



Agenda

Milyakburra

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

28 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 Milyakburra Council Office on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 at 10.00am.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES



ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
REFERENCE	1501684
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	3.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1501672
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	4.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1501675
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 24 May 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Local Authority - Milyakburra 2021-05-24 [1623] 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

24 May 2021

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILYAKBURRA
COUNCIL OFFICE ON MONDAY, 24 MAY 2021 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Eric Wurramara, Councillors Gordon Walsh, Members, Councillor Elliot Bara Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston and Vail Wurramara.

OBSERVERS

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer; Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development; Ulaiasi (Gus) Nawaqa – Community Development Coordinator/ Municipal Service Supervisor.

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

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:24am and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 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.

169/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Eric Wurramara)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **Notes the absence of Lucille Wurramara, Lawrance Yantarrnga, Kathy Ann Wurramara, Elvis Bara, Steven Lalara and Kieranson Wurramara.**
- b) **Notes there were no apologies received .**
- c) **Notes Lawrance Yantarrnga is absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- d) **Notes Lucille Wurramara, Kathy Ann Wurramara, Elvis Bara, Steven Lalara and Kieranson Wurramara are absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurramara, Vail Wurramara

Against:

Nil

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILYAKBURRA
COUNCIL OFFICE ON MONDAY, 24 MAY 2021 AT 10.00AM

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

170/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Violet Huddleston)

That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurraramara, Vail Wurraramara

Against:

Nil

Guest Speakers

**6.1 DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF MINISTERS AND CABINET - LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTION**

SUMMARY:

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

171/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Violet Huddleston)

That Local Authority notes the presentation from the guest speakers.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurraramara, Vail Wurraramara

Against:

Nil

MOTION

172/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Violet Huddleston)

Adjournment of meeting for 5 mins

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurraramara, Vail Wurraramara

Against:

Nil

MOTION

173/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Violet Huddleston)

Resumption of meeting.

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For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurrarama, Vail Wurrarama

Against:

Nil

6.2 AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

SUMMARY:

Promote the upcoming Census 2021 in August 2021, Promote Remote Area Management Team positions currently available

174/2021 **RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/ Lucinda Bara)**

That Local Authority notes the presentation from the guest speakers.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurrarama, Vail Wurrarama

Against:

Nil

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

175/2021 **RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Eric Wurrarama)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes from the meeting of 22 March 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurrarama, Vail Wurrarama

Against:

Nil

Local Authorities

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

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176/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Vail Wurramara)

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.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurramara, Vail Wurramara

Against:

Nil

MOTION

177/2021 RESOLVED (Lucinda Bara/Violet Huddleston)

Adjournment of meeting for lunch at 12:25pm.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurramara, Vail Wurramara

Against:

Nil

MOTION

178/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Violet Huddleston)

Resumption of meeting at 12:55pm.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurramara, Vail Wurramara.

Against:

Nil

General Business

7.1 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.

179/2021 RESOLVED (Violet Huddleston/Lucinda Bara)

That Local Authority notes the CEO report.

For:

Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet

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Huddleston, Eric Wurramara, Vail Wurramara

Against:
Nil

7.4 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

180/2021 RESOLVED (Violet Huddleston/Elliot Bara)

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

For:
Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurramara, Vail Wurramara

Against:
Nil

7.5 FY 2022 DRAFT BUDGET - MILYAKBURRA

SUMMARY:

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

181/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Violet Huddleston)

The Local Authority notes the FY 2022 draft budget.

For:
Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurramara, Vail Wurramara

Against:
Nil

COMMUNITY REPORTS

8.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

182/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Lucinda Bara)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

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For:
Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurrarama, Vail Wurrarama

Against:
Nil

Questions From Members

9.1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority will now take questions from members.

183/2021 RESOLVED (Violet Huddleston/Lucinda Bara)

That the Local Authority notes there is no questions from members

For:
Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurrarama, Vail Wurrarama

Against:
Nil

Questions From Public

10.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

SUMMARY:

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

184/2021 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Vail Wurrarama)

That the Local Authority notes the questions from the public

For:
Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet Huddleston, Eric Wurrarama, Vail Wurrarama

Against:
Nil

MOTION

185/2021 RESOLVED (Violet Huddleston/Lucinda Bara)

Moved to Confidential Session

For:
Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet

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Huddleston, Eric Wurraramara, Vail Wurraramara

Against:
Nil

MOTION

186/2021 **RESOLVED (Violet Huddleston/Lucinda Bara)**

Moved from closed session to open session.

For:
Councillor Elliot Bara, Councillor Gordon Walsh and Members, Lucinda Bara, Violet
Huddleston, Eric Wurraramara, Vail Wurraramara

Against:
Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26 July 2021

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 2:30 pm.

This page and the preceding 7 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on
Monday, 24 May 2021 are to be confirmed Monday, 26 July 2021.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1501676
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 Milyakburra Actions - 30.06.2021.docx

MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

LOCAL AUTHORITY	ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS
	163/2021 Series of Murals	<p>That the Local Authority continue to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – ongoing</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Updated provided to LA members, Members have decided that they would like to use the elders and young people – Timeline agreed that Cr Elliot to consult with community members within 14 days, to advise council at next council meeting.</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>
	112/2020 – Approval of Welcome Signage for Milyakburra	<p>That the Local Authority approves the above design, incorporating final amendments from the Local Authority members to be provided by the Community Development Coordinator, before printing and installation of the sign.</p> <p>Completed</p>
	Street Lights	<p>25.05.2020 – A large order of street lights has been placed but was delayed, partly due to COVID-19 restrictions. These lights are due for delivery into Australia during the next few weeks.</p> <p>1.02.21 - Completed – additional lighting to be reviewed in the February period.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – 3 or 4 light still out, will finalise by June 30 – Ongoing</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Ongoing – There is 5 lights currently out and 1 at the barge landing that is solar to be fix, Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services will be finalised by 30 June.</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council, Solar lighting is been looked into for extra lighting option – costing are been obtain currently.</p>
	Centrelink and Australia Post services	<p>25.05.2020 - The Director of Community Development to provide an update to the Local Authority on the progress in setting up the Centrelink agency. Local Authority also seeks an update on the progress of Australia Post agency.</p> <p>23/11/2020 – Director Community Development to provide an update for the Local Authority about the Centrelink agency, and explain what is happening to ensure that privacy is maintained.</p>

MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

		<p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Equipment is on the way and there is a 3 week timeline for this to be implemented.</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>
	Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government.	<p>25.05.2020 Executive team and President had meeting with ALC just prior to COVID-19 – unable to hold community consultations.</p> <p>1/02/2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>24.05.2021- Ongoing, updated will be provided at next meeting</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>
	Health Worker	<p>24.05.2021 – See about having a nurse come to Milyakburra for a permanent time, as they have the facilities for one.</p> <p>Dale Keehne – CEO – Has written to Health Minister regarding this concern, response has been received and they have advised that this will not be possible.</p> <p>Boarding school is going to be opening soon, will need to advocate for this happening.</p> <p>30.06.2021 – Response has been not received - Ongoing</p>

FUTURE ACTIONS / ADVOCACY

Milyakburra	ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS
Future Actions/ On Hold.	Australia Post Services (Meeting – 27 July 2020)	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>(a) Provide direction to the Director Community Development that there is community interest in Council providing Australia Post services in their community.</p>

MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

		<p>(b) Seek the Director Community Development to raise an expression of interest with Australia Post for EARC - Milyakburra to become the Australia Post Agent when the contract is next available.</p> <p>An expression of interest has been sent.</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>
	Cemetery Fence	<p>Cemetery fence – 18/01/2021 – The cemetery fence falls outside town boundary. The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to update the Local Authority of any progress once NT Government and LGANT recommence consultations – No update provided by the department to date and consultations still pending.</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>
	Barge road and Barge Landing	<p>25.05.2020 – A costing outline has been provided to Local Authority for noting. The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to provide advice from ALC on options for funding the barge landing once received.</p> <p>To be incorporated in final proposal with ALC if approved.</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 –Ongoing – Update provided to Council</p>

GUEST SPEAKERS



ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Australian Bureau of Statistics
REFERENCE	1502948
AUTHOR	Candice O'Halloran, Acting Governance, Local Authority and Communication Manager

SUMMARY:

Promote the upcoming Census 2021 in August 2021, Promote Remote Area Management Team positions currently available.

GENERAL

Provide information to the local authority about the Upcoming Census, Seek information from the local authority about: How we can work together?

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the presentation from the guest speakers.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1501611
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	7.2
TITLE	Inquiry Into Local Decision Making - Your Voice
REFERENCE	1501673
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	7.3
TITLE	Mutual Respect Agreement - Northern Territory Police
REFERENCE	1501683
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



Rirratjingu
Aboriginal
Corporation



Northern Territory
Police Force

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

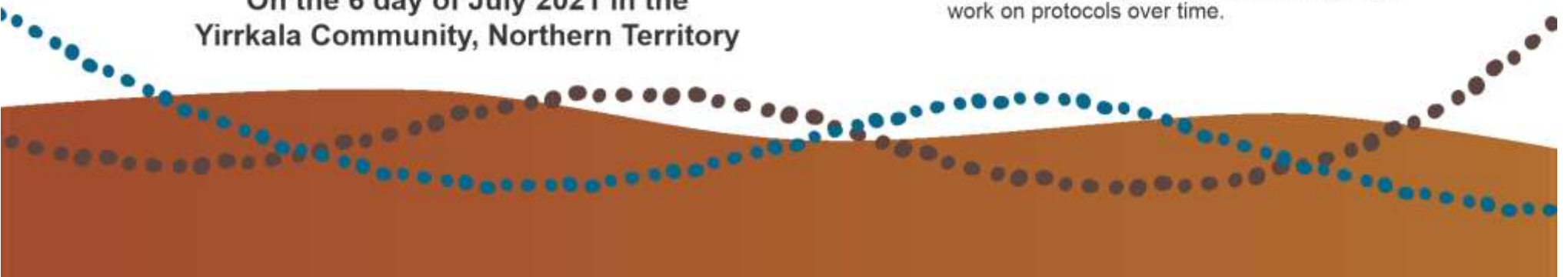
Police will be invited to the Yirkala Local Authority meeting for this purpose and also work on protocols over time.

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
Yirkala Community, Northern Territory



GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Flexible Aged Care Service - Proposal
REFERENCE	1501830
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	7.5
TITLE	Waste Services Update
REFERENCE	1500639
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

That the Local Authority notes the Waste Services Update report.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.6
TITLE	Proposal to fly Aerial Elector Magnetic Surveys (AEM) over prospective groundwater source areas around Milyakburra
REFERENCE	1502359
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

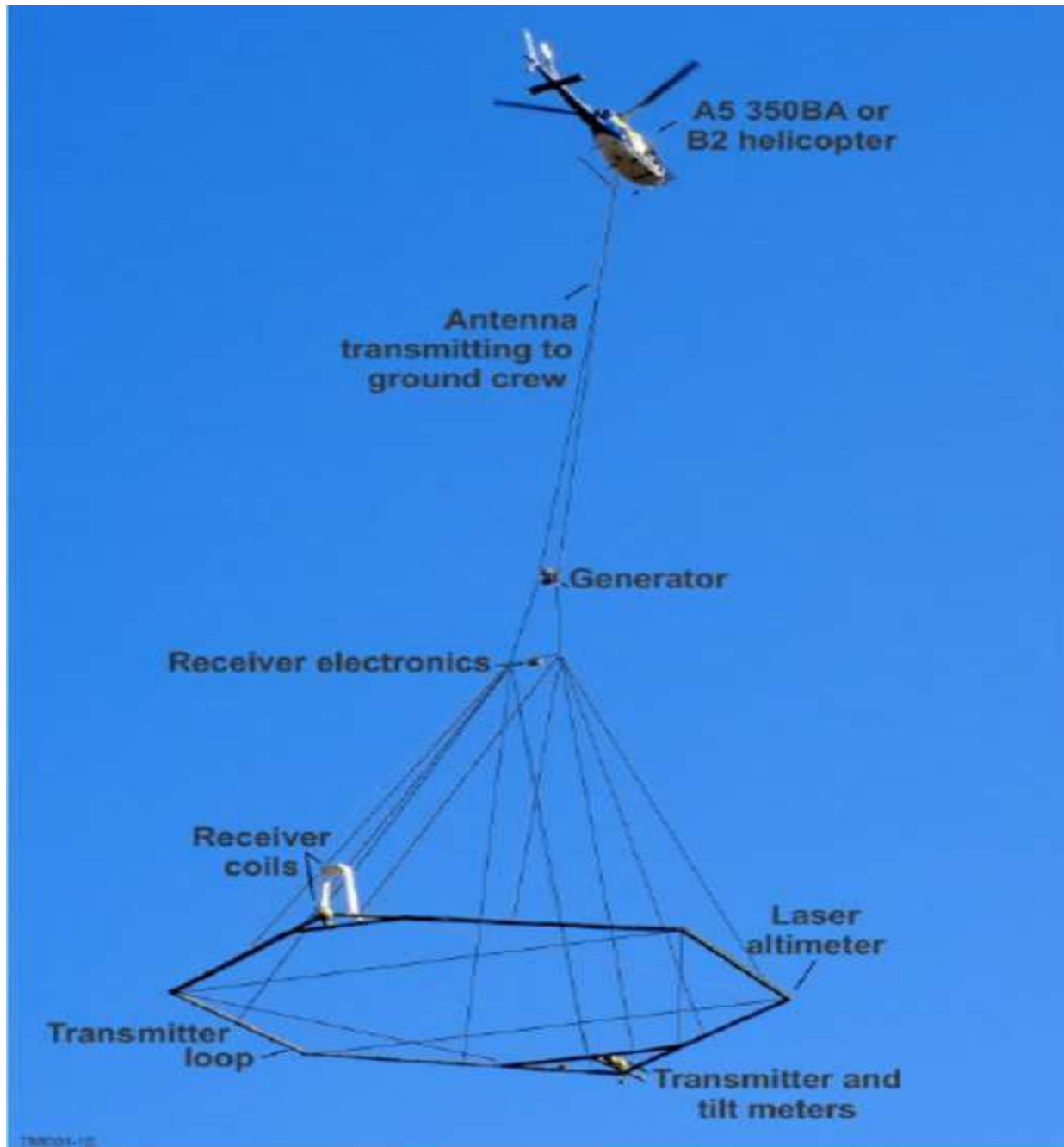
PWC have used this technique in areas such as Milingimbi and Warruwi and are about to survey Numbulwar. Discussions have been held with the NLC in regards to Numbulwar and have been granted conditional approval to proceed with the AEM survey, with the condition being that consultation is held with Community 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 , Galiwinku and Milyakburra.

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.

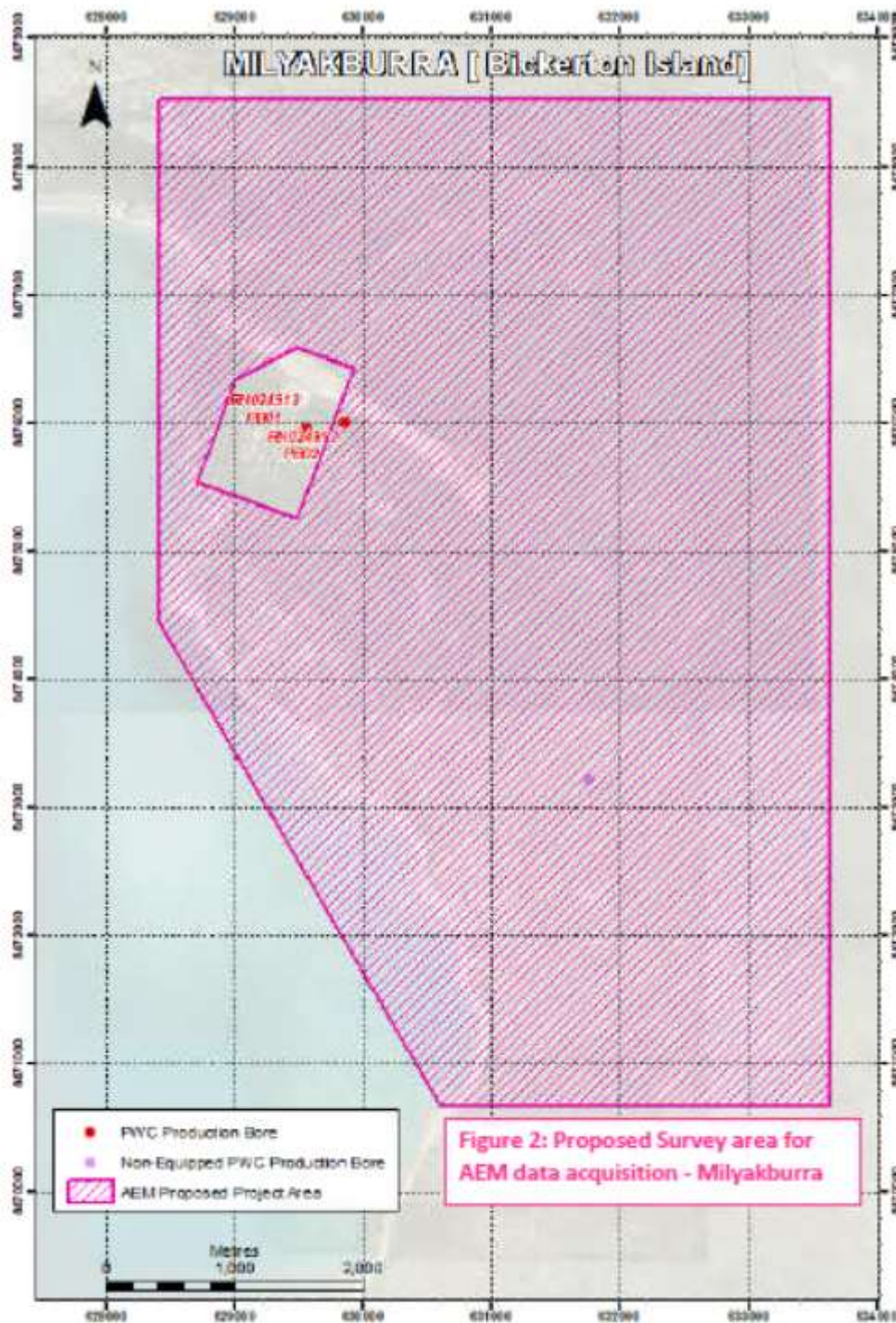


PROPOSED HELICOPTER SURVEY AREA

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 Milyakburra. 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.



RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority:

- a) Note the report
- b) Support the project to identify additional water and water quality for Milyakburra into the future.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.7
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1495139
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:

- a) Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.**
- b) Seeks the following recommendations:**

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.8
TITLE	Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE	1501286
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.

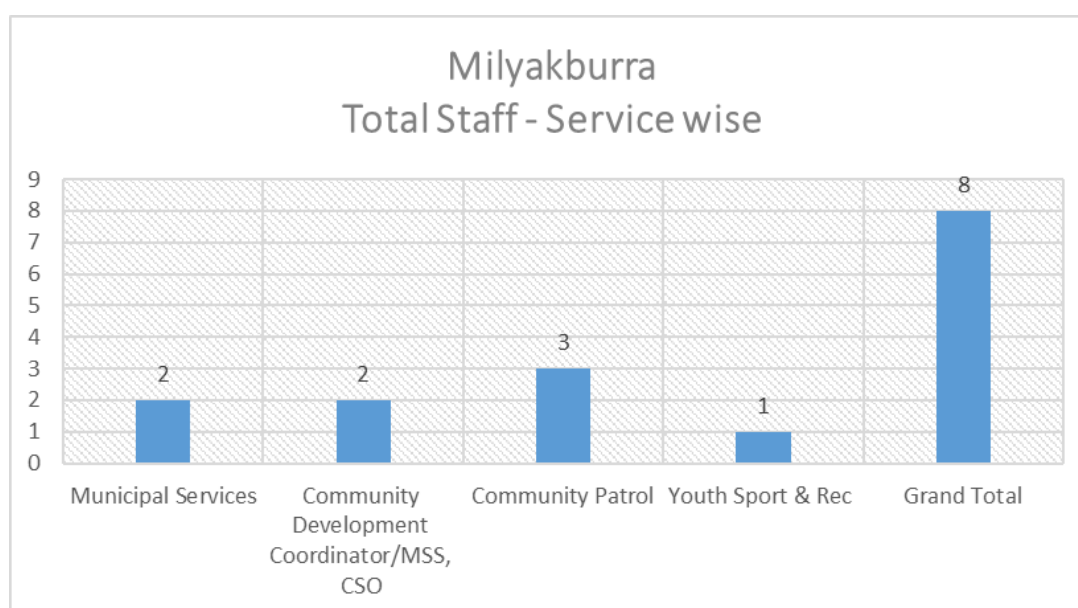
BACKGROUND

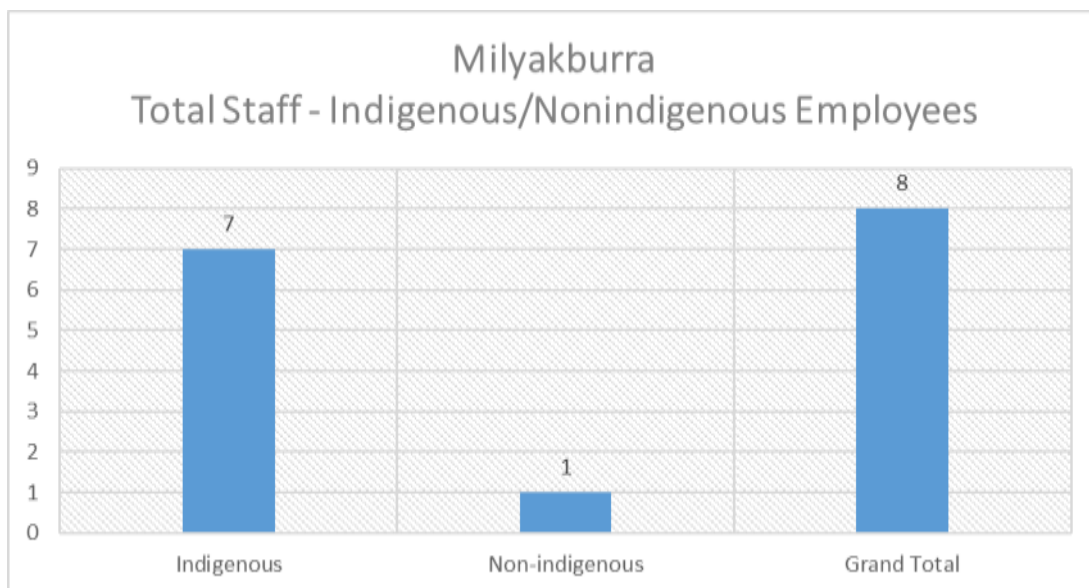
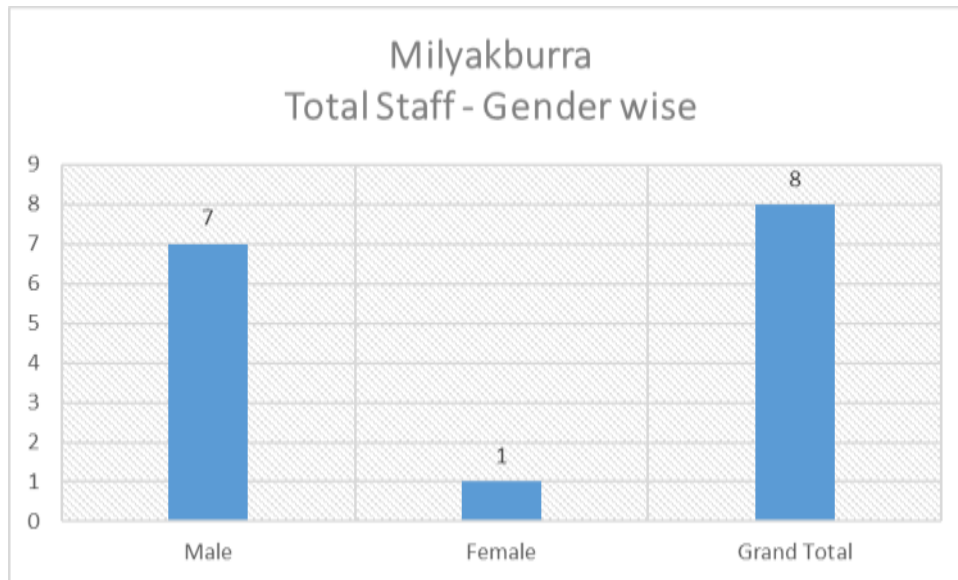
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

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
Community Development	74,462	91,689	17,227	23.13%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	71,793	125,547	53,753	74.87%
Municipal Services	90,783	136,926	46,143	50.83%
Waste and Environmental Services	21,544	31,164	9,620	44.65%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	4,902	31,343	26,442	539.45%
Grand Total	263,484	416,668	153,185	58.14%

Employee Statistics:



Vacancies as of 30 June 2021:

There were no vacancies in Milyakburra as of 30 June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

COMMUNITY REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Community Night Patrol - Focus Project
REFERENCE	1479061
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

Local Authority at its meeting on 24 May 2021 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 26 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	8.2
TITLE	Community Development Coordinator
REFERENCE	1500962
AUTHOR	Ulaiasi Nawaqa, Community Development Coordinator/ Municipal Services

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

As per Guideline 1 Regional Councils and Local Authorities, it is a requirement to provide a "Community Development report on current regional council services in the local authority area".

GENERAL

This is a report to inform the Local Authority (LA) members of what the East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) has accomplished in Milyakburra over the last two months. The Community Development Coordinator looks after and manages Municipal Services (MS), Community Night Patrol (CNP), Youth Sports & Recreation and the Community Development Program (CDP). Below is a brief report of each department:

Municipal Services

Municipal Services has two staff who are responsible for three areas.

1. Main road – The team has done a great job in maintaining the road to the barge and around community. Mondays and Thursday are when maintenance on the roads are carried out. In the coming months, the Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services will inform us of when a grader will be coming over to do a maintenance grade of the road in preparation to the wet session. At the moment the team is working on replacing the tyres that we use as a road plane.
2. Park & Gardens (Public Area) – The MS team has done great during the wet season in maintaining the grass in the community. At the moment, our ride-on-mower and tractor are both at the workshop getting some work done on them. Procurement has ordered chainsaws, chemical equipment and personal protective equipment. This will help the MS team in maintaining weeds, keeping our community beautiful and also preparing for the wet session. We have a few rotten trees to remove, coffee bean trees (weed) to exterminate and also car bodies to move to the landfill.
3. Waste Management – The community of Milyakburra is always clean and tidy and this is a reflection on the people and how prideful and respectful they are to their community. The MS team hired the front loader from Lagulalya Aboriginal Corporation for maintenance of the land fill. The team would like to thank the community for putting litter in the bin; they bring out they bin on Tuesday and Friday for collection. We have noticed that the recycle bags are filling up so in the coming weeks we are going to organize a pick up for this as well. The waste management team in Gove will assist us in this program.

Community Night Patrol

Community Night Patrol (CNP) operate for five hours for four nights a week. We have a full team at the moment. Violet. Huddleston joins Eric Wurraramara and Darryl Lalara; this is in response to community requesting a female to join the CNP team. The team have been engaging with other stakeholders and Youth, Sport & Recreation (YSR). In the coming weeks we will be ordering torches to help them do more patrol on foot. The CNP team have being very proactive in engaging with community during their work hours. Outside this time they promote their services in community.

Youth Sports & Recreation

Mike and Wilfred have being doing an outstanding job in running afternoon sports at the oval – basketball in the evening and movies on Friday nights. It is good to see kids, youth and families come along to enjoy the school holiday program. A BBQ and movie has been planned to celebrate NAIDOC day on the 16th of July.

Community Development

In May this year we signed an agreement with GEBIE to host Community Development Program (CDP) in Milyakburra. In the agreement we have created three group for participants:

1. Town beautification – in this group we will have 8 CDP participants (men) who will help our MS team in all areas that they look after.
2. Community safety and recreation – in this group we will have 8 CDP participants (men and women) to help out CNP and YSR.
3. Women Nutrition program - in this group we have 20 women who will cook healthy meals for participants. They are working towards creating a community garden as well. As this program build up momentum, the women will also be doing art and craft and bush tucker collections.

It is still early days for CDP and its slowly gaining momentum. As a group we are planning on doing beach cleaning, camping and other activates.

By- laws

EARC is in the process of passing By-laws in regards to animal control, waste and behavior during the Council meeting. A BBQ has been planned for the 15th of July for community consultation.

Council Election

August 28th is Election Day and EARC team in Milyakburra has been working really hard to register everyone to vote.

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS



ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Questions from Members
REFERENCE	1501677
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	10.1
TITLE	Questions from the Public
REFERENCE	1501685
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: