



Agenda

Milingimbi

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

15 March 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, 15 March 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES



ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
REFERENCE	1591508
AUTHOR	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

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1591519
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.

Milingimbi

Joanne Baker
Robert Yirapawanga
Rosetta Wayatja
Boaz Baker
Arthur Murrupu
Rowena Gaykamangu

The following elected Councillors are appointed by the Council for the Local Authority.

Milingimbi

Cr Lapulung Dhamarrandji
Cr Joe Djakala

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:

PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1591579
AUTHOR	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.

According to the *Local Authority Guideline 1* (Part 12, Section 12.4), Members at a provisional meeting can confirm the minutes of a previous provisional meeting. However, members at a provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of a previous Local Authority meeting.

GENERAL

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 18 January 2022 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Milingimbi 2022-01-18 [1744] Minutes



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

18 January 2022

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2022 AT 10:00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair, Robert Yirapawanga, Local Authority Members Rosetta Wayatja, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, and President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Andrew Walsh – Acting CEO & Director Community Development
Natasha Jackson - Acting Director Technical and Infrastructure Services
Hannah Siberstein – Community Development Coordinator
Jennifer Newton – Community Development Coordinator

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:31AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Prayer was performed by Cr Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

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).

168/2022 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Rosetta Wayatja)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Joanne Baker and Rowena Gaykamangu.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Joanne Baker.**
- (c) Notes Joanne Baker is absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines Rowena Gaykamangu absent without 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.

169/2022 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)

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

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO
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Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

170/2022 **RESOLVED** (Rosetta Wayatja/Robert Yirapawanga)

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.

171/2022 **RESOLVED** (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

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

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.

172/2022 **RESOLVED** (Boaz Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)

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.

MEETING BREAKS AT 11:15AM

173/2022 **RESOLVED** (Boaz Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)

MEETING RESUMES AT 11:50AM

174/2022 **RESOLVED** (Boaz Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)

Arthur Murrupu left the room at 11:50am

Arthur Murrupu returned to the room at 12:08pm

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Guest Speakers

7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

SUMMARY:

Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) presents a brief on the upcoming Federal Election and the Importance of Community participation in this. There are also discussions on multiple Temporary Election Work Opportunities.

175/2022 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.
- (b) Encourages AEC to explore partnerships with the CDP provider ALPA.
- (c) Supports the Director – Community Development to enter into further discussion with AEC around solutions and/or partnerships to facilitate the federal election on going.

General Business

8.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

176/2022 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

The Local Authority notes the CEO report.

8.2 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.

177/2022 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)

That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO
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8.3 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

178/2022 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Robert Yirapawanga)

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 March 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 12:32pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 January 2022.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1591608
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.pdf

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. 12.01.2022 – Ongoing. 18.01.2022 – CDC to with the President & Local Authority Members to have campfire with local TO'S to gather ideas for discussion at next Local Authority. Gather Photos of missionary days similar to Project of Galiwinku – Vision of old to the New"
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. 12.01.2022 – A separate report was presented on this by the CEO – ongoing.

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Water to be installed at the oval		<p>19.05.2020 – Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up with Power & 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>

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		12.01.2022 – Ongoing with no approval from power and water obtained to date.
Beautification of Jesse Smith park		27.01.2021 - Additional bollards have arrived and will be installed by the MS Team in the near future. 12.05.2021 – Bollards are located in Milingimbi and will be placed into the right spots by Monday Morning.
		12.10.2021 – Ongoing – Is on work list to be installed by MS crew. 12.01.2021 – Ongoing and will be addressed in January due to teams capacity and current commitments.
Makarata Field		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.
		18.01.2021 – Director Technical & 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. 12.05.2021 – Has trust approval, have the paperwork to be signed off. Awaiting for licence and approval for land. Ongoing. 12.10.2021 – Ongoing final concept to be agreed and grant funding sought in 2022. 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.

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

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 & 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>12.01.2022 – Ongoing – will be actioned next trades grouped works visit – end of January start of February dependant on trade movement restrictions.</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 & 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>12.01.2022 – Municipal services scheduled to install next week as all materials now arrived in community.</p>

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1594132
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

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

GENERAL

The last few months has been a very significant and momentous time for all of us.

Councillors, Local Authority Members and our Workers on Covid

The passion and dedication of all our staff, Councillors and Local Authority Members has been simply outstanding as we have pulled together, with our fellow community members and other Aboriginal organisations and government – to help protect our most vulnerable from COVID-19.

New / Old Councillors

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back two of our old Councillors, Joe Djakala of Milingimbi for the Gummurr Gattjirrk Ward and Bandi Wunungmurra of Gapuwiyak for the Birr Rawarrang Ward, out of the two recent by-elections.

I am confident they will again contribute to Council, their Local Authorities and the local and regional leadership for which they are known, and we will all be wiser and stronger for it.

The Passing of Councillor D. Marika

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Councillor D. Marika who passed away recently, a man of great passion, vision and integrity – and with a keen sense of humour along the way.

Mr Marika continued the long legacy of his father Mathaman and other Yolngu leaders' call for recognition through Land Rights, by his call last year in Canberra for the proper recognition of East Arnhem and all other Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments across the nation, by the other two levels of government.

Out of our many conversations, I will always remember the then Deputy President D. Marika telling me how "Council is the arm of the people of East Arnhem Land."

Till the end he was firm in his commitment that "We Yolngu and Balanda are intertwined to make a strong nation of Australia, where the first Australian Yolngu voice is heard".

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marrpalawuy, family, community and the East Arnhem Region.

We will miss him - but we will carry forward his legacy.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the CEO Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Government
REFERENCE	1594135
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

Council considered and made a resolution at the last Ordinary Council meeting on 24 February about the proper recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Governments. Your Local Authority is asked to review and endorse the next steps to gain support for recognition with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government and Opposition leading up to the Federal election.

BACKGROUND

The Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan was agreed on 29 July 2021.

The agreement is between the Northern Territory Government, the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT) and the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).

The agreement is related to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (2019-2029). Local Government for the first time is an official signatory to Closing the Gap, which the Australian Local Government Association signed up to nationally, and now LGANT with this agreement for the Northern Territory. The signing of the agreement by LGANT is very significant, as it allows a great opportunity for all member councils to be involved in it.

EARC proposed a motion at the 4 November 2021 LGANT General Meeting that LGANT consult with all member councils on the most effective way to involve them in the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan process. The Consultation should include consideration of the involvement of some or all of the Regional and Municipal Members of the LGANT Executive, and/or a Steering Committee of nominated Council representatives, with appropriate support from the LGANT CEO, Council CEO's and senior officers. The motion received unanimous support from all member Councils at the LGANT General Meeting held on 4 November.

At the June 2021 General Meeting of ALGA, EARC was successful with a motion calling upon recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as an Aboriginal Controlled Entity.

The National General Assembly calls on the Federal, State and Territory Governments to commit to nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as an Aboriginal controlled entity across Australia at all levels of Government. Indigenous Local Government being a Local Government Council with a majority representation of both Elected Officials and Constituency of Indigenous Australians.

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Division of Local Government, is conducting a review of Local Authorities, their role and any changes to their role. Various views have been expressed by Senior Officers ranging from the prospect of creating another way of consulting and engaging with communities, to building on and strengthening the broad role of Local Authorities on a wide range of issues.

The Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making Policy includes a commitment to build on existing governance and decision making arrangements. This commitment is aligned with the one of the core principles of the Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice reform process of the Australian Government to "...link to other existing bodies, not duplicate or undermine their roles."

GENERAL

There is significant value in the Local Government sector considering and making clear its view of how Local Authorities and Councils can meaningfully engage and contribute to whole of Government processes like Local Decision Making, Closing the Gap and the Indigenous Voice.

There is also a clear and compelling need for the review of the official guidelines of the Australian and Northern Territory funding agencies to allow Aboriginal community controlled Local Government Councils to apply for and be provided funding to help address significant social, economic, infrastructure, environmental and cultural needs.

A key target of the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation is to "Increase the amount of government funding for Aboriginal programs and services going through Aboriginal community-controlled organisations." LGANT Officers who have attended meetings on Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan have advised that Local Government Councils are not recognised as Indigenous controlled, but the members of the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT) and registered Indigenous Corporations are.

This is despite the significant and very useful description LGANT provided in the Closing the Gap NT Implementation Plan formal document of local governments that "most elected council members are Aboriginal as are the communities they represent." This is listed elsewhere in the document as "over 75 per cent of Indigenous people across the Northern Territory".

East Arnhem and other Northern Territory Councils have already had funding taken away from them in recent years, and are not able to apply for many other funding streams - due to not being recognised for what they are, as Aboriginal community controlled Local Government organisations.

For example, East Arnhem Regional Council was formally advised by the NIAA this month that it cannot apply for a funding round of 12 million dollars for community infrastructure as the funding round was deemed "Closed Non-Competitive". Applications are by invitation only from registered Indigenous Corporations.

Council considered and made a resolution at the last Ordinary Council meeting on 24 February about the proper recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Governments.

Based on the resolution of Council on 24 February, the following motions were developed and submitted to be considered at the next General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) on 7 April 2022.

MOTION ONE:

THAT LGANT

continues to progress calls on the Federal, State and Territory Governments to commit to nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as an Aboriginal controlled entity across Australia at all levels of Government.

Indigenous Local Government being a Local Government Council with a majority representation of both Elected Officials and Constituency of Indigenous Australians.

MOTION TWO:

THAT LGANT

calls on the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to review their official procurement and funding guidelines to recognise and enable Indigenous Local Governments to apply for and be provided funding to help address significant social, economic, infrastructure, environmental and cultural needs.

MOTION THREE:

THAT LGANT

calls on the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to recognise the role of councils in the Northern Territory, because of their role and capacity to engage and deliver outcomes with Indigenous people, for their direct inclusion if they desire, with representation of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, in significant reform processes including the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan, Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making and the Australian Government's Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority endorses:

- a) the motion put to the next General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, and;**
- b) that Council continue to call for recognition of the East Arnhem Regional Council and Local Authorities as being Indigenous Controlled by the Northern Territory and Federal Governments and Opposition.**

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Animal Management Update
REFERENCE	1593947
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY:

This report is table for the Local Authority for an update on the Animal Program delivery and staffing changes.

BACKGROUND

The EARC animal program has continued to work very hard in 2021 and into 2022. All nine communities have received at least 3-4 veterinary visits throughout 2021. We aim to fulfil our commitment of promoting responsible pet ownership and providing consistent veterinary services across our communities, with the below results for the 12 months leading up to December keeping in mind regional restrictions which lowered the treatment statistics from the previous 12 months.

Table 1: Community Desexing and Treatment totals for 2021:

EARC Communities	Dogs Desexed	Cats Desexed	Treatments given by Animal Management Team*
Yirrkala	14	9	180
Gunyangara	11	4	121
Ramingining	51	18	170
Gapuwiyak	35	45	285
Milingimbi	63	12	250
Galiwinku	75	14	341
Angurugu	21	8	120
Umbakumba	15	5	125
Milyakburra	2	0	65
TOTAL	287	115	1657

GENERAL

Community visits have been effected by Covid19 and the associated travel restrictions based on directions, but saying this with the lifting of restrictions a new community visit schedule has been developed for the next 6 months for veterinarian and health check visits to all mainland communities – refer to the attached.

Staffing Changes

We wish good luck to Dr. Maddie Kelso who has commenced her maternity leave with the anticipated arrival of a new family member. We as I'm sure the Local Authorities wish Maddie all the very best of health over this period and we thank Dr. Maddie for all of her fantastic efforts towards EARC, the communities and households over the years and look forward to seeing her return later in the year.



The program will be headed up during this time by Dr. Lauren Clarke based in Groote Eylandt, and Dr. Tanya Mitchell who commences in April for 6 months who will be based periodically in Yirrkala and Galiwinku servicing these and the surrounding communities of Gapuwiyak, Ramingining and Milingimbi on a rotation basis with the assistance of Sarah Carrell – the vet nurse based in Yirrkala.

Upcoming visit schedule is attached for Councils information.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority note the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Calendar Breakdown

January	February	March	April	May
1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
2 nd	2 nd	2 nd Vet Nurse Day - Galiwinku	2 nd	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd TM ARRIVE IN GOVE	3 rd TM FLIES TO GALIWINKU
4 th	4 th	4 th	4 th Yirrkala -- Start with Sarah	4 th Galiwinku AMP
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.5
TITLE	Community Development Report
REFERENCE	1591278
AUTHOR	Hannah Silberstein, Community Development Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

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

BACKGROUND

As per Guideline 1: Local Authorities it is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the Local Authority area;

GENERAL**Council:**

Over the last two months, the focus for East Arnhem Regional Council services has been to work with stakeholders in a joint effort to combat the daily challenges faced as a result of the presence of COVID-19 within community. This has been an incredibly difficult time for the community with many services closing to ensure the safety of their staff as well as many residents experiencing personal contact with COVID-19. However, the silver lining result has been some exceptional collaboration and cooperation between multiple key stakeholders across the island. These include, but are not limited to regular meetings and contact with the Police, Yurrwi School, Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, Northern Territory Welfare, ALPA and MOPRA. 12 East Arnhem Regional Council staff volunteered to be part of a surge workforce effort to support these organizations during the peak of the outbreak. According to the information provided by the clinic manager, it appears that the COVID-19 cases within Milngimbi has dramatically reduced and the worst of this wave has passed. EARC Councilor, Joe Djakala and EARC President Keith Lapulung's efforts to ensure that the community heard the latest information through the loud speaker announcements is worth noting.

There is currently a vacancy for the Community Liaison Officer position, with previous Officer, Joe Djakala successfully being appointed to the Councillor position. East Arnhem Regional Council thank Councillor Joe for his ongoing and much appreciated support during his time in the Community Liaison Officer position.

Youth, Sports and Recreation:

Youth Sports and Recreation was forced to cease services due to the presence and risks associated with COVID-19. There is a graded plan to return to outside activities including supporting the school based activities that have been facilitated on the oval. Youth, Sports and Recreation Coordinator, Shannon Cervini was a huge support to Miwatj and Northern Territory Welfare during time of closure.

Aged Care and Disability:

The Aged and Disability team modified their services from face-to-face to contactless support to ensure that residents were still receiving daily meals and medication. A new Coordinator has been recruited commenced work on the 7th of March 2022. The Aged Care

Municipal Services:

Community Night Patrol:

Milingimbi School Vandalism:

Library:

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Workshop:

The Mechanic, Daniel Young, at the Workshop recently resigned with his last day at East Arnhem Regional Council being the 11th March 2022. This is a huge loss to the Council and we wish Daniel all the best in his future endeavors. This position is currently advertised and the workshop will be closed until either the position is filled or an interim contract mechanic is available for a short period.

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	8.6
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1592282
AUTHOR	Peter Dunkley, Regional Manager Youth Sports and Recreation

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program aims to strengthen young people, helping them live happy, healthy lives. As such, we deliver a range of funded activities and programs including after school hours activities, school holiday programs, camps, hunting and bush trips, movie nights, arts/music, formal and informal sports and physical activity, Youth Diversion case management, staff training and capacity building.

GENERAL

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program seeks input, feedback and support from the Local Authority in an effort to continually improve what we do. Please note the following updates for Youth, Sport and Recreation in your community.

- Community staffing update
- Current after School hours programs
- School holiday programs
- Upcoming events
- Remote Sports Program (formal and informal competition, visits from peak sporting bodies)
- Youth Diversion (Yirrkalá/Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak)
- Program success / challenges

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.7
TITLE Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE 1591652
AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2022 within the Local Authority area.

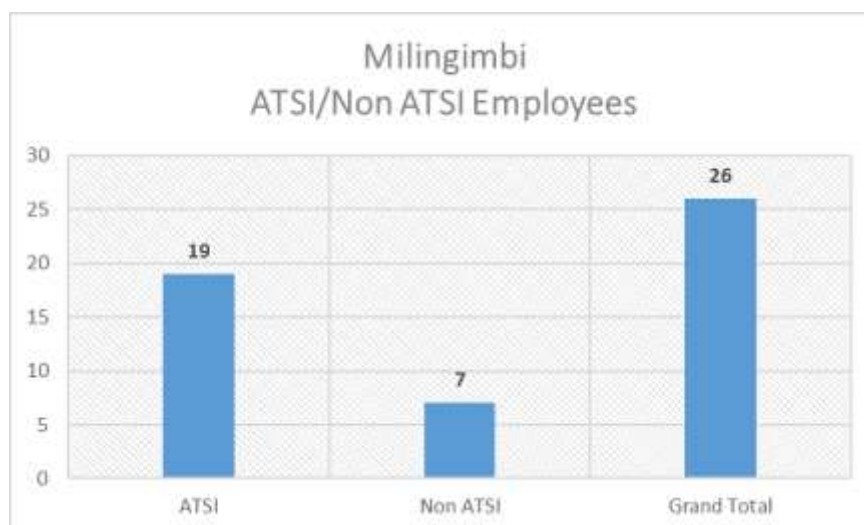
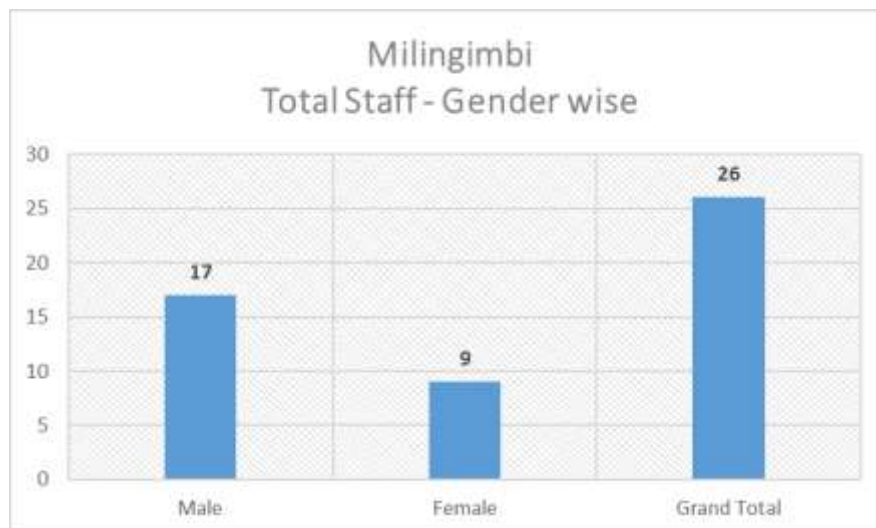
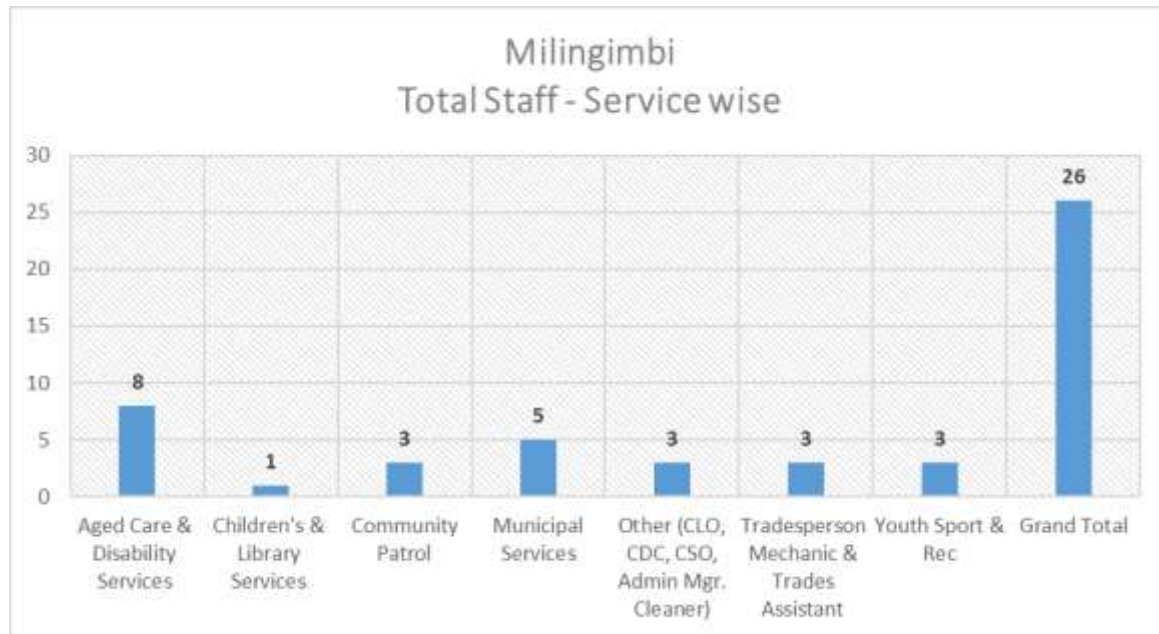
BACKGROUND

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 lack of attendance at work and vacancies due to staff turnover.

Row Labels	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	% of Variance
Aged Care and Disability Services	339,154	404,285	65,130	0
Children and Family Services	-	26,519	26,519	0
Community Development	189,660	211,747	22,087	0
Community Media	3,852	11,268	7,415	2
Community Patrol and SUS Services	129,221	130,847	1,626	0
Fleet and Workshop Services	121,948	127,030	5,082	0
Library Services	42,118	68,761	26,643	1
Municipal Services	178,835	149,946	- 28,889	- 0
Waste and Environmental Services	7,897	14,132	6,236	1
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	110,867	159,660	48,793	0
Grand Total	1,123,553	1,304,195	180,643	0

Employee Statistics:

Vacancies as of 28 February 2022:

Position	Level
Aged Care & Disability Services Operations Coordinator	Level 4
Community Liaison Officer	Level 1
Community Library Officer	Level 1
Community Night Patrol Officer	Level 1
Nutrition Officer	Level 1
Youth Sports & Recreation Worker	Level 1

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 28 February 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Each Reporting Location

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2022	Milingimbi		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	956,867	1,113,021	(156,154)
User Charges and Fees	811,053	742,345	68,708
Rates and Annual Charges	761,626	761,626	-
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	307,331	51,649	255,683
Untied Revenue Allocation	520,954	522,721	(1,767)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	3,357,832	3,191,362	166,470
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	1,123,553	1,304,195	(180,643)
Materials and Contracts	558,505	615,952	(57,448)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,308	6,000	(4,692)
Depreciation and Amortisation	36,920	37,003	(83)
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	683,244	545,410	137,833
Council Internal Costs Allocations	288,603	527,944	(239,341)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,692,133	3,036,506	(344,373)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	665,698	154,856	510,843
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	665,698	154,856	510,843
Capital Expenses	(84,135)	(992,114)	907,979
Transfer to Reserves	-	(206,057)	206,057
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	36,920	37,003	(83)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	618,484	(1,006,313)	1,624,796
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	1,107,152	915,841	191,311
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	846,976	(846,976)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	1,107,152	1,762,817	(655,665)
NET OPERATING POSITION	1,725,636	756,504	969,131
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.8
TITLE	Second Budget Revision
REFERENCE	1594737
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

BACKGROUND

The second budget revision has been completed. This will go to the Ordinary Council Meeting in April 2022 for adoption. Prior to that, this is presented in front of each Local Authority and the Finance Committee for input.

GENERAL

Attached is the second revised budget for the Local Authority's input.

The CEO and Directors are available to answer questions on variations.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the second revised budget and provides the following input:

ATTACHMENTS:

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Location Description		Milingimbi								
FY2022 Revised Budget 2		Category								
Services	Carried Forward Revenue	Carried Forward Revenue for FY2023	Current Year Revenue	Operating Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Internal Allocation	Overhead Allocation	Reserves Transfers	United Revenue	Net Results
100 - Local Authorities	(608,172)	462,985	(187,700)	87,305	1,025,186			(767,785)	(11,820)	(0)
101 - Local Laws & Administration of Local Laws	(3,854)	3,002		2,853				-		-
107 - Community Development			(22,203)	379,608		170,819		(528,224)		-
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services	(3,256)		(900)	56,229		8,764		(60,834)		-
112 - Fleet and Workshop Services			(129,368)	326,170		(245,981)		19,405		(29,774)
115 - Library Services	-		(70,953)	115,750		4,745		4,162	(53,102)	603
116 - Lighting for Public Safety				16,238					(16,238)	-
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	(60,000)		(4,000)	95,883			1,050	(32,933)		(0)
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction	-		(229,719)	406,276	145,301	(60,000)		12,595	(271,815)	-
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services	-		(397,839)	135,113		64,251		59,676	(3,138)	(1,574)
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	(1,763)							138,988		-
136 - Post Office Agency										-
138 - Council Housing/Tenancy Services										-
139 - Visitor Accommodation			-	-						-
141 - Aged Care and Disability Services	(233,096)		(1,219,044)	1,089,322		79,702		130,323	148,592	-
145 - Children and Family Services	(15,864)		(34,662)	45,303		6,960		5,199	(2,650)	(23)
146 - Community Media	7,121		(28,753)	11,009		30,582		4,313	0	0
147 - Community Patrol and SUs Services			(311,746)	234,402		83,521		46,762	(3,905)	(0)
152 - Youth Sport and Recreation Services	(1,415)		(513,579)	350,011				73,216	(13,500)	-
156 - Community Events			(556)	14,056						-
157 - Local Commercial Opportunities			(10,000)	3,500		-		1,500		(5,000)
167 - Corporate Services			(463,418)	536,784					463,418	-
169 - Municipal Services			(25,067)			209,043		(139,865)	(561,896)	(0)
Net Results	(920,100)	453,987	(3,693,107)	3,068,113	1,170,487	452,209	358,501	(983,810)	(791,889)	(35,420)

Operating and Capital Expenditures		Revised Budget 1	Revised Budget 2	Increase (Decrease)
Category				
Salary Expenses	1,986,382	1,930,577	1,986,382	(55,805)
Materials/Contractors	945,061	1,060,398	945,061	115,337
General Expenses	536,894	611,573	536,894	74,679
Finance Expense	252,374	246,660	252,374	(5,725)
Asset Expense	18,500	59,123	18,500	40,623
Capital Expenditure Plant & Equipment	420,472	206,357	420,472	(214,115)
Capital Expenditure Motor Vehicle	-	84,135	-	84,135
Capital Expenditure Infrastructure	1,067,700	880,000	1,067,700	(187,700)
Grand Total	5,227,183	5,078,800	5,227,183	(148,383)

