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Equality
Independence
Community
Work Confidence
Equity
Respect

AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

30 June 2022

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at Darwin and Video on Thursday 30 June 2022 at 9.00AM.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au and can be viewed at the Council's public office.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

Anindilyakwa Ward

- Constantine MAMARIKA

Birr Rawarrang Ward

- Jason MIRRIJAWUY
- Robert YAWARNGU

Gumurr Gattjirr Ward

- Joe Djakala
- Lapulung DHAMARRANDJI

Gumurr Marthakal Ward

- Evelynna DHAMARRANDJI
- David DJALANGI
- Kaye THURLOW

Gumurr Miwatj Ward

- Banambi WUNUNGMURRA

Gumurr Miyarrka Ward

- Wesley Bandi WUNUNGMURRA
- Bobby WUNUNGMURRA

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The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

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likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

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ATTENDANCE

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Elected Members Attendance and Resignation
REFERENCE 1611025
AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY**

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

This report is to also provide the process for the newly elected members to acknowledge their role as an elected member, the code of conduct, and sign their declaration.

GENERAL

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) **Notes the absence of <<Cr. Name>> .**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from <<Cr. Name>> .**
- (c) **Notes <<Cr. Name/s>> are absent with permission of the Council.**
- (d) **Determines <<Cr. Name/s>> are absent without permission of the Council under Section 47(1)(o) of the Act.**

ATTACHMENTS:

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2021/22 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings									
Ordinary Council Meeting									
Key	✓	Attendance	■	Absent with permission	X	Absent without permission	∞	Not Required	
Councillor	20.09.2021	20.10.2021	16.12.2021	24.02.2022	21.04.2022	30.06.2022			
Kaye Thurlow	Nhulunbuy	Nhulunbuy	Nhulunbuy	Video	Nhulunbuy				
David Djatangi	✓	✓	✓	■	✓				
Evelyna Dhamarrandji	X	✓	X	■	X				
Constantine Mamarika	✓	■	✓	✓	X				
Gordon Walsh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Gilbert Alimankinni	✓	✓							
Lapulung Dhamarrandji	✓	■	✓	✓	✓				
Jason Mirrijawuy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Robert Yawarrngu	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Jason Butjala	✓	✓							
Bobby Wunungmurra	X	✓	✓	✓	X				
Banaambi Wunungmurra	✓	✓	✓	X	✓				
D Marika	✓	✓	✓						
Yirmal Marika	X	✓	X	X					
Joe Diakala				✓	✓				
Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra				✓	✓				

2021/22 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings									
Audit Committee Meeting									
Key	✓	Attendance	■	Absent with permission	X	Absent without permission	∞	Not Required	
Councillor	07.10.2021	09.12.2021	16.03.2022						
Gordon Walsh	Darwin	Darwin	Darwin						
Gilbert Alimankinnl	✓	✓	✓						
Jason Butjala	✓	■							
Kaye Thurlow									
Bobby Wunungmurra			■						
External Members									
Clare Millikin	✓	✓	✓						
Greg Arnott	✓	✓	✓						

2021/22 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings									
Finance Committee Meeting									
Key	✓	Attendance	■	Absent with permission	X	Absent without permission	∞	Not Required	
Councillor	30.11.2021	19.01.2021	16.03.2021	18.05.2022					
Kaye Thurlow	Video ✓	Video ✓	Video ✓	Video ✓					
David Djaliang									
Evelyna Dhamarrandji									
Constantine Mamarika									
Gordon Walsh	✓	✓	✓						
Gilbert Alimankini	✓				Resigned				
Lapilung Dhamarrandji		✓	✓						
Jason Mirrijawuy	✓			✓					
Robert Yawarrngu		✓	✓						
Jason Butjala	✓				Resigned				
Bobby Wunungmurra		✓							
Banambi Wunungmurra			✓						
D Marika	✓								
Yirmal Marika									
Joe Diakala	Elected on 17.02.2022		✓	✓					
Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra	Elected on 17.02.2022			✓					

2021/2022 Attendance and Apologies Register for Meetings									
CEO Review Committee Meeting									
Key	✓	Attendance	■	Absent with permission	X	Absent without permission	∞	Not Required	
Councillor	25.02.2022	04.04.2022							
	Video	Video							
Lapulung Dhamarandi	✓	✓							
Gordon Walsh	✓	✓							
Robert Yawarngu	✓	✓							

Elected Members Training Register 2021/2022

Councillor	LGANT Symposium - Darwin	LGANT Conference - Alice Springs	LGANT Conference - Darwin	Department of the Chief Minister - Code of Conduct	Department of the Chief Minister - Conflict of Interest	Department of the Chief Minister - Roles and Responsibilities	ALGA - 2022	Department of the Chief Minister - Understanding Local Government	Department of the Chief Minister - Introduction to Finances	Department of the Chief Minister - Decision Making/Meeting procedures
	Oct-21	Nov-21	Apr-22	Apr-22	Apr-22	Apr-22	Jun-22	Jun-22	Jun-22	Jun-22
President Iaplung Dhamarandji	V			V	V	V				
Deputy President Gordon Walsh				V	V	V				
Constantine Mamarika	V		V	X	X	X				
Jason Mirrijaavu	V			V	V	V				
Robert Yawarrngu	V			V	V	V				
Banambi Munungmura				X	X	X				
Kaye Thurlow	V	V		V	V	V				
David Djilangi	V			V	V	V				
Evelyn Dhamarandji	V			X	X	X				
Ioe Djakala				V	V	V				
Bobby Munungmura	V	V	V	X	X	X				
Bardi Bardi Munungmura				V	V	V				

ATTENDANCE

ITEM NUMBER	2.2
TITLE	Election of Deputy President
REFERENCE	1632248
AUTHOR	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to elect a Deputy President.

The Deputy President has resigned under Section 64 of the Local Government Act.

As per Section 61(3) the Council may appoint one of its members to be the deputy President. Section 62(2) states that the term of deputy is for a period determined by Council.

The role of the Deputy President is:

59 Role and functions of principal member and deputy or acting principal member

- (1) In addition to the role of a member mentioned in section 44, the principal member of a council has the following functions:
 - (a) to chair meetings of the council;
 - (b) to speak on behalf of the council as the council's principal representative;
 - (c) to liaise with the CEO about the performance of the council's and CEO's functions;
 - (d) to promote behaviour among the members of the council that meets the standards set out in the code of conduct;
 - (e) to lead the council to undertake regular review of the performance of the CEO.
- (2) In addition to the role of a member mentioned in section 44, the role of the deputy principal member of a council is to carry out any of the principal member's functions when the principal member:
 - (a) delegates the functions to the deputy; or
 - (b) is absent from official duties because of illness or for some other reason.

Many councils appoint their Deputy for a twelve month period in order to be able to rotate the role and give other Councillors an opportunity to learn in the role.

The Deputy President was also a member of the Audit Committee, the CEO Review Committee and the Groote Transition Committee.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects <.....> as Deputy President for a term ending <.....>

That Council appoint:

<.....> to the Audit Committee

<.....> to the CEO Review Committee

<.....> to the Groote Transition Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

DECLARATION OF REGISTERED INTEREST REGISTER



ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Declaration of Registered Interest
REFERENCE	1611028
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council.

GENERAL

Sections 114 and 115 Local Government Act.

REGISTER

The Declaration of Interest is attached with this report.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [!\[\]\(b538fe54c1f3a7343e37e85cc2d00497_img.jpg\)](#) Declaration of Interest_May 2022

Declaration of Interest Register



Member's Names/ Families Names	Relationships	Entity Name	Connection to Entity
		Banambi Wunungmurra	
		Miwaty Health	Director
		Kaye Thurlow	
		Northern Territory's Grants Commission	Representative
		Northern Territory Place Names Committee	Member
		David Djalangi	
R Guywanga	Wife		
Kenisha Gumbula	Grandaughter	NAAJA	Employee
L Gumbula	Grandaughter		
		Evelyna Dhamarrandji	
Geoffrey Gurwanawuy	Grandfather	Arnhem Land Progress Association	Director
Dassy Gondarra	Grandmother	Shepherdson College	CLO
		Gordon Walsh	
Gordon Walsh		Warningakalinga Aboriginal Corporation	Director
Andrew Walsh	Son	EARC	Director Community Development
Marianne Walsh	Wife	Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust	Employee
Erin Walsh	Daughter in Law	Arnhem Land Progress Association - Community Development	Employee
		Lapulung Dhamarrandji	
		Arnhem Land Progress Association	Director
		Manapan Furniture	Chair
		Milingimbi School Council	Chair
		Ruiku Milingimbi Hostel	Committee Member
		APLA Remuneration Committee	Board member
		Gatjirrk Yolngu Committee	Director
		ALPA Milingimbi Store Committee	Chair
Joe Diakala	Brother	East Arnhem Regional Council	Elected Member

Member's Names/ Families Names	Relationships	Entity Name	Connection to Entity
		Jason Mirritjawuy	
		Bobby Wunungmurra	
Bobby Wunungmurra		LGANT, Northern Land Council	Executive Member, Director
Bobby Wunungmurra		Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee	Committee member
Micky Wunungmurra	Brother	Arnhem Land Progress Association	Director
Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra	Brother	Yolngu Business Enterprise (2), EARC	Director, Elected Member
		Constantine Mamarika	
		Groote Eylandt Bickerton Island Enterprise	Director
		Anindiyakwa Rangers	Employee
		Robert Yawarngu	
		Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra	
Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra		Yolngu Business Enterprise	Director
Micky Wunungmurra	Brother	Arnhem Land Progress Association	Director
Bobby Wunungmurra	Brother	Northern Land Council, LGANT, EARC	Director / Executive Member / Elected Member
		Joe Djakala	
Lapulung Dhamarrandji	Brother	East Arnhem Regional Council	President

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Minutes of the Council Meeting held 21 April 2022
REFERENCE	1611060
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO



RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

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MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

21 April 2022

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE NHULUNBUY ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022 AT 9AM**

MEETING OPENING: Opened by President Lapulung Dhamarrandji at 9.01am.

PRAYER: By President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

In Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Gordon Walsh, Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy, Councillor David Djalangi (arrived at 9.10am), Councillor Joe Djakala, Councillor Robert Yawarngu, Councillor Kaye Thurlow, Councillor Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra, Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra (arrived at 10.46am).

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Michael Freeman – Manager Corporate Services (by Video).

Shane Marshall – Director Community Development (joined at 9.14 am).

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development (joined at 9.28am).

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to CEO.

ELECTED MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AND RESIGNATION

SUMMARY

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This report is to also provide the process for the newly elected members to acknowledge their role as an elected member, the code of conduct, and sign their declaration.

023/2022 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Joe Djakala)

That Council

- (a) Notes the absence of Crs Constantine Mamarika, Bobby Wunungmurra and Evelyn Dhamarrandji.
- (a) Notes the verbal apologies from Crs Constantine Mamarika and Bobby Wunungmurra.
- (b) Determines Crs Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Constantine Mamarika and Bobby Wunungmurra are absent without permission of the Council under Section 47(1)(o) of the Act.

Declaration of Registered Interest Register

DECLARATION OF REGISTERED INTEREST

SUMMARY

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE NHULUNBUY ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022 AT 9AM

024/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Kaye Thurlow)

That Council notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register.

Previous Council Minutes

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24 FEBRUARY 2022

025/2022 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yawarngu/Joe Djakala)

- (a) That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the Meeting.
- (b) That Council changes the name of Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra to his proper traditional name of Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2022

026/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Kaye Thurlow)

That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the Special Council meeting held on 10 March 2022.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

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.

027/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Robert Yawarngu)

That Council notes the CEO Report.

CEO left meeting at 10.13am.

TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report is tabled for Council to provide updates on the current range of projects across the region as part of annual Capital and Local Authority Project Funded nominated projects.

028/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/David Djalangi)

That Council notes the report.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE NHULUNBUY ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022 AT 9AM

MOTION MEETING BREAK FOR MORNING TEA AT 11.03

029/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Kaye Thurlow)

CR. Banambi left meeting at 11.04am to visit clinic for 3rd Covid-19 injection.

CEO re-joined meeting during break for morning tea at 11.07am.

MOTION TO REOPEN MEETING AT 11.29

030/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Joe Djakala)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Regional Manager Catherine Stillwell – joined meeting at 11.29am and provided a 10 minute introduction and update.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report is to provide information on the progress, successes, challenges and future opportunities of the Council's Community Development Directorate.

031/2022 **RESOLVED** (David Djalangi/Joe Djakala)

That Council notes the Community Development Report.

**AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL
ASSEMBLY - MOTION**

SUMMARY:

This report notes the motion submitted to the Australian Local Government Association for the National General Assembly (NGA) 2022.

032/2022 **RESOLVED** (Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra/Robert Yawarngu)

That Council notes the motion submitted to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2022.

Cr. Banambi re-joined meeting at 11.52am

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME - WORKER SCREENING

SUMMARY:

This report is to alert the Elected Members to a significant change in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) that will have severe implications on the Aged & Disability services delivered by East Arnhem Regional Council and other providers in remote and very remote Australia.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE NHULUNBUY ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022 AT 9AM

033/2022 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Kaye Thurlow)

That Council

- (a) **Notes the report.**
- (b) **Expresses serious and significant concern on the implementation of the Worker screening process in the Northern Territory.**
- (c) **Request Senior Council Management to engage with the Northern Territory screening body SAFE NT, responsible for the operational elements of the policy including the screening threshold.**
- (d) **Advocates for significant policy change with the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government, in the design and implementation of the national policy at the Northern Territory level on NDIS worker screening to allow for continued safe and viable delivery of NDIS services in remote and very remote Australia.**
- (e) **Seeks an exemption from the screening requirements and continuation of Northern Territory transitional or special requirements until the policy matters are revised to suit NDIS provider needs in remote and very remote Australia.**

Cr. Robert left meeting at 11.54am

Director Shane Marshall left meeting at 12.05pm.

Director Shane Marshall re-joined meeting at 12.22pm.

Corporate Services Reports

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to provide the Finance Report for the period ended the 31 March 2022 for its approval.

034/2022 **RESOLVED** (Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra/Gordon Walsh)

That Council approves the Finance Report with Human Resources information for the period ending the 31 March 2022.

MOTION Break for lunch at 12.26pm for 45 minutes.

035/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Joe Djakala)

MOTION Meeting resumed at 1.35pm.

CEO & President left the meeting during lunch at 1.25 to attend additional meeting.

Cr. Banambi did not return to meeting after lunch.

Cr. Walsh assumed the chair at 1.30pm.

036/2022 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yawarngu/Joe Djakala)

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE NHULUNBUY ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022 AT 9AM

FY2022 BUDGET REVISION

SUMMARY:

To approve a Second Budget Revision.

037/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/David Djalangi)

That Council approves the Second Revised Budget for 2021/22.

NEW POLICIES - SHARED SERVICES POLICY AND LOCAL AUTHORITY POLICY

SUMMARY:

The Local Government Act and Guidelines require the Council to maintain policies on Shared Services and Local Authority.

038/2022 **RESOLVED** (Kaye Thurlow/Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council approves the:

- a) **Shared Services Policy.**
- b) **Local Authority Policy.**

Local Authorities

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTIONS - COUNCIL REVIEW AND ENDORSEMENT

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary list of actions arising from Local Authority meetings in each of the East Arnhem Regional Council communities.

039/2022 **RESOLVED** (Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra/David Djalangi)

That Council

- (a) **Endorses the actions included in the Local Authority Actions List as recommended by each Local Authority, or as amended.**
- (b) **Approves the removal of completed actions and as recommended by each Local Authority.**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY AND COMMITTEE
MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP AND RESIGNATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY**

SUMMARY

This report provides to Council copies of minutes from Local Authority and Committee meetings and also lists the membership and resignation in each of the East Arnhem Regional Council communities.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE NHULUNBUY ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022 AT 9AM

040/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Joe Djakala)

That Council

- a) **Notes the unconfirmed minutes from the Local Authority and Committee meetings.**
- b) **Accepts the resignation of Dorothy Wiliyawuy.**

Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

041/2022 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yawarngu/Kaye Thurlow)

That Council note the ingoing and outgoing correspondence register.

MOTION MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL MEETING AT 1.56PM

042/2022 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Kaye Thurlow)

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act, 2019 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

Fleet Report - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

Information Systems - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person; AND information provided to the council on condition that it be keep confidential.*

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Supply of Toyota Vehicles and Hiaces - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

T21-203417.1

Galiwinku New Pedestrian Pathways - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

Financial Write-Off's - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

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THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022 AT 9AM

Lot 189 Milingimbi - Headlease Handback. - The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.

Roads Infrastructure 10 Year Asset Plan Draft. - The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

East Arnhem Regional Council Accommodation Business - The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

MOTION MOVE BACK TO ORDINARY AGENDA AT 2.53PM.

043/2022 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Gordon Walsh)

RESUMPTION OF MEETING 2.53PM

044/2022 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Gordon Walsh)

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:- per Confidential minutes

Director Shane Marshall left meeting at 2.55pm.

Director Andrew Walsh left meeting at 2.55pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION

Council amends the decision of the 10 March concerning attendance at Australian Labour Government of Australia of President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Cr Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra the CEO and Director Community Development.

045/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Joe Djakala)

Question from Cr. Kaye:

Can Council do anything about excluded Community status?
Discussions to continue in regards to this question.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

30 JUNE 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 3.16 pm.

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	4.4
TITLE	Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 20 April 2022, 13 May 2022, 10 June 2022 and 21 June 2022
REFERENCE	1632750
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the Special Council meetings held on 20 April 2022, 13 May 2022, 30 May 2022 and 10 June 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [!\[\]\(97faa0168e491544be255cfcab218e9b_img.jpg\)](#) Special Meeting 2022-04-20 [1798] Minutes.DOCX
- 2 [!\[\]\(b2166b76608b8499cffc130bf1b1fe60_img.jpg\)](#) Special Meeting 2022-05-13 [1806] Minutes.DOCX
- 3 [!\[\]\(b29da0f81af7d31816596405aed0e378_img.jpg\)](#) Special Meeting 2022-05-30 [1845] Minutes.DOCX
- 4 [!\[\]\(52b4a21f1e75ded8f9710f4114e70d28_img.jpg\)](#) Special Meeting 2022-06-10 [1848] Minutes.DOCX



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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

20 April 2022

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN NHULUNBUY ON WEDNESDAY,
20 APRIL 2022 AT 2.30PM

Present

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Gordon Walsh, Cr. Kay Thurlow, Cr. David Djalangi, Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy, Cr. Robert Yawarngu, Cr. Joe Djakala, Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra.

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest at this Special Meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

1.1 RECRUITMENT OF CEO

SUMMARY:

To progress recruitment of a CEO.

RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Robert Yawarngu)

That Council:

- a) Receives the report from the CEO Review Committee.
- b) Approves the Draft Contract.
- c) Reappoints Dale Keehne to the role of CEO from 9 July 2022, subject to acceptance through signing the contract.
- d) Authorises the President to sign on behalf of Council.

1.2 TRAVEL TO CONFERENCES

SUMMARY:

This report presents information on recent conference attendance matters.

RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Jason Mirritjawuy)

That Council:

- a) Cr Bobby Wunungmurra not attend any meetings outside the East Arnhem Region until June 2023.
- b) Partially rescinds the Council's previous decision – regarding the attendance of Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.
- c) This decision is subject to conversation with Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra to understand the events that took place that led to this situation.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN NHULUNBUY ON WEDNESDAY,
20 APRIL 2022 AT 2.30PM

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Wednesday, 20 April 2022 are to be confirmed .

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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

13 May 2022

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2022 AT 9AM

MEETING OPENING AT 9:08AM**In Attendance:**

In the Chair, Deputy President Gordon Walsh, Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy, Councillor Joe Djakala, Councillor Constantine Mamarika, Councillor Robert Yawarngu, Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra, Councillor Kaye Thurlow, Councillor Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra, Councillor David Djalangi (Joined at 9:41AM) and President Lapulung Dhamarrandji- (Joined at 9:46AM)

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer
Shane Marshall – Director Community Development
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development
Michael Freeman – Manager Corporate Services
Ritesh Parikh – Finance Manager

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS**9.1 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN****SUMMARY:**

This report is to progress the Regional Plan

RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Joe Djakala)

That Council approves the proposed draft Regional Plan to be presented to the nine Local Authority meetings between 16 May and 27 May, and schedule a Special Meeting for Monday 30 May 2022 for the purpose of approving a Draft Regional Plan for public consultation between 31 May 2022 and 21 June 2022, with the intention of adopting a Regional Plan on 30 June 2022.

LATE ITEMS**1.1 ALGA - FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN****SUMMARY:**

Support for ALGA Federal Election Priorities

RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Constantine Mamarika)

That Council:

- a) Council supports the national funding priorities of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), which would contribute an estimated \$6.46 billion per year to Australia's GDP and create 43,444 jobs; and

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CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2022 AT 9AM

- b) Council agrees to support and participate in the Australian Local Government Association's advocacy for their endorsed national funding priorities by writing to the local Federal Member(s) of Parliament, all known election candidates in local Federal electorates and the President of the Australian Local Government Association to:
- I. express support for ALGA's funding priorities;
 - II. identify priority local projects and programs that could be progressed with the additional financial assistance from the Federal Government being sought by ALGA; and
 - III. seek funding commitments from the members, candidates and their parties for these identified local projects and programs.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:12AM

RESOLVED (Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Banambi Wunungmurra)

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act, 2019 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

11.1 COM2022

Galiwinku Bahavioural Consultancy - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

RESUMPTION OF MEETING AT 10:21AM

RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Banambi Wunungmurra)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

30 May 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 10:21AM.

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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

30 May 2022

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, 30 MAY 2022 AT 10AM

MEETING OPENING AT 10:06AM**In Attendance:**

In the Chair Deputy President Gordon Walsh, Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy, Councillor Bobby M Wunungmurra, Councillor David Djalangi, Councillor Joe Djakala, Councillor Robert Yawarngu, Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra, Councillor Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra.

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer.
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.
Michael Freeman – Manager Corporate Services.
Ritesh Parikh – Finance Manager

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS**9.1 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN 2022-23****SUMMARY:**

This report is the next step in the adoption of a Regional Plan for 2022/23

RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Jason Mirritjawuy)

That Council approve the Draft Regional Plan for public consultation between 31 May 2022 and 21 June 2022, with the intention of adopting a Regional Plan on 30 June 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 10:12AM.

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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

10 June 2022

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2022 AT 10AM

MEETING OPENING AT 10:30 AM

In Attendance:

Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy, Deputy President Gordon Walsh in the chair, Councillor Joe Djakala, Councillor Robert Yawarngu, Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra, Councillor Kaye Thurlow, Councillor Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

CEO Dale Keehne
Director Technical and Infrastructure Shane Marshall
Corporate Services Manager Michael Freeman (minute taker)

ABSENCE NOTED:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji
Councillor Evelynna Dhamarrandji
Councillor Bobby M Wunungmurra
Councillor Constantine Mamarika
Councillor David Djalangi

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Joe Djakala)

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11.1 RFT11550-2202

External Renovation Works - The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

11.2 RFT1498-2201

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Oval Lighting and Site Servicing Works - The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2022 AT 10AM

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Joe Djakala)

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 10:46 am.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1631126
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

GENERAL:

Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji has continued to lead the proper recognition for Aboriginal Community Controlled Local Governments.

President Lapulung and myself as CEO met with the Northern Land Council – East Arnhem members on 22 April. The Northern Land Council Chair, CEO and East Arnhem NLC Councillors, expressed strong support for a united approach to self-determination and Sovereignty, during the meeting together.

On 29 April the Aboriginal Resource and Development Service (ARDS) Aboriginal Corporation, wrote a letter about a particular view of the “path forward for Local Decision Making in Yolngu communities and homelands” at Attachment 1. This was included for consideration and discussion in the May round of meetings with the Local Authorities.

The President sought and gained the support of the Local Authorities across East Arnhem Land of the Call for Recognition, in the last two weeks of May.

Each Local meeting resolved unanimously that it:

Does not support the pathway forward for Local Decision Making planned by the ARDS Aboriginal Corporation as advised on 29 April 2022.

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
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In a meeting with Chief Minister Natasha Fyles on 31 May she accepted an invitation from President Lapulung to join the Makarrata Ceremony, known as the Ralmanapanmirr ga Ngayanguwangnganthirr ceremony in August or September, as a key first step to truth telling and Treaty.

President Lapulung and myself as CEO have also met with the Board of Miwatj Health and the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation, that indicated clear support. We have agreed to attend the next respective Board meetings and also the Northern Land Council to formalise their support.

We continue to process of engaging with and gaining the support of all the Aboriginal Organisations, Clan Leaders and Traditional Owners to the Call for Recognition.

The Call for Recognition has been developed further based on advice from the Northern Land Council, Miwatj and ALPA, and ongoing reflections of Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji. An 'East Arnhem Land First Nations Call for Recognition' is at Attachment 2.

Elected Member Training

Councillors have attended the first modules of the prescribed training on Roles and Responsibilities, Code of Conduct and Conflicts of Interest. The second modules on finance were scheduled for 29 June 2022.

Training on CEO Performance Reviews is scheduled for 18 August 2022 via video.



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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) **Endorses the resolutions of the Local Authorities of East Arnhem Land to not support the pathway forward for Local Decision Making planned by the ARDS Aboriginal Corporation as advised on 29 April 2022.**
- b) **Supports the East Arnhem Land First Nations Call for Recognition.**

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1  Attachment 6 - ARDS Facilitator letter to Aboriginal Corporations and Local Authorities about LDM in Yolŋu communities final.pdf
- 2  Call for Recognition 20 Jun 22.docx



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29 April 2022

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

What has already happened with the Local Decision Making story in the Yolŋu 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 Yolŋu region. There was lots of discussion about how to give Yolŋu leaders and communities more control over government services.

The LDM Partnership group asked ARDS to hold discussions with Yolŋu communities. ARDS facilitated workshops with Yolŋu leaders in Gapuwiyak (March 2021), Milinjimbi (May 2021) and Raminginiŋ (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 Yolŋu region. In her letter (27 October 2021) she says,

There are some clear, overwhelming messages:

- 1. bāpurru (clan) and gurrutu structures (Yolŋu kinship) are the source of Yolŋu strength and decision-making processes, and these structures should underpin empowerment and local decision making in the Yolŋu sub-regions; and*
- 2. 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 Laynhapuy Homelands have also started meeting and thinking about LDM in that area.

What have we heard from Yolŋu leaders?

In all the discussions, there has been a strong view that Yolŋu *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 *wāŋa woŋaŋu* (traditional land owners) in the LDM process in each area. Many people have also said that Aboriginal organisations should support *bäpurru* 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:

1. A strong priority for ARDS is to make sure that Yolŋu voices are clearly heard by NTG. For any *Bäpurru* leaders or Yolŋu 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 *djāmamirr*.
2. In the next 2-3 months, ARDS Yolŋu facilitators (together with Yolŋu staff from NIAA and DCMC) will speak with leaders from *bäpurru* across *Miyarrka*, *Gattjirrka* 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 *bäpurru* have heard the LDM story. And we can find out which *bäpurru* want to send leaders to negotiate LDM agreements with the government.
3. 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 Yolŋu 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.
5. NTG representatives will go away and draft an LDM agreement. ARDS facilitators will be part of this, and we will check with *bäpurru* representatives if there is anything in the draft agreement that is not clear, or different from the discussions with *bäpurru* representatives.
6. Then ARDS facilitators will take the draft agreement back to the *bäpurru* representatives in each community and read through it carefully together. *Bäpurru* 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 Yolŋu board members:

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

Call for Recognition

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

We call for the full implementation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, including, the Constitutional recognition of all First Nations peoples and a direct First Nations Voice to the Federal Parliament.

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 First Nations governance. We call for internal self-determination within and in co-existence with the nation state of the Commonwealth of Australia and Territorial state of the Northern Territory, through Treaty.

Our East Arnhem Regional Council is our First Nations Local Government, 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 Northern Land Council, is governed in North East Arnhem Land by 15 elected Members from 8 areas 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 and Anindilyakwa communities and areas outside of East Arnhem Land, like the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation, to Corporations with Directors across the whole East Arnhem Land 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 Aboriginal Corporations like Gumatj, and Rirratjingu, and the Yothu Yindi Foundation, or linked to communities like Yalu in Galiwinku, Gong-dal in Gapuwiyak or Aminjarrinja in Umbakumba. Each of our organisations has its own special purpose and role and should be listened to.

Our Aboriginal Controlled Local Authorities and Regional Government Council, offer 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.

If the Balanda Northern Territory and Australian Governments do not recognise this Call for Recognition, they will be continuing the history of Balanda of seeking to conquer, then divide and conquer our people.

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, and the wide range of services, programs, projects and policies of the two Balanda governments – lead to real outcomes, led by the people, in the many different communities and homelands across East Arnhem Land.

To begin this journey we invite the Balanda governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Northern Territory to join in the Makarrata ceremony, known as the Ralmanapanmirr ga Ngayanguwangnganythirr ceremony. This ceremony, part of our sacred and unchanging Rom (Law), is the foundation to overcome the divisions between us, to allow for genuine truth telling, to develop understanding and real reconciliation and build unity and a better nation for us all.

Bukmak Wangany Manapanmirri (We are United Together as One)

Aboriginal Corporations	Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Aboriginal Corporation
	Aminjarrinja Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation
	Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation
	Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation
	Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust
	Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation
	Gong-Dal Aboriginal Corporation
	Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation
	Lagulalya Aboriginal Corporation
	Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation
	Lirrwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation
	Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation
	Milingimbi and Outstations Progress Resource Aboriginal Corporation
	Milintji Developments Proprietary Limited
	Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
	North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation
	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation
	Yalu Aboriginal Corporation
	Yolngu Nations Assembly Aboriginal Corporation
	Yothu Yindi Foundation Aboriginal Corporation
	All other Aboriginal Corporations and Businesses
Land	Northern Land Council – East Arnhem
	Anindikyakwa Land Council
Government	East Arnhem Regional Council and Local Authorities

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ITEM NUMBER	6.2
TITLE	Alcohol and Kava Management
REFERENCE	1631128
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to consider and advise the next steps to effectively deal with the important issues of the possible legal sale of alcohol and kava in East Arnhem Land.

BACKGROUND

The Local Authorities and Council have passed a number of resolutions over the last year and a half plus on the need for effective and genuine consultation with all communities and homelands on the introduction of the legal sale of kava.

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 1.

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 has stated “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.”

GENERAL

The issue of alcohol and kava was raised in the May round of Local Authority meetings for discussion and consideration.

The Local Authorities made a unified motion to:

Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with

and understanding of all communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land, on the important and pressing issues of the possible introduction of the legal sale of kava and alcohol.

The Angurugu and Umbakumba Local Authorities strengthened the resolution further by adding “and support the leadership of the President on this issue”.

The resolution of the Local Authorities was raised at a meeting on 1 June organised by the East Arnhem Regional office of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet of the Children and Families Committee, that included the issue of alcohol and kava.

President Lapulung also advised the meeting held that there was a very strong position across all Local Authorities to oppose the introduction of the legal sale of alcohol to prevent massive social and health affects it would bring. The view was that the legal sale of alcohol should be quickly taken off the table, and the focus made on the issues of kava, and consideration across the many communities and homelands across East Arnhem whether to approve its legal sale, where, and if so, how that would be managed.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with and understanding of all communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land, on the important and pressing issues of the possible introduction of the legal sale of kava and alcohol and support the leadership of the President on this issue.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES



ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Waste and Environmental Services Update
REFERENCE	1631088
AUTHOR	Wesley Van Zanden, Waste & Environmental Manager

SUMMARY:

This report is to provide a summary update of works and projects being implemented by the Waste Services Department.

BACKGROUND

The Council has identified value in providing an update at each Ordinary Council Meeting of the wide range of work occurring through this service area.

GENERAL

Scrap Metal Project Update

Waste services have been in regular contact with Sea Swift regarding the re-fit of their barge for continued use on Council's scrap metal project. Unfortunately, Sea Swift were able to get the refits ready in the advised timeframe and as a result the scrap metal project has been on hold all year.

A meeting was held with Sea Swift, Sell & Parker and EARC in the first week of June. Sea Swift committed to getting Sell & Parker's vehicles and equipment to Ramingining by the end of June. With the increase in the price of metals and steel, it is important to get the project moving again to receive the maximum available rebate. Sell & Parker are ready to mobilise and should be in Ramingining in July, before moving to Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak and Milyakburra.

To date 1,360.05 tonnes of scrap has been removed from the region, see Figure 1, with materials still to be removed from Ramingining, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi and Milyakburra.

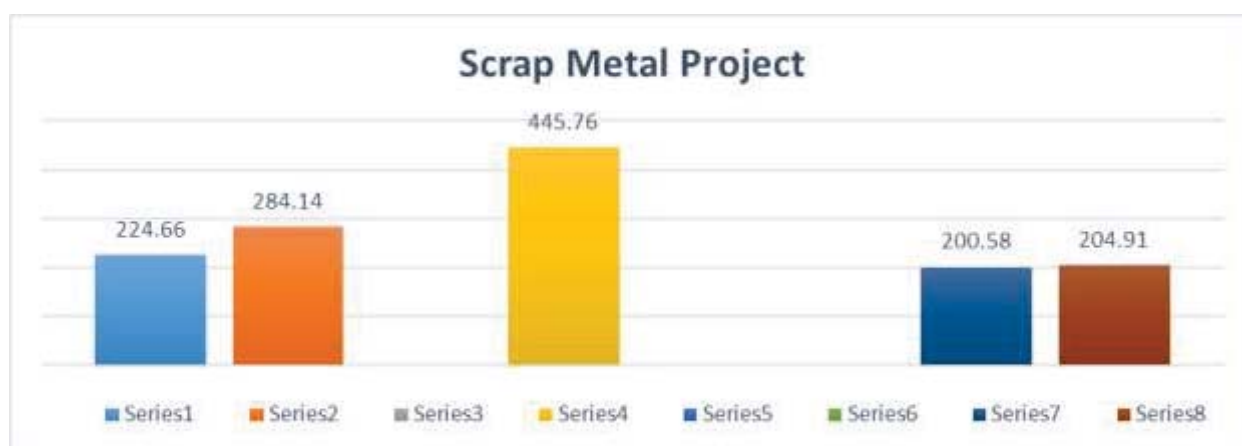


Figure 1. Scrap Metal Project Community Totals

Container Deposit Scheme

The Cash for Containers program was temporarily suspended from January to March to develop a clearer system for tracking and handling of money. New procedures have been rolled out, with training provided to all Community Development Coordinators to reduce the risk of theft, cash variances and untracked cash requests.

Cash 4 Containers collection days were re-started in Yirrkala and Gunyangara in March, Gapuwiyak in April and Galiwin'ku and Milingimbi in May.

Once Community Development Coordinators have commenced in Angurugu and Umbakumba, the program will re-start.

There was some outstanding work by the community and municipal teams to get the program running again, but a special mention needs to go to the team at Gapuwiyak who collected, counted and sorted 82,272 containers at the April re-start.

For the 2021-22 Financial Year 554,020 containers were collection across the council area so far with one month worth of collections left for June.

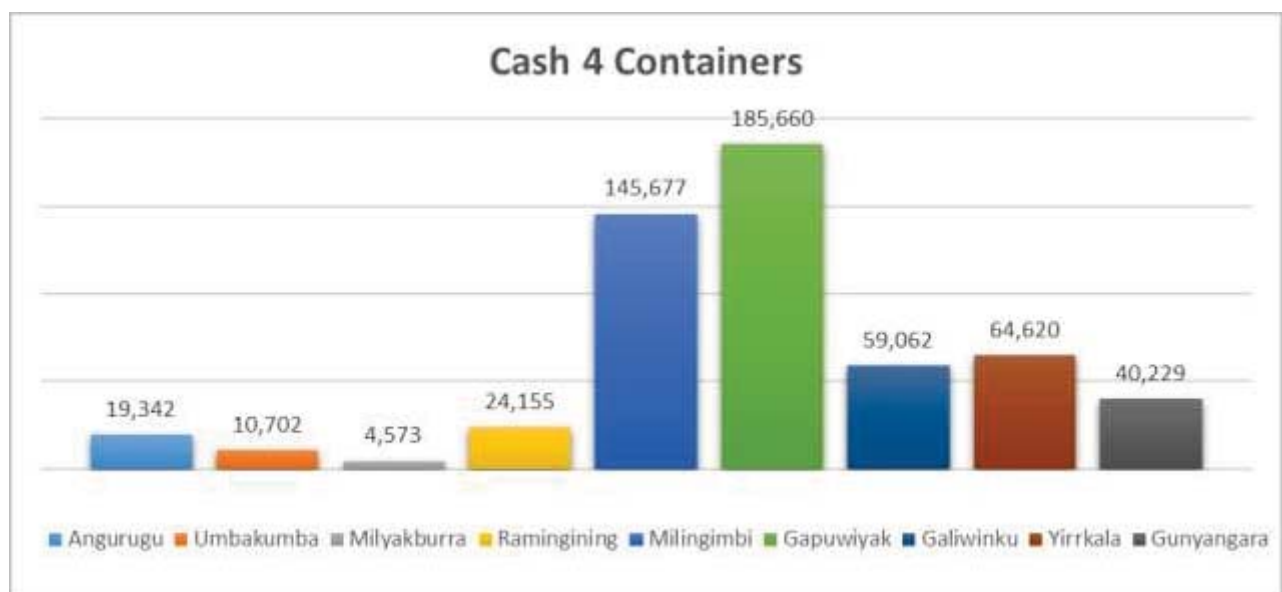


Figure 2. Cash 4 Container Results



Figure 3. Milingimbi CDS Team sorting and counting



Figure 4. Milingimbi CDS results



Figure 5. Milingimbi CDS sorting table ready to go.



Figure 6. Gapuwiyak CDS team hard at work



Figure 7. Results of Galiwin'ku CDS



Figure 8. Yirrkala CDS re-start

Asbestos Remediation Project – Galiwin'ku

The asbestos project has progressed well over the last 3 months. Highlights include;

- Development of a detailed implementation plan. This plan identifies key actions to address all 13 recommendations from the Agon report developed in 2021. All actions have allocated responsibilities, budgets and time frames.
- Monthly project control group meetings with the key stakeholders including: Territory Government, Northern Land Council, National Indigenous Australian Agency and East Arnhem Regional Council representatives.
- Assembling all communication material which has been developed regarding asbestos awareness for the Galiwin'ku community. This information will be re-formatted and distributed at an appropriate time.
- Various visits to the Galiwin'ku community for stakeholder engagement with the Local Authority and identification of project scope.
- Temporary storage containers for asbestos containing material (ACM) have been purchased and delivered to Galiwin'ku. They will be used for both the targeted emu pick and future ongoing asbestos works for the community.

Next steps include a targeted asbestos emu pick of high frequency community areas by a licenced asbestos removalist.

After these areas have had all ACM removed, a hygienist consultant will provide a clearance certificate for these areas. Whist on site contractors will also provide asbestos removal training to East Arnhem staff for future management. This work is planned to occur in August.

Angurugu Transfer Station

The scope reduction for the redevelopment of the Angurugu Transfer Station at Lot 306 identified structural assessments would be required to safely modify the structure.

As the grant funding for this project must be spent by the end of June 2022, they would not be enough time to complete the modifications.

Although the structure could not be modified, the entry/exit gate, driveway sealing and culverts are all scheduled to be completed as part of this project. These upgrades will allow the area to be utilised by the community as a drop off point for hard rubbish and allow temporary sorting and storage areas for recyclables.



Figure 9. Proposed Angurugu Transfer Station

To help facilitate this, three 10ft shipping containers have been purchased to be able to transport recyclables such as tyres, whitegoods and scrap metal back to Darwin. As well as this, two modified skip bins called L-Bins (see image below) have been purchased for community drop off. These bins are a new innovation;

- specifically designed for Waste Transfer stations,
- designed and developed in Australia;
- Improve EPA compliance;
- Modular design to allow additional bays to be added as required; and
- Eliminates safety hazards for residents.

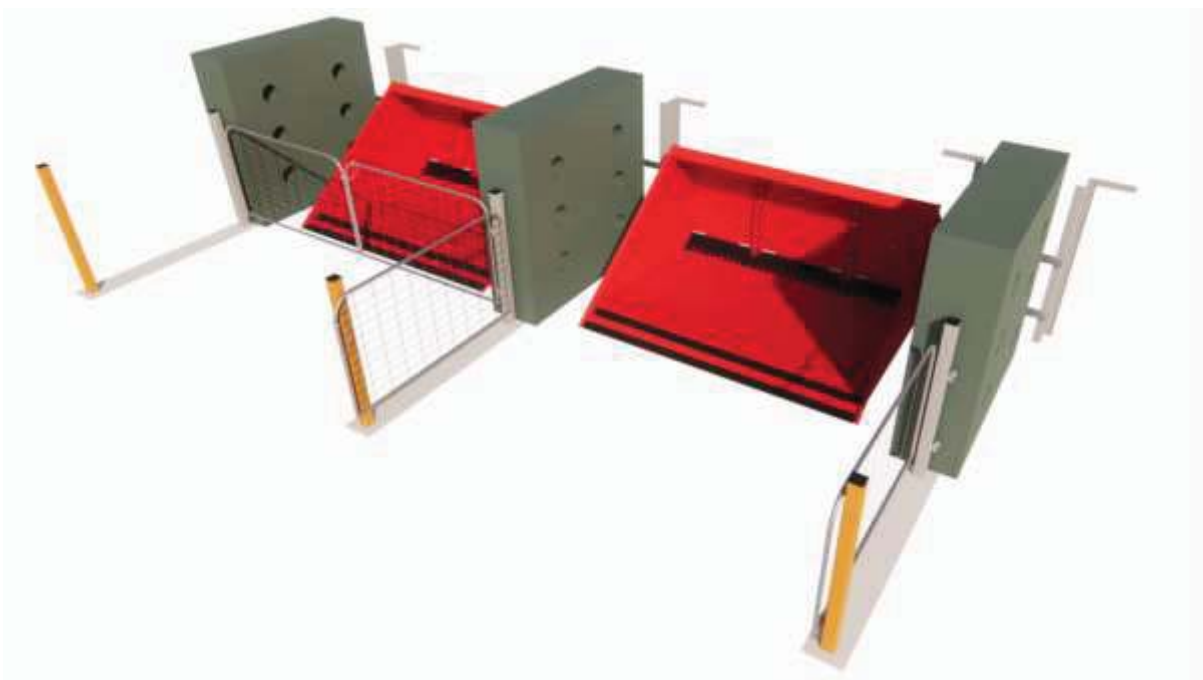


Figure 10. New L-Bins and gravity bays

Gunyangara Transfer Station

A small Waste Transfer Station is currently being developed at Gunyangara. Nhulunbuy. Civil has been engaged to provide some earth moving services to level out the area, compact the community drop off zone and develop some earth bunds around the perimeter for storm water runoff protection.

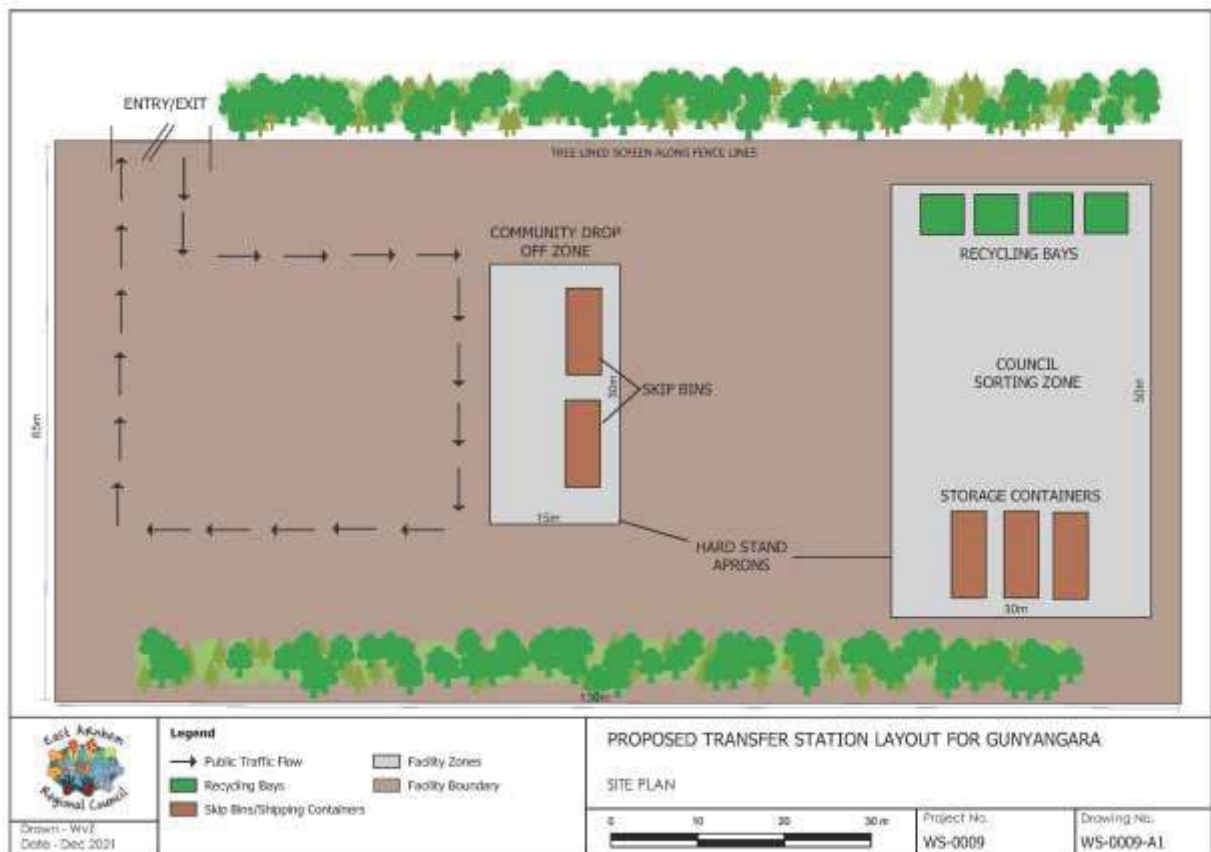


Figure 11. Proposed Gunyangara Transfer Station

Two 3m³ skip bins have been purchased to allow community drop off for community members. Two 10ft shipping containers have also been purchased to temporarily store and transport recyclables such as tyres, scrap metal and whitegoods back to Darwin.

As well as this, two battery storage boxes will be located at the transfer station to allow the storage and transport for lead acid batteries back to Darwin for recycling.



Figure 12. Containers for recycling

2022 NT Waste Symposium

The Northern Territory Waste Management Conference was held at the Travelodge in Darwin from the 7th to the 9th June.

It was attended by more than 60 delegates from municipal and regional Councils in the Northern Territory, NT Government in addition to industry and non-profit organisations.

Officers attended from 11 NT Councils, both regional and municipal. Attendees also included representatives from Western Australia, New South Wales and Canberra. There were three events at the conference;

- LGANT Waste Management Forum;
- WRINT Waste Management Training; and
- LGANT Waste Symposium

In total, seven EARC employees attended the conference with, Damien Lumsden, Ricky Guyula, Donald Rarrkamuma, Phillip Kennell and Douglas Wilson attending the WRINT Training day and Wesley van Zanden and Ben Jones attending the forum and symposium.

Overall the three day event was beneficial and a great opportunity for some of the municipal staff to meet and discuss waste and recycling matters with municipal staff from other regional councils.

Wesley van Zanden presented on the final day of the symposium. The focus of the presentation was on how to set up recycling depots in remote communities and how to utilise National Product Stewardship Schemes to help with recycling goals and targets.



Figure 13. Attending the Waste Training



Figure 14. Participating in the Workshop.



Figure 15. Breakout session.

Mobile Muster – NT Recycler of the Year

Once again East Arnhem Regional Council has taken out the 2022 MobileMuster – Northern Territory Recycler of the Year Award. This year we were only able to collect 26 Kilograms of mobile phones and accessories. However, that was still more than enough to take out the top NT recycler award yet again. This is the third consecutive year EARC has won the award.



Figure 15. MobileMuster 2022 Northern Territory Top Recycler Award



Figure 16. Wes with the Back 2 Back Awards



Figure 17. Three in a Row!!!

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Waste and Environmental Services report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES



ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Transport and Infrastructure Services Update
REFERENCE	1632670
AUTHOR	Arvin Roping, Transport and Infrastructure Manager

SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on the Transport and Infrastructure Services Program.

BACKGROUND

The Council has identified value in providing an update at each Ordinary Council Meeting of the wide range of work occurring through this service area.

GENERAL

This period of reporting has seen significant progress on a range of projects ranging from Local Authority and Council capital engagements including:

- Roads Infrastructure projects
- Local Authority Project Funding projects

With the range of capital and minor projects awarded and at various level or stages of completion, the below represents an update on each of the engagement areas, in addition to Program Updates.

Roads Infrastructure

There are extensive road infrastructure program works underway across the region and the below shows a summary of each of the projects and project completion percentage.

T20-203411.1 Angurugu Internal Road Upgrade & Renovation Works Project Updates

Beta Pave recommenced internal road upgrades and renovation works within Angurugu community in mid-April 2021 following the temporary cease of works due to severe wet weather events over the period December 2020 to March 2021.

Overall project completion percentage is approximately 65%.

The project has sustained lengthy delays, thus progressing behind schedule due to the following:

- Technical equipment breakdown of the bitumen sprayer truck and the complexity of procuring certain spare parts due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic impact on limited supply and logistics. Plant machinery has been repaired and has resumed operations.
- Wet weather events.
- Community cultural significant events (i.e. Sorry Businesses which may have direct implication to Contractors).
- Damages incurred on constructed items (i.e. Hooning activities on recently constructed/compacted roads which are ready for re-sealing).
- Ongoing Angurugu Sewer Upgrade Stage 2 project managed by Power and Water Corporation and contracted to NCP Contracting. This project was originally slated for

practical completion in October/November 2021. However, the project has been amended with a revised practical completion on 6 May 2022.

The Contractor has maintained a steady progression of the project, nevertheless, while in conjunction with EARC addressing these issues as best as could be.

Progress photos to date:





Remaining works due for completion:

- Roads 7, 8 and 6 & 3 intersection are remaining works due for completion, largely impacted and delayed by the recently completed sewer upgrade project managed by Power and Water Corporation and undertaken principally by NCP Contracting.
- Roads 3 & 5 are remaining works due for completion, delayed by unforeseen circumstances as a result of temporary road closure out of respect for local community sorry businesses.





T20-203411.2 Angurugu Yembawka Access Road Repairs & Upgrades Project Updates

GEBIE Civil and Construction (GCC) were awarded the Contract for their tender submission amounting to \$2,594,574.11 (inclusive GST) – Zone Priority 3, 4, 5 and 6, on 18 January 2021.

- Post award on-site inspection and startup meeting date: Tuesday, 13 April 2021
- Site works commencement date: Tuesday, 18 May 2021
- Expected practical completion date: Monday, 11 April 2022 (Request for EOT #6)
- Revised practical completion date: Tuesday, 17 May 2022 (Request for EOT #7)
- Duration of works; 12 weeks, as per Request For Tender (RFT) documentation. This has now been extended due to project delays.

Overall project completion percentage = 100%

Package 1 & 2 = 100% (started for access reasons)

Package 3 = 100%

Package 4 = 100%

Package 5 = 100%

Package 6 = 100%

The project has sustained lengthy delays, thus progressing behind schedule due to the following:

- Design variations to existing road pavement.
- COVID-19 lockdown and travel restrictions on FIFO workers (flying from Cairns and Darwin) caused schedule and workforce capacity implications to this project.
- Machinery breakdowns and subsequent availability of parts in Australia caused supply chain implication on this project. Plant machinery has been repaired and has resumed operations.
- Wet weather events
- Ground conditions; white rock in some areas caused some issue with suitability of base layer

Workforce hours at project site tabulated below:

Workforce Hours	Groote Eylandt based TO Hours	Other Indigenous Hours	Other Hours	Total Workforce Hours
Total Project	230	1020	5500	6750

Local Indigenous Training and Development:

- Training was conducted on the job by the Contractor, GCC, with focus on traffic management via road signage installation & monitoring, gravel monitoring for debris, roller and water cart driving/operation where applicable.
- Hours recorded are project site hours only. Workshop hours are not recorded where GCC employ 2 Indigenous apprentices, who work across the Light Vehicle (LV) and Heavy Vehicle (HV) workshop section, helping maintain and servicing GCC's plant and equipment.

The Contractor has maintained a steady progression of the project, nevertheless, while in conjunction with EARC addressing these issues as best as could be.

Progress and completion photos:

Machinery breakdowns – grader blown engine, dozer roller failure
All plant machinery have been repaired and fully operational.



Culvert installation at Package 4 CH. 17200







T20-203416.3 Gapuwiyak Access Road Upgrades Project Updates

Henderson Earthmoving and Haulage (HEH) have been recently awarded tender T20-203416.3 Gapuwiyak Access Road Upgrades amounting to a total of \$937,028.29 (inclusive of GST) with a formal contract agreement signed and dated on Thursday, 20 May 2021.

- Proposed post award on-site meeting date: Wednesday, 30 June 2021*

*Note: Postponed due to recent Darwin COVID-19 lockdown and community travel restrictions imposed by the Northern Land Council.

- Rescheduled post award on-site inspection date: Wednesday, 14 July 2021
- Proposed post on-site startup meeting date: Thursday, 15 July 2021
- Site works commencement date: Monday, 26 July 2021
- Actual works commencement date: Saturday, 31 July 2021
- Expected completion date: Monday, 4 October 2021
- Revised completion date: 7 August 2022
- Duration of works: 10 weeks, as per Request For Tender (RFT) documentation – This has now been extended due to project delays.

Stage One (1) Scope of Works:

- Gravel Re-sheet 9.9 km – 100% practical completion achieved

Stage Two (2) Scope of Works:

- Rip and Re-compact 13.1km – Recommended on 28 May 2022

Overall project completion percentage = approx. 45%

Revised Construction Program Plan for Stage 2 remaining works

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Carting, mixing and laying out gravel material.



T21-203412.1 2nd Round Umbakumba Construct Pedestrian Pathways and Crossings Updates

Betapave Pty Ltd have been recently awarded tender T21-203412.1 2nd Round Umbakumba Construct Pedestrian Pathways and Crossings amounting to a total of \$701,452.00 (inclusive of GST), with a formal contract agreement signed and dated on Friday, 18 February 2022.

- Post award on-site startup meeting date: Friday, 18 February 2022
- Site works commencement date: Tuesday, 1 March 2022
- Actual works commencement date: Wednesday, 9 March 2022
- Expected completion date: Monday, 9 May 2022
- Revised completion date: Sunday, 26 June 2022
- Duration of works: 10 weeks, as per Request For Tender (RFT) documentation – This has now been extended due to project delays.

Overall project completion percentage = approx. 95%

The project has sustained lengthy delays, thus progressing behind schedule due to the following:

- Wet weather season impacted some areas of project site is longer than anticipated
- Ability to employ and retain workers, i.e. concrete finishers very challenging, having implications on project delivery
- Community cultural significant events (i.e. Sorry Businesses which may have direct implication to Contractors).
- Capacity to undertake works concurrently with commitment to complete remaining civil works contractual obligations at Angurugu.

PROJECT TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	START	END	NOTES
Project Start	10/02/2022	24/02/2022	purchase all reo steel , cut to job spec's, purchase concrete supplies, load barge
Milestone 1	23/02/2022	1/03/2022	Employ staff for contract
Milestone 2	24/02/2022	8/03/2022	continue loading steel and containers , concrete agg and cement 220 tonne
Milestone 3	9/03/2022	11/03/2022	mobilise crew to Groote and set up camp facilities
Milestone 4	12/03/2022	14/03/2022	Prestart all equipment and service as require
Milestone 5	15/03/2022	16/03/2022	Mobilise equipment to Umbakumba and comience set out of alignment
Milestone 6	17/03/2022	24/06/2022	Construction of pathways and associated back fill of pathways
Milestone 7	25/06/2022	26/06/2022	Final inspection and hand over
Milestone 8	5/07/2022		
Milestone 9	15/07/2022	17/07/2022	
Milestone 10	25/07/2022	27/07/2022	
Project End	4/08/2022		

Revised Construction Program Plan

Progress and conditions photos to date:

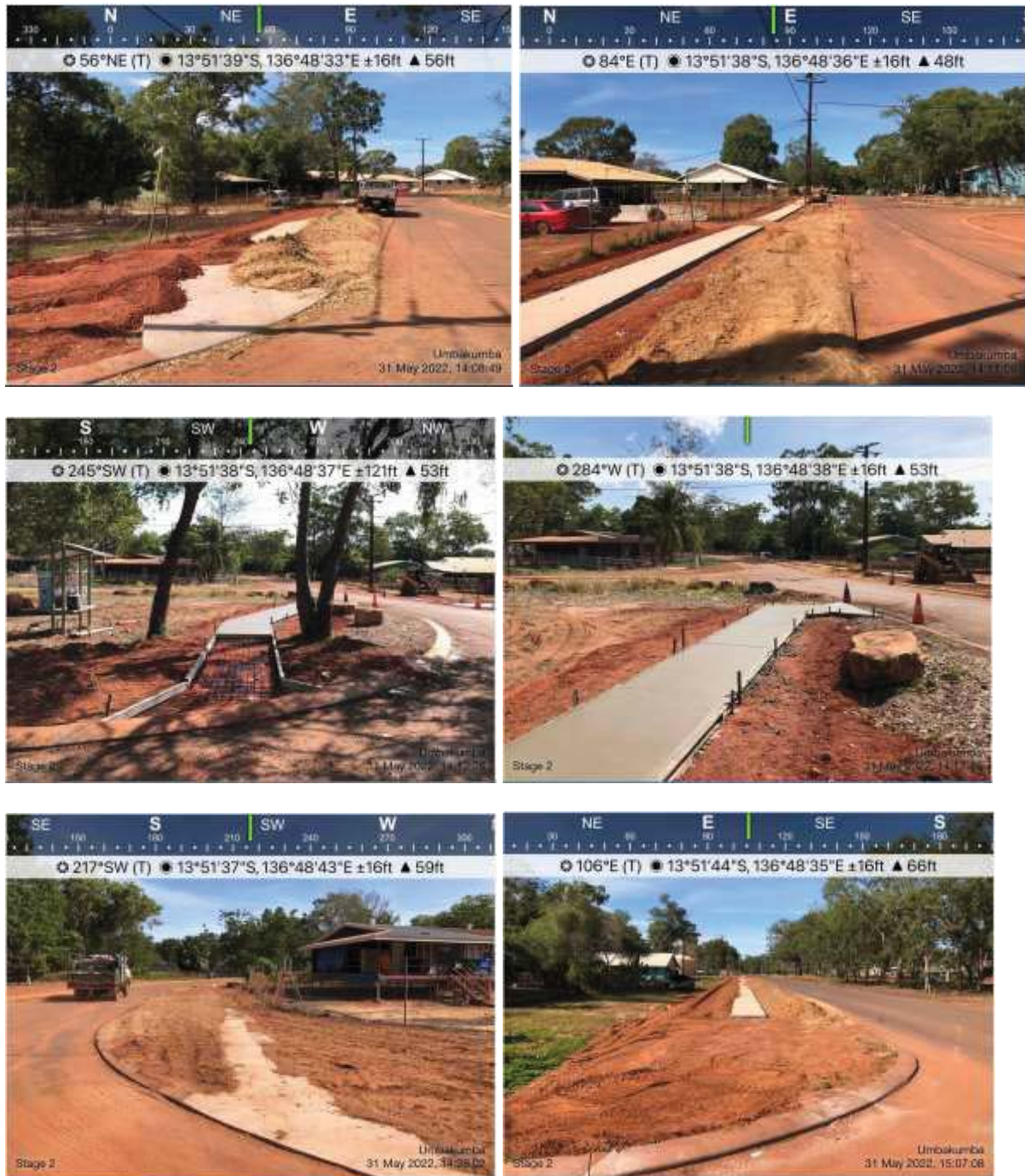
Stage One (1);







Stage Two (2)



Installation of raised pedestrian crossing and associated signage



Installation of 2 x solar lights



T21-203417.1 Galiwinku Construct Pedestrian Pathways Updates

Northern Projects have been recently awarded tender T21-203417.1 Galiwinku Construct Pedestrian Pathways amounting to a total of \$808,000.00 (inclusive of GST), with a formal contract agreement signed and dated on Friday, 6 May 2022.

- Post award on-site startup meeting date: Friday, 6 May 2022
- Project commencement date: Friday, 27 May 2022
- Site works commencement date: Friday, 10 June 2022
- Actual works commencement date: Friday, 10 June 2022
- Expected completion date: Friday, 8 July 2022
- Revised completion date: Friday, 8 July 2022
- Duration of works: 10 weeks, as per Request For Tender (RFT) documentation – This has now been extended due to project delays.

Overall project completion percentage = approx. 15%

Stage 2 Pedestrian Pathways (1150 lineal meters) = approx. 30%

Stage 3 Pedestrian Pathways (340 lineal meters) = 0%

The project has sustained minor delays, thus progressing behind schedule due to the following:

- Machinery breakdown
- Low supply of building materials in Darwin
- Design variation in relation to alignment of pedestrian pathways

Progress and conditions photos to date

Mobilisation of construction materials, tools, plant and equipment;



Earthworks preparation



Formworks preparation





Pouring of concrete





The footpath represents a significant investment in community and pedestrian safety in the area which for a long time has needed such a prioritized project to mitigate pedestrian and impaired community member movements.



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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES



ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Building and Infrastructure Update
REFERENCE	1632686
AUTHOR	Sonia Campbell, Building and Infrastructure Manager

SUMMARY

This report provides an update of all current and completed Building and Infrastructure projects across the East Arnhem region.

BACKGROUND

Council has identified value in providing an update of current projects from the Building and Infrastructure area at each Ordinary Council Meeting to outline the works progression within this area.

GENERAL

A range of projects are at various stages across the region. Funding from the Capital Upgrades budget, Local Authority Priority Funding and Public Area Infrastructure areas has been utilised.

WANT Geotechnical are on site Wednesday 22 June through to Friday 24 June undertaking geotechnical investigations at the following sites for upcoming projects:

- Ramingining Oval Lighting – Four new lighting towers – geotechnical detail required to assist in the engineered design for four Ingal 28 meter high hinged see-saw lighting tower foundations.
- Ramingining Oval Stage project – Geotechnical detail of the new stage position to assist with the engineered footing detail.
- Yirrkala Oval Lighting – Two new lighting towers – geotechnical detail required to assess the soil classification at site of the existing towers and approximately 5-8meter radius of each site in the instance that the current pole positions cannot provide the 100 lux lighting levels required to meet the Amateur Level Competition and Practice Standard.
- Yirrkala Aged Care Centre – Geotechnical detail of the Lot and in particular the new Aged Care site for engineered footing detail and groundwater and site drainage characteristics.
- Yirrkala – Lot 122 – Capital replacement of staff house – Geotechnical detail of the Lot and in particular the new building site for engineered footing detail

Lot 122 Yirrkala – Staff Housing Replacement

Power and Water Expression of Interest has been lodged with the authority to give some indication if potential upgrades will be required to the current services as part of our project (in particular electrical services). WANT Geotechnical (as above) are on site completing their geotechnical investigations.

RFQ18251-2107**Lot 251 Yirrkala – Child Care Centre Safe Room – Project Complete**

Works are now complete on the Yirrkala Child Care Safe Room project.

This was a pilot project generated through the need for a safe area for the staff and children of the Child Care Centre to retreat to in the event of community unrest.

Considerable consultation and design certification was required to create a scope specific to a Child Care Service Building.

Items included within the scope included but not limited to:

Emergency strobe light and siren activated by a wall mount push button within the safe room and lanyard dongle

All points of access designed to comply with AS1428.1 (Australian standard for disabled access), National Construction Code and Fire Egress Australian standards.

Hand held firefighting equipment (extinguisher) in the event the building catches on fire.

Demolishment of existing Crimsafe security screens and fabrication and installation of new galvanised steel 25x25 mesh window security screens.

Internal fixed glass pane replaced with 10mm Acrylic screen for impact resistance and strength.

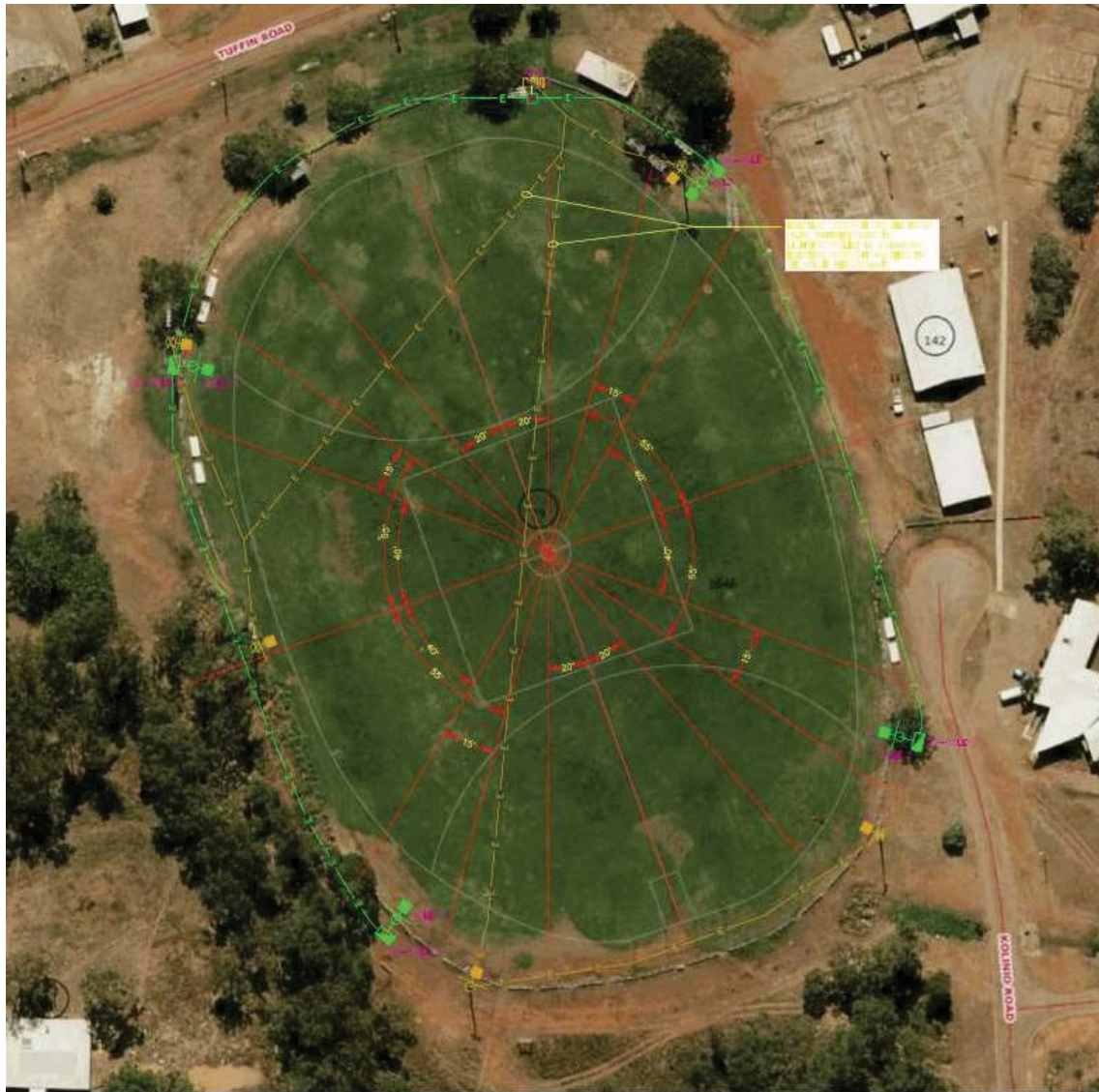
All points of access compliant with Fire egress Australian standards to ensure occupants can exit if the room becomes unsafe.

Specific Door hardware to ensure in the event that the outside door lever is damaged/smashed off the door will remain locked.

Ventilation via air conditioning within the room or in the event of power failure – louver windows with a fabricated security screen cover are available to be opened.

Block out wind down blinds on the inside of the safe room windows to reduce visibility within the safe room.

The room incorporates infant change and hand washing facilities, toilet facilities and within the Management procedure will include the storage of drinking water and communication devices.

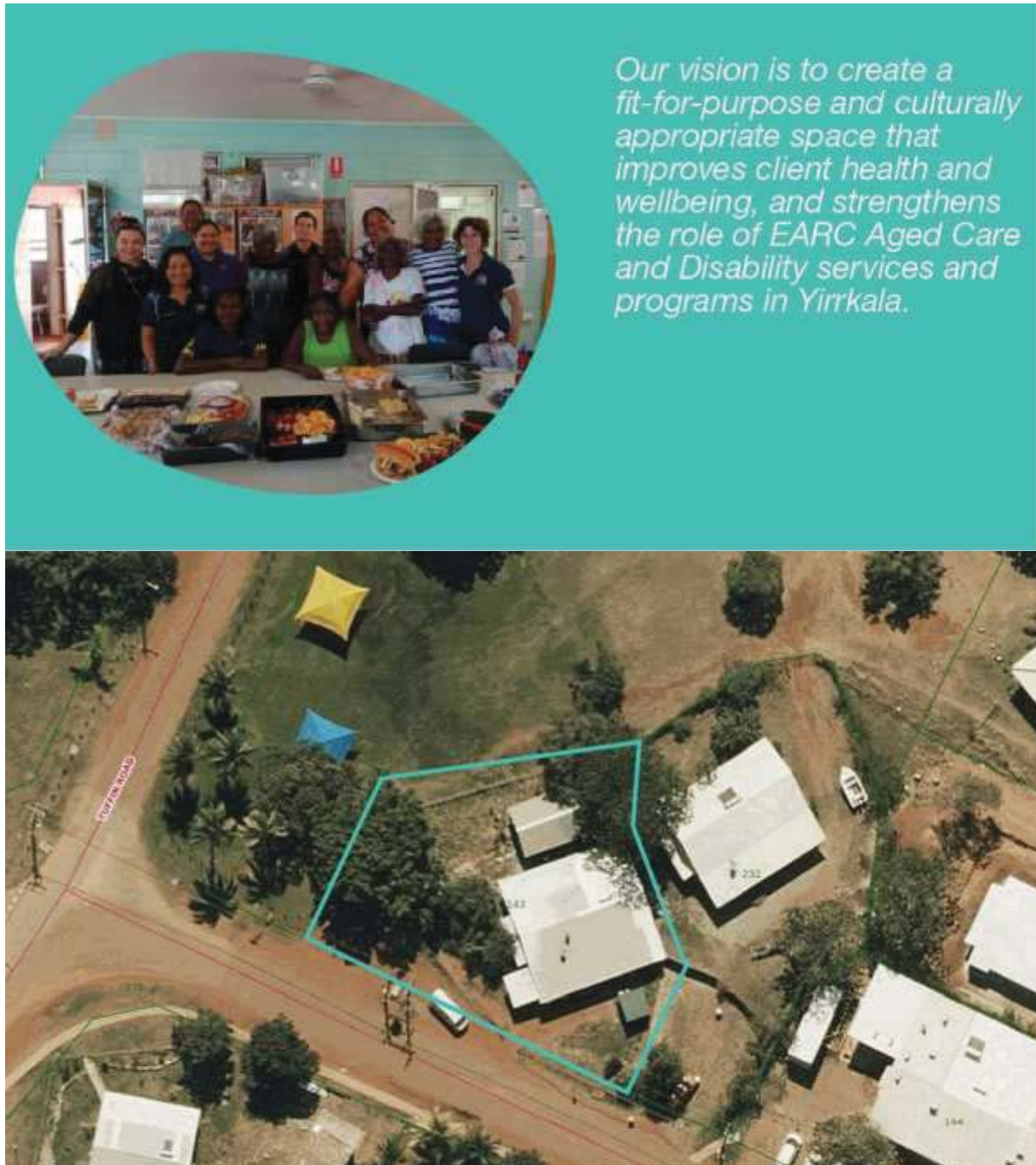
**RFT18143-2203****Lot 143 Yirrkala – Aged Care Centre Design and Consultancy**

Documentation is being collated to release the week of the 27th June 2022.

The consultancy project will contain the overall Project Management of the new Aged Care Centre build.

As part of the consultant engagement as Project Manager they will sub contract the Structural engineering, Electrical engineering, Hydraulic engineering and Building Certification services, essentially running the project from start to practical completion.

Consultation with the Aged Care and Disability Regional Manager and staff working in the current Centre has guided the brief which will be released to the consultant to ensure all culturally sensitive aspects are included in the new design to create a user friendly purpose built space that can be utilised now and well into the future.



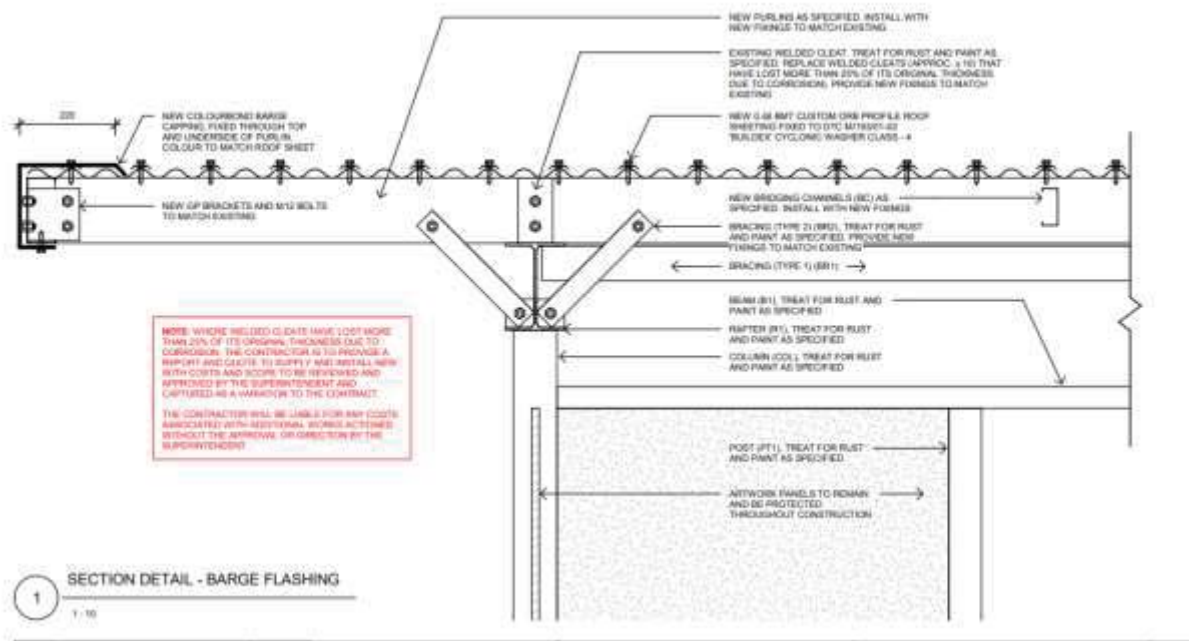
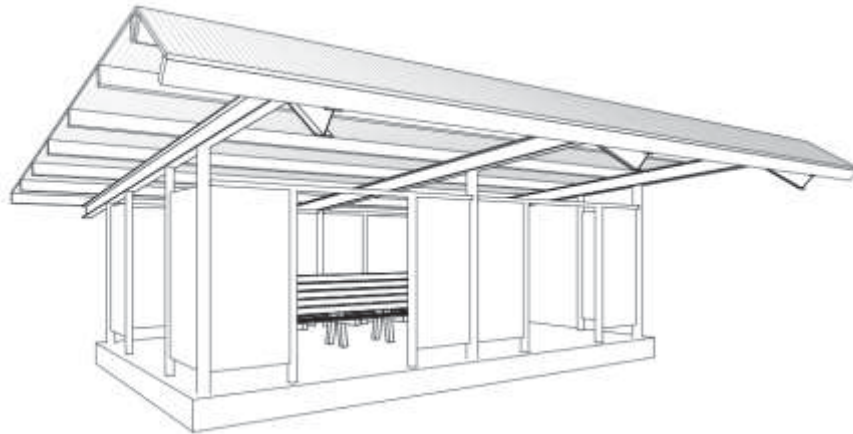
RFQ14PA-2112 - LAPF

Ramingining Airport Shelter Refurbishment works – LAPF - Project Complete

Refurbishment works were recently completed on the Ramingining Airport Shelter due to its deteriorated structural state.

All roof sheeting, fixings, ridge capping, barge capping, bridging channel and purlins were replaced with new. Due to funding restraints and the extent of damage to the structure no further cosmetic works could be completed within this project.

Section 40 – Certificate of Compliance – Structural Design and Outside of Building Control – Building Design Compliance received for works.



RFT1498-2203

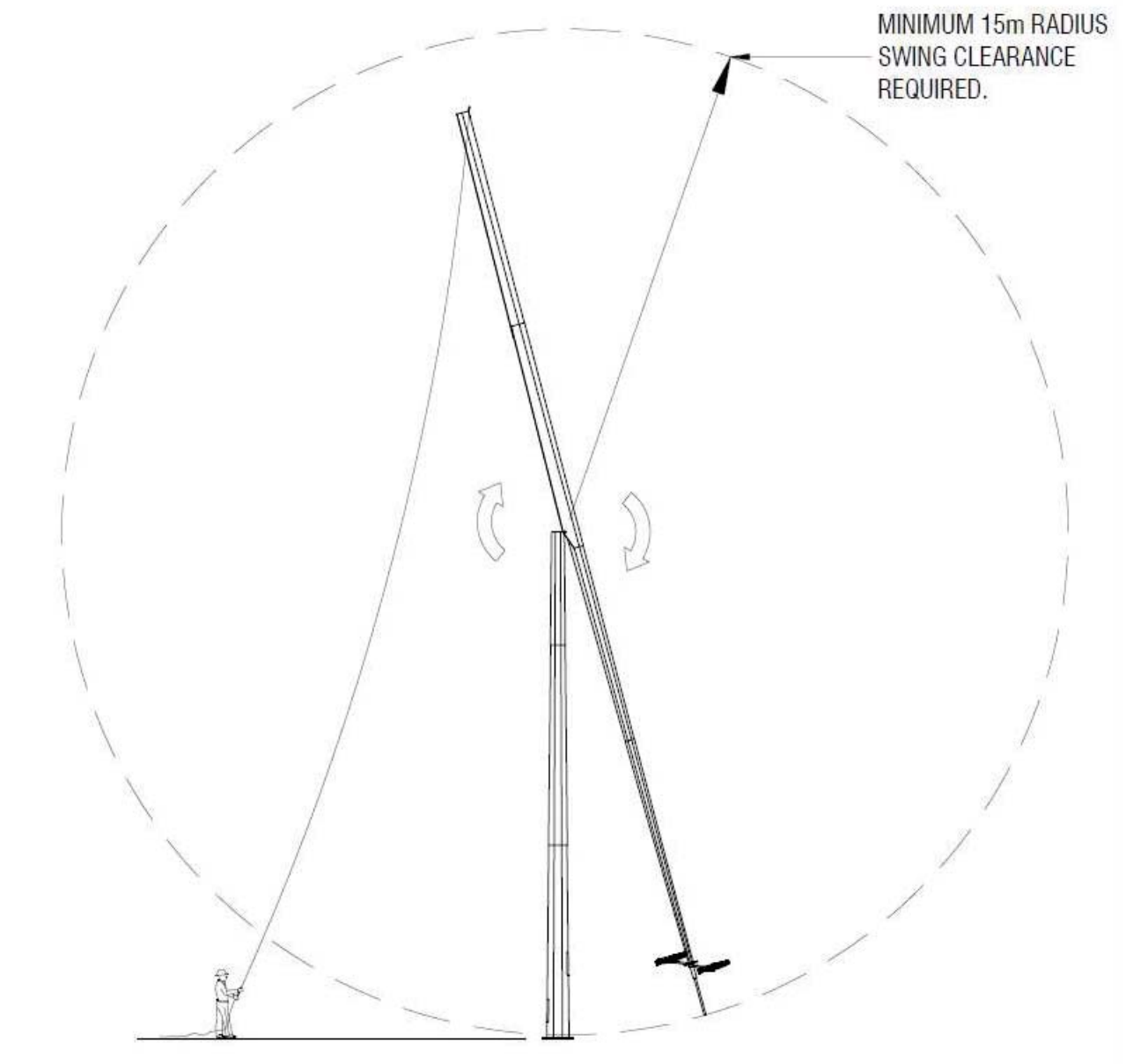
Lot 98 Ramingining – Supply of LED Sports Lighting – Project Awarded

LED Sports lighting for the Ramingining Oval Lighting project has arrived in Darwin ready for shipping to Ramingining.



RFT1498-2203A**Lot 98 Ramingining – Supply of Lighting Poles – Project Awarded**

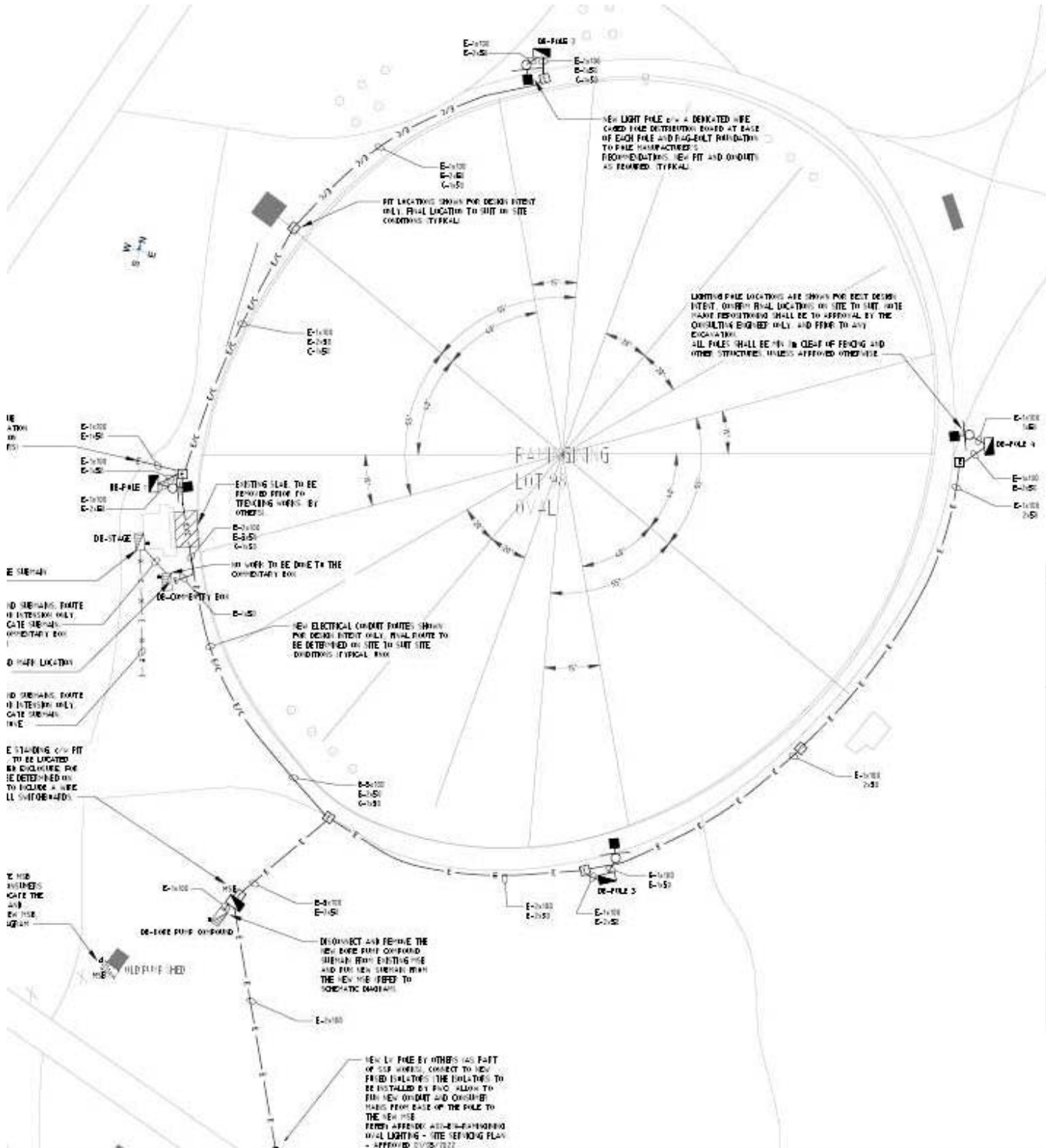
Four Ingal hinged (see-saw) Lighting towers have been ordered from the supplier, there have been minor delays due to steel wholesalers unable to source materials and are awaiting specific certification of the lightning arrestors that will be attached to the poles.



RFT1498-2201

Lot 98 Ramingining – Oval Lighting and Site Servicing Works – Project Awarded

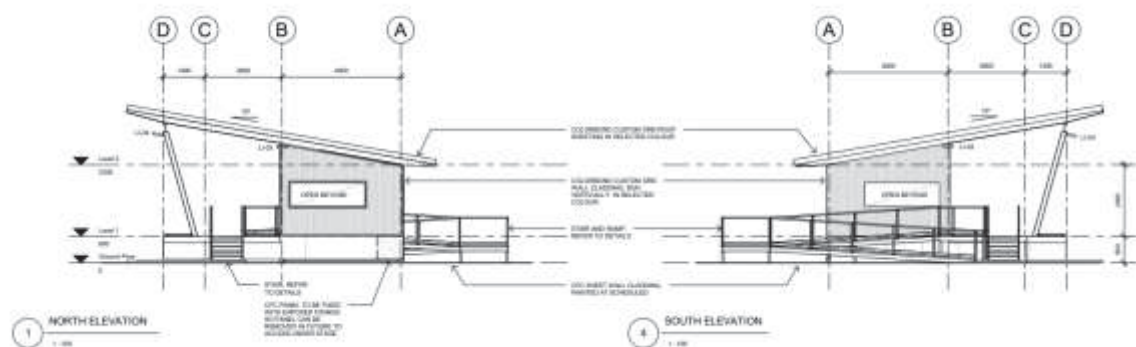
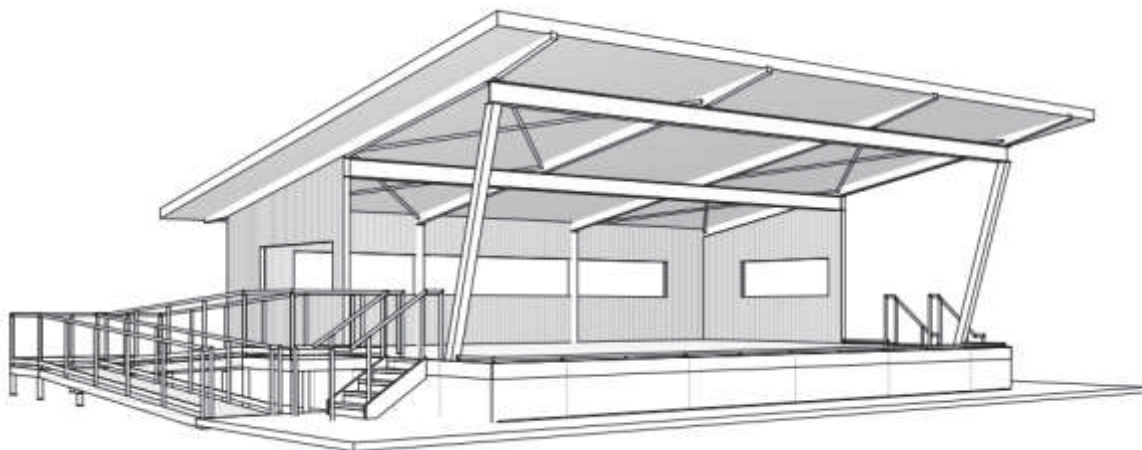
Installation of the supplied oval lighting towers and LED lighting has been awarded recently. Project start up discussions are scheduled for Friday 24th June. Installation works will include a major electrical transformer upgrade, decommissioning of old existing electrical services and new installation of all electrical reticulation from the new Transformer.





RFT1498-2202
Lot 98 Ramingining – New Oval Stage

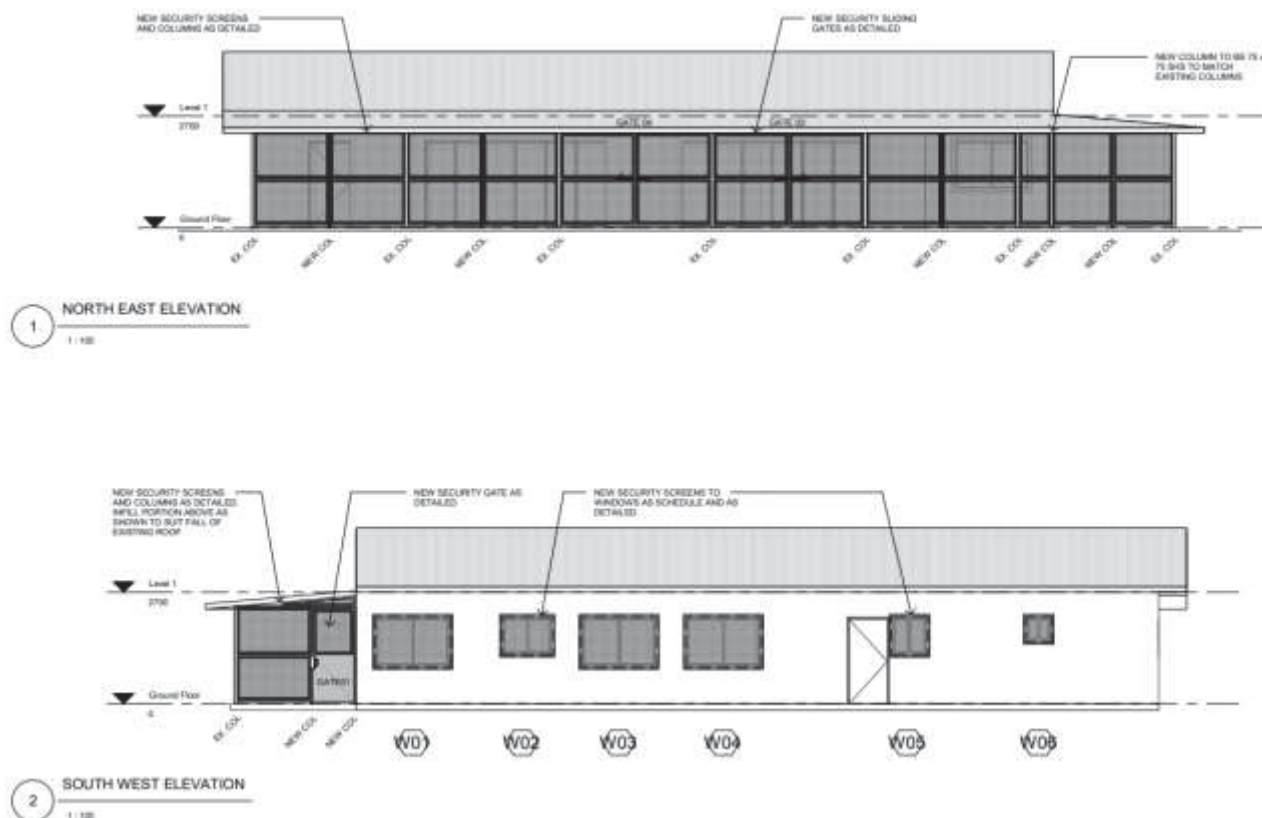
Submissions have closed for the New Oval Stage project, Tender panel evaluations to be completed and presented to Council.



RFT15168-2205**Lot 168CC Milingimbi – Supply and Installation of New Security Screens**

Due to the continual vandalism at this building, new fabricated galvanised mesh screens will be installed to the surround of the veranda and all external rear facing windows.

Included in the scope are two large slide gates that will open at the center of the veranda and two single entry gates for ease of access to the building and fire egress provisions. This tender is due to close this Friday 24th June 2022.



Lot 168CC Milingimbi**Insurance Claim – Vandalism to front sliding doors and security screens**

After multiple vandalism and break and enters on the building the four large sliding doors and security screens along the veranda will need to be replaced. The Building and Infrastructure Manager has lodged an Insurance claim with JLT Insurance for rectification works to be completed.



RFQ16168-2205**Lot 168 Gapuwiyak – External Painting works – Project Complete**

To save mobilisation costs a Darwin painting firm currently operational in Gapuwiyak was engaged to complete an external paint of the Vet Building in Gapuwiyak. These works will now compliment the internal refurbishment works completed earlier this year. This project is now complete.



**RFQ1694-2205****Lot 94 Gapuwiyak – Conference Room External Paint – Project Complete**

To save mobilisation costs a Darwin painting firm currently operational in Gapuwiyak was engaged to complete an external paint of the Conference Room Building in Gapuwiyak. In the new financial year the decking boards on the access ramp will be replaced and new mesh security screens installed on the windows.





AACAP Gapuwiyak Youth Centre

Approx. 110 Army personnel are now settling in to life at Camp Birt on the outskirts of Gapuwiyak.

The final “Issued for Construction” set of drawings for the Youth Centre have now been received with the Surefoot footing system installation due to commence from the 27 June through to the 9 July 2022. The EARC Building and Infrastructure team will be travelling to site during these dates to observe the installation of this hybrid concrete free footing design. Further site visits throughout the construction phase will cover key milestone inspections.







Gapuwiyak and Yirrkala

Public Area Playgrounds – LAPF

Playground equipment has been ordered and is currently in transit due to arrive in Darwin at the start of July. Installation will proceed once items are received in community.

RFQ17121-2204

Lot 121 Galiwinku – Red Demountable - Remedial works to fly over Structure

Existing structure requires remedial works to all roof sheeting, fixings, ridge capping, barge capping, bridging channel, purlins and structural bracing. RFQ is currently open closing Friday 24th June 2022.

Section 40 – Certificate of Compliance – Structural Design and Outside of Building Control – Building Design Compliance to be received for works.

RFQ17344-2203

Lot 344 Galiwinku – Decking and joist replacement - Contractors Accommodation – Project Complete

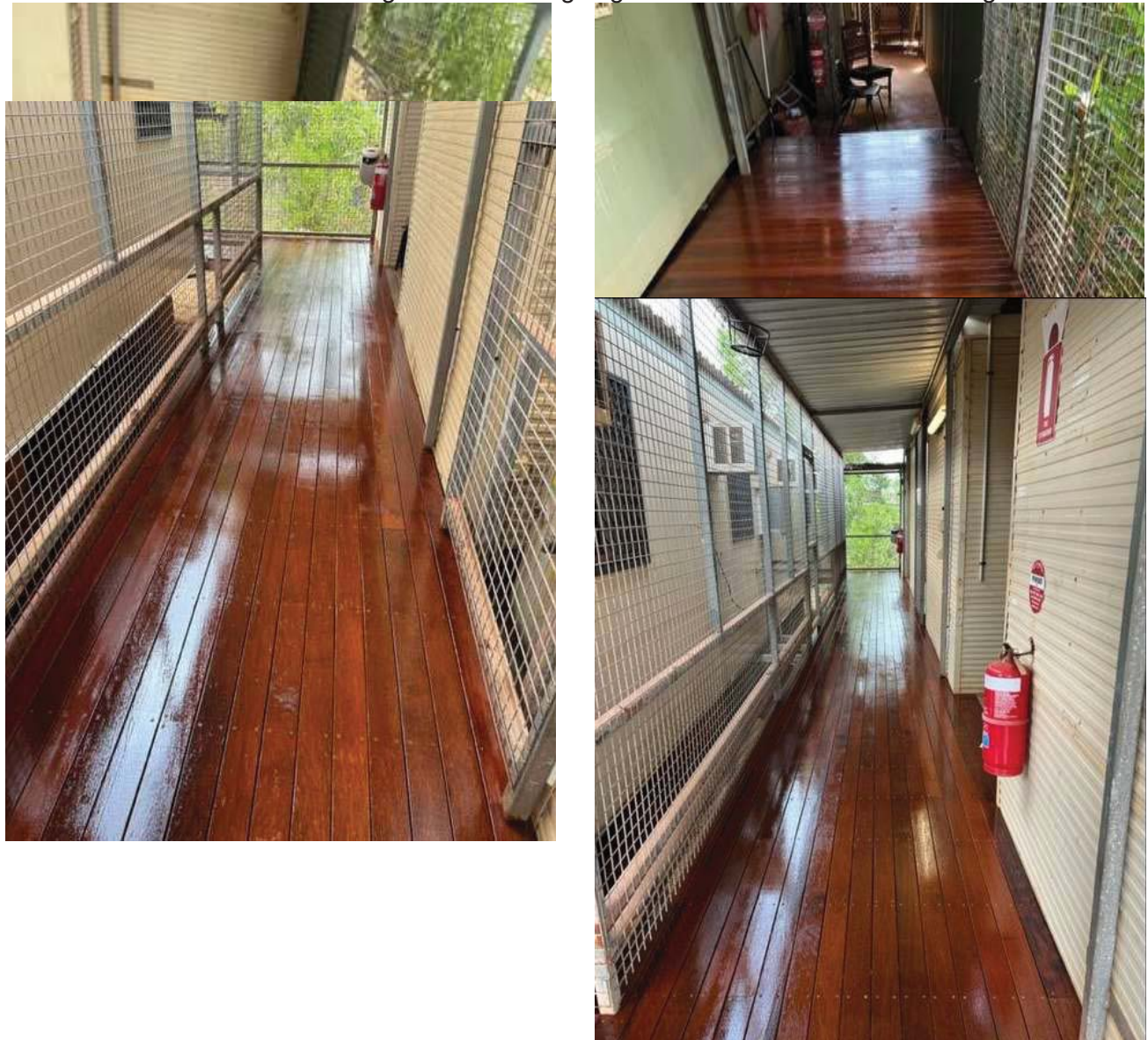
Works are now complete.

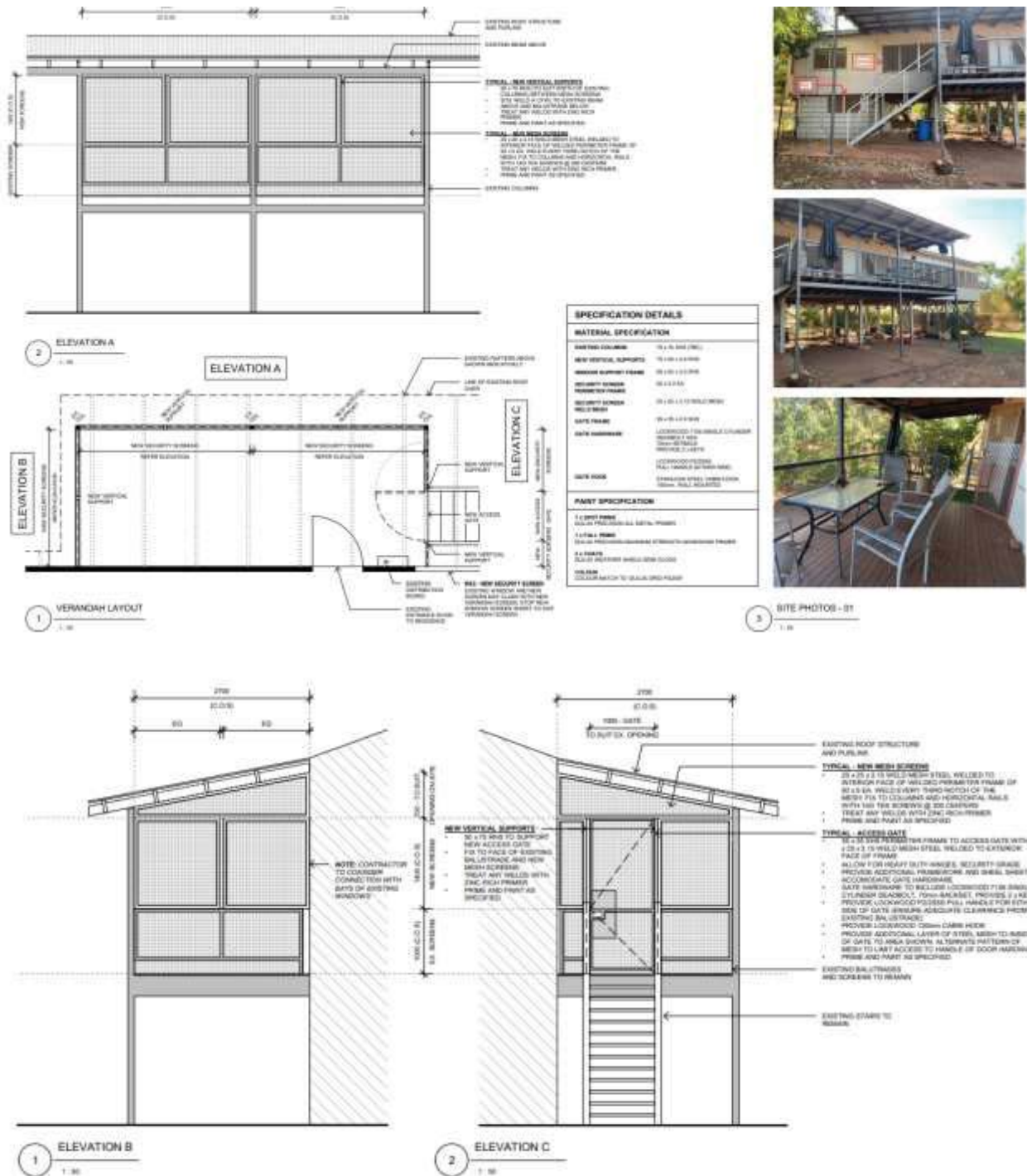
RFQ17PA-2203**Galiwinku Barge Landing Shade Shelter – LAPF – Project Awarded**

Submissions have been received and these works have been issued to the contractor for installation. The Shade Shelter was procured separately by EARC and is now in community ready for installation.

RFQ1795-2203**Lot 95 Galiwinku – Supply and Installation of Security meshing of veranda and windows – Project Awarded**

Submissions have been received and works have been awarded to the Contractor. Works will involve the full enclosing of the front veranda of Lot 95 Staff housing asset. There will be a fire egress compliant entry/exit gate and additional screens installed on all accessible windows. These works were instigated due to ongoing break and enters at this building.



**RFQ17564-2202**

Lot 564 Galiwinku – Security Meshing of Carport – Project Awarded

Due to repetitive vehicle damage (Aged Care Bus and Vehicle), due to stone throwing and instrument impact damage the carport was required to be enclosed. The Aged Care bus is longer in overall length than the carport requiring the carport to be extended as part of these works. Egress single entry gate is present closest to the building and double gates installed on the rear of the carport. Works are due for completion this week.



RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES



ITEM NUMBER	7.4
TITLE	Animal Management Program Update
REFERENCE	1632707
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY

This report is tabled for the Council to provide updates on the community delivery of the Animal management program.

BACKGROUND

The below represents a delivery outline across the East Arnhem Regional Council communities over the last 3 months

GENERAL**YIRRKALA**

- 9 animals de-sexed.
- 41 parasite treatments give.
- Dog with severe eye and skull blunt trauma injury treated for 2 weeks - will need cherry eye surgery.
- Performed first aid on HBC dog, euthanized due to injuries.
- Cat traps set for feral cats – euthanized 3 kittens.
- Pain relief given to mild HBC.
- Treated 3 dogs for e-canis.

**GUNYANGARA**

- 7 animals de-sexed.

- 19 parasite treatments given.
- 8 cats euthanized.
- 2 cases treated for abscess.
- 1 cat with old eye injury.
- Dispensed 4 tick collars, recovery food and lectade from first aid cabinet.



GAPUWIYAK

- 15 animals de-sexed (1 private).
- 64 parasite treatments given.
- Treated 1 pig (parasite treatment) and 1 cockatoo (removed hair tangled around feet – severe PBFD case, offered euthanasia but declined).
- 1 cat with old eye injury.
- 3 consults – conjunctivitis, 2 x vaccination.
- Medication dispensed from first aid cabinet for 2 cases of unwell dogs.



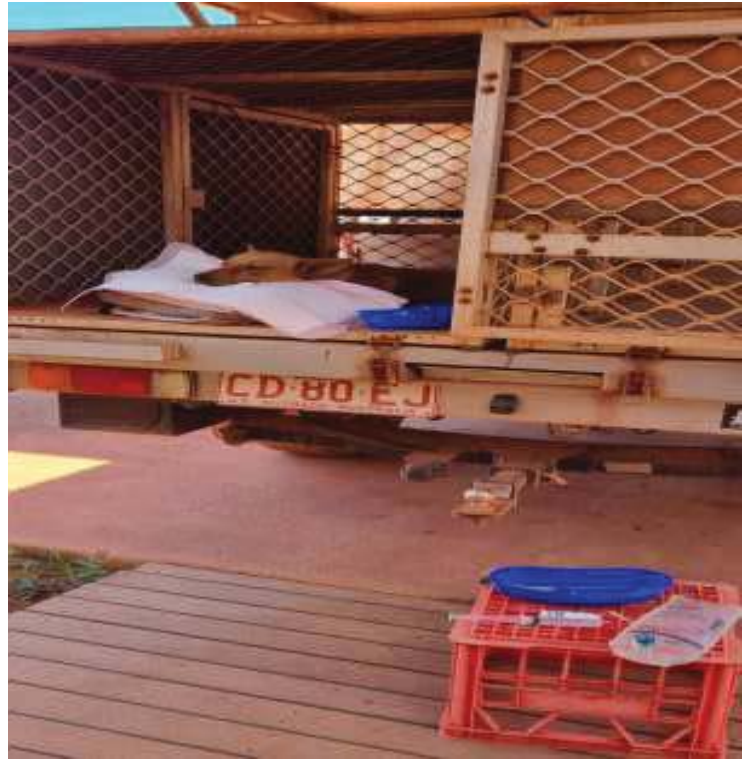
Upgraded Facility at Gapuwiyak



RAMINGINING

- Medication dispensed from first aid cabinet for dog fight abscess, fish hook removal (talked through approach, medication and extraction over phone - 1 of 2 hooks successful, dog later seen with no hook), unwell dog.
- 12 animals de-sexed (3 private, 1 cryptorchid cat).
- 3 dog vaccinations (1 private).
- 3 cat vaccinations (all private).
- 40 parasite treatments given.
- 1 suspected E.canis treated (skinny and 'sick').
- 1 dog eaten cane toad.
- 1 dog with luxated hip – given Trocoxil to await tools for FHO.
- 1 conjunctivitis treated with medication after not responding to teabag treatment.
- 1 wildlife (spotted nightjar) brought in by contractors afterhours.

- There is a pet bull and pet pig in Tank Camp.



MILINGIMBI

- Phone consult and medication sent for a client – suspect *E.canis* – confirmed via privately organised blood work, follow up consultation found icterus so repeated bloods, (severe liver disease and suspect still active *E.canis*). To repeat *E.canis* medication then plan to pursue private liver diagnostics via Rapid Creek Vet in Darwin.
- 12 animals de-sexed (1 private).
- 30 parasite treatments given.
- 2 dogs with luxated hips – given Trocoxil to await tools for treatment.
- 3 consults - 2 suspect *E.canis*, 1 conjunctivitis/skin.
- Sale of 2 parasite treatments.
- 1 dog with possible TVT reported by multiple balandas – unable to find owner to euthanase although dog found deceased whilst we were there.
- Multiple dogs with evidence of hot water-induced or stab injuries healed/healing (cruelty).
- 1 puppy HBC fractured femur - given Trocoxil
- 1 aural haematoma surgery
- *E.canis* appears widespread in this population – currently 3 balanda dogs on treatment for suspect infection (differing presentations – one hyphaema, one stroke/epistaxis, one bleeding gums).

GROOTE EYLANDT

Ehrlichiosis is now unfortunately prevalent throughout mainland Groote Eylandt with a significant number of cases identified in Angurugu, Umbakumba and the Homelands.

Thus far the disease has not been identified on Bickerton Island. The most common presenting complaints are dogs that are lethargic and inappetent, demonstrate blue eyes, or have bleeding disorders. Owners commonly mistake these signs as evidence of malicious

trauma, therefore education is provided about the source of the bacteria and subsequent treatment.

Most owners elect to treat Ehrlichiosis, while euthanasia is recommended in severe cases. Overall, subjectively there appears to be an overall worsening of body condition amongst the dog populations in Angurugu and Umbakumba which is attributed to *E. canis*.

I am currently in discussions with Dr. Peter Irving, one of Australia's leading veterinary parasitologists, to ensure EARC's approach and treatment of these cases is as effective as possible given the practical constraints.

The Animal Management Program on Groote Eylandt has secured a GEMCO community grant for \$7500 to use towards tick collars. This will provide approximately 450 collars, which is about 40-50% of the estimated total dog population on the three communities.

As such the distribution of these collars will be prioritised according to likelihood of disease, already desexed dogs and those who undergo desexing to encourage population control.

Other Health Concerns

The main health concerns that the program has investigated and treated over the last quarter include:

- Parasite control (ticks, worms and fleas).
- Sarcoptic mange (mild).
- Injuries associated with dog fights and road trauma.
- Cheeky dogs – most owners demonstrate responsibility with respect to cheeky dogs and keep them chained to decks or locked inside, however this frequently leads to other welfare concerns including a lack of food, water or shelter from the sun.
- Miscellaneous infections e.g. abscesses, skin infections (pyoderma), conjunctivitis.
- Welfare cases (dog's left by owners without resources, injuries to dogs including spearing).

Homelands Visit

In May, the Animal Management Team in collaboration with AHAC visited Emerald River and Malkala to desex animals.

- Emerald River – 3 animals desexed, 1 cancelled due to illness subsequently diagnosed as Ehrlichiosis.
- Malkala – 4 cats desexed. Currently all breeding cats in Malkala have now been desexed.
- There is a dog that requires a hindlimb amputation due to non-healing fracture, however currently our anaesthetic machine is being repaired therefore this will be scheduled when possible.

Figure 1: Puppy with Ehrlichiosis in Angurugu demonstrating blue eyes



In May, EARC collaborated with Territory Natural Resource Management (TNRM) on a cat trapping project around community.

This involved a large amount of community education and discussion regarding responsible cat ownership, including impacts on wildlife and the benefits of reproductive control. The project provided a fantastic training opportunity for Animal Management Worker Tineka Turner, to gain deeper understanding of EARC's goals around community education and interventions regarding cat management.

Animal Management Worker training Tineka has continued to excel in her role and is an asset to the program. She continues to work 4 days/week and now opens the Animal Management Program shop independently and is confident managing enquiries.

Tineka is currently being enrolled in a Certificate 2 in Animal Studies through Animal Industries Resource Centre, due to start within the next few weeks. She also received additional training from TNRM researcher Claire Bowry, a qualified vet nurse, during the cat Trapping program.



Upgraded Equipment

The Angurugu clinic now has an autoclave donated by the Anindilyakwa Land Council, which allows us to improve our sterilisation techniques (particularly pertinent in light of Ehrlichiosis transmission), while also reducing the amount of waste produced as our surgical materials (including drapes, handtowels etc.) can now be re-sterilised rather than disposed of.

Unfortunately a large leak was found in the anaesthetic machine which meant a halt to desexing procedures.

Leaks are very dangerous to both surgical patients and staff, therefore the vaporiser was sent away for diagnosis and repair (still in process) while older parts deemed faulty have been replaced. This will ensure ongoing safety standards for both patients and staff are being met.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Note the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	New Child Care Service - Angurugu
REFERENCE	1631105
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

SUMMARY

This report is to provide information and seek direction from the Elected Members on a proposed new Community Child Care Fund Restricted (CCCFR) program in Angurugu.

BACKGROUND

Under Closing the Gap, the federal Department of Education, Skills and Employment has funding to establish up to 20 new child care services (run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities) in largely remote and very remote communities.

The intent is to increase the provision of Indigenous-led child care services in remote and very remote communities, and to increase the participation and attendance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families at these services.

While the funding is for new child care services, through this measure the department also seeks to:

- Build local workforce and training capabilities by providing employment opportunities.
- Support community co-design and local ownership of a new child care service.
- Support access to child care through subsidising / funding things such as transport, building leases, service fees etc.
- Explore flexible and innovative options of child care that the community identifies work best for them (noting the service must be state and nationally accredited).
- Support Indigenous-led partnerships and auspicing arrangements in service delivery.

What is the CCCFR program?

The Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) helps eligible child care services address barriers to child care participation, particularly in disadvantaged, regional and remote communities, as well as Indigenous communities.

The CCCF Restricted (CCCFR) Non-competitive Grant Opportunity helps eligible services to operate viably under the Child Care Package.

A key aim of the grant has been to increase the number of children from vulnerable or disadvantaged families or communities accessing child care.

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) has been a long standing provider of CCCFR program throughout East Arnhem operating the services in Umbakumba, Yirrkala, Galiwinku and Gapuwiyak.

How much funding is available for the CCCFR Expansion (Closing the Gap)?

Up to \$29.9 million over four years (from June 2021/22) has been allocated by the Australian Government for this program expansion. This funding is the total amount to be spread across up to 20 new sites and may also support expansion of existing CCCFR services.

There is no minimum or maximum amount that can be applied for under this grant opportunity, however the value of money awarded under this grant opportunity cannot exceed the total amount of available funding. Grant amounts will be determined on a case by case basis, informed by the needs of each new service.

Selected service providers will receive grant funding for an initial period of four years. There is additional funding available for minor capital works and sustainability.

The first year of funding is for establishment costs to cover things such as minor refurbishment of available facilities, recruiting staff and to enable services to apply to become National Law approved and meet the requirements of the National Quality Framework.

During this year, providers will also be expected to consult in the community to ensure families understand obligations associated with child care, (for example, applying for the Child Care Subsidy with Centrelink and paying fees for attending the service).

How can CCCFR (Closing the Gap) funding be used?

Grant funding may be used to support the costs of establishing and sustainably operating a new service or expanding an existing service, including the modifications or repairs of existing facilities. Funding amounts for establishment and sustainability costs will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The funding does not cover construction of a new building.

What are eligible types of activities for use of funding?

- Establishment of a new early childhood education and care (ECEC) service, for example operational start-up costs (such as cost of requirements to obtain National Law approval and Child Care Subsidy approval).
- Leasing a building.
- Modifying buildings.
- Improving service viability and sustainability.
- Addressing community level barriers to ECEC participation.
- Minor capital works necessary for the service to meet building standards under the National Quality Framework.
- Other activities to increase Indigenous children's participation in ECEC including activities that have been identified by the department as eligible activities for that service.

How is this measure being implemented in line with the Priority Reforms of the Closing the Gap agreement?

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) is committed to sharing decision making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations in implementing this measure to meet Priority Reform One of the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan.

Sites for potential new ECEC services will be determined following consultation with communities. Formal partnership through an Advisory Group, comprised of members from DESE, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) and other key stakeholders will also provide advice to government on implementation.

Where possible, DESE seeks to fund Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation's, to build the community controlled sector, contributing to Priority Reform Two.

How have the potential sites been determined and how will these be finalised?

To inform the decision to expand the CCCFR program to new sites, an initial list of 20 potential sites was identified using Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2016 Census demographic data—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children currently not attending a child care service, and through stakeholder discussions.

In refining site selection to determine sites for these consultations, the department considered both quantitative and qualitative data, including ABS Census data, AEDC developmental vulnerability data, and where existing ECEC service types are currently located, including Connected Beginnings sites, and relevant state and territory government information and programs.

The department has also undertaken consultations with the National Indigenous Australians Agency, State and Territory governments, the Department of Health, SNAICC, the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and internally within DESE (state office and Connected Beginnings program colleagues).

Final Phase 1 sites were determined in early 2022, with Phase 2 sites determined thereafter.

GENERAL

Indigenous consultants Ninti One Ltd. visited Angurugu in November 2021, meeting with some community-based organisations. These discussions identified a need for culturally appropriate, locally run child care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Angurugu.

The next step is for department to determine a suitable organisation to invite to apply for CCCFR grant funding to implement and run a new service in Angurugu.

The department is aware of the upcoming governance transition relevant to Angurugu and this will need to be considered by the department in progressing.

To be eligible to apply for a grant to establish a new service, an organisation must be invited by the department, supported by an independent Expert Advisory Group. A preferred provider will ideally be an organisation that is:

- supported by the community, including an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation.
- willing to obtain state and Commonwealth regulatory approval to become an approved provider of ECEC in the community (no requirement for previous child care provision), or interested in engaging an existing provider to deliver ECEC on their behalf.
- appropriate and sensible in regard to the governance transition timing and intent.

The department is currently scoping options to identify a potential service provider, or partnerships of organisations to run a service. East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) has been approached to consider being the service provider or partner to run the proposed service in Angurugu.

Further Information on the grant opportunity

Up to \$29.9 million over four years (from June 2021/22) has been allocated by the Australian Government for this program expansion. This funding is the total amount to be spread across up to 20 new sites. Selected service providers will receive grant funding for an initial period of four years.

Approximate grant funding may be \$350k - \$500k per service per annum, although the department acknowledges more remote sites are likely to have higher costs. There is

additional funding available for sustainability and minor capital works. Funding amounts are determined on a case-by-case basis.

The first year of funding is considered 'establishment funding', to assist new service to become operational, accredited and undertake community consultations and co-design.

Providers are supported through a Communities of Practice forums and Business Support Program.

A site for the service has been identified within the Angurugu School, discussions with EARC have also flagged the Angurugu Library as potential site.

Timing

While the department has funding to expend this calendar year, there may be options to extend this timeframe if required to support the governance transition timelines.

Ultimately, the department is interested in hearing about viable options to establish a new child care service in Angurugu, while supporting the intent of the governance transition.

Next steps

East Arnhem Regional Council representatives Andrew Walsh, Director – Community Development and Catherine Stillwell, Regional Manager Children & Library Services meet with representatives from DESE on 10 June 2022 to discuss the sites, potential programs and the phases of the rollout.

Of note during the discussions was the need for additional childcare services in the community of Milingimbi that would bring purpose to the funded and constructed childcare centre established in 2018. To date this building has either sat dormant without a funded program to fill its establishment intent.

The department will consider information provided by the East Arnhem Regional Council and other stakeholders and consider the best way to progress.

Key discussion points for the East Arnhem Regional Council

Is provision of a new child care service in Angurugu under this funding something the EARC is interested in?

If so, how does the EARC envisage the governance transition timeline affecting the taking on of a possible service, including the potential handover of operations?

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Supports further discussions with the Department of Education, Skills and Employment on the proposed service.**
- (c) Supports East Arnhem Regional Council being the provider for the proposed CCCFR service.**

- (d) Does not support East Arnhem Regional Council being the provider for the proposed CCCRF service.**
- (e) Recommends that Milingimbi be considered for further consultation and establishment in either phase 1 or phase 2 of the CCCFR program expansion.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Community Development Update
REFERENCE	1631243
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

**SUMMARY**

This report is to provide information on the progress, successes, challenges and future opportunities of the Council's Community Development Directorate.

BACKGROUND

The Community Development Directorate covers the following areas and operations of Council - Aged Care & Disability services, Children and Library services, Youth Sport and Recreation services, Community Media, Community Night Patrol, Australia Post, Local Authority Support, Accommodation Businesses, Sobering up Shelter and Local Commercial Opportunities. These include Community Development Coordination, through Council offices in the East Arnhem communities.

This report provides updates to the elected members and allows an opportunity for discussion and feedback at Ordinary Council Meetings

GENERAL

The Community Development Directorate works together with the East Arnhem communities and its people in many facets to collaboratively shape the future of the region and its residents. The Directorate continues to strengthen relationships, forge new partnerships and grow workforce to culturally and efficiently address the growing needs of the nine communities.

Signe Balodis has been appointed as the Regional Manager – Community Development and is based out of Yirrkala. Signe provides operational leadership to the nine CDCs to support the growing needs in Community Development and brings a wealth of experience to Council from her retail and not-for-profit background.



Julieann Gaykamangu on country with the Ramingining YSR participants..

Youth Sport and Recreation

East Arnhem Regional Council's YSR service enables children and youth in the East Arnhem communities to have access to high-quality, well standard events, activities, sports and games.



A YSR 'Bush Trip' underway where young participants from Angurugu are on the hunt for bush food under the supervision of YSR Worker, Basil Bara.

The objective of the CaFIS program is to support vulnerable children and families so that children grow up strong in families and communities that are safe and nurturing and address areas of concern that impact on children's safety and wellbeing.

Harlowe Arden has commenced as the Trauma Informed Care Coordinator in Gapuwiyak and Council is in the process of identifying two Indigenous support workers to work alongside Harlowe in providing this vital service.

The Army are currently in Gapuwiyak and will be commencing construction of the new youth space for YSR and CaFIS in the coming months. ACAP is heavily collaborating with YSR throughout their time in the community.

The team is busy preparing for upcoming events which include the AFL X under 15s for both girls and boys. This is a regional competition and will be hosted in Yirrkala on 29th June and Gunyangara on 13th July. Participants will be from all East Arnhem communities and this competition will be used to select players for the upcoming Michael Long Cup.

Other events planned for are the NAIDOC week activities and the upcoming 2022 Barunga Festival where some teams will be registering to participate in basketball and AFL.

The team is looking forward to fulfilling vacant positions to further service delivery in community. Current vacancies are listed below

- YSR Coordinator Ramingining
- YSR Worker Gunyangara
- YSR Coordinator Milingimbi
- YSE Coordinator Galiwin'ku

Trainings and Upskilling

The Directorate continues to extend its vision on upskilling to create a culture of constant improvement, growth in innovation and increased collaboration.

The Certificate in Community Night Patrol got underway in May; with the first training sessions held in each community. Some of the topics covered included Situational Awareness, Self-Defence and Mindfulness - as well as several team building exercises.

Session two took place remotely at the start of June and session three is scheduled for July. Throughout this training program the Night Patrol teams will be working together to create a project that is specific and beneficial to their community.



The Ramingining Community Night Patrol team with training facilitator, Dr. Tuguy.

Our Gove Peninsula Community Night Patrol and Sobering up Shelter teams will attend a two-day course on Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid in June, with a view to potentially roll it out across other communities. Our YSR Coordinators will also be attending a two-day course on Youth Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid in June.



YSR Coordinators after a successful 4WD Training.

At the end of May our YSR Coordinators travelled to Nhulunbuy to take part in an accredited 4 Wheel Driving training course. CDU have also been engaged to offer our Youth, Sport and Recreation team a Certificate III in Community Services. They will also attend a training in Trauma Informed Care and Practice and Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid in the coming weeks.

In addition to this, three employees in our Community Development team have been enrolled in Certificate IV in Local Government and three have been enrolled in a Diploma of Leadership and Management. Enrolment is in progress for five of our Customer Service Officers to complete a Certificate III in Business Administration.

Child Care and Wellbeing Services

East Arnhem Regional Council delivers a range of family, child care, library and nutrition services across the nine communities. Council continues to provide these critical services in accessible and appropriate ways to support the wellbeing of families and children in the East Arnhem communities.

The Yirrkala Child Care is in the process of being renovated to include a safe room. The purpose of this room is to provide a safe and secure room for staff and children in the event of any unrest in community. Construction is planned for the weekend of the 18th and 19th June and new procedures are being developed in consultation with WHS.

Staff in the Gapuwiyak Child Care have all completed their Cert III in Child Care. This is a great achievement and the first of our child care centres to meet this important outcome. Staff are interested in further development and new pathways are being identified in consultation with CDU to being enrolments in the Diploma level.

East Arnhem Regional Council met with the Director of NT Libraries who communicated the approach that NT Libraries is looking to take during the next 4 years. It has been identified through prior community consultation that library services need to be more place-based and not necessarily restricted to a building.

Council understands that Libraries are an important conduit for the transfer of knowledge, particularly community history and stories, and that currently community members need access a library building to source this knowledge. With the new approach comes new

opportunities for Council to explore different ways to promote and provide library services to the community.

Council is preparing an Expression of Interest for submission to Anglicare NT to continue the Grow Up Strong Kids (GUSK) and Family Skills Facilitation in Angurugu and Umbakumba. There has been highlight on a possible reduction in funding next year due to the current underspend. This may prove to not be a viable option for Council to continue as there might not be enough income to make progress.

Jessica (Minay) Wunungmurra from Gapuwiyak child care was invited by Monash University to attend a co-design a workshop on food security and nutrition. The purpose of this workshop was to examine how service providers, community organisations and community members can work together to reduce barriers to food security, food supply and food access.

There is great opportunity, through partnership with Miwatj in Gapuwiyak, for Minay to be more involved in this work and make important progression that could potentially align with GUSK outcomes.

Sobering Up Shelter

After a successful trial in the new SUS building at the Gove District Hospital campus, Council has secured a one year contract from NT Health to operate the Sobering Up Shelter based in Nhulunbuy. In the three month period, the SUS provided care to community member in 18 separate instances.

This is a significant achievement that will be crucial for Council to serve the intoxicated and the vulnerable in the Gove Peninsula.

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 update.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Library Services Principles
REFERENCE	1631542
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

SUMMARY

This report is to inform and seek direction from the Elected Members on the provision and design of East Arnhem Regional Council's Library services.

BACKGROUND

Public libraries are vital and trusted resources for local communities. They support literacy and education, community building and skills development through:

Collections of print, audio-visual and digital resources, for education and recreation, with a stock of over 400,000 items

- accessible internet and technology
- inclusive and welcoming community spaces
- supportive and skilled staff

There are 32 public libraries in the Northern Territory, serving a culturally and linguistically diverse, mobile and often remote population of 240,000 people. These libraries receive over a million visits every year. They service urban areas such as Darwin, Alice Springs, Palmerston and Katherine, smaller towns, and 16 Aboriginal communities including the communities Ramingining, Milingimbi, Galiwinku, Angurugu, Umbakumba and Nhulunbuy in East Arnhem.

Whilst many remote communities do not currently have a local library, free community internet is provided as a baseline public library service to 34 communities, rising to 46 by the end of 2017, for East Arnhem this includes Gapuwiyak.

Territory public libraries are well connected. Membership at one library enables Territorians to borrow from any other library in the Territory. Books can be requested from other libraries and interstate, and extensive online collections of books, magazines and information resources are available across the Territory.

Evidence suggests the way in which public libraries are being used is changing, which is an exciting prospect for East Arnhem Regional Council and provides opportunity to provide services in a way that is more reflective of our area and our peoples and communities needs

The annual Australian Public Libraries Statistical Report indicates that whilst visitor numbers to Territory libraries are holding steady at over a million visits per year, lending is decreasing, in line with a national trend. At the same time, the number of library programs on offer to the Territory community has increased to nearly 9,000 programs with over 77,000 participants.

It has been ten years since the last comprehensive look was taken at how public libraries could best serve Territory communities. Much has changed since then.

Expectations about how and when people access information have been transformed by mobile connectivity. Increasing satellite internet coverage and the NBN has improved the availability of internet access. Local government boundaries have changed. Greater opportunities for innovative library partnerships with community groups and between government agencies.

In October 2016 the Northern Territory Library engaged KPMG to conduct a consultation process to get a clearer picture about what Territorians most value about their current library services, and how they wish to see them developed in the future.

Findings

KPMG received strong feedback from the community about how passionately local library services were valued. The key findings from the public consultation process included:

- Print collections remain highly relevant. Digital collections are also highly valued, but as a supplement rather than a replacement.
- Collections need to reflect all elements of the community, and include diverse languages. Audiovisual materials are also a critical part of collection development.
- The most highly valued programs provided by libraries are those that support children, especially early childhood literacy programs and after school programs.
- Technology access is critical, but so is training and support for technology use. Along with early childhood programs and after school programs, technology programs are most in demand.
- Libraries are valued as flexible spaces for community use, such as meeting spaces for community groups and places for community members to run their own programs.
- Libraries play an important role in supporting individual small business and work activities, particularly by providing access to the internet and spaces to work.
- There is a demand for longer or alternative opening hours, the nature of which will vary between communities.

Consultation was also undertaken with local government staff, which confirmed the findings of the public consultation process and also highlighted issues to be considered in the development of a new Agreement between the Northern Territory Government and local government for the funding for public library services.

The full report from the public consultation is available on the Northern Territory Library website.

GENERAL

On the basis of the consultation process a number of principles have been formulated which will be used to guide the future development of Territory public libraries.

Access for all

All Territorians, no matter where they are located, should have access to library services. Where access to a physical library building is not feasible, services should be provided through a mix of digital and outreach services and through partnerships with other local service providers. Core library services should be free to the community and not dependent on the ability to pay.

Responsive to local community needs

The type and scope of library services required, including opening hours, depends on the needs and desires of the community it is serving. One size does not fit all. Libraries provide a platform for individual and community development and should provide opportunities for local organisations, community groups and businesses to utilise their spaces and resources.

Inclusive services

Library services should support the diversity of Territory communities and ensure that services are accessible for people with different languages and cultural backgrounds, for people of all ages and abilities.

Respect for Aboriginal culture

Libraries should support the continued strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures.

Customer focused

People should enjoy their visit to the library, feel comfortable in the spaces and supported by staff.

Innovative solutions and partnerships

With a clear focus on community requirements and outcomes, libraries should explore new opportunities to deliver services, particularly through partnerships with other community organisations and expansion of online services.

Effective and efficient services

Libraries should ensure that public funding is used to deliver community benefits and outcomes effectively and efficiently through the development of a culture of evaluation and evidence based decision making.

The Northern Territory Library should provide centralised Territory-wide services where this is the most effective and efficient solution.

Sustainable services

Funding and service delivery frameworks should be developed to ensure that they are sustainable into the future.

Effective network

The Northern Territory public library network is strengthened through collaboration, communication and shared skills development between library services.

Libraries change lives. When design is right Libraries provide a rich mixture of collections, spaces, programs, technologies and supportive staff to enable individuals and communities to learn, grow and develop.

They are free and accessible to all members of the community and support lifelong learning, for children, students, adult individuals, families, and seniors. The variety of resources made available by libraries enables them to provide value to their communities across a wide range of areas.

The Australian Public Library Alliance and the Australian Library and Information Association have recently released Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian Public Libraries, which identifies six areas in which libraries make a difference to their communities:

- Literacy and lifelong learning
- Informed and connected citizens
- Digital inclusion
- Personal development and wellbeing

- Stronger and more creative communities
- Economic and workforce development

For Council to consider: when applying these principles and the six areas in which libraries can make a difference to design, how would Council like to see library services in their community? The principles allow Council a lot of flexibility, whether they choose to employ one or many of the principles to meet the communities library needs.

Service design, can now remove the four walls of the library, make library services an outreach program, culturally based programming, focused on early education or development or fully involved in the digital revolution. The flexibility in applying the principles to design also means that Council has the ability to potentially include all locations in the library design.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Note the report.**
- (b) Recommend the following be included in Library design and programming**
 - a. ...**
 - b. ...**
 - c. ...**
 - d. ...**
- (c) Recommend this report is tabled at all EARC Local Authorities.**
- (d) Request the Director – Community Development to propose design and programming ideas to Council after consultation with community and Local Authorities.**
- (e) Request the Director – Community Development to explore potential partnerships to strengthen library services in community.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme
REFERENCE	1634902
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

This report is to provide information to the Elected Members of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Tourism & Trade (DFAT).

BACKGROUND

The Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme is built on strong partnerships between Australia, Pacific island nations and Timor-Leste and is the primary temporary migration program to address unskilled, low-skilled, and semi-skilled workforce shortages in remote, rural and regional Australia. Our Aged & Disability department and our services in community need workers, families, clients and residents need reliable services, workers need further support mechanisms, and Pacific island nations need income. The PALM scheme delivers on all of these and has the potential to support the programs of Council in the short and medium term to ensure greater levels of staff support and the levels of service being delivered meet community expectations and needs.

The Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme provides Northern Territory employers with a stable and reliable workforce from Pacific Island countries and Timor-Leste when they cannot source labour locally. These programs also contribute to the economic development of the participating countries.

Employees can be source for fixed term engagements of between 1 and 3 years. Employees can work in a range of industries including, housekeeping (accommodation), municipal services, aged and disability services and entry level administration. East Arnhem Regional Council meets the eligibility criteria to take part in the scheme to address our workforce challenges.

GENERAL

East Arnhem Regional Council has faced a challenge with meeting its targeted employment outcomes which poses a direct impact on outcomes and service delivery outputs of Council programs. Aged & Disability is currently undergoing significant reforms which will result in all delivery of Aged & Disability services moving to a fee for service model, without regular attendance and required levels of delivery this will put the service at risk of no longer being viable with a direct impact on East Arnhem lands levels of well-being of aged and disabled community members throughout the region.

The Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme offers an opportunity to increase our levels of paired working arrangements, support and mentoring and upskilling of indigenous staff in entry level roles across the organization. The scheme also provides opportunity to ensure service level standards during times of aboriginal cultural practice.

The scheme has been widely accepted by Aged & Disability providers across the Territory including remote aboriginal service providers.

The table below in this report is data that shows the levels of employee costs surplus compared to East Arnhem Regional Councils staffing plan per year. The data highlights that average underspend is approximately \$1.5M per year which has increased to \$2.5M in the

20/21FY and a prediction of \$2.9M in the 21/22FY. The information shows that the challenge in attendance and delivery is increasing due to various contributing factors. Council is currently undertaking many initiatives to address the attendance and delivery challenges including true commitment to job design and training however Council needs to explore and consider all available options.

Service - Underspend By Year	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
141 - Aged and Disability Service	576,973	678,476	645,586	1,091,920	175,359	320,137	679,613
145 - Children and Family Services	-41,507	123,456	-89,386	-5,583	31,528	140,029	542,554
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	-48,148	1,437	-51,642	-41,694	44,454	411,852	450,796
107 - Community Management - Support	329,526	561,779	362,686	117,032	310,126	329,190	286,539
147 - Community Safety	204,951	132,916	66,105	-76,331	120,379	457,471	202,527
115 - Library and Cultural Heritage	107,601	140,997	58,944	-15,745	-12,587	-6,700	190,752
169 - Municipal Services	43,423	163,545	202,645	284,557	349,542	412,204	185,625
167 - Financial & Operating Services - Support	35,087	-45,858	132,527	313,038	92,440	33,332	148,775
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	-48,450	-22,403	41,094	10,503	38,419	100,976	83,853
146 - Community Media	82,741	44,258	70,525	20,629	-22,845	68,278	64,369
139 - Visitor Accommodation	23,836	-19,860	-56,249	-17,791	1,793	1,510	44,894
168 - Governance and CEO	-998	21,433	48,163	-100,324	69,128	50,260	44,636
122 - Council Buildings, Facilities and Fixed Assets - Support	448,401	130,318	-62,582	29,433	79,716	59,041	37,502
164 - Executive Leadership Agency & Commercial Services - Support	-9,058	5,771	-29,528	40,594	12,651	0	0
156 - Community Events	0	0	-27,772	21,205	0	0	0
155 - Fuel Distribution Services	-788	0	0	0	0	0	0
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction	0	0	0	-9,095	0	0	0
157 - Local Commercial Opportunities	2,643	1,633	7,499	0	0	0	0
134 - Mechanical Workshops	99,654	-14,514	135,736	-28,965	-24,903	239,872	0
101 - Local Laws & Administration of Local Laws	0	0	0	-48,349	-12,630	0	0
999 - Balance Sheet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
136 - Post Office Agency	0	0	-11,655	17,363	53,527	21,602	0
100 - Local Authorities	11,032	5,214	-2,004	-4,159	12,891	0	0
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	-38,141	-26,591	17,305	-11,537	3,049	16,764	-426
112 - Fleet and Workshop Services Support	12,432	-20,878	2,497	-15,597	87	-244,093	-3,661
138 - Territory Housing Management	0	-167,089	-37,274	11,782	57,840	65,967	-5,695
114 - Information Technology & Communications - Support	-5,329	3,241	-3,134	-14,918	-15,761	-9,825	-6,427
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services	214,917	167,549	201,000	14,568	48,300	91,134	-9,071
Grand Total	2,000,798	1,864,830	1,621,086	1,582,535	1,412,503	2,559,000	2,937,155

Additional data in the HR Report within this agenda shows the current level of vacancies for the East Arnhem Regional Council staffing plan including positions that have been vacant since August 2020 which has significant impact on delivery and outcomes.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Note the report.**
- (b) Note the presentation provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs Tourism & Trade.**
- (c) Consider the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme and implementation at a future Council Meeting.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.