



# **Agenda**

## **Gapuwiyak**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

On  
**21 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 Gapuwiyak Council Office on Friday, 21 January 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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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>	1571517
<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 Local Authority:**

- (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** 1572564  
**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.

**Gapuwiyak**

Freddie Ganambarr  
Simon Gawirrin  
Maymuru, Ricky Guyula  
Ivan Wanambi  
Michael Wunungmurra  
Trudy Wunungmurra  
Jessica Wunungmurra  
Thomas Guyula

In the first meeting of the Council on 20 September 2021, the following elected Councillor was appointed by the Council as members of the Local Authority.

**Gapuwiyak**

Cr Bobby Wunungmurra

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>	1571519
<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**

**That the Local Authority 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>	1571520
<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 19 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Gapuwiyak 2021-11-19 [1714] 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**

**19 November 2021**



MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO  
CONFERENCE FOR GAPUWYIAK ON FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00AM

**ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Trudy Wunungmurra, Local Authority Members, Simon Gawirrin, Maymuru Ricky Guyula, Ivan Wanambi, Michael Wunungmurra, Jessica Wunungmurra and Councillor Bobby Wunungmurra.

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

**MEETING OPENING**

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

**Apologies**

**3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to table, for the Local Authority 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).

202/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Jessica Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority notes:

- (a) The absence of Local Authority Members Thomas Guyula and Freddie Ganambarr.
- (b) The apology received from Member Freddie Ganambarr.
- (c) Local Authority Members Thomas Guyula and Freddie Ganambarr 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.

203/2021 **RESOLVED** (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)

That the Local Authority notes:

- a) The member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.

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- b) Recommends Councillor Jason Butjala be appointed as a Council member of the Local Authority.

**Conflict of Interest**

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY:**

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

204/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Ivan Wanambi)

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

**Guest Speakers**

**GUEST SPEAKER - THE MEETING MOVED TO THE GUEST SPEAKER SESSION AT 10:28 AM**

**SUMMARY:**

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.

205/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Jessica Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority thanks the Guest Speakers for their presentation.

**MEETING RESUMES AT 12:57 PM**

206/2021 **RESOLVED** (Ivan Wanambi/Jessica Wunungmurra)

**Previous Minutes**

**5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION**

**SUMMARY:**

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

207/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Ricky Guyula)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 22 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.

208/2021 **RESOLVED** (Michael Wunungmurra/Jessica Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.
- b) Approves an additional \$20,000 for a full upgrade of the PA system based on the quotation received.

**8.9 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

209/2021 **RESOLVED** (Jessica Wunungmurra/Simon Maymuru)

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

**8.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**SUMMARY:**

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

210/2021 **RESOLVED** (Ricky Guyula/Simon Maymuru)

That the Local Authority note the report.

**8.6 GAPUWYIAK CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide updates on Capital Works underway in the Gapuwiyak area.

211/2021 **RESOLVED** (Michael Wunungmurra/Jessica Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority note the report.

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## **8.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **SUMMARY:**

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

212/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Michael Wunungmurra)

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

### **Guest Speakers**

## **7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **SUMMARY:**

Michael Soler, Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Treatment Systems Coordinator, and Natalie Sarsfield, Multi-Agency Community and Child Safety Framework Implementation Manager from the Northern Territory Government regarding a new Youth AOD program.

213/2021 **RESOLVED** (Michael Wunungmurra/Simon Maymuru)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentation.
- b) Confirms its support on collaborating with the Northern Territory Government Alcohol and another drugs (AOD) program, to build on the range of current Youth Services Programs, by council and other providers.

### **General Business**

## **8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

### **SUMMARY:**

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

214/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Michael Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

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

### **SUMMARY:**

This report highlights Youth, Sport and Recreation events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

215/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Jessica Wunungmurra)



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

#### **8.8 GRANT REPORT**

##### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

216/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Michael Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant 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.

217/2021 **RESOLVED** (Ricky Guyula/Jessica Wunungmurra)

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 Gapuwiyak and our homelands continue to have a strong voice and are heard on all djama (business) important to us, through our Local Authority 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.

218/2021 **RESOLVED** (Simon Maymuru/Jessica Wunungmurra)

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That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday, 21 January 2022.

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting ended at 3:14 PM.

This page and the preceding 6 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 19 November 2021.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Action Register
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1571531
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 LA Action Register\_Gapuwiyak - Jan 22.docx

**GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
175/2021 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) 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.  12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Still waiting on suggestions from LA Members.  12/10/2021 – LA members have gathered a list of names for the murals and are waiting for family to approve the inclusion in the murals.
178/2021 Questions from Members	That the Local Authority:  a) Notes the question from members. b) Requests a letter be written from the Local Authority to NT Health and Miwatj 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 Miwatj Health  12/10/2021 – Ongoing – No Progress to advise.  <b>19.11.2021 – Ongoing. Director Community Development will follow up again.</b>



## GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
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>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.</p>	<p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot - Ongoing</p> <p>12/10/2021 – Update provided to LA Members - ongoing</p> <p><b>17.12.2021 – A separate report will be presented by the CEO in the meeting.</b></p>

**GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
121/2020 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</p> <p>21.05.2021 – Update given to LA Members.</p> <p><b>19.11.2021 – The footpath has been completed. Work is ongoing for pedestrian cross over for disable access.</b></p>

**GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
PA System  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.</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</p> <p>19.11.2021 – Additional fund is required for the project. LA approves an additional \$20,000 for a full upgrade of the PA system based on the quotation received.</p>

**GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Community Entrance Signage Project – 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> <p>19.11.2021 – Ongoing. The design has been approved by LA and sent to Natasha. Director Technical and infrastructure services to follow up on that.</p>

**GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Upgrade Airport 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> <p><b>19.11.2021 - Ongoing</b></p>

## GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
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. 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> <p><b>19.11.2021 – No feedback received from the church on visit dates.</b></p>

## GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
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.</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>12/10/2021 – Update provided to LA members- ongoing process up to the dry season in 2022 - meeting with ACCAP held and design is progressing - Report update at October meeting.</p> <p><b>19.11.2021 – ACAAP project will be discussed in the Agenda</b></p>



**GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Shelter for Fuel Browsers		<p>22.05.2020 – The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to investigate the Shelter for Fuel Browsers as part of broader browser update.</p> <p>29.01.2021 - This project is still pending. EARC is awaiting a replacement browser 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 browsers have been finished – Update will be provided at next LA meeting.</p> <p>12/10/2021 - Ongoing - other projects being completed will progress around Jan / Feb</p> <p><b>19.11.2021 – will not be completed before Christmas. Ongoing.</b></p>



**GUEST SPEAKERS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Guest Speakers
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1573569
<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>	1575359
<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 Uibo 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 Coordinator Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1573095
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Anesuishe Hector, Community Development Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

In line with Guideline 1: Local Authorities it is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the local authority area.

**GENERAL**

Happy New Year! I look forward to engaging and working closely with you all, stakeholders and community members to achieve more together in 2022 for the community of Gapuwiyak. The Community Development team will work one day a month outside the office engaging with community and listening to all issues and concerns and how we can improve to service our community in the best way. We are open for suggestions on how we can improve our services to the community.

The Municipal Services team continues to work hard to ensure the community is well serviced. Two staff members took annual leave during the Christmas period and part of January, leaving three staff members to service the community. A huge thank you to our reliable staff who worked throughout the Christmas period.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Municipal Services Team Leader, Ricky Guyula, in his outstanding ability to achieve and maintain work responsibilities when acting as a Municipal Services during the Christmas break while short staffed. Gapuwiyak community is proud to announce that we won again the 2021 Tidy Town's Award of 'Resource Recovery' through the efforts and dedication of our team and community members

Community Patrol officers took time off during the Christmas break and returned to work on 11 January 2022. A meeting was held on 14 January 2021 between the Community Patrol team and the Community Governance Group, and we are excited that we will be working more closely with Community elders to engage with children in cultural activities. Working together more closely will see us achieve more with the overall goal of having our youth more focused.

Childcare closed operations for the Christmas holiday and resumed service on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. At present there has been a low attendance of children. Linda Mitchell and Helen Wunungmurra have completed their Certificate III, congratulations to both of them. Team will continue to work more closely with Miwatj Health and FAFT in 2022.

The Youth Sport and Recreation team has been holding some school holiday activities working together with the RSAS team. Recruitment is in progress for a new Coordinator for the team.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

## GENERAL BUSINESS



<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Street Naming for Gapuwiyak Subdivision Stage 2 & Stage 3
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1576713
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Natasha Jackson, Strategic Project Coordinator

### SUMMARY:

This report is for discussion on suggested road names for Stage 2 & 3 subdivision in Gapuwiyak to submit to the NT Place Names Committee for consideration.

### BACKGROUND

The Place Names Act 1967 sets out specific minimum consultation requirements that must be met before the Committee can recommend a name to the Minister for approval.

A quick overview of the consultation process for naming a road is:

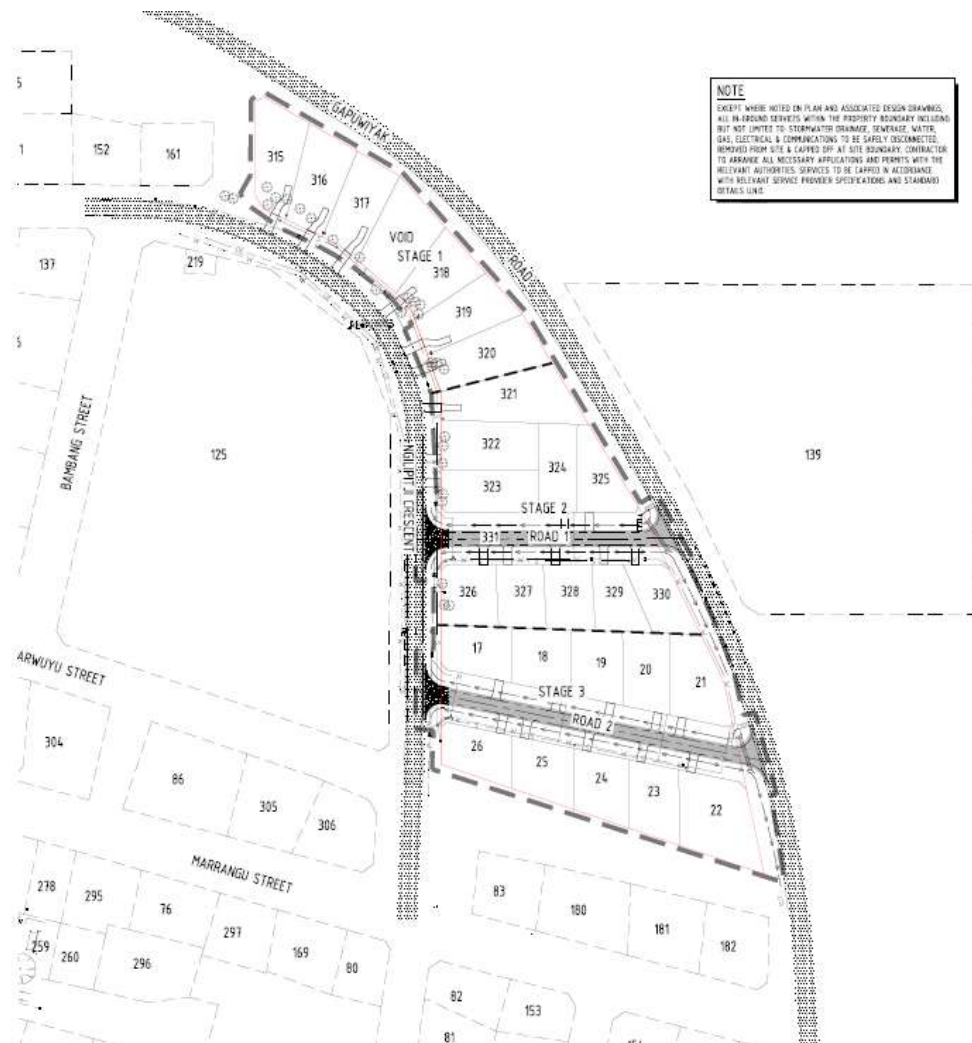
1. A submission is put forward to the NT Place Names committee
2. The Place Names Committee considers the submission at its next meeting.
3. If the proposed place name meets the criteria it is then recommended to the Minister for approval

### GENERAL

Current Street Names in Gapuwiyak

Gapuwiyak - 16			
Name	Type Designation	Locality	History/Origin
Babawuynagumi	Street	Gapuwiyak	A Gupapuyngu name of a fishing place belonging to the Traditional Owners, where they catch Trevally.
Bambang	Street	Gapuwiyak	A Dhalwangu word for hot country.
Bambinamirri	Street	Gapuwiyak	A Gupapuyngu name of place/country that belongs to the Traditional Owners.
Barge Landing	Road	Gapuwiyak	Being the road to the Gapuwiyak Barge Landing.
Dhalwangu	Street	Gapuwiyak	A clan group.
Djambarrpuyngu	Street	Gapuwiyak	A clan group.
Gali	Street	Gapuwiyak	Ridharrngu's homelands country.
Gapuwiyak	Road	Gapuwiyak	Being the road to Gapuwiyak from Central Arnhem Road and named after the Community.
Marrangu	Street	Gapuwiyak	A clan name from Arnhem Bay.
Marwuyu	Street	Gapuwiyak	Place name of the Dhuwa Moiety Clan Group.
Nanangay	Street	Gapuwiyak	A Gupapuyngu name of place/country that belongs to the Traditional Owners.
Ngilipitji	Crescent	Gapuwiyak	Land/country of the Wagilak clan.
Ridharrngu	Street	Gapuwiyak	A clan group.

Wadhu	Street	Gapuwiyak	A Gupapuyngu name of the rain forest.
Wagilak	Street	Gapuwiyak	A clan group.
Yilan	Street	Gapuwiyak	Land of the Yirritja country.



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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Gapuwiyak Local Authority Members consult further with Traditional Owners and the wider community and provide a list to the Director Technical and Infrastructure services through the Community Development Coordinator for tabling in the next LA meeting.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**ITEM NUMBER** 8.4  
**TITLE** Corporate Services Report  
**REFERENCE** 1571535  
**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**

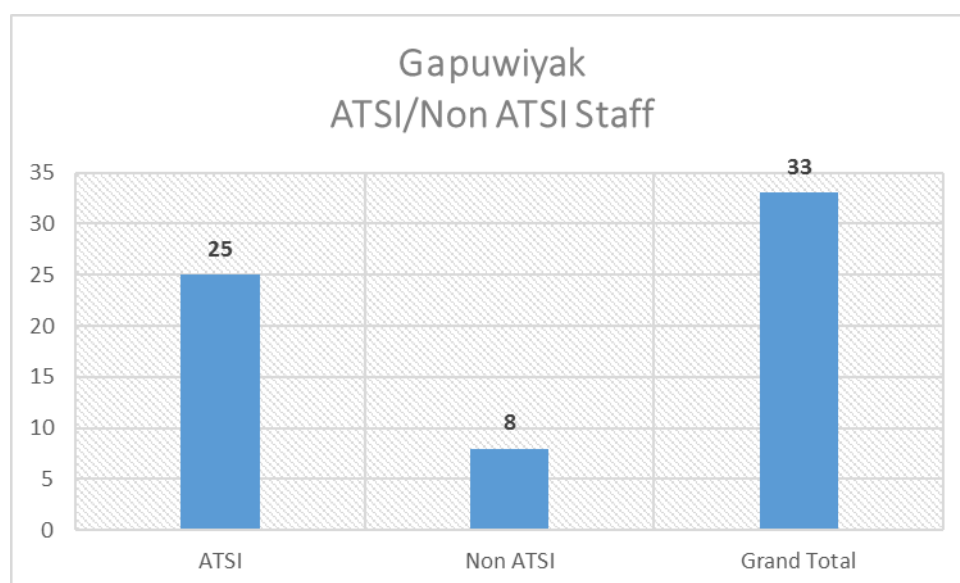
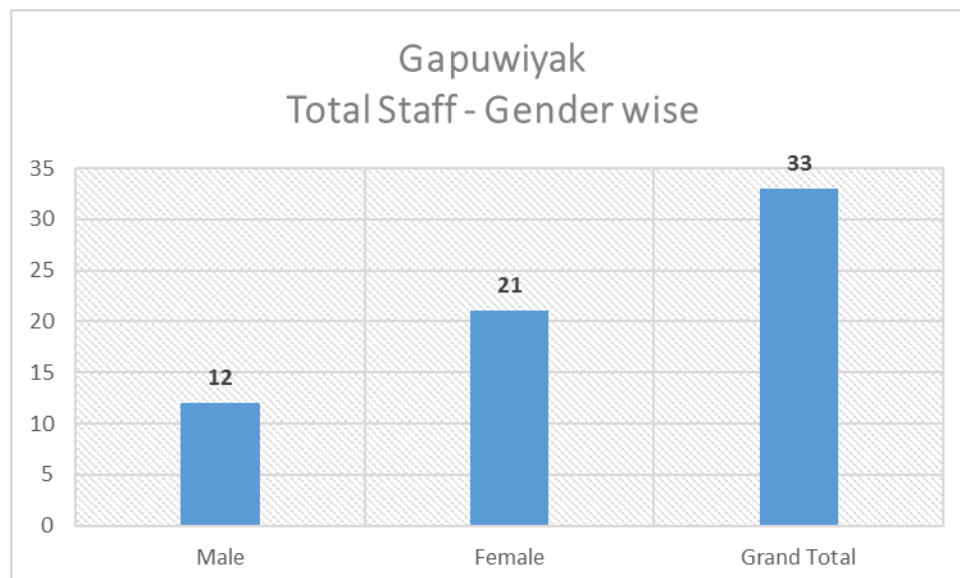
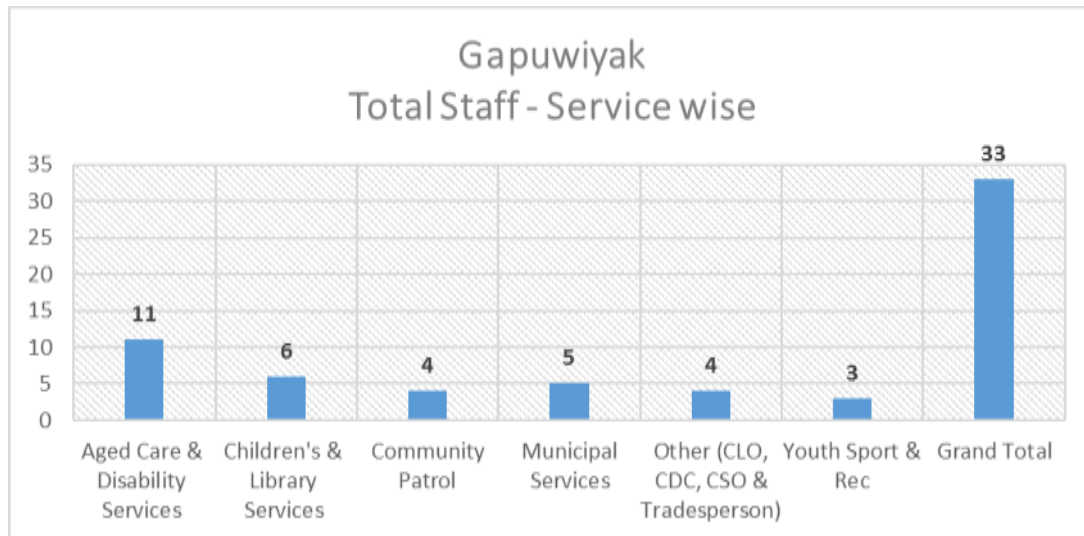
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

**GENERAL**

Comparisons are to the revised budget approved by the Council in December 2021.

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	308,199	318,835	10,635	3%
Children and Family Services	109,865	144,620	34,756	32%
Community Development	132,059	130,674	-1,385	-1%
Community Media	0	7,889	7,889	0%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	79,521	94,547	15,026	19%
Fleet and Workshop Services	60,675	57,480	-3,196	-5%
Municipal Services	178,225	156,154	-22,071	-12%
Post Office Agency	-306	0	306	-100%
Waste and Environmental Services	17,315	15,913	-1,401	-8%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	76,236	112,696	36,461	48%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>961,789</b>	<b>1,038,808</b>	<b>77,019</b>	<b>8%</b>

**Employee Statistics:**

**Vacancies as of 31 December 2021:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>
Aged Care and Disability Services Officer / Cook	Level 3
Community Media Officer	Level 1
Community Patrol Officer	Level 1
Youth Sports & 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:**

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## Financial Report for Each Location - Actuals vs Budget

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 31 DECEMBER 2021	Gapuwiyak		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Grants	1,053,564	903,291	150,273
User Charges and Fees	667,759	550,529	117,230
Rates and Annual Charges	767,735	767,735	-
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	509,662	368,510	141,152
Untied Revenue Allocation	602,402	605,592	(3,189)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>3,601,122</b>	<b>3,195,656</b>	<b>405,466</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Expenses	961,789	1,038,808	(77,019)
Materials and Contracts	2,283,362	1,878,832	404,531
Elected Member Allowances	120	-	120
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,001	4,500	(3,499)
Depreciation and Amortisation	23,303	21,444	1,859
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	794,759	547,201	247,558
Council Internal Costs Allocations	388,913	569,911	(180,998)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,453,248</b>	<b>4,060,696</b>	<b>392,551</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(852,125)</b>	<b>(865,040)</b>	<b>12,915</b>
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(852,125)</b>	<b>(865,040)</b>	<b>12,915</b>
Capital Expenses	-	(625,098)	625,098
Transfer to Reserves	-	(184,634)	184,634
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	23,303	21,444	1,859
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(828,822)</b>	<b>(1,653,328)</b>	<b>824,506</b>
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	893,855	590,706	303,149
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,745,669	(1,745,669)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>893,855</b>	<b>2,336,375</b>	<b>(1,442,521)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>65,033</b>	<b>683,048</b>	<b>(618,015)</b>
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