



# **Agenda**

## **Umbakumba**

# **LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING**

On

**23 March 2022**

### **EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that an Local Authority Ordinary Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Umbakumba Council Office on Wednesday, 23 March 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1592366
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Local Authority:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Membership
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1592368
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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.

**Umbakumba**

Terrence Mamarika  
Judy Hunter  
Anson Wurrawilya  
Jennifer Yantarrnga  
Phillip Mamarika

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

**Umbakumba**

Cr Gordon Walsh  
Cr Constantine Mamarika

It must be noted that the Chief Health Officer rules #55 concerning vaccination against COVID apply to Local Authority meetings.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Conflict of Interest  
**REFERENCE** 1592371  
**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:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Previous Minutes for Ratification
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1592373
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

In line with the Northern Territory *Local Government Act 2019* (Chapter 6, Part 6.3, Section 101- 3), The audit committee, council, council committee or local authority must, at its next meeting, or next ordinary meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment), including any confidential business considered at the meeting, as a correct record of the meeting.

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 24 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Umbakumba 2021-11-24 [1721] 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**

**24 November 2021**



MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD VIA  
VIDEO CONFERENCE FOR UMBAKUMBA ON WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER  
2021 AT 10.00 AM

### **ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Councillor Gordon Walsh, Local Authority Members Terrence Mamarika, Judy Hunter (joined at 10:34 AM) and Councillor Constantine Mamarika (left at 11:28 AM).

### **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Dale Keehne – CEO  
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services  
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development  
Michael Fitisemanu – Community Development Coordinator Angurugu (Representing Umbakumba in absence of the Community Development Coordinator Umbakumba)

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

### **MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10:25 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

### **Apologies**

#### **3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

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

**167/2021 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Members Anson Wurrawilya, Jennifer Yantarrnga and Phillip Mamarika.**
- (b) Notes no apologies were received.**
- (c) Determines Anson Wurrawilya, Jennifer Yantarrnga and Phillip Mamarika are absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

#### **3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**168/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)**

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

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**Conflict of Interest**

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**169/2021 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)**

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

**Previous Minutes**

**5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**170/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 28 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.**

**8.9 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

**171/2021 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)**

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

**8.5 POWER AND WATER CORPORATION NOTIFICATION TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF TOWNSHIP LEASING REGARDING POLLUTION ABATEMENT NOTICE NO  
2020/4 AND SITE INVESTIGATION UPDATE - UMBAKUMBA POWER STATION  
LOT 130(A) FUEL SPILL**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to update the Local Authority regarding ground contamination as a result of a fuel spill at the Power and Water Station.

**172/2021 RESOLVED (Judy Hunter/Constantine Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority:**

**a) Note the report.**

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- b) Wish to communicate their disappointment in relation to the fuel spill at the power and water station and the immediate effect on the community.
- c) Request Power and Water provide an update on the project to the Local Authority Members and the Community.

**MOTION – THE MEETING MOVES TO CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA AT 11:15 AM**

173/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)

**MOTION – THE MEETING RETURNS TO OPEN AGENDA AT 11:28 AM**

174/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Judy Hunter)

Councillor Constantine Mamarika left the meeting, the time being 11:28 AM.

The meeting continued as a Provisional Meeting.

**General Business**

**8.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

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

175/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Judy Hunter)

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

**Guest Speakers**

**7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS**

**SUMMARY:**

Justin Arthur, Project Manager from Power and Water Corporation to provide an update on the water tank upgrade.

176/2021 RESOLVED (Judy Hunter/Gordon Walsh)

That the Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for their presentation.

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### **8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

**177/2021 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Judy Hunter)**

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

### **8.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

**178/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority note the report.**

### **MOTION – THE MEETING BREAKS FOR LUNCH AT 12:13 PM**

**179/2021 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)**

### **MOTION – THE MEETING RESUMES AT 1:05 PM**

**180/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

### **Local Authorities**

### **6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

**181/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Judy Hunter)**

**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.**

### **8.8 GRANT REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.



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**182/2021 RESOLVED (Judy Hunter/Gordon Walsh)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.**

**General Business**

**8.1 NEW ANINDILYAKWA AND REMAINING EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT COUNCILS**

**SUMMARY:**

This is an update to the Local Authority on developments regarding a proposed new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Council.

**183/2021 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Judy Hunter)**

**That the Local Authority defers consideration of this matter to the next Local Authority meeting when it meets quorum to discuss it properly.**

**8.2 CEO REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**184/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 31 January 2022.

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting ended at 2:15 PM.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 November 2021.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Local Authority Action Register  
**REFERENCE** 1592426  
**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, notes the additional new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [!\[\]\(235bfe13ebf007ce2eea9e689707fac7\_img.jpg\)](#) LA Action Register\_Umbakumba - Feb 22

## UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
001/2020 RESOLVED Umbakumba Future Pedestrian/Footpath Plan	The Local Authority members reviewed the maps supplied and prioritised the first stage locations for the LAPF approved footpath construction within Umbakumba.  That the Local Authority:  a) Support the staged pedestrian path areas, with stage one to be undertaken as the 20-21 LAPF project.	12.05.2021 - two stages of the footpaths, stage 1 has been completed and awaiting for the commencement of stage 2 - Ongoing  30.06.2021 - Stages 1, 2, 3 currently out to tender - Ongoing  19.06.2021 - Tender released to the market for the 3 stages or locations approved - pricing was outside with no local submissions received - tender re advertised.  <b>24.11.2021 – Local Authority made resolution today to go to the December Council meeting.</b>
002/2020 RESOLVED	That the Local Authority:  a) Consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals. b) Requests a join Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Authority meeting and end of year event to be held in Nhulunbuy and a biannual meeting for the Anindilyakwa Local Authorities.	12.05.2021 - Ongoing  12/10/2021 – Ongoing  30.06.2021 – Ongoing  <b>24.11.2021 – Ongoing. Some concerns were raised by Milyakburra and Umbakumba to have paintings of Anindilyakwa leaders on the outside of the building, but ok to have them all paintings/artworks inside. Will discuss this point with Angurugu Local Authority.</b>
146/2020 Questions from Members	That the Local Authority notes the members' questions about the use of the Aged Care Services in Umbakumba and asks the Director Community Development and the Regional Manager - Aged & Disability Services to provide and update to the Local Authority.	25.11.2020 - The Aged Care Regional Manager and Local Coordinator to be asked to present at next Local Authority meeting to provide an update.  12.05.2021 - Ongoing  30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council.  <b>24.11.2021 – Director Community Development to arrange for next LA in January.</b>

**UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Community Entrance Signage Project - Umbakumba	That Local Authority members review the tablet Community Entry signs and provide feedback on the structure of the informal and design of the sign specific for the Umbakumba community entrance following this meeting.	13.01.2022 – Regional Manager Aged & Disability attendance at the January 2022 Local Authority to discuss Aged & Disability services in Umbakumba.  18.01.2021 - Drone photos taken of Umbakumba for the signage - Local Authority members to choose picture and advise Community Development Coordinator.  12/10/2021 - Ongoing - design confirmed and being manufactured.  <b>24.11.2021 – Awaiting response on final design.</b>
<b>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Widen Cemetery Road		27.05.2020 - The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to update when progress occurs out of consultations by the NT Government, LGANT and ALC regarding cemeteries are still to occur and be finalised - to enable action on widening the cemetery road.  18.01.2021 - Future consultation to be held in relation to the licencing arrangements between NTG and the ALC as part of the sector wide cemetery arrangements has not happened to date.  <b>24.11.2021 – Ongoing. To be finalised between ALC and NTG.</b>



**GUEST SPEAKERS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Guest Speakers - Australian Electoral Commission
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1596572
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

**GENERAL**

Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will present a brief on the upcoming Federal Election and the Importance of Community participation in this. There are also multiple Temporary Election Work Opportunities that would be great for community members. The AEC is also keen to hear how they can reach to communities and encourage them to vote.

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

**RECOMMENDATION****The Local Authority:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

This report does not have any attachments.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1596187
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**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**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Government
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1596197
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Animal Management Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1591108
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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.





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## 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 Groote Eylandt, and Dr. Tanya Mitchell who commences in April for 6 months who will be based periodically in Yirrkala and Galiwinku servicing theses 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 note the report.**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Development Coordinator report.
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1591637
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Scott Page, Community Development Coordinator

**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**

All East Arnhem Regional Council staff in Umbakumba have been proactive in the campaign against the spread of Covid-19 in Communities where possible over the past months. This by way of talking to residents about vaccinations, assisting the Health Clinic when needed. The rate of infections on Groote Eylandt is tapering off due to high percentages of vaccinated residents living in the Groote Eylandt Communities, and also residents wearing face masks when required which is halting the spread of Covid-19.

**Municipal Services:**

Currently Council is still advertising for a new Municipal Services Supervisor.

Mowing of grass around the community is the main chore during this time of the year, also weed spraying along footpaths and other areas where weeds prevail.

**Civic Events:**

Nil to report.

**Community Night Patrol:**

The Community Patrol staff are doing a fantastic job with the way the Community Patrol is conducted. A special mention to Community Night Patrol Coordinator Tanya Tukaki and her staff for their service and all their hard work and effort over the past few months.

**Aged Care:**

Trix Davis our Aged Care and Disability Services Care Officer in Umbakumba continues daily to ensure all her clients are receiving hearty and healthy meals. All Aged Care clients received food hampers during the Christmas break.

**Plant and Machinery:**

All machinery in good working order.

Ride-on mower currently in Alyangula mechanical workshop for repairs.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.6
<b>TITLE</b>	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1596571
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 8.7  
**TITLE** Corporate Services Report  
**REFERENCE** 1592908  
**AUTHOR** Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

**SUMMARY:**

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

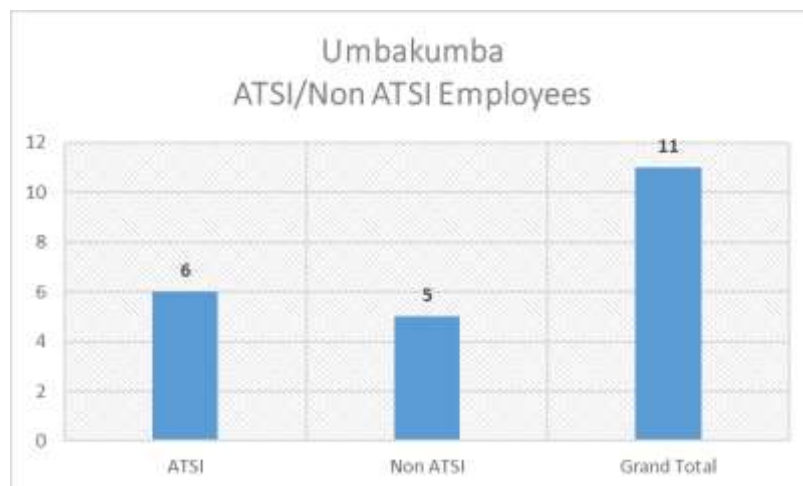
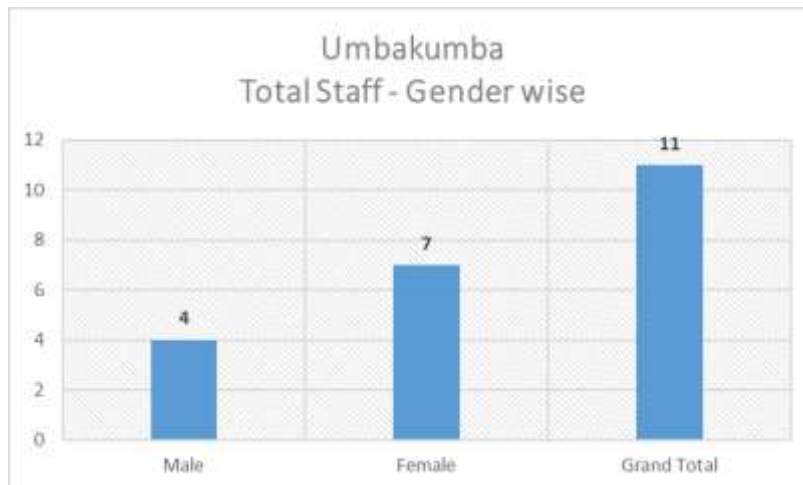
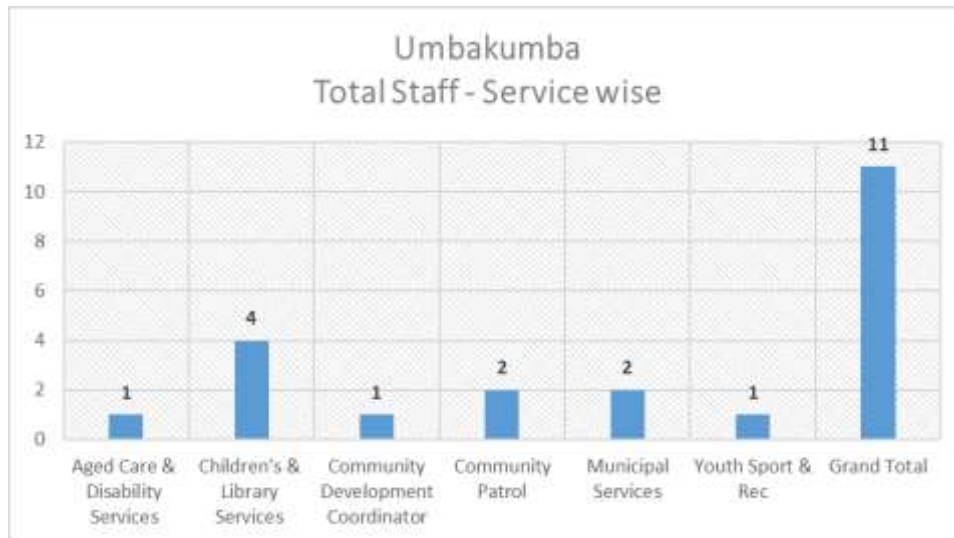
**BACKGROUND**

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

**GENERAL**

The following tables show year to date employment costs against budget. Services that are under budget are the result of lack of attendance at work and vacancies due to staff turnover.

Row Labels	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	% of Variance
Aged Care and Disability Services	117,138	136,439	19,301	16%
Children and Family Services	109,569	177,673	68,104	62%
Community Development	88,608	96,991	8,383	9%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	65,704	94,974	29,270	45%
Library Services	9,851	44,034	34,182	347%
Municipal Services	87,261	151,011	63,750	73%
Waste and Environmental Services	4,016	11,778	7,762	193%
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	70,376	98,870	28,494	40%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>552,525</b>	<b>811,770</b>	<b>259,245</b>	<b>47%</b>

**Employee Statistics:**

**Vacancies as of 28 February 2022:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Level</b>
Community Liaison Officer / Customer Service Officer	Level 1
Child Care Worker	Level 1
Community Patrol Officer	Level 1
Municipal Services Officer	Level 1
Municipal Services Supervisor	Level 6
Youth Sports & Recreation Worker	Level 1

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 28 February 2022.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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## Each Reporting Location

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2022	Umbakumba		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Grants	808,260	965,540	(157,280)
User Charges and Fees	157,938	143,674	14,264
Rates and Annual Charges	533,128	532,590	538
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	2,489	2,933	(444)
Untied Revenue Allocation	423,991	423,991	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>1,925,806</b>	<b>2,068,728</b>	<b>(142,922)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Expenses	552,525	811,770	(259,245)
Materials and Contracts	115,261	290,545	(175,284)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	434	6,000	(5,566)
Depreciation and Amortisation	20,517	11,819	8,698
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	374,953	412,987	(38,034)
Council Internal Costs Allocations	310,571	511,169	(200,598)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,374,261</b>	<b>2,044,291</b>	<b>(670,030)</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>551,544</b>	<b>24,437</b>	<b>527,107</b>
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>551,544</b>	<b>24,437</b>	<b>527,107</b>
Capital Expenses	(31,605)	(736,507)	704,902
Transfer to Reserves	-	(84,527)	84,527
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	20,517	11,819	8,698
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>540,456</b>	<b>(784,777)</b>	<b>1,325,234</b>
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	545,475	640,475	(95,000)
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	671,267	(671,267)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>545,475</b>	<b>1,311,742</b>	<b>(766,267)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>1,085,931</b>	<b>526,964</b>	<b>558,967</b>
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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 8.8  
**TITLE** Second Budget Revision  
**REFERENCE** 1596223  
**AUTHOR** Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

**BACKGROUND**

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

**GENERAL**

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Location Description	Umbakumba										
FY2022 Revised Budget 2											
Services	Category	Carried Forward Revenue	Carried Forward Revenue for FY2023	Current Year Revenue	Operating Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Internal Allocation	Overhead Allocation	Reserves Transfers	Unified Revenue	Net Results
100 - Local Authorities		(465,927)	110,500	(110,500)	191,720	980,166	0		(694,238)	(11,720)	-
101 - Local Laws & Administration of Local Laws		(2,854)	2,232	-	623						-
107 - Community Development				-	206,569		111,851			(318,420)	-
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services		(530)		(600)	4,930		6,004			(9,804)	-
112 - Fleet and Workshop Services											-
115 - Library Services		-		(20,026)	78,199		-			(82,918)	941
116 - Lighting for Public Safety					15,650		22,683			(15,650)	-
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Manager		(40,000)		-	74,861				(34,861)		(0)
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction											-
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services		-		-	176,016		(60,000)		(81,702)	(35,930)	(1)
129 - Waste and Environmental Services		1,448		(226,508)	146,038		(3,801)		52,737		3,891
141 - Aged Care and Disability Services		(131,483)		(323,657)	380,946		99,735		(63,129)	0	0
145 - Children and Family Services		(189)		(398,371)	327,349		46,837		59,756		35,382
146 - Community Media		2,300			(2,300)						-
147 - Community Patrol and SWS Services				(176,099)	133,839		15,845		26,415		0
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services		(2,621)		(333,417)	209,435		77,242		48,000		(1,357)
156 - Community Events				(556)	14,056					(13,500)	-
167 - Corporate Services				(321,981)						321,981	-
169 - Municipal Services				(62,271)	331,518		238,212		(48,000)	(459,459)	-
Net Results		(639,856)	112,732	(1,973,580)	2,209,448	980,166	554,607	210,354	(869,193)	(675,422)	38,856

Operating and Capital Expenditures	
Category	Revised Budget 1
Salary Expenses	1,230,226
Materials/Contractors	457,481
General Expenses	485,655
Finance Expense	116,899
Asset Expense	8,720
Capital Expenditure Plant & Equipment	174,095
Capital Expenditure Infrastructure	930,666
Grand Total	3,403,792

