



Agenda

Galiwin'ku

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

17 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 Galiwinku Council Office on Thursday, 17 March 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absence Without Notice
REFERENCE	1591657
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 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:

This report does not have any attachments.

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	4.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1591658
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.

Galiwinku

Melissa Campbell
Gaylene Gurruwiwi
Virginia Ripa
Nancy Gudaltji
Bobby Nyikamula
Don Wininba
Terry Walunba

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 were appointed by the Council as members of the Local Authority.

Galiwinku

Cr Kaye Thurlow
Cr David Djalangi
Cr Evelynna 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 existing vacancies.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachments.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1591659
AUTHOR	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

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1591660
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 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

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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 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING

18 November 2021

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE FOR GALIWINKU ON THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2021 AT
10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Don Wininba, Local Authority Members Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Virginia Ripa, Nancy Gudaltji and Terry Walunba.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

OBSERVERS

Councillors Kaye Thurlow and David Djalangi.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:22 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies**4.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE****SUMMARY:**

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

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

192/2021 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Nancy Gudaltji)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) **Notes the absence of Councillor Evelyn Dhamarrandji and Local Authority Members Melissa Campbell and Bobby Nyikamula.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Bobby Nyikamula.**
- (c) **Notes Councillor Evelyn Dhamarrandji and Local Authority members Melissa Campbell and Bobby Nyikamula are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

4.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**SUMMARY:**

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

193/2021 RESOLVED (Virginia Ripa/Terry Walunba)

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CONFERENCE FOR GALIWINKU ON THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2021 AT
10.00AM

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill existing vacancies.
- b) Accepts the resignation of Local Authority member Joan Dhamarrandji.
- c) Recommends Councillors David Djalangi and Kaye Thurlow be appointed as Council members of the Local Authority.

Conflict of Interest

5.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

194/2021 **RESOLVED** (Virginia Rripa/David Djalangi)

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 10:33 AM

SUMMARY:

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

195/2021 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

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

MOTION - THE MEETING RESUMED AT 1:17 PM AFTER THE GUEST SPEAKER SESSION

196/2021 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

Nancy Gudaltji left the meeting, the time being 01:17 PM.

The meeting continued as a Provisional Meeting.

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Previous Minutes

6.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

197/2021 RESOLVED (Gaylene Gurruwiwi/Virginia Ripa)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 21 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Local Authorities

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

198/2021 RESOLVED (Virginia Ripa/Terry Walunba)

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.

Guest Speakers

9.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

SUMMARY:

Professor Beverley-Ann Biggs, Head, International and Immigrant Health Group from Department of Medicine at the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, Victorian Infectious Diseases Service, Royal Melbourne Hospital regarding The ELCHO Health and Well-being Project.

199/2021 RESOLVED (Virginia Ripa/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Thanks the guest speaker for their presentation.
- b) Endorses the ELCHO Health and Wellbeing Project for the benefits it can bring to the Galiwinku Community, noting the employment of local Aboriginal people should be a key part of the project.

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10.00AM

Gaylene Gurruwiwi left the meeting, the time being 02:35 PM

10.8 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22

SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

200/2021 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the 2021/22 Budget Revision.
- b) Recommends the expenditure of the unallocated equity towards the cemetery improvement and grave identification project.

GUEST SPEAKER,

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.

201/2021 **RESOLVED** (Virginia Rripa/Terry Walunba)

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

10.1 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.

202/2021 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority:

- 1) Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including

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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.
- 2) Affirms the need to maintain the strength of all services, workers and voices of the Yolngu run Galiwinku Local Authority, and East Arnhem Regional Council.

10.2 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.

203/2021 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

10.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by East Arnhem Regional Council's Community Development Coordinator in Galiwin'ku at every Local Authority meeting to provide information to members.

204/2021 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator report.

10.4 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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

205/2021 **RESOLVED** (Virginia Rripa/Terry Walunba)

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

10.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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10.00AM

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

206/2021 **RESOLVED** (Virginia Rripa/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority note the report.

10.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

207/2021 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

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

10.7 GRANT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

208/2021 **RESOLVED** (Virginia Rripa/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Grant Report.
- b) Supports the grant application to the Immediate Priority Grants 2021-22 for the Buthan footpath priority project.
- c) Allocate the unallocated Local Authority Project Funding towards the footpath, if the grant application is not successful.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20 January 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 4:42 PM.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1591680
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 and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

ATTACHMENTS:

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GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
149/2021	That the Local Authority:	12.05.2021 – Will update further prior to next Local Authority meeting.
Community Asbestos Update	<p>(a) Notes the Community Asbestos Update, particularly the initial recommendations with regard to the asbestos in Galiwin'ku.</p> <p>(b) Supports a temporary licenced storage area at the current land fill site.</p> <p>(c) Support Indigenous employment and training for the asbestos removal project.</p> <p>(d) Will provide the Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services with a map that identifies priority areas.</p>	<p>20.05.2021 – Update provided to Local Authority, Budget was submit to the NTG and EARC are waiting for it to be approved and sent back with a contract. This will also include a storage container that will be portable. Training is also included in the budget with regards to the removal of asbestos – Ongoing – Updates will be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>12.10.2021 - position advertised for the project and communications officer - position should be filled November - more update provided in future reports.</p> <p>18.11.2021 – Interview was done on 17 Nov. A draft employment contract will be finalised and probable start would be January 2022.</p>
152/2021	That the Local Authority:	<p>10.03.2022 – Employment contract counter signed – commencement February 2022 – attendance by the Waste Team and Ben for an introduction and finalised project direction is scheduled for this meeting.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p>
Series of Murals (re-tabled)	<p>(a) Continues to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.</p> <p>(b) Start gathering together photos of possible candidates, to be given to the Community Development Coordinator.</p>	<p>20.05.2021 – Update was provided at meeting. At the Next LA meeting to come up with a plan or design for the series of murals - Ongoing</p> <p>12.10.2021 - Ongoing awaiting designs from LA</p> <p>18.11.2021 – Ongoing awaiting design from LA</p> <p>12.01.2022 – Ongoing</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
155/2021	That the Local Authority:	12.10.2021 – Ongoing - awaiting NLC consultations - Shelter to be installed Nov/ Dec.
Questions from Members	(a) Notes the questions from members about the misuse of the PA system, the progress of the proposed waterpark and BMX track projects, and the progress on the public toilet to be located at the private charter area at the airport.	18.11.2021 – The volume of the PA system is not loud enough and will be assessed. 12.01.2022 NLC consultation has not happened for Galiwinku yet surrounding priority projects with the approval process is still ongoing. 10.03.2022 – Still no outline for project application consultations dates – EARC have approached the NLC again with an offer for the usage of video conferencing from the Darwin office into Community meeting rooms to facilitate these consultations as they are not extensive to that of say consultations for new businesses or land mineral extractions such as mining etc.
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. 20.05.2021 – Still unsure when this will be happening. Update has been provided to LA, will update up at next LA meeting – Ongoing. 17.12.2021 – A separate report on this will be presented by the CEO in the meeting. 12.01.2022 – Ongoing

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Women's Centre Grant		<p>21.05.2020 – The Director of Community Development requested to provide an update for current and possible future programs to be run out of the Women's Centre facility.</p> <p>22.01.2021 – The Community Development Directorate has researched current women's centre and crisis accommodation providers across the NT. The attached list details organisation, location, operator, purpose and services offered for the members review. Galiwin'ku has current significant investment by Territory Families for a Galiwin'ku Crisis accommodation, in addition to other funded programs delivered at the Galiwin'ku women's space. The Community Development Directorate will continue to explore emerging opportunities to increase women's services in Galiwin'ku, however note that repetition of services adds increased complexity in further successful applications/opportunities being presented.</p> <p>28.01.2021 – Director Community Development to provide an update on commencement date and services provided by the Women's Centre, and to check the option of a trip for a small group to visit the Women's Centre at Maningrida.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – plan will be supplied at next council meeting.</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Director of Community Development to organise a charter for the Women of the LA to have a look at the women's centre in Maningrida, Update will be provided at next LA meeting – Ongoing.</p> <p>18.11.2021 – a budget has been allocated and CDC to organise a trip early new year.</p> <p>12.01.2022 – Contacted the Women's centre, have confirmed approval visit, discussion on purpose of visit have been confirmed, initial planning for trip is January – pending due to COVID – 19.</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Cemetery Fencing		<p>18.01.2021 – Quotations ready for release to the market end of January 2021.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – All materials have been provided, Still waiting for ARPA Approvals – Ongoing</p> <p>12.10.2021 – Ongoing - will be in the new year around Jan / Feb</p> <p>18.11.2021 – Ongoing - will be in the new year around Jan / Feb</p> <p>10.03.2022 – As per the above - materials on site – localised capacity with trades has been an issue, end of march commencement for the project.</p>
Grave Digger		<p>21.05.2020 – The CDC is to provide modelling to inform further consideration of the viability of the purchase of a grave digger. Majority of providers on island are equipped with own machinery so hire model does not suit the operational environment. Grave digging is currently included as a 'gratis service' as per the EARC Funeral Service & Burial Policy.</p> <p>18.11.2020 – The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to come back to the Local Authority with detailed costed briefing with options for a small digger.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Costing has been obtain, will provided amounts at next Local Authority meeting.</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Cost has been provided to members of \$83,000 for grave digger, Recommendation that the Galiwin'ku LA support the mini excavator for burials and other requirements within Galiwin'ku pending council approval – Ongoing.</p> <p>18.11.2021 - Grave digger will be discussed in the December council meeting.</p> <p>12.01.2022 – discussed with the delays fleet capital outline – will be actioned by the end of January – but delivery may be March dependent on ETA of imports.</p> <p>10.03.2022 – Ongoing. Based on availability and capacity estimated finalisation is May 22, but still have machinery to facilitate any burial needs in the interim.</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD	ACTIONS	STATUS
Improvement to Tracks	That the Local Authority notes the question from members about the need for funds to improve the tracks to hunting grounds and Local Authority funds for Youth, Sport and Recreation.	<p>12.05.2021 – Grants are been sourced – Ongoing</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Another round has been realised, Update will be provided at next LA meeting.</p> <p>– Ongoing</p> <p>18.11.2021 – Ongoing and will keep looking for additional fund.</p> <p>12.01.2022 – As per the above and will keep searching for available funding especially coming out of the wet season.</p>

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS		
ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		10.03.2022 – a new natural account has been created in the budget revision for allocations towards this need, the LA are to confirm to the DTSI what tracks will be the focus of the initial grading / opening up attention prior to April Contractor arrival.
		2023.17.7283 - Galiwin' Truck Access Maintenance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> (1.00) <input type="checkbox"/> 0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 18,000.00 / \$

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Guest Speakers - Australian Electoral Commission
REFERENCE	1591719
AUTHOR	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:**

- a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.
- b) Encourages AEC to explore partnerships with other stakeholders in Gapuwiyak.
- c) Supports the Director – Community Development to enter into further discussion with AEC around solutions and/or partnerships to facilitate the federal election.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachments.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Guest Speakers - Power and Water
REFERENCE	1594864
AUTHOR	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**GENERAL**

Power and Water wishes to speak to the community members to invite participation in the remote community feedback project "Our Water – Thinking, Talking and Listening with people in remote Northern Territory communities about water."

The intention is to find out if participating in this project is something the community wants to happen, and then plan for how best to go about organising that.

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:

This report does not have any attachments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE CEO Report
REFERENCE 1594772
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:

This report does not have any attachments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.2
TITLE	Recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Government
REFERENCE	1594773
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:

This report does not have any attachments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.3
TITLE	Street Naming for Buthan Subdivision - Galiwinku
REFERENCE	1591041
AUTHOR	Natasha Jackson, Strategic Project Coordinator

SUMMARY:

This report is for discussion on suggested road names for the Buthan subdivision in Galiwinku – 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 Galiwinku****Galiwinku**

Roads 18

Place Id	Data Type	Name	Type Designation	Locality
5177	Road	Balpapalina	Street	Galiwinku
5305	Road	Birrkpirrknura	Street	Galiwinku
5468	Road	Burmala	Street	Galiwinku
5886	Road	Dhorunhdhu	Street	Galiwinku
5958	Road	Dutungurra	Street	Galiwinku
6201	Road	Gakuda	Street	Galiwinku
6202	Road	Galawarra	Road	Galiwinku
6209	Road	Ganapay	Parade	Galiwinku
22877	Road	Guluwurru	Street	Galiwinku
7053	Road	Marrpandhanganala	Street	Galiwinku
7169	Road	Merlnura	Street	Galiwinku
7175	Road	Mewalnura	Street	Galiwinku
7302	Road	Nalkanna	Street	Galiwinku
22870	Road	Nurruwurrnhan	Road	Galiwinku

7635	Road	Rarrapul	Street	Galiwinku
7680	Road	Riyalanura	Road	Galiwinku
8196	Road	Wakirana	Street	Galiwinku
8383	Road	Yawunymirringura	Street	Galiwinku



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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Galiwin'ku Local Authority Members suggest road names for Buthan subdivision to submit to the NT Place Names Committee for consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.5
TITLE	Waste Services Update
REFERENCE	1591726
AUTHOR	Wesley Van Zanden, Waste & Environmental Manager

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to provide a summary update of asbestos project being implemented by the Waste Services Department

BACKGROUND

This report will provide an update on the asbestos project as well as other upcoming projects planned in Galiwin'ku, including Cash 4 Containers, Wetlands surveys and hydrology studies of the landfill.

GENERALAsbestos Remediation Project – Galiwin'ku

Recent assessments were undertaken at Galiwin'ku after asbestos removal works identified the presence of widespread potential asbestos containing materials (ACM) across public spaces in Galiwin'ku. The findings from these assessment identified several short, medium and long-term strategies to address asbestos management on the island.

To manage these strategies, a Working Group was established with stakeholders from the National Indigenous Australian Agency, Chief Ministers and Cabinet, East Arnhem Regional Council, NT Department of Infrastructure & Planning, and Northern Land Council. To oversee the management of the project, the Working Group elected to jointly fund a Project Manager position and have them sit within East Arnhem Regional Council. I am pleased to advise that after many months of delays in finalizing funds and budgets for the position, Ben Jones has accepted an offer to file the role of Environmental Projects and Communications Officer.

Ben is an exceptional candidate, with over fifteen years of environmental management experience across a range of industries and locations. Ben has moved up with his family from South Australia and started with the Council on 1 March 2022. This is a great step forward for the project and will hopefully mean that the project can progress rapidly in 2022.



Figure 1. Areas potentially impacted by Asbestos

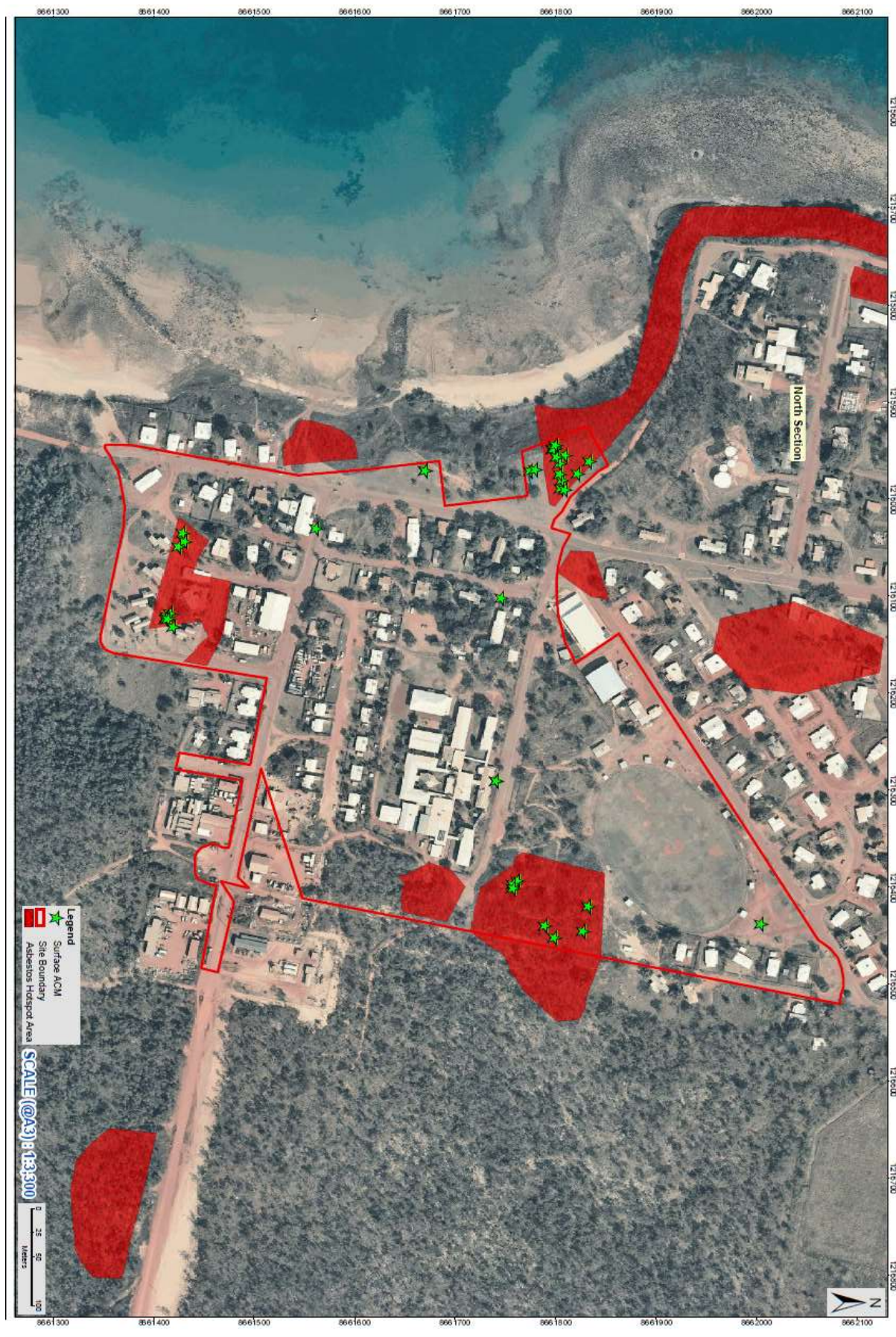


Figure 2. Areas potentially impacted by Asbestos

Wetlands Management Plans

A new initiative that Waste Services are developing in 2022 are Wetlands Management Plans (WMP). Initially, WMPs are going to be developed for Wetlands south of Galiwin'ku. Given the complexity of wetlands and their many values, it is wise to prepare management plans for wetlands to help maintain these values. The purpose of a WMP is to address;

- What is the present state of the wetland and its existing or desired values?
- How might the situation change and values be lost (what threats apply)?
- What is the plan of action to restore, improve and/or sustain the wetland?

Management plans specifically for wetlands, can ensure the best outcomes for sustaining the values and benefits of wetlands to landholders and the wider community for present and future generations. The initial stages to develop the plan will be to conduct surveys around the wetland to identify plant and soil types as well as potential hazards and areas where further data collection is required. Initial surveys are planned for dry season 2022.

However at this stage consultation with NLC (Traditional Owners) and Rangers has not been conducted. As part of the wetlands management projects it is expected that the various Ranger groups in East Arnhem will be engaged to provide ecological and land management support.



Landfill Monitoring and Hydrological Studies

Within the Environmental Management Plans (EMP) developed for the landfills, hydrological studies were identified as being required for Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi and Umbakumba. The information from the EMP and these hydrological studies will inform the Council as to what landfill monitoring is required at the landfills. It is expected that groundwater monitoring bores will be required at Galinwin'ku and Milingimbi Landfills, while the rest of the landfills will require routine site inspections. However, until assessments are undertaken it is difficult to know for sure what the requirements will be.

Cash 4 Containers

Cash 4 Containers was put on hold at the start of the year across all communities to fix some internal program issues. The program on Galiwin'ku will likely remain on hold until a new Municipal Services Supervisor begins to ensure that the program is appropriately managed on the ground.

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 report from Waste Services.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.6
TITLE Animal Management Update
REFERENCE 1593941
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
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2 nd	2 nd	2 nd Vet Nurse Day - Galiwinku	2 nd	2 nd
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.8
TITLE	Community Development Coordinator - Report
REFERENCE	1595006
AUTHOR	Melissa Jones, Community Development Coordinator - Galiwinku

**SUMMARY:**

This report is provided by East Arnhem Regional Council's Community Development Coordinator in Galiwin'ku 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

Since the last time we met in November, there has been a lot going on in community. Council services were fairly quiet over the Christmas period as most staff were taken some well-deserved leave and then the dreaded COVID-19 hit community which I will go into more detail later in the report.

At the end of January the Community Housing contract came to an end. We have been fortunate that our two housing staff transitioned into the Community Library Officer positions as of 1st February. The library has been closed for a very long time, so it has been exciting to have that re-opened. There has also been some recruitment happening in Childcare, which will hopefully assist the current staff. Mark Deacon our amazing Municipal Services Supervisor will be leaving us at the end of this month, unfortunately his last day with us will be on 25th March. This is a big loss to the Council and the community as Mark & Jan have been on and off in Galiwinku for a very long time and built a lot of strong relationships. They will be heading back to Queensland for their next adventure and we wish them both the best of luck. We also recruited for our Senior Administration position – Aimee Ashcroft commenced with us in January and has already proven to be a great asset to Council.

Both myself and Kaye have both spoken with the Babbarra Women's Centre in Maningrida in regard to organising a day trip to learn about their work – as an action item from the previous meeting. The Women's Centre has been kind enough to offer to show us around their printing studio, sewing room, op-shop and retail space. They have expressed they would like to show us the areas that do not work as effectively and offer ideas and suggestions as to how they could be made more user friendly. I will organise catering through the local café here so we can take across lunch for our team and the team in Maningrida. Initially it was mentioned the latter half of January, however due to the COVID situations that arose across the Territory it has been on hold.

As you would all know COVID-19 hit the community in January and we went into a 2 week lock down. For Council, we were able to still run most of our services as they are essential for the community, however things worked a little differently. The Municipal team continued work as normal. Aged Care & Disability were quick to get PPE training from the surge team that came to community to assist in testing and resources. Aged Care were not able to accept any clients, however they were still able to do meals on wheels and deliver medications to the clients houses and continue welfare checks – dressed in PPE to protect themselves. Unfortunately due to the quick spread of the virus, there was a number of Aged Care staff that did contract the virus which meant they the service was low on staffing. We are fortunate they are a strong resilient team and were able to work together and continue to

operate through the tough times. All staff were required to have a Rapid Antigen Tests twice a week to keep themselves and other staff safe. Only in the last week have they been able to start accepting clients back into the facility, and to operate as normal pre-COVID.

The Youth Sport & Rec team were not able to operate as they were previously due to the risks involved and not being essential for the community. We were able to offer the team other work in assisting the surge team on ground. Denholm was more than willing to assist the surge team and he has been instrumental in continuing to keep the response running after the lockdown. In the last month, Denholm has been the lead for what is remaining of the team and assisting Miwatj in testing community members. We are very thankful and appreciative for all Denholm's hard work in the last few months. The YSR has begun outdoor activities and will transition to indoor activities. Denholm will join the team again in the coming weeks.

The CDS team continued to operate as normal, we had the Post Office opened most days. We also had to work around staff getting COVID or having house hold members with COVID and being required to isolate. The Night Patrol team continued to patrol, however instead of recording their normal stats and giving people a lift, they were recording community members breaching lockdown rules. Once lockdown was lifted they continued recording stats as per normal, but due to high COVID numbers were not transporting people as we did not want our staff put at risk. As of this week they have commenced all their duties as normal pre-COVID.

Childcare re-opened late January and were limited on opening days due to lack of staff attendance. They were only able to take children of essential workers, so for roughly a month there was only 3 regular kids attending, but that was dependant of their families and households contracting the virus. Childcare is now operating as normal.

I wanted to discuss with everyone the Funeral Services & Cemetery Policy. The Council, when requested is able to provide an in-kind service of \$1000 which equates to 2 truckloads of sand, sand delivery and the labour assisting in grave preparation activities as well as grave digging. Currently in community there is more than two truckloads of sand being used for ceremonies, this practice is against our Policy for Funeral Services. The members should also be aware that sometimes EARC does not have valid permission for extraction, during these times service cannot be offered. According to the Schedule of Fees and Charges, extra sand delivery comes at a cost of \$675. Unfortunately when people ask for more sand, it comes as a demand rather than a request. If Council refuse services, people can become quite rude and aggressive to Council staff. The below is a snippet from the Policy and the Community Development Coordinator would like to have everyone's feedback and discussion regarding this matter.

4.2.1 Gratis Services

Gratis service is applicable by location and has a limitation calculated by the value of the service under the following guidelines;

- EARC provided services up to the value of \$1000
- Once per deceased individual
- Limited to the community and EARC administered cemetery where the burial will take place.
- For gratis funeral services provided please refer to 4.2.2

The gratis measure of \$1000 is an in-kind amount, thus cannot be;

- Used to purchase items
- Paid to an external or third party for service or material
- Held in credit for subsequent funerals of other relatives
- Applied to funeral services requested outside of ordinary business hours

The gratis service amount will be drawn on by application of the fees as per EARC's schedule of rates for the current financial year. Payment will be required for any service that exceeds the gratis amount as set in this policy.

4.2.2 Available Gratis funeral services

Services listed below are subject to equipment availability and serviceability. Council will not be liable for costs of contracted services due to plant, equipment or human resources being unfit or unavailable at the time of the request.

- Grave digging
- Ceremonial sand delivery
- General labour assisting in grave preparation activities

Other services may be available at each location, these are by negotiation with the local EARC office. Other services do not form part of the gratis services availability.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Community Development Coordinator report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	10.9
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1592283
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 (Yirrkala/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) Seeks the following recommendations:**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.10
TITLE Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE 1591722
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

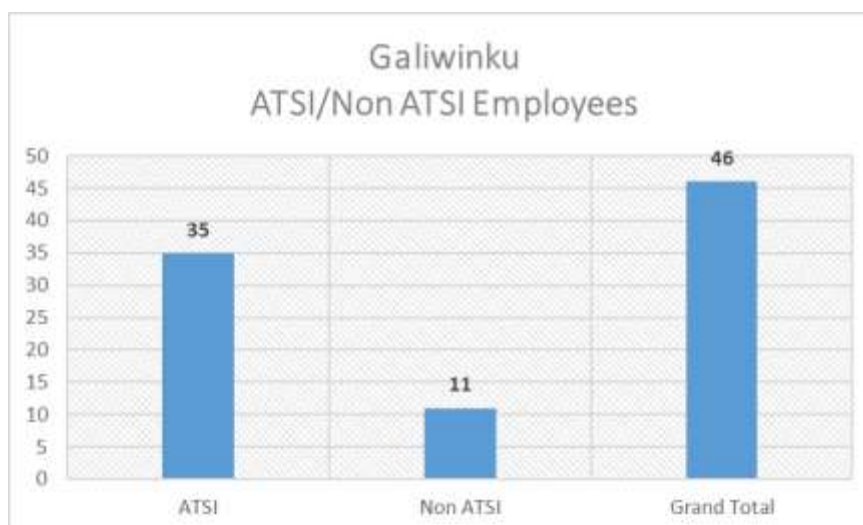
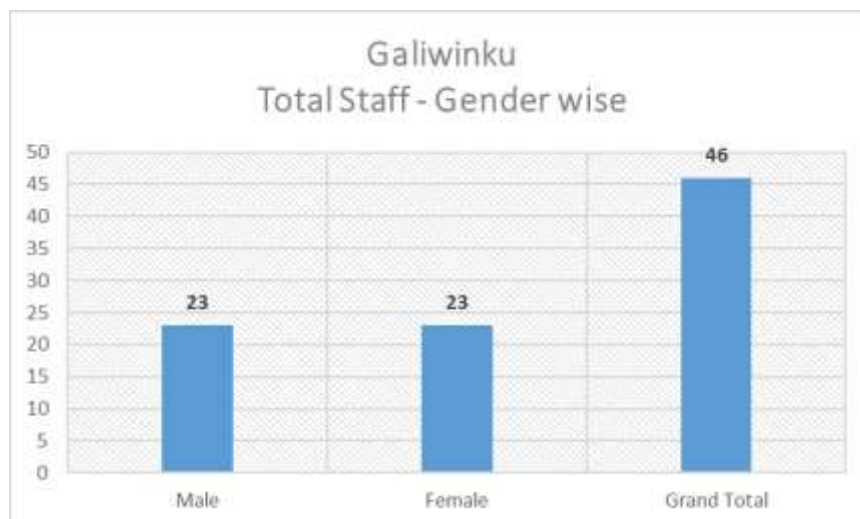
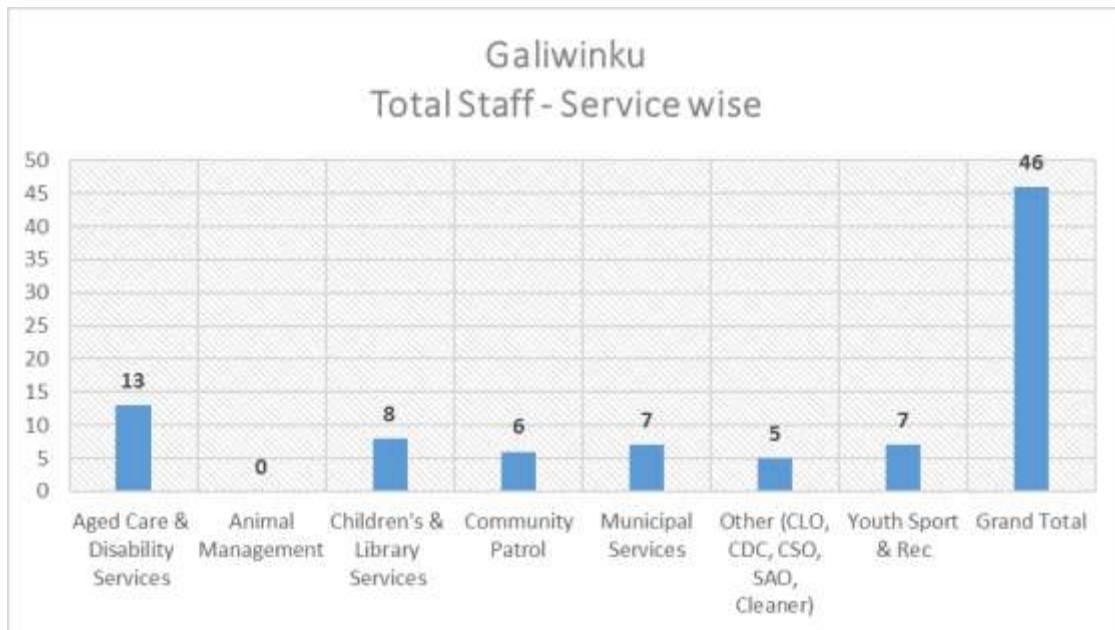
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL

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 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	495,315	557,580	62,266	13%
Building and Infrastructure Services	27,307	35,331	8,023	29%
Children and Family Services	149,963	240,535	90,572	60%
Community Development	203,427	228,393	24,966	12%
Community Media	2,230	10,519	8,289	372%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	156,226	194,487	38,260	24%
Council Housing/Tenancy Services	34,968	44,038	9,070	26%
Library Services	6,772	63,970	57,198	845%
Municipal Services	208,282	273,665	65,383	31%
Veterinary and Animal Control Services	34,807	-	- 34,807	-100%
Visitor Accommodation	28,091	51,735	23,644	84%
Waste and Environmental Services	60,223	84,892	24,669	41%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	193,883	285,289	91,406	47%
Grand Total	1,601,493	2,070,433	468,939	29%

Employee Statistics:**Vacancies as of 28 February 2022:**

Position		Level
Veterinarian		Level 7
Aged Care & Disability Services Support Worker		Level 1
Child Care Worker		Level 1
Community Media Officer		Level 1
Community Patrol Officer		Level 1
Municipal Services Supervisor		Level 6
Municipal Services Team Leader		Level 3

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	Galiwinku		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	1,837,967	2,062,647	(224,680)
User Charges and Fees	1,076,561	1,164,001	(87,440)
Rates and Annual Charges	1,816,032	1,790,252	25,780
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	284,011	310,141	(26,130)
Untied Revenue Allocation	319,342	321,687	(2,345)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	5,333,913	5,648,728	(314,815)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	1,601,493	2,070,433	(468,939)
Materials and Contracts	562,662	798,349	(235,687)
Elected Member Allowances	119	-	119
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,262	6,000	(4,738)
Depreciation and Amortisation	63,007	59,423	3,583
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	1,090,014	888,915	201,099
Council Internal Costs Allocations	666,228	988,471	(322,243)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,984,785	4,811,591	(826,806)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,349,128	837,137	511,992
Capital Grants Income	470,000	-	470,000
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,819,128	837,137	981,992
Capital Expenses	(6,074)	(1,304,353)	1,298,279
Transfer to Reserves	-	(543,275)	543,275
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	63,007	59,423	3,583
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,876,061	(951,068)	2,827,129
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	1,828,262	1,500,432	327,830
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,039,134	(1,039,134)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	1,828,262	2,539,566	(711,304)
NET OPERATING POSITION	3,704,323	1,588,499	2,115,824
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.11
TITLE Second Budget Revision
REFERENCE 1594782
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:

[1](#)  FY2022 Revised Budget - Galiwinku

Location Description	Galiwinku																			
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	Unfud Revenue	Net Results										
100 - Local Authorities	(624,984)	573,114	(591,100)	163,605	1,383,415			(892,315)	(11,825)	-										
101 - Local Laws & Administration of Local Laws	(3,954)	1,984		1,970																
107 - Community Development			(88,790)	422,997		176,314			(530,523)	(0)										
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services	(1,323)		(6,100)	34,128	-	58,374			(85,083)	0										
112 - Fleet and Workshop Services																				
115 - Library Services	-		(53,889)	111,169		29,494	7,827		(93,443)	1,068										
116 - Lighting for Public Safety				44,220					(44,220)	-										
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	(136,167)		(10,000)	198,570			4,993	(57,156)		(0)										
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction	(2,574)		(470,000)	472,574		(80,000)	10,383	(350,628)	(32,854)	(86)										
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services	(314,142)	168,098	(26,330)	625,586			123,880	217,954		5,784										
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	1,571		(1,005,866)	599,311		68,934	8,923			-										
138 - Council Housing/Tenancy Services			(59,487)	50,564		-	8,923			7,268										
139 - Visitor Accommodation			(229,500)	133,205		69,139	34,425			-										
141 - Aged Care and Disability Services	(180,947)		(1,919,375)	1,367,152		108,616	188,992	435,562		(0)										
145 - Children and Family Services	(78)		(579,740)	447,977		45,178	86,961		(3,517)	297										
146 - Community Media	(2,639)		(27,144)	22,513		6,715	4,072			(0)										
147 - Community Patrol and SOS Services			(394,784)	292,895		42,671	59,218		(5,312)	(140)										
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	(212,908)		(477,786)	557,431		76,489	63,945		(20,000)	10										
156 - Community Events	(4,499)		(556)	25,055						-										
167 - Corporate Services			(1,126,739)						1,126,739	-										
169 - Municipal Services			(115,967)			305,205			(708,295)	-										
Net Results	(1,483,013)	743,106	(2,163,352)	6,146,070	1,383,415	911,128	591,610	(466,024)	(466,327)	14,183										

Operating and Capital Expenditures		Revised Budget 1		Revised Budget 2		Increase (Decrease)	
Salary Expenses		3,111,762		3,039,319		(72,443)	
Materials/Contractors		1,251,890		1,734,762		482,872	
General Expenses		1,064,644		1,118,738		54,094	
Finance Expense		210,120		214,929		4,759	
Asset Expense		23,500		38,322		14,822	
Capital Expenditure Plant & Equipment		232,014		-		(232,014)	
Capital Expenditure Infrastructure		1,224,515		1,383,415		(241,100)	
Grant Total		7,618,495		7,529,488		(89,010)	

