

Agenda

Galiwin'ku

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

21 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 Galiwinku Council Office on Wednesday, 21 July 2021 at 10.00am.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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LOCAL AUTHORITY

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 4.1

TITLE Apologies and Absent Without Notice

REFERENCE 1501654

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 5.1

TITLE Conflict of Interest

REFERENCE 1501661

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 6.1

TITLE Previous Minutes for Ratification

REFERENCE 1501659

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 20 May 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Local Authority - Galiwinku 2021-05-20 [1614] 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

20 May 2021

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Melissa Campbell and members Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji, and President Kaye Thurlow

Bobby Nyikumula arrived at 1:19pm and left the meeting at 2:13pm.

OBSERVERS

Dale Keehne - CEO, Shane Marshall - Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services

Minute Taker – Candice O'Halloran – Acting Governance, Local Authorities and Communication Manager

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson is selected by Local Authority members

177/2021 RESOLVED (Gaylene Gurruwiwi/Joan Dhamarrandji)

That the Local Authority nominates Melissa Campbell as today Chairperson

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:36am and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Melissa Campbell

Apologies

4.1 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.

178/2021 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Joan Dhamarrandji)

That the Local Authority:

- Notes the absence of Don Wininba, Bobby Nyikulula, Terry Walunba, David Djalangi and Evelyna Dhamarrandji.
- b) Notes the apology received from David Djalangi.
- c) Notes Don Wininba, Bobby Nyikulula, Terry Walunba, David Djalangi and Evelyna

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Dhamarrandji are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

9.1 GUEST SPEAKER

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

Sharon Hewitt - Australia Bureau of Statistics

179/2021 RESOLVED (Gaylene Gurruwiwi/Nancy Gudaltji)
That the Local Authority notes the presentations by the guest speakers.

For

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

Conflict of Interest

5.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

180/2021 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority:

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

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

Previous Minutes

6.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

181/2021 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Nancy Gudaltji)

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

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

Cr Bobby Nyikumula returned to the meeting, the time being 01:19 PM

LUNCH BREAK

182/2021 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Gaylene Gurruwiwi)

Adjournment of meeting for 45mins.

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

RETURN FROM LUNCH

183/2021 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Gaylene Gurruwiwi)

Resumption of meeting at 1:18pm

For

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

Local Authorities

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

184/2021 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Joan Dhamarrandji)

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) That the Galiwin'ku Local Authority support the purchase of a mini excavator for burials and other requirements within Galiwin'ku pending council approval.

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Bobby Nyikumula, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

General Business

10.1 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.

185/2021 RESOLVED (Gaylene Gurruwiwi/Bobby Nyikumula)

That Local Authority notes the CEO report.

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Bobby Nyikumula, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

10.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

186/2021 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Gaylene Gurruwiwi)

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

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

Cr Bobby Nyikumula left the meeting, the time being 02:31 PM

10.5 FY 2022 DRAFT BUDGET - GALIWINKU

SUMMARY:

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

187/2021 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Melissa Campbell)

The Local Authority notes the FY 2022 draft budget.

For

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

COMMUNITY REPORTS

11.1 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.

RECOMMENDATION

This item was postponed till next meeting.

11.2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This is the Community Development Coordinator report for Galiwin'ku Community.

188/2021 RESOLVED (Joan Dhamarrandji/Nancy Gudaltji)

That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report

For

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

MOVED TO CONFIDENTIAL

189/2021 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Joan Dhamarrandji)

For

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

Questions From Members

12.1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority will now take questions from members.

190/2021 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Gaylene Gurruwiwi)

That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and request follow up through the Community Development Coordinator on those questions, to be provided in writing.

For:

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

Questions From Public

13.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

SUMMARY:

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

191/2021 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Gaylene Gurruwiwi)

That the Local Authority notes no question from the public.

For

Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Joan Dhamarrandji, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji and President Kaye Thurlow

Against:

Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 July 2021

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 3:53pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 20 May 2021.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER 8.1

TITLE Local Authority Action Register

REFERENCE 1501658

AUTHOR Candice O'Halloran, Governance, Local Authority and

Communication Officer

VSUMMARY:

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 Galiwinku Actions - 30.06.2021.docx

LOCAL	ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS
20 May 2021	Local Authority Action Register	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) That the Galiwin'ku Local Authority support the purchase of a mini excavator for burials and other requirements within Galiwin'ku pending council approval.
20 May 2021	Engagement with local decision making and local, regional & national indigenous voice processes	That Local Authority a) Notes and endorses the decisions made by Engagement with Local Decision Making and Local, Regional & National Indigenous Voice Processes b) Request a special meeting to be held prior to the next Yolngu Local Decision making workshop for Marthakal.
	149/2021 Community Asbestos Update	That the Local Authority: (a) Notes the Community Asbestos Update, particularly the initial recommendations with regard to the asbestos in Galiwin'ku. (b) Supports a temporary licenced storage area at the current land fill site. (c) Support Indigenous employment and training for the asbestos removal project. (d) Will provide the Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services with a map that identifies priority areas. Completed 12.05.2021 – Will update further prior to next Local Authority meeting. 20.05.2021 – Update provided to Local Authority, Budget was submit to the NTG and EARC are waiting for it to be approved and sent back with a contract. This will also include a storage container that will be portable. Training is also included in the budget with regards to the removal of asbestos – Ongoing – Updates will be provided at next meeting. 30.06.2021 – Ongoing – Update provided to Council
	150/2021 Galiwin'ku Hall Meeting Room Noise Reduction Project – LAPF	That the Local Authority provide a final layout direction in relation to wall imagery and textile colour and pattern option. 12.05.2021 – All items are to be on site and will be commencing construction shortly. 20.05.2021 – Materials are awaiting for delivery via Sea Swift. Installation should be happening shortly – Ongoing

*		30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council
	152/2021	That the Local Authority:
	Series of Murals (re-tabled)	(a) Continues 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.
		12.05.2021 – Ongoing
		20.05.2021 – Update was provided at meeting, At the Next LA meeting to come up with a plan or design for the series of murals - Ongoing
		30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council
	155/2021	That the Local Authority:
	Questions from Members	(a) Notes the questions from members about the misuse of the PA system, the progress of the proposed waterpark and BMX track projects, and the progress on the public toilet to be located at the private charter area at the airport.
		20.05.2021 – Process is currently in place and will be watched closely – Ongoing, BMX track and Waterpark have been endorsed by council – Ongoing
		30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council
		(b) Approves the proposed amendments to the microplastics signage, including the rangers logo to be added to the sign. 12.05.2021 – Signage will be placed up shortly
		20.05.2021 – In community, awaiting installation – Ongoing
		30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council
		(c) Approves the shade shelter, originally proposed to be located at 'Top Camp' to be placed at an alternative location near the Boat Landing.
		12.05.2021 – Ongoing
		20.05.2021 - Kit is in community awaiting installation - Ongoing
		30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council

Galiwin'ku Actions	001/2020 RESOLVED	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: 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. 12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing 20.05.2021 – Still unsure when this will be happening Update has been provided to LA, will update up at next LA meeting – Ongoing 30.06.2021 – Ongoing – Update provided to Council by CEO, report given in CEO report
	Women's Centre Grant	21/05/2020 – The Director of Community Development requested to provide an update for current and possible future programs to be run out of the Women's Centre facility 22/01/2021 – The Community Development Directorate has researched current women's centre and crisis accommodation providers across the NT. The attached list details organisation, location, operator, purpose and services offered for the members review. Galiwin'ku has current significant investment by Territory Families for a Galiwin'ku Crisis accommodation, in addition to other funded programs delivered at the Galiwin'ku women's space. The Community Development Directorate will continue to explore emerging opportunities to increase women's services in Galiwin'ku, however note that repetition of services adds increased complexity in further successful applications/opportunities being presented. 28/01/2021 – Director Community Development to provide an update on commencement date and services provided by the Women's Centre, and to check the option of a trip for a small group to visit the Women's Centre at Maningrida.

	12.05.2021 – plan will be supplied at next council meeting.
	20.05.2021 – Director of Community Development to organise a charter for the Women of the LA to have a look at the women's centre in Maningrida, Update will be provided at next LA meeting - Ongoing
	30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council
	16.07.2021 – Revenue source is required for the action to commence. Estimates for the action \$4200 – for four delegates to attend.
Cemetery Fencing	18/01/2021 – Quotations ready for release to the market end of January 2021.
	12.05.2021 – All materials have been provided, Still waiting for ARPA Approvals – Ongoing
	20.05.2021 – Updated provided to LA members and fencing will commence shortly – Ongoing
	30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council, July we will see process. Old Cemetery is impossible to see old grave stones and needs to be clean up. MSS crew will be cleaning the site up. No machine will be used only by hand.
Grave Digger	21.05.2020 –The CDC is to provide modelling to inform further consideration of the viability of the purchase of a grave digger. Majority of providers on island are equipped with own machinery so hire model does not suit the operational environment. Grave digging is currently included as a 'gratis service' as per the EARC Funeral Service & Burial Policy.
	18/11/2020 – The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to come back to the Local Authority with detailed costed briefing with options for a small digger.
	12.05.2021 – Costing has been obtain, will provided amounts at next Local Authority meeting.
	20.05.2021 – Cost has been provided to members of \$83,000 for grave digger, Recommendation that the Galiwin'ku LA support the mini excavator for burials and other requirements within Galiwin'ku pending council approval – Ongoing
	30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council, budget has been in next year's Fleet budget for the Grave digger and trailer in next years capx

Interpreter's Off	21.05.2020 The Director of Community Development to follow up for a response from the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding the provision of an office space for an interpreter service in Galiwinku. 28/01/2021 — Director Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up on progress with EARC Tenancy Manager. 20/10/2020 — Space identified and negotiations to be finalised 12.05.2021 — assistance accommodation has been sourced and will be available for the interpret services. 20.05.2021 — Design has been finalised and a house has been provided for a period of up to 3 months. Agreement should be finalised this week. — Ongoing 30.06.2021 — A house is available for min of 8 weeks for an interpret currently training in Galiwin'ku 16.06.2021 — Presentation from Department Chief Ministers on AIS included in the agenda.
Cluster One	24/09/2020 – The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up with Office of Chief Minister about the ability to utilize the Cluster One (Lot 226) as a funeral ceremony area. 10/11/2020 - Change of land purpose to include ceremony purposes to be lodged with the NLC 12.05.2021 – Meeting with Jim Rogers, still waiting for answers. Application has been lodged with NLC, consultations are happening at the moment, once completed, findings will be brought to the next Local Authority – Ongoing 20.05.2021 – Update provided to LA members – Ongoing 30.06.2021 – Ongoing – Update provided to Council
Micro-plastics S	The Local Authority supported the installation of a sign to tell the story of micro-plastics in the water. Members recommended that the pictures on the proposed sign should include people representing countries from around the world. The first sign is to be installed near the Mission Beach. 18/01/2021 — Ongoing, with the signs expected to be installed in the early new year once all feedback received from Local Authorities. 12.05.2021 — To be Removed 20.05.2021 — Ongoing - signs will be installed shortly

	30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council
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FUTURE ACTIONS / ADVOCACY

Galiwin'ku	ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS
Galiwin'ku Future Actions / Advocacy	Improvement to Tracks	That the Local Authority notes the question from members about the need for funds to improve the tracks to hunting grounds and Local Authority funds for Youth, Sport and Recreation.
		12.05.2021 - Grants are been sourced - Ongoing
		20.05.2021 – Another round has been realised, Update will be provided at next LA meeting. – Ongoing
		30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1

TITLE Department of Chief Ministers and Cabinet -

Aboriginal Interpreter Services

REFERENCE 1502954

AUTHOR Candice O'Halloran, Acting Governance, Local Authority and

Communication Manager

SUMMARY:

The Aboriginal Interpreter Services (AIS) is piloting a model of service delivery in Galiwinku with the intent to increase the AIS community based workforce, increase remote service delivery for East Arnhem and ultimately improve the access and quality of interaction of Aboriginal Territorians with services in remote areas.

GENERAL

The presentation will promote the service and explain the pilot we are trailing on Galiwin'ku, introduce AIS staff to LA members and ask the Local Authority their option as what services in their option would benefit from interpreter services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the guest speakers presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.2

TITLE Department of Chief Ministers and Cabinet - Local

Government Election

REFERENCE 1502957

AUTHOR Candice O'Halloran, Acting Governance, Local Authority and

Communication Manager

SUMMARY:

The Purpose of the presentation is to encourage people in community to enrol and vote in the upcoming Local Government Election.

BACKGROUND

Local Government elections give communities a direct voice. Enrolling and voting is the Primary means of ensuring that the representation on the council is reflective of community and for leaders that to represent them and their ideas.

Being enrolled and voting makes sure that people's voice is heard in all levels of Government and there is an accurate reflection of people interest in the region.

GENERAL

In the intent of the presentation is to talk about the LG electoral process, nominations and the importance of enrolling and voting and encourage LA members to spread the information with family and friends.

We provide how to vote cards and enrolment forms at the presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the presentation from the guest speakers.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1

TITLE CEO Report 1501609

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 raises 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 to 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 10.2

TITLE Inquiry Into Local Decision Making - Your Voice

REFERENCE 1501660

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 10.3

TITLE Mutual Respect Agreement - Northern Territory

Police

REFERENCE 1501653

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 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

AFFIRM

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

ACKNOWLEDGE

That the Leaders of the Yirrkala Community have a duty to uphold the law, culture and clan values of the clan groups in the Yirrkala 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 Yirrkala 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 Yirrkala Leaders for regular consultation on crime, safety, law and justice issues within the community.

Police will be invited to the Yirrkala 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 Yirrkala Community, Northern Territory

Attachment 1

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.4

TITLE National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Flexible

Aged Care Service - Proposal

REFERENCE 1501826

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.5

TITLE Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update

REFERENCE 1495137

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

- (a) That the Local Authority notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.
- (b) That the Local Authority seeks the following recommendations:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.6

TITLE Waste Services Update

REFERENCE 1500089

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 Scrap Metal project and 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.

Scrap Metal Project Update

Sell & Parker have been engaged to recycle scrap metal (old car bodies, build scraps etc) and white goods throughout the communities of East Arnhem. During May and June of this year, they were at Galiwin'ku to crush, remove and recycle all the scrap metal and white goods.

The main areas that they operated in were the; Waste Facility, old dump site, back of motel, barge landing and side of road. Sell and Parker removed 242.87 tonnes of scrap metal from these areas for recycling. Please see attachment for before and after images.

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

That the Local Authority notes the Waste Services Update report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 20210707-Galiwinku Scrap Metal Plates.docx



Plate 1. Aerial image of Galiwin'ku Waste Management Facility before recycling completed.



Plate 2. Overhead image of old landfill before recycling completed

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Plate 3. Sell and Parker clearing scrap metal stockpiles



Plate 4. Location shot of Galiwin'ku scrap metal stockpile area progress photo.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.7

TITLE Roads Infrastructure - Pedestrian Footpath Program

Public Tender, Grading Maintenance & Line Marking

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Program Updates

REFERENCE 1500841

AUTHOR Arvin Roping, Transport and Infrastructure Manager

SUMMARY:

This Report is tabled for the Galiwin'ku Local Authority in order to update on the progress of the proposed stage two (2) and three (3) of the pedestrian footpath program via public tender.

BACKGROUND

General information regarding the Transport and Infrastructure department's Galiwin'ku proposed construction of stage two (2) and three (3) of pedestrian footpath program.

GENERAL

Proposed Stage Two (2) and Stage Three (3) of the Pedestrian Footpath Program

The proposed stage two and stage three of the pedestrian footpath program has an estimated project budget of \$153,415.33 (exclusive of GST), which is fully funded by the Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) for Galiwin'ku.

Current public open tender updates:

Public open tender release date: Saturday, 10 July 2021

Closing due date: Monday, 2 August 2021

Notified the market – published the opportunity on the Council's webpage, Tenders.Net and NT News.

Proposed Internal Sealed Roads Line Marking Program

The Transport and Infrastructure department has proposed a permanent line marking program scheduled to be delivered by the end of August 2021 within the Galiwin'ku internal sealed roads network.

The aim of the proposed line marking program will include but are not limited to:

- Help regulate traffic by establishing safe driving guidelines
- Improve night-time visibility
- Properly delineated line markings can boost the safety of pedestrians and drivers on the road

Routine Unsealed Roads Grading Maintenance Program

Nhulunbuy Civil have been engaged to undertake routine grading maintenance services throughout Galiwin'ku's internal unsealed roads, outstation access roads and rural roads network to a standard that ensures the road is in a safe and trafficable condition.

Grading maintenance commencement date: Monday, 12 July 2021

Expected completion date: Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Note: Grading maintenance is currently underway at this time of writing this report, dated 13 July 2021. Expected completion date subject to change due to weather condition and/or technical issues related should the earthmoving equipment is out of service.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority note the Roads Infrastructure - Pedestrian Footpath Program Public Tender, Grading Maintenance & Line Marking Program Updates report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.8

TITLE Incident Damage asscoated with the Galiwinku

Hearse under external usage agreement.

REFERENCE 1501976

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to report and provide information in relation to damage sustained to the Galiwinku Hearse whilst being used under a formal external party usage agreement and the requirements surrounding the insurance liabilities associated with damage by an external party.

BACKGROUND

On the 25th of June the recently purchased Galiwinku Hearse funded through Local Authority project funding, was hired out for cultural purposes as per its intent, and during the course of the usage was subsequently damaged by the external driver.



GENERAL

Under the authorised driver consent form there are a number of conditions that the external party external driver has to agree too for the usage of the vehicle, no different to that of any hire car or vehicle arrangement elsewhere say with AVIS, Budget rentals etc. and this predominately is surrounding any damage sustained and the insurance coverage and liabilities as per the below signed agreement extract.

LOSS DAMAGE WAIVER, DAMAGE AND LOSS OF PROPERTY

You agree to indemnify the Council against liability for any loss of, or damage to, any property stolen from the vehicle or otherwise lost during the rental; or left in the vehicle after its return.

You agree to pay the Council an excess of \$2,500 to apply in the event of a claim under this extension

You agree to be liable for the loss of, and all damage to, the vehicle and for all damage to the property of any person which is caused or contributed to by you; or which arises from the use of the vehicle by you.

The vehicle is insured under the Council's comprehensive insurance policy. If there is loss or damage to the vehicle and the Council's insurer deductibles and charges required by the Council's insurer. If the Council's insurer does not approve to pay for any such claim then you agree to pay for all costs associated with:

- a) Repair/replacement of the vehicle;
- b) Any lost opportunities; and/ or
- c) Obtaining and utilising a temporary replacement vehicle while the Council's vehicle is being repaired.

You agree to promptly report to the Council, any accident in which the vehicle is involved or implicated in any way.

Subrogation waiver is not permissible for cover provided under this endorsement unless written acceptance is provided by us.

With this said the hearse will need to be barged back to Darwin for repairs to bring it back to its new condition, this will result in financial liabilities for the insurance excess as per the below from the Insurance broker JLT which includes barge costs liabilities for Galiwinku – Darwin Return.

Dear,

Class Motor Vehicle Claim No 003554

Description IV CD64XW (Community Hearse) damaged whilst on hire - Galiwinku

Loss Date 25 June 2021 **Excess** \$2.500

We refer to our previous correspondence in relation to the above claim. The insurers have now advised the following:

- The excess in relation to Hired Out Units (Full Conditions) is \$2,500
- Memorandum of Agreement states that if the Council's insurer accepts the claim then the hirer agrees to pay all excesses, deductibles and charges required by the Council's insurer.
- The claim has been accepted, assessment will be undertaken once the vehicle is available.

Please contact us if you require any further information, we will keep you informed of developments as we become aware of them.

Kind regards,.

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The direction sought by the Local Authority in relation to their funded vehicle is are the Local Authority supportive of Council administration actioning the clauses of the agreement and signed by the 3rd party user for recoverable costs associated with the damage caused, this being the excess of \$2,500.00.

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority support the administration recovery of the financial liabilities from the user as per the signed Hearse usage agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.9

TITLE Proposal to fly Aerial Elector Magnetic Surveys

(AEM) over prospective groundwater source areas

around Galiwinku

REFERENCE 1502180

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to the Local Authority surrounding the proposed aerial surveys using the electro-magnetic technique (AEM), over two potential groundwater supply areas.

BACKGROUND

Power and Water Corporation, as the Authority chartered to supply water supplies to remote communities, are seeking to undertake aerial surveys (possibly in August 2021), using the electro-magnetic technique (AEM), over two potential groundwater supply areas as a precursor to undertaking additional bore drilling activities. The purpose for flying these surveys would be to provide information to PWC about the prospects of finding suitable groundwater supplies prior to undertaking ground disturbing works (i.e. clearing access tracks and drill-site areas and drilling bores).

GENERAL

PWC have used this technique in areas such as Milingimbi and Warruwi and are about to survey Numbulwar. Discussions have been held with the NLC in regards to Numbulwar and have been granted conditional approval to proceed with the AEM survey, with the condition being that consultation is held with Community Leaders/Custodians. In lieu of this PWC seek to begin discussions with the relevant Gapuwiyak and Galiwinku Community Leaders/Custodians in relation to proposed AEM survey around these communities. PWC are undertaking consultation with NLC in parallel with these discussion with the LAs for Gapuwiyak and Galiwinku.

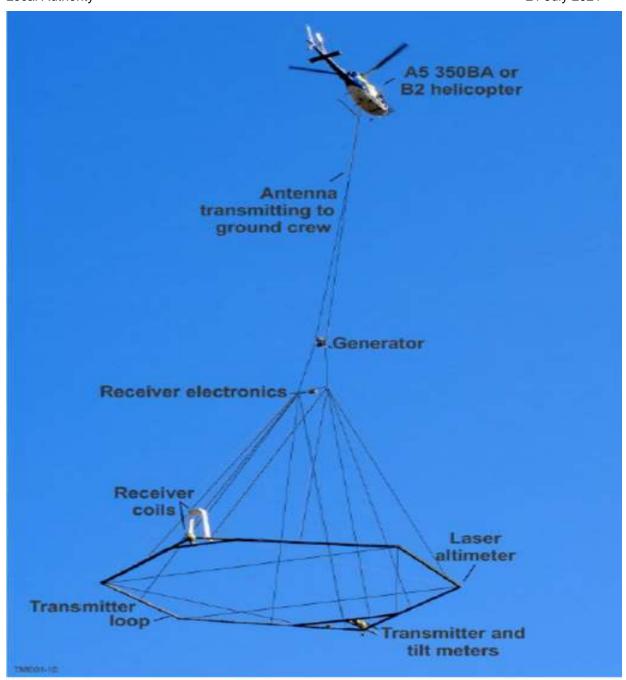
PWC Project Officers Scott Evans and Chantal Bramley are planning to visit the Gapuwiyak Community to liaise with a nominated Cultural Monitor (under guidance by NLC) around the 11 August'21 with respect to nominating potential drill sites for a proposed drilling program that may occur after this wet season. This pre-drilling AEM Survey tool will help to limit the areas sought for clearance to undertake drilling activities and minimise disturbance of country.

How does an AEM survey work?

Airborne Electro-Magnetics (AEM) The scientific name of the survey method being used is Airborne Electro Magnetic (AEM). It helps show how creeks and billabongs mix with groundwater on country. This helps us understand where good the water is underground and help see how far sea water has moved in under country.

Is the magnetic survey safe?

AEM is less powerful than mobile phones and TVs so will have no impact to health and safety of the community.



PROPOSED GALIWINKU HELICOPTER SURVEY AREA

Before this coming Wet Season, for about three days a helicopter may fly low - about 60m above the ground and will carry a rope with a circle frame underneath it. The circle frame will fly above the treetops. The helicopter will fly in lines above the country around Galiwinku.

The helicopter will read the depth and saltiness of the underground water.

During this survey noise from the helicopter will be heard but will stay away from houses by about 300m.

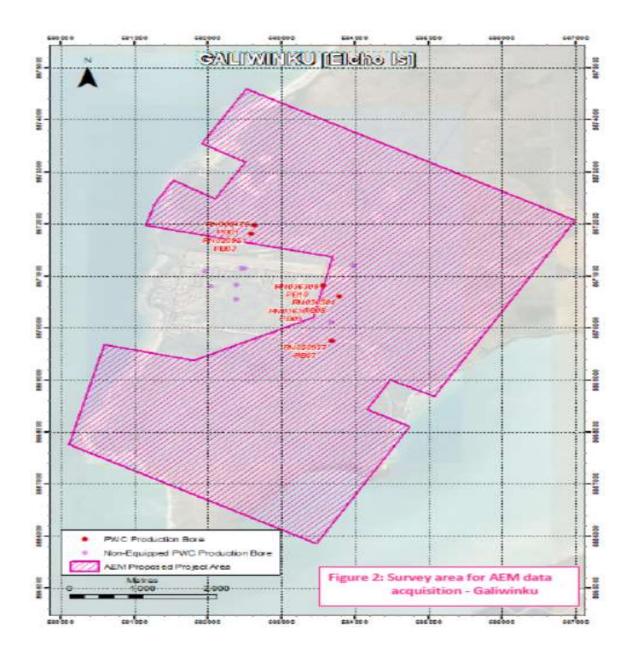
Areas considered too sensitive to fly over can be exclude from this survey, but the survey will take place outside of the Town housing boundary on vacant land on the town boundary edge.

During this survey you may hear noise from the helicopter but it will stay away from houses by about 300m, by only flying over bush country.

Areas considered too sensitive to fly over may also be excluded from this survey but if too much country is chosen to miss the survey won't work.

Where will they survey be conducted in Galiwinku

The area to be surveyed is outside of the town housing boundary as shown on the below map, and will focus on the outer undeveloped areas of the town.



RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Local Authority note the report
- (b) Support the project to identify additional water and water quality for Galiwinku into the future.
- (c) Request that the program avoids direct flights over the outstations of Dhambala, Dhudpu and Galawarra.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.10

TITLE Animal Management Program Update

REFERENCE 1502266

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.

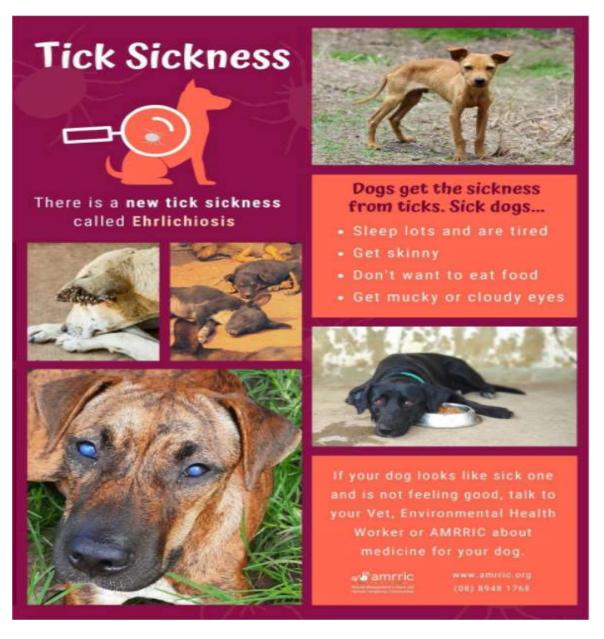
The Animal Management team released the first EARC Community Veterinary Cabinets in July/ August 2020. The full cabinets have been placed in our communities which receive less frequent veterinary visits including Gapuwiyak, Ramingining, Milingimbi and Galiwinku. Inside the cabinets are a large quantity 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.



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	Dogs	Cats	Treatments given by Animal
Communities	Desexed	Desexed	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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.11

TITLE Corporate Services Report

REFERENCE 1501015

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

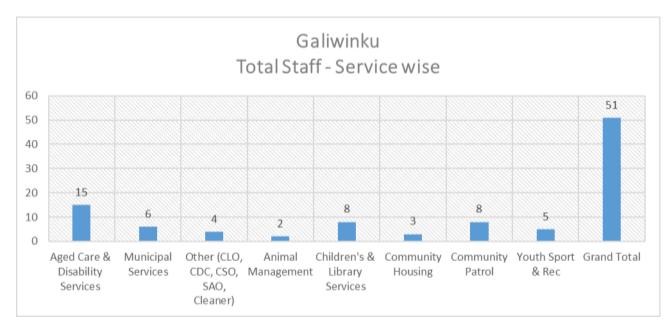
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

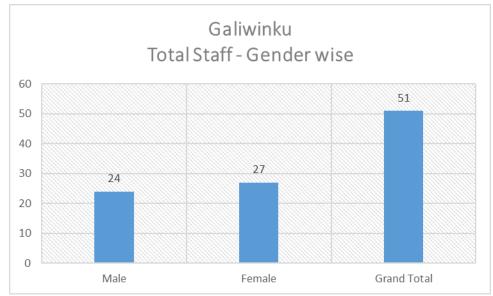
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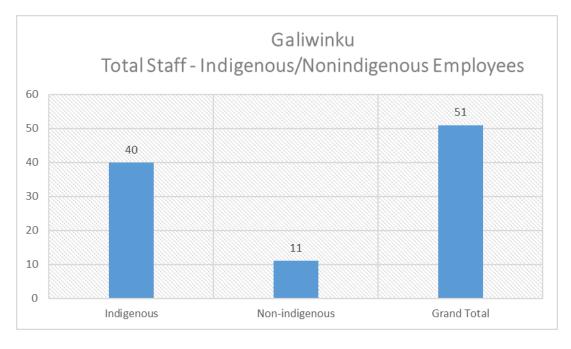
The following tables show year to date employment costs against budget. Services that are under budget are the result of poor attendance at work and vacancies due to staff turnover.

Row Labels	Actual	Budget	Variance	% of Variance
Aged Care and Disability Services	701,427	770,789	69,363	9.89%
Building and Infrastructure Services	15,317	52,256	36,939	241.16%
Children and Family Services	303,075	256,773	- 46,302	-15.28%
Community Development	219,445	310,558	91,113	41.52%
Community Media	-	17,480	17,480	0.00%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	448,266	581,894	133,628	29.81%
Council Housing/Tenancy Services	23,676	71,267	47,591	201.00%
Library Services	22,601	82,537	59,936	265.19%
Municipal Services	310,923	400,849	89,926	28.92%
Post Office Agency	75,086	52,256	- 22,830	-30.40%
Veterinary and Animal Control Services	89,352	64,259	- 25,093	-28.08%
Visitor Accommodation	71,979	76,578	4,599	6.39%
Waste and Environmental Services	80,482	76,940	- 3,542	-4.40%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	331,448	407,746	76,298	23.02%
Grand Total	2,693,077	3,222,182	529,105	19.65%

Employee Statistics:







Vacancies as of 30 June 2021:

Position	Level
Aged Care and Disability Services Officer	L1 S1
Aged Care and Disability Services Support Worker	L1 S1
Child Care Worker	L1 S1
Community Library Officer	L1 S1
Community Media Officer	L7 S1
Municipal Services Officer	L7 S1
Veterinary Supervisor	L1 S1
Veterinary Supervisor	L1 S1
Youth Sports and Recreation Coordinator	L4 S1
Youth Sports and Recreation Worker	L1 S1
Youth Sports and Recreation Worker	L3 S1

RECOMMENDATION

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

COMMUNITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.1

TITLE Community Night Patrol - Focus Project

REFERENCE 1479066

AUTHOR Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

Local Authority at its meeting on 20 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 21 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;
- 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 careers of the 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 ...

COMMUNITY REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER 11.2

TITLE Community Development Coordinator Report

REFERENCE 1498739

AUTHOR Melissa Jones, Community Development Coordinator - Galiwinku

SUMMARY:

This is the Community Development Coordinator report for Galiwin'ku Community, January 2021 to March 2021.

BACKGROUND

Under the Northern Territory *Local Government Act 2008*, it is a requirement for the Community Development Coordinator to provide a report to the Local Authority.

GENERAL

East Arnhem Regional Council welcomes myself, Melissa Jones, as the new Community Development Coordinator. I was previously the Project Officer for Community Housing and have now taken over as CDC as of 1st July. I look forward to getting to know everyone and getting involved in the community.

I would firstly like to acknowledge the people we have seen pass in the Galiwinku Community since the last Local Authority meeting and send our thoughts and prayers to all family members.

The expansion Night Patrol Services contract ended on 30th June 2021, so we would like to thank Angus Malakuna, Johnson Dhamarrandji and Jennifer Yunupingu for all their efforts and hard work, and good luck for future endeavors.

The Community Housing contract has been extended until end of October.

Evelyna Wanambi (Milly) has been promoted to Youth Sport and Rec Coordinator to help Denholm in all of the amazing work they are doing with the youth. They have had many School holiday activities which have been a big success. They had the disco on Friday night which saw a lot of kids engaging, and a colour run on the following weekend as well as regular hunting and bush trips with Yalu and Miwatj. During the holidays they also had water activities down the oval with Police, who brought down their water hose and got involved in the fun.







YSR participated in two major inter-community events with the men's and women's basketball teams traveling to Gove for the Basketball NT Eastern Cup 29th -30th May where the men's team took out 2nd place and the women's won the cup in 1st place. Off the back of their Eastern Cup win the women's basketball team travelled to Barunga Festival 11th – 14th June where they took out 2nd prize, the youth band also attended the festival and played on the main stage of Barunga Festival.

Break-ins still continue to be an issue in Galiwinku. There are meetings every 3 weeks chaired by Yalu with various stakeholders in attendance such as the School, Territory Families, Yalu workers, community members and Denholm from Youth Sport and Rec attends. These meetings are primarily about VSA use and how as a community we are able to help these children most at risk. I plan to start attending these meetings as well as Eric the CNP Coordinator attend where he can, he will be able to provide valuable information to what is happening in community after hours.

In May we hosted an event at the Youth Sport and Rec hall with guest speakers from Canberra to discuss with the community the Indigenous Voice consultation process. They were welcomed with a smoking ceremony before they discussed with the community about how the community can have a voice within Parliament.

Aged Care staff have completed their first aid training. In late June the Nhulunbuy staff

headed out to Galiwinku to join in on a Graduation ceremony and farewell party for a very valued employee. The coordinators made graduation hats, laminated their certificates and our Regional Manager, Stacey presented this to each of the staff along with a box of chocolates. Staff from Nhulunbuy also got to participate in celebrating Brad's farewell. Brad has been with Aged and Disability services cook in Galiwinku for the past 4 1/2 years however has been happy to assist wherever needed to help services run smoothly. Lloyde, one of the support staff passed his driver's test.







Unfortunately we have had a lack of consistent staff attendance at Childcare which has affected parents needing to attend work. We appreciate the patience of the community while these issues are worked through. On a happy note, Childcare participated in the Djakamirr-Doula march in May, supporting women in community that had graduated Doula training. There was also an outdoor movie which aired the Djakamirr documentary. In upcoming months Childcare are planning to have a family day/ afternoon so parents are able to come and engage with staff and see what they have been up to.



This first week of July we were busy enrolling community members to vote in the upcoming election for Council. We put up flyers around well community as as discussed enrolments and election with various stakeholders. A BBQ was held at the front of the Post Office on Tuesday to encourage community members to enroll and to discuss why enrolling is important for them to have a



voice.

We have organized a NAIDOC event with Yalu, Youth Sport and Rec as well as other stakeholders. This will be held the week following NAIDOC week and I look forward to reporting about this in the next Local Authority meeting as there is a lot of fun activities planned.

Galiwinku has been very fortunate to have had Dr Yang Loh and vet nurse Alannah Steain servicing the community for 6 weeks across April/May/June. The commitment of the EARC Animal Management team is that we service our communities for 1 week every 3-4 months so Galiwinku has already received a large amount of veterinary services this year. Over that period 26 animals were desexed and over 180 dogs were treated with anti-parasitic medications. The next vet visit will be in early August. There is also a schools program visit in September where Dr Maddy and the team from AMRRIC will be visiting Galiwinku School to chat about cat management. It will be a very exciting project for Galiwinku School.



RECOMMENDA



That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator report.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

ITEM NUMBER 12.1

TITLE Questions from Members

REFERENCE 1501656

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.



QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC

ITEM NUMBER 13.1

TITLE Questions from the Public

REFERENCE 1501655

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.

