



## Mission

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

### Core Values

Respect  
Professionalism  
Human Dignity  
Organisational Growth  
Equity  
Community

## **MINUTES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

**26 November 2021**

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE GUMATJ  
CORPORATION BOARDROOM FOR GUNYANGARA ON FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER  
2021 AT 10.00 AM

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## **ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Antoine Gintz, Local Authority Members Djawa Yunupingu and Elizika Puertollano.

## **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Dale Keehne – CEO  
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services  
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development  
Adam Johnson – Community Development Coordinator

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

## **OBSERVERS**

Mathilde Payet-Vidalenc - General Manager, Marngarr Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation

## **MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10:16 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

## **Apologies**

### **3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

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

**08/7/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)**

#### **That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority member Doug Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Murphy Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from member Balu Palu Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra.**
- (c) Notes Doug Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Murphy Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

### **3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report lists the community and Council appointed members and the resignation and vacancies of the Local Authority.

**088/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- b) Notes resignation of Local Authority Member Murphy Yunupingu.**

### **Conflict of Interest**

#### **4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**089/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)**

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

### **Previous Minutes**

#### **5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**090/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

**That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 30 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.**

### **Guest Speakers**

#### **7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS**

##### **SUMMARY:**

Presentation by the representatives of the Anindilyakwa Land Council and the Northern Territory Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet regarding the Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Agreement – proposed Local Government.

**091/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)**

**That the Local Authority thanks the guest speakers for their presentation.**

**THE MEETING BREAKS AT 11:40 AM**

*092/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)*

**MEETING RESUMES AT 12:02 PM**

*093/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)*

**Local Authorities**

**6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

**SUMMARY:**

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

*094/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)*

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

**General Business**

**8.7 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

*095/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)*

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) Note the 2021/22 Budget Revision.**
- b) Recommends a percentage of the available surplus be allocated to the already endorsed priority projects.**

**8.6 GRANT REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

*096/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Djawa Yunupingu)*

**That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.**

## **8.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 October 2021 within the Local Authority area.

*097/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djava Yunupingu)*

**That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 October 2021.**

## **8.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### **SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide an update on the Animal Management program delivery within Gunyangara.

*098/2021 RESOLVED (Djava Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)*

**That the Local Authority note the report.**

## **8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

### **SUMMARY:**

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

*099/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Elizika Puertollano)*

**That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Report.**

## **8.1 NEW ANINDILYAKWA AND REMAINING EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS**

### **SUMMARY:**

This is an update to the Local Authority on developments regarding a proposed new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Council.

*100/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)*

**That the Local Authority:**

**Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including**

through:

- a) Support for the development, transition to and services of the new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government, as agreed.
- b) Formal commitment by the Northern Territory Government to provide funding necessary to ensure continuity of capacity, service delivery levels and sustainability across the East Arnhem Region.
- c) Making sure all Yolngu people of Gunyangara and our homelands continue to have a strong voice and are heard on all djama (business) important to us, through our Local Authority, and our other traditional controlled organisations including the Northern Land Council and remaining Yolngu Aboriginal Community-Controlled East Arnhem Regional Council, including through Local Decision Making and the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan.

## **8.2 CEO REPORT**

### **SUMMARY:**

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

**101/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)**

**That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 28 January 2022.

### **MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting ended at 1:16 PM.

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