



Agenda

Gunyangara

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

25 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 Gunyangara Council Office on Friday, 25 March 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
REFERENCE	1593739
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 Council 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

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1593740
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.

Gunyangara

Antoine Gintz
Doug Yunupingu
Elizika Puertollano
Djawa Yunupingu
Balu Palu Yunupingu

The following member is appointed by the Council for the community.

Gunyangara

Cr Banambi Wunungmurra

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

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1593765
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

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1593767
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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Gunyangara 2021-11-26 [1727] Minutes



Mission

East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.

Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

26 November 2021

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE GUMATJ
CORPORATION BOARDROOM FOR GUNYANGARA ON FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER
2021 AT 10.00 AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Antoine Gintz, Local Authority Members Djawa Yunupingu and Elizika Puertollano.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

OBSERVERS

Mathilde Payet-Vidalenc - General Manager, Marngarr Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:16 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).

087/2021 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority member Doug Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Murphy Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra.
- (b) Notes the apology received from member Balu Palu Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra.
- (c) Notes Doug Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Murphy Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE GUMATJ CORPORATION BOARDROOM FOR GUNYANGARA ON FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00 AM

088/2021 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Notes resignation of Local Authority Member Murphy Yunupingu.

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

089/2021 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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.

090/2021 **RESOLVED** (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 30 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Guest Speakers

7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

SUMMARY:

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

091/2021 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

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THE MEETING BREAKS AT 11:40 AM

092/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

MEETING RESUMES AT 12:02 PM

093/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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.

094/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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.

General Business

8.7 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22

SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

095/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Note the 2021/22 Budget Revision.
- b) Recommends a percentage of the available surplus be allocated to the already endorsed priority projects.

8.6 GRANT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

096/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.

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8.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

097/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

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 Gunyangara.

098/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority note the report.

8.3 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.

099/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Report.

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.

100/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority:

Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including

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through:

- a) Support for the development, transition to and services of the new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government, as agreed.
- 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) Making sure all Yolngu people of Gunyangara and our homelands continue to have a strong voice and are heard on all djama (business) important to us, through our Local Authority, and our other traditional controlled organisations including the Northern Land Council and remaining Yolngu Aboriginal Community-Controlled East Arnhem Regional Council, including through Local Decision Making and the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan.

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.

101/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 28 January 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 1:16 PM.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 26 November 2021.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1599402
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_Gunyangara

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
083/2021 Community Entrance Sign	That Local Authority members review the tabled Community Entry signs examples and provide feedback on a design specific for the Gunyangara community and decide on a suitable location for the sign to be installed when complete.	12.10.2021 - still under discussions – Gumatj has contributed some money – Ongoing with design direction from Gumatj under review. 26.11.2021 – Awaiting advice from NAC Board. By the end of the year there will be an agreement.
Questions from members	That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting. Local Authority member Antoine Gintz raised concern regarding the death of a tree from the front lawn of the Gumatj building, due to the bark being taken for painting from a community member and also if there is a possibility to have a by-law regarding this.	12.10.2021 - will be considered on the November By-Law presentation. 26.11.2021 - Will be considered at the December Council Meeting.
Bus Shelter		12.10.2021 – Ongoing – Contractor issued Purchase order - Installation due the end of November. 26.11.2021 – Installations are happening currently.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Guest Speakers
REFERENCE	1599405
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 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:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1599446
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	8.2
TITLE	Recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Government
REFERENCE	1599447
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	8.3
TITLE	Community Development Coordinator Report
REFERENCE	1591964
AUTHOR	Adam Johnson, 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

There has been an increase in break-ins at the East Arnhem Regional Council office over the past two months. It has caused delays in our daily operations. Police attending this can take quite a while and cleaning up the mess has been time consuming. This is quite disheartening considering the desire to achieve progress for Gunyangara. The Council is in the process of installing cameras within the office to assist police to identify the culprits.

COVID19 lock out occurred in January. Police assisted managing the road signs set up, for vehicles to stop at the Police check point for clearance in and out of Gunyangara Community. Miwatj has been busy with COVID19 vaccine and testing, December the first initial testing was conducted at the East Arnhem Regional Council office, and further testing at the Miwatj Clinic.

The Animal management vet, Dr. Madeleine Kelso is currently on maternity leave. Dr. Sarah Carrall will relieve for this time and coordinate the animal management practice, for visitation, consultation and procedures for de-sexing.

The next visit from Dr. Sarah Carrall is in April on the 19, 20 & 21st for animals' general observation and treatments for Ticks, Worms and Scabies and mange in dogs & cats. Community members are asked to leave their contact details at the store and Dr. Sarah Carrall to follow up on her next visit.

The Youth sport and Recreation Gunyangara staff member Christopher Lamboa has resigned from his position and Michael Yunupingu recently has been unwell due to the COVID19. Michael has a Youth, Sport and Recreation planner on the Gunyangara news website.

The Municipal service team has been busy early February with hard waste collection in preparation of the cyclone season management. 4 large truck loads of hard waste was removed.

Cash for cans will resume on the 20 March 2022, every time cash for cans occurs the recycling products are increasing in capacity from Community members. This help absorbs rubbish and bottle litter left within the community.

Access to community and pot holes around community have all been repaired. Dhimurru weed management meeting was held 23 February. This is a program to encourage tracking weeds that are not native and can cause damage if not managed. On 16 March

2022, Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation held a seminar in the Town hall for Community members who are interested in identifying weed species.

Three blocks are located at the causeway for the solar lights to be fixed to. Allan Rungan also mentioned three solar lights for the Gumatj Cultural area behind Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation office, may also be happening.

Meals on wheels from the Yirrkala Aged Care and Disability centre is currently catering for 7 community members in Gunyangara.

The Gove Peninsula Night Patrol that services both Gunyangara and Yirrkala continues to ensure that the Community Night Patrol service is in compliance with its policy and procedures and meets the funding body's objectives.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority members notes the Community Development Coordinators report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1592290
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	8.5
TITLE	Proposal for Transfer Station
REFERENCE	1591043
AUTHOR	Wesley Van Zanden, Waste & Environmental Manager

**SUMMARY:**

Proposal to develop a modified transfer station for the community of Gunyangara

BACKGROUND

Council wish to put forward a proposal to develop a transfer station for the community of Gunyangara. Council believe that developing an area for residents to be able to drop off bulk waste will continue to reduce litter, improve the visual amenity of the community and increase recycling.

GENERAL**Gunyangara Transfer Station Proposal**

Currently Gunyangara have no waste disposal sites or drop off points for hard rubbish in the community. It is proposed to develop a simple drop-off style Transfer Station for the community in the area previously used for green waste on the edge of town, see Figure 1.

The spaced would be unmanned, but regularly checked and managed by the Council's Municipal Service Team to ensure that the site was maintained in a clean and tidy manner.

The site is proposed to be used as a community drop-off point but also as an area for EARC MS Team to be able to store and manage residential bulk waste and recycling streams to;

- Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills;
- Reduce trips to Nhulunbuy Landfill for both community members and EARC; and
- Improve and increase recycling initiatives in the community.

The site would initially be for community residents only, not for commercial use as the goal is to reduce the amount of community hard rubbish accumulating on the road verges and to reuse/recycle materials as appropriate.

The site is **NOT** for commercial users to avoid going to the Nhulunbuy Landfill. The site will not be setup to accept or manage commercial waste as this would create an undue financial burden on the Council.

Figure 2, below illustrates the proposed layout of the Transfer Station. As you can see, it has been simplified as a drop-off zone for community and sorting and storing zone for Council to manage all the waste



Figure 1. Proposed Site Location

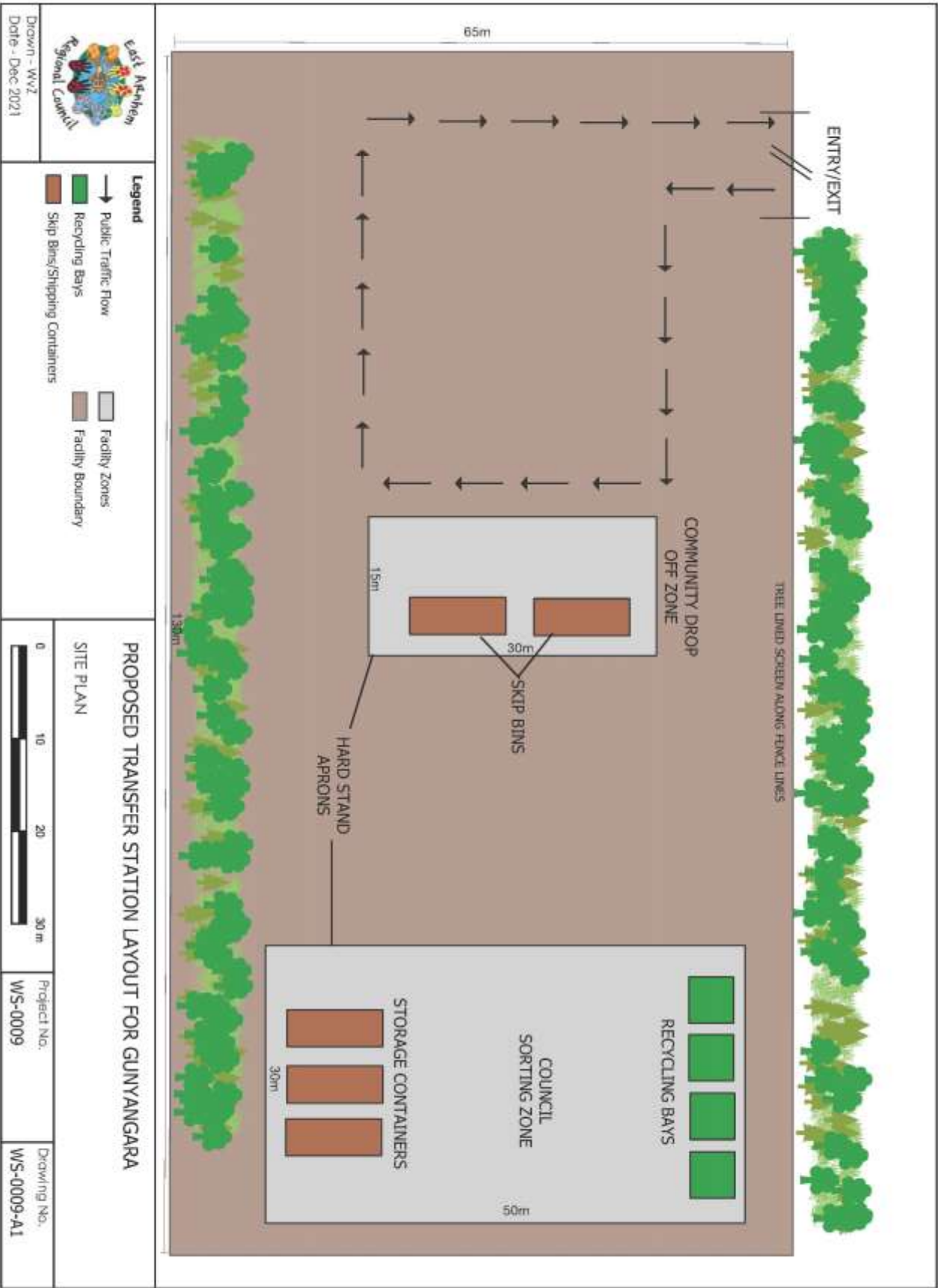


Figure 2. Proposed Layout

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority supports the development of a transfer station for Gunyangara in the proposed location.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.6
TITLE	Animal Management Update
REFERENCE	1593946
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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

Table 1: Community Desexing and Treatment totals for 2021:

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

GENERAL

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

Staffing Changes

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



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


Upcoming visit schedule is attached for Councils information.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority note the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1  Calendar Breakdown

January	February	March	April	May
1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
2 nd	2 nd	2 nd Vet Nurse Day - Galiwinku	2 nd	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd TM ARRIVE IN GOVE	3 rd TM FLIES TO GALIWINKU
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5 th	5 th	5 th	5 th Yirrkala AMP	5 th Galiwinku AMP
6 th	6 th	6 th	6 th Yirrkala AMP	6 th Galiwinku AMP
7 th	7 th	7 th	7 th Yirrkala AMP	7 th
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9 th	9 th Yirrkala AMP	9 th Vet Nurse day - Mililingimbi	9 th	9 th Galiwinku AMP
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30 th		30 th	30 th	30 th Mililingimbi AMP
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June	July	August	September	October
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.7
TITLE Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE 1599490
AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

**SUMMARY:**

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

BACKGROUND

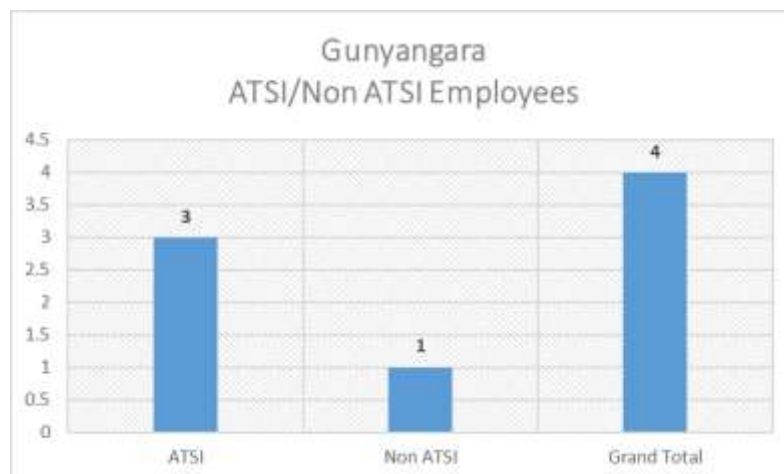
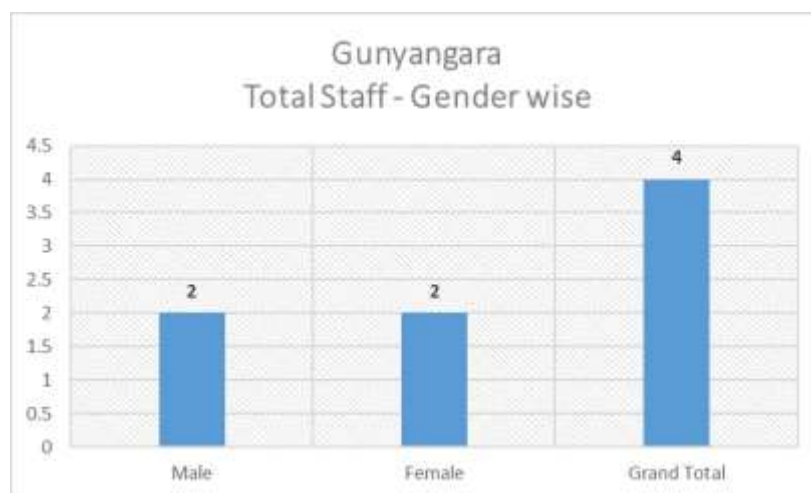
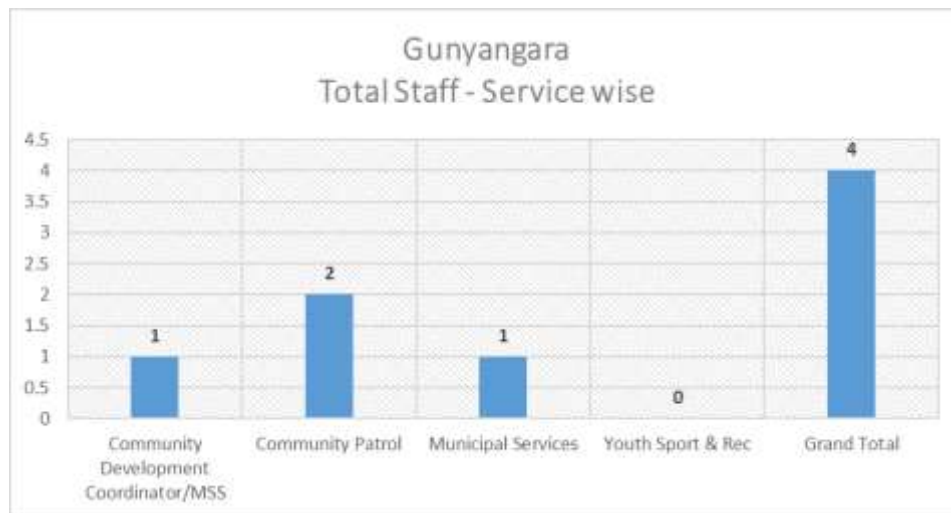
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL

Comparisons are to the revised budget approved by the Council in December 2021.

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

Row Labels	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	% of Variance
Children and Family Services	812	5,382	4,570	563%
Community Development	23,830	21,123	- 2,707	-11%
Community Patrol and SUS Services	73,781	83,138	9,357	13%
Municipal Services	98,763	73,695	- 25,068	-25%
Waste and Environmental Services	-	10,536	10,536	0
Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	26,672	19,009	- 7,663	-29%
Grand Total	223,858	212,883	- 10,975	-5%

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

VACANCIES AS AT 28.02.2022		
Position	Level	Community
Youth Sports & Recreation Worker	Level 1	Gunyangara

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	Gunyangara		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	192,650	305,776	(113,126)
User Charges and Fees	17,803	16,672	1,132
Rates and Annual Charges	340,721	307,238	33,482
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	4,287	667	3,621
Untied Revenue Allocation	295,663	295,663	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	851,125	926,016	(74,891)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	223,858	212,883	10,975
Materials and Contracts	77,827	386,056	(308,229)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	872	6,000	(5,128)
Depreciation and Amortisation	1,216	667	550
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	107,410	390,859	(283,449)
Council Internal Costs Allocations	66,260	93,133	(26,873)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	477,443	1,089,597	(612,154)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	373,682	(163,581)	537,263
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	373,682	(163,581)	537,263
Capital Expenses	-	(179,641)	179,641
Transfer to Reserves	-	(22,926)	22,926
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	1,216	667	550
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	374,898	(365,482)	740,380
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	98,631	149,345	(50,714)
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	521,750	(521,750)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	98,631	671,095	(572,464)
NET OPERATING POSITION	473,529	305,614	167,916
			(0)

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.8
TITLE	Second Budget Revision
REFERENCE	1599498
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	Gunyangara									
FY2022 Revised Budget 2										
	Category									
Services	Carried Forward Revenue	Carried Forward Revenue for FY2023	Current Year Revenue	Operating Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Internal Allocation	Overhead Allocation	Reserves Transfers	Unified Revenue	Net Results
100 - Local Authorities	(171,945)	39,462	(33,600)	492,718	230,000	-		(644,815)	(11,820)	(0)
101 - Local Laws & Administration of Local Laws	(2,104)	1,507		597					(77,394)	0
107 - Community Development				52,487		24,907			(3,589)	-
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services	(3,016)			6,604						-
111 - Fleet and Workshop Services				-		-				-
116 - Lighting for Public Safety				20,262					(20,262)	-
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Manager	(24,942)		-	39,608						(0)
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction				260,001		(37,000)	22		(260,001)	22
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services	-		(118,104)	172,251			4,125		(67,792)	1
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	5,157		(118,104)	176,075			17,729		(75,611)	5,157
145 - Children and Family Services	(147)		(15,093)	9,540		3,238	2,255			(147)
147 - Community Patrol and SIS Services			(189,109)	141,177		19,565	28,366			(0)
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	(50,656)		(84,924)	126,104		-	12,409			2,933
156 - Community Events			(556)	7,536					(2,090)	0
167 - Corporate Services			(191,683)			64,344			191,683	-
169 - Municipal Services			(31,159)	157,911		75,094			(191,095)	-
Net Results	(142,453)	40,908	(664,257)	4,464,397	230,000	75,094	65,238	(603,236)	(451,102)	7,965

Operating and Capital Expenditures	Revised Budget 1	Revised Budget 2	Increase (Decrease)
Salary Expenses	319,324	354,176	34,851
Materials/Contractors	651,308	703,906	52,598
General Expenses	531,200	534,840	3,640
Finance Expense	63,240	60,770	(2,470)
Asset Expense	5,200	9,200	4,000
Capital Expenditure Plant & Equipment	5,862	-	(5,862)
Capital Expenditure Infrastructure	263,600	230,000	(33,600)
Grand Total	1,839,734	1,992,892	153,158

