



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 PROVISIONAL MEETING

19 May 2022

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD IN THE
GALIWINKU COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2022 AT 10:00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the chair Councillors Kaye Thurlow, Local Authority Members Don Wininba, Virginia Ripa, Nancy Gudaltji.

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Melissa Jones – Community Development Coordinator.

Ben Jones - Environmental Projects and Communication Officer (For Waste Services report - update on asbestos projects)

Ritesh Parikh – Finance Manager (For Corporate Services and Draft Regional Plan reports)

Minute taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:31AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Nancy Gudaltji opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies

4.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

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

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

209/2022 RESOLVED (Virginia Ripa/Nancy Gudaltji)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority members Terry Walunba, Melissa Campbell, Gaylene Gurruwiwi, Bobby Nyikamula, Cr Evelyn Dhamarrandji and Cr David Djalangi.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cr David Djalangi.**
- (c) Notes Local Authority member Gaylene Gurruwiwi and Cr David Djalangi are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines that Councillor Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Local Authority members Terry Walunba, Bobby Nyikamula and Melissa Campbell are absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

4.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

210/2022 **RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Virginia Ripa)**

The Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill existing vacancies.**
- b) Notes the nominations received from,**
 - i) Cyril Bukulatjri**
 - ii) Jermaine Campbell**
- c) Recommends the nominations to be presented for Council approval.**

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 (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Ripa)**

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 (Don Wininba/Kaye Thurlow)**

That the Local Authority defers this item until next Ordinary Meeting of the Local Authority.

General Business

10.2 WASTE SERVICES UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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

213/2022 **RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Don Wininba)**

That the Local Authority notes the report from Waste Services.

Guest Speakers

9.2 GALIWINKU CLUSTER ACCOMODATION FACILITIES

SUMMARY:

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

214/2022 RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the presentation.**
- b) Thanks Kylie Field for her attendance at the Local Authority Meeting.**

9.1 GUEST SPEAKERS - SHEPHERDSON COLLEGE – LEARNING ON COUNTRY PROGRAM

SUMMARY:

Isaac Jansens, Learning on Country (LOC Coordinator) will inform the Local Authority 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 Waḍaṅga'yū (Bible Camp).

215/2022 RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Kaye Thurlow)

The Local Authority:

- a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.**
- b) Requests to write a letter from the Local Authority for the support of grant opportunities to reestablish the Waḍaṅga'yū (Bible Camp) and for the access road.**

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.

216/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Kaye Thurlow)

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.

BREAK OF LUNCH AT 12:27PM

217/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Kaye Thurlow)

RESUMES AT 1:00PM

218/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Kaye Thurlow)

General Business

10.6 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan.

219/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Nancy Gudaltji)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

10.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2022 within the Local Authority area.

220/2022 RESOLVED (Virginia Ripa/Nancy Gudaltji)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 30 April 2022.

MOVED TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 1:40PM

221/2022 RESOLVED (Virginia Ripa/Nancy Gudaltji)

GETS BACK TO OPEN AGENDA AT 2:12PM

222/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Nancy Gudaltji)

10.4 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.

223/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Virginia Ripa)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Community Development Coordinator report.**
- b) Request the Community Development Coordinator to facilitate consultation with Local Authority members on how to improve the management and use of the cemetery.**

10.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

224/2022 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Kaye Thurlow)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the CEO report.**
- b) Does not support the pathway forward for Local Decision Making planned by the ARDS Aboriginal Corporation as advised on 29 April 2022.**
- c) Supports the:**

Call for Recognition – Local & Regional Indigenous Voice and Decision Making

We the Yolngu and Anindilyakwa people of East Arnhem Land call on the two Balanda (non-Indigenous) levels of Government of the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth of Australia, to recognise the authority of our First Nations peoples which we have had for millennia and was never extinguished.

Our community and homelands people are intertwined and deeply connected through the two pillars (moieties) of Dhuwa and Yirritja, our Bapurru (Clans), our Ringitj (Clan Alliances), our Land, our Song Lines, which extend and connect to Anindilyakwa.

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 recognise the role and authority of the two Balanda controlled governments, and you need to recognise the role and authority of our governance.

Our East Arnhem Regional Local Government Council is governed by up to 126

Members across 9 Local Authorities, which include 14 Councillors elected from 6 cultural based electoral wards, that are all connected through our clans, song lines, bloodlines, ceremony and family, to represent over 10,000 people, with an Aboriginal population over 90 per cent.

Our East Arnhem Regional (Land) Council, part of the broader Northern Land Council, is governed in North East Arnhem Land by 15 elected Members from 8 areas of across the Yolngu lands. Our Anindilyakwa Land Council has 23 elected Board Members from 14 Clans and 3 communities across the Anindilyakwa lands of the Groote Archipelago.

We also have many Aboriginal Corporations governed by Directors from across the Yolngu communities and areas outside of East Arnhem Land, like the Arnhem Land Progress Association, to Corporations with Directors across the whole East Arnhem Region like Miwatj Health, to Aboriginal Corporations with Directors based on areas within the region, like the Laynhapuy, Marthakal and Milingimbi Homelands to Clan based corporations like Gumatj, and Rirratjingu, and the Yothu Yindi Foundation, or linked to communities like Yalu in Galiwinku, Gongdal in Gapuwiyak or Aminjarrindja at Umbakumba. Each of our organisations (listed below) has its own special purpose and role and should be listened to.

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

We look forward to thorough and genuine engagement with the Australian Government's Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice process across East Arnhem Land, and the accompanying opportunities of Closing the Gap. We also look forward to the review and updating of the Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making policy and processes – to be properly aligned, and to allow for coordinated and practical engagement with both Balanda levels of government across East Arnhem Land.

We support a genuine partnership of Balanda government with our Aboriginal Community Controlled Government in unity with the Land Councils and all other Aboriginal organisations, with our shared sacred bond to respect and protect our Land, Traditional Owners, Clan Leaders and Culture.

Our strength of culture, capacity and unity will 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, in the many different communities and homelands across East Arnhem Land.

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 on country together, to overcome the divisions between us through real reconciliation, and start genuine truth telling, dialogue and

understanding, to build a better future and nation for us all.

East Arnhem Regional Alliance

Government	East Arnhem Regional Council
Land	East Arnhem Regional Council - Northern Land Council Anindikyakwa Land Council
Aboriginal Corporations	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation Arnhem Land Progress Association North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation Layhnapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation Milingimbi and Outstations Progress and Resource Aboriginal Corporation Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Yothu Yindi Foundation Aboriginal Corporation Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation Lirrwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation Gong-Dal Aboriginal Corporation Yalu Aboriginal Corporation Aboriginal and Resource Development Services Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Indigenous Enterprises Aminjarringa Aboriginal Corporation Lagulalya Aboriginal Corporation

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

1. Councillor Kaye Thurlow raised concern about the pig running around loose in the community. This is a safety concern for the other animals as well as the children in the community. She has requested an action to address the matter.
2. Councillor Kaye Thurlow proposed an idea on how a Community Support Centre should be arranged so that community members can go there for support related to bank assistance, travel assistance etc.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 July 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 3:06PM.

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This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 19 May 2022 and to be confirmed on the next Local Authority Meeting on 21 July 2022.