Government Councils, called for by the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly, this week.

The NIAA CEO said that he is focussed on outcomes and does not care what the structure is. He wants genuine engagement with community and for government to change as needed to deal with what issues different communities raise.

In relation to the Local Decision Making agreement the NIAA CEO asked why the NT Government do not slow down and wait until there is more clarity on the way forward with the Indigenous Voice process, so we have a united and coordinated approach. Council expressed its strong support for that.

3. Select the East Arnhem Region as one of 6 Indigenous Voice Regions in the Northern Territory and 35 Regions across the nation, as proposed in the Indigenous Voice Submission from Council.

The point was put that Council this will provide the opportunity for all Aboriginal people from across Australia to benefit from the proposed Indigenous Voice process.

It will also allow all local voices to be heard at a regional then national level. The Laynhapuy Homelands, Marthakal Homelands have expressed their support for their respective local voices to be heard regionally through East Arnhem Regional Council, and other cultural based leaders and institutions could do the same.

We are united and stronger through Miwatj Health, and we should stay united and stronger through our Miwatj Council, East Arnhem Regional Council. We want to be one, not fragmented.

The Council delegation explained how the Anindilyakwa Land Council and other Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island organisations would be able to express their strong local voice to the regional East Arnhem structure.

As Djuwalpi Marika said "I am following my blood. Council is the arm of the people of East Arnhem Land. We are working to bring empowerment to our Yolngu and Anindilyakwa

Yolngu of East Arnhem Land, and look forward to working with the two Balanda (western) levels of government.”

4. Start dealing with real and pressing issues, to get real achievements, through Indigenous Voice and Local Decision Making.

The Council delegation also raised the re-introduction of the legal sale of kava, its health effects, concerns, where and how it should be sold.

Minister Wyatt shared concerns with East Arnhem Regional Council on the re-introduction of kava into areas like the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Genuine engagement with all communities and homelands on this very important issue would also set a valuable example of what can be achieved through the Indigenous Voice and the Northern Territory Government’s Local Decision Making policy.

The East Arnhem Regional Council raised that given the legal sale of kava is due to start from December this year – the consultation and engagement with communities will need to start very soon, for the voice of the people to be really heard and acted on.

Minister Wyatt committed to follow up the need for full and proper engagement to be initiated soon as proposed, including with Northern Territory Minister of Health Natasha Fyles, and Minister for Local Decision Making Selena Uibo.

Two other key issues were raised with the NIAA CEO as important and in need of being addressed. The first is the effective response to youth crime that is beyond the usual ‘tough on crime’ cycle and engages community elders and family and involved structural changes to government and justice system processes.

The other issue is the need to support real jobs, not prop up the failed CDP program.

5. Need for Increased Funding to Fix Road Damage from Heavy Wet Season

The NIAA CEO was asked to consider a post-wet season audit declaration process of road networks, that have sustained significant dilapidation from weather impacts. Road funding opportunities don’t reflect sessional effects across the Top End outside of declared events.

The CEO acknowledged this is a significant problem in need of a response and committed to put the Council in contact with relevant senior officials to pursue it.

Another roads based issue useful to raise is the value of direct funding from the Federal Government to Councils for greater outcomes, as money is not lost on the way through the respective state or territory government.







RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Inquiry Into Local Decision Making - Your Voice
REFERENCE	1501623
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

The Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making Policy and Program is now due to be reviewed, as it is almost three and a half years old, and there have been significant developments including the update of Closing the Gap that includes the recognition of the role of Local Government, the Indigenous Local, Regional and National Voice process, and proper recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Government Councils.

BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Government launched its Local Decision Making Policy in February 2018.

All 17 Northern Territory Local Governments formally resolved at the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting on 22 April 2021 to call for the formal evaluation of the Local Decision Making Program, including its alignment with the updated Closing the Gap and Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice process, upon approval.

GENERAL

The Public Accounts Committee of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly has now called an Inquiry into Local Decision Making. The Committee is asking for submissions from interested people and organisations on:

- 1) the progress, achievements challenges and future potential of LDM implementation across the Northern Territory.
- 2) how to foster community leadership interest in and commitment to new LDM agreements.
- 3) the impact of technology, Treaty, Truth-Telling and Voice on LDM developments.

Submissions are due by close of business Friday 13 August 2021.

Council intends to make a submission to the enquiry based on its experience over the last two to three years since the Local Decision Making policy was introduced by the Northern Territory Government to the region.

This will be based on the experience of Councillors, Local Authorities, communities and homelands through the Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Agreement, the Yolngu Region Local Decision Making Partnership Agreement and the Workshop series to date, and the Djalkiripuyngu Commitment Agreement for Local Decision Making. The experience of community and homeland members of the range of other processes including Treaty, Empowered Communities, and more recently the Indigenous Local, Regional and National Voice, and how they link or do not link together, will also be included in the submission.

Council seeks your direct input as Local Authority members to help inform the Council submission to the Inquiry.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority supports a submission by Council to the Inquiry into Local Decision Making by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, with the incorporation of views provided by the Local Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Mutual Respect Agreement - Northern Territory Police
REFERENCE	1501652
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development



SUMMARY:

This report seeks to inform and establish a position from the Local Authority on the proposed Northern Territory Police Mutual Respect Agreement (MRA).

BACKGROUND

East Arnhem Regional Council and the Northern Territory Police have a long standing collaborative relationship, and have worked together on many matters to increase the safety of residents throughout East Arnhem.

In addition, the Northern Territory Police have a firmly established relationship with the Community Patrol program, and many other community programs. The Northern Territory Police actively work with Council and other stakeholders on various other community safety programs across the East Arnhem region.

GENERAL

The Northern Territory Police have contacted Council to become a signatory and party to the Northern Territory Police Mutual Respect Agreement. The Mutual Respect Agreement aims to strengthen the relationship with community, increase Police knowledge about community and commit Police to attend Local Authority Meetings to discuss items of importance and safety.

The Northern Territory Police's intention is to establish a Mutual Respect Agreement for each community in East Arnhem.

Key points from the Mutual Respect Agreement are:

- Police will **LEARN** about the language, culture and protocols of the (Community Name) community; how to communicate and conduct themselves appropriately; how to respect the land, sacred sites and traditional value; and how to solve problems with the help of Leaders and the community
- Leaders will help **EDUCATE** police officers about these things and the ways of the community generally
- Leaders will **ASSIST** the police in upholding the law and keeping the peace
- Both **PARTIES** will work together to develop **PROTOCOLS** to record these things and ensure their mutual **RESPECT**; and
- **AGREEMENT** will be celebrated every year on the anniversary of the parties signing it.

At Council's ordinary meeting, 30 June 2021, Council unanimously supported Council being a party to the agreement. Council also supported detailed consultation with each community

on the Mutual Respect Agreement and approved the appropriate signatory to the agreement to be discussed locally and approved by each Local Authority.

For Local Authorities consideration:

- Does the Local Authority support the signing of the Mutual Respect Agreement?
- Who the Local Authority nominates to be the Council signatory in the Local Authority area?
- Consideration be given to additional party signing the agreement?

Attached to the report as an example is a draft Mutual Respect Agreement for Yirrkala, that has the Council logo affixed and Dep. President Djuwalpi Marika as a signatory, the agreement also included the signature Wanyubi Marika Chairman of the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Supports the signing of the Northern Territory Police Mutual Respect Agreement.**
- (c) Nominates a Councilor / Local Authority Member to be Council's signatory to the Mutual Respect Agreement.**
- (d) Recommends xxxx is an additional signatory to the Mutual Respect Agreement.**

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Yirrkala Mutual Respect Agreement 6 Jul 21.pdf**

YIRRKALA MUTUAL RESPECT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE YIRRKALA LEADERS AND
THE NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE FORCE



**Rirratjingu
Aboriginal
Corporation**



**Northern Territory
Police Force**

AFFIRM

That all people are equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection

ACKNOWLEDGE

That the Leaders of the Yirrkalā Community have a duty to uphold the law, culture and clan values of the clan groups in the Yirrkalā region.

That the Northern Territory Police Force have sworn an oath to keep the peace, uphold the law, protect life and property, and faithfully discharge their duties in accordance with the law.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

And recognise that to do their respective duties, they must respect each other's laws and values.



The parties agree to:

Police will **LEARN** about the language, culture and protocols of the Yirrkalā community; how to communicate and conduct themselves appropriately; how to respect the land, sacred sites and traditional value; and how to solve problems with the help of Leaders and the community;

AND the Leaders will help **EDUCATE** police officers about these things and the ways of the community generally;

AND the Leaders will **ASSIST** the police in upholding the law and keeping the peace;

AND all **PARTIES** will work together to develop **PROTOCOLS** to record these things and ensure their mutual **RESPECT**.

This **AGREEMENT** will be celebrated every year on the anniversary of the parties signing it.

Cross Cultural Training

Building Relationships

Mutual Respect and Communication

Awareness of Sacred Sites and Ceremonial Ground

Introductions of Leaders and Key People

ONGOING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE YIRRKALA LEADERS AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE FORCE

Once a month police will meet with the Yirrkalā Leaders for regular consultation on crime, safety, law and justice issues within the community.

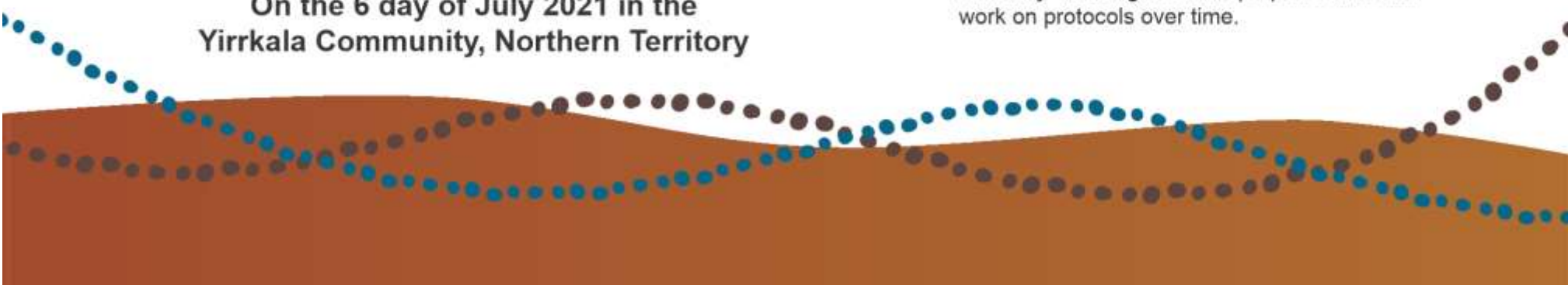
Police will be invited to the Yirrkalā Local Authority meeting for this purpose and also work on protocols over time.

Wanyubi Marika
Chairman Rirratjingu
Aboriginal
Corporation

Mr Djuwalpi Marika
Deputy President
East Arnhem
Regional Council

Superintendent
Northern
Northern Territory
Police Force

On the 6 day of July 2021 in the
Yirrkalā Community, Northern Territory



GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Flexible Aged Care Service - Proposal
REFERENCE	1501824
AUTHOR	Stacey Eley, Regional Manager Aged and Disability Services

**SUMMARY:**

This report seeks to inform and gain support for Council's Aged and Disability Service to submit an application for the upcoming Department of Health (DoH) grant round to convert all current Home Care Packages (HCP) into a regional National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Flexible Aged Care (NATSIFAC) service.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Aged Care Government Reforms during 2014, East Arnhem Regional Council's allocated Home Care Packages, along with all other packages across Australia, were moved to a National Government pool. Government's intent and purpose driving the change was to provide greater independence and utilisation of packages across the country.

Unfortunately, in practice, this change has created barriers to use, falling short of the set intent. Limitations in the clients ability to pool funds as was common practice in remote settings, has driven under utilisation of the new system and in some cases reductions in care. In some cases, clients were unable to receive care or any assessed need requirements. Administration of the current system has also proved challenging.

Since the reforms were implemented it has been acknowledged by Government and providers that pooled flexible aged care funds is a better suited and more sustainable model for aged care services in regional, remote and very remote Aboriginal communities rather than the individual funded packages that are currently in place. This acknowledgement and lived experience through delivery is navigating the application.

GENERAL

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) is seeking a regional approach in this application for the delivery of NATSIFAC Services. This approach will improve the delivery of services and increase the overall benefits to frail aged people of the East Arnhem Region, as it will allow alignment between administration, operations, delivery and client needs and client movements.

The current funding model does not meet the needs of all clients, due to funding and care differences between clients. The current model often leads to Council being in a position of risk, having unspent funds held in trust, while unfunded services are provided to clients to meet a duty of care requirements.

Under the proposal, with the consent of relevant clients, Council will be combining all current Home Care Packages into a regional NATSIFAC, pooling all Home Care Packages funds to provide services and equipment as per all clients assessed needs. This application will also include waitlisted clients for higher packages and clients needing to move from Commonwealth Home Support Packages to Home Care Packages.

It is also a requirement for EARC to consult and inform communities, seek approval from clients and share the impact these changes will have if EARC is successful with its Application. Evidence of the process and support from the clients must be included in the Application.

Benefits under a new funding model include:

- Improved and better distribution of resources to meet the needs of all clients
- No current HCP client will be disadvantaged or worst off under the new model
- All prescribed and required equipment will be purchased and available to clients
- Services will continue and be delivered in line with client care plans
- All clients on current HCP will transfer to the NATSIFAC funding model.
- Services and support to Commonwealth Home Support Program or entry level clients will remain unchanged unless the needs of those clients change.

Council staff will be discussing this application and proposal with clients and families individually and through group sessions, through Local Authority meetings and community briefings over the coming weeks.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority support the development and submission of an application for a regional National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Flexible Aged Care grant when next released.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.5
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1495135
AUTHOR	Peter Dunkley, Regional Manager Youth Sports and Recreation

SUMMARY:

This report sets out to highlight Youth, Sport and Recreation events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

BACKGROUND

The Youth, Sport and Recreation seeks to strengthen young people, by helping them live happy, healthy lives. We deliver a range of funded activities and programs including but not limited to after school hours activities, school holiday programs, camps, hunting and bush trips, movie nights, arts/music, formal and informal sports and physical activity, Youth Diversion case management, community radio, inter community activities, staff training and capacity building.

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program seeks input, feedback and support from the Local Authority in an effort to continually improve what we do.

GENERAL

- Community staffing
- Remote Sports Program (formal and informal competitions, visits from peak sporting bodies)
- After School hours program
- School holiday program
- Youth Diversion (Yirrkala/Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak, Galiwinku only)
- Community Radio (Yirrkala, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak, Galiwinku only)
- Program successes / challenges

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Local Authority notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.**
- That the Local Authority seeks the following recommendations:**

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.6
TITLE	Waste Services Update
REFERENCE	1500631
AUTHOR	Wesley Van Zanden, Waste & Environmental Manager

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to provide a summary update of works and projects being implemented in the community by the Waste Services Department

BACKGROUND

General information regarding the Waste Services departments Waste Education Program.

GENERAL

The Waste Services team are excited to announce that we have recently hired two new staff members to replace the recent resignations. We are now back to a full team that will be able to better service all the communities and continue to grow and develop environmental, recycling, waste minimisation and education initiatives.

Waste Education

We are currently developing an overarching three year Community Education Strategy that is in line with East Arnhem Regional Councils (EARC) ten year Waste Management Strategic Plan. The Education Strategy is stilling being developed, however, the staged approach we are taking to deliver the strategy are as follows;

- Stage 1. Stakeholder Identification and Analysis (completed).
- Stage 2. Liaising with community stakeholders regarding education/awareness strategies (ongoing).
- Stage 3. Development of an iterative 3 year Community engagement strategy (worked on in conjunction with stages 1 and 2).
- Stage 4. Start delivering strategy (end 2021/Start 2022).
- Stage 5. Review, adapt and adopt (Annual review, but also regular check points for continuous development and improvement).

Furthermore, while this strategy is in development, discrete projects like the Container Deposit Scheme, Marine Plastics, and Mobile Muster; that are being rolled out now, will have more of an adhoc approach until they can be integrated into the three year plan.

Once such initiative that is currently being finalised is a joint venture between EARC, Plastics Ocean Australasia, and Veolia, to provide education and awareness around plastic waste in the ocean and on the beaches. We are currently in the final production stage of creating three videos in language to help roll the initiative out. Together with this video, Ocean Plastics Australasia will be providing education materials for community groups and the schools to utilise.

The Waste team have also been busy developing some further education materials with regards to the importance of reducing litter and waste. The first step has been to create a short educational cartoon to play on our notice boards and at schools and events to raise awareness. This video is nearly finalised and hopefully be ready to promote and circulate by August.

Container Deposit Scheme

The Cash for Containers program is back up and running in all communities. We are planning to have regular monthly collection days. If you haven't already, tell family and head down to the council office to pick up a bulka bag and start putting all plastic bottles, glass bottles and aluminum cans in the bag. At the end of each month our team will call by to pick up the bag and pay you ten cents per container. We encourage residents in all communities to get involved to help reduce the amount of plastic going into our landfills.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority note the Waste Services report

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.7
TITLE	Roads Infrastructure - Routine Grading Maintenance Updates
REFERENCE	1500767
AUTHOR	Arvin Roping, Transport and Infrastructure Manager

**SUMMARY:**

This Report is tabled for the Milingimbi Local Authority in order to update on the progress of the recent grading maintenance undertaken on the internal and rural outstation roads network.

BACKGROUND

General information regarding the Transport and Infrastructure department's Milingimbi routine unsealed roads grading maintenance program.

GENERAL**Unsealed Roads Grading Maintenance**

Nhulunbuy Civil have been engaged to perform routine road grading maintenance services throughout Milingimbi's internal and rural unsealed roads network to a standard that ensures the road is in a safe and trafficable condition.

The recently completed unsealed grading maintenance as at 27 June 2021, include the following but not limited to:

- Internal unsealed roads
- Narawundha Road
- Rubbish Dump Access Road
- Telecom Station Access Road
- Sewer Ponds Access Road
- Bodia Access Road
- PowerWater Bore Access Road
- Gravel Pit Access Road

RECOMMENDATION

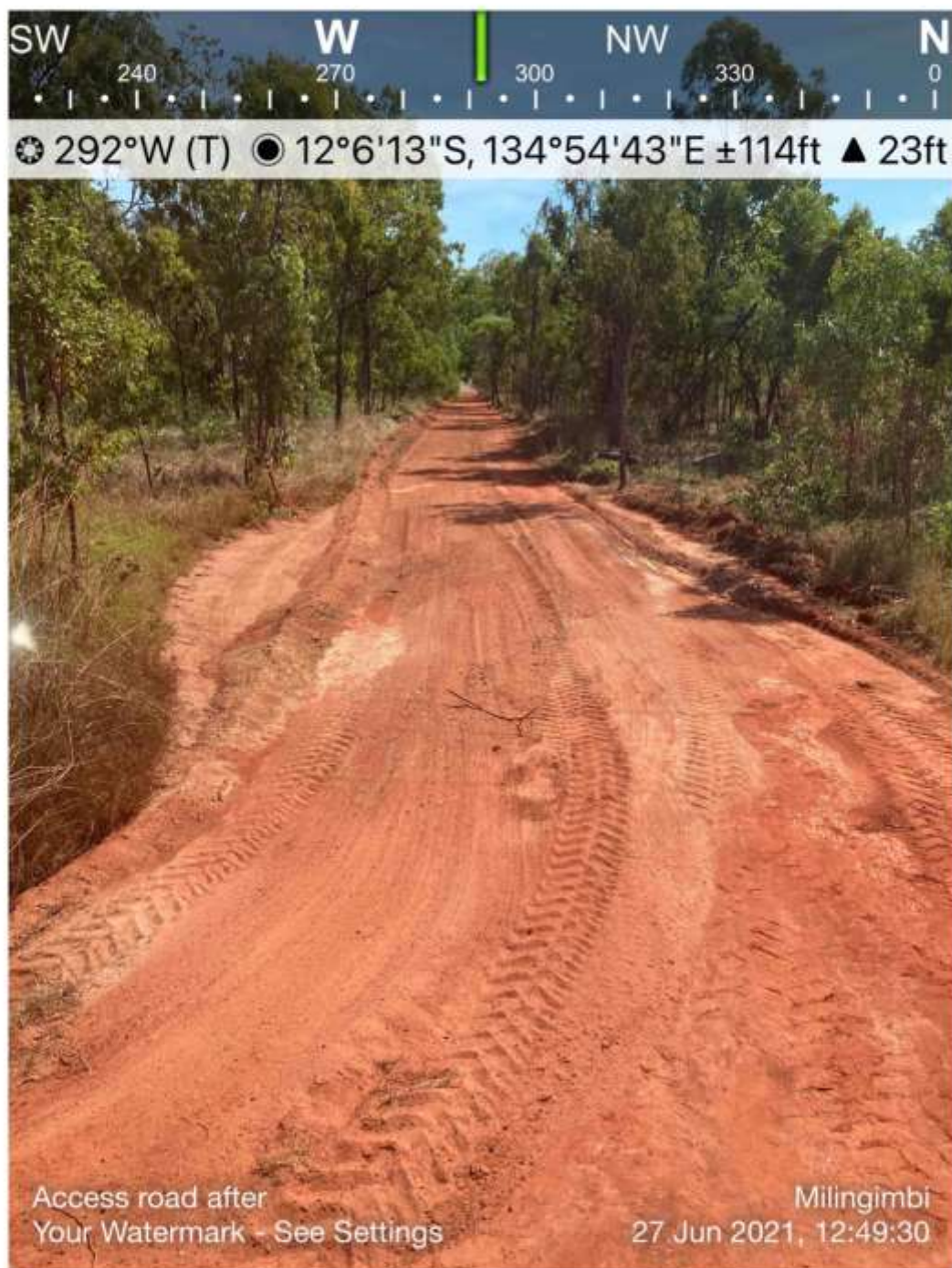
- (a) **That the Local Authority note the Roads Infrastructure report.**

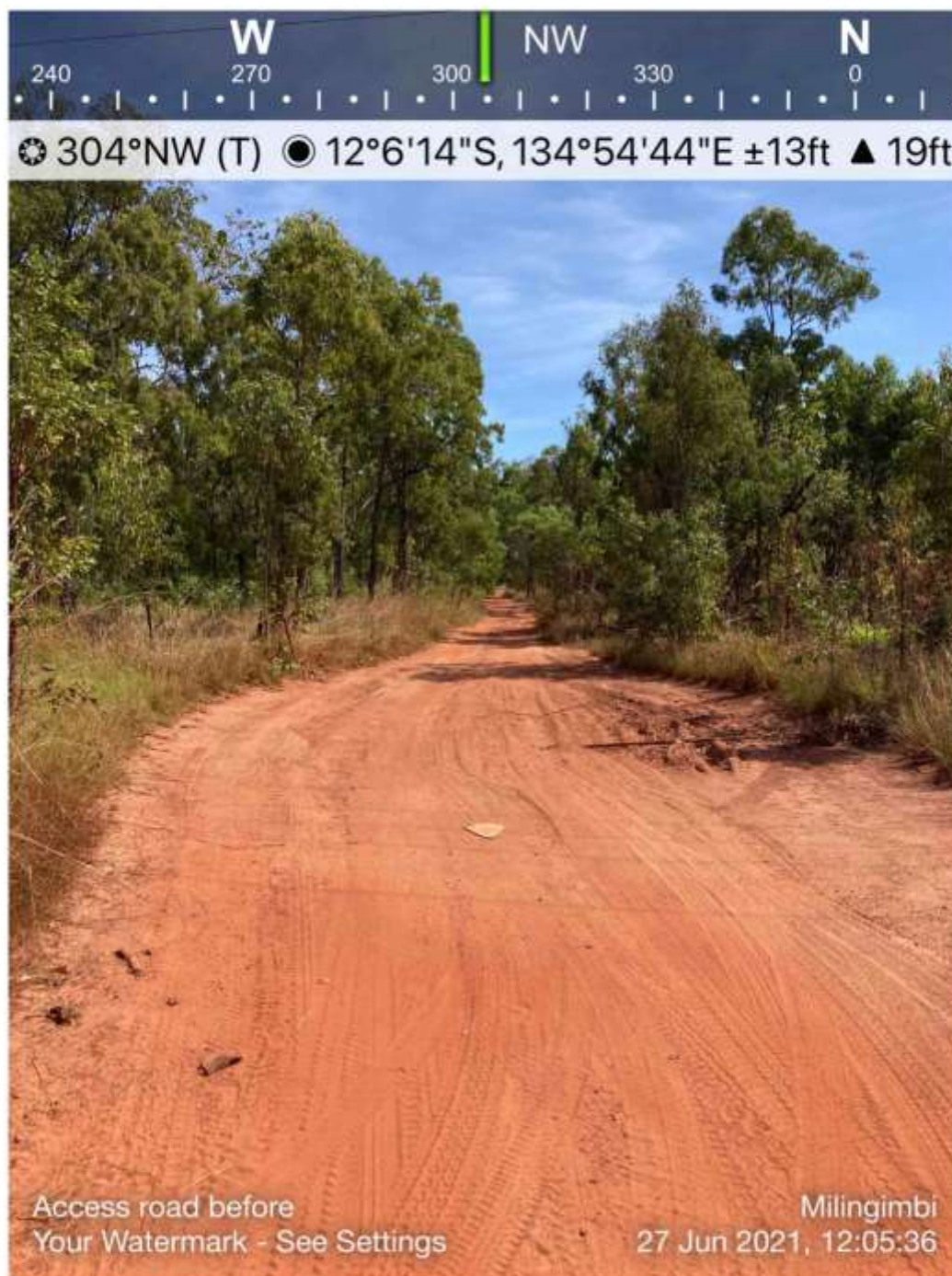
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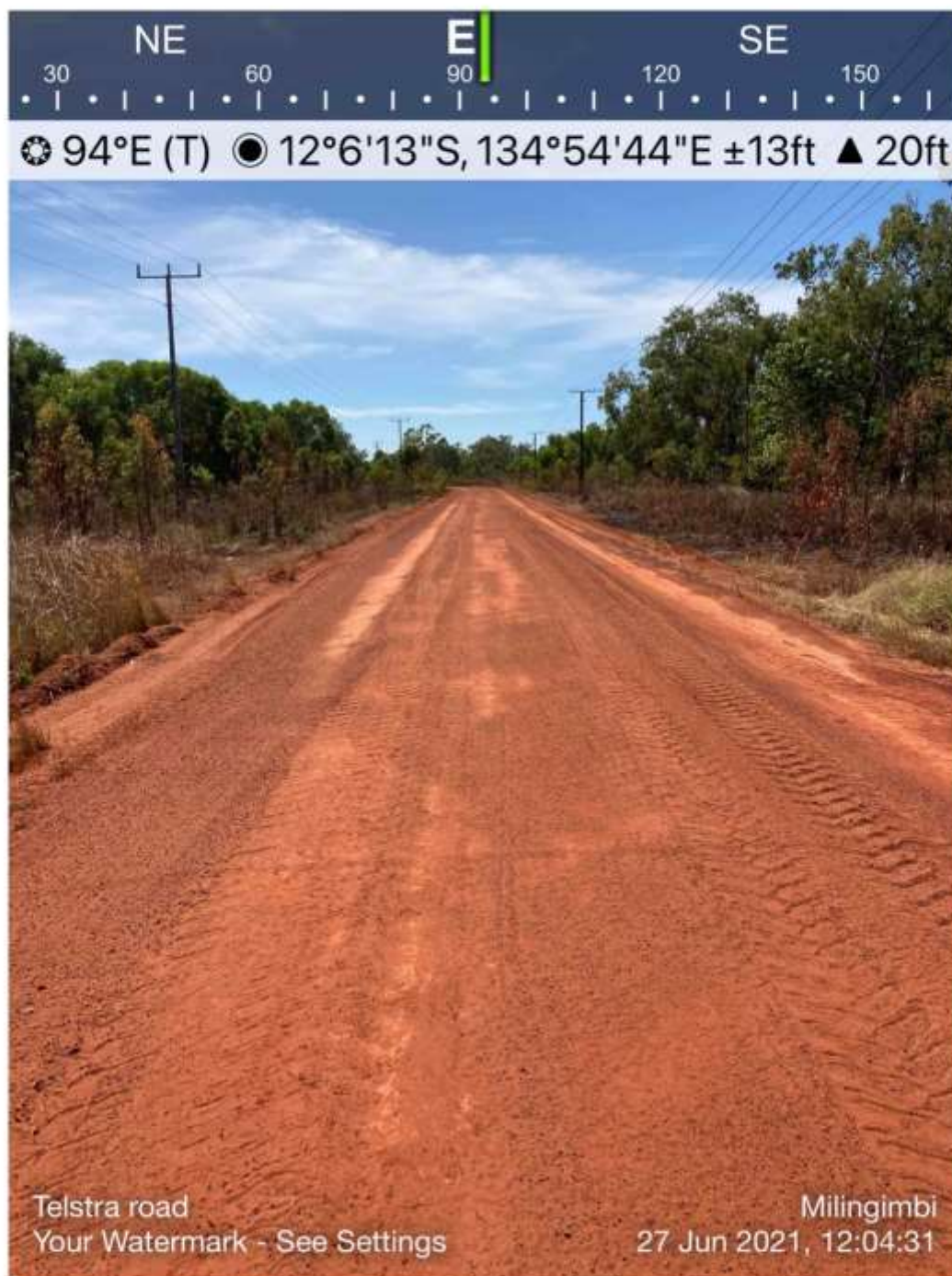
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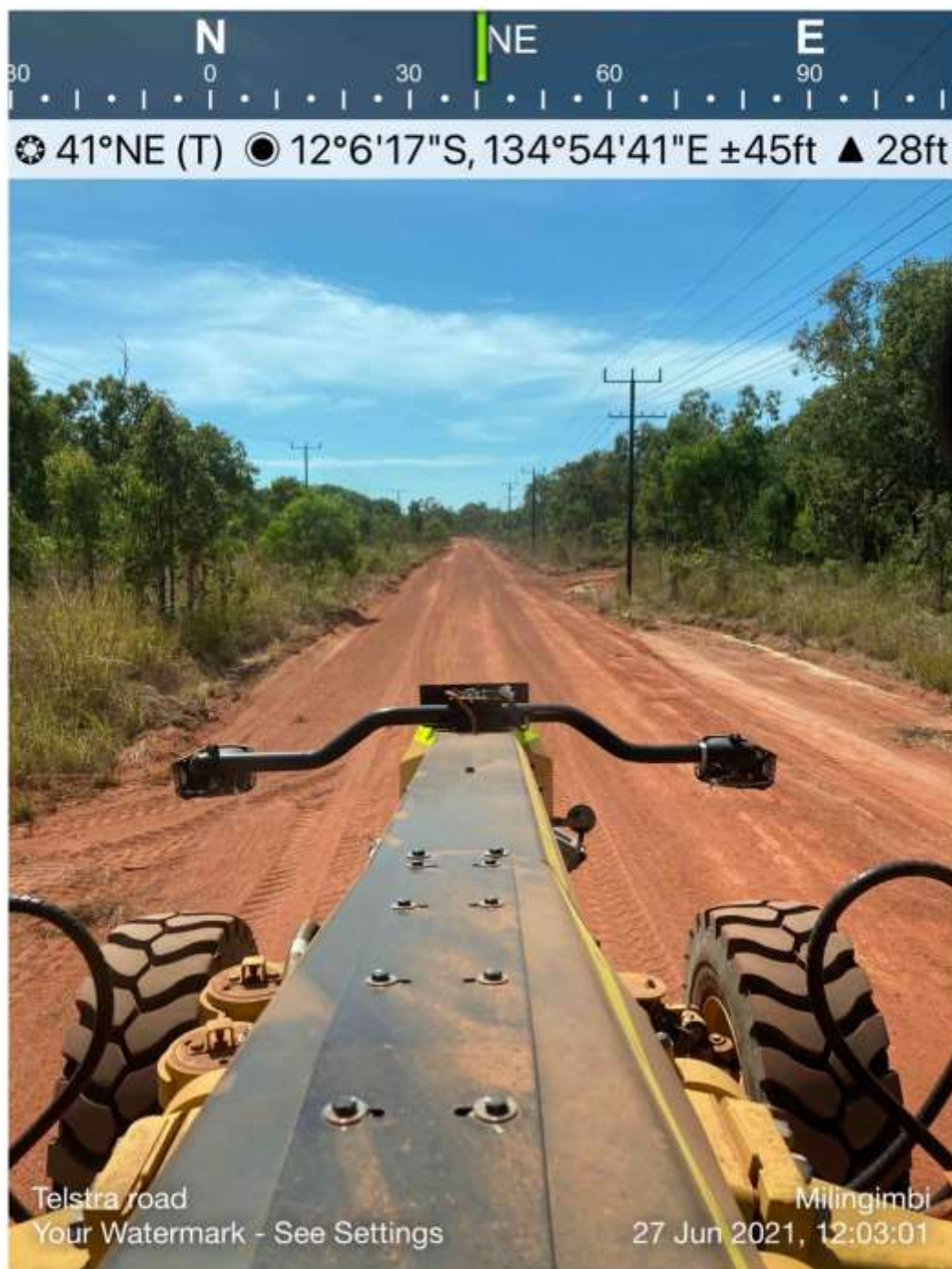


Figure 1: Routine grading maintenance map





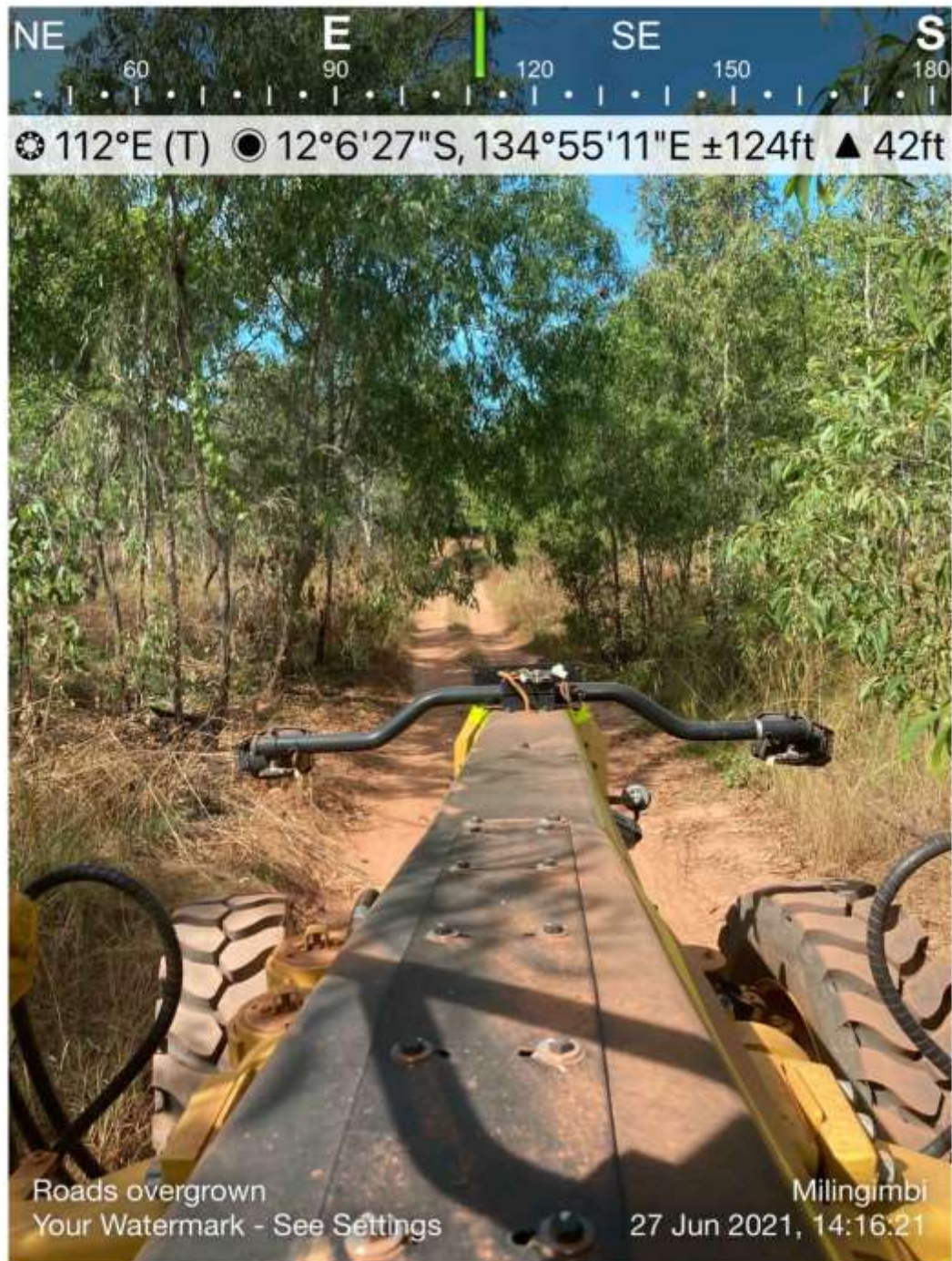




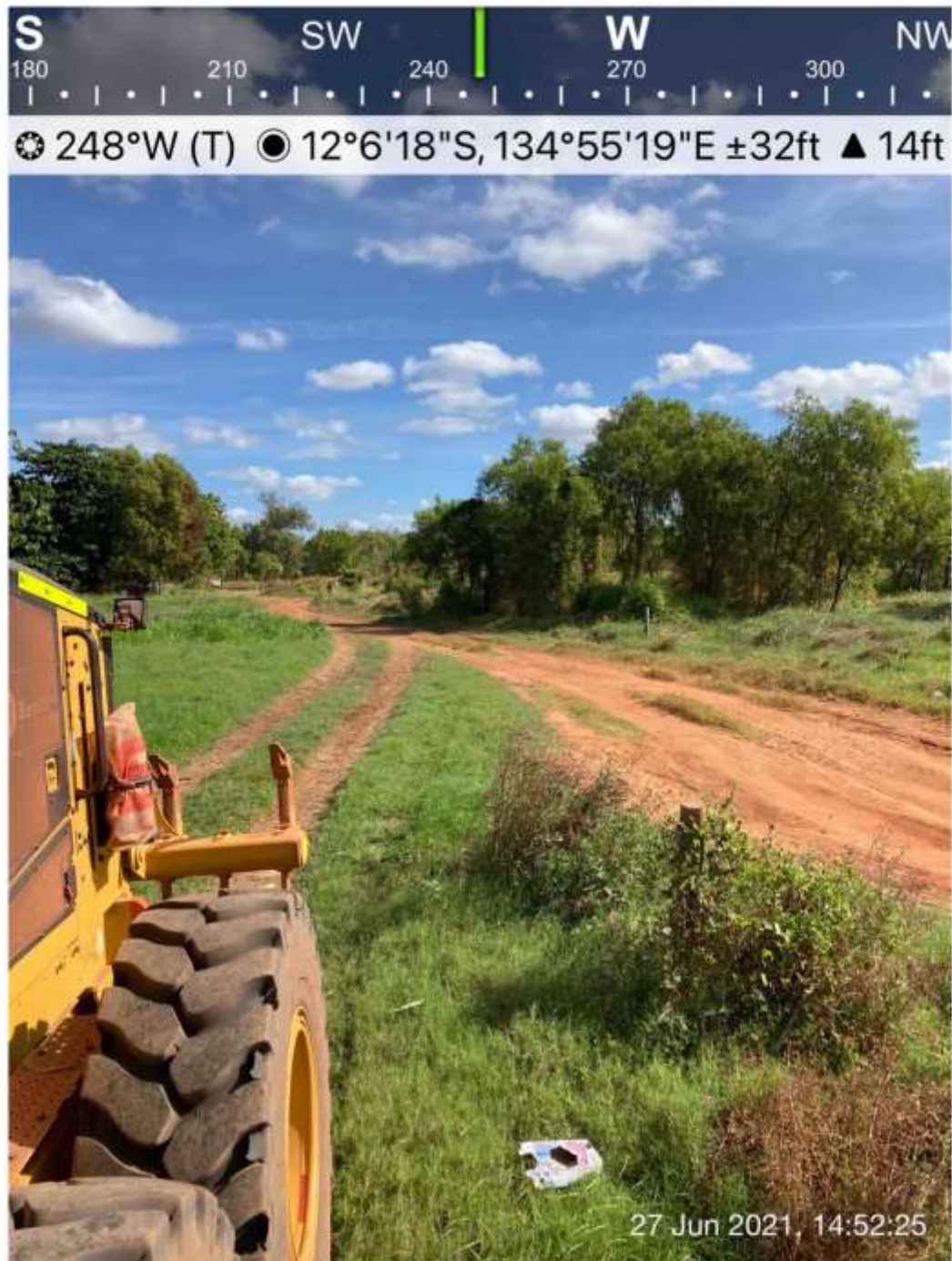


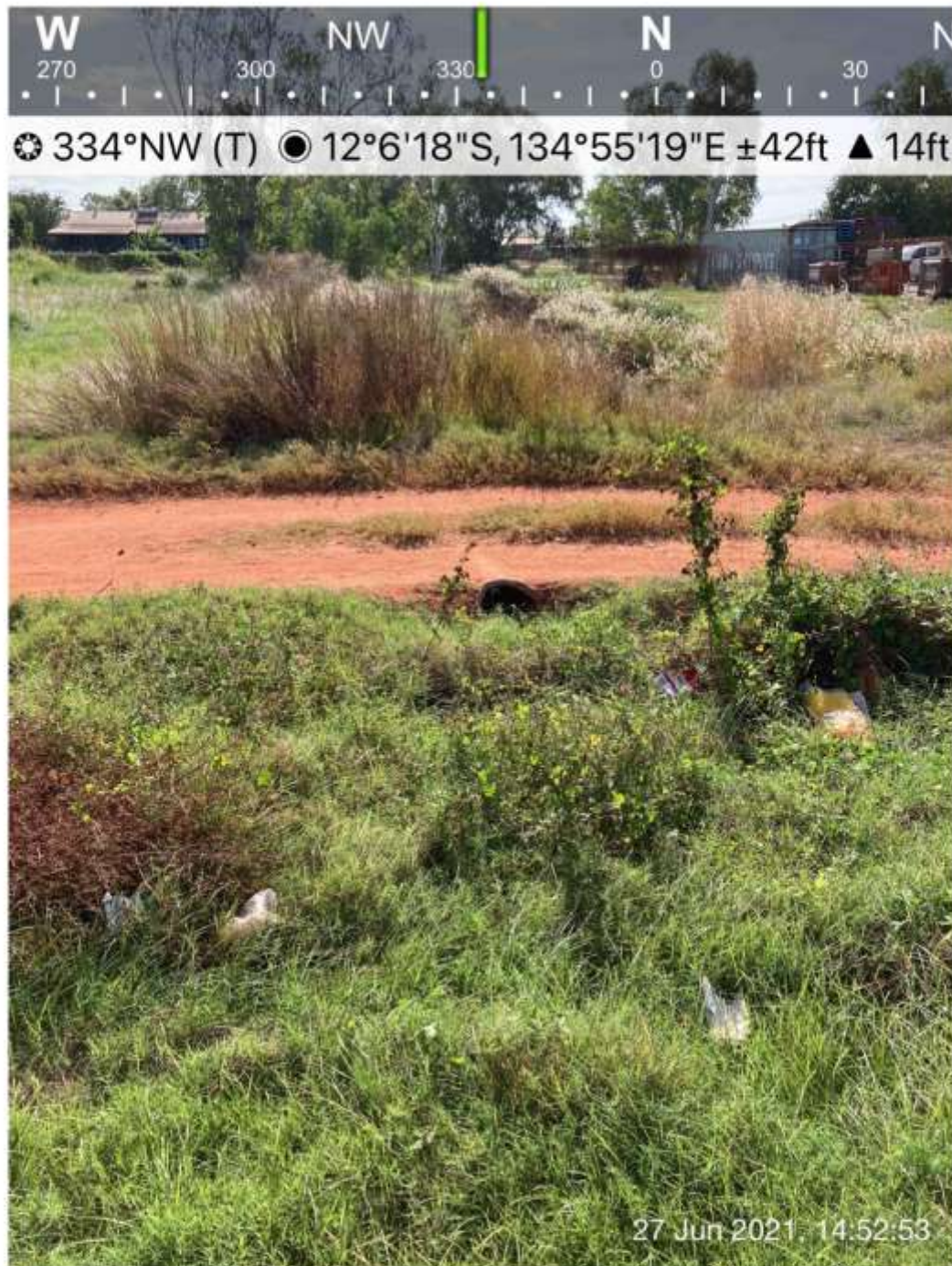


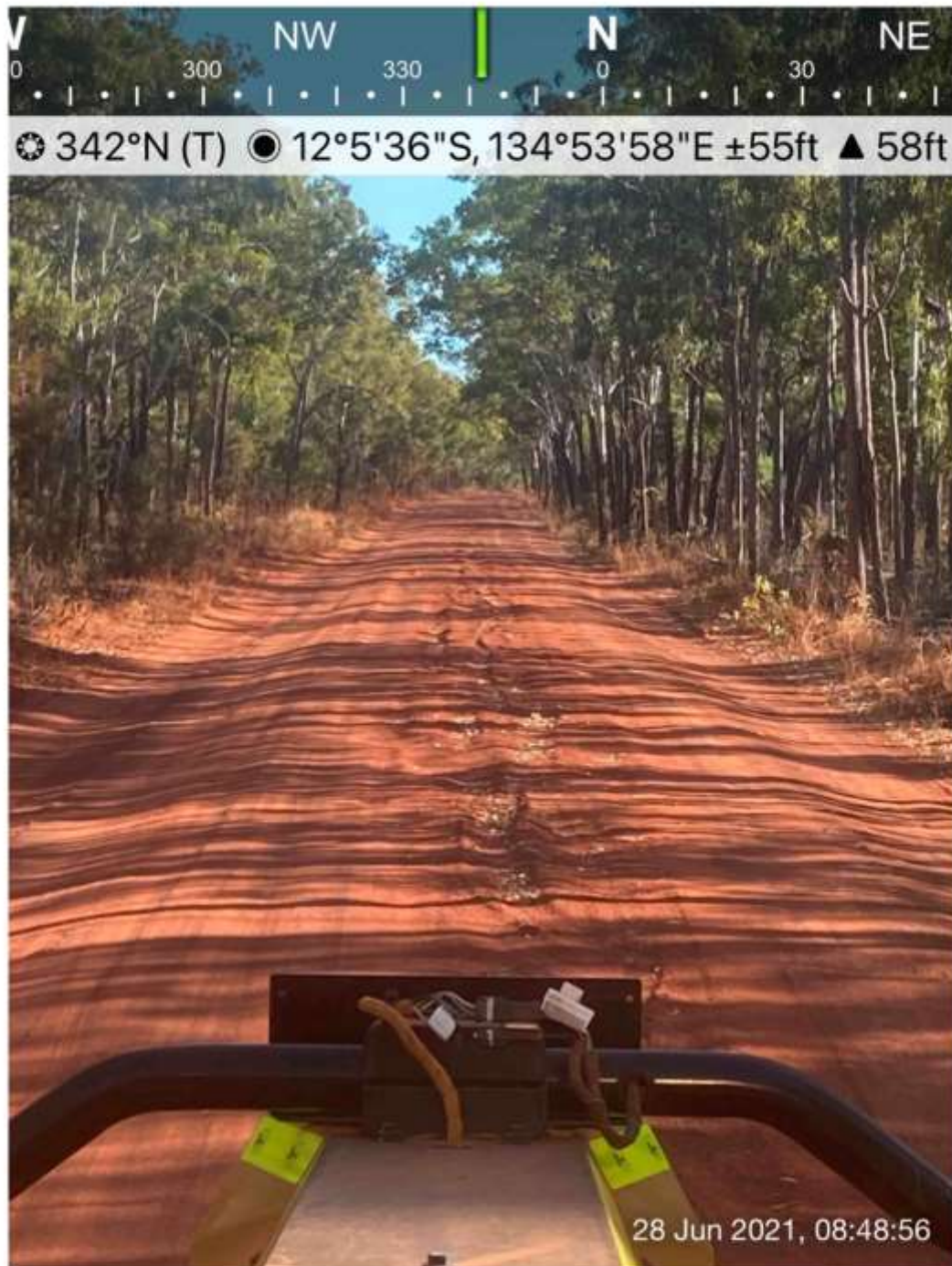


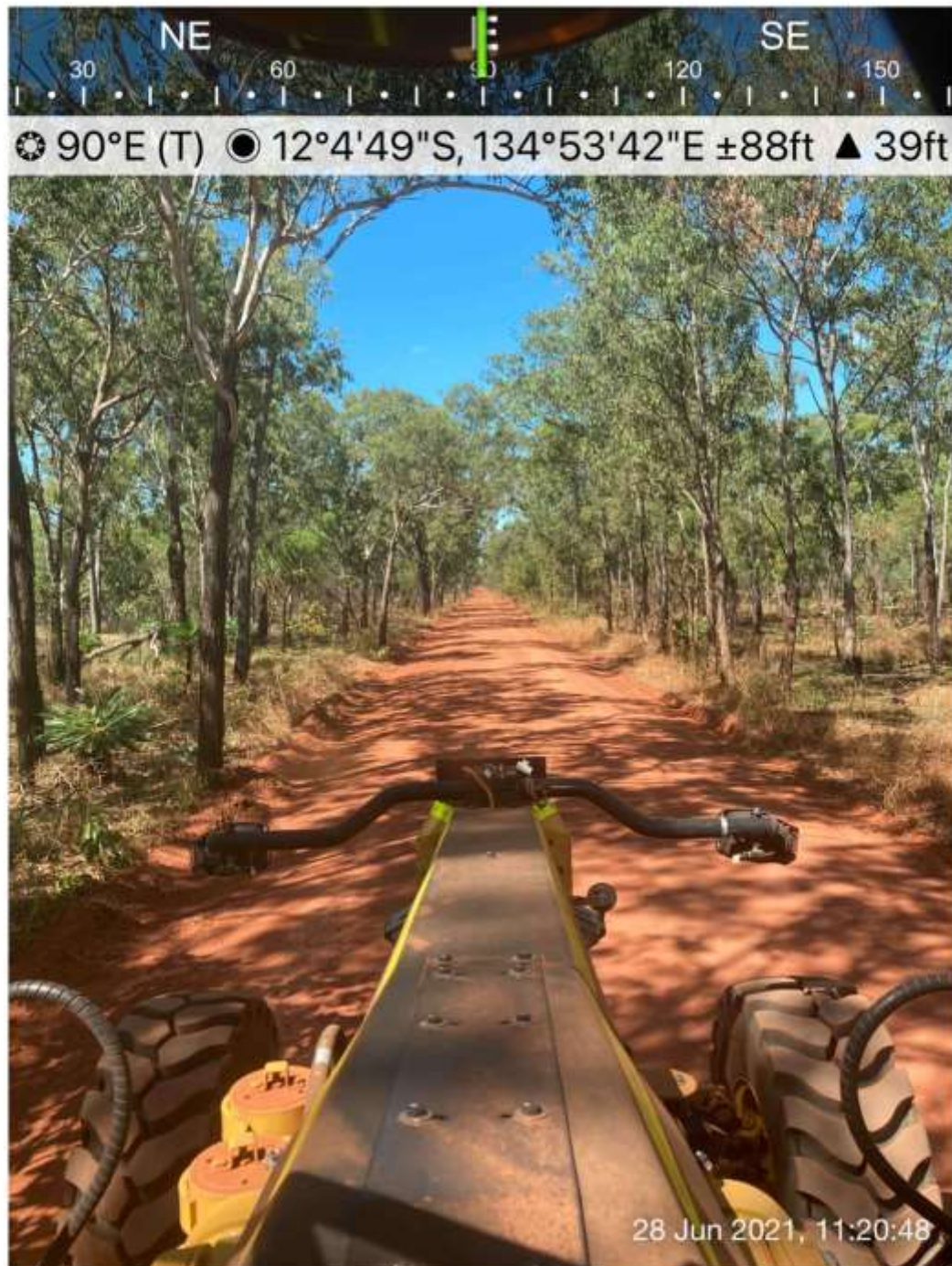


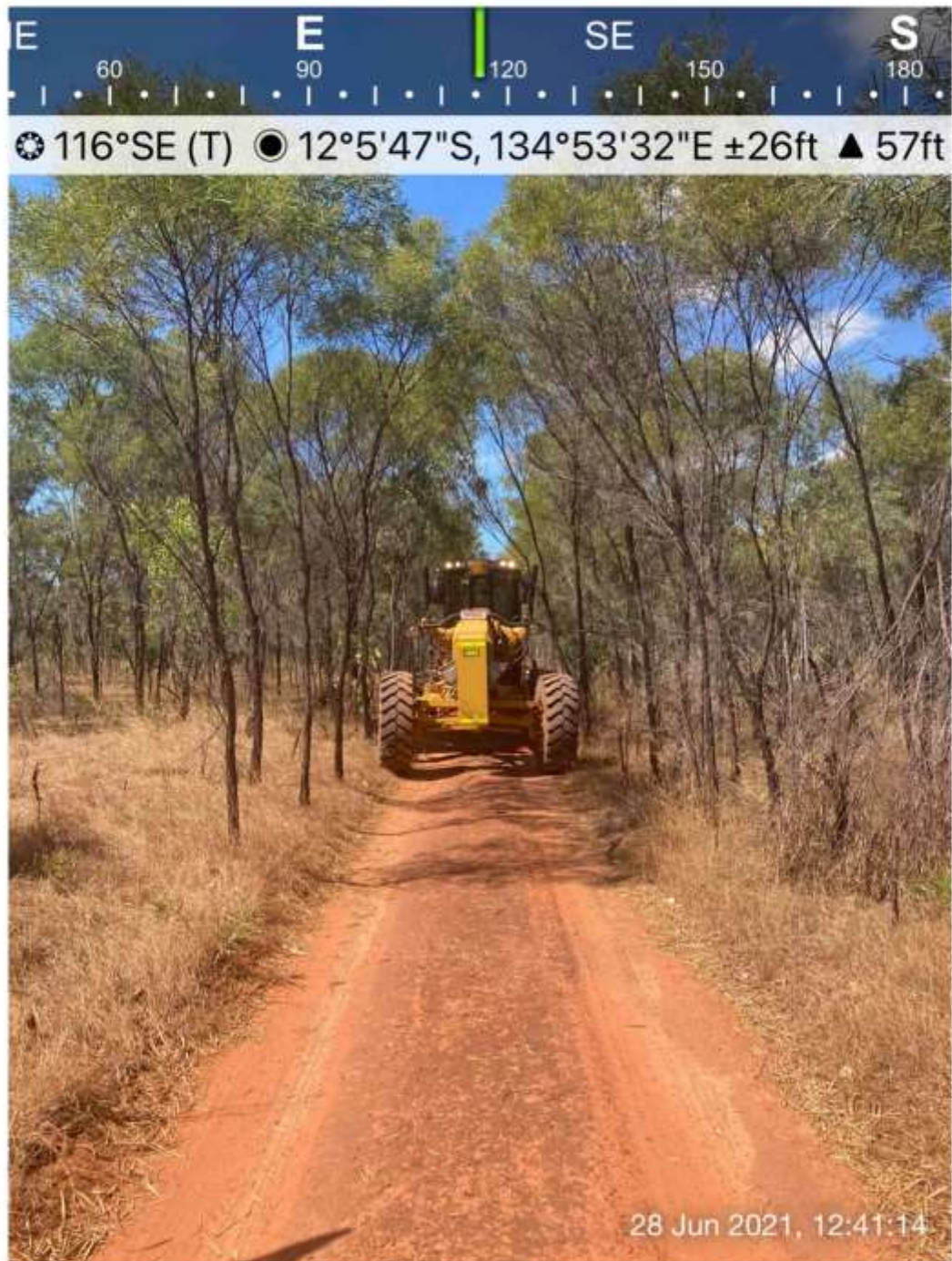


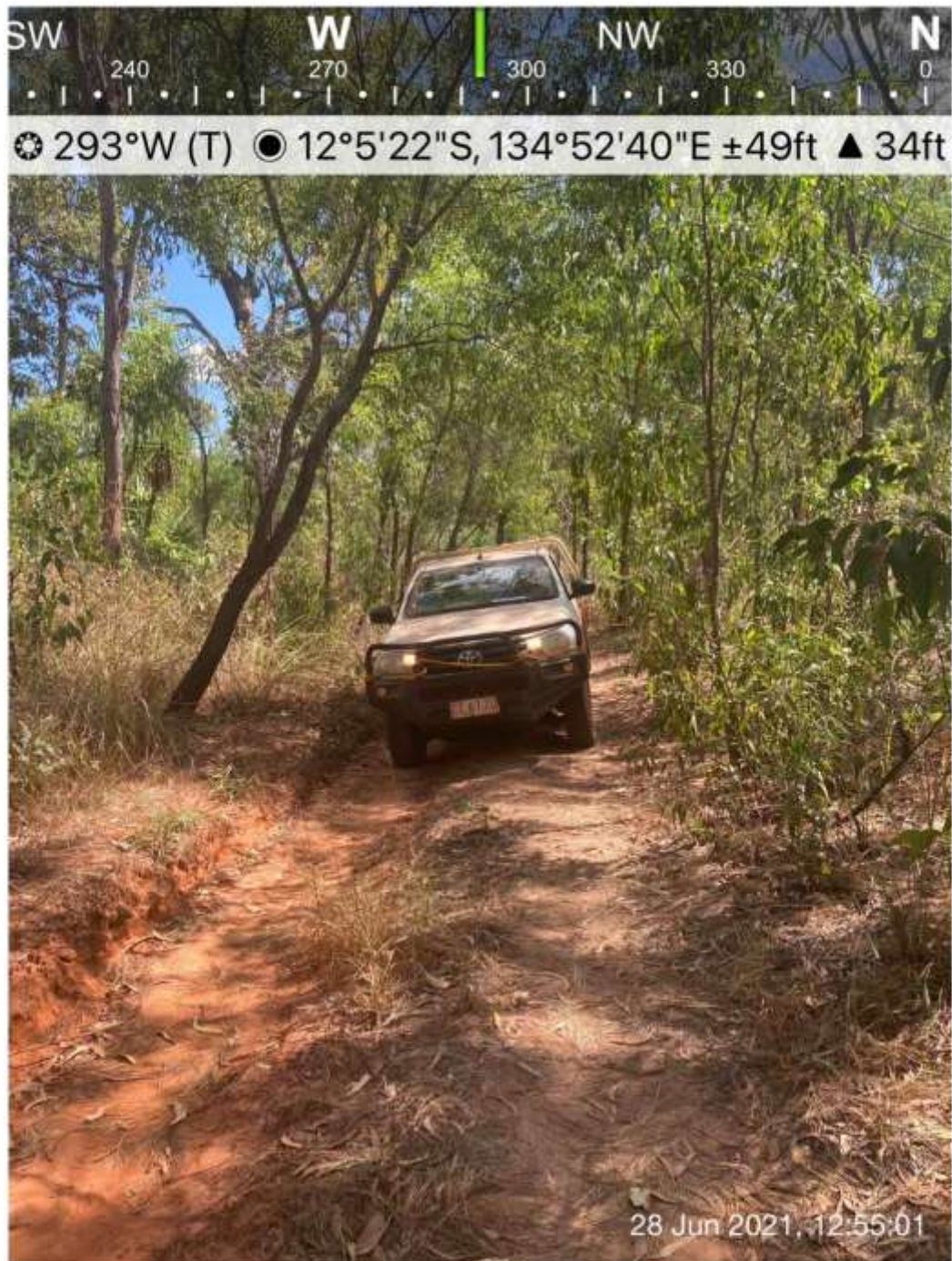


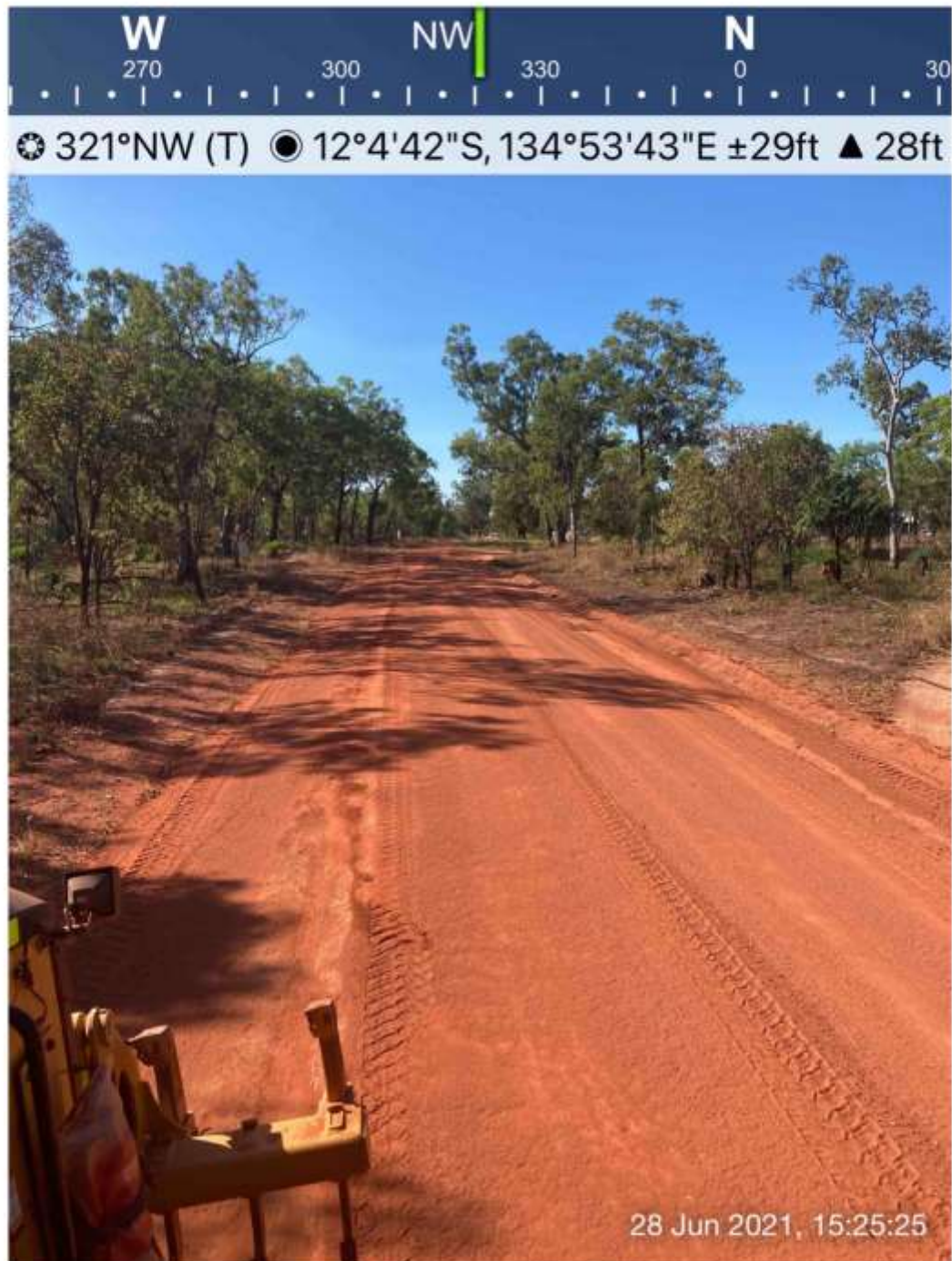














GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.8
TITLE Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE 1501269
AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

This report presents the DRAFT year end financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 30 June 2021 within the Local Authority area.

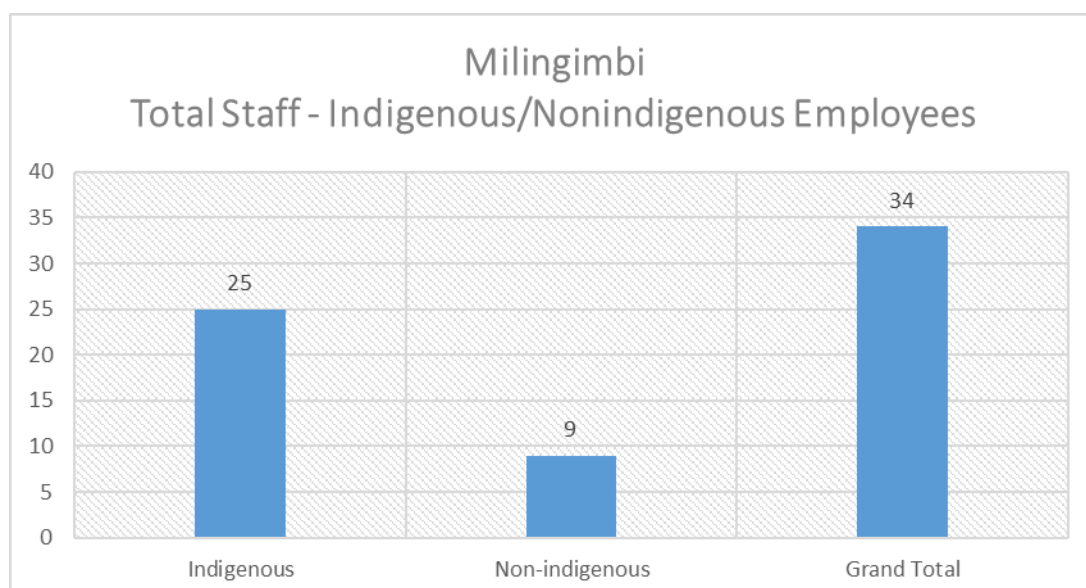
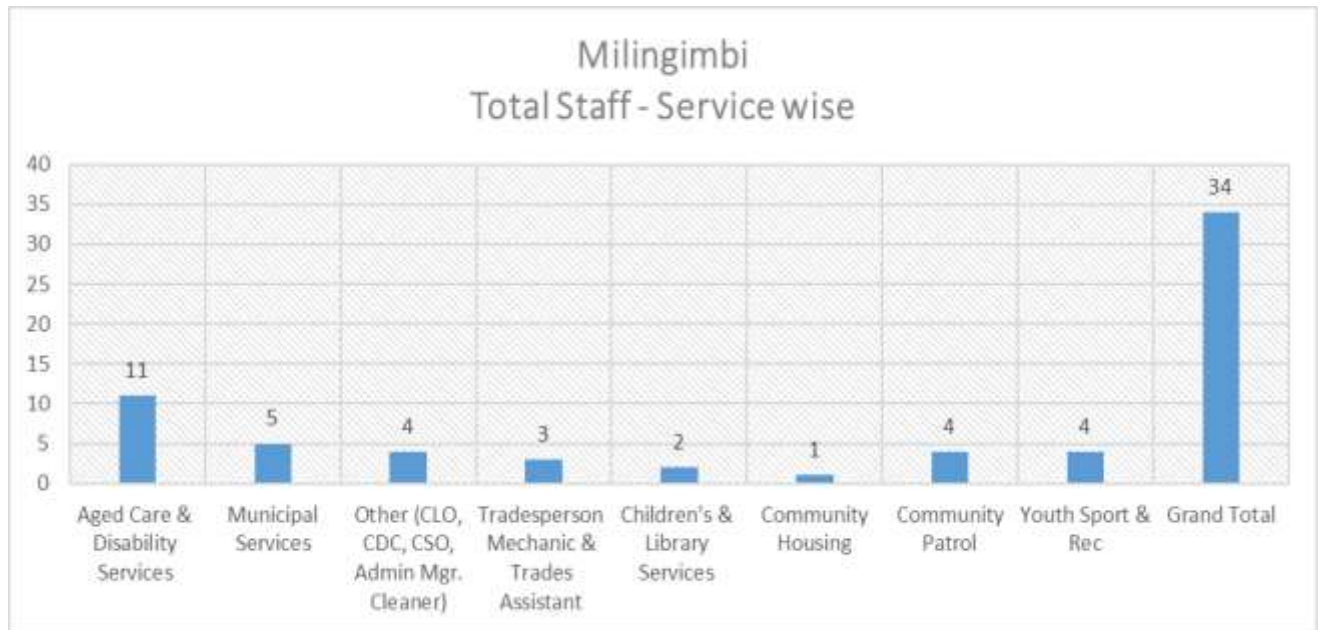
BACKGROUND

Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL

The following tables show year to date employment costs against budget. Services that are under budget are the result of poor attendance at work and vacancies due to staff turnover.

Row Labels	Actual	Budget	Variance	% of Variance
Aged Care and Disability Services	525,034	572,593	47,559	9.06%
Children and Family Services	7,181	8,837	1,656	23.06%
Community Development	256,944	288,789	31,845	12.39%
Community Media	5,500	18,083	12,583	228.78%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	221,369	203,591	- 17,778	-8.03%
Council Housing/Tenancy Services	3,316	63,289	59,974	1808.75%
Fleet and Workshop Services	157,240	167,983	10,744	6.83%
Library Services	92,896	97,341	4,445	4.79%
Municipal Services	231,059	210,044	- 21,015	-9.10%
Post Office Agency	11,696	26,128	14,432	123.40%
Waste and Environmental Services	25,908	48,382	22,474	86.75%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	199,517	235,207	35,689	17.89%
Grand Total	1,737,659	1,940,267	202,608	11.66%

Employee Statistics:

Vacancies as of 30 June 2021:

Position	Level
Environment and Recycling Officer	L1 S1
Nutrition Officer	L1 S1
Community Liaison Officer	L1 S1
Youth Sports and Recreation Coordinator	L4 S1

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 30 June 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.9
TITLE	Animal Management Program Update
REFERENCE	1502242
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority as an update on the Animal Management Program annual results and program focus for the 21-22 financial period.

BACKGROUND

The EARC animal program has continued to work very hard for the past year. The Veterinarian and Animal Control Manager has been on maternity leave from July 2020 until March 2021 and during that time the program was predominantly serviced by the Yirrkala based part time Animal Management Worker and the Groote Eylandt- based Veterinary Supervisor. The team also had temporary relief veterinarians assisting with service delivery to Yirrkala, Gunyangara, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Galiwinku and Ramingining during August-December 2020 and March-June 2021 periods.

GENERAL

Service delivery was affected by COVID-19 restrictions on travel into community for a small period of time in early 2020, however community visits recommenced and all nine EARC communities received at least 3 veterinary visits by the end of 2020. Due to flare-ups in COVID hotspots, our animal management program has had to cancel some of our planned community visits from interstate staff and veterinary students that were due to fly in and assist us in service delivery. This will unfortunately continue to happen if hotspots arise where our interstate collaborative teams are based. The team has continued to try and recruit veterinarians and veterinary nurses from within the Northern Territory to avoid these issues, however the recruitment of professional staff has continued to be a challenge.

The Animal Management team released the first EARC Community Veterinary Cabinets in July/ August 2020. The full cabinets have been placed in our communities which receive less frequent veterinary visits including Gapuwiyak, Ramingining, Milingimbi and Galiwinku. Inside the cabinets are a large quantity of first aid and anti-parasitic resources to treat all of the basic illnesses and conditions that the team frequently see in community. These have resulted in fantastic outcomes for animals in community that may have not received any other treatments until the team was next in community.

Projects such as this empower our community members to make responsible decisions for the welfare of their animals. It has meant the Animal Management Team has been able to provide a more consistent service in between designated veterinary visits with the assistance of local community staff. Basic training was provided by the Veterinarian/Animal Control Manager remotely to ensure that all staff in community understood what was contained in the cabinets. The funds for this project were used from the core services budget and have been integral in improving animal welfare in our communities. The communities of Yirrkala, Gunyangara, Angurugu, Umbakumba and Milyakburra only received very small amounts of veterinary supplies as they benefit from more frequent services. In 2021, we are looking at rolling out the full cabinets to all of our EARC communities.

A new disease called Ehrlichiosis (*E. canis*) has been slowly making its way across the Northern Territory from where it was first discovered in WA. This disease is one that is spread via the brown dog tick which is highly prevalent in our communities, especially over

the wet season. The Veterinarian and Animal Control Manager has become a member of the E. canis Management Group for the Northern Territory and is currently working on an EARC strategy for E canis. We have had three positive cases in our communities. Unfortunately, treatment is expensive and the animal management program does not have the financial resources to treat this disease. Any cases have been referred to a private veterinary clinic for further treatment. We have instead been focusing on minimising the impact of the disease by trying to increase our prevention of the brown dog ticks in our communities.

One of the goals in the next financial year is work with pharmaceutical companies to acquire reduced costs anti-parasitic medications for brown dog ticks to distribute throughout our communities prior to the 2021 wet season commencing. We have currently managed to acquire reduced cost Bravecto and Nexgard anti-parasitic treatments at a reduced rate in partnership with AMRRIC and the pharmaceutical companies that make these products.

Tick Sickness

There is a new tick sickness called Ehrlichiosis

Dogs get the sickness from ticks. Sick dogs...

- Sleep lots and are tired
- Get skinny
- Don't want to eat food
- Get mucky or cloudy eyes

If your dog looks like sick one and is not feeling good, talk to your Vet, Environmental Health Worker or AMRRIC about medicine for your dog.

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The animal management team is continuing to struggle with the issue of aggressive dogs in our communities. The number of complaints from community for dog bites increased in the past year and unfortunately in the absence of any By-Laws the animal management team is quite limited in our capacity to respond. At this point in time, all dog bites are reported to the police in community to be followed up.

The animal management team has also been following up with the community members and has spent a large amount of time discussing the issue of roaming, aggressive dogs with the owners' of such animals to work towards solutions in a cultural appropriate manner.

The Animal Management Program team is very proud of the quantitative results over of the last 12 months in light of the challenges we have faced. Overall desexing numbers for the July 20 – June 2021 period were 391 dogs and 229 cats. Overall general health checks and treatments given out by the team were 1621 . These figures quantify the hard work that is being completed by the Animal Management Team in our communities.

Table 1: Community Desexing and Treatment totals for 20/21 FY:

EARC Communities	Dogs Desexed	Cats Desexed	Treatments given by Animal Management Team*
Yirrkala	22	25	129
Gunyangara	34	4	109
Ramingining	77	67	147
Gapuwiyak	55	57	178
Milingimbi	72	18	199
Galiwinku	57	45	233
Angurugu	46	6	335
Umbakumba	19	7	164
Milyakburra	9	0	127
TOTAL	391	229	1621

*treatments given can include: medications, worming, euthanasia or any other veterinary treatment that has been requested by the owners of the animal. This does not include the verbal consultation that is undertaken on an ad hoc basis by the EARC animal management team.

Planned projects for the 20/21 Financial Year:

- Staffing: Recruit a new permanent veterinarian for the Groote Eylandt based position as soon as possible. Look at utilising existing relationships with CDP in community to recruit local animal management workers to our team.
- Veterinary facility for Milingimbi. Currently the team is still working in difficult conditions in the Municipal shed at Milingimbi. An air-conditioned donga with running water will be a much needed addition to our program.
- EARC Community Vet Cabinets – further training for new staff and a continuation of this service by the AMP team. Setting up cabinets for all nine EARC communities to ensure consistency of veterinary services.
- Parasite Prevention Plan prior to the wet season in 2021: Large scale E canis surveillance and brown dog tick treatments prior to the 2021 wet season commencing - one of the goals in the next financial year is work with pharmaceutical companies to acquire reduced costs anti-parasitic medications for brown dog ticks to distribute throughout our communities.
- Cat management focused programs including education and desexing days – We have a collaborative grant project with AMRRIC via STEM education with all of our schools in September 2021.
- Cat Management collaboration on Groote Eylandt with Territory Natural Resource Council to protect the native wildlife
- Continued education about aggressive dogs in schools and across community to promote more owner responsibility
- Continued education projects throughout all of our communities promoting responsible pet ownership
- Focus on community engagement to promote awareness of animal welfare concerns and education
- Continuously working towards our 80% desexing goal for all nine EARC communities

- Begin education and awareness programs on the key concepts within the new By-Laws for the animal management program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER 9.1
TITLE Community Night Patrol - Focus Project
REFERENCE 1479051
AUTHOR Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

Local Authority Meeting at its meeting on 18 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 20 July 2021.

SUMMARY:

This report is to inform and seek input from the Local Authority on the Community Night Patrol focus project.

BACKGROUND

The objectives of Community Night Patrol (CNP) are to improve the levels of community safety and promote culturally appropriate conflict and dispute resolution in participating remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and offer services in line with communities safety priorities. CNP uses non-coercive intervention strategies to respond flexibly to individual communities' safety needs and priorities.

In delivering CNP services, East Arnhem Regional Council must develop operational strategies which:

- a) aligns with regional priorities and identified community safety needs;
- b) is developed on a community by community basis to be targeted, flexible and tailored to meet local safety needs in conjunction with the community CNP operational plan;
- c) delivers consistent and regular community night patrols in the community;
- d) works in partnership with local Police and other relevant local services providers

Key features of CNP activities include:

- a) assisting vulnerable people at risk of causing or becoming victims of harm by transporting them to a safe place where their immediate needs can be addressed;
- b) referring vulnerable people to other services for ongoing assistance such as transport services, Women's Safe Houses, community health centers or clinics, police mobile child protection teams, Sobering Up Shelters and any other services in community;
- c) ensuring children are at home or in another safe location with a parent or carer at night and reminding carers of their responsibilities to ensure children get adequate sleep and are assisted to get to school each day;
- d) work collaboratively with community led cultural authority groups pursuing safe community objectives;
- e) diverting intoxicated people away from contact with the criminal justice system, prior to any crime being committed;
- f) assisting in the recording and reporting of incidents and assistance provided;
- g) working in partnership with local police through an MOU, Community Safety Plan or other local agreement arrangements
- h) communicating and engaging with other services including Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS);
- i) provide advice, information and/or assistance that may reduce risk to individuals;
- j) promoting and raising awareness of the community night patrol project in the community; and
- k) supporting patrollers to participate in training as appropriate to their job roles.

GENERAL

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) has delivered Community Night Patrol services to the communities of East Arnhem since 2008. Over the last two years EARC has worked closely to strengthen the purpose and output of the CNP service. Annually EARC has undertaken community based surveys that inform the Community based operational plans.

EARC is looking to strengthen patrol services further, and focusing the patrol service to location driven and designed. Under the leadership of the Local Authorities and Council, informed by key stakeholders, cultural leadership groups and the wider community, EARC is embarking on Community Night Patrol focus project, that aims to deliver Community Patrol differently, and community designed.

The focus project allows for the Community Patrol services to be designed from the ground up including:

- a) Service Name
- b) Service Purpose
- c) Service Focus
- d) Service Output
- e) Service Governance
- f) Service Linkages

The patrol focus project leads to Patrol designed to influence and introduce fit for purpose community safety change initiatives that impact on community and overall well-being of community safety in our region. The governance inclusion of the Community Patrol focus project allows for strong analytical, culturally focused approach to program co-design with community and traditional leaders.

The East Arnhem Regional Council is now seeking input in the Community Patrol Focus project from the Local Authority

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority;

- (a) note the report
- (b) provide the following inputs to the community patrol focus project
 - a. Service Name ...
 - b. Service Purpose ...
 - c. Service Focus ...
 - d. Service Outputs ...
 - e. Service Governance ...
 - f. Service Linkages ...

ATTACHMENTS:

COMMUNITY REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Community Development Report
REFERENCE	1500583
AUTHOR	Jennifer Newton, Community Development Coordinator

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

BACKGROUND

As per Guideline 8 Regional Councils and Local Authorities, it is a requirement for the Community Development Coordinator to provide a community development report on current regional council services in the Local Authority area.

GENERAL

Since the last report, I have been on leave for four weeks and had an extra week working in NSW due to border restrictions. There was no acting CDC while I was on leave, so the community work was significantly reduced.

Municipal Services

Since the last report, Adrian Munckton the Municipal Services Supervisor has resigned. His position has been advertised and will be filled as soon as possible.

The municipal services building was broken into in the month of June and some fuel and other materials were stolen. Over the next month I will look for ways that we can increase safety to reduce the impact if we are broken into in the future.

Over the next two months, I will spend significant amount of time with the municipal services team in each camp to start addressing the litter issue. I'll update this further in the next report.

Mechanical Workshop

Boaz Baker is now working at the workshop fulltime and is a great support to the team. The workshop is always very busy with lots of work coming in from businesses and resident of Milingimbi.

Something for Members to be aware of is that Harley isn't authorised to give refunds or swap purchased parts for other parts. Please be aware and inform your friends and family that all refunds and changes to ordered parts need to be authorised by a manager and if a refund is approved, it will take several days for the funds to be placed into a bank account.

Youth Sport & Recreation

Sharron Wunungmurra and Osiah Dhamarrandji have been outstanding throughout the month of June, continuing to run YSR services independently while both YSR Coordinators were on leave.

Amy Coshan has resigned and will be a massive loss to the program. The Coordinator vacancy is currently advertised until the 19th of July. This was extended as we only had a few applications.

Shannon is back in community and was working with AFL NT to deliver junior football clinics 21 – 25 June.

YSR have a week of NAIDOC activities planned in July.

The Milingimbi AFL season concluded on the 19th June. All reports there were no issues following the men's and women's Grand Final. All trophies, registration fees and items previously purchased with registration fees were returned to the chairman of the AFL football committee.

YSR will support Milingimbi's future AFL seasons only through provision of lighting and scoring games. EARC YSR will no longer manage: team registrations/fees, umpires, draws/results/fixtures, any team management, competition rules and regulations etc.

Aged Care & Disability, Community Night Patrol and Library Services

Aged Care recently had a Mad Hatters Morning Tea for all participants. It was an ongoing creative group project to get everyone feeling including and tap into their inner artist (design/painting). Supporting social connections and providing opportunities to prevent social isolation. We had a morning tea and enjoyed music chosen by the participants. Staff and Clients were all involved and we hope to have more in the future and get more clients involved.

Community Night Patrol

I will now be overseeing the management of Community Night Patrol which I think will be positive as I will be able to make needed adjustments to the program as required. Making strategic changes will be heavily influenced by the needs of the community and I will determine this by what people are telling me, and what our statistics say.

Lyle Janke is currently on annual leave and the patrol isn't going out for about a week due to sorry business.

Library

I want to focus more on our library services in the next 6 months. Robert Baker is having his book released soon and I would like to have a book launch at the library to promote his book and to promote the council library.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Milingimbi Arts and Craft.docx



QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS



ITEM NUMBER	10.1
TITLE	Questions from Members
REFERENCE	1501650
AUTHOR	Candice O'Halloran, Governance, Local Authority and Communication Officer

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority will now take questions from members.

GENERAL

The Local Authority will now take questions from members.

Questions and discussions must be directed through the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC



ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Questions from the Public
REFERENCE	1501651
AUTHOR	Candice O'Halloran, Governance, Local Authority and Communication Officer

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority will now take questions from members the public.

GENERAL

The Local Authority will now take questions from the public.

Questions and discussions must be directed through the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the questions from the public and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: