



Agenda

Milyakburra

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

21 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 Milyakburra Council Office on Monday, 21 March 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES



ITEM NUMBER	2.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
REFERENCE	1591929
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 the Local Authority:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

APOLOGIES



ITEM NUMBER	2.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1591939
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.

Milyakburra

Terrance Wurramarra
Victor Wurramarra
Vail Wurramarra
Lucinda Bara
Janice Wurramarra
Eric Wurramarra
Lawrence Wurramarra
Violet Huddleston

The following elected Councillors are appointed by the Council as members of the Local Authority.

Milyakburra

Cr Gordon Walsh
Cr Constantine Mamarika

The following nominations have been received from the Local Authority. There are room for four additional members.

Elvis Bara
Steven Lalara
Tasma Lalara
Conroy Mamarika
Ainsley Wurramara
Lucille Wurramara

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:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- b) Recommends the following four nominations to be presented for Council approval,**
 - i) ...**
 - ii) ...**
 - iii) ...**
 - iv) ...**

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1** [↓](#) LA member nomination form - Milyakburra



NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Lucille.

FAMILY NAME: Nursamara.

CLAN NAME: Nursamara.

COMMUNITY: Milyakburra.

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PROPOSER NAME: Eric. Nursamara.

PROPOSER SIGNATURE: ERIC WURRAMARA

SECONDER NAME: Vaii. Nursamara.

SECONDER SIGNATURE: Vaii WURRAMARA

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority

Member: To be the voice and of my community. Advocate on behalf of my community

I, Lucille. Nursamara. accept being Nominated into the Milyakburra. Local Authority.
Signed L. Nursamara.

(MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON. NOMINATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF NOT ACCEPTED)**

How to submit this nomination form: Put in locked box at Council Office before
Nominations close OR **Email to:** governance@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au





NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Ainsley.

FAMILY NAME: Wursamara.

CLAN NAME: Wursamara number 1

COMMUNITY: Milyakburra.

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PROPOSER NAME: Eric Wursamara.

PROPOSER SIGNATURE: Eric Wursamara

SECONDER NAME: Vail Wursamara.

SECONDER SIGNATURE: Vail Wursamara

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority

Member: To help council understand
cultural way.

I, Ainsley Wursamara accept being
 Nominated into the Milyakburra.

Local Authority.

Signed, Ainsley Wursamara

(MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.**

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NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Tasma Lalata
 FAMILY NAME: Lalata
 CLAN NAME: Lalata
 COMMUNITY: Milyakburra
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PROPOSER NAME: Eric Wharamara
 PROPOSER SIGNATURE: ERIC WURRAMARA
 SECONDER NAME: Vail Wharamara
 SECONDER SIGNATURE: Vail WURRAMARA

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority

Member:
LA needs more young mother & so we can talk about things to help our next generation.

I, Tasma Lalata, accept being Nominated into the Milyakburra Local Authority.
 Signed Tasma Lalata

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NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Conroy, Mamarika
 FAMILY NAME: Mamarika
 CLAN NAME: Mamarika
 COMMUNITY: Milyakburra
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PROPOSER NAME: Eric Wussamara
 PROPOSER SIGNATURE: ERIC WUSSAMARA
 SECONDER NAME: Vail Wussamara
 SECONDER SIGNATURE: VAIL WUSSAMARA

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority

Member:

To bring in new ideas and learn from council how we can support each other.

I, Conroy Mamarika, accept being
 Nominated into the Milyakburra,
 Local Authority.
 Signed Conroy Mamarika

(**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.

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NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Elvis.
 FAMILY NAME: Bara.
 CLAN NAME: Bara.
 COMMUNITY: Milyakburra.
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
 EMAIL: N/A
 PROPOSER NAME: Eric Wieramara.
 PROPOSER SIGNATURE: ERIC WIERAMARA
 SECONDER NAME: Vaii. Wuisamara.
 SECONDER SIGNATURE: Vaii Wieramara

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority Member:

To help my community work with Council.

I, Elvis Bara.accept being
 Nominated into the Milyakburra.
 Local Authority.

Signed: Elvis Bara.

(MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.**

NOMINATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF NOT ACCEPTED)

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NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Steven

FAMILY NAME: Lalava

CLAN NAME: Lalava

COMMUNITY: Milyakburra

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: MIA

PROPOSER NAME: Eric Murrumara

PROPOSER SIGNATURE: ERIC MURRAMARA

SECONDER NAME: Vait Murrumara

SECONDER SIGNATURE: Vait Murrumara

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority

Member: To be the voice of community

I, Steven Lalava, accept being
 Nominated into the Milyakburra
 Local Authority.
 Signed: Steven Lalava

(MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.
 NOMINATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF NOT ACCEPTED)**

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1591948
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	4.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1591949
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 22 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Milyakburra 2021-11-22 [1717] 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 PROVISIONAL MEETING

22 November 2021

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE FOR MILYAKBURRA ON MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00 AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Eric Wurramarra, Local Authority Members, Vail Wurramarra, Lucinda Bara and Councillor Gordon Walsh.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:23 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 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).

205/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Eric Wurramarra)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Members Terrance Wurramarra, Lucille Wurramarra, Victor Wurramarra, Lawrence Yantarranga, Janice Wurramarra and Councillor Constantine Mamarika.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Local Authority Members Terrance Wurramarra, Lucille Wurramarra and Victor Wurramarra.**
- (c) Notes Terrance Wurramarra, Lucille Wurramarra, Victor Wurramarra, Lawrence Yantarranga, Janice Wurramarra are absent with permission of the Council.**
- (d) Determines Councillor Constantine Mamarika is absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

206/2021 RESOLVED (Eric Wurramarra/Vail Wurramarra)

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That the Local Authority notes:

- a) The member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Request the Community Development Coordinator to contact Lawrence Yantarranga to confirm his ongoing membership.

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

207/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Lucinda Bara)

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

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

208/2021 RESOLVED (Vail Wurraramara/Lucinda Bara)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 26 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Local Authorities

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

209/2021 RESOLVED (Lucinda Bara/Vail Wurraramara)

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

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General Business

7.1 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.

210/2021 RESOLVED (Lucinda Bara/Eric Wurramara)

That the Local Authority:

Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including through:

- a) Support for the development, transition to and services of the new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government, as agreed, and**
- b) Formal commitment by the Northern Territory Government to provide funding necessary to ensure continuity of capacity, service delivery levels and sustainability across the East Arnhem Region.**
- c) Requests that EARC CEO and Executives keep all staff informed about developments on the creation of a proposed new Anindilyakwa council.**

7.2 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.

211/2021 RESOLVED (Eric Wurramara/Vail Wurramara)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:08 PM

212/2021 RESOLVED (Eric Wurramara/Vail Wurramara)

MEETING RESUMES AT 12:53 PM

213/2021 RESOLVED (Eric Wurramara/Vail Wurramara)

7.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Authority member's and Councillors on how the Milyakburra team has delivered Council services in the last 3 months (August, September and October).

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This is a summary of how each department have delivered their individual services.

The report will cover the challenges faced by each department and how they work through challenges to deliver quality services to community of Milyakburra.

214/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Lucinda Bara)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

7.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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

215/2021 RESOLVED (Eric Wurraramara/Gordon Walsh)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

7.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

216/2021 RESOLVED (Eric Wurraramara/Vail Wurraramara)

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

7.6 GRANT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

217/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Lucinda Bara)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.

7.7 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22

SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

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218/2021 **RESOLVED** (Lucinda Bara/Vail Wurramara)

That the meeting note the 2021/22 Budget Revision.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 24 January 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 1:43 PM.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 22 November 2021.

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1591954
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:

1 [↓](#) LA Action Register_Milyakburra - Feb 22

MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
163/2021 Series of Murals	That the Local Authority continue to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.	12.05.2021 – Ongoing 24.05.2021 – Update provided to LA members, Members have decided that they would like to use the elders and young people. Timeline agreed that Cr Elliot to consult with community members within 14 days, to advise council at next council meeting. 22.11.2021 – Ongoing. Some concerns were raised to have paintings of Anindilyakwa leaders on the outside of the building, but ok to have them inside. Will discuss this point with Umbakumba and Angurugu Local Authorities. 18.01.2022 – Suggestive option for the Groote Archipelago – which is tabled for this meeting is the recognition on the EARC Head office based in Nhulunbuy - a map to be the fixture for the acknowledgement of associated history of the Groote Area as part of the Regional history and long standing association.
112/2020 – Approval of Welcome Signage for Milyakburra	That the Local Authority approves the above design, incorporating final amendments from the Local Authority members to be provided by the Community Development Coordinator, before printing and installation of the sign.	Completed. 12.05.2021 – To be removed 24.05.2021 – LA members are not happy with wording on the sign. Cr Elliot to advise CDC of what word is incorrect and to be brought to the Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services and Director of Community Development Services about the error to be corrected on both welcome signs. 22.11.2021 – Change the first word from Kaningaba to Nanningaba, subject to confirmation from Groote linguist. 10.03.2022 – no change as yet
Street Lights		25.05.2020 – A large order of street lights has been placed but was delayed, partly due to COVID-19 restrictions. These lights are due for delivery into Australia during the next few weeks. 1.02.21 - Completed – additional lighting to be reviewed in the February period.

MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Health Worker		<p>12.05.2021 – 3 or 4 light still out, will finalise by June 30 – Ongoing</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Ongoing – There is 5 lights currently out and 1 at the barge landing that is solar to be fix, Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services will be finalised by 30 June.</p> <p>22.11.2021 – Couple of street lights are still not working and need to be fixed as well as the solar light at the barge landing.</p> <p>10.03.2022 – will be actioned in April with regional annual repair rounds by contractor.</p>
		<p>24.05.2021 – See about having a nurse come to Milyakburra for a permanent time, as they have the facilities for one.</p> <p>Dale Keehne, CEO has written to Health Minister regarding this concern, response has been received and they have advised that this will not be possible.</p> <p>Boarding school is going to be opening soon, will need to advocate for this happening.</p> <p>22.11.2021 – Ongoing.</p>
FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD	ACTIONS	STATUS
Cemetery Fence	Cemetery fence – 18/01/2021 – The cemetery fence falls outside town boundary. The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to update the Local Authority of any progress once NT Government and LGANT recommence consultations – No update provided by the department to date and consultations still pending.	<p>24.05.2021 – Ongoing.</p> <p>10.03.2022 – Ongoing no confirmation to date received.</p>

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Guest Speakers
REFERENCE	1591955
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.**
- c) **Supports the Director – Community Development to enter into further discussion with AEC around solutions and/or partnerships to facilitate the federal election.**

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1596071
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:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Government
REFERENCE	1596074
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:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Series of Murals for Nhulunbuy Regional Support Office- Milyakburra
REFERENCE	1591105
AUTHOR	Natasha Jackson, Strategic Project Coordinator

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority for ideas surrounding a series of murals on the outside of the East Arnhem Regional Council Support Office in Nhulunbuy

BACKGROUND

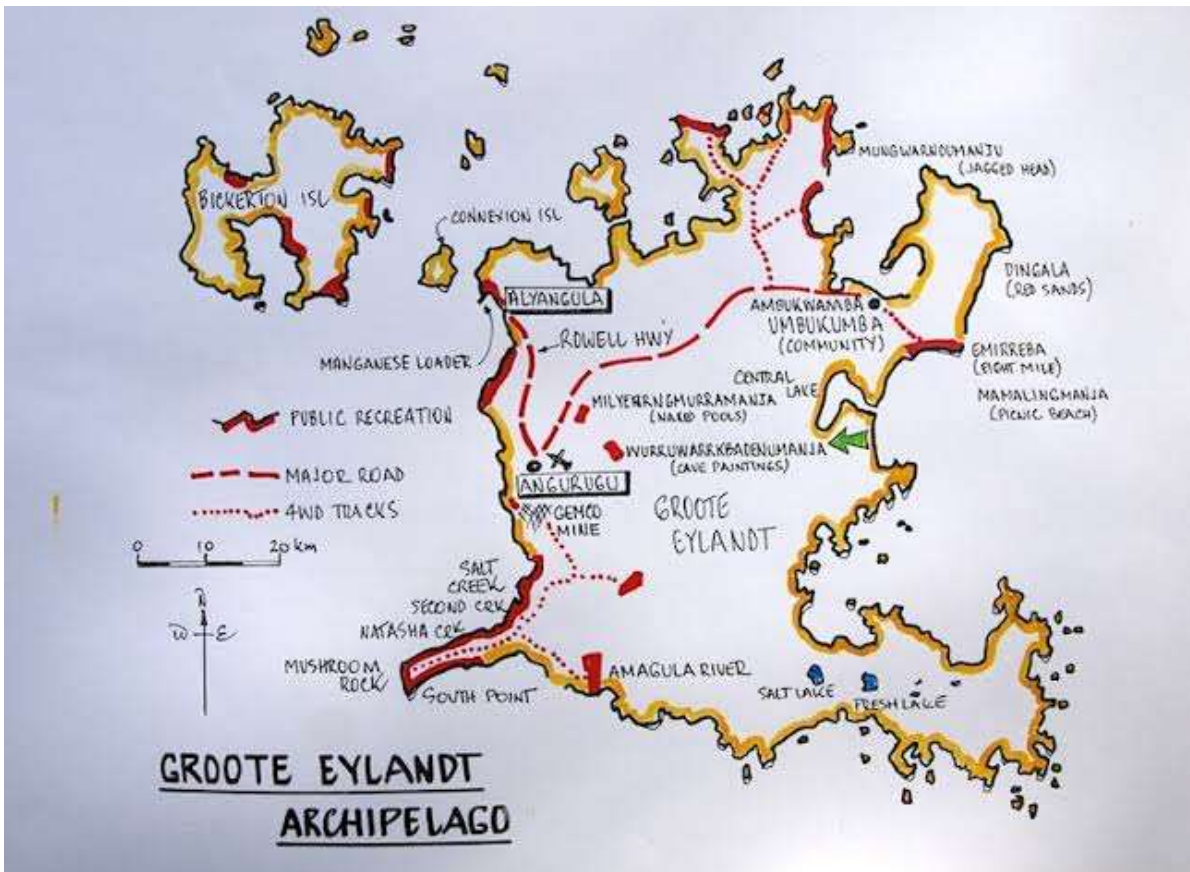
A report was presented to the Milyakburra Local Authority in February 2021 for discussion of a design concept for a series of murals on the outside of the new East Arnhem Regional Council Support Office in Nhulunbuy.

On the 25 May 2021 it was decided through the Action register for a Map of the Groote Archipelago.

GENERAL

Design concepts are below for the Local Authority to consider for an Artist to paint on the outside of the Nhulunbuy Regional Support Office.

Option 1



Option 4



Option 5



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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority Members choose a preferred map design above for consideration from the five options in line with the views of other two Anindilyakwan Local Authorities and the interpretation of the Groote Archipelago.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Animal Management Update
REFERENCE	1591109
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**GENERAL****GROOTE EYLANDT EHRLICHIOSIS**

Ehrlichiosis is a tick-borne disease affecting dogs that was first recognised in the Kimberly region of Western Australia in May 2020. Since then it has spread across Northern Australia throughout many indigenous communities with reported losses of up to 60% of the dog population.

It is spread by the brown dog tick, which transmits the bacteria Ehrlichia canis upon biting the dog. Common symptoms include lethargy, loss of appetite, fever, weight loss, blue eyes from corneal oedema, and bleeding disorders. Treatment is often unsuccessful and it is currently unknown if dogs who have been treated and survive continue to be asymptomatic carriers.



Two cases of Ehrlichiosis in Angurugu were confirmed by Berrimah Veterinary Laboratories in early February 2022. The dogs belonged to the same lot. One of the dogs was clinically ill

showing blue eyes and poor body condition, while the other dog appeared clinically well. Both dogs had a high tick burden.

The owners reported that no dogs in the household had been off island. Since then, positive results via snap test have also been obtained from a two dogs in neighbouring lot (with two further suspected cases untested), as well as two other lots in different locations, which demonstrates significant community transfer. Thus far, there have been no demonstrated or suspected cases in Umbakumba or Milyakburra.

APPROACH WITH ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM

A coordinated campaign has been rapidly deployed to attempt to limit further spread of the disease.

Tick prevention

Tick collars are the most effective method of preventing Ehrlichiosis as they serve to both repel and kill ticks. Oral tick preventatives are an adjunctive treatment to help further reduce tick populations however these rely on the tick to bite the dog, which risks transmission. All dogs in the households of confirmed cases have received tick collars, oral tick preventatives, and long-acting oxytetracycline injection.

The Animal Management Team has also begun the roll-out of oral tick preventatives door-to-door in community while complying with COVID-safe practices. It is projected that each Lot in all three communities will have been visited by the end of February. I am also working with Anindilyakwa Housing Aboriginal Corporation (AHAC) to visit the homelands in March to deliver oral tick preventatives to these areas.

Environmental tick control and containment of dogs.

EARC have contacted AHAC to discuss the possibility of pesticide spraying of lots in Angurugu which is still in discussion. Containment of dogs is difficult due to cultural practices and lack of fencing. Moving dogs between communities has been strongly discouraged.

Community education and awareness campaign.

The following campaigns have been achieved:

- Community posters distributed around all communities in public spaces detailing disease, symptoms and prevention.
- Posters emailed to local business with a description of the disease background, for businesses to display within their premises and discuss with local staff. Information provided to contact the EARC vet if there are any suspected cases.
- Social media posts on the East Arnhem Regional Council page and local Groote Eylandt Facebook pages.
- Liaising with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers and AMRRIC to promote the campaign on their respective social media platforms.
- Submission of information to the GEMCO Community Newsletter for distribution amongst employees.
- Local radio interviews.
- Discussion with community members in person about Ehrlichiosis when visiting lots and educating owners about not moving dogs between.



**Animal Management
Program**



TICK DISEASE IN ANGURUGU


The disease "**Ehrlichiosis**" has been found in dogs in Angurugu. It is spread by ticks. It makes dogs very sick and can kill them.

Signs of sickness:

- Sleepy	- Fever
- Skinny	- Blue eyes
- Stop eating	- Bleeding

Your dog **NEEDS** tick medicine.
Call the Council Vet on **8986 8986**.

Do **NOT** move dogs between communities as this will spread the disease.




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 Council do 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 Grootte 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 on a rotation basis with the assistance of Sarah Carrell – the vet nurse based in Yirrkala.

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.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.5
TITLE	Community Development Coordinator Report
REFERENCE	1596425
AUTHOR	Ulaiasi Nawaqa, Community Development Coordinator/ Municipal Services

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

This report informs Milyakburra Local Authority, East Arnhem Regional Council Councillors and the Executive Team on Council operations in Milyakburra. In the last eight weeks, each Council department operating in Milyakburra has been collaborating with the community and other stakeholders to deliver consistent services.

Youth Sports & Recreation.

Mike Wilfred, the local YSR worker has been delivering a program that aligns with the core value of the YSR program in the East Arnhem Regional Council. By facilitating a holistic program, participants have fun and connect with family and kinship, community, country, culture and spirituality.

Mike's nutrition program that he delivers twice a week has had participants learn basic cooking skills and healthy tips. Young Participants are turning up to cooking lessons before they do physical activities.

The learning on the country trip that Mike facilitates during the weekend with families and elders is a fantastic opportunity for elders to pass down cultural knowledge.

Council is discussing ways to collaborate with the school to help with school attendance and expand our program.

Community Night Patrol

The goal of CNP is to deliver an authentic service that truly serves the community. Eric Wrramara and Darryl Lalara are doing an excellent job in delivering CNP services unique to Milyakburra.

Community Development Program (CDP)

We have a host agreement with GEBIE to facilitate the CDP program in Milyakburra. We have 27 male participants and 13 females participating in life skills activities. In life skill activities, we have three sectors:

1. **Town beautification:** EARC Municipal Staff supervise CDP participants in conducting mowing, slashing, rubbish collection, tree removal, weed spraying and landfill maintenance. Also, it help participants collect material for indigenous art.
2. **Community Safety & Recreation:** CDP participants can help out with Community Night Patrol and Youth Sports & Recreation Program.
3. **Women's Group:** CDP female participants program from cooking, sewing and art & craft program. Violet, a Local Authority member has approached GEAT to source a

sewing machine for the women's program. It is expected to arrive on the barge in the coming weeks.

In facilitating all these programs, Council is empowering community members to take the initiative to approach other stakeholders to collaborate to benefit the community.

Roads

With the support of the Transport and Infrastructure Manager, Municipal Staff has been doing a great job in road maintenance.

Waste Management

With the support of the Waste Management department, the Municipal service team conduct the rubbish collection, landfill maintenance and recycling.

Public Area (Park Gardens)

In the last few weeks, we have been experiencing heavy rain in the afternoon and on weekends; the MS team has been busy slashing, mowing, removing fallen branches and trees and spraying weeds. Municipal staff have been working tirelessly to maintain the community's public areas.

The East Arnhem Regional Council staff in Milyakburra would like to extend their gratitude to all staff members in Gove and Darwin office for their support it has enabled us to deliver Council service in Milyakburra.

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.6
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1596077
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) Makes the following recommendations:**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	7.7
TITLE	Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE	1591963
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

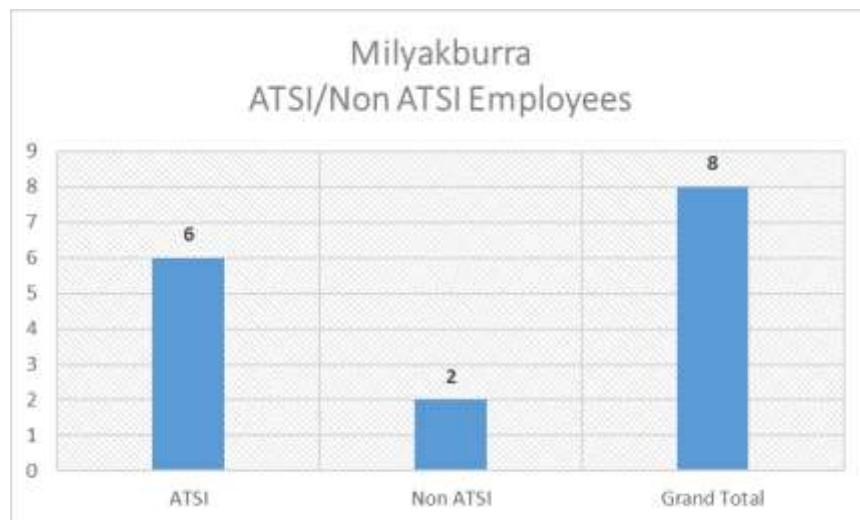
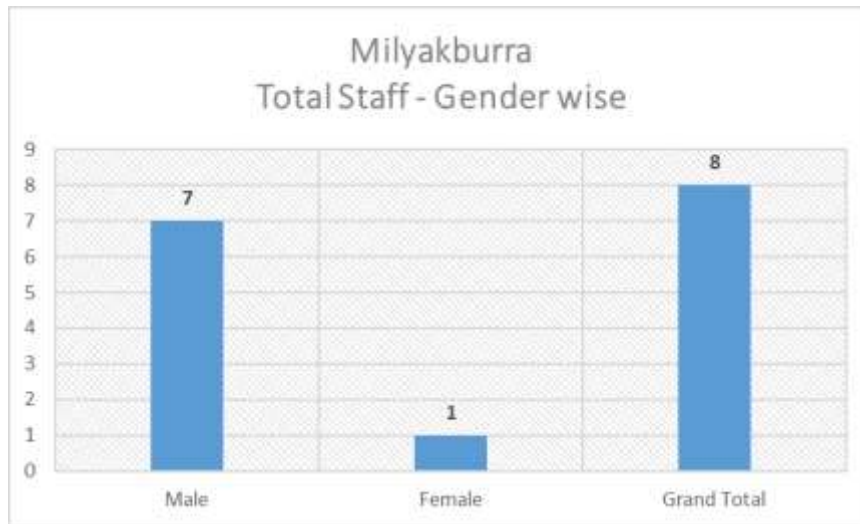
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

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
Community Development	54,141	70,463	16,322	30%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	58,307	78,735	20,428	35%
Municipal Services	68,055	80,855	12,801	19%
Waste and Environmental Services	19,369	18,482	- 887	-5%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	13,002	16,626	3,624	28%
Grand Total	212,873	265,161	52,288	25%

Employee Statistics:



Vacancies as of 28 February 2022:

There were no vacancy in the community as of 28 February 2022.

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:

1 [↓](#) Finance Reports - Milyakburra

Each Reporting Location

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2022	Milyakburra		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	157,466	238,016	(80,551)
User Charges and Fees	55,267	25,882	29,385
Rates and Annual Charges	217,914	216,050	1,864
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	7,749	1,733	6,016
Untied Revenue Allocation	270,366	270,366	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	708,761	752,047	(43,286)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	212,873	265,161	(52,288)
Materials and Contracts	34,031	150,726	(116,695)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	851	6,000	(5,149)
Depreciation and Amortisation	11,594	11,610	(16)
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	157,020	163,988	(6,968)
Council Internal Costs Allocations	95,267	155,590	(60,323)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	511,636	753,075	(241,438)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	197,125	(1,028)	198,152
Capital Grants Income	-	64,926	(64,926)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	197,125	63,899	133,226
Capital Expenses	-	(391,901)	391,901
Transfer to Reserves	-	(19,028)	19,028
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	11,594	11,610	(16)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	208,719	(335,421)	544,139
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	78,055	78,055	-
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	431,034	(431,034)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	78,055	509,088	(431,034)
NET OPERATING POSITION	286,773	173,668	113,106
			(0)

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	7.8
TITLE	Second Budget Revision
REFERENCE	1596154
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 - Milyakburra.pdf

