

Agenda

Galiwin'ku

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

19 May 2022

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Local Authority Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Galiwinku Council Office on Thursday, 19 May 2022 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 4.1

TITLE Apologies and Absence Without Notice

REFERENCE 1609732

AUTHOR Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

SUMMARY:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachment.

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 4.2

TITLE Local Authority Membership

REFERENCE 1609733

AUTHOR Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

The meeting needs to consider the membership of the Local Authority.

A Local Authority can have between 6 and 14 members, including the appointed Councillors.

GENERAL

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority.

Galiwinku

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

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

Galiwinku

Cr Kaye Thurlow

Cr David Djalangi

Cr Evelyna Dhamarrandji

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

Cyril Bukulatjri

Jermaine Campbell

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 existing vacancies.

b) Recommends the following nominations to be presented for Council approval,

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ATTACHMENTS:

1 Galiwinku N Galiwinku Nominations.pdf



NOMINATION FORM

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FIRST NAME: STINGULL

CLAN NAME: BUY OUT WOUDS

COMMUNITY: Gallinin'E

PHONE NUMBER: 0484961226

EMAIL: COMPOSALL; OVERSING 851 Barrel

PROPOSER NAME: VENTA BUSGINGONSA

PROPOSER SIGNATURE: Leads Buckmangings SECONDER NAME: Olice Miclar Phy

SECONDER NAME: 01:00

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Local Authority.

Nominated into the ..

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

After completing this nomination form please email to: governance@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au



NOMINATION FORM

CLAN NAME: BUKCLOLY 121

FIRST NAME: CYPIL

COMMUNITY: GALININK

PHONE NUMBER: 04/570 17217

EMAIL: Media @ Yalu. org. au

PROPOSER NAME: VENLY KARAMINAGORDA PROPOSER SIGNATURE: VENLY BORDANIA

anda

SECONDER NAME: Alice MCCarth

SECONDER SIGNATURE:

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

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what is wrong or right

Nominated into the CALILLINKO

Local Authority.

After completing this nomination form please email to: governance@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER 5.1

TITLE Conflict of Interest

REFERENCE 1609736

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:

This report does not have any attachment.



PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1

TITLE Previous Minutes for Ratification

REFERENCE 1609738

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 17 March 2022 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Local Authority - Galiwinku 2022-03-17 [1780] 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 GALIWINKU LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

17 March 2022

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ATTENDANCE

Local Authority Members Don Wininba, Virginia Rripa, Nancy Gudaltji, Terry Walunba, Melissa Campbell and Cr Kaye Thurlow.

PRESIDENT

In the Chair President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Shane Marshall - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Andrew Walsh - Director Community Development.

Melissa Jones - Community Development Coordinator.

OBSERVERS

Joanna Ciolek – Communication Advisor.

Wendy Brook - Executive Assistant to the CEO.

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

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:29AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Meeting started with a prayer by President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

Apologies

4.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE 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).

209/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Melissa Campbell)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Member Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Bobby Nyikamula, Crs Evelyna Dhamarrandji and David Djalangi.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Gaylene Gurruwiwi.
- (c) Notes Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Cr David Djalangi are absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Bobby Nyikamula, Cr Evelyna Dhamarrandji are absent without permission of the Local Authority.

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4.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

210/2022 RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Terry Walunba)

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

Conflict of Interest

5.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

211/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Melissa Campbell)

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

Previous Minutes

6.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

212/2022 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the provisional meeting of 18 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Guest Speakers

9.1 GUEST SPEAKERS - AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

213/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba)

The Local Authority:

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

9.2 GUEST SPEAKERS - POWER AND WATER

214/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Melissa Campbell)

The Local Authority:

- a) Thanks the guest speaker for the presentation.
- b) Suggested that Milingimbi has the most serious issues with water and requests Power & Water to focus on that and to attend an open Community Local Authority meeting on 17 May 2022.
- Supports the research team to come to Galiwinku to consult with community about water.

BREAKS FOR LUNCH AT 12:20PM

215/2022 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Terry Walunba)

MEETING RESUMES AT 2:24PM AS A PROVISIONAL MEETING

216/2022 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Terry Walunba)

Cr Don Wininba left the meeting, the time being 02:25 PM Cr Nancy Gudaltji left the meeting, the time being 02:25 PM

Cr Melissa Campbell left the meeting, the time being 02:25 PM

Cr Don Wininba returned to the meeting, the time being 02:28 PM

Local Authorities

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

217/2022 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Don Wininba)

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.

General Business

10.1 CEOREPORT

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.

218/2022 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Terry Walunba)

That Council notes the CEO Report.

10.2 RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS CONTROLLED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMARY:

Council considered and made a resolution at the last Ordinary Council meeting on 24 February about the proper recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Governments. Your Local Authority is asked to review and endorse the next steps to gain support for recognition with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government and Opposition leading up to the Federal election.

219/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority endorses:

- 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.

Cr Melissa Campbell returned to the meeting, the time being 02:44 PM

10.3 STREET NAMING FOR BUTHAN SUBDIVISION - GALIWINKU SUMMARY:

This report is for discussion on suggested road names for the Buthan subdivision in Galiwinku – to submit to the NT Place Names Committee for consideration.

220/2022 RESOLVED (Terry Walunba/Don Wininba)

That the Galiwin'ku Local Authority Members suggest road names or reconfirm the previously submitted names for Buthan subdivision to the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to submit to the NT Place Names Committee for consideration.

10.6 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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

221/2022 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Virginia Rripa)

That Local Authority notes the report.

10.8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR - REPORT SUMMARY:

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

222/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba)

That Council notes the Community Development Coordinator report.

10.9 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority defers this report until next Local Authority Meeting.

10.10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

223/2022 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Don Wininba)

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

10.11 SECOND BUDGET REVISION

SUMMARY:

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

224/2022 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Don Wininba)

That Local Authority notes the second revised budget.

MOVED TO CONFIDENTAIL AGENDA AT 3:14PM

225/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba)

MEETING RETURNS TO OPEN AGENDA AT 3:33PM

226/2022 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Don Wininba)

10.5 WASTE SERVICES UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority defers considering this report until the next meeting.

Cr Kaye Thurlow left the meeting, the time being 03:40 PM

Questions from members

10.6 RAPIRRI CAMP

227/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba)

The Local Authority calls for a Rapirri camp to be held for a minimum of two weeks with the young Djamarrkuli (young people) who are attacking and damaging community buildings and assets and seriously effecting community relations and harmony. This is to provide a real way for them to be held accountable for the wrong they have done, and for the community to set them on the right path.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 May 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 3:57PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 17 March 2022.



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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER 8.1

TITLE Local Authority Action Register

REFERENCE 1609745

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:

Local Authority - Galiwin'ku 2022-05-19

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| ACTION ITEM | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| 149/2021 | That the Local Authority: | 12.05.2021 — Will update further prior to next Local Authority meeting. |
| Community | (a) Notes the Community Asbestos Update, particularly | 20.05.2021 - Update provided to Local Authority, Budget was submit to the NTG and EARC |
| Asbestos | the initial recommendations with regard to the asbestos | are waiting for it to be approved and sent back with a contract. This will also include a |
| Update | in Galiwin'ku. (b) Supports a temporary licenced storage area at the current land fill site. | storage container that will be portable. Training is also included in the budget with regards to the removal of asbestos – Ongoing – Updates will be provided at next meeting. |
| | (c) Support Indigenous employment and training for the asbestos removal project.(d) Will provide the Director of Technical & | 12.10.2021 - position advertised for the project and communications officer - position should be filled November - more update provided in future reports. |
| | Infrastructure Services with a map that identifies priority areas. | 18.11.2021 — Interview was done on 17 Nov. A draft employment contract will be finalised and probable start would be January 2022. |
| | | 10.03.2022 — Employment contract counter signed — commencement February 2022 — attendance by the Waste Team and Ben for an introduction and finalised project direction is scheduled for this meeting. |
| | | 17.03.2022 — A report and presentation will be tabled in the May meeting |
| 152/2021 | That the Local Authority: | 12.05.2021 - Ongoing |
| Series of | (a) Continues to consider and advise when agreed what | 20.05.2021 — Update was provided at meeting, At the Next LA meeting to come up with a |
| Murals (re-tabled) | significant person or people to include in the series of murals. | plan or design for the series of murals - Ongoing |
| 3 | (b) Start gathering together photos of possible candidates, to be given to the Community Development | 12.10.2021 - Ongoing awaiting designs from LA |
| | Coordinator. | 18.11.2021 — Ongoing awaiting design from LA |
| | | 12.01.2022 - Ongoing |
| | | 17.03.2022 - Discussions will continue with the community about finalising photos and get back to the CDC. |
| | | 8.05.2022 - LA to update on progress with discussions. |
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| se in out | | submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava | 17.12.2021 — A separate report on this will be presented by the CEO in the meeting. |
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| kava management to minimise potential harms. c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability. | | increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or effective and informed local decision making about | 17.03.2022 – Discussion on Kava will continue with the community 08.05.2022 – Ongoing |
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| ACTION ITEM | ACTIONS | STATUS |
| Women's Centre Grant | | 21.05.2020 — The Director of Community Development requested to provide an update for current and possible future programs to be run out of the Women's Centre facility. |
| | | 22.01.2021 – The Community Development Directorate has researched current women's centre and crisis accommodation providers across the NT. The attached list details organisation, location, operator, purpose and services offered for the members review. Galiwin'ku has current significant investment by Territory Families for a Galiwin'ku Crisis accommodation, in addition to other funded programs delivered at the Galiwin'ku Crisis accommodation, in addition to other funded programs delivered at the Galiwin'ku women's space. The Community Development Directorate will continue to explore emerging opportunities to increase women's services in Galiwin'ku, however note that repetition of services adds increased complexity in further successful applications/opportunities being presented. 28.01.2021 – Director Community Development to provide an update on commencement date and services provided by the Women's Centre, and to check the option of a trip for a small group to visit the Women's Centre at Maningrida. 12.05.2021 – plan will be supplied at next council meeting. 20.05.2021 – Director of Community Development to organise a charter for the Women of the LA to have a look at the women's centre in Maningrida, Update will be provided at next LA meeting – Ongoing. 18.11.2021 – a budget has been allocated and CDC to organise a trip early new year. 12.01.2022 – Contacted the Women's centre, have confirmed approval visit, discussion on purpose of visit have been confirmed, initial planning for trip is January – pending due to COVID—19. |
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| | | we can do in the morning, such as touring the town, visiting Council departments etc. |
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| ACTION ITEM | ACTIONS | STATUS |
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| Cemetery | | 18.01.2021 — Quotations ready for release to the market end of January 2021. |
| o | | 12.05.2021 - All materials have been provided, Still waiting for ARPA Approvals - Ongoing |
| | | 12.10.2021 — Ongoing - will be in the new year around Jan / Feb |
| | | 18.11.2021 - Ongoing - will be in the new year around Jan / Feb |
| | | 10.03.2022 — As per the above - materials on site — localised capacity with trades has been an issue, end of march commencement for the project. |
| | | 17.03.2022 - Engagement with traders has taken place. |
| | | 08.05.2022 - Engagement with traders has taken place and site preparations have begun on the area will be completed prior to June 30 $^{\rm th}$ |
| Grave Digger | | 21.05.2020 —The CDC is to provide modelling to inform further consideration of the viability of the purchase of a grave digger. Majority of providers on island are equipped with own machinery so hire model does not suit the operational environment. Grave digging is currently included as a 'gratis service' as per the EARC Funeral Service & Burial Policy. |
| | | $18.11.2020-The\ Director\ of\ Technical\ \&\ Infrastructure\ Services\ to\ come\ back\ to\ the\ Local\ Authority\ with\ detailed\ costed\ briefing\ with\ options\ for\ a\ small\ digger.$ |
| | | 12.05.2021 — Costing has been obtain, will provided amounts at next Local Authority meeting. |
| | | 20.05.2021 — Cost has been provided to members of \$83,000 for grave digger, Recommendation that the Galiwin'ku LA support the mini excavator for burials and other requirements within Galiwin'ku pending council approval—Ongoing. |
| | | 18.11.2021 - Grave digger will be discussed in the December council meeting. |
| | | 12.01.2022 — discussed with the delays fleet capital outline — will be actioned by the end of January — but delivery may be March dependent on ETA of imports |
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| | | 10.03.2022 — Ongoing. Based on availability and capacity. Estimated finalisation is May 22, but still have machinery to facilitate any burial needs in the interim. |
| | | 08.05.2022 - delays fleet capital purchases availability—July / August ETA but still have machinery to facilitate any burial needs in the interim. |
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| Improvement to Tracks | That the Local Authority notes the question from members about the need for funds to improve the | 12.05.2021 — Grants are been sourced—Ongoing |
| | tracks to hunting grounds and Local Authority funds for Youth, Sport and Recreation. | 20.05.2021 — Another round has been realised, Update will be provided at next LA meeting. — Ongoing |
| | | 18.11.2021 - Ongoing and will keep looking for additional fund. |
| | | 12.01.2022-A sper the above and will keep searching for available funding especially coming out of the wet season. |
| | | 10.03.2022 — a new natural account has been created in the budget revision for allocations towards this need, the LA are to confirm to the DTSI what tracks will be the focus of the initial grading / opening up attention prior to April Contractor arrival. |
| | | 11.04.2022 Remove Action from Action List 8.05.2022 - budget allocation in the revised and the new 22-23 for additional focus on the |
| | | tracks - Remove Action from Action List 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 10.00 0.00 |
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GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1

TITLE Guest Speakers - Shepherdson College – Learning

on Country Program

REFERENCE 1609746

AUTHOR Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning & Policy Officer

GENERAL

A presentation will be provided on the Shepherdson College – Learning on Country Program. The Local Authority will be informed of the Bible Camp Revitalisation project being conducted by senior secondary VET students at Shepherdson College and Marthakal Rangers, with the goal of improving public recreation facilities at Wadanga'yu (Bible Camp). They would also like to seek funds to support the project

Wadanga'yu (Bible Camp) is in a grey-area of management: technically. As a Homeland it is managed by Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre, however as no one lives there, no funding is allocated and it is now in a state of disrepair.

Traditional Owner, Bayon Garawirritja suggested improvements be made to the area to restore some of the facilities remaining from the Mission Times, including BBQ, basketball & volleyball courts, drop toilets and a bore.

There exists the possibility for joint management of the area between Marthakal and EARC to develop public recreation facilities at the site and improve recreation options for families of Galiwin'ku.

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) <.....>

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachment.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.2

TITLE Galiwinku Cluster Accomodation Facilities

REFERENCE 1613426

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY:

This report and guest speaker attendance is associated with the Cluster accommodation blocks situated within Galiwinku.

BACKGROUND

Since the declared natural event and associated community damage from Cyclone Lamb and Nathan and subsequent resident displacement, Galiwinku received temporary accommodation clusters situated on community open space land in multiple locations in order to accommodate displaced residents initially and extend through to the rebuilding phase of a large number of non-habitable community housing allotments.

GENERAL

The situation regarding the future of the clusters has been raised by the Local Authority with respect to the duration of the placement into the future in addition to the future utilisation potential of the assets.

Today we have Kylie Field from DIPL the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics to provide on update on the clusters currently and into the future and answer any questions the Local Authority may have in relation to the facilities.

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 presentation.
- b) Thanks Kylie Field for her attendance at the Local Authority Meeting.
- c) Requests any additional information if required.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1

TITLE CEO Report 1615532

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

Recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments

Local Authorities and the Regional Council have been very active in progressing the call for the Recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments.

Three related motions were out to the General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on 7 April, based on the resolution of Council at the last Ordinary Council Meeting, and the endorsement of all Local Authorities that met in March.

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji spoke with great strength, passion and conviction and gained resounding applause when talking to the three motions, followed by a unanimous vote by all members Councils to endorse them.

Specifically the NT member Councils resolved that LGANT:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

Two Media Releases were distributed to media outlets as well as on the Council website and social media pages (at Attachment 1 and Attachment 2).



President Lapulung and myself as CEO had a number of media interviews, which included two television and three radio interviews with Northern Territory media outlets, and one with the national ABC radio network. Most of the key points covered in these interviews are listed in Attachment 3.

I have also been actively engaging the current Federal Government and the Opposition to seek their commitment to the call for Recognition and specific practical ways to do that. The Media Release on "Support for NT Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments Welcome" is at Attachment 4.

Council has also supported LGANT to advocate on the recognition of all Aboriginal Controlled and other Northern Territory Local Government Councils (Attachment 5).

Our advocacy will continue throughout the Federal election and beyond.

A related motion has been put to the next General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association that will be held in Canberra in June.

The Aboriginal Resource and Development Service (ARDS) Aboriginal Corporation, has written a letter about a particular view of the "path forward for Local Decision Making in Yolngu communities and homelands". This is included for consideration and discussion at Attachment 6.

Consultations on Kava and Alcohol

President Lapulung and myself were also active participants in a meeting on 5 April arranged by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet to consider the possible introduction of alcohol and re-introduction of kava sales in the East Arnhem region. An information paper on these issues was provided and discussed with the workshop participants from a range of government departments and Aboriginal organisations that were able to attend. Please see Attachment 7.

President Lapulung led advocacy in the meeting and with the media on this issue.

Key contributions on behalf of Council were to emphasise that the possibility of the Alcohol Protected Areas expiring on 16 July due to Federal legislation, only applies to 5 homelands. The interest by some in government to consult all communities on their "alcohol management aspirations" is risky and could lead to opening the 'Pandora's box' of problems with alcohol.

President Lapulung and myself spoke strongly of the many resolutions of Council and each Local Authority of the need for genuine consultation and engagement with all communities and homelands on whether the re-introduction of the legal sale of kava should occur, and all the health and social implications of it.

As President Lapulung states "Council offers a bridge between our Yolngu people and the Balanda (non-Indigenous) governments. A bridge to make sure the voices of all our people, our Traditional Owners, Clan Leaders, young and all community members, other Aboriginal organisations and the Land Councils — our young, and all community and homeland members, Land Councils and other Aboriginal organisations, on the important issue of the impact of alcohol and kava on our people, and the future generations, and other important issues."

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the CEO report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Attachment 1 Media Release on Recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments 23 Mar 22
- 2 Attachment 2 Unanimous Support for Recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled and other NT Local Governments _BF9E15DC
- 3 Attachment 3 Key Points Re Recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments 8 Apr 22
- 4 Attachment 4 Support for NT Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments Welcome 21 Apr 22
- 5. Attachment 5 LGANT Media Release on Recognition and Closing the Gap
- Attachment 6 ARDS Facilitator letter to Aboriginal Corporations and Local Authorities about LDM in Yolqu communities final
- 7 Attachment 7 Alcohol Management and Kava RCFC paper



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MEDIA RELEASE

Recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments in Closing the Gap



Lapulung Dhamarrandji, President East Arnhem Regional Council

Lapulung Dhamarrandji, President of East Arnhem Regional Council welcomes the support last week from newly elected Councillor Marc Sutherland of Tamworth Regional Council, and the ongoing support of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) President Linda Scott and CEO Matt Pinnegar - for the genuine recognition of Indigenous Local Government, also known as Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Government Councils, in Closing the Gap.

"All Yolngu (Aboriginal) people need their voice to be heard, from the first elected Aboriginal Councillor of the Gomeroi people in Tamworth, to us Yolngu who have full control of local government in East Arnhem Land and many remote areas of Australia" Mr. Dhamarrandji stated.

"All community and homelands people are intertwined and deeply connected through the two pillars (moieties) of Dhuwa and Yirritja, our Clans, our Ringitj, our Land, our Song Lines".

"The voice of our Aboriginal Regional Council and Local Authorities is founded on and deeply connected to this deeper authority—we have a voice, we just need the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to listen".

"We call for this recognition of our Local Authorities and our Regional Councils – through Closing the Gap, the Indigenous Voice and Local Decision Making.

All these policies say the right thing, about building on what is already there, but need to match that with action".

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Mr. Dhamarrandji states "There needs to be a heart to heart, soul to soul connection and partnership of government with our Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments in unity with all other Aboriginal organisations, including the Land Councils, that share our sacred bond to respect and protect the Land and Traditional Owners. We are stronger for our people when we are united together".

"We need a breakthrough to overcome the stronghold and division that has been between us, to build the momentum and write a new chapter in our lives. This is a new hope and a new beginning, coming from the heart and the humility of an Indigenous first nations person".

"We - Council and the Local Authorities, offer a bridge of commonality, where Yolngu and Balanda (non-Indigenous) people can have real reconciliation and walk and work together to sustain and enhance our nation. We call on the Balanda Governments to join and engage with us starting with the cultural formality and foundation of the Yolngu Ralmanapanmirr ga Ngayanguwangnganythirr ceremony, to focus us Yolngu and Balanda to come together and build unity as one" stated Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

To this end, East Arnhem Regional Council CEO Dale Keehne stated, "Council will continue to work hand in hand with the strong leadership of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) President Kon Vatskalis and CEO Sean Holden, and look forward to meeting again with our fellow NT Councils on 7 April to discuss and endorse three key motions". They are 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.
- 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.
- 3. 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.

We also look forward to hearing from the Federal Government and Opposition on their commitments to these calls ahead of the upcoming federal election.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Lapulung Dhamarrandji, President of East Arnhem Regional Council welcomes the unanimous support shown at the General Meeting of the Local

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Government Association of the Northern Territory.

This follows ongoing support of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) President Linda Scott and CEO Matt Pinnegar - for the genuine recognition of Indigenous Local Government, also known as Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Government Councils, in Closing the Gap.

Specifically the NT member councils resolved today that LGANT:

- Continues to progress calls on the Federal, State and Territory
 Governments to commit to nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous
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President Dhamarrandji stated "Our Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Authorities and Aboriginal Regional Local Governments offer a bridge between our Yolngu (Indigenous) people and the Balanda (non-Indigenous) governments. A bridge to make sure the voices of all our people, our Traditional Owners, our Clans, our young, and all community and homeland members, Land Councils and other Aboriginal organisations - are heard, and acted on".

"We offer a structure and capacity to ensure different government plans and processes like the Federal Government's Closing the Gap and Indigenous Voice and NT Government's Local Decision Making – lead to real outcomes, led by the people", President Dhamarrandji stated.

"We need a real heart to heart connection and partnership, and know we are stronger when we are united together – Yolngu to Yolngu and Yolngu to Balanda".

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Key Points On Recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Governments

Our Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Government offers a **bridge** (of commonality) between our Yolngu people and the Balanda (non-Indigenous) governments. A bridge to make sure the voices of all our people - our Traditional Owners, our Clan Leaders, our young, and all our community and homeland members, Land Councils and other Aboriginal organisations - are heard, and acted on".

We need a real heart to heart connection and partnership, and know we are stronger when we are united together – Yolngu to Yolngu and Yolngu to Balanda.

We offer a structure and capacity to ensure different government plans and processes like the Federal Government's Indigenous Voice and Closing the Gap and NT Government's Local Decision Making – lead to real outcomes, led by the people.

To this end ahead of the upcoming Federal election we call for commitments by the current Government and the Labor Opposition to:

- 1) Recognise and build on the existing Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governance structure of Local Authorities and Regional Local Government Councils, to support the fullest possible engagement with all Traditional Owners, Clans, the young, women and all community and homeland members, other Aboriginal Organisations and the Land Councils, through the Indigenous Local and Regional Voice and Closing the Gap processes.
- 2) Allocate the proportion of the \$31.8 million committed in the 2022-23 Federal Budget to build on and further expand the role and function of Aboriginal Controlled Local Authorities and Regional Governments in the Northern Territory. These funds would be practically spent on sitting fees for the Aboriginal leaders who will be devoting significant time and knowledge to consultation meetings, and expanded secretariat support and logistics costs to ensure voices are properly heard and followed up with action.
- 3) Ensure the alignment of the Federal Government Local, Regional and National Voice and Closing the Gap Processes and Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making Process – with each other, and, most importantly, with how they engage with our people.
- 4) Amend government guidelines so that ACCLG's are eligible for funding to do much needed work as Aboriginal controlled organisations with high capacity. Councils in turn would contract and partner with other Aboriginal organisations wherever that makes most sense, to build their capacity and achieve the best outcomes, as we do with other funding.



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MEDIA RELEASE

Support for NT Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments Welcome

East Arnhem Regional Council supports the policy position for the constitutional recognition of Indigenous people and direct First Nations Voice to the Federal Parliament - following the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Federal Labor Party candidate for the Federal seat of Lingiani Marion Scrymgour met with Council in the region this week.

East Arnhem Regional Council welcomes the recognition expressed by the Labor Candidate of the critical role and capacity of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Authorities and Regional Local Governments across the Northern Territory - to enable a strong and inclusive Local and Regional Voice, that will feed into a National Indigenous Voice.

This follows the unanimous support shown at the General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory General Meeting earlier this month, for Recognition by the Federal and Northern Territory Governments, of the formal role of Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments across the Northern Territory.

East Arnhem Regional Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji stated that "Council offers a bridge between our Yolngu people and the Balanda (non-Indigenous) governments. A bridge to make sure the voices of all our people, our Traditional Owners, our Clan Leaders, our young, and all community and homeland members, Land Councils and other Aboriginal organisations — are heard and acted on."

"The Makarrata ceremony comes from the traditional Yolngu Rom (law) of East Arnhem Land and we invite the Balanda (non-Indigenous) Federal and Northern Territory Governments to join us Yolngu on country together, to overcome the divisions between us through real reconciliation, and start genuine dialogue and understanding, to build a better future and nation for us all", President Dhamarrandji stated.

"We need a real heart to heart connection and partnership, and know we are stronger when we are united together – Yolngu to Yolngu and Yolngu to Balanda."

Contact: Dale Keehne, CEO, East Arnhem Regional Council, 0458 039 348.

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MEDIA STATEMENT - 5 May 2022

MILLIONS NEEDED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO DELIVER CLOSING THE GAP INITIATIVES

Local government councils are serious about achieving the targets of Closing the Gap but need Australian Government assistance to do so.

For the first time, local government councils, through the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), are signatories, together with the Northern Territory Government and Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory, to the Territory's Closing the Gap Implementation Plan - but they are not resourced to implement the agreed actions to the level of the other two signatories:

To demonstrate a genuine commitment to accelerating delivery of Closing the Gap targets, LGANT is asking federal election candidates to commit to funding local government council Closing the Gap initiatives.

LGANT echoes the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) recent ask for:

 a \$100 million per annum fund over four years to support the capacity building of local government councils nationally in Closing the Gap and implementing the Local and Regional Voice.

Separately LGANT is also asking for:

- an additional \$1.8 million over 3 years (\$600,000 per annum) for new initiatives to help local government councils with achieving the Closing the Gap targets; and
- formal recognition of those local government councils with a majority representation of both elected officials and constituency of First Nation Australians as 'Aboriginal controlled entities'.

LGANT President, the Hon Kon Vatskalis says: "We cannot keep doing the same things and expecting a different result."

Local government councils are the voice of their communities and make a real and demonstrated difference in delivering outcomes - but they want to do more.

Some of the regional and remote local government councils in the Territory have a majority First Nations constituency but have a revenue shortfall that inhibits them from delivering what their constituents are asking for.

Without new funding, the Implementation Plan signatories will struggle to effectively collaborate and little will change regarding meeting the Closing the Gap targets."

The new funding will assist LGANT and its member councils achieve the desired results for First Nations people in the areas of education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and languages.

In addition, LGANT supports local government councils, such as the East Amhem Regional Council, in their ask for formal recognition of local government councils with majority representation of both elected official and constituency of First Nations Australians as Aboriginal controlled entities.

Lapulung Dhamarrandji, President of East Arnhem Regional Council, welcomes LGANT's support for this ask.

"This recognition is important to our Local Authorities and Regional Council and our people. This change would mean we can do much needed work across our communities using the local skills and knowledge in what are unique and often challenging conditions."

For more information contact Sean Holden, CEO LGANT: 0428 101 990

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29 April 2022

A letter from the ARDS facilitation team about the path forward for Local Decision Making in Yolqu communities and homelands

What has already happened with the Local Decision Making story in the Yolgu region?

In May 2019, the Northern Territory Government signed an LDM Partnership Agreement with 6 Aboriginal organisations and government agencies (Miwatj Health, ALPA, ARDS, Laynhapuy Homelands, EARC (Local Government) and NIAA (Federal Government)). In this agreement, these organisations worked together to think about the best path for LDM in the Yolnu region. There was lots of discussion about how to give Yolnu leaders and communities more control over government services.

The LDM Partnership group asked ARDS to hold discussions with Yolgu communities. ARDS facilitated workshops with Yolgu leaders in Gapuwiyak (March 2021), Miligimbi (May 2021) and Raminginin (May 2021).

In May 2021, the LDM Partnership Agreement finished, and the NT Attorney-General and Minister for LDM, Selena Uibo, wrote a letter about LDM work in the Yolnu region. In her letter (27 October 2021) she says,

There are some clear, overwhelming messages:

- bāpurru (clan) and gurrutu structures (Yolnu kinship) are the source of Yolnu strength and decision-making processes, and these structures should underpin empowerment and local decision making in the Yolnu sub-regions; and
- it is now time to move beyond talking and into action, particularly to negotiate more LDM agreements and take the necessary steps towards meaningful change in communities, homelands and sub-regions.

The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (NTG) have also worked with leaders in the Djalkirripuyngu area to prepare an LDM agreement for that area, and Lanyhapuy Homelands have also started meeting and thinking about LDM in that area.

What have we heard from Yolnu leaders?

In all the discussions, there has been a strong view that Yolnu ganydjarr (authority) comes from bāpurru (clan-nations), and this means that together we need to find a way for bāpurru leaders in each area to be part of the LDM process. We have also heard many people say that there must be a

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special role for wäŋa wataŋu (traditional land owners) in the LDM process in each area. Many people have also said that Aboriginal organisations should support băpurru representatives in the LDM process.

Now, we are is thinking about the next steps of the LDM process. We think that the LDM dhukarr (pathway) will be different in different places. It will not be the same in every place.

This is the dhukarr (pathway) ARDS is planning:

- A strong priority for ARDS is to make sure that Yolnu voices are clearly heard by NTG. For any Bäpurru leaders or Yolnu organisations who want to give a message to government about LDM, ARDS can help make sure that your voice is clearly heard by government. Please call or email us, or talk with an ARDS djämamirr.
- 2. In the next 2-3 months, ARDS Yolnu facilitators (together with Yolnu staff from NIAA and DCMC) will speak with leaders from b\u00e4purru across Miyarrka, Gattjirrk and Birr Rawarrang. Sometimes this will be done by visiting communities and sometimes this might happen through phone calls. This way we will make sure that leaders for each b\u00e4purru have heard the LDM story. And we can find out which b\u00e4purru want to send leaders to negotiate LDM agreements with the government.
- We will also ask leaders which things they would like to start negotiating with government.For example, you might want to start with an agreement about health, or education, or something else.
- 4. Next, in each community ARDS will organise 2-3 day meetings with bäpurru representatives to start writing down the things that communities want to negotiate with government. ARDS will have a lawyer in these meetings, so that we can put the ideas from Yolnu leaders into a draft document to give to the Northern Territory Government. On the last day of the meetings, senior representatives from the Northern Territory Government will come to meet with Bäpurru representatives face-to-face. We will try to agree on 1-2 topics for the first LDM Agreements.
- NTG representatives will go away and draft an LDM agreement. ARDS facilitators will be part of this, and we will check with b\u00e4purru representatives if there is anything in the draft agreement that is not clear, or different from the discussions with b\u00e4purru representatives.
- 6. Then ARDS facilitators will take the draft agreement back to the b\u00e4purru representatives in each community and read through it carefully together. B\u00e4purru representatives will decide if they want to call the NTG representatives back for more negotiation. Or if they are ready to go forward with the agreement, they will tell the Government they agree with the LDM agreement.

To help make this happen, ARDS facilitators want to speak with the boards of local Aboriginal organisations, and with Local Authorities about this plan.

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These are some of questions we would like to ask Yolgu board members:

- 1. What is the best way of speaking with b\u00e4purru representatives about the LDM story? Will we ask people to come together in big meetings, or will ARDS go and speak with each b\u00e4purru one at a time? Or will we do both of these things?
- 2. What will we do if there are some b\u00e4purru who do not send representatives to make decisions about LDM agreements?
- 3. What are good ways for Aboriginal organisations to support b\u00e4purru representatives during the LDM process?
- 4. If băpurru representatives are signing LDM agreements, what role should Aboriginal organisations have in the LDM agreements?

We will contact local organisations to ask for 30 minutes at one of your board or LA meetings to talk about these things. You can contact us at any time to talk about this letter or LDM discussions. You can also speak directly with Jim Rogers (jim.rogers@nt.gov.au) or Lucasta Clothier-Fairs (Lucasta.Clothier-Fairs@nt.gov.au) at the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet in Nhulunbuy or call them on 8987 0546.

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Alcohol Management in East Arnhem

The NT Government's position on alcohol management

Under the Local Decision Making (LDM) Policy, the NT Government has made a commitment to provide a genuine voice to remote communities about services and policies that affect them. LDM works with community to ensure community aspirations can transpire to better outcomes, including on alcohol management.

CM&C has already started consultations regarding alcohol management on the Gove Peninsula by providing support to the Harmony Group and is looking to expand consultations and support to other communities over the coming months.

General Restricted Areas (GRAs) and Alcohol Protected Areas (APAs)

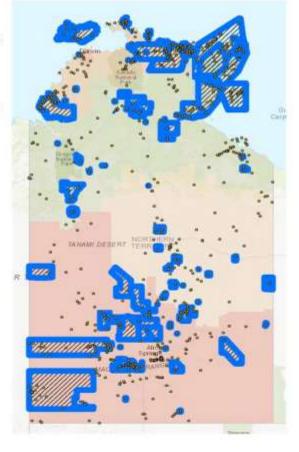
General Restricted Area (GRAs) are rules determined by the NT Government about how alcohol is managed in communities and homelands. In East Arnhem, nearly all areas have a GRA under the NT Liquor Act 2019.

Alcohol Protected Areas (APAs) are rules determined by Commonwealth Government about how alcohol is managed in communities and homelands under the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 (SF Act). In East Arnhem the only areas that are 'APA only communities' are:

- Dhipirrinjura
- Bayagida
- Mooronga
- Dhaniya
- Dhulmulmiya

All other areas in East Arnhem are covered by a GRA.

The map on the right shows all areas that are covered by a GRA under the NT Liquor Act 2019 with a blue outline and hatch. All other areas in the NT are APA only communities.



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What is going to change about alcohol management in the NT?

The Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012 (SF Act) is a Commonwealth Act that came in effect in 2012. The SF Act came in to effect after the expiration of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Act 2007 (NTER Act), otherwise known as the 'the Intervention'.

The SF Act made a number of amendments to NT legislation including the offense to possess, supply or consume liquor in Alcohol Protected Areas (APAs).

When the SF Act sunsets on 16 July 2022, APAs, and therefore alcohol restrictions, will not exist in 'APA only communities'.

What will happen to 'APA only communities'?

In line with the Local Descion Making Policy, the NT Governmet will not make changes to the NT Liquor Act 2019 until communities and homelands have been given the opportunity to be consulted about how they want to manage alchohol.

In the coming months, the NT Government will begin consultations for 'APA only communities' through Aboriginal Peak Organisation in Northern Territory (APONT) and the Land Councils. These communities and homelands will be given the opportunity to either:

- 'Opt-in' to enable the status quo of the current liquor restrictions under the SF Act to be maintained for 12-18 months whilst further consulattaions take place; or
- 'Opt-out' and chose to have no alcohol restrictions in place.

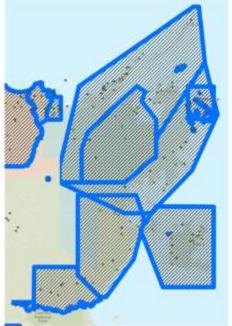
It is important to remember that APAs only effect remote aboriginal communities in the NT that do not already have a GRA under the NT Liquor Act 1978. In East Arnhem, nearly all communities and homelands are covered by a GRA.

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What is not changing about alcohol management in East Arnhem?

When the SF Act sunsets it will have little effect on East Arnhem.
This is because almost all of East Arnhem is currently covered by a
GRA and has been since the 1980's. These GRAs will remain in place
when the SF Act sunsets.

The NT Government is consulting widely with 'APA only communities'. In East Arnhem, CM&C will be leveraging the opportunity to consult with East Arnhem communities about their alcohol management aspirations to ensure the GRAs still reflect the individual needs of each community and homeland in the region.



The map the right shows the GRAs in East Arnhem represented by a blue outline and hatch. East Arnhem communities are almost entirely covered by GRAs

What options are there for alcohol management for communities and homelands in East Arnhem?

GRAs provide flexibility to implement targeted, community driven solutions to regulate alcohol supply and offer a number of options for communities and homelands to manage alcohol, such as:

- 1. No alcohol (or dry communities like most of the current GRAs in East Arnhem)
- 2. Allow some alcohol (like permits systems or community social clubs)
- 3. Have no restrictions on alcohol and no GRA

Examples of how other communities have followed the path of 2. Allow some alcohol are:

- Have a permit system like the Gove Peninsula and Groote Eylandt
- Run a community Social Club like the Beswick Social Club

We will talk in more detail about these options and other examples with the Regional Children and Families Committee (RCFC).

Engagement with the RCFC

When the SF Act sunsets, APAs will no longer exist. Largely, this will not change any current alcohol restrictions in East Arnhem because GRAs are already in effect. However, the GRAs in East Arnhem have been in place for a long time and, leveraging the consultations that will happen with 'APA only communities', CM&C would like to know if the existing GRAs still represent community aspirations for alcohol management or if community would like explore other ways to manage alcohol.

At the RCFC, we would like to ask you:

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- What information do we need to help people make informed decisions alcohol management in their community?
- Who should we talk to about alcohol management?
- How should we talk to them?

Kava Management in East Arnhem

Commonwealth Kava Pilot: Phase 2

As we have previously discussed with committee members the Australian Government commenced regulation changes to allow for the commercial importation of kava effective as of 1 December 2021. The changes are part of the Australian Government's Pacific Step Up Strategy. These changes reclassify kava as a food and allow for its commercial importation to Australia via a permit system. Information about the importation arrangements and permits can be found at the following websites:

- https://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/pacific/economic-prosperity-in-the-pacific/australia-kava-pilot
- https://www.odc.gov.au/import-requirements-kava

As part of the commercial pilot, the Australian Government Department of Health (Cwth DoH) has commissioned the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) and Ninti One Limited to monitor and evaluate the pilot.

The evaluation will assess the health, social, cultural and economic effects of the pilot on the Australian community, particularly in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Pacific Islander communities. Cwth DoH has established a Monitoring and Evaluation Project Reference Group to assist NDARC and Ninti One on key elements of the evaluation, including how the pilot is working in each jurisdiction.

The Project Reference Group will continue to meet regularly throughout the pilot and includes representatives from the NT departments of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) and Health (NT DoH). At this stage, NDARC/Ninti One are still obtaining the necessary approvals to commence the community engagement and we will hopefully have a schedule and advice on the approach in the coming weeks. You may have already had some level of engagement from NDARC and/or Ninti One.

Northern Territory Arrangements and Position

Despite the Commonwealth kava importation rules being amended, the issue of and access to kava in the Northern Territory remains subject to the Kava Management Act 1998 (the Act). The regulatory regime around kava supply, possession and use remains subject to the Act, with importation from overseas only being facilitated through the Commonwealth importation regime. The Department of Industry Tourism and Trade (DITT) Director of Licencing administers the provisions of the Act.

Kava possession is lawful provided that the person is of an adult age (18+), the amount possessed does not exceed two kilograms, the person is not intoxicated when supplied, and that supply has been undertaken lawfully (i.e. through the Kava Management Act 1998 and the Commonwealth authorised importation process).

Kava that is possessed unlawfully is subject to forfeiture and seizure and persons may be subject to prosecution if offences are committed under the Kava Management Act 1998.

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So in summary, whilst the national commercial importation arrangements have changed, the laws and regulations regarding the supply and use of kava in the NT have not changed.

The NT Government provided a submission to the Commonwealth on the commercial kava pilot in 2020 which raised concerns about commercial importation pilot proceeding without appropriate risk mitigation measure in place (particularly in the NT and more specifically, the East Arnhem region). Submissions were also made by other NT stakeholders including NT Council of Social Services, AMSANT/Miwatj Health and ARDS Aboriginal Corporation who raised concerns about the health and social/cultural impacts of non-ceremonial misuse of kava. The NT Government has, and continues to, call for:

- Resources to support comprehensive and culturally sensitive community engagement, including to
 determine the benefits and risks of a reintroduction of regulated/controlled kava trading, and to ensure
 comprehensive education for consumers in relevant languages.
- Resources to support increased compliance in the Northern Territory, including increased policing and/or licensing and regulatory capacity to assist with regulated kava trade and/or to manage expected increased illicit supply.
- Increased and dedicated research into the health and socio-economic impacts of kava on vulnerable communities, families and individuals.
- A comprehensive and culturally sensitive monitoring and evaluation framework to understand any benefits, risks and impacts of the commercial kava pilot.

At this stage, the NT Government has received a response on point 4. above and is now involved on the Monitoring and Evaluation Project Reference Group referred to above.

Next Steps

The Northern Territory Government is continuing to engage with the Australian Government on points 1-3 above and we hope to receive a response soon. Satisfactory resolution of these matters is critical to determining practical options and actions for effective kava management in the NT.

The NT Government will need to obtain comprehensive and representative views from communities about whether or not kava trading should be permitted in a particular place or region. In east Arnhem Land this will need to be undertaken in line with Local Decision Making principles and include ensuring Bäpurru mala and community leaders and families (including both dirramu and miyalk) are aware of the potential health and broader socioeconomic impacts.

Following this community engagement, and subject to the necessary community support and compliance/regulatory resources being secured, the NT Government may be in a position to receive applications for kava licenses in designated kava management areas. However, reaching this point will likely take 6-12 months.

Engagement with the East Arnhem RCFC

CM&C is now commencing initial engagement with the members of the East Arnhem RCFC and other key stakeholders about the design of a comprehensive and culturally sensitive regional/local approach to undertaking consultation to gauge attitudes and worries about kava.

This consultation will include asking whether or not to re-institute kava trading arrangements in specific subregions/communities (like before) or for current general restrictions and prohibitions on trade to continue with a

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focus on enforcement (noting the high risk of an increase in illicit trade from other participating jurisdictions in the commercial pilot).

The upcoming workshop with the RCFC will focus upon the following questions about the upcoming consultation within the East Arnhem Region:

- What type of information does the RCFC think would be useful so community can make informed decisions?
- Who should we talk to/consult with?
- How should we talk to them and who do we need to take with us?

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2

TITLE Waste Services Update

REFERENCE 1598958

AUTHOR Wesley Van Zanden, Waste & Environmental Manager

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

Asbestos Remediation Project – Galiwin'ku

Recent assessments were undertaken at Galiwin'ku after asbestos removal works identified the presence of widespread potential asbestos containing materials (ACM) across public spaces in Galiwin'ku.

The findings of these assessments, identified several short, medium and long-term strategies to address asbestos management on the island.

To manage these strategies, a Working Group was established with stakeholders from the National Indigenous Australian Agency, Chief Ministers and Cabinet, East Arnhem Regional Council, NT Department of Infrastructure & Planning, and Northern Land Council.

To oversee the management of the project, the Working Group elected to jointly fund a Project Manager position and have them sit within East Arnhem Regional Council.

I am pleased to advise that after many months of delays in finalising funds and budgets for the position, Ben Jones has accepted an offer to fill the role of Environmental Projects and Communications Officer.

Ben is an exceptional candidate, with over fifteen years of environmental management experience across a range of industries and locations.

Ben moved up with his family from South Australia and started with the Council on 1 March 2022.

This is a great step forward for the project and will hopefully mean the project can progress rapidly in 2022.





Figure 1. Areas potentially impacted by Asbestos



Figure 2. Areas potentially impacted by Asbestos

Wetlands Management Plans

A new initiative named Wetlands Management Plans (WMP), is being developed by Waste Services in 2022.

Initially, WMPs are going to be developed for Wetlands south of Galiwin'ku.

Given the complexity of wetlands and their many values, it is wise to prepare management plans for wetlands to help maintain these values.

The purpose of a WMP is to address:

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

Management plans specifically for wetlands, can ensure the best outcomes for sustaining the values and benefits of wetlands to landholders and the wider community for present and future generations.

The initial stages to develop the plan will be to conduct surveys around the wetland to identify plant and soil types as well as potential hazards and areas where further data collection is required. Initial surveys are planned for dry season 2022.

However at this stage consultation with Northern Land Council (NLC) Traditional Owners and Rangers has not been conducted.

As part of the wetlands management projects it is expected that the various Ranger groups in East Arnhem will be engaged to provide ecological and land management support.



Landfill Monitoring and Hydrological Studies

Within the Environmental Management Plans (EMP) developed for the landfills, hydrological studies were identified as being required for Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi and Umbakumba. The information from the EMP and these hydrological studies will inform the Council as to what landfill monitoring is required at the landfills.

It is expected that groundwater monitoring bores will be required at Galinwin'ku and Milingimbi Landfills, while the rest of the landfills will require routine site inspections. However, until assessments are undertaken it is difficult to know for sure what the requirements will be.

Cash 4 Containers

Cash 4 Containers was put on hold at the start of the year across all communities while an internal program issue was fixed.

The program on Galiwin'ku will likely remain on hold until a new Municipal Services Supervisor begins, to ensure that the program is appropriately managed on the ground.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the report from Waste Services.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Implementation Plan Galiwinku_ AGON Report

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.4

TITLE Community Development Coordinator - Report

REFERENCE 1613751

AUTHOR Melissa Jones, Community Development Coordinator - Galiwinku

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

We had a new Municipal Services Supervisor commence with us at the end of March/beginning of April. Eli Toombs – comes across to us from Community Development Program (CDP).

Other than the addition of Eli, we haven't had many staff changes recently.

In March we held a competition with the School and community to design an AFL Guernsey for the Under 18s Magpies team. We had a lot of amazing entries and it was awesome to see the different styles of artwork. We picked a winner and had a presentation at the end of term assembly at the School. Currently we are waiting for sizes and I will then organise for the shirts to be made.



On 4 March the School held their Colour Run and cross country run. Our office participated at the end of the race by handing out icy poles to the kids once they crossed the finish line. There were a lot of kids participating, and it was awesome to see everyone cheering each

other on and supporting one another. We will also participate in, and support the AFL Grand Final by hosting a BBQ with CDP. The Purple House Dialysis team is finally able to hold their long awaited opening day this month. Due to Covid-19 and setting everything up, they have not yet been able to hold this event.

I've been able to speak with the Babbarra Women's Centre in Maningrida and we are looking at heading over on Wednesday 1 June or Thursday 2 June. The Manager has mentioned that unfortunately due to loss of funding, they operate as more of a working art centre than a Women's Centre. They suggested the afternoon would be the best time to spend with the ladies that work there, have an afternoon tea and get to know the space and the women involved. I'll organise other potential activities in more depth with Kaye while we are in Maningrida, if the Women's Centre is to only to occupy the afternoon.

Since the last meeting, everything seems to have returned back to normal post Covid-19 and post lockdowns, travel restrictions etc. As always the Youth, Sport & Rec team have been super busy. They help a lot with running the AFL men and women's comp here in community as well as Auskick. Recently they started doing weekly hunting/ bush/ cultural trips with the young men that are having issues at School or engaging in rebellious behaviour. YSR have teamed up with Yalu and Territory Families, as well as other stakeholders in community who want to be involved. I'm hoping from this we can organise with Jasmine from Yalu & Miliy from YSR, a female group to take out bush to do separate culture activities. The team recently had School Holidays so were busy doing volleyball, board-board, car wash etc.

Our Community Night Patrol team have, as always, been very busy. Our Coordinator regularly attends the Multi-Agency Community and Child Safety Teams (MACCST) meetings to discuss with other stakeholders the VSA use in community and the children it is affecting. They have also helped the Sunset School programme with their recycling initiative by assisting the students to count the bottles for their money collection.

Childcare has had a lot more stability in staff attendance and opening times since the employment of a Second in Charge (2IC). This has been great for the team and has allowed them to participate in training opportunities they normally wouldn't be able to. They have recently been doing some training at Connected Beginnings on Fridays with all the team, which has been great for upskilling and education. The Library has had a big clean-up and a lot of community members appear to be attending and utilising the space.

I wanted to discuss with everyone the Funeral Services & Cemetery Policy.

The Council, when requested, is able to provide an in-kind service of \$1000 which equates to 2 truckloads of sand, sand delivery and the labour assisting in grave preparation activities as well as grave digging. Currently in community there is more than two truckloads of sand being used for ceremonies, this practice is against our Policy for Funeral Services.

The members should also be aware that sometimes EARC does not have valid permission for extraction, during these times service cannot be offered.

According to the Schedule of Fees and Charges, extra sand delivery comes at a cost of \$675. Unfortunately when people ask for more sand, it comes as a demand rather than a request. If Council refuse services, people can become quite rude and aggressive to Council staff. The below is a snippet from the Policy, and the Community Development Coordinator would like to have everyone's feedback and discussion regarding this matter.

4.2.1 Gratis Services

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

EARC provided services up to the value of \$1000.

- · Once per deceased individual.
- Limited to the community and EARC administered cemetery where the burial will take

place.

• For gratis funeral services provided please refer to 4.2.2.

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

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

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

4.2.2 Available Gratis funeral services

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Community Development Coordinator report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.5

TITLE Corporate Services Report

REFERENCE 1609778

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 30 April 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.

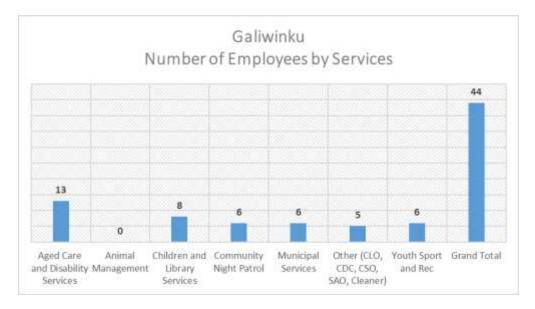
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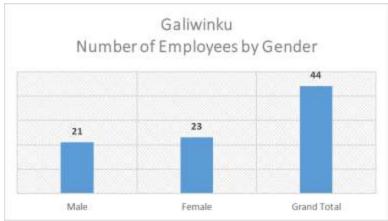
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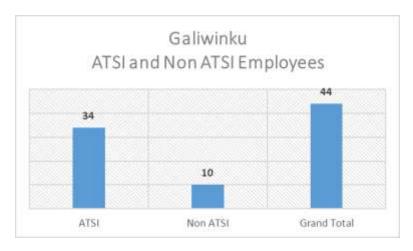
The following tables show year to date employment costs against budget. Services that are under budget are the result of lack of attendance at work and vacancies due to staff turnover.

| Row Labels | Actual YTD | Budget YTD | Variance | % of Variance |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| Aged Care and Disability Services | 611,164 | 696,976 | 85,812 | 12% |
| Building and Infrastructure Services | 36,365 | 44,163 | 7,798 | 18% |
| Children and Family Services | 187,780 | 317,157 | 129,378 | 41% |
| Community Development | 247,820 | 277,395 | 29,575 | 11% |
| Community Media | 2,230 | 13,149 | 10,919 | 83% |
| Community Patrol and SUS Services | 199,242 | 215,766 | 16,525 | 8% |
| Council Housing/Tenancy Services | 34,968 | 44,038 | 9,070 | 21% |
| Library Services | 18,384 | 79,962 | 61,578 | 77% |
| Municipal Services | 255,742 | 346,158 | 90,416 | 26% |
| Veterinary and Animal Control Services | 35,735 | - | - 35,735 | 0 |
| Visitor Accommodation | 39,185 | 64,669 | 25,483 | 39% |
| Waste and Environmental Services | 90,546 | 114,427 | 23,881 | 21% |
| Youth, Sport and Recreation Services | 238,646 | 283,365 | 44,720 | 16% |
| Grand Total | 1,997,805 | 2,497,224 | 499,419 | 20% |

Employee Statistics:







Vacancies as of 30 April 2022:

| Position | | Level |
|--|---------|-------|
| Veterinarian | Level 7 | |
| Aged Care & Disability Services Officer / Cook Level 3 | | |
| Aged Care & Disability Services Support Worker Level 1 | | |
| Child Care Worker Level 1 | | |
| Community Media Officer Level 1 | | |
| Community Patrol Officer Level | | |
| Municipal Services Team Leader | Level 3 | |

| n, Sport and 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 30 April 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Financial Re Financial Result_Each Reporting Location_Galiwinku

Each Reporting Location

| | | Galiwinku | |
|--|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 30 APRIL 2022 | ACTUALS YTD | BUDGET YTD | VARIANCE YTD |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | |
| Grants | 2,308,071 | 2,416,770 | (108,699) |
| User Charges and Fees | 1,231,717 | 1,554,653 | (322,936) |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 1,816,032 | 1,790,252 | 25,780 |
| Interest Income | - | | |
| Other Operating Revenues | 316,168 | 379,069 | (62,900) |
| Untied Revenue Allocation | 443,198 | 446,668 | (3,470) |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES | 6,115,187 | 6,587,412 | (472,226) |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| Employee Expenses | 1,997,805 | 2,497,224 | (499,419) |
| Materials and Contracts | 647,676 | 1,050,612 | (402,936) |
| Elected Member Allowances | 119 | - | 119 |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances | 1,922 | 7,500 | (5,578) |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | 78,823 | 74,279 | 4,544 |
| Interest Expenses | 10- | *: | - |
| Other Operating Expenses | 1,349,469 | 1,180,718 | 168,752 |
| Council Internal Costs Allocations | 854,397 | 1,252,288 | (397,891) |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 4,930,211 | 6,062,620 | (1,132,409) |
| OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) | 1,184,976 | 524,792 | 660,184 |
| Capital Grants Income | 470,000 | 470,000 | - |
| SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) | 1,654,976 | 994,792 | 660,184 |
| Capital Expenses | (6,074) | (1,152,846) | 1,146,772 |
| Transfer to Reserves | - | (730,887) | 730,887 |
| Add Back Non-Cash Expenses | 78,823 | 74,279 | 4,544 |
| NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) | 1,727,725 | (814,662) | 2,542,387 |
| Carried Forward Grants Revenue | 1,828,176 | 1,483,041 | 345,135 |
| Revenue Received in Advance | 19 | - 6 | |
| Transfer from General Equity | | *: | - |
| Transfer from Reserves | | 1,269,740 | (1,269,740) |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS | 1,828,176 | 2,752,781 | (924,605) |
| NET OPERATING POSITION | 3,555,901 | 1,938,119 | 1,617,782 |

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.6

TITLE Draft Regional Plan

REFERENCE 1614666

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act requires each Council to have a Regional Plan.

The Regional Plan must contain a service delivery plan (what the Council is going to do) and the Council budget.

It must also include a longer term financial plan.

The plan must be adopted by resolution by 30 June 2022.

Before adoption, it must be approved as a draft, and made available to the public for comment.

It must be made available to Local Authorities for comment.

The timetable is therefore:

- The draft Annual Plan is presented to the Local Authorities from 16 to 27 May;
- Special Meeting Monday 30 May to approve a DRAFT with Local Authority feedback for public comment from 31 May to 21 June 2022.
- Ordinary Meeting Thursday 30 June approve and set rates.

GENERAL



The Annual Budget

The Annual Budget has been prepared on a business as usual approach.

The Money Story:

Council has two types of money – tied and untied. Tied money can only be used for the purpose the money is allocated.

(note, in the numbers below, money into the money pile is shown with a "-" in front).

Tied Section

Tied new Revenue is \$15,968,166.

| -1,248,238 | Local Authorities |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| -3,560,765 | Waste and Environmental Services |
| -556,273 | Visitor Accommodation |
| -7,359,227 | Aged Care and Disability Services |
| -166,075 | Community Media |
| -3,077,587 | Community Patrol and SUS Services |

Added to that is Tied money from previous years, including the current unfinished year of \$4,838,174.

| -2,927,099 | Local Authorities |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| -165,528 | Waste and Environmental Services |
| -1,226,935 | Aged Care and Disability Services |
| -91,251 | Community Media |
| -427,360 | Community Patrol and SUS Services |

Added to that is Tied money from Reserves of \$5,540,190.

That gives \$26,346,530 to spend on Tied services.

The expenditure on Tied services is \$15,375,736

| 389,809 | Local Authorities |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 4,658,259 | Waste and Environmental Services |
| 244,237 | Visitor Accommodation |
| 7,227,599 | Aged Care and Disability Services |
| 184,329 | Community Media |
| 2,671,503 | Community Patrol and SUS Services |

Allocations and charges from Council to be transferred is \$3,612,468.

These are for information technology, fleet, building costs, accounting, insurance and management oversight.

Capital expenditure items in Tied services are \$7,358,326.

The expenditure plus allocations plus capital equal \$26,346,530.

Untied Section

Untied new Revenue is \$28,489,857

| -113,298 | Community Development |
|-------------|---|
| -136,458 | Veterinary and Animal Control Services |
| -1,247,950 | Fleet and Workshop Services |
| -375,063 | Library Services |
| -1,152,551 | Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management |
| -1,848,059 | Local Road Upgrade and Construction |
| -2,108,351 | Building and Infrastructure Services |
| -2,087,874 | Children and Family Services |
| -3,502,594 | Youth, Sport and Recreation Services |
| -10,000 | Local Commercial Opportunities |
| -15,907,659 | Corporate Services |

Added to that is untied money from previous years, including the current unfinished year of \$934,869

| -11,089 | Veterinary and Animal Control Services |
|----------|---|
| -150 | Lighting for Public Safety |
| -9,228 | Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management |
| -1,716 | Local Road Upgrade and Construction |
| -156,622 | Building and Infrastructure Services |
| -45,195 | Children and Family Services |
| -707,870 | Youth, Sport and Recreation Services |
| -3,000 | Community Events |

Added to this is the allocations and charges transferred from Tied services of \$3,612,468.

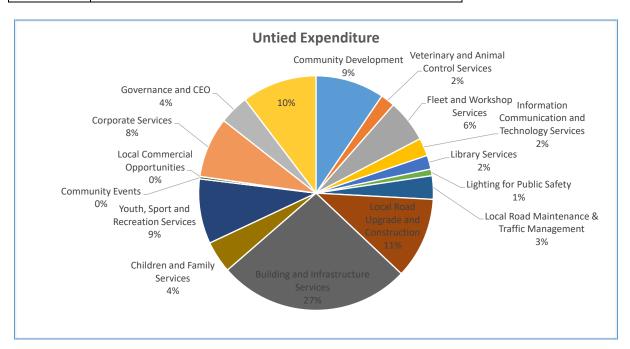
Added to that is Untied money from Reserves of \$4,872,500

| 354,753 | Fleet and Workshop Services |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| -1,434,521 | Local Road Upgrade and Construction |
| -3,339,732 | Building and Infrastructure Services |
| 50,000 | Governance and CEO |
| -503,000 | Municipal Services |

That gives \$37,909,694 to spend on Untied services.

The expenditure on Untied services is \$36,909,830

| 3,499,808 | Community Development |
|-----------|---|
| 729,406 | Veterinary and Animal Control Services |
| 2,168,182 | Fleet and Workshop Services |
| 910,346 | Information Communication and Technology Services |
| 707,212 | Library Services |
| 335,433 | Lighting for Public Safety |
| 1,192,936 | Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management |
| 4,134,296 | Local Road Upgrade and Construction |
| 9,800,880 | Building and Infrastructure Services |
| 1,623,470 | Children and Family Services |
| 3,295,432 | Youth, Sport and Recreation Services |
| 126,000 | Community Events |
| 3,500 | Local Commercial Opportunities |
| 3,069,606 | Corporate Services |
| 1,503,009 | Governance and CEO |
| 3,810,314 | Municipal Services |



Capital expenditure items in Untied services are \$934,352.

The operating expenditure and capital expenditure equal \$37,844,182.

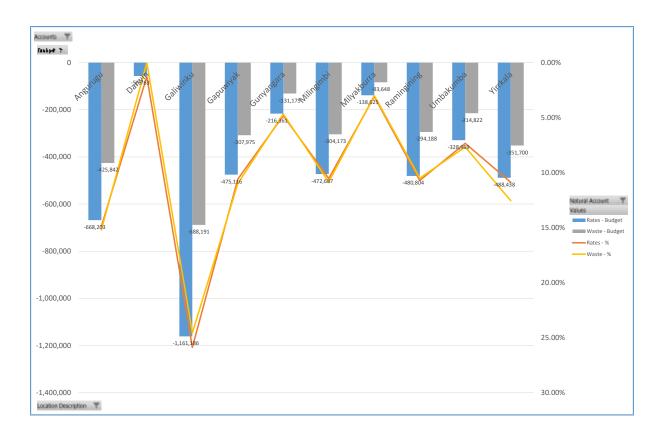
That leaves a small surplus of \$65,512.

(all these numbers exclude depreciation).

Rates and Waste Income

The Untied income includes \$4,487,152 of property rates.

The Tied Waste income includes \$2,801,713 of domestic waste charges.



Local Government Funding

Major funding of \$13.8m from both Federal and Territory Government:

| What | Amount | From Whom |
|--|---------|-----------------|
| Financial Assistance (General Purpose) | \$3.45m | Australian Govt |
| Financial Assistance (Roads) | \$1.33m | Australian Govt |
| NT Operational Subsidy | \$6.5m | NTG |
| Indigenous Jobs Development | \$1.28m | NTG |
| Local Authority Projects | \$1.24m | NTG |

Local Projects

East Arnhem Regional Council - Stage 1 Local Authority Community Projects

Angurugu \$889,115.33

*Public Toilets * Riverside Market Space *Footbridge *External Public Seating & Benches in Church Area & Cemetery

Umbakumba \$857,115.33

*Footpaths – Underway *Oval Improvements *Fire *Floating Pontoon / Jetty *Solar Lighting at Foreshore *Lockable trailer for music equipment – completed *Equipment for New Recreation Hall (up to \$30,000.00) – completed *Firefighting Unit - completed

Milyakburra \$672,115.33

*Oval funding contribution *Public Toilets *Up to \$30,000.00 Contribution for a BMX Track *Jettv

*Shade Structure at the Barge Landing – completed

Ramingining \$872,115.33

*Oval Lights - underway *Airport Shelter Upgrade - Painting and Extension - underway

Milingimbi \$956,515.33

- *Public Toilets near the Foreshore at Jesse Smith Park *Waterpark *Lockable Double Bin Stands for Each House underway

Gapuwiyak \$870,915.33

- *Two Playgrounds *Solar Lighting *Shade Shelters at Wharf Camp - completed
- *Two Public Toilets Near Airport and to replace those near Central Council Area
- *Up to \$50,000.00 Financial Contribution towards Grant Funding for Improved Airport Waiting Facility

Galiwin'ku \$1,483,415.33

- *Additional Footpaths underway *Public Toilets at Two Locations *Buthan Recreation Area *Co-Contribution to a Ceremony Area
- *Outdoor Youth Recreation Facilities, incorporating a Waterpark and BMX Track

Yirrkala \$1,072,215.33

*Playgrounds *Fencing around Oval *Improved Oval Lighting - underway *Two Public Toilets at Shady Beach & Oval *Improvements to Ceremony Areas

Gunyangara \$678,415.33

- *Multi-Purpose Building at Oval Change Rooms/Bathrooms (Cyclone Shelter)
- *Footpaths (from School to Gumati Office) underway
- *Landscaping and Beautification around Community

East Arnhem Regional Council - Stage 2 **Local Authority Community Projects**

Council is seeking matching funds from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments and other organisations to help make these other projects a reality.

Angurugu \$889,115.33

CCTV Cameras Traffic Calming

Umbakumba \$857,115.33

- New Sport and Recreational Hall
- Bollards

Milyakburra \$672,115.33

Water Park Solar Lighting

Ramingining \$872,115.33

- Combined Shower, Toilets and Change Rooms at Oval Solar Lights at Cemetery Power to Cemetery Shade Shelter near Oval Underway

Milingimbi \$956,515.33

- Combined Change Rooms, Shower and Toilets at Oval Two Shade Structures and Seating on the Foreshore Renovate and Upgrade the Commentator Box at Oval Contribute towards the Ceremony Area at Makarata Field

Gapuwiyak \$870,915.33

- Staged Waterpark
- Footpaths

Galiwin'ku \$1,483,415.33

- Shelters underway
- Mobile Laundromat

Yirrkala \$1,072,215.33

- Sport and Recreational Hall (Cyclone Shelter) \$400,000 contribution
- Water Supply near Oval Solar Lights at Beach Areas
- Fencing for Sacred Sites
- Water Park

Gunyangara \$678,415.33

- Oval Lighting LED Screen and Trailer Basketball Court Cover and Seating

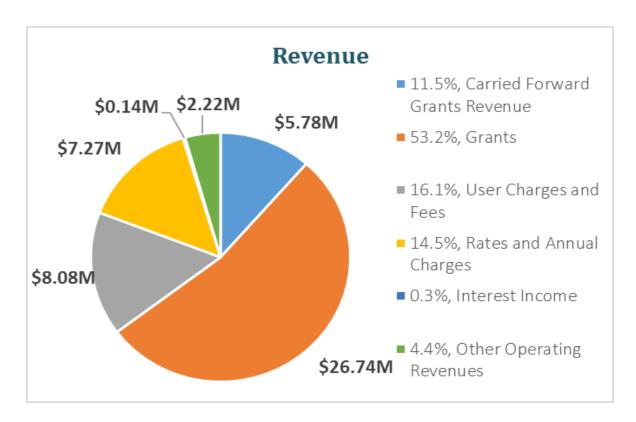
THE BUDGET BOTTOM LINE

 \checkmark A budget of \$60.57M incorporating an operating expenditure budget of \$52.28M, and capital expenditure budget of \$8.29 million.

- √ \$10.3M from reserves will be utilised to deliver the budget.
- ✓ The operating budget will achieve an operating surplus of \$65,512 meeting the required financial sustainability target.
- ✓ A modest rate increase of 2% for all the properties. Conditional Rates for mining properties have been increased as per Gazette S18 at 36% which resulted in an increase in overall rates collection by \$20,000. The 36% increase in mining rates has also been allowed for FY2024 and FY2025. EARC does not have any pastoral properties.
- √ \$3.5 million investment for the aged care capital expenditure funded with Aged Care Reserves.
- ✓ Local Authority Projects of \$4.14M will be delivered with funding coming from carried forward revenue of \$3.85M and current financial year revenue of \$1.24M.

REVENUE

Council's major sources of revenue are Grants \$26.7M (54.31%), Rates and Charges \$7.27M (14.77%) and sundry income \$9.1M (18.23).



Forecasted Grant Revenue:

| Grant | Amount |
|--|----------------|
| 1624 - Community Night Patrol Services | (2,680,787) |
| 1604 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Program | (2,134,133) |
| 1231 - Indigenous Employment Initiative Program | (1,915,683) |
| 1617 - Community Child Care Fund | (1,610,423) |
| 1705 - Local Authority Project Funding 2022-2023 | (1,212,100) |
| 1665 - Local Road and Infrastructure Program | (1,132,580) |
| 1492 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme | (814,270) |
| 1623 - Outside School Hours Care | (506,001) |
| 1708 - Roads to Recovery Program 2022-23 | (500,000) |
| 1318 - Regional Sobering Up Shelter, Nhulunbuy | (396,800) |
| 1262 - Public Library Service | (375,063) |
| 1697 - Children and Family Intensive Support | (333,333) |
| 1204 - Mungkadinamanja Flexible Aged Care | (315,785) |
| 1243 - Remote Sport Program | (283,927) |
| 1319 - Communities for Children Program | (233,653) |
| 1681 - Community Youth Diversion Program | (200,000) |
| 1700 - 2021-22 Waste and Resource Management Grant | (193,000) |
| 1581 - Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service | (166,075) |
| 1408 - Animal Management Supervisor, Groote Eylandt | (118,538) |
| 1695 - Aboriginal Benefit Account (ABA) | (45,200) |
| 1688 - Local Authority Project Funding 2021-2022 | (30,100) |
| 6112 Operational Cropt Income Territory Cost | (6 500 000 00) |
| 6112 - Operational Grant Income Territory Govt | (6,500,000.00) |
| 6113 - Financial Assistance Grants Territory Govt | (3,511,334.00) |
| 203320 - Maintain Local Roads - Nhulunbuy | (1,137,551) |
| 203419 - Construct & Upgrade Local Roads - Gunyangara | (215,479) |
| 297017 - Galiwinku Asbestos Project | (180,000) |
| - | |
| Total | (26,741,814) |

Rates and Charges

Budgeted rates and charges total \$7.3M of which \$4.5M will be generated through Rates Revenue and \$2.8M will be generated through Refuse Charges.

Rates are increased 2%. Mining properties rates have been increased by 36% as per Gazette S18.

| | | | Valuation |
|-------------------|------|-----------|------------|
| | Fixe | ed Charge | Multiplier |
| Rates Residential | \$ | 2,977.80 | |
| Rates Commercial | \$ | 3,526.40 | |
| Refuse charge | \$ | 1,901.08 | |
| Mining | \$ | 1,211.71 | 0.044726 |

| | | | # of | | | # of | | |
|----------------|----|-------------|-------------|----|--------------|------------|------|-----------|
| | Ge | neral Rates | Residential | Ge | eneral Rates | Commercial | Tota | al Rates |
| Community | R | esidential | charges | C | ommercial | charges | Rev | enue |
| Angurugu | \$ | 622,360 | 209 | \$ | 45,843 | 13.00 | \$ | 668,203 |
| Galiwinku | \$ | 1,104,764 | 371 | \$ | 56,422 | 16.00 | \$ | 1,161,186 |
| Gapuwiyak | \$ | 464,537 | 156 | \$ | 10,579 | 3.00 | \$ | 475,116 |
| Gunyangara | \$ | 184,624 | 62 | \$ | 31,738 | 9.00 | \$ | 216,361 |
| Milingimbi | \$ | 458,581 | 154 | \$ | 14,106 | 4.00 | \$ | 472,687 |
| Milyakburra | \$ | 128,045 | 43 | \$ | 10,579 | 3.00 | \$ | 138,625 |
| Ramingining | \$ | 446,670 | 150 | \$ | 34,134 | 9.68 | \$ | 480,804 |
| Umbakumba | \$ | 300,758 | 101 | \$ | 28,211 | 8.00 | \$ | 328,969 |
| Yirrkala | \$ | 449,648 | 151 | \$ | 38,790 | 11.00 | \$ | 488,438 |
| | \$ | 4,159,987 | 1397 | \$ | 270,402 | 76.68 | \$ | 4,430,389 |
| Mining Revenue | | | | | | | \$ | 74,676 |
| | | | | | | | \$ | 4,505,065 |

| Community | iuse charge esidential | # of Residential charges | fuse charge commercial | # of Commercial charges | al Refuse rges |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Angurugu | \$ 389,721 | 205 | \$ 36,121 | 19.00 | \$ 425,842 |
| Galiwinku | \$ 631,159 | 332 | \$ 57,032 | 30.00 | \$ 688,191 |
| Gapuwiyak | \$ 298,470 | 157 | \$ 9,505 | 5.00 | \$ 307,975 |
| Gunyangara | \$ 115,966 | 61 | \$ 15,209 | 8.00 | \$ 131,175 |
| Milingimbi | \$ 290,865 | 153 | \$ 13,308 | 7.00 | \$ 304,173 |
| Milyakburra | \$ 74,142 | 39 | \$ 9,505 | 5.00 | \$ 83,648 |
| Ramingining | \$ 277,558 | 146 | \$ 16,631 | 8.75 | \$ 294,188 |
| Umbakumba | \$ 192,009 | 101 | \$ 22,813 | 12.00 | \$ 214,822 |
| Yirrkala | \$ 330,788 | 174 | \$ 20,912 | 11.00 | \$ 351,700 |
| | \$ 2,600,677 | 1368 | \$ 201,035 | 105.75 | \$ 2,801,713 |

Sundry Income

Income from other sundry sources is estimated at \$9.1M. Total current financial year rental income totals \$1.2M. Expected income from NDIS is \$1.97M and Medicare Subsidies will be \$1.2M.

Income from accommodation is forecasted at \$545k for the financial year. Workshop services have been forecasted to achieve \$170K. Indigenous Wage Subsidies are in line with previous years at \$1.28M.

| Account | Amount |
|--|-------------|
| 6320 - Child Care Fees - Families | (72,338) |
| 6321 - Client Contribution | (488,410) |
| 6323 - Rental Income | (1,208,321) |
| 6325 - Child Care Fees | (171,461) |
| 6327 - Medicare Subsidies | (1,854,950) |
| 6331 - Shops and Merchandise Income | (4,400) |
| 6332 - Workshop Services Income | (170,000) |
| 6334 - Accommodation Income | (545,773) |
| 6335 - Commercial Waste Fees | (307,100) |
| 6338 - Contract Income | (101,098) |
| 6339 - Other Service Fee Income | (37,800) |
| 6340 - Indigenous Wage Subsidies | (1,284,000) |
| 6341 - Diesel Fuel Income | (550,000) |
| 6342 - Opal Fuel Income | (290,000) |
| 6346 - Fuel Tax Rebates | (3,420) |
| 6348 - Waste Recycling | (6,750) |
| 6351 - NDIS - National Disability Insurance Scheme | (1,970,130) |
| 6361 - Gravel Sales | (15,000) |
| 6362 - Income Others | (7,500) |
| 6363 - CDS Depot Income | (66,300) |
| 6364 - CDS Cages Income | (3,882) |
| | (9,158,633) |

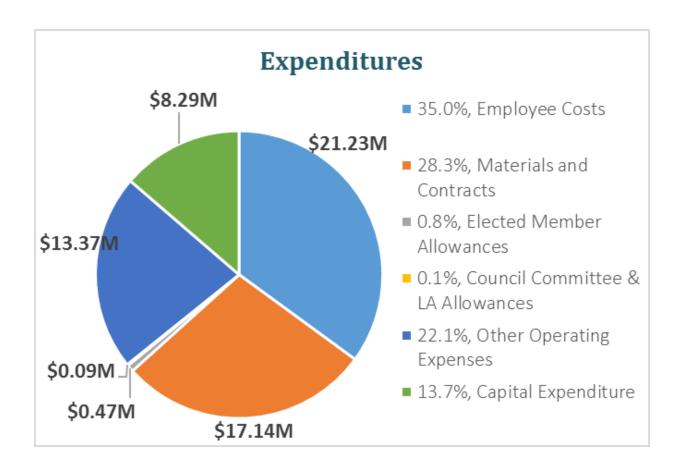
Interest on cash investments and overdue rates is forecast achieve \$139K in 2022/23. There is possibility of earning higher interest rate if the Reserve Bank increase the cash rate.

Insurance reimbursement of \$900,000 has been estimated for Milingimbi Fire that destroyed vehicles and building.

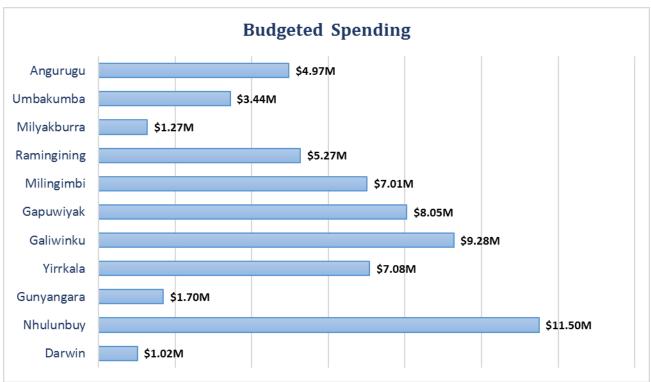
OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Council's expenditure is budgeted at $60.5 \, \text{M}$, $52.28 \, \text{M}$ of which consists of operating expenditure and $8.29 \, \text{M}$ consists of capital expenditure.

| Expenditures | Budget |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Employee Costs | 21,225,218 |
| Materials and Contracts | 17,136,081 |
| Elected Member Allowances | 465,128 |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances | 87,966 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 13,371,173 |
| Capital Expenditure | 8,292,678 |
| | 60,578,244 |







Employee Benefits

Employee costs of \$21.2 million includes direct employee related salary expenditure and other indirect costs such as superannuation, workers compensation insurance and staff training. The total increase in staff costs from 2021/2022 is 9%, primarily reflecting employee certified agreement increases and workers compensation premium increases, and the inclusion of optimal operating staffing structures aligned with revenue for the various programs of council and the project funding agreements. For the wider Community Development directorate this includes the notable creation of the Regional Manager – Community Development position. Youth sport and recreation program has committed extra resources to its staffing plan to align community expectations and market conditions. Children and Library services has undergone internal structure changes with planned changes in the funding landscape.

| Service Area | Budget |
|---|------------|
| 107 - Community Development | 2,667,326 |
| 108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services | 410,456 |
| 112 - Fleet and Workshop Services | 610,261 |
| 114 - Information Communication and Technology Services | 138,336 |
| 115 - Library Services | 572,121 |
| 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management | 148,225 |
| 122 - Building and Infrastructure Services | 1,276,008 |
| 129 - Waste and Environmental Services | 744,481 |
| 139 - Visitor Accommodation | 112,657 |
| 141 - Aged Care and Disability Services | 4,100,898 |
| 145 - Children and Family Services | 1,298,361 |
| 146 - Community Media | 88,018 |
| 147 - Community Patrol and SUS Services | 2,025,243 |
| 152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services | 2,200,757 |
| 167 - Corporate Services | 1,808,809 |
| 168 - Governance and CEO | 481,142 |
| 169 - Municipal Services | 2,516,118 |
| Grand Total | 21,199,218 |

Materials and Services

Materials and services are a significant component of Council's expenditure budget at \$17.13 million.

Significant areas of material and service expenditure that assist with the delivery of services to the community include \$10.3M million in maintenance and operational costs for roads, waste management costs of \$1.8 million relating primarily to waste collection, processing and recycling, and disposal.

Other significant expense items included in the budget are shown in the table below:

| Service Area | Budget |
|---|------------|
| 100 - Local Authorities | 289,750 |
| 101 - Local Laws & Administration of Local Laws | 0 |
| 107 - Community Development | 220,005 |
| 108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services | 130,054 |
| 112 - Fleet and Workshop Services | 117,713 |
| 114 - Information Communication and Technology Services | 451,074 |
| 115 - Library Services | 16,326 |
| 116 - Lighting for Public Safety | 237,333 |
| 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management | 992,265 |
| 119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction | 4,134,296 |
| 122 - Building and Infrastructure Services | 6,205,133 |
| 129 - Waste and Environmental Services | 1,884,069 |
| 139 - Visitor Accommodation | 46,341 |
| 141 - Aged Care and Disability Services | 698,107 |
| 145 - Children and Family Services | 114,679 |
| 146 - Community Media | 648 |
| 147 - Community Patrol and SUS Services | 39,071 |
| 152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services | 109,131 |
| 156 - Community Events | 67,700 |
| 157 - Local Commercial Opportunities | 1,500 |
| 167 - Corporate Services | 685,724 |
| 168 - Governance and CEO | 59,640 |
| 169 - Municipal Services | 654,972 |
| Grand Total | 17,155,531 |

Depreciation

The draft budget includes depreciation of \$3.52M. This is not funded.

Capital Plan

Council's draft 2022/23 capital budget of \$8.2M includes \$3.5M for aged care \$3.5M for Aged Care Capital Program that has been budgeted funded through Aged and Disability Reserve.

Aged care capital program included the following:

- ✓ \$2m for the replacement of Yirrkala Aged & Disability Centre (Lot 143)
- ✓ \$0.7M for Ramingining Aged and Disability Centre Refurbishment and Extensions
- ✓ \$118,000 for Lot 255 Milingimbi Aged & Disability Centre for Power upgrades, laundry upgrades & Roof Repairs
- √ \$420,000 for Aged & Disability Services replacement fleet

Roading

- ✓ \$35K for Umbakumba 4 Mile road grading shoulder reconstruction
- ✓ \$45K for Umbkumba Sign replacement and gravel purchases
- ✓ \$20K for Milyakburra barge road and networked grading as per LAC engagement
- √ \$120K for Raminging bi-annual grading of town and remote network
- √ \$46K for Milingimbi Bi-Annual grading
- √ \$254K for Gapuwiyak Bi-Annual network grade
- √ \$150K for Galiwinku Bi-Annual Grading
- √ 15K for Galiwinku clearing and base works on hunting and significant area tracks
- √ 15k for shoulder reinstatement with in the Gunyangara town roads
- √ 100K for additional allocation from draft surplus for Regional Road Safety Audit
- √ \$450K for Gapuwiyak local roads additional allocation from draft surplus for rural network
 upgrade on Balma-Numbawar link road
- √ \$800k for Galiwinku new curbing and drainage installation on Wakirana street- Colledge Road/Gakuda Street and Dhorunhdu Street to mitigate run off.
- √ \$800k for Yirrkala reconstruction and seal inclusive of kerbing to reduce downhill flow rates
 into properties on Balnama Street and Gumatj Road
- √ \$450k for Gunyangara curbing of Yunupimgu Drive
- √ \$2K for Gapuwiyak cultural tracks
- ✓ Roads to Recovery Programme Capital Grant Funding of \$500,000 will be used for kerbing and storm water works at Galiwinku.
- ✓ Another \$400,000 will be used from reserves to deliver new curbing and drainage installation on Wakirana street - College Road / Gakuda Street and Dhorunhdhu Street to mitigate run off
- √ \$800,000 will be used from reserves for Reconstruction and seal inclusive of kerbing to reduce downhill flow rates into properties on Balnama Street and Gumatj Road

Building & Infrastructure

- √ \$9.8M will be spent on Building and Infrastructure
- √ \$234K has been allocated for staff housing Furniture
- ✓ Ramingining Airport shelter \$ 32,000.

Waste Management

- √ \$4.6M has been planned for Waste Management that will utilise waste management reserve
 by \$1.83M.
- √ \$1.M for Landfill facilities, \$1.9M for Waste Management and \$0.86M for Scrap Metal Recovery Project has been budgeted.

Community

Other major Operating expenditure included the following.

✓ Community Development Coordinators Budgets has been increased by \$45k

✓ \$100k has been allocated for Child Care Perimeter Fencing at Gapuwiyak

- √ 40K for LED Trailer screen maintenance
- √ 30K cleaning budget for heavy cleans of Council offices that are well over due in locations
 where cleaners cannot be sourced.

Veterinary and Animal Control Services

- √ 10K allocated for Locum Veterinarian surgery
- √ \$40K allocated for rebuild of MS shed adjoining Vet Area

Fleet & Workshop

✓ \$934K will be used to replace existing Fleet.

Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 30th June 2023

| for the year ended 30th June 2023 | Budget 2023 \$ |
|---|--|
| Operating Revenue | |
| Grants | 9 5,609,234 |
| User Charges and Fees | 8,076,883 |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 7,274,073 |
| Other Operating Revenue | 2,219,250 |
| Interest Income | 139,965 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | 43,319,405 |
| Operating Expenses | |
| Employee Costs | 21,225,218 |
| Materials and Contracts | 17,136,081 |
| Elected Member Allowances | 465,128 |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances | 87,966 |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | 3,521,018 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 13,371,173 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 55,806,584 |
| OPERATING DEFICIT | (12,487,179) |
| Capital Grants Income | 1 ,132,580 |
| DEFICIT AFTER CAPITAL GRANTS INCOME | (11,354,599) |
| Capital Expenditure | (8,292,678) |
| Transfer to Reserves | (3,552,846 |
| Add back Depreciation Expense | 3,521,018 |
| NET BUDGET DEFICIT | (19,679,104) |
| Carried Forward Grants Revenue | 2 5,779,080 |
| Transfer from General Equity | 50,000 |
| Transfer from Reserves | 13,915,536 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS | 19,744,616 |
| NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION | 65,512 |
| Notes: Grants plus capital grants income include Tied funding of \$16,730,480 | and Untied funding of \$10, |
| Carried Forward Revenue is revenue that has been received and recognic Council's Financial Statement as required by Accounting Standards. It is inbudget in the year it is expected to be spent as this allows Council to set a revenue with the related expenditure, ignoring timing differences between | cluded in the Council budget that matches its |

Forecast Statement of Financial Position

As at 30th June 2023

| As at soll suite 2025 | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Forecast 2023 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | · |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 24,154,904 |
| Trade and Other Receivables | 826,016 |
| Other Current Assets | 1,437,233 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 26,418,153 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | 78,497,857 |
| Other Assets | 213,734 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | 78,711,591 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 105,129,744 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Trade and Other Payables | 1,579,142 |
| Other Liabilities | 913,428 |
| Lease Liabilities Provisions | 223,182 2,798,172 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 5,513,924 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIADILITIES | 3,313,924 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Lease Liabilities | 11,185,166 |
| Provisions | 3,476,179 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | 14,661,345 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 20,175,269 |
| NET ASSETS | 84,954,475 |
| POHAN | |
| EQUITY Accumulated Surplus | 27,775,012 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | 39,150,727 |
| Replacement/Development Reserves* | 18,028,736 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 84,954,475 |
| *Replacement/Development Reserves | |
| Fleet Replacement | 5,627,182 |
| Waste Management | 743,672 |
| Roads Replacement | 2,460,902 |
| Cemeteries Management | 83,465 |
| Buildings Replacement | 1,313,895 |
| Public Area Infrastructure | · |
| | 2,889,156 |
| Disaster Recovery | 500,000 |
| Community Benefit | 3,055,121 |
| Aged and Disability | 1,255,343 |
| TOTAL | 18,028,736 |

Forecast Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30th June 2023

| | Forecast 2023 \$ |
|--|---------------------|
| | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | |
| Receipts: | |
| Grants and Contributions | 26,741,814 |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 7,231,649 |
| Other Operating Receipts | 8,738,661 |
| Interest received | 139,965 |
| Payments: | |
| Payments to Employees | 20,503,495 |
| Payments to Suppliers and Customers | 29,470,094 |
| Net Cash used in Operating Activities | (7,121,500) |
| | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | |
| Receipt: | |
| Proceeds from Sale of Assets | 127,500 |
| Payment: | |
| Acquisition of Property, Plant & Equipment | 8,292,678 |
| Net Cash used in Investing Activities | (8,165,178) |
| | |
| Net Decrease in cash held | (15,286,678) |
| Cash at beginning of period | 39,441,582 |
| Cash at end of period | 24,154,904 |

Planned Major Capital Works

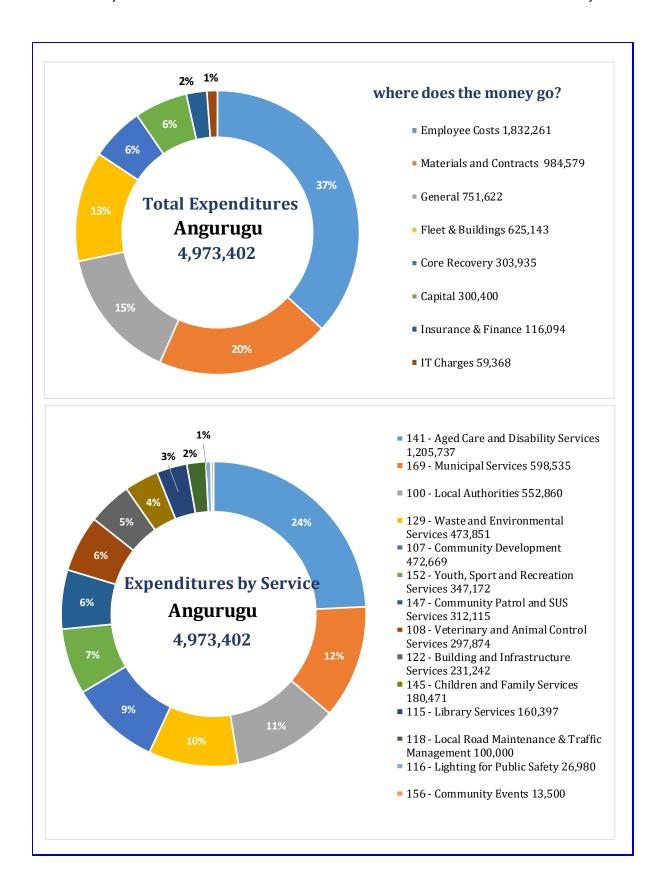
| Class of Assets | By Major Capital Project | Current Financial Year 2023 Budget \$ (B) |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Infrastructure | Design & Construct Replacement Aged & Disability Centre Lot 143 Yirrkala | 2,000,000 |
| Infrastructure | Refurbish and extensions Aged & Disability Centre Lot 143 Ramingining | 772,000 |
| Infrastructure | Power & laundry upgrades and roof repairs Aged & Disability Centre Lot 255 Milingimbi | 118,000 |
| | TOTAL | 2,890,000 |

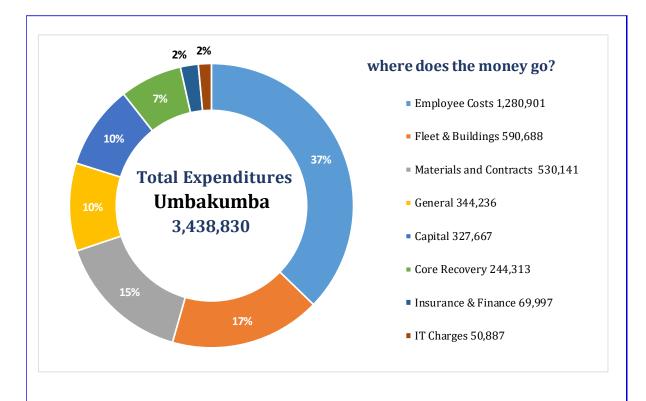
By Local Authority and Support Locations

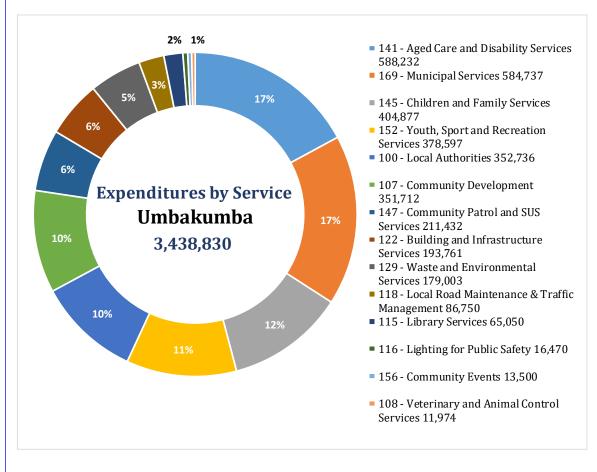
| INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT | Nhulunbuy & | Angurugu | Umbakumba | Milyakburra |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2023 | Darwin | Aligui ugu | UllibaKulliba | Miliyakbulla |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | |
| Grants | 13,260,227 | 1,494,594 | 1,288,790 | 245,139 |
| User Charges and Fees | 2,492,321 | 382,648 | 188,342 | 5,700 |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 41,971 | 1,094,045 | 543,791 | 222,272 |
| Interest Income | 139,965 | - | - | - |
| Other Operating Revenue | 237,880 | 11,250 | 2,787 | 5,545 |
| Untied Revenue Allocation | (8,248,847) | 790,252 | 712,158 | 474,155 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | 7,923,517 | 3,772,789 | 2,735,868 | 952,811 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | |
| Employee Expenses | 5,665,629 | 1,832,261 | 1,280,901 | 416,152 |
| Materials and Contracts | 4,647,808 | 965,848 | 518,577 | 260,053 |
| Elected Member Allowances | 465,128 | - | - | - |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances | - | 9,774 | 9,774 | 9,774 |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | 3,521,018 | - | - | - |
| Other Operating Expenses | 6,171,317 | 876,674 | 416,023 | 276,769 |
| Council Internal Costs Allocations | (8,879,687) | 988,446 | 885,888 | 265,200 |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 11,591,214 | 4,673,002 | 3,111,163 | 1,227,948 |
| OPERATING DEFICIT | (3,667,697) | (900,213) | (375,295) | (275,137) |
| Capital Grants Income | 1,132,580 | - | - | - |
| DEFICIT AFTER CAPITAL GRANTS INCOME | (2,535,117) | (900,213) | (375,295) | (275,137) |
| Capital Expenditure | (4,444,173) | (300,400) | (327,667) | (45,736) |
| Transfer to Reserves | (2,589,344) | (258,801) | (80,437) | (23,189) |
| Add Back Depreciation | 3,521,018 | - | - | - |
| NET DEFICIT | (6,047,617) | (1,459,414) | (783,399) | (344,062) |
| Carried Forward Grants Revenue | 2,083,123 | 568,254 | 229,554 | 42,390 |
| Transfer from General Equity | - | 50,000 | - | - |
| Transfer from Reserves | 4,837,489 | 630,798 | 431,218 | 264,357 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS | 6,920,612 | 1,249,053 | 660,772 | 306,747 |
| NET OPERATING POSITION | 872,995 | (210,361) | (122,627) | (37,315) |

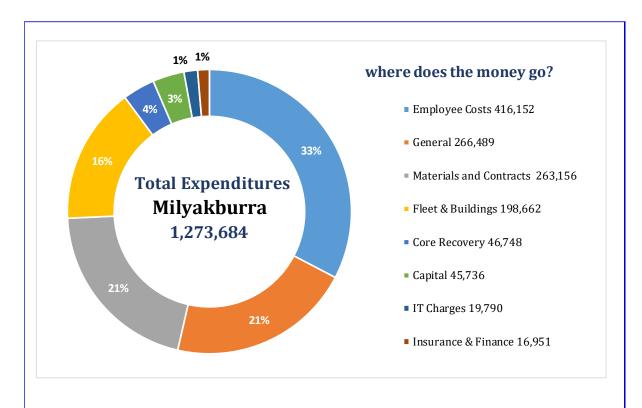
| INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT | Damingining | Milio ginahi | C | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2023 | Ramingining | Milingimbi | Gapuwiyak | |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | |
| Grants | 1,169,616 | 1,111,232 | 2,441,081 | |
| User Charges and Fees | 842,903 | 854,529 | 1,273,372 | |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 774,992 | 776,860 | 783,091 | |
| Interest Income | - | - | - | |
| Other Operating Revenue | 31,889 | 950,655 | 881,564 | |
| Untied Revenue Allocation | 1,078,496 | 1,203,526 | 1,658,592 | |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | 3,897,896 | 4,896,802 | 7,037,699 | |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | |
| Employee Expenses | 1,811,218 | 2,061,030 | 2,372,959 | |
| Materials and Contracts | 964,583 | 2,157,670 | 1,618,605 | |
| Elected Member Allowances | - | - | - | |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances | 9,774 | 9,774 | 9,774 | |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | - | - | - | |
| Other Operating Expenses | 766,366 | 847,941 | 1,933,511 | |
| Council Internal Costs Allocations | 1,244,730 | 1,186,781 | 1,572,408 | |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 4,796,672 | 6,263,196 | 7,507,258 | |
| OPERATING DEFICIT | (898,775) | (1,366,394) | (469,558) | |
| Capital Grants Income | - | - | - | |
| DEFICIT AFTER CAPITAL GRANTS INCOME | (898,775) | (1,366,394) | (469,558) | |
| Capital Expenditure | (471,497) | (747,476) | (540,531) | |
| Transfer to Reserves | (48,058) | (83,141) | (161,767) | |
| Add Back Depreciation | - | - | - | |
| NET DEFICIT | (1,418,331) | (2,197,011) | (1,171,856) | |
| Carried Forward Grants Revenue | 354,063 | 570,803 | 552,911 | |
| Transfer from General Equity | - | - | - | |
| Transfer from Reserves | 962,690 | 1,390,612 | 761,625 | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS | 1,316,753 | 1,961,415 | 1,314,536 | |
| NET OPERATING POSITION | (101,578) | (235,596) | 142,680 | |

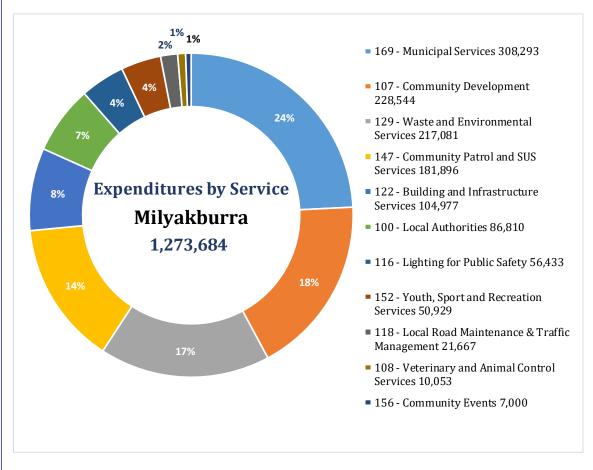
| INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT | Calindalan | Visulada | C | EADC TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2023 | Galiwinku | Yirrkala | Gunyangara | EARC TOTAL |
| OPERATING REVENUE | | | | |
| Grants | 2,538,834 | 1,558,936 | 500,786 | 25,609,234 |
| User Charges and Fees | 1,469,999 | 565,370 | 1,700 | 8,076,883 |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 1,849,377 | 840,138 | 347,536 | 7,274,073 |
| Interest Income | - | - | - | 139,965 |
| Other Operating Revenue | 68,862 | 25,119 | 3,700 | 2,219,250 |
| Untied Revenue Allocation | 1,077,219 | 1,005,547 | 248,900 | (0) |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | 7,004,291 | 3,995,110 | 1,102,621 | 43,319,405 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | |
| Employee Expenses | 3,080,110 | 2,340,626 | 364,331 | 21,225,218 |
| Materials and Contracts | 2,679,997 | 2,534,196 | 788,744 | 17,136,081 |
| Elected Member Allowances | - | - | - | 465,128 |
| Council Committee & LA Allowances | 9,774 | 9,774 | 9,774 | 87,966 |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | - | - | - | 3,521,018 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 971,161 | 870,068 | 241,343 | 13,371,173 |
| Council Internal Costs Allocations | 1,593,187 | 949,393 | 193,655 | (0) |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 8,334,229 | 6,704,056 | 1,597,846 | 55,806,584 |
| OPERATING DEFICIT | (1,329,938) | (2,708,946) | (495,225) | (12,487,179) |
| Capital Grants Income | - | - | - | 1,132,580 |
| DEFICIT AFTER CAPITAL GRANTS INCOME | (1,329,938) | (2,708,946) | (495,225) | (11,354,599) |
| Capital Expenditure | (940,880) | (375,218) | (99,100) | (8,292,678) |
| Transfer to Reserves | (284,585) | (21,361) | (2,162) | (3,552,846) |
| Add Back Depreciation | - | - | - | 3,521,018 |
| NET DEFICIT | (2,555,403) | (3,105,525) | (596,487) | (19,679,104) |
| Carried Forward Grants Revenue | 764,489 | 484,261 | 129,233 | 5,779,080 |
| Transfer from General Equity | - | - | - | 50,000 |
| Transfer from Reserves | 1,581,103 | 2,616,124 | 439,521 | 13,915,536 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS | 2,345,592 | 3,100,384 | 568,753 | 19,744,616 |
| NET OPERATING POSITION | (209,811) | (5,141) | (27,733) | 65,512 |

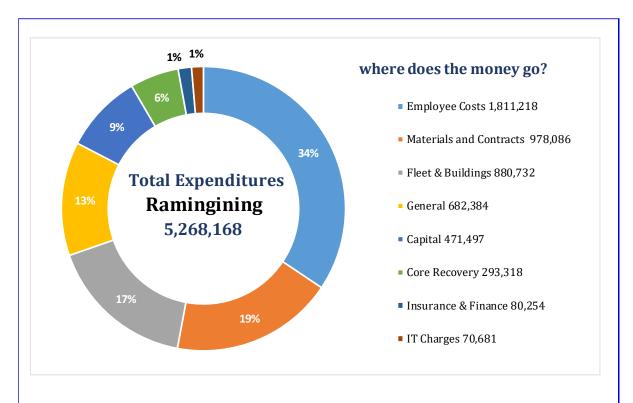


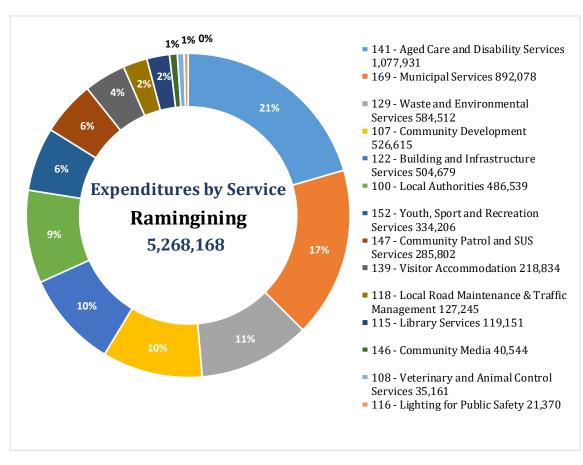


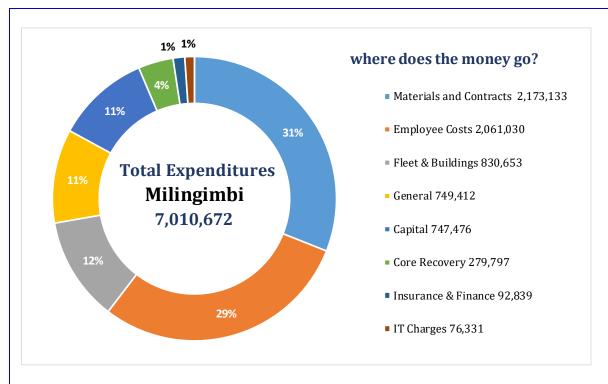


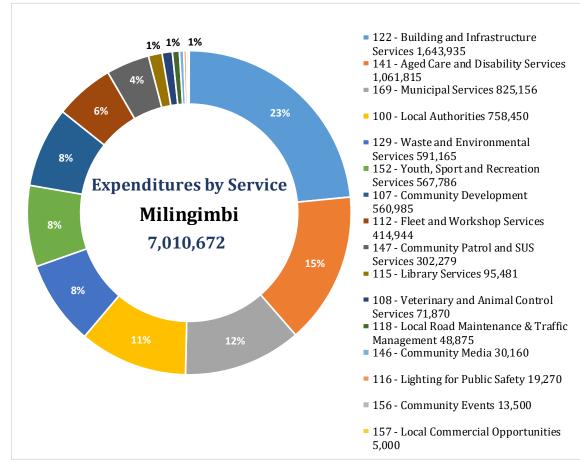


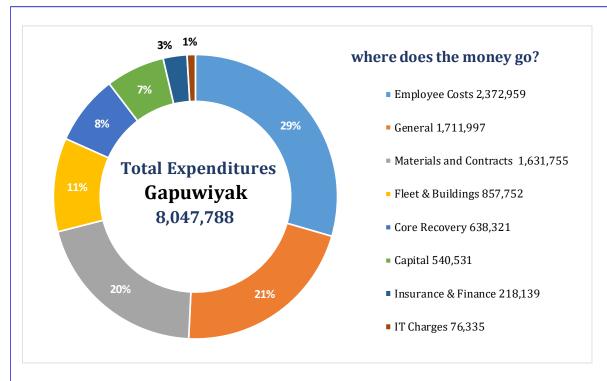


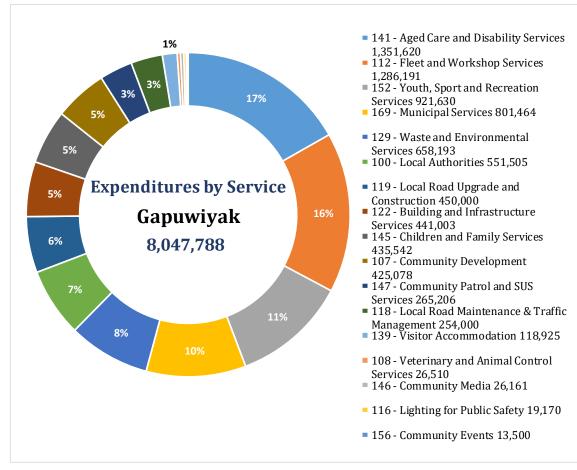


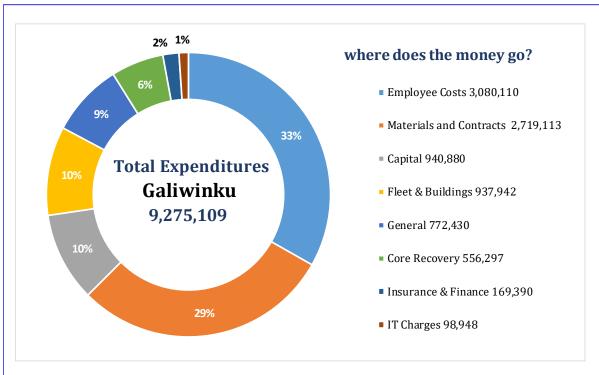


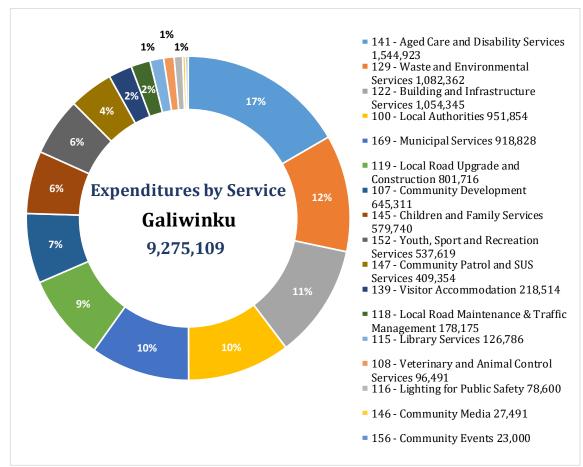


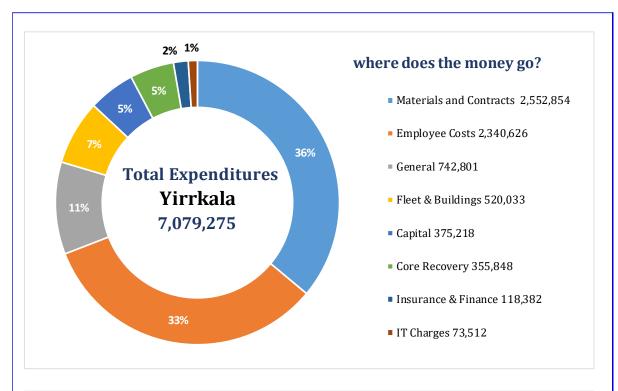


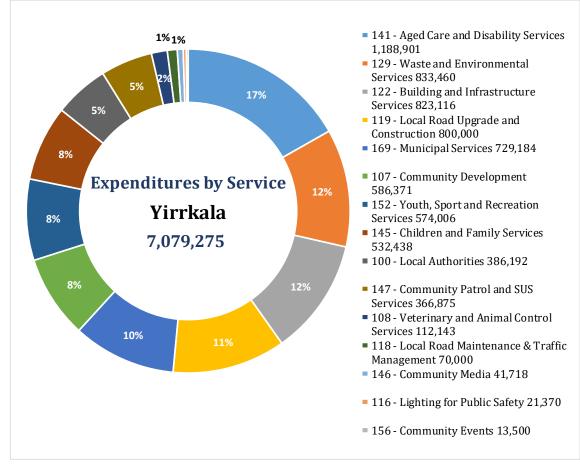


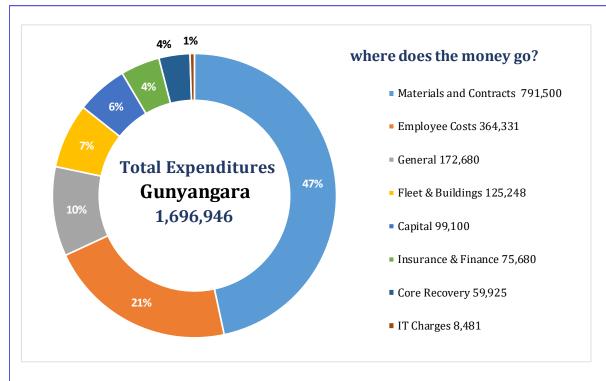


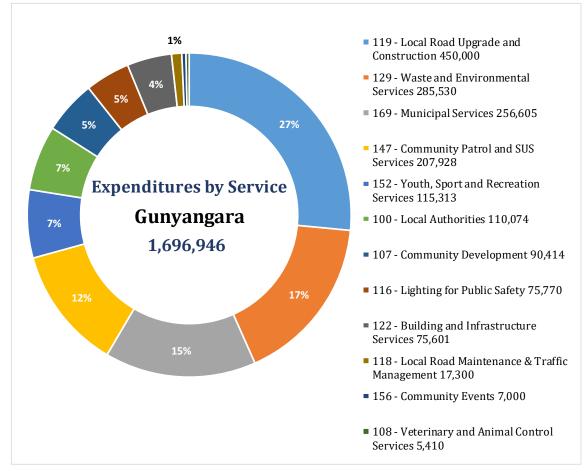












The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachment.