



# **Agenda**

## **Milingimbi**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

On  
**18 January 2022**

**EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that an Local Authority Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Milingimbi Council Office on Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## **MILINGIMBI CONFERENCE ROOM DIAL-IN DETAILS**

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**APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1571667
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**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 Local Authority gives permission for.

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

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**APOLOGIES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.2  
**TITLE** Local Authority Membership  
**REFERENCE** 1572571  
**AUTHOR** Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

The meeting needs to consider the membership of the Local Authority.

A Local Authority can have between 6 and 14 members, including the appointed Councillors.

**GENERAL**

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority.

<b>Milingimbi</b>
Joanne Baker
Robert Yirapawanga
Rosetta Wayatja
Boaz Baker
Arthur Murrupu
Rowena Gaykamangu

In the meeting of the Council on 16 December 2021, it was resolved that all Ward Councillors will be members of their respective Local Authority. Therefore, the following elected Councillors are appointed by the Council for the Local Authority.

<b>Milingimbi</b>
Cr Lapulung Dhamarrandji

It must be noted that the Chief Health Officer rules #55 concerning vaccination against COVID apply to Local Authority meetings.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Conflict of Interest
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1571672
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that “A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

- (a) a direct interest;
- (b) an indirect financial interest;
- (c) an indirect interest by close association;
- (d) an indirect interest due to conflicting duties”.

**GENERAL**

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**OR**

**notes any conflicts of interest declared at today’s meeting.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Previous Minutes for Ratification
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1571675
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

In line with the Northern Territory *Local Government Act 2019* (Chapter 6, Part 6.3, Section 101- 3), The audit committee, council, council committee or local authority must, at its next meeting, or next ordinary meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment), including any confidential business considered at the meeting, as a correct record of the meeting.

**GENERAL**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 16 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Milingimbi 2021-11-16 [1712] Minutes.DOCX



## Mission

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

### Core Values

Respect  
Professionalism  
Human Dignity  
Organisational Growth  
Equity  
Community

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

**16 November 2021**



MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILINGIMBI  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00 AM

**ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Councillor Gilbert Alimankinni, Local Authority Members, Robert Yirapawanga, Rosetta Wayatja, Boaz Baker and Arthur Murrupu.

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

**MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10:12 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

**PRAYER**

Robert Yirapawanga.

**Apologies**

**3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**149/2021 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Councillor Lapulung Dhamarrandji and Local Authority members Joanne Baker and Rowena Gaykamangu.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Councillor Lapulung Dhamarrandji and Local Authority members Joanne Baker and Rowena Gaykamangu.**
- (c) Notes Councillor Lapulung Dhamarrandji and Local Authority members Joanne Baker and Rowena Gaykamangu 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.

**150/2021 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Rosetta Wayatja)**

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That the Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.

**Conflict of Interest**

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY:**

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

151/2021 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yirapawanga/Rosetta Wayatja)

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

**Guest Speaker**

**7.1 GUEST SPEAKER - THE MEETING MOVED OUT TO AN OUTSIDE AREA TO  
ATTEND THE GUEST SPEAKER SESSION AT 10:24 AM**

**SUMMARY:**

Presentation by 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.

152/2021 **RESOLVED** (Gilbert Alimankinni/Boaz Baker)

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

**MOTION - MEETING RETURNED TO MILINGIMBI CONFERENCE ROOM AT 1:46 PM**

153/2021 **RESOLVED** (Gilbert Alimankinni/Boaz Baker)

**Previous Minutes**

**5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION**

**SUMMARY:**

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

154/2021 **RESOLVED** (Boaz Baker/Gilbert Alimankinni)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 20 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

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**Local Authorities**

**6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**155/2021 RESOLVED (Rosetta Wayatja/Robert Yirapawanga)**

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**

**8.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**156/2021 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Robert Yirapawanga)**

That the Local Authority note the report.

**8.7 DESTRUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHED DUE TO ARSON / FIRE**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority as an update surrounding the complete loss of property being the Municipal Services Workshop and associated assets due to arson / fire.

**157/2021 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)**

That the Local Authority note the report.

**8.10 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

**158/2021 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Rosetta Wayatja)**

That the Local Authority note the 2021/22 Budget Revision.

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### **8.8 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

159/2021 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Robert Yirapawanga)

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

### **8.9 GRANT REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

160/2021 **RESOLVED** (Gilbert Alimankinni/Robert Yirapawanga)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.

### **8.6 TRIAL PROGRAM INITIATIVE - TRASH FOR CASH WASTE REDUCTION AND BEATIFICATION PROJECT.**

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority surrounding a trial project aimed at reducing ground litter and improving the localised focus on the beatification of Milingimbi.

161/2021 **RESOLVED** (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the report.
- b) Provide support for the continuation of the initiative or otherwise.

### **MOTION – MEETING BREAKS AT 3:18 PM**

162/2021 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)

### **MOTION – MEETING RESUMES AT 3:28 PM**

163/2021 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)

### **8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

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



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164/2021 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.
- b) Expresses its sincere thanks to Community Development Coordinator (CDC) Jennifer Newton for her amazing contribution and conveys best wishes for her CDC role in Ramingining.

#### 8.4 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE

##### SUMMARY:

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

165/2021 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Rosetta Wayatja)

That the Local Authority approve to defer consideration of the Youth, Sport and Recreation report to the next meeting.

#### 8.1 NEW ANINDILYAKWA AND REMAINING EAST ARNHAM REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

##### SUMMARY:

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

166/2021 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)

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, and
- 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.

#### 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.

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167/2021 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Robert Yirapawanga)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

18 January 2022.

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting ended at 4:20 PM.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 November 2021.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Local Authority Action Register  
**REFERENCE** 1571679  
**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

**GENERAL**

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented. New actions will be added to the Action Register.


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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1  LA Action Register\_Milingimbi - Jan 22.docx

## MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
141/2021 Series of Murals (re-tabled)	That the Local Authority:  (a) Continue to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.  (b) Start gathering together photos of possible candidates, to be given to the Community Development Coordinator.	12.05.2021 – Ongoing  12/10/2021 – LA are still deciding what way they would like to proceed with.  <b>12/01/2022 – Ongoing.</b>
001/2020 RESOLVED	That the Local Authority:  a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava. b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either: 1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or 2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms. c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.	12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing  18.05.2021 – Update provided to LA, EARC will provided update from government once received.  <b>12/01/2022 – A separate report was presented on this by the CEO – ongoing.</b>



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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
09/7/2020 Community Development Coordinator Report	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>17.11.2020 - Letter written – Local Authority members to meet with police about joint action to address crime in community.</p> <p>EARC CEO to call Senior Police official to advice of local action and seek local action from Police. The Director Community Development to follow up with Chief Ministers office, and other stakeholders, to explore options for housing and confirm if lots have been quarantined for police housing. The local Authority request an update in relation to service provision and investment from both levels of Government.</p> <p>27.01.2021 – CEO to call senior police official again to raise ongoing need for a permanent police presence at Milingimbi, including an Indigenous Liaison Officer(s), and stronger engagement and linkage with Local Authority and broader community members for the benefit of community. 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. 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>10/11/2021 – Still pending and will be looked at in January 2022.</p> <p><b>12/01/2022 – Housing has been provided to Police – remove from Action List</b></p>

**MILINGIMBI ACTIONS**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Priority footpaths		<p>10.11.2020 – tender release to the market and evaluated – market pricing for the works significantly over budget and works of the same nature across multiple areas – this project will be re-assessed and delivered in a reduced scope or additional funds will need to be allocated – this item will be discussed at the next LA meeting for suggested direction.</p> <p>27.01.2021 – ongoing at this stage – CDP and Contractors still to recommence respective services in Community at this stage.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Will bring information to next LA meeting.</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Will update at next LA meeting</p> <p>16.11.2021 – Update progress in January/late January about the project – <b>12/01/2022 - Project still pending tender re-release to test market pricing which exceeded all similar works of this type conducted to date – release at end of January.</b></p>
Water to be installed at the oval		<p>19.05.2020 – Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to follow up with Power &amp; Water regarding current status of water sources, and when extra water may become available. To also investigate the use of brackish water for the Oval and report back to the LA.</p> <p>18/01/2021 - Email and discussion are underway with Power and Water surrounding supply options – Brackish Test bore was not approved but other options have been suggested as possibilities – awaiting official Power and Water response.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Awaiting response from Power and Water.</p> <p>12/10/2021 – Ongoing – Still waiting for response from Power and Water.</p>

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Beautification of Jesse Smith park		<p><b>12/01/2022 – Ongoing with no approval from power and water obtained to date.</b></p> <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>12/10/2021 – Ongoing – is on work list to be installed by MS crew.</p> <p><b>12/01/2021 – Ongoing and will be addressed in January due to teams capacity and current commitments.</b></p>
Makarata Field		<p>27.01.2021 - NLC consultations were held the week of the 2nd of November – awaiting formal advice on the consultation outcome from the NLC, NLC leasing staff still on holidays and set to return at the end of January. We are awaiting an official response from NLC.</p> <p>18.01.2021 – Director Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to follow up for potential for historical listing (and as bombing site) and options for funding, DTSL looking into options and will report back in future meeting, noting this project was listed on the community priority listing for a co-funding contribution.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Has trust approval, have the paperwork to be signed off. Awaiting for licence and approval for land. Ongoing.</p> <p>12/10/2021 – Ongoing final concept to be agreed and grant funding sought in 2022.</p> <p><b>12/01/2022 – Ongoing with concept workshop to be conducted in relation to the layout in readiness for Grant funding opportunity, basic layout developed but to be refined as final draft direction.</b></p>

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
YSR – New commercial stove for YSR centre		<p>19.05.2020 – YSR Regional Manager is following up with Department of Health for approval, which is needed, before purchase of the oven. 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> <p><b>12/01/2022 – Ongoing – will be actioned next trades grouped works visit – end of January start of February dependant on trade movement restrictions.</b></p>

**MILINGIMBI ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Micro-plastics Signage (Arnhem Coast Clean Up)		<p>22.09.2020 The Local Authority supported the installation of a sign to tell the story of micro-plastics in the water. Members recommend simplifying the words and adding language. The first sign is to be installed near the boat ramp. – Action for Director Technical &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>12/10/2021 - Signs are in community and awaiting for installations, will be completed shortly.</p> <p>16.11.2021 – Destroyed in fire. New signage is in the process of installing. Ongoing.</p> <p><b>12/01/2022 – Municipal services scheduled to install next week as all materials now arrived in community.</b></p>

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Guest Speakers
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1573465
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**GENERAL**

Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will present a brief on the upcoming Federal Election and the Importance of Community participation in this. There are also multiple Temporary Election Work Opportunities that would be great for community members. The AEC is also keen to hear how they can reach to communities and encourage them to vote.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Local Authority thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1573736
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**New Council President**

At the last Council meeting in December Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra stepped down from his role as the President of the East Arnhem Regional Council after his unanimous selection to office by his fellow Councillors in September 2021.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible contribution from Banambi since the creation of the regional council in 2008, and for its first 10 years, as well as his most recent time as President.

In his handover speech Mr. Wunungmurra stated, "I thank all Council staff for working tirelessly to serve the people of East Arnhem Land and I feel privileged to have worked alongside such people."

I also take great pleasure in acknowledging Councillor Lapulung Dhamarrandji as our new President.

In his address to Councillors and staff, President Dhamarrandji said, "I look forward to sustaining the passion we all have to work as Yolngu and Balanda together for the advancement of our land. It doesn't matter if we are Yolngu or Balanda; we are Australians and we are all one."

Council looks forward to President Dhamarrandji's leadership of our Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Government Council.

President Dhamarrandji and I have already met with the Honourable Selena Uiibo whose NT Ministerial responsibilities include the Aboriginal Affairs, Local Decision Making, and Justice.

Lapulung and I will be visiting all communities and reaching out and talking with all Local Authorities and other community leaders and members. Your new President is a strong supporter of connecting and collaborating with all Clan Leaders, Traditional Owners, community members, other Aboriginal Organisations and the two Balanda levels of government, to build a stronger voice and future.

**Covid-19**

Council officers have been working a great deal in collaboration with the other levels of government and other organisations, on supporting the most effective response to the spread of Covid-19 over the last few weeks.

Council has been able to assist in providing buildings, vehicles, staff and communication through the Public Announcement (PA) systems and LCD screens, as useful in each community in the region, as well as Nhulunbuy.

**Proposed Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Council**

Council has formally advised government of the resolutions from all Local Authorities. Based on the range of resolutions of the Local Authorities and its further consideration Council made the following key relevant resolutions.

*That Council:*

*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 our communities and homelands continue to have a strong voice and are heard on all djama (business) important to us, through our remaining Yolngu Aboriginal Community-Controlled East Arnhem Regional Council, Yolngu Local Authorities, and our engagement and partnership with other Aboriginal organisations, Traditional Owners and Leaders, including through Local Decision Making and the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan.*
- d) Requests that EARC CEO and Executives keep all staff informed about developments on the creation of a proposed new Anindilyakwa council.*

The newly elected Councillors have nominated President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Gordon Walsh, Anindilyakwa Councillor Constantine Mamarika and Gumurr Marthakal Councillor Kaye Thurlow, as the Council members on a committee the Anindilyakwa Land Council, and NT Government.

This committee is providing input to a submission to the NT Government to help inform to decide whether to support the de-amalgamation of council, or not.

If it is supported the current estimate is that it would not happen until at least the middle of 2023.

**Re-introduction of the Legal Sale of Kava**

There have been delays in the process of arranging community consultation to actually occur. Council continues to be closely involved in discussions with the Northern Territory and Australian Governments on this important issue, to ensure genuine and meaningful engagement occurs with all communities and homelands across the region.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Local Authority notes the CEO report**

**ATTACHMENTS:**



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Development Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1573187
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Jennifer Newton, Community Development Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

In line with Guideline 1: 8 Regional Councils and Local Authorities, it is a requirement for the Community Development Coordinator to provide a "Community development report on current regional council services in the Local Authority area".

**GENERAL****Council**

Jennifer Newton, the Community Development Coordinator for Milingimbi has been transferred to Ramingining in January 2022. Hannah Silberstein has been appointed to the Community Development Coordinator role in Milingimbi and has commenced her new role. Hannah has been working as the Youth Sport and Recreation Coordinator for several months and has a good knowledge of Council's services as a result.

The Council office is busy with many members of the community coming in each day. Council has ensured that COVID protocols are being met and this is an essential area of daily focus; this has taken a stronger focus in the last few months with the threat of COVID-19 coming to community increasing.

**Municipal Services**

Milingimbi is looking green thanks to the rain and clean thanks to the participation of residents in the cash for trash initiative. The Municipal Services team were busy leading up to Christmas with their normal duties, but with the threat of cyclones and heavy rain, their workload increased.

Days before Christmas, the Municipal Services team was prepared to action their resources to manage any cyclone threats to Milingimbi. Thankfully, this did not eventuate. This work is challenging, especially in the heat.

Apart from cyclone preparation, the team has been busy with Cash for Cans initiative, Cash for Litter program, completing minor roads repairs, mowing grass and ensuring that all equipment is maintained.

**Youth Sport & Recreation**

Youth Sport and Recreation hosted a community event by extending an invitation to Eddie Betts who is an AFL player. Eddie came to Milingimbi and spent four hours engaging with the children, young people and adults. Eddie did AFL drills with the children, had photos taken and signed autographs. Eddie said that it was a lot of fun and one of the best activities that he has attended in a long time. This activity was well received by all involved. Community Night Patrol engaged in the activity by providing a BBQ and Anglicare offered practical support.



### Community Christmas Party

This year we tried to beat the heat and we made a water slide and invited everyone to join us. The kids in particular enjoyed the experience and this will be an activity that we will do again in the future.



### Aged Care & Disability

Aged Care and Disability is currently providing services to approximately 50 residents of Milngimbi. These services are in the form of meals, medication provision and fun activities. Currently there is recruitment happening to fill the Operations Coordinator position that was previously filled by Marion Shaw who completed her employment December, 2021. During the last couple of months the Aged Care & Disability Services team have employed one new casual staff member and promoted three staff members from casual to permanent part-time employment.



**Community Night Patrol**

Community Night Patrol will be facilitating their first leadership meeting for 2022 in the coming days. The people who make up the leadership team are still being considered. The work of Night Patrol is ever evolving and this year, they will continue to evolve in their work, placing greater emphasis on general community safety and ensuring that children who are out late, go home and are ready for school the next day. There might be an opportunity to partner with stakeholders such as the Remote School Assistance Program with ALPA. There is currently one position available in this team.

**Library Services**

The library has been closed during the school holiday period. Rebecca Nunydlulu resigned after many years of service. Rebecca was a hard worker who was passionate about ensuring that community had access to books and had access to learning about technology. Rebecca and her colleague Jacinta spend hours supporting residents in updating their MyGov details, teaching them how to use email and complete online orders. East Arnhem Regional Council thanks Rebecca for her service and wish her all the best for her future.

**Milingimbi School Fire**

January 7<sup>th</sup> saw buildings within Milingimbi School burn down. Police believe that it was arson and are asking for assistance from residents for the identity of those who might be involved.

This incident was attended by East Arnhem Regional Council staff who were the first responders as Police were not in community. Council's staff and resources were used to ensure safety for members of the community. Joe Djakala, East Arnhem Regional Council's Community Liaison Officer was a significant support. He provided updates in language over the loud speaker to members of the community. There were no reported injuries and Police arrived in the early hours of January 8.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 8.3  
**TITLE** Corporate Services Report  
**REFERENCE** 1571685  
**AUTHOR** Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

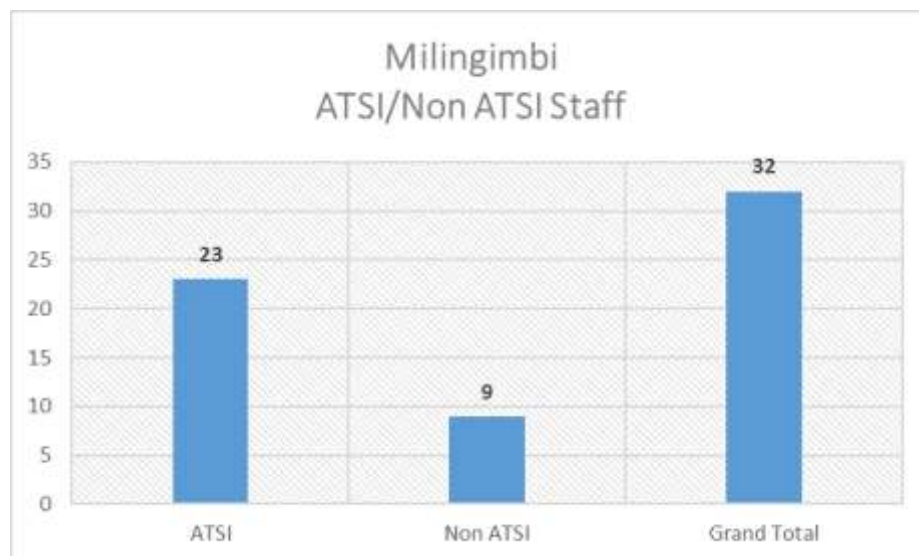
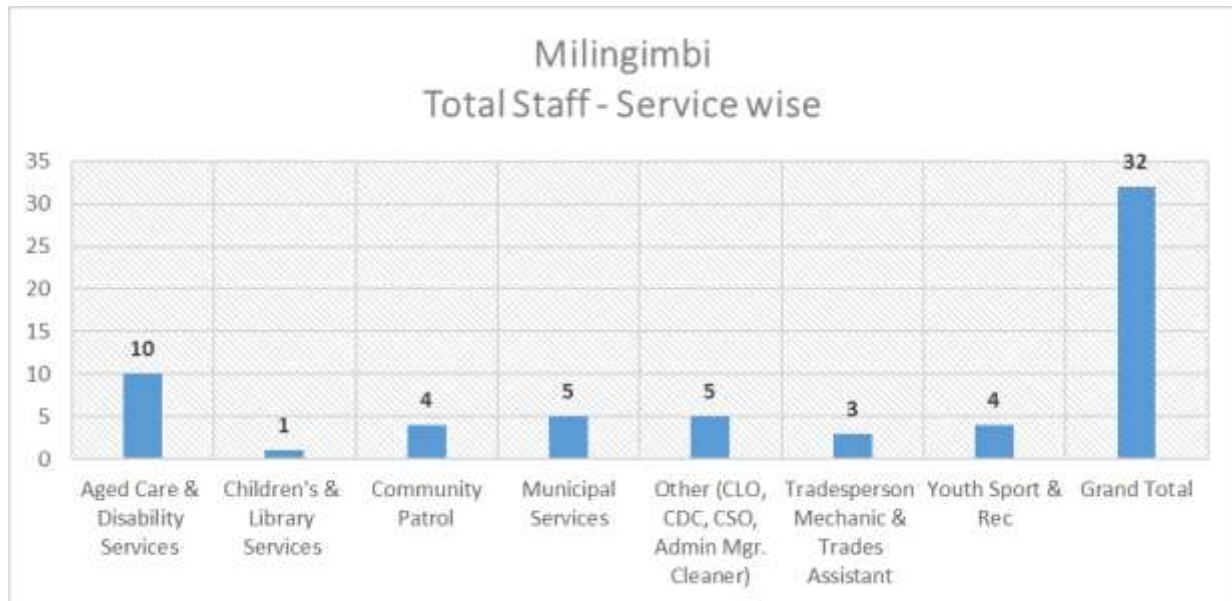
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

**GENERAL**

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

Row Labels	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	% of Variance
Aged Care and Disability Services	269,016	303,214	34,197	13%
Children and Family Services	0	19,889	19,889	0%
Community Development	146,563	155,019	8,456	6%
Community Media	3,852	8,451	4,598	119%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	100,511	98,135	-2,375	-2%
Fleet and Workshop Services	93,944	90,736	-3,208	-3%
Library Services	57,058	51,571	-5,487	-10%
Municipal Services	129,243	105,842	-23,401	-18%
Waste and Environmental Services	7,897	10,599	2,702	34%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	86,747	119,745	32,998	38%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>894,831</b>	<b>963,202</b>	<b>68,371</b>	<b>8%</b>



**Employee Statistics:**

**Vacancies as of 31 December 2021:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>
Aged Care & Disability Services Operations Coordinator	Level 4
Aged Care and Disability Services Care Coordinator	Level 5
Community Library Officer	Level 1
Environment and Recycling Officer	Level 1
Nutrition Officer	Level 1
Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator	Level 4

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**