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## 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 MILINGIMBI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

**15 March 2022**

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILINGIMBI  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022 AT 10:00 AM

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**ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

**LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

Rosetta Wayatja, Boaz Baker, Arthur Murrupu, Joanne Baker (by phone) and Cr Joe Djakala.

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer.

**OBSERVER**

Joanna Ciolek – Communication Advisor.

Wendy Brook – Executive Assistant to the CEO.

**MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10:59AM and welcomed all members and guests.

**PRAYER**

Meeting started with a Prayer by President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

**Apologies**

**3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**179/2022 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Boaz Baker)**

**That Council:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority members Robert Yirapawanga and Rowena Gaykamangu.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Local Authority member Robert Yirapawanga.**
- (c) Notes Local Authority members Robert Yirapawanga 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.

*180/2022 RESOLVED (Rosetta Wayatja/Joe Djakala)*

#### **The Local Authority:**

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies and will actively seek new Local Authority members.**
- b) Requests the Ramingining Community Development Coordinator to speak to Rowena Gaykamangu about issues relating to resigning and assist her on that.**
- c) Calls for Local Authority meetings be held in public.**

#### **Previous Minutes**

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

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

*181/2022 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)*

**That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 18 January 2022 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.

*182/2022 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Rosetta Wayatja)*

**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.**

## **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.

**183/2022 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Joe Djakala)**

**That Council notes the CEO Report.**

## **8.2 RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS CONTROLLED LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **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.

**184/2022 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Rosetta Wayatja)**

**That the Local Authority endorses:**

- a) The motion to be 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.**

### **BREAKS FOR LUNCH AT 12:29PM**

**185/2022 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Rosetta Wayatja)**

### **MEETING RESUMES AT 1:22PM**

**186/2022 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)**

## **8.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

### **SUMMARY:**

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

**187/2022 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)**

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

**General Business**

**8.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**188/2022 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)**

**That Local Authority notes the report.**

**8.6 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**189/2022 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.**
- b) Calls for a Rapiirri camp at Rapuma to be held for a minimum of two weeks with the young Djamarrkuli (young people) who attacked the community school, to provide a real way for them to be held accountable for the wrong they have done, and for the community to set them on the right path.**

**8.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**190/2022 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- a) Receives the Financial and Employment information to 28 February 2022.**
- b) A report will be presented by the Director Community Development regarding the Community Night Patrol operations in Milingimbi in the next Local Authority meeting.**

## **8.8 SECOND BUDGET REVISION**

### **SUMMARY:**

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

**191/2022 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Rosetta Wayatja)**

**That Local Authority notes the second revised budget.**

### **MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 3:26PM**

**192/2022 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)**

### **MOVE BACK TO OPEN AGENDA AT 3:37PM**

**193/2022 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)**

### **Questions from members:**

- a) The proper recognition of the long term role of Bob Baker and other staff was raised. The Executives and President will consider options including an outstanding service contribution award.
- b) Concern was raised about the need for long term staff members to apply for Northern Land Council (NLC) permit and agree that President Lapulung will call the NLC Chairman to discuss. The importance is recognised for non-Indigenous residents and visitors to obtain a permit from NLC.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

17 May 2022

### **MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting ended at 4:02PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 15 March 2022.