

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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| <b>ITEM NUMBER</b> | 10.1   |
| <b>TITLE</b>       | Local Authority Action Listing from LA Meetings      |
| <b>REFERENCE</b>   | 1537464  |
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**SUMMARY:**

This report provides a summary list of actions arising from Local Authority meetings in each of the East Arnhem Regional Council communities.

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with item 13 of Guideline 1 of the Local Government Act, Council must consider the minutes of Local Authority meetings at each Council Meeting to address and minute Council's response to any matters raised by the relevant Local Authority. All matters arising with actions from the Local Authority meetings are consolidated in the attached Action Register for the Council's consideration.

**GENERAL**

A current list of action items from Local Authority meetings held since Council last met is attached.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council**

- (a) Endorses the actions included in the Local Authority Actions List as recommended by each Local Authority, or as amended.**
- (b) Approves the removal of completed actions and as recommended by each Local Authority.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1** LA Action Register\_Angurugu.pdf
- 2** LA Action Register\_Galiwinku.pdf
- 3** LA Action Register\_Gapuwiyak.pdf
- 4** LA Action Register\_Gunyangara.pdf
- 5** LA Action Register\_Milingimbi.pdf
- 6** LA Action Register\_Milyakburra.pdf
- 7** LA Action Register\_Ramingining.pdf
- 8** LA Action Register\_Umbakumba.pdf
- 9** LA Action Register\_Yirrkala.pdf

## ANGURUGU ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM   | ACTIONS   | STATUS  |
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| 143/2021<br>Series of Murals                            | That the Local Authority continues to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.   | 12.05.2021 – Ongoing<br><br>25.05.2021 – Local Authority have decided on the Map of Groote Eylandt, Artistic map representing the Groote archipelago.   |
| 001/2020 RESOLVED<br>Playground Position                | That the Local Authority support the positioning of the playground within the area of Lot 591 as a suggested alternative after the Office of Township consultation.   | 12.05.2021 – Placed out for quotation, no submission have been received to this date. Will be placed out for submission in next round.<br><br>25.05.2021 – will release the submission around mid-May – Ongoing   |
| 002/2020 RESOLVED<br>Council Office Security            | That the Local Authority:<br><br>(a) Notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.<br>(b) Requests that Council reviews the security access for the Angurugu Council office; and<br>(c) Includes the office number on the door for Animal Management.   | 02.02.2021 – The request for quotes closes this Friday, but EARC has received submissions for the work to be done. To commence within three weeks, for completion by end of March in line with the SCALE funding.<br><br>12.05.2021 – TV Screen is to be completed construction has been completed.<br>Have received letter from minister for heritage listing. Will be going out for tender in next round.<br><br>25.05.2021 – Heritage council approval has been received, this has been placed out for Quotation - Ongoing |
| Angurugu Local Area Management<br>Plan and Street Names | That the Local Authority:<br><br>(a) Holds a workshop to consider any adjustments to the current Local Area Traffic Management Plan for Angurugu and supply feedback at the next scheduled Local Authority meeting.<br>(b) Request the archive records of street names be located and used, and consider street name suggestions for new streets for the purpose of further consultation at the next Local Authority meeting. | 16.11.2020 – To date no records have been found – Local Authority to confirm suggested names for further OTL and ALC consultation consideration<br><br>02.02.2021 – The Local Authority Chair to follow up with Silvia Tack and provide information to Director Technical & Infrastructure Services – pending.<br><br>12.05.2021 – this is going to be placed on next round, and will await for further information<br><br>25.05.2021 – Draft names are to be provided at next meeting – Ongoing                              |

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| Water line to the cemetery \$20,000       |   | <p>18.01.2021 Water line discussions are continuing meeting with the head of power and water Friday the 28th surrounding a range of connection requirements.</p> <p>02.02.2021 – Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services has recently met with Power and Water to facilitate this project (along with other projects).</p> <p>25.05.2021 – Ongoing</p>  |
| 130/2020 – Chief Executive Officer Report | <p>The Local Authority:<br/>Requests that a Coordinator from the different Council program areas is invited periodically to provide an update to the Local Authority in addition to the CEO report.</p> | <p>02.02.2021 – To invite the Community Night Patrol Coordinator to present to the Local Authority.</p> <p>Director Community Development to investigate what other stakeholders are doing for cross-cultural training for new employees, such as GEMCO, GEAT and ARDS, and report back on options for training EARC employees – for both Anindilyakwa and Yolngu communities.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Will report at next Council meeting</p> <p>25.05.2021 – Updated provided to LA members - Ongoing</p> |

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| Gravesite Identification |         | <p>26.05.2020 – Project underway with ALC; a GPS locator is being used to locate and map graves to update the gravesite identification.</p> <p>Council amendment – Write a letter to advocate for additional funding for all communities for gravesite identification that has been and will be undertaken.</p> <p>28.07.2020 - The Director Community Development is requested to engage community consultants to identify gravesites and purchase materials; the Local Authority approves the expenditure up to \$15,000 of Local Authority Project Funds.</p> <p>02.02.2021 – EARC has been working closely with ALC Anthropologist, Hugh Bland, to help identify the graves in the Angurugu cemetery. The burial register is being updated as the project progresses. This cemetery mapping remains an ongoing process, but it is underway.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Further consultations need to be completed. Ongoing</p> <p>25.05.2021- Updated provided to LA members - Ongoing</p> |



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| Footpath Installation   |   | <p>26.05.2020 – The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services and the Regional Roads Manager will be visiting community to assess the Footpath works mid-June 2020.</p> <p>18/01/2021 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services has met with Betapave about defects and intersection road surface tie in points in conjunction with the roads capital program contractor to resume works once weather clears.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Works still to be completed.</p> <p>25.05.2021 – Update provided to LA members – ongoing</p> |
| <p><b>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD</b></p> <p>Australia Post Services<br/>(Meeting - 28 July 2020)</p> | <p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>(a) Provide direction to the Director Community Development on whether there is community interest in Council providing Australia Post services, based on practicality.</p> <p>(b) Seek the Director Community Development to raise an expression of interest with Australia Post for EARC - Angurugu to become the Australia Post Agent when the contract is next available.</p> | <p><b>STATUS</b></p> <p>12.02.2021 - Australia Post confirmed that they are happy with the current provider. To submit interest when the contract comes up for renewal.</p> <p>25.05.2021 – Update has been provided to LA members - Ongoing</p>  |

## GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

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| 149/2021<br>Community Asbestos Update   | That the Local Authority:<br><br>(a) Notes the Community Asbestos Update, particularly the initial recommendations with regard to the asbestos in Galiwin'ku.<br>(b) Supports a temporary licenced storage area at the current land fill site.<br>(c) Support indigenous employment and training for the asbestos removal project.<br>(d) Will provide the Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services with a map that identifies priority areas. | Completed<br><br>12.05.2021 – Will update further prior to next Local Authority meeting.<br><br>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. |
| 150/2021<br>Galiwin'ku Hall Meeting<br>Room Noise Reduction<br>Project – LAPF | That the Local Authority provide a final layout direction in relation to wall imagery and textile colour and pattern option.  | Completed<br><br>12.05.2021 – All items are to be on site and will be commencing construction shortly.<br><br>20.05.2021 – Materials are awaiting for delivery via Sea Swift. Installation should be happening shortly - Ongoing  |
| 152/2021<br>Series of Murals<br>(re-tabled)                                   | That the Local Authority:<br><br>(a) Continues to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.<br>(b) Start gathering together photos of possible candidates, to be given to the Community Development Coordinator.  | 12.05.2021 – Ongoing<br><br>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   |

## GALIWIN'IKU ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                        | ACTIONS   | STATUS   |
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| 155/2021<br>Questions from Members | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>(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.</p>  | <p>20.05.2021 – Process is currently in place and will be watched closely – Ongoing, BMX track and Waterpark have been endorsed by council - Ongoing</p> <p>(b) Approves the proposed amendments to the microplastics signage, including the rangers logo to be added to the sign.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Signage will be placed up shortly</p> <p>20.05.2021 – In community, awaiting installation – Ongoing</p> <p>(c) Approves the shade shelter, originally proposed to be located at 'Top Camp' to be placed at an alternative location near the Boat Landing.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Kit is in community awaiting installation – Ongoing</p> |
| 001/2020 RESOLVED                  | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.</p> | <p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Still unsure when this will be happening, Update has been provided to LA, will update up at next LA meeting - Ongoing</p>   |

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| Women's Centre Grant |         | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – plan will be supplied at next council meeting.</p> <p>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</p> |
| Cemetery Fencing     |         | <p>18.01.2021 – Quotations ready for release to the market end of January 2021.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – All materials have been provided. Still waiting for ARPA Approvals – Ongoing</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Updated provided to LA members and fencing will commence shortly - Ongoing</p>  |

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| Grave Digger         |         | <p>21.05.2020 – The CDC is to provide modelling to inform further consideration of the viability of the purchase of a grave digger.</p> <p>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 &amp; Burial Policy.</p> <p>18.11.2020 – The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to come back to the Local Authority with detailed costed briefing with options for a small digger.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Costing has been obtained, will provide amounts at next Local Authority meeting.</p> <p>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</p> |
| Interpreter's Office |         | <p>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.</p> <p>28.01.2021 – Director Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to follow up on progress with EARC Tenancy Manager.</p> <p>20.10.2020 – Space identified and negotiations to be finalised</p> <p>12.05.2021 – assistance accommodation has been sourced and will be available for the interpret services.</p> <p>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</p>  |

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| Cluster One                       |  | <p>24/09/2020 – The Director of Technical &amp; 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.</p> <p>10/11/2020 - Change of land purpose to include ceremony purposes to be lodged with the NLC</p> <p>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</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Update provided to LA members – Ongoing</p> |
| Micro-plastics Signage            | <p>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.</p> | <p>18/01/2021 – Ongoing, with the signs expected to be installed in the early new year once all feedback received from Local Authorities.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – To be Removed</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Ongoing – signs will be installed shortly</p>   |
| FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD | ACTIONS  | STATUS  |
| Improvement to Tracks             | <p>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.</p>   | <p>12.05.2021 – Grants are being sourced – Ongoing</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Another round has been realised, Update will be provided at next LA meeting. - Ongoing</p>   |

## GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                                  | ACTIONS  | STATUS   |
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| 17/5/2021<br>Series of Murals<br>(re-tabled) | That the Local Authority:<br><br>(a) Continue to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.<br>(b) Speak to family members, and start gathering together photos, of possible candidates, to be given to the Community Development Coordinator.  | 19.03.2021 – Awaiting on suggestions, LA members still to speak to families seeking permission.<br>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Still waiting on suggestions from LA Members.<br>21.05.2021 – LA members have gathered a list of names for the murals and are waiting for family to approve the inclusion in the murals. |
| 17/8/2021<br>Questions from<br>Members       | That the Local Authority:<br><br>a) Notes the question from members.<br>b) Requests a letter be written from the Local Authority to NT Health and Mwatj Health requesting the provision of a morgue service in Gapuwiyak, as in Galiwin'ku, as it is an essential and very important need for the community.   | 19.03.2021 – LA members request Director of Community Development to follow up on progress from NT Health and Mwatj Health<br>21.05.2021 – Ongoing – No Progress to advise   |
| 001/2020<br>Resolved                         | That the Local Authority:<br><br>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.<br>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:<br>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or<br>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.<br>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.<br>d) Seek clarification from Northern Territory Government how Kava is going to be managed in the Northern Territory during the next two years, the duration of the pilot. | 12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot - Ongoing<br>21.05.2021 – Update provided to LA Members  |

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| 12/1/2020 Gapuwiyak Community Footpath Installation | That the Local Authority notes the report and approves the new locations marked in green for the allocation of Local Authority Project Funding on Gapuwiyak community footpaths. | <p>18/01/2021 – Tender awarded to YBE 2 Pty Ltd – construction to commence after the wet season.</p> <p>29/01/2021 – The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services provided an update on the contract with YBE and expected start time, March 2021.</p> <p>19/03/2021 – Foot Path Project has had a delay due no accommodation in community for contractors. Foot Path project to commence early April 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Work to be started in 2 Weeks - Ongoing</p> <p>21.05.2021 – Update given to LA Members</p>  |
| PA System<br><br>Upgrades to the PA system \$43,000 | The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to provide an update on the upgrade to the PA system at next meeting.  | <p>10.07.2020 - Action item issued to ICT Department and are looking into options for positioning at the oval potentially on one of the lighting towers given power and mounting height already available.</p> <p>25.09.2020 The Local Authority confirms it wants a new PA system installed to ensure PA coverage across the whole community.</p> <p>29.01.2021 – Jonathan Lora sent a revised action for commencement. The work to produce a revised design and costing is underway.</p> <p>19.03.2021 – Installation to commence in four weeks. Speakers to cover across the whole community</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Revised price for installation will be taken to next LA, \$63,000 pricing. – Ongoing</p> <p>21.05.2021 – Needs more funding to go towards project, update will be provided at next LA. – Funding options to be further discussed. - Ongoing</p> |



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| Community Entrance<br>Signage Project –<br>Gapuwiyak | That Local Authority members review the tabled Community Entry signs and provide feedback on the structure of the information and design of the sign specific for the Gapuwiyak community entrance. | <p>20.11.2020 The Local Authority will ask TOs to sit with them to decide what they want on the entrance signs.</p> <p>29.01.2021 – Awaiting advice. The Local Authority to check with TOs to decide what they want on the entrance signs.</p> <p>19.03.2021 – Awaiting advice. The Local Authority still to check with TOs and decide on the entrance signs for Gapuwiyak Community</p> <p>12.05.2021 – No feedback has been provided – Ongoing</p> <p>21.05.2021 – LA members have sought approval regarding sign, has been advised to send design to Natasha for next stage. - Ongoing</p>   |
| Upgrade Airport<br>Waiting Area                      |   | <p>22.05.2020 – The advice received was that the NTG is only responsible for grounds maintenance and the structure was built by the Community Incorporated Council/Shire at the transition of local government.</p> <p>29.01.2021 – The Local Authority has recommended a financial contribution toward a co-funded grant opportunity – to be tabled at the February Council meeting.</p> <p>19.03.2021 – Council have put \$50 aside to work with NT Government to help with costs on the upgrade of the airport area</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Funding opportunity will be advised</p> <p>21.05.2021 – Advocacy has been sought for funding, next round has been open and funding options will be available at next LA meeting.</p> |

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| Church Repairs                       |         | <p>22.05.2020 – David Forsyth from Uniting Church has written to the Local Authority in response to the issues raised by the LA.</p> <p>The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to check if the building is heritage listed and if so, investigate options for funding for repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>The Local Authority requests that the Community Development Coordinator drafts a letter for Council to send an invitation to Church, MAF and ALPA representatives to visit the community to consult with community about the future of the Church building. (Completed)</p> <p>29/01/2021 – Head man at church is planning to come out to discuss with community about condition of the church and future use – scheduled date unknown.</p> <p>19/03/2021 – No update has been received as yet from Uniting Church</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Update at next LA – Ongoing</p> <p>21.05.2021 – will update at next LA meeting – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services will advise of visit to CDC. - Ongoing</p> |
| Infrastructure for Youth to hang out |         | <p>22.05.2020 – The Local Authority requests the Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services review and finalise existing designs for fit-for-purpose infrastructure under the Community Infrastructure Plan. This would be for fit out of the Youth, Sport &amp; Recreation Hall as a major project that Council can seek to identify funding to implement.</p> <p>29.01.2021 – Part of Approved Army project to commence in 2021/2022 financial year – action ongoing.</p> <p>19.03.2021 – Building approved, at this stage not sure if it will be a Youth Drop In Centre as purpose of the building has changed</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Andrew met the Army and discussed training and also the infrastructure.</p> <p>21.05.2021 – Update provided to LA members- ongoing process up to the dry season in 2022.</p>   |

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| Shelter for Fuel Bowzers |         | <p>22.05.2020 – The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to investigate the Shelter for Fuel Bowzers as part of broader bowser update.</p> <p>29.01.2021 - This project is still pending. EARC is awaiting a replacement bowser supply first, which has been delayed due to available units in the country – expected by end of February.</p> <p>19.03.2021 – Units arrived in Darwin and installation will commence 2nd week of April 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – New Fuel bowzers have been finished – Update will be provided at next LA meeting.</p> <p>21.05.2021 – Quotation are going for tender as we speak, there will also be lighting included in the tender. Once costing has been establish, this will be brought back to next LA - Ongoing</p> |

## GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

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| 083/2021<br>Community Entrance Sign | That Local Authority members review the tabled Community Entry signs examples and provide feedback on a design specific for the Gunyangara community and decide on a suitable location for the sign to be installed when complete.  | 12.05.2021- still under discussions – Gumatj has contributed some money – Ongoing |
| Questions from members              | That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting.<br><br>Local Authority member Antoine Gintz raised concern regarding the death of a tree from the front lawn of the Gumatj building, due to the bark being taken for painting from a community member and also if there is a possibility to have a by-law regarding this.  |   |
| Questions from members              | That the Local Authority<br>a) Notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting.<br>b) Request there Director of Community development to have a look at the hours that night patrol are in community and ask for the hours to be extend in community, due to ongoing issues.<br>c) Request the Director of Technical and Infrastructure regarding the reinstatement of the bay linkage of the causeway/ bay waters way with Rio Tinto. |   |

## GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

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| Local Authority Project Funding |         | <p>Commits its available Local Authority Project Funding to:</p> <p>(i) \$17,000 for the supply of materials for airstrip fencing</p> <p>15/09/2020 - materials have arrived and being stored ready for installation</p> <p>(ii) \$22,000 for the supply of fencing for the cemetery</p> <p>18/01/2021 - materials have Arrived ready for installation – site has been survey and installation will commence in February – March</p> <p>(iii) \$30,000 for the supply and installation of two bus shelters</p> <p>– 18/01/2021 – Awaiting support for design from Town Board</p> <p>(iv) \$12,000 towards the supply and installation of solar lights –</p> <p>18/01/2021 – Lighting has arrived and awaiting selected location direction for installation from Town Board</p> <p>(c) Asks the Director Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to explore the options, costs and identify funding for youth, sporting and recreation Infrastructure. Include as a Future Project.</p> <p>20/10/2020 - Ongoing and will form part of dividend and public funds consideration in the February Ordinary meeting</p> <p>(d) Confirms the need to identify priority footpaths from the shop/Council office area, past the clinic to the Gumatj Office. Reconfirm of action needed as part of the priority listing given the additional funding and extended direction for the February meeting</p> |

**GUNYANGARA ACTIONS**

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| Bus Shelter |         | <p>12/09/2020 the Director Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services will table the Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) at the next Local Authority meeting to help inform where the new bus shelter on Drimmie Head Road near the new subdivision will be located.</p> <p>15/09/2020 – Bus sites confirmed and added to plan Completed</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Design has been agreed on.</p> |

## MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

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| 140/2021<br>Nominations for Local Authority Membership | That the local Authority consider adding two or three other members to the Local Authority, and calls for nominations.   | 12.05.2021 - Ongoing  |
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| 09/7/2020<br>Community Development<br>Coordinator Report | (a) Notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.<br><br>(b) Supports a meeting of Local Authority and key Mala leaders with senior Police to discuss concerns with growing law and order issues at Milingimbi, and how to work together to address it, including the permanent placement of Police, neutral Yolgnu Aboriginal Community Police Officers and police liaison officers at Milingimbi. | <p>27.11.2020 – Letter written – Local Authority members to meet with police about joint action to address crime in community.<br/>         EARC CEO to call Senior Police official to advise of local action and seek local action from Police.</p> <p>The Director Community Development to follow up with Chief Ministers office, and other stakeholders, to explore options for housing and confirm if lots have been quarantined for police housing.<br/>         The local Authority request an update in relation to service provision and investment from both levels of Government.</p> <p>27.01.2021 – CEO to call senior police official again to raise ongoing need for a permanent police presence at Milingimbi, including an Indigenous Liaison Officer(s), and stronger engagement and linkage with Local Authority and broader community members for the benefit of community.</p> <p>The local Authority to support calling and facilitating community meetings with Police on how to work together to improve community safety.</p> <p>27/01/2021 - The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Service to follow up with Chief Ministers office, and other stakeholders, to explore options for housing and a proper permanent Police Station and see if lots have been quarantined in future subdivisions.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Investigating trial run of housing for the police in Milingimbi.</p> <p>(c) Requests a letter to be sent from the Local Authority Chair and Council President to the Traditional Credit Union (TCU) for a new TCU office at Milingimbi, and for the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to liaise with the TCU and the Government on options for this.</p> <p>10/11/2020 – Still pending and will be looked at in January 2021</p> |



## MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                       | ACTIONS   | STATUS   |
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| Questions From Members            | That the Local Authority notes the question about the leases in Milingimbi and requests that the Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services investigates the options for leases in Milingimbi, including 99 year leases, and provides a report to the Local Authority. | <p>27.01.2021 – The Director Technical and Infrastructure Services provided a verbal brief to the Local Authority and will provide a presentation to the Local Authority about the zoning plan, and vacant land that can be developed.</p> <p>Director Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to follow up about the abandoned house behind the Municipal Services yard – to confirm if the site is asbestos free and who is responsible for clearing the site.</p> <p>27.01.2021 – The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services has followed up with the NLC and researched the status of the abandoned house. It sits on 'land trust' land and is not on a lot or under lease. The Community Development Coordinator will be provided with an additional update for the Local Authority within the next two weeks.</p> <p>25.02.21 – Council to request the Director of Technical Services to contact the Northern Land Council and the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet about the urgent removal of the abandoned house that sits on 'land trust' land and seek payment for removal.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services, will update at next LA Meeting. Have not received anything in writing to confirm any information.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Recent clean up of items and grass from around the premises was conducted, will keep the LA updated with any further information at next LA meeting.</p> <p>10.11.2020 – Tender release to the market and evaluated – market pricing for the works significantly over budget and works of the same nature across multiple areas – this project will be re-assessed and delivered in a reduced scope or additional funds will need to be allocated – this item will be discussed at the next LA meeting for suggested direction.</p> <p>27.01.2021 – ongoing at this stage – CDP and Contractors still to recommence respective services in Community at this stage.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Will bring information to next LA meeting.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Will update at next LA meeting</p> <p>of water sources, and when extra water may become available. To also investigate the use of brackish water for the Oval and report back to the LA.</p> <p>18/01/2021 - Email and discussion are underway with Power and Water surrounding supply options – Brackish Test bore was not approved but other options have been suggested as possibilities – awaiting official Power and Water response.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Awaiting response from Power and Water.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing – Still waiting for response from Power and Water.</p> |
| Priority footpaths                |   |  |
| Water to be installed at the oval |   |  |

## MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                               | ACTIONS | STATUS   |
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| Beautification of Jesse Smith park        |         | <p>27/01/2021 - Additional bollards have arrived and will be installed by the MS Team in the near future.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Bollards are located in Milingimbi and will be placed into the right spots by Monday Morning.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing – is on work list to be installed.</p> <p>27.01.2021 – NLC CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD THE WEEK OF THE END OF NOVEMBER – AWAITING FURTHER ADVICE ON THE CONSULTATION OUTCOME FROM THE NLC, NLC LEASING STAFF STILL ON HOLIDAYS AND SET TO RETURN AT THE END OF JANUARY. WE ARE AWAITING AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM NLC.</p>   |
| Makarata Field                            |         | <p>18.01.2021 – Director Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to follow up for potential for historical listing (and as bombing site) and options for funding, DTSI looking into options and will report back in future meeting, noting this project was listed on the community priority listing for a co-funding contribution.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Has trust approval, have the paperwork to be signed off. Awaiting for licence and approval for land. – ongoing</p>   |
| YSR – New commercial stove for YSR center |         | <p>19.05.2020 – YSR Regional Manager is following up with Department of Health for approval, which is needed, before purchase of the oven.</p> <p>The Local Authority requests the item 'YSR – New commercial stove for YSR center' be placed on hold due to committing funds to other projects.</p> <p>10.11.2020 – The Local Authority requests Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide a satisfactory stove option for the Youth, Sport &amp; Recreation Hall that the Local Authority is happy to fund – yet to be actioned</p> <p>18.01.2021 – to be actioned in February when trades are available in Community.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Stove is located in community, awaiting for installation. – Ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Ongoing – Electrician will be out shortly to install the stove</p> |

## MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                                       | ACTIONS | STATUS   |
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| Micro-plastics Signage<br>(Annhem Coast Clean Up) |         | <p>22.09.2020 The Local Authority supported the installation of a sign to tell the story of micro-plastics in the water. Members recommend simplifying the words and adding language. The first sign is to be installed near the boat ramp. – Action for Director Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services.</p> <p>18.01.2021 – will be ordered with the balance of the community signage order once all community input has been received so all signs can be ordered in one bulk engagement. These signs will also include the local ranger emblems.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Signs are in community and awaiting for installations.</p> <p>18.05.2021 - Signs are in community and awaiting for installations, will be completed shortly.</p> |

## MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM   | ACTIONS  | STATUS   |
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| 16/3/2021<br>Series of Murals                           | That the Local Authority continue to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.   | 12.05.2021 – ongoing<br><br>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.  |
| 11/2/2020 – Approval of Welcome Signage for Milyakburra | 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. | Completed<br><br>12.05.2021 – To be removed<br><br>24.05.2021 – LA members are not happy with wording on the sign. Cr Elliot to advise CDC of what word is incorrect and to be brought to the Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services and Director of Community Development Services about the error to be corrected on both welcome signs.  |
| Street Lights   |  | 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.<br><br>1.02.21 - Completed – additional lighting to be reviewed in the February period.<br><br>12.05.2021 – 3 or 4 light still out, will finalise by June 30 – Ongoing<br><br>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. |
| Centrelink and Australia Post services                  |  | 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.<br><br>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.<br><br>12.05.2021 – Ongoing<br><br>24.05.2021 – Equipment is on the way and there is a 3 week timeline for this to be implemented. |

## MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM  | ACTIONS | STATUS   |
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| 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>01.02.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>24.05.2021- Ongoing, updated will be provided at next meeting</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 Keenhe – 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> |
| FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD  | ACTIONS | STATUS   |
| <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> <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>  |

## MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                  | ACTIONS   | STATUS   |
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| Cemetery/ Fence              | 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. | 24.05.2021 – Ongoing   |
| Barge road and Barge Landing |   | 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.<br>To be incorporated in final proposal with ALC if approved.<br>24.05.2021 - Ongoing |

## RAMINGINING ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM  | ACTIONS  | STATUS  |
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| 180/2021<br>Nominations For Local Authority Membership | The Local Authority to consider adding other members to the Local Authority.   | 12.05.2021 – Ongoing<br>19.05.2021 – The Local Authority calls for further nominations to join the Local Authority and that the nominations remain open until membership is full.   |
| 181/2021<br>Series of Murals (re-tabled)               | That the Local Authority consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.   | 12.05.2021 – Ongoing<br>19.05.2021 – LA are still deciding what way they would like to proceed with.  |
| 001/2020 RESOLVED                                      | That the Local Authority:<br>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.<br>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:<br>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or<br>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.<br>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability. | 25.01.21 – The Local Authorities resolution has been shared with the Department of Chief Minister.<br>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing<br>19.05.2021 – Updated has been provided to the Local Authority Members, with further updates to come. |

## RAMINGINING ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM          | ACTIONS   | STATUS   |
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| 002/2020 RESOLVED    | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 October 2020.</p> <p>b) Requests all financial charts to be bigger to aid reading.</p> <p>c) Requests the last chart on money spent per service table on page 44 be listed straight after the line chart on page 42.</p> <p>d) Where there are large variations a written explanation be provided.</p> | <p>12.05.2021 - Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Ongoing</p>  |
| Community Oval Stage | Extend the Community Oval Stage and construct a stage at the Church grounds. \$200,000  | <p>18.01.2021 Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting, Design stage is currently in the process.</p>   |
| Cemetery Gates       |   | <p>10.11.2020 Cemetery Gates - Gates have arrived – installation will form part of a larger Cemetery project in December January period</p> <p>Remove – forms part of the priority listing for the February Council Meeting and will form a consolidated action outline.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Gates have arrived and will be installed shortly – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 - Gates will be installed shortly.</p> |



## RAMINGINING ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                          | ACTIONS | STATUS  |
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| Landfill Trench for Clothing         |         | <p>18.05.2020 – This has been deferred to July when some capital works are being done, as the required machinery, such as an excavator and bulldozer, will be in community. The clothes trench and new signage will have a July start date, based on approval of the Annual Budget 2020-21.</p> <p>18/01/2021 - YBE engaged for the site modifications and are due back in the community once the weather allows for Machinery to recommence civil works.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Awaiting calendar schedule from YBE/NEAL – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Calendar will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting.</p>   |
| White Line Markings on Bitumen Roads |         | <p>18.05.2020 – White line markings to become a quarterly requirement, within the development of Municipal Services work plans. Training of staff is required. Equipment is on order.</p> <p>18.01.2021 – Equipment has arrived in Gapuwiyak and the training has been completed – once line works are complete the unit will be relocated to other communities – this is weather dependant at the moment.</p> <p>25.01.21 – CDC to provide an update to the Local Authority about when the equipment will be in Raminging.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Unit still at Gapuwiyak – ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Line marking machine will be in Raminging shortly</p> |

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

| ACTION ITEM                        | ACTIONS   | STATUS  |
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| Community Entrance Signage Project | <p>The Local Authority has approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The artist's fee and artwork concept for the Barge road sign of a flood plain with a giant palm and a sea eagle.</li> <li>b) The artist's fee and the artwork concept for the main entry sign to community of a kangaroo as the prominent feature, and traditional name of the country stretching from the airstrip to community.</li> <li>c) That both signs will have 'Welcome to Ramingining' with the artwork being the prominent feature of the sign.</li> <li>d) For the population of the community to be incorporated into the sign design.</li> </ul> | <p>18.01.2021 – ongoing</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Design has been given to sign writers – Awaiting final scan design – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Design is currently in Darwin awaiting printing.</p> |

## UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM   | ACTIONS   | STATUS  |
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| 001/2020 RESOLVED<br>Umbakumba Future<br>Pedestrian/Footpath Plan | <p>The Local Authority members reviewed the maps supplied and prioritised the first stage locations for the LAPF approved footpath construction within Umbakumba.</p> <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Support the staged pedestrian path areas, with stage one to be undertaken as the 20-21 LAPF project.</p> | <p>12.05.2021 - two stages of the footpaths, stage 1 has been completed and awaiting for the commencement of stage 2 - Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 - Stages 1, 2, 3 currently out to tender - Ongoing</p> <p>19.06.2021 - Tender released to the market for the 3 stages or locations approved - pricing was outside with no local submissions received - tender re advertised.</p> |
| 002/2020 RESOLVED   | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) 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>30.06.2021 - Ongoing</p>   |
|   | <p>b) Requests a join Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Authority meeting and end of year event to be held in Nhulunbuy and a biannual meeting for the Anindilyakwa Local Authorities.</p>   | <p>30.06.2021 - Ongoing</p>   |
| 146/2020<br>Questions from Members                                | <p>That the Local Authority notes the members' questions about the use of the Aged Care Services in Umbakumba and asks the Director Community Development and the Regional Manager - Aged &amp; Disability Services to provide and update to the Local Authority.</p>   | <p>25.11.2020 - The Aged Care Regional Manager and Local Coordinator to be asked to present at next Local Authority meeting to provide an update.</p> <p>12.05.2021 - Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council.</p>   |

## UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM  | ACTIONS  | STATUS   |
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| Community Entrance Signage Project - Umbakumba       | That Local Authority members review the tablet Community Entry signs and provide feedback on the structure of the informal and design of the sign specific for the Umbakumba community entrance following this meeting.  | 18.01.2021 - Drone photos taken of Umbakumba for the signage - Local Authority members to choose picture and advise Community Development Coordinator.<br>30.06.2021 - Ongoing - design confirmed and being manufactured   |
| Crèche Upgrade                                       |  | 27.05.2020 - The Local Authority will wait to see if the new shade and cubby house for the crèche can be progressed with the new Principal.<br>12.05.2021 - Director of Community Development to provided update at next meeting.<br>30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council   |
| FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD                    | ACTIONS  | STATUS   |
| Australia Post Services<br>(Meeting - 7 August 2020) | That the Local Authority provide direction to the Director Community Development to consult with the community and GEBIE, the current provider in Umbakumba for the Australia Post Services, to assess community interest in the Council providing Australia Post services at Umbakumba. | 16.10.2020 - Director Community Development to raise an expression of interest with Australia Post for EARC - Umbakumba to become the Australia Post Agent when the contract is next available.<br>Australia Post has confirmed that it is satisfied with the current provider.<br>30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council |

**UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS**

| ACTION ITEM         | ACTIONS | STATUS   |
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| Widen Cemetery Road |         | <p>27.05.2020 - The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to update when progress occurs out of consultations by the NT Government, LGANT and ALC regarding cemeteries are still to occur and be finalised - to enable action on widening the cemetery road.</p> <p>18.01.2021 - Future consultation to be held in relation to the licencing arrangements between NTG and the ALC as part of the sector wide cemetery arrangements has not happened to date.</p> |

## YIRRKALA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM  | ACTIONS  | STATUS                      |
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| <p>163/2021<br/>Corporate Services<br/>Report</p>    | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 December 2020. Completed</li> <li>b) Supports the current business case proposal to the NIAA to change the Night Patrol vehicle, for rebranding, and the inclusion of a speaker on the vehicle to make announcements, to support the community safety partnership. Completed</li> <li>c) Supports the strengthening of Night Patrol through their support of the community safety partnership plan with Rirraṯjingu Aboriginal Corporation, other community stakeholders, and government agencies. Completed</li> <li>d) Requests the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to have discussions with Rirraṯjingu on options to improve the public announcement system coverage in Yirrkalā.</li> </ul> | <p>12.05.2021 - Ongoing</p> |
| <p>170/2021<br/>Series of Murals<br/>(re-tabled)</p> | <p>That the Local Authority considers and advises when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.</p>  | <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> |
| <p>172/2021<br/>Questions from Members</p>           | <p>That the Local Authority supports the joint community consultation, as Special Local Authority / Community meetings, about the proposed Anindilyakawa Regional Local Government to occur in April rather than impacting upon the Local Authority meetings in March.</p>   | <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> |

## YIRRKALA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                                  | ACTIONS   | STATUS  |
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| 001/2020 RESOLVED                            | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.</p> | 12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing |
| 002/2020 RESOLVED                            | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the questions from members about whether sitting fees can be increased to respect the significant contribution of the Local Authority to community.</p> <p>b) Request that the CEO writes a letter to the NT Government to advocate for an increase in fees for all Local Authorities.</p> <p>c) Requests that the CEO investigates more flexibility in payment of Local Authority sitting fees.</p>   | 12.05.2021 – Ongoing  |
| 139/2020 Technical and Infrastructure Report | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>(a) Reviews and confirms the design for the community entrance signage - Completed – additional aerial shot to be placed on top</p> <p>(b) Reviews and advises the design for the sports oval signage at the next Local Authority meeting - no options have been communicated at this stage</p> <p>(c) Notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report for Yirrkalā.</p>   | 12.05.2021 – Ongoing  |

**YIRRKALA ACTIONS**

| <b>ACTION ITEM</b>                                      | <b>ACTIONS</b>                               | <b>STATUS</b>  |
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| Children's Playground \$60,000                          |  | 18.01.2021 – application lodged with the NLC for approval to construct – awaiting consultative forum.<br>12.05.2021 – Ongoing  |
| New grandstands with shade covers at the Oval \$150,000 |  | 18.01.2021 – Project still to commence - expected time frame is March.<br>12.05.2021 – out for quote atm, will be provided at next LA meeting - Ongoing                      |
| Solar lights on the water front at Shady Beach \$30,000 |  | 18.01.2021 – Lighting arrived and to be installed. There were delays with the Contractor – to be completed by the end of February.<br>12.05.2021 – Completed / To be removed |
| Sign to display the name of the Oval \$8,000            | Sign to display the name of the Oval \$8,000 | 10.02.2021 LA to confirm design and information required for sign and advise Community Development Coordinator.<br>12.05.2021 – Ongoing                                      |



## YIRRKALA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                     | ACTIONS   | STATUS  |
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| <p>Visitor - Yingiya Guyula</p> | <p>The Local Authority:</p> <p>(a) Endorses writing to the Local Member, Yingiya Guyula, to thank him for meeting with the Local Authority. (Completed)</p> <p>(b) Requests the creation of a poster to promote the membership and role of the Local Authority.</p> <p>(c) Invites other Aboriginal organisations to attend Local Authority meetings.</p> <p>(d) Requests the Director Community Development to review the Night Patrol roster in community to include patrolling at football matches. (Completed)</p> <p>(e) Requests the CEO to contact NT Police senior management regarding the provision of Police at football matches. (Completed)</p> <p>(f) Will consider the creation of by-laws in consultation with the Local Member to strengthen peace-keeping and security in Yirrkala.</p> | <p>26.08.2020 – Resolution b, a request for creation of a poster to promote membership and role of the Local Authority is endorsed for all communities. (Under development)</p> <p>10.02.2021 – Local Authority requests a newsletter to promote the work of the Local Authority in community. Maybe after every 2 meeting?</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Completed / To be removed</p> |

## YIRRKALA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                                   | ACTIONS | STATUS  |
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| <p>Church Lawn Lights<br/>Church Security</p> |         | <p>01.06.2020 – The lights and Church security have been included in the resolution already passed earlier today by the Local Authority. The Local Authority resolved to support 'a contribution to the Church refurbishment based on a consideration of the cost of the formal quotation to be provided.'</p> <p>01.10.2020 – The Local Authority allocates \$74,835.00 ex GST for repairs and beautification of the Yirrkalā Community Church, based on invoices for works once completed, subject to clarification of Local Government Officials (Department of the Chief Minister &amp; Cabinet) that this is allowable, and the appropriate process for it to occur.</p> <p>18.01.2021 Council will obtain three independent quotes for the scope of works for the Church upgrades. Pending with an anticipated completion of mid-March due to competing priorities.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – out for pricing at the moment – Ongoing</p> |

## YIRRKALA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM            | ACTIONS  | STATUS   |
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| CDP                    |  | <p>01.06.2020 – The Chairman Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra, the General Manager of Community Services, Liam Flanagan, and Local Manager, Emma Kelly, met with the LA members today to discuss their concerns. Any issues with the management of CDP by ALPA to be pursued by the Boards and organisations of YBE and Laynhapuy Homelands Association.</p> <p>Council amendment – CEO to seek contact with NIAA representatives to speak with Council, including Cr Yananymul Mununggurr, about concerns with ALPA delivery of CDP program to Yirrkalā and Gunyangara.</p> <p>10.09.2020 - Meeting request to attend October meeting sent to NIAA representative - attendance confirmed and will be in attendance in the October informal session.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – YBE raised concerns at last meeting – Completed/ To be removed</p> |
| Scoreboards            | The Local Authority request the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to obtain quotations for repairs to the existing two oval score boards at each end of the oval.     | <p>18.01.2021 – pending further discussion if this sits with the priorities moving forward.</p> <p>Remove – not included in priority projects</p> <p>12.05.2021 – to be removed</p>  |
| Waste Litter Education | The Local Authority requests increased education about waste litter and environmental care within Yirrkalā – to be actioned by the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services. | <p>18.01.2021 – education material is being finalised for the whole region and will be a focus in the coming months with schools and households in communities.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Finalised – Updates provided at next meeting and viewing</p>   |
| Trees in Rika Park     |  | Completed Remove from Action Listing   |

## YIRRKALA ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM                       | ACTIONS   | STATUS   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Micro-plastics Education Signage  | The Local Authority supports the other community changes as presented and ask that the local rangers be consulted for the views on the signage and once the changes are made approve the sign to be installed at the Yirrkalā boat ramp – to be actioned by the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services. | 18.01.2021 – changes made and tabled this meeting for approval to proceed to print.<br>10.02.2021 – Approval to print microplastics sign<br>12.05.2021 – completed /to be removed  |
| FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD | ACTIONS   | STATUS   |
| Yirrkalā Future Actions/ Advocacy | Marine Navigation Lights at Yirrkalā Ramp   | 1.06.2020 – The Council does not have jurisdiction for the boat ramp, and in turn, any marine navigation lights for it. The Local Authority agreed for the Council to advocate for this in the future, as proposed by the Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services and the CEO of Council.<br>18.01.2021 – Issue for Advocacy ongoing<br>12.05.2021 - Ongoing |

## Yirrkalā Public Infrastructure Projects

(as proposed by the Local Authority at its meeting of 3 December 2020)

| Medium to Large Scale Priorities   | Smaller Scale Priorities   |
|--|--|
| 1) Sport and Recreation Hall (cyclone shelter)<br>2) Two Public Toilets – Shady Beach (plus water supply) and near Oval<br>3) Waterpark<br>4) Improved Oval Lighting<br>5) Fencing around Oval | 1) Playgrounds<br>2) Improvements to Ceremony Areas<br>3) Solar Lights at Beach Areas<br>4) Fencing For Sacred Sites |

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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| 1513742     | Department of Home Affairs - Online Citizenship Ceremonies - 12.08.2021.pdf                                   |
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| 1529975     | Email - Kiara Ware - Attn Dale Keehne - Inspection of Umbakumba landfill - 2021-09-24.msg                     |
| 1522777     | ALGA - Re Recognition Indigenous Local Government Councils as Aboriginal Controlled Entities - 08.09.2021.pdf |
| 1523288     | Letter - WARC - Re Congratulations to Newly Elected and Re-Elected Members - 13.09.21.pdf                     |
| 1537322     | Letter to EARC from CMC - 11 Oct. 2021.pdf  |

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| 1529689     | Letter to Minister Chancey Paech from EARC 23 Sep 21.pdf            |
| 1522963     | Submission from East Arnhem Regional Council on ISEP 10 Sep 21.docx |

The report author does not have a conflict of interest to this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council the correspondence ingoing and outgoing.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 Department of Home Affairs - Online Citizenship Ceremonies - 12.08.2021.pdf
- 2 Email - Dept of Environment Parks and Water Security - NT Strategic Water Plan Directions - 15.09.2021.pdf
- 3 Letter to council - Environmental concerns unlicensed landfills (Umbakumba).pdf
- 4 ALGA - Re Recognition Indigenous Local Government Councils as Aboriginal Controlled Entities - 08.09.2021.pdf
- 5 Letter - WARC - Re Congratulations to Newly Elected and Re-Elected Members - 13.09.21.pdf
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Department of Home Affairs

Dear Mayor,

Thank you for your ongoing support of Australian citizenship ceremonies. We encourage all councils to hold a ceremony to mark Australian Citizenship Day on 17 September. Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Department recognises that many councils may be constrained in holding in-person citizenship ceremonies.

To assist your council in continuing to welcome new citizens to your community and to manage the growing demand for citizenship ceremonies, you may wish to consider hosting citizenship ceremonies online.

The attached document provides councils guidance on how to host online citizenship ceremonies in line with the legislative requirements as outlined in the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (the Code), in particular the obligations around identity verification, privacy and the witnessing of the pledge.

Some councils that have conducted online ceremonies to date have advised us that, having conducted one-on-one ceremonies, they are looking at presiding over groups of people at the same time. The Department is supportive of this approach as long as the Code is complied with and privacy of identity verification is maintained. We are seeking to share best practice and useful tips, and would appreciate feedback from councils on innovative approaches.

Should you wish to discuss hosting online citizenship ceremonies please contact your local ceremonies team.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to work with you in welcoming new Australians to our country and your local community.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature of Angus Kirkwood, consisting of stylized cursive letters.

**Angus Kirkwood**

First Assistant Secretary  
Citizenship Division  
Department of Home Affairs

12 August 2021



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# Online citizenship ceremonies conducted by Local Government Councils

## Introduction

Where a Local Government Council is not able to conduct in-person ceremonies due to COVID-19 restrictions, they are able to conduct online citizenship ceremonies.

The following outlines the process that the Local Government Councils should follow when conducting online citizenship ceremonies until in-person ceremonies can resume.

## About online ceremonies

Online citizenship ceremonies must be conducted in accordance with legislative requirements. The ceremonies focus on the minimum requirements necessary to make someone a citizen, while being conducted in a professional and warm manner.

The mandatory requirements for a ceremony are:

- Identification of the conferee prior to conducting the ceremony
- A person (the Presiding Officer) must be authorised to receive the pledge of commitment and must be an Australian citizen
- The Presiding Officer must read the preamble verbatim from Schedule 1 of the Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016.

More information on how to incorporate the mandatory requirements into the ceremony is found at **Attachment C**. There is no requirement to play the national anthem, display pictures of the Australian flags, the Queen or Coat of Arms, or to have any other speeches. Councils can decide if any non-compulsory features are used in the ceremony.

Online ceremonies are currently only available to conferees who are in Australia.

Online ceremonies must be facilitated by an authorised Presiding Officer. Other council staff may perform administrative functions such as ensuring the technology is working and confirming the identity of conferees. Online citizenship ceremonies must be non-commercial, apolitical, bipartisan and secular. They must not be used as forums for political, partisan or religious expression, or for the distribution of political material.

## Selecting online ceremonies video platform

Councils must use a reliable video platform to conduct online ceremonies. The Presiding Officer must be able to see and hear the conferee/s clearly while they take the pledge.

Technical support and privacy considerations while using a video platform are the responsibility of the council. The Department cannot recommend suitable platforms or provide technical support.

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**OFFICIAL****Who can attend the online ceremony?**

- Conferees from family groups may attend the online ceremony using one device or may log into separate devices. For instance, a husband and wife may join the video call using one laptop or they may each join the video call on their phones. The Presiding Officer must ensure all conferees are visible.
- If the video platform allows the Presiding Officer to see and hear all conferees making the pledge, they may do so at the same time. If not, the conferees will need to take it in turns making the pledge of commitment.
- Dependent children are not required to make a pledge of commitment, undertake identity checks or attend the online ceremony. They are, however, welcome to be present in the video ceremony if they wish.
- Guests from the same household may attend, but should not be in the video call while the ceremony is being conducted. This is to avoid overcrowding, and to ensure that the Presiding Officer can see and hear the conferee making the pledge. Other guests must not join the video link using the details provided.
- The ceremonies dress code is applicable to the conferee, but should be applied flexibly by the Presiding Officer.

**Eligible conferees**

- Councils should provide the Department with two weeks notice in writing before holding ceremonies to allow the Department sufficient time to allocate conferees.
- The Department requires the date and number of online ceremonies the council intends to conduct. Multiple authorised Presiding Officers may conduct ceremonies on the same day.
- The Department will send the council a Pledge Verification List (PVL) which contains conferee contact details (name, address, email and phone number) within three business days of receiving the council's email requesting to undertake online ceremonies.
- In anticipation that not all conferees will be interested or able to attend online ceremonies on the date and time specified by the council, the PVL will contain additional conferees to draw from.
- If the council is made aware of another family member from the same family group or household who has been approved for citizenship, and who would like to attend an online ceremony at the same time, the council must contact the Department as soon as possible to determine whether the family member may be invited to the same online ceremony.
- The list of conferees provided in the PVL should not include any conferees who are currently overseas. If a conferee advises that they are overseas, they should be advised that they cannot be offered an online ceremony but should contact the Department when they return to Australia. The council is to also advise the Department if any clients have indicated they are overseas.



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**OFFICIAL****Inviting conferees to online ceremonies**

- Councils are responsible for seeking interest from conferees listed on the PVL.
- Councils may either call or email the conferee to seek their interest or invite them to a ceremony.
- Councils must ensure video platform details are provided to the conferee/s.
- Councils must ensure ceremony details including time and date are provided to the conferee/s.
- **Attachment A** – *Online ceremony expression of interest* is a suggested approach.
- **Attachment B** - *Online ceremony invitation email* is a suggested approach.

**Nominating a Presiding Officer**

- The council must nominate an authorised Presiding Officer as per the Instrument of Authorisation or in the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies code. The council must ensure that the authorized Presiding Officer is an Australian Citizen.
- The Presiding Officer must ensure that there is no conflict of interest, either real or perceived, in the performance of their duties in this role. Where there is a conflict of interest, the Department should be contacted so that alternative arrangements can be made.

**Where the ceremony should take place**

- Presiding Officers should ensure the ceremony is held in a quiet location with an appropriate background.
- The online ceremony can be conducted inside (office or home) or outside, as long as the conferee's identity checking process maintains the conferee's privacy.
- The conferee can be inside or outside when undertaking the online ceremony as long as they are in a quiet area, but should ensure they privately display their identity documents.

**Undertaking the pledge**

- The PVL indicates the preferred pledge indicated by the conferee on their citizenship application – Pledge 1 (with the words 'under God') or Pledge 2 (without the words 'under God').
- The conferee is permitted to change their mind at any time as to which pledge they take.
- When making a pledge of commitment, the conferee may hold a holy book of their choice if they wish.

**Australian Electoral Commission**

During online ceremonies, the Presiding Officer will explain to conferees that instructions on how to enrol with the Australian Electoral Commission will be included with their Australian Citizenship certificate. If conferees would like more information, refer to the AEC website.

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**OFFICIAL****Conducting the online ceremony****Pre-Ceremony**

- Set up the computer/device with video and microphone capabilities, download and access the relevant video platform and confirm a reliable internet connection. Consider if laptops or tablets work better with the technology of choice.
- Council staff can assist with administration but the Presiding Officer must conduct the legal aspects of the ceremony.
- **Attachment C** – *Script for online ceremony* outlines the mandatory aspects of the ceremony. The council may choose to add aspects to the ceremony such as speeches.
- The Presiding Officer may conduct the entire ceremony – including the identification checks – with the conferee/s or in conjunction with council staff.
- As an overview, the online ceremony contains the following aspects:

**Introduction/identity verification**

- Introduce Presiding Officer and staff to the conferee or family group
- Ensure the video platform is working and that the conferee/s can be seen and heard
- Confirm verbal identity checks – name, date of birth
- Confirm photo identity documents (e.g. driver's license or passport) – document is to be held up to the camera so the details can be clearly verified. If photo identification is not provided the ceremony cannot progress.
- Confirm postal address listed on the PVL (the citizenship certificate will be sent to this address). If the postal address has changed direct the conferee to update their address in ImmiAccount and provide details to the Department by noting on the PVL.

**Formal Ceremony**

- Optional – Introduce the Presiding Officer (if staff undertaking initial checks)
- Presiding Officer reads the preamble
- Presiding Officer administers the pledge of commitment

**Post Ceremony**

- Conferee must be advised their certificate will be mailed to their current postal address and should be received within three weeks. They will also be provided with an AEC enrolment form, and that their details will be provided to their local Federal Member of Parliament
- Ceremony concludes.

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### Completing the PVL

#### Returning the PVL

The completed PVL must be returned to the Department by email within two business days.

#### Recording ceremony attendance

In anticipation that not all conferees will be interested or able to attend online ceremonies on the date and time specified by the council conferee, the PVL will contain additional potential conferees. See table below for actions to be taken for recording attendance.

### Actions to be taken when recording attendance at the ceremony through the PVL

| Scenario   | Marking the PVL   | Recording Attendance   | Time/Date of ceremony  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Conferee attended the ceremony</b>                              | Highlight the name if they attended the ceremony<br><br>Edit postal address to the correct address if required.<br><br>Provide comments about DOB/name/identity issues if required. | Write 'attended'.  | Time and date the online ceremony took place must be recorded. |
| <b>Conferee did not want an online ceremony</b>                    | Cross out the conferee's name   | Write 'declined online ceremony'                             | N/A  |
| <b>Conferee did not join the video call</b>                        | Cross out the conferee's name   | Write 'did not join video call'                              | Provide time and date the ceremony was scheduled for           |
| <b>Conferee could not attend the ceremony at the date and time</b> | Cross out the conferee's name   | Write 'conferee advised they were unable to attend ceremony' | Provide time and date the ceremony was scheduled for           |
| <b>Conferee identity could not be verified</b>                     | Cross out the conferee's name   | Write 'could not verify conferee's identity'                 | Provide time and date the ceremony was scheduled for           |
| <b>Real/perceived conflict of interest</b>                         | Cross out the conferee's name   | Write 'conflict of interest concerns'                        | Provide time and date the ceremony was scheduled for           |
| <b>Conferee was not invited to an online ceremony</b>              | Cross out conferee's name   | Write 'conferee was not invited to an online ceremony'       | N/A  |

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**OFFICIAL****Providing conferee details to the AEC**

After removing conferees who have not attended the ceremony from the PVL, the council must provide a copy of the PVL to the AEC by email or mail.

**Providing conferee details to local MPs**

If an MP requests a list of new citizens, councils must remove conferees who have not attended the ceremony from the PVL and then provide the names and addresses only of new citizens to local Federal, State and Territory MPs and local government councillors, for the purposes of welcoming the new citizens into the community.

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**OFFICIAL****Attachment A – Online ceremony expression of interest template**

*You may consider using this template to gauge the interest of potential conferees in participating in an online citizenship ceremony*

Good morning / afternoon,

We are writing to you as you have been approved for Australian Citizenship.

**Information regarding your citizenship ceremony**

While social distancing measures are in place, conferees can elect to undertake an online Australian citizenship ceremony. These ceremonies will enable conferees to make the citizenship pledge of commitment and become an Australian citizen via a web-based video conference.

[\[Insert council name here\]](#) is sending you this email to ask if you would like to participate in an online ceremony.

**Response required**

Please reply to this email by [\[insert date\]](#) advising that you would like to participate in an online ceremony. Your interest will be registered and you will be invited to an online ceremony as soon as possible.

If you do not want to attend an online ceremony, please disregard this email. You will be invited to attend a face-to-face ceremony once they are available.

**Technology requirements**

To be eligible for an online ceremony, you must have a device that has a camera and audio accessibility.

[\[Insert technical instructions\]](#)

**About the ceremony**

You will be provided with a date and time to attend the online ceremony, which will take approximately 15 minutes and will be conducted during business hours.

You will need to provide photo identification such as a driver licence or passport.

You will be required to repeat the pledge of commitment to Australia (below) out loud to the Presiding Officer.

From this time forward, under God\*,

I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,

whose democratic beliefs I share,

whose rights and liberties I respect, and

whose laws I will uphold and obey.

\*you may choose whether or not to use the words 'under God'

**If you are currently overseas**

We can only accommodate online ceremonies for conferees who are currently in Australia. Please advise if you are overseas and we will let the Department of Home Affairs know.

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**OFFICIAL****Australian citizenship certificate**

You will receive your citizenship certificate by registered post within three weeks of your ceremony.

If your residential and/or postal addresses have changed since your last contact with the Department of Home Affairs, please ensure the details have been updated in ImmiAccount.

**Migration agents**

If you have received this email because you are listed as the primary contact for an applicant of Australian citizenship, please forward this email to your client and request that they respond to this email. They will be required to provide their personal email address so that the online ceremony invitation can be sent directly to them.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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**OFFICIAL****Attachment B – Online ceremony invitation email**

*You may consider using this template to invite conferees to participate in an online citizenship ceremony.*

Good morning / afternoon,

Due to COVID-19 precautionary measures, [Insert council name here] invites you to participate in an online citizenship ceremony with [insert name of Presiding Officer e.g. the Lord Mayor here]

**Date:**

**Time:**

[Insert VIDEO PLATFORM link]

The ceremony will take approximately 15 minutes.

**Unable to attend your ceremony**

If you are unable to attend the scheduled ceremony, or you are unable to access a device such as a mobile phone, tablet or a computer with audio and video facilities, please contact us immediately.

**If you are currently overseas**

At this stage we can only accommodate online ceremonies for conferees who are currently in Australia. Please advise if you are overseas and we will let the Department of Home Affairs know.

**Preparation for your ceremony**

Before your ceremony, choose the device you intend to use

- Check that your device has a camera and audio accessibility.
- If using a mobile phone, download the [VIDEO PLATFORM] app
- If using a laptop or personal computer download [VIDEO PLATFORM].

**Identification**

You will need to show photo identification such as a drivers licence or passport.

**Citizenship Pledge**

You will be required to repeat the pledge of commitment to Australia out loud to the Presiding Officer:

From this time forward, under God\*,  
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,  
whose democratic beliefs I share,  
whose rights and liberties I respect, and  
whose laws I will uphold and obey.

\*you may choose whether or not to use the words 'under God'

**At the ceremony**

Those becoming citizens must be visible on camera during the ceremony. Dependents may attend if they wish. People who are not becoming citizens must not join the video link or appear on camera during the ceremony.

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**OFFICIAL****Australian citizenship certificate**

You will receive your citizenship certificate by registered post within three weeks of your ceremony.

If your residential and/or postal addresses have changed since your last contact with the Department of Home Affairs, please ensure the details have been updated in ImmiAccount.

**After you become an Australian citizen**

Voting in Australian Federal elections and referendums is compulsory for Australian citizens. You will receive advice for how to enrol to vote with your citizenship certificate. It is your responsibility to enrol to vote after you have become a citizen.

As an Australian citizen, you can apply for an Australian passport. It is recommended that you wait until you receive your citizenship certificate to apply. For more information, or if you need to travel urgently, visit the website of the Australian Passport Office [www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au).

We look forward to celebrating your citizenship ceremony with you.



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### Attachment C – Script for online citizenship ceremonies

Below provides the basic mandatory aspects of the citizenship ceremony. It is optional to add any other wording or speeches. *Blue* indicates text in the script, black provides supporting comments/guides.

| Stage   | Wording  |
|---|--|
| <b>Welcome all conferees</b>                                  | <p>Introduce yourself and your council to the citizenship conferee. Example:</p> <p><i>Good morning, I am XXXX Lord Mayor of XXX Council or:</i></p> <p><i>Good morning, I am XXX from XXX Council, I will be assisting with your online ceremony today.</i></p> <p>Acknowledge the conferees, including any dependents (noting it is optional for the dependants to be present at the online ceremony and you do not need to perform ID checks on them.)</p> <p><i>Hello XXX, thank you for agreeing to participate in an online citizenship ceremony.</i></p> <p>You must be able to see and hear the conferee making the pledge.</p> <p>Ensure the conferee/s making the pledge are visible. If not ask them to adjust the camera/move to a better location.</p> <p>If there is a real or perceived conflict of interest, you must explain that you are unable to proceed with the ceremony and the Department will be in contact with the conferee to make alternate arrangements.</p> |
| <b>Confirm identity and postal address of main applicants</b> | <p><i>Before we begin the ceremony, I will need to confirm your identity.</i></p> <p><i>Could you please advise:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Your full name</i></li> <li><i>Residential address</i></li> <li><i>Postal address*</i></li> <li><i>Date of birth</i></li> </ul> <p>*please confirm where the conferee's citizenship certificate should be posted</p> <p>Check the PVL when the conferee is providing identity details. If the conferee advises their name, date of birth or postal address are incorrect, please make comments on the PVL. If their identity can be established, continue.</p>  |
| <b>Confirm identity document check for main applicants</b>    | <p><i>Could you please hold a form of photo identification up to the camera? This could be a passport, drivers licence or an official identity card.</i></p> <p>If the main applicant does not have photo ID:</p> <p><i>If you do not have photo identification, could you please provide three documents such as a Medicare card, credit or bank card, concession card, utility bill in your name, bank statement, official marriage certificate or change of name documentation.</i></p> <p>If you cannot confirm ID of the main applicant you must explain that you are unable to proceed with the ceremony and the Department will be in contact with the conferee to make alternative arrangements.</p>   |

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| Stage  | Wording  |
|--|--|
|  | <p>Once the main applicant's photo ID is confirmed:</p> <p><i>Thank you, your identity has been verified.</i></p> <p>If there is a family group present, identity must be confirmed for all main applicants.</p>   |
| <b>Optional – Introduce Presiding Officer (only use if the Presiding Officer did not conduct identity check)</b> | <i>I will now introduce you to your Presiding Officer, so the ceremony can commence.</i>   |
| <b>Optional – Presiding Officer intro (only use if the Presiding Officer did not conduct identity check)</b>     | <i>Thank you XXX. I am XXXX and I will be the Presiding Officer for your Australian citizenship ceremony today. Once again thank you for agreeing to be a part of an online ceremony.</i>  |
| <b>Preamble (must be read verbatim by the Presiding Officer)</b>   | <p><i>We now turn to the formal part of the ceremony, which is conducted in accordance with the Australian Citizenship Act 2007.</i></p> <p><i>As part of the legal requirements for the citizenship ceremony, I will read the preamble from Schedule 1 of the Australian Citizenship Regulation 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Australian citizenship represents full and formal membership of the community of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Australian citizenship is a common bond, involving reciprocal rights and obligations, uniting all Australians, while respecting their diversity.</i></p> <p><i>Persons on whom Australian citizenship is conferred enjoy these rights and undertake to accept these obligations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• by pledging loyalty to Australia and its people;</i></li> <li><i>• by sharing their democratic beliefs;</i></li> <li><i>• by respecting their rights and liberties; and</i></li> <li><i>• by upholding and obeying the laws of Australia.</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>Pledge of commitment (must be read verbatim by the Presiding Officer)</b>                                     | <p><i>I now invite you to make the pledge of commitment to Australia. It is a legal requirement that you say the pledge out loud.</i></p> <p><i>Would you like to make the pledge with the words 'under God' or without?</i></p> <p>The PVL will contain the pledge the conferee selected at the time of their application – clients can choose either pledge one or pledge two.</p> <p>I now ask that you repeat the words of the pledge after me:</p>  |

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| Stage                          | Wording  |
|--------------------------------|--|
|                                | <p><i>From this time forward, under God, (if the conferee wishes)</i></p> <p>[Pause - conferee to repeat]</p> <p><i>I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,</i></p> <p>[Pause - conferee to repeat]</p> <p><i>Whose democratic beliefs I share,</i></p> <p>[Pause - conferee to repeat]</p> <p><i>Whose rights and liberties I respect,</i></p> <p>[Pause - conferee to repeat]</p> <p><i>And whose laws I will uphold and obey.</i></p> <p>[Pause - conferee to repeat]</p> <p><i>Congratulations, you are now an Australian citizen.</i></p> <p>Conferees received a copy of the pledge with their invitation email and they may wish to refer to this if they are having difficulty saying the pledge. You are also able to ask conferees to repeat the pledge in smaller groups of words or word by word, as long as you read the words verbatim.</p> <p>Conferees must recite the pledge to be able to become an Australian citizen. If the conferee cannot say the pledge, you must explain that we are unable to proceed with the ceremony and the Department will be in contact with the conferee to make alternate arrangements.</p> |
| <b>Citizenship certificate</b> | <p><i>Your citizenship certificate will be ordered and mailed to your postal address by registered post by the Department of Home Affairs. This will take approximately three weeks to arrive.</i></p>   |
| <b>AEC</b>                     | <p><i>As an Australian citizen, you will be required to vote at elections.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive your citizenship certificate, you will also receive an enrolment form from the Australian Elector Commission. Instructions for how to enrol will be provided on the form.</i></p>  |
| <b>MP</b>                      | <p><i>As advised when you applied for your citizenship, your information may be provided to your local Member of Parliament and they may send you with a welcome letter.</i></p>   |
| <b>Closing remarks</b>         | <p><i>It was an honour to preside over your ceremony today. Congratulations once again on becoming an Australian citizen and thank you for joining us today.</i></p> <p><i>Have a great day – goodbye.</i></p>   |

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**OFFICIAL****Frequently asked questions****Can I apply for a passport?**

As per their online ceremony invitation letter:

As an Australian citizen, you can apply for an Australian passport. It is recommend that you wait until you receive your citizenship certificate to apply. For more information, or if you need to travel urgently, visit the website of the Australian Passport Office [www.passports.gov.au](http://www.passports.gov.au).

**How do I identify conferees with religious covering?**

If the conferee does not feel comfortable identifying themselves to a male, this should be respected and this activity performed by a female council officer or Presiding Officer.

During the pledge, the Presiding Officer must hear the conferee making the pledge. Religious covering does not need to be removed to say the pledge.

**Can conferees request an urgent online ceremony?**

If the conferee's application has been approved and they believe they have exceptional or compelling circumstances which require them to become an Australian citizen at an online citizenship ceremony, they should contact the Department of Home Affairs.



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Dear Dale Keehne,

**Re: Northern Territory Strategic Water Plan Directions Paper Released**

The Honourable Eva Lawler, Minister for Water Security, today launched the Northern Territory's strategic water plan directions paper.

As an organisation with an interest in how water in the Territory is managed, I would like to invite East Arnhem Regional Council to provide a submission in response to the directions paper.

The directions paper has been prepared to provide Territorians and key stakeholders such as East Arnhem Regional Council an opportunity to have their say on the development of the Northern Territory strategic water plan. The paper outlines ten proposed directions and associated pathways which aim to improve water security for the Territory.

You can download the directions paper at [haveyoursay.nt.gov.au](https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au). Submissions are open until Friday 4 February 2022 and can be provided by email to [watersecurity.NTG@nt.gov.au](mailto:watersecurity.NTG@nt.gov.au).

The Office of Water Security is able to meet with you to discuss this paper and can be contacted on 08 8924 4164. Further information about the Office of Water Security is available at: [watersecurity.nt.gov](https://watersecurity.nt.gov).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Amy Dysart".

Amy Dysart  
Executive Director, Water Resources Division

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Dear Mr Keehne,

**Re: Environmental Concerns – Inspection of unlicensed landfills**

I have written this letter to advise you that the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) officers are undertaking regional landfill inspections as a result of significant environmental concerns observed at a number of unlicensed landfills in the Northern Territory.

As part of this inspection program, unlicensed landfills in your region will be inspected at some stage. It is recommended that you undertake an assessment of your unlicensed landfill sites to determine what improvements may be required and to develop and implement an action plan should there be need for improvement.

On 30 August 2021, officers undertook an inspection of the Umbakumba landfill and waste facility (refer to image 1). Officers noted various concerns including the storage of batteries (refer to image 2) and paint without bunding or shelter. Officers observed general waste spread throughout the facility in various collection bays. It was also evident that waste is periodically burned onsite (refer to image 3).

Additionally, officers inspected the site of an old landfill area no longer in use, located to the west of the current waste facility (refer to image 5). This area did not appear to be appropriately capped, it was poorly covered and had waste materials protruding from the surface.

The following documents can provide guidance on the design and management of landfill sites:

- Environment Protection Authority Victoria's document: *Landfills exempt from licensing*
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory: *Waste Management Guidelines for Small Communities in the Northern Territory*
- Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority: *Guidelines for the Siting, Design and Management of Solid Waste Disposal Sites*.

### Environmental Concerns – Inspection of unlicensed landfills

In addition to the Umbakumba landfill and waste facility, officers observed areas of dumped waste outside of the facility (refer to images 1 & 4).

As a result of our inspection, we are providing the East Arnhem Regional Council an opportunity to address the concerns. We are looking for further actions to improve management of the site including the improved collection of listed wastes (i.e. battery collection), clearer signage identifying the location of the landfill and mitigation measures to reduce the movement of litter on and around the site.

We expect monitoring of the site to ensure waste is not burned, wastes are segregated and that appropriate methods of capping and closing landfills are implemented.

Communication with the community and businesses may assist in addressing the issues of waste dumped in unauthorised areas.

If you have any questions or need to seek clarification on this matter, please contact Kiara Ware by telephone on 08 8924 4218 or via email at [pollution@nt.gov.au](mailto:pollution@nt.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Kiara Ware  
Environmental Officer

*Providing services for the*  
**Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority**



## Environmental Concerns – Inspection of unlicensed landfills

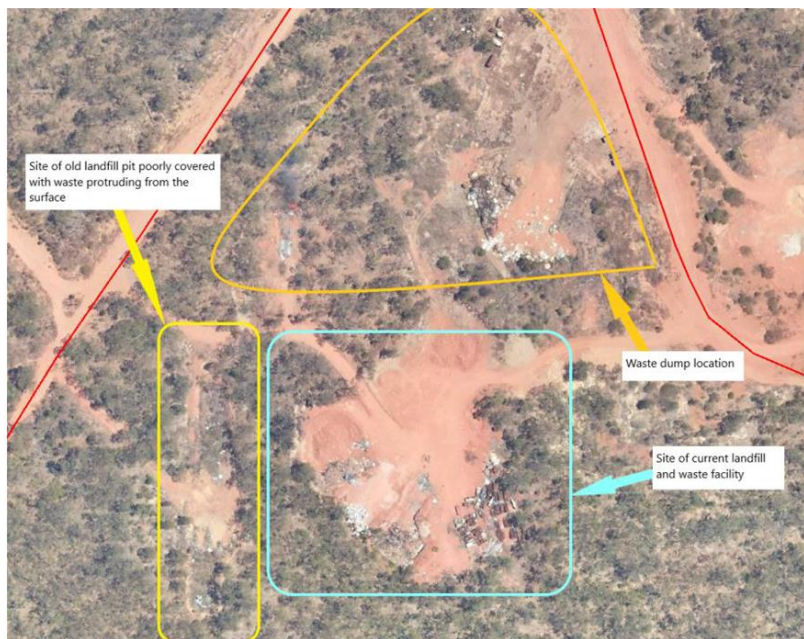


Image 1: Locations of the Umbakumba landfill and waste facility, the old landfill and general waste dumping in surrounding area



Photo 2: Batteries at the Umbakumba waste facility



Environmental Concerns – Inspection of unlicensed landfills



Photo 3: Evidence of burning waste



Photo 4: Waste dumped outside of the waste facility area in Umbakumba

Environmental Concerns – Inspection of unlicensed landfills



Photo 5: Old pit west of the current Umbakumba waste facility



8 September 2021

Mayor Kaye Thurlow  
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Andrew Walsh  
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Dear Mayor Thurlow,

I write to provide an update on the motion(s) submitted by you on behalf of your Council to the 2021 Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) held in June in Canberra.

Thank you for contributing to our debate on motions and for helping ALGA gain a greater understanding of the issues affecting Local Government across Australia.

Your Council's motion(s), carried as a resolution by the National General Assembly, has been noted by the ALGA Board. Resolutions help inform ALGA representations to Australian Government Ministers and their Departments. The [full list of resolutions is available on the ALGA website](#).

**I have written to The Hon. Ken Wyatt and The Hon. Kevin Hogan, advising of your NGA resolution on recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as Aboriginal controlled entities, and inviting a response.**

ALGA is working to promote coordination and engagement with Indigenous local government councils, to improve the delivery of all government services and infrastructure to Indigenous communities.

In November this year we will announce the dates and theme for the June 2022 NGA in Canberra. I hope you will consider submitting a new motion then, and that you will attend next year's Assembly.

Best wishes and thank you again for being part of the National General Assembly of Local Government.

*Linda Scott*

Cr Linda Scott  
ALGA President





Mayor, East Arnhem Regional Council  
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13 September 2021

**Re: Congratulations to Newly Elected and Re-Elected Members**

Dear Mayor,

On behalf of our Elected Members here at West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) I wish to congratulate you and your Elected Members on your successful campaigns and nominations into Council.

WARC wishes East Arnhem Regional Council all the best for the next 4 years and we are excited to see what you achieve during the term.

I also welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively throughout the term if the occasion presents and hope that both councils Elected Members have an opportunity get to know each other and build a good working relationship during next month's LGANT 2 day Symposium in Darwin.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Mr Wunungmurra

**Re: Local Government Initiative of the Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Agreement**

I would like to extend my congratulations to all East Arnhem Regional Council members on their recent election, and to you, on your appointment as the new council President.

I am writing to update the East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) and the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) on the current progress of the local government priority under the Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Agreement (LDM Agreement). I understand Mr Jim Rogers, Executive Director, East Arnhem Office from the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) has been in contact with the ALC to confirm the proposed time lines, as outlined previously, for the next round of community engagement sessions:

| Yolngu communities in East Arnhem<br>Week of 25 – 29 October 2021 | Anindilyakwa communities in the Groote Archipelago<br>Week of 1 – 3 November 2021 |
|---|---|
| 25/10 – Ramingining   | 1/11 – Umbakumba  |
| 26/10 – Milingimbi  | 2/11 – Milyakburra  |
| 27/10 – Galiwinku   | 3/11 – Angurugu   |
| 28/10 – Yirrkala and Gunyangara                                   |   |
| 29/10 – Gapuwiyak   |   |

The external review on the Financial Assessment Report (FAR) prepared by CM&C is near completion with the draft consultant's report to be provided to CM&C on 11 October 2021. The consultant's report will be shared with the EARC and ALC by separate email early tomorrow, for comment and feedback to be provided via email to [Jocelyn.Nathanael-Walters@nt.gov.au](mailto:Jocelyn.Nathanael-Walters@nt.gov.au) by 1:00pm on 14 October 2021. I appreciate this timeframe is very tight. However, in order to meet agreed time lines the consultant's report is to be completed by 15 October 2021. A copy of the final consultant's report and FAR will be provided to ALC and EARC.

As discussed previously, the FAR will remain as a draft until after all community engagement is completed, to allow any necessary amendments to be made by CM&C that may arise from the engagement process or through further discussion with ALC or EARC. Therefore, there will continue to be time for EARC and/or ALC to provide further input, over the next weeks.

CM&C's East Arnhem office will schedule a further meeting of the Working Group comprised of Yolngu and Anindilyakwa Leaders, to finalise the proposed arrangements for the community engagement sessions. Attached is a copy of the draft schedule for the community engagement and a running sheet, as well as key points for the community engagement sessions. This was drafted by the Working Group earlier this year, with the aim of ensuring clear and consistent messaging is relayed to community members. The dates in this document will be updated.

To ensure there is sufficient time for community members to ask questions and raise any concerns during the community engagement meetings, ALC and EARC are asked to prepare presentation content that does not exceed more than 10 minutes and contains a maximum of eight slides for each of their respective organisations. CM&C will also prepare materials within the same limitations.

All presentations should be provided in advance of the Working Group meeting, to CM&C's Regional Office, so they can be consolidated into a single presentation.

A Transition Committee meeting will also be scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> October if possible, to discuss the FAR and the community engagement arrangements. My office will be in contact with you soon on this.

The changes to EARC council resulting from the local government elections mean there may be benefit to the EARC in receiving a briefing about the LDM Agreement and the next steps from CM&C. This offer is also being extended to ALC, noting the Board elections that occurred in September 2021.

Please let me know if you would like to arrange such a briefing at an upcoming council meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Rogers or me should you wish to discuss any matter in this letter.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this important body of work.

Yours sincerely



Maree De Lacey  
Executive Director  
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Cc: Mr Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer, EARC



## GROOTE ARCHIPELAGO LDM LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

## Community Meetings by invitation from NT Government

**DATES**

The following dates were suggested, and the allocation of 1 day for each community as broadly set out below:

| <b>25 – 29 October 2021 (Yolngu communities)</b> | <b>1 – 3 November 2021 – (Groote Eylandt communities)</b> |
|--|---|
| 25/10 – Ramingining                              | 1/11 – Umbakumba  |
| 26/10 – Milingimbi                               | 2/11 – Milyakburra  |
| 27/10 – Galiwinku                                | 3/11 - Angurugu   |
| 28/10 – Yirrkala and Gunyangara                  |   |
| 29/10 – Gapuwiyak                                |   |

**MEETING FORMAT**

It was agreed to allocate a window of 6 hours for each community meeting, from 10am – 2pm, with the possibility of recording meetings.

Below is the agreed format for community meetings:

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1.                              | NT Government to present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Village Council to Community Government Council story</li> <li>b) Local Government Reform 2008 – Shire amalgamation story</li> <li>c) What has changed since 2008 – Regional Councils and Local Authorities</li> <li>d) LDM Agreement Groote Eylandt, Implementation Plan and Financial Assessment Report</li> </ul> |
| 2.                              | ALC to present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Anindilyakwa Vision for Local Government on Groote Eylandt and other priorities.</li> <li>b) Long term Strategic Plan</li> <li>c) How the Local Government IP fits into the longer term vision for united governance on Anindilyakwa country.</li> </ul>   |
| 3.                              | EARC to present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) The EARC vision as an alternative to what the Anindilyakwa leaders and ALC are proposing.</li> <li>e) The EARC views and concerns about the proposed establishment of the new Council.</li> </ul>   |
| 4.                              | NT Government Summary and Next Steps after lunch   |
| <b>LUNCH BREAK – 30 MINUTES</b> |  |
| 5.                              | Question Time (1-2 hours) with Community Members<br>Proposed approached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break into groups (men, women, and youth), workshop, and butchers paper to give quieter members an opportunity to voice their views.</li> </ul>  |
| 6.                              | Summarise ALC, EARC, NTG questions and themes and incorporate into a written report for each community meeting held.   |

**INTERPRETERS**

It was agreed to have two interpreters available for all meetings, both Anindilyakwa and Yolngu Matha (either Gumatj or Djambarrpuyngu).

**MESSAGING**

It was agreed to use the draft Groote Archipelago – Local Decision Making Agreement paper outlining key points for community engagement, for messaging purposes.

Yolngu and Anindilyakwa Radios will be engaged for the messaging process.

**WHO ATTENDS COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

- Anindilyakwa Land Council representatives and Anindilyakwa leaders
- East Arnhem Regional Council representatives and Yolngu leaders
- Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet – Local Government Division
- Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet – East Arnhem office (as Meeting Facilitators)
- Interpreters (AIS and ARDS)
- National Indigenous Australians Agency

**FURTHER ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING:**

**Action: EARC and ALC to share facts/stories to include in key NT Government messaging.**

**Action: EARC (for Yolngu communities) and ALC (for Anindilyakwa communities) to provide advice around venue arrangements to hold each community meeting and ensure display screens and microphone facilities are available (for outside or inside venues).**

**Action: EARC and ALC work with local organisations to ensure community members are able to attend and participate in consultation process.**

**NOTE 1: It is the responsibility of ALC and EARC to pay Directors and Councillors to attend these community consultation meetings.**

**NOTE 2: Each party will cover their own travel costs to each community meeting. The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet will provide a confirmed schedule for the purposes of coordinating travel arrangements.**

**NOTE 3: Members are reminded to track these costs as per the Terms of Reference.**



# Groote Archipelago – Local Decision Making Agreement

## KEY POINTS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RADIO MESSAGING

**DISCLAIMER:** *The key messages below are not absolute and are subject to change. As further information becomes available through the development of the IP and supplementary reports, it is envisaged that the messaging will be adapted to reflect potential implications of advancing the Local Government priority under the LDM Agreement.*

In November 2018, the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) and the Northern Territory Government signed the Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Agreement. The Agreement sets out the services the Anindilyakwa leaders want to take more local control of over the next 9 years. Services like housing, economic development, law, justice and rehabilitation, education and health.

Another area the Anindilyakwa leaders identified as a priority was to have their own Anindilyakwa Regional Council (sometimes called the 'Shire'). This would mean one Council (Shire) for Yolngu communities and one Council (Shire) for Anindilyakwa communities. Whilst the NT Government has provided 'in principle' support for this idea, it has also said that the costs and impacts on East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) need to be understood and if there was two Regional Councils (Shires) established, and that they are both sustainable.

To make sure the NT Government has all of the information to decide whether or not to proceed with making the two Councils, the Northern Territory Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, the EARC and the ALC have formed a Committee to bring all the information together so we can know what could happen if EARC becomes two Councils (Shires).

In April, all the Yolngu and Anindilyakwa communities will have a visit from representatives of the Committee members to talk about the idea of making two Councils (Shires), and hear what the community think about this idea.

We are planning to hold these community meetings in the first three weeks of April 2021.

- The week starting 6 April 2021 – Gapuwiyak, Gunyangara and Yirrkala
- The week starting 12 April 2021 – Angurugu, Umbakumba, Milyakburra and satellite communities
- The week starting 19 April 2021 – Ramingining, Milingimbi and Galiwinku

The confirmed days from each community meeting will be provided soon and the order of communities might change too.

At these meetings you will hear from the NT Government about the assessment and decision making process for the proposed idea of making two Councils (Shires), what it might cost and what happens to EARC should a decision be made to go ahead. The Northern Territory Government wants to hear community views and any concerns.

You will hear from Anindilyakwa leaders about their vision for an Anindilyakwa Regional Council (Shire) on Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island and the work they are doing through the Local Decision Making Agreement. You will also hear from EARC about their views and vision on the proposed changes for the region. This might also include other options if the decision of NT Government is not to make two Regional Councils (Shires).

There will then be an opportunity for small group discussions for community members to raise their views and concerns and share these views back to the committee members.

After these community visits are done, the information from the community visits will be given to the NT Minister for Local Government, Minister Chansey Paech, who will talk to the other Northern Territory Ministers (like Minister Uibo and the Chief Minister) and a decision will be made about whether or not to make the two Regional Councils (Shires). This decision is likely to be made before June 2021.

If you have any questions before the community visit, you can contact the Anindilyakwa Land Council on Groote, the East Arnhem Regional Council in Nhulunbuy or your local Shire office, or the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet staff in Nhulunbuy or Groote.

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Dear Minister,

It is with great pleasure that I advise my appointment as the new President of the East Arnhem Regional Council.

I have been selected by my fellow elected Councillors at the first Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 September 2021, with unanimous support. I was President from the creation of the East Arnhem Shire Council in 2008 and for the following ten years.

I look forward to meeting and working with you as the Minister for Local Government, and a fellow Aboriginal leader, for our joint work in the advancement of our people, across the East Arnhem Region.

I am pleased to also advise the appointment by Council of Mr Gordon Walsh elected to the position of Councillor for the Anindilyakwa Ward, to the position of Deputy President.

This appointment recognises the importance of the Anindilyakwan people from the foundation of Council over thirteen years ago, and the ongoing unity with Yolngu people through Council into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Banambi Wunungmurra

President

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10 September 2021

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### **Submission on the Indigenous Skills, Engagement and Employment Program**

The East Arnhem Regional Council is comprised of a total of up to 126 Members across 9 Local Authorities, which include 14 Councillors elected from 6 cultural based electoral wards, that are all connected through song lines, bloodlines, ceremony and family, to represent over 10,000 people, with an Aboriginal population over 90 per cent.

This Submission follows contributions made on 9 July 2021 to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs (HORSCIA) Inquiry into Pathways and Participation Opportunities for Indigenous Australians in Employment and Business by Deputy President Djuwalpi Marika, Councillor Keith Lapulung Dhamarrandji and Councillor Joe Djakala, and senior staff; and contributions to Roundtable Discussions about the future of Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) employment investment, and the new Indigenous Skills and Employment Program (ISEP) in Nhulunbuy, the Northern Territory, on 1 September 2021, by CEO Dale Keehne.

It is important to note that the Vocational Training and Employment Centres (VTEC), Tailored Assistance Employment Grants (TAEG) and Employment Parity Initiative (EPI) are all not provided in the East Arnhem Region, with CDP being the relevant program in the region.

CDP has proved a highly problematic program and Council has found it has not provided job ready clients, as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are often reluctant to engage with the program based on past negative experiences including perceived inconsistent, unreliable or culturally insensitive service provision.

The more recent '1,000 jobs Package' is more aligned with creating real jobs and community benefit. However, it has had insufficient uptake, linked to the time it takes to engage and recruit participants through this process, and not allowing flexibility for turnover of staff.

In light of the ineffectiveness of these programs and the many iterations of them over many years, Council supports the re-direction of all funding currently provided to CDP to an increase in direct funding of wage subsidies





through programs like the successful Indigenous Employment Initiative (IEI). The Northern Territory Government has a similar wage subsidy program called Indigenous Jobs Development Funding.

This will enable Council and other employers to directly employ more Aboriginal people in real jobs across a wide range of useful areas, with funds that are currently utilised to little effect to fund CDP providers and government officials to administer the complex and inefficient CDP program. Council estimates at least one third of current CDP participants could be in active employment, which would represent a major improvement in employment outcomes and the flow on socio-economic benefits.

This proposal builds on the success of a targeted and streamlined process, where successful practices of actual employers in the direct recruitment, support, mentoring and development of Aboriginal workers, are rewarded through the amount of subsidies provided, in line with the exact amount of hours worked.

Yours sincerely,



Dale Keehne  
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