



Agenda

Ramingining

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

18 July 2022

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Local Authority Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Ramingining Council Office on Monday, 18 July 2022 at 10.00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Apologies and Absence Without Notice
REFERENCE 1639411
AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO



SUMMARY

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachment.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1639414
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that “A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee, council, council committee or local authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

- (a) a direct interest;
- (b) an indirect financial interest;
- (c) an indirect interest by close association;
- (d) an indirect interest due to conflicting duties”.

GENERAL

A conflict of interest is a situation that has the potential to undermine a person’s ability to be impartial because of the possibility of a clash between the person’s self-interest and professional interest or public interest.

When this occurs the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove them self from the decision making process.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

OR

That the Local Authority notes any conflicts of interest declared at today’s meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1639417
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

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

According to the *Local Authority Guideline 1* (Part 12, Section 12.4), Members at a provisional meeting can confirm the minutes of a previous provisional meeting. However, members at a provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of a previous Local Authority meeting.

GENERAL

Local Authority members need to read the unconfirmed minutes carefully before they endorse them as a true record of the previous meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 16 May to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Ramingining 2022-05-16 [1814] Minutes.DOCX



Mission

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

Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

2 June 2022

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE RAMINGINING
COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2022 AT 10:00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair, Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy, Councillor Robert Yawarngu and Local Authority Members John Djoma, Gilbert Walkuli, Daphne Malibirr, Judith Dhuru and Lloyd Garrawurra.

PRESIDENT

Lapulung Dhamarrandji

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO,
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.
Jennifer Newton – Community Development Coordinator.

Minute Taker – Anesuishe Hector

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:12am and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Meeting started with a prayer

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

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

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

238/2022 **RESOLVED** (John Djoma/Robert Yawarngu)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority member Lizzy Mindhili
- (b) Notes the apology received from Local Authority Lizzy Mindhili
- (c) Notes Local Authority member Lizzy Mindhili is absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

239/2022 **RESOLVED** (Lloyd Garrawurra/Daphne Malibirr)

The Local Authority notes

- a) Member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) The nomination received from Fabian Garawirritja
- c) Accepts the nomination

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

240/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Gilbert Walkuli)

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

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

241/2022 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yawarngu/Lloyd Garrawurra)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 14 March 2022 to be a true record of the meeting.

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COUNCIL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2022 AT 10:00AM

Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

242/2022 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Gilbert Walkuli)

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

General Business

8.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

243/2022 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/John Djoma)

That Local Authority:

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

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

We the Yolngu and Anindilyakwa people of East Arnhem Land call on the two Balanda (non-Indigenous) levels of Government of the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth of Australia, to recognize 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

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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.

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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

- d) 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.

8.3 RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY KEY PROJECT UPDATES

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority in relation to current capital project updates for Ramingining.

244/2022 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Judith Dhuru)

That the Local Authority notes

- Priorities the available Ramingining funds to the Oval lighting project priority 1
- Support the oval stage progressing at a later date when sufficient funds are available.

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8.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

245/2022 **RESOLVED** (John Djoma/Robert Yawarngu)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

8.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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

246/2022 **RESOLVED** (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)

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

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:17pm

MEETING RESUMES AT 1:36pm

Lloyd Garrawurra left the meeting and did not return after the lunch break that began at 12:17 PM

Judith Dhuru left the meeting and did not return after the lunch break that began at 12:17 PM

8.6 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan

247/2022 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yawarngu/John Djoma)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

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MOVED TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 1:56 PM

248/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Gilbert Walkuli)

RETURN TO OPEN AGENDA AT 2:15PM

249/2022 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yawarngu/Gilbert Walkuli)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18 July 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 2:16 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 2 June 2022.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1639422
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

The current Local Authority Action Items List, and updates on progress to complete them, is attached.

GENERAL

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented. New actions will be added to the Action Register.

If an action is completed the Local Authority need to request for the item to be removed from the Action Register, for the Council to endorse.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Ramingining June 2022.docx

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
181/2021 Series of Murals (re-tabled)	That the Local Authority consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.	<p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>12.10.2021 – LA are still deciding what way they would like to proceed with.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – The CDC to work with the members and provide update (list of items) on the next LA meeting.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – ongoing discussion.</p> <p>02.06.2022 - LA supports the murals to be based on a map of Raminging and its homelands.</p>
01/2020 RESOLVED	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of Kava.</p> <p>b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either:</p> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased Kava availability.</p>	<p>25.01.21 – The Local Authorities resolution has been shared with the Department of Chief Minister.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Updated has been provided to the Local Authority Members, with further updates to come.</p> <p>15.11.2021 – A separate report was presented by the CEO in the meeting.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – The CEO will provide further updates in the next meeting. The LA will continue to discuss Kava with the community.</p> <p>02.06.2022 - 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</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>issues of the possible introduction of the legal sale of kava and alcohol and support the leadership of the President on this issue.</p>
Community Oval Stage	Extend the Community Oval Stage and construct a stage at the Church grounds. \$200,000	<p>18.01.2021 Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting. Design stage is currently in the process.</p> <p>15.11.2021 – Construction of lights will begin in January. Ongoing. Quotation will go out in a few weeks. Local authority to put LA money of \$138,934.00 to the community oval stage project.</p> <p>17.01.2022 - Request for Tender (RFT) for Lighting to be released in two weeks due to capacity and staff leave over the Christmas period. Request For Tender (RFT) documents for the stage to be released to market end of February.</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>14.03.2022 – will go to the market this Friday</p> <p>02.06.2022 – To be dealt with in a separate pool</p> <p>22.06.2022 – tender evaluated – pricing beyond available funds – report in this Council meeting.</p>
Landfill Trench for Clothing		<p>18.05.2020 – This has been deferred to July when some capital works are being done, as the required machinery, such as an excavator and bulldozer, will be in community. The clothes trench and new signage will have a July start date, based on approval of the Annual Budget 2020-21.</p> <p>18.01.2021 - YBE engaged for the site modifications and are due back in the community once the weather allows for Machinery to recommence civil works.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Awaiting calendar schedule from YBE/NEAL – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Calendar will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting.</p> <p>15.11.2021 – Ongoing. An update will be provided in the next Council meeting.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – Contractor to return with heavy equipment at the end of the wet season – ETA around March dependant on the season duration.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – depends on the duration of the wet season</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>02.06.2022 – Interim measure in place to dispose of clothing while awaiting full upgrade</p>
<p>White Line Markings on Bitumen Roads</p>		<p>18.05.2020 – White line markings to become a quarterly requirement, within the development of Municipal Services work plans. Training of staff is required. Equipment is on order.</p> <p>18.01.2021 – Equipment has arrived in Gapuwiyak and the training has been completed – once line works are complete the unit will be relocated to other communities – this is weather dependant at the moment.</p> <p>25.01.21 – CDC to provide an update to the Local Authority about when the equipment will be in Raminging.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Unit still at Gapuwiyak – ongoing 12/05/2021 – Still awaiting MS Gapuwiyak to finalise works – overdue.</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>15.11.2021 – The machine will reach Raminging in the next two weeks. All other material and equipment are ready. The job should take two weeks to finish.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – Line marking still not completed in Galiwinku by local MS staff, waiting on break in weather to finish— unit will be relocated to Raminging once completed.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – Galiwinku's one is done. Will be moved to Raminging soon</p> <p>02.06.2022 – Awaiting the completion of Galiwin'ku</p> <p>30.6.2022 – finished</p>
Community Entrance Signage Project	<p>The Local Authority has approved:</p> <p>a) The artist's fee and artwork concept for the Barge road sign of a flood plain with a giant palm and a sea eagle.</p> <p>b) The artist's fee and the artwork concept for the main entry sign to community of a kangaroo as the prominent feature, and traditional name of the country stretching from the airstrip to community.</p> <p>c) That both signs will have 'Welcome to Raminging' with the artwork being the prominent feature of the sign.</p> <p>d) For the population of the community to be incorporated into the sign design.</p>	<p>18.01.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Design has been given to sign writers – Awaiting final scan design – Ongoing</p> <p>12.10.2021 – Design is currently in Darwin awaiting printing.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – Sign has arrived in the community. The location needs to be approved by the Traditional Owners.</p> <p>CDC and Cr Jason to consult with Traditional Owners for location and seek approval for installation in the approved area from the Director of Technical and Infrastructure services.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – will be put in the coming week.</p> <p>02.06.2022 – the sign has been installed at the airport and an additional sign to be ordered to be installed at the approved location.</p> <p>22.06.2022 – completed remove from Action List.</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Street Naming for New Subdivision	001/2022 RESOLVED That the Ramingining Local Authority Members consult further with Traditional Owners and the wider community and provide a list to the Director Technical and Infrastructure services through the Community Development Coordinator for tabling in the next LA meeting.	14.03.2022 - There will be a separate report on Street naming in this meeting. 02.06.2022 – Ongoing confirmation and consultation still required.
Oval lighting		14.03.2022 – The lights to be ordered this week and a ten week wait time for manufacturing. The tender will be released in two weeks. Expects to be installed by end of May. 02.06.2022 – Update provided in item 8.3 in the agenda. 22.06.2022 – Tender awarded to NT Electrical Pty Ltd., 30.6.2022 Remove from Action Items

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Guest Speakers - Emily DeKlerk and Rebekah Clancy from Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
REFERENCE	1642949
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**GENERAL**

The purpose of this session is to discuss planned community engagement with the Local Authority. This engagement aims to understand community needs, worries and priorities around nutrition, manymak ngatha and food security. The information will be used to embrace community ideas and make the Miwatj Nutrition Program more Yolngu lead. The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	Waste Services and Environmental Update
REFERENCE	1640401
AUTHOR	Wesley Van Zanden, Waste & Environmental Manager

**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

General information regarding the Waste Services departments Waste Programs.

GENERALScrap Metal Project Update

Sell & Parker have been engaged to recycle scrap metal (old car bodies, build scraps etc.) and white goods throughout the communities of East Arnhem. Sell & Parker re-mobilised back to Ramingining on 27 June 2022, to complete the scrap metal recovery left over from last year.



Plate 1. Car bodies at Ramingining before Clean-Up

Due to the amount of equipment and bargaining capabilities, their machinery will come over in stages over the next few weeks. Once back at community, all scrap metal will start to be sent back to Darwin for recycling.

See plates below for some the types of machinery that will be in Ramingining over the next month or two. It is expected that Sell & Parker will be in Ramingining until the end of August.



Plate 2 & 3. Sell & Parker at work in Ramingining

Waste Initiatives

To continue to improve litter management in the community, the Waste Team have sponsored the school in the purchase of several litter pickers and buckets. The Principal advised that she was interested in increasing knowledge around waste litter management within some of the classes and requested some support.



Plate 4. Litter Pickers

Cash 4 Containers

Cash for Containers is going to be rolled out again in Ramingining starting at the end of July.

The program had to be temporarily halted to address some cash handling and processing issues. These have now been taken care of so the program can recommence regularly again.

Cash for Containers will be held in the last week of every month starting in July. As well as cans, bottles and cartons, mobile phones are also accepted and receive a cash rebate of 50c per phone.

East Arnhem Regional Council
PRESENTS
RAMINGINING
CASH 4 CONTAINERS

NEW DATE!
26 TO 28 JULY
@ EARC VISITORS ACCOMMODATION (LOT 97)

CANS & BOTTLES

1 = 10c	25 = \$2.50
5 = 50c	30 = \$3
10 = \$1	40 = \$4
15 = \$1.50	50 = \$5
20 = \$2	100 = \$10

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile Phone	= 50c
Mobile Battery	= 10c
Phone Charger	= 10c

**Batteries must be loose and not still inside your phone

Proudly supported by:

Recycling Snapshot

Please see below a summary of recycled products from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 to end the financial year.



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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Council Plan
REFERENCE	1642227
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report updates on major matters.

GENERAL

The Council Regional Plan was adopted 30 June 2022 following workshops by Council and consultations with each Local Authority, and then the public. The Plan is available on the Council website.

Some of the highlights are below. These all link to the planned Internal Audit for this year on major projects as a significant area of Council delivery.

Employee Benefits

Employee costs of \$21.44 million includes direct employee related salary expenditure and other indirect costs such as superannuation, workers compensation insurance and staff training. The staff costs reflect employee certified agreement increases of 1.5, superannuation increase of 0.5%, workers compensation premium increases, and the inclusion of optimal operating staffing structures aligned with revenue for the various programs of council and the project funding agreements.

Materials and Services

Materials and services are a significant component of Council's expenditure budget at \$18.62 million.

Significant areas of material and service expenditure that assist with the delivery of services to the community include \$5.1M million in maintenance and operational costs for roads, \$6.6M for Building and Infrastructure Services, waste management costs of \$1.88 million relating primarily to waste collection, processing and recycling, and disposal.

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

Service Area	Employees	Materials And Services
100 - Local Authorities	0	533,496
107 - Community Development	2,667,326	287,005
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services	410,456	130,054
112 - Fleet and Workshop Services	610,261	117,713
114 - Information Communication and Technology Services	138,336	451,074
115 - Library Services	572,121	16,326
116 - Lighting for Public Safety	0	237,333
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	148,225	992,265
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction	0	4,134,296
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services	1,276,008	6,663,992
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	744,481	1,884,069

139 - Visitor Accommodation	112,657	46,341
141 - Aged Care and Disability Services	4,100,898	698,107
145 - Children and Family Services	1,298,361	114,679
146 - Community Media	88,018	648
147 - Community Patrol and SUS Services	2,025,243	119,353
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	2,354,351	172,619
156 - Community Events	0	119,450
157 - Local Commercial Opportunities	0	1,500
167 - Corporate Services	1,898,068	984,560
168 - Governance and CEO	481,142	259,640
169 - Municipal Services	2,516,118	654,972
	21,442,071	18,619,494

Depreciation

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

Capital Plan

The capital budget of \$14.76M includes \$3.5M for aged care \$3.5M for Aged Care Capital Program that has been budgeted funded through Aged and Disability Reserve.

Aged care capital program included the following:

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

Service Highlights

Roading

- ✓ \$96k allocated for grading of Yanbukawa Road at Angurugu community in addition to guide post and sign replacements due to damage within the town.
- ✓ \$35K for Umbakumba 4 Mile road grading shoulder reconstruction
- ✓ \$45K for Umbakumba Sign replacement and gravel purchases
- ✓ \$20K for Milyakburra barge road and networked grading as per LAC engagement
- ✓ \$120K for Ramingining bi-annual grading of town and remote network
- ✓ \$46K for Milingimbi Bi-Annual grading
- ✓ \$254K for Gapuwiyak Bi-Annual network grade
- ✓ \$150K for Galiwinku Bi-Annual Grading
- ✓ 15K for Galiwinku clearing and base works on hunting and significant area tracks
- ✓ 15k for shoulder reinstatement with in the Gunyangara town roads
- ✓ 100K for additional allocation from surplus for Regional Road Safety Audit
- ✓ \$450K for Gapuwiyak local roads additional allocation from surplus for rural network upgrade on Balma-Numbawar link road
- ✓ \$800k for Galiwinku new curbing and drainage installation on Wakirana street- Colledge

Road/Gakuda Street and Dhorunhdu Street to mitigate run off.

- ✓ \$800k for Yirrkala reconstruction and seal inclusive of kerbing to reduce downhill flow rates into properties on Balnama Street and Gumatj Road
- ✓ \$450k for Gunyangara curbing of Yunupingu Drive
- ✓ \$2K for Gapuwiyak cultural tracks
- ✓ Roads to Recovery Programme Capital Grant Funding of \$500,000 will be used for kerbing and storm water works at Galiwinku.
- ✓ Another \$400,000 will be used from reserves to deliver new curbing and drainage installation on Wakirana street - College Road / Gakuda Street and Dhorunhdhu Street to mitigate run off
- ✓ \$800,000 will be used from reserves for Reconstruction and seal inclusive of kerbing to reduce downhill flow rates into properties on Balnama Street and Gumatj Road
- ✓ \$4.37M are planned for Road Expenditure in total that will be funded with \$3M grant funding and use of reserve funding for \$1.43M.

Building & Infrastructure

- ✓ \$10.26M will be spent on Building and Infrastructure
- ✓ \$900K will be used to build Milingimbi Shed damaged due to fire, funded through insurance recovery.
- ✓ \$234K has been allocated for staff housing Furniture
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Lot 306 MS Shed roofing Iron Replacement Structural repairs at Angurugu
- ✓ \$70K allocated for Lot450 Staff Housing Kitchen Replacement at Angurugu
- ✓ \$7K allocated for Galiwinku quarterly backup generator servicing and cyclone prep maintenance
- ✓ \$3K allocated for charter/airfare costs for technicians to carry out repairs at Galiwinku Hall
- ✓ \$150K allocated for Lot 97A and B staff housing boundary fence installation at Galiwinku
- ✓ \$150K allocated to carry out structural works for Lot 85 staff housing at Galiwinku
- ✓ \$100k allocated to carry out structural works and install boundary fencing for Lot 95 staff housing at Galiwinku
- ✓ Planning is underway for Lot 348 Galiwinku Child Care Centre – Re roofing/ guttering replacement
- ✓ \$100k allocated for Galiwinku Basket Ball Court Storage building – Demolition of existing building due to safety concerns and install shade structure
- ✓ \$65K allocated Lot 332 BRACS – Demolition of building due to safety concerns and new security fencing
- ✓ \$30K allocated for floating flooring installation and painting to Office and Lunch room at Galiwinku
- ✓ \$115K allocated for general safety provision of assets at Galiwinku
- ✓ \$140k allocated for electric compliance works for all Galiwinku lots
- ✓ \$35K allocated for reactive maintenance for Galiwinku Hall
- ✓ \$85k allocated for Gapuwiyk Lot 51 Staff housing roofing iron replacement and boundary fence replacement

- ✓ \$130K allocated for Gapuwiyak Lot 93 Council Office roofing iron replacement , external wall lining panel repairs
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Gapuwiyak Lot 130 Mechanical Shed
- ✓ \$80K allocated for Gapuwiyak Lot 83 Staff Housing kitchen replacement, stair and deck structural works and new internal floating floor or vinyl
- ✓ \$100k allocated for Gapuwiyak Child Care fencing
- ✓ \$45K for Lot 204 toilets
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Gunyangara Staff Housing Lot84 boundary fence replacement
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Milingimbi Lot 169 staff housing structural repair works
- ✓ \$150K allocated for Milingimbi Lot 170 staff housing structural repair works
- ✓ \$150K allocated for Milingimbi Lot 128 staff housing structural repair works
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Milingimbi Lot 245/1-2 staff housing for reroofing, replacing ceiling lining
- ✓ \$50K allocated for Milingimbi Lot 243 MS shed refit
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Milingimbi multiple lot security provision
- ✓ \$48K allocated for Milyakburra Lot 21 staff housing internal painting
- ✓ \$48K allocated for Milyakburra Lot 24 council office kitchenette replacement and internal painting
- ✓ \$32K allocated for Ramingining airport shelter reconditioning and oval light installation
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Ramingining all lots electrical compliance
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Ramingining Lot 111 staff housing boundary fencing, roofing iron and external painting
- ✓ \$60K allocated for Ramingining Lot 123 council office fencing, veranda fit and TCU service area works
- ✓ \$150K allocated for Ramingining Lot 96 MS Shed Re roofing and damaged wall lining panel repairs
- ✓ \$80K allocated for Umbakumba Lot 201 staff housing boundary fence replacement and mesh security screen installation for additional security
- ✓ \$80K allocated for Umbakumba Lot 204 staff housing boundary fence replacement and structural repairs
- ✓ \$680K allocated for Yirrkala Lot 122 staff housing demolition and capital rebuild
- ✓ \$120K allocated for Yirrkala Lot 195 internal renovations and ceilings painting
- ✓ \$19K allocated for Yirrkala Lot268 staff housing privacy screening and boundary fence replacement
- ✓ \$70K allocated for Yirrkala all lots electrical compliance

Waste Management

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

Community

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

- ✓ \$100k for Child Care Perimeter Fencing at Gapuwiyak
- ✓ 40K for LED Trailer screen maintenance
- ✓ 30K cleaning budget for heavy cleans of Council offices that are well over due in locations where cleaners cannot be sourced.

Veterinary and Animal Control Services

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

Fleet & Workshop

- ✓ \$934K to replace existing Fleet.

Governance and Corporate

- ✓ \$510K for Elected Member allowances
- ✓ \$192K for meeting expenses, including travel and accommodation
- ✓ \$75K for membership of industry associations
- ✓ \$50K for election provisions
- ✓ \$500K for organisational wide staff training
- ✓ \$350K for software applications
- ✓ \$910k for IT Services – CouncilBIZ and communication networks

	Budget 2023 \$
Operating Revenue	
Grants	① 22,293,297
User Charges and Fees	8,076,883
Rates and Annual Charges	7,356,919
Other Operating Revenue	2,719,250
Interest Income	379,166
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	40,825,515
Operating Expenses	
Employee Costs	21,468,071
Materials and Contracts	18,600,044
Elected Member Allowances	509,673
Council Committee & LA Allowances	87,966
Depreciation and Amortisation	3,521,018
Other Operating Expenses	14,608,399
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	58,795,172
OPERATING DEFICIT	(17,969,656)
Capital Grants Income	① 1,132,580
DEFICIT AFTER CAPITAL GRANTS INCOME	(16,837,076)
Capital Expenditure	(14,764,124)
Transfer to Reserves	(3,552,846)
Add back Depreciation Expense	3,521,018
NET BUDGET DEFICIT	(31,633,027)
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	② 11,662,290
Transfer from General Equity	50,000
Transfer from Reserves	19,969,050
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	31,681,340
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	48,312
Notes:	
① Grants plus capital grants income include Tied funding of \$16,178,929 and Untied funding of \$7,246,948.	
② <i>Carried Forward Revenue</i> is revenue that has been received and recognised in a previous year in Council's Financial Statement as required by Accounting Standards. It is included in the Council budget in the year it is expected to be spent as this allows Council to set a budget that matches its revenue with the related expenditure, ignoring timing differences between financial years.	

	Forecast 2023 \$
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	24,856,773
Trade and Other Receivables	839,083
Other Current Assets	1,451,160
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	27,147,016
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Property, Plant and Equipment	81,766,893
Other Assets	213,734
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	81,980,627
TOTAL ASSETS	109,127,643
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Trade and Other Payables	1,957,699
Other Liabilities	516,870
Lease Liabilities	223,182
Provisions	2,784,472
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,482,223
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Lease Liabilities	11,185,166
Provisions	3,374,365
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	14,559,531
TOTAL LIABILITIES	20,041,754
NET ASSETS	89,085,890
EQUITY	
Accumulated Surplus	34,961,752
Asset Revaluation Reserve	39,150,727
Replacement/Development Reserves*	14,973,411
TOTAL EQUITY	89,085,890
*Replacement/Development Reserves	
Fleet Replacement	4,967,779
Waste Management	1,249,694
Roads Replacement	5,313,866
Cemeteries Management	159,556
Buildings Replacement	1,141,367
Public Area Infrastructure	257,013
Disaster Recovery	500,000
Community Benefit	275,504
Aged and Disability	883,634
TOTAL	14,973,411

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the update.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Roads Infrastructure - Maintenance Grading of Unsealed Roads and Maintenance of Public Street Lights
REFERENCE	1642249
AUTHOR	Arvin Roping, Transport and Infrastructure Manager

SUMMARY

This Report is tabled for the Ramingining Local Authority in order to update on the progress of the Maintenance Grading of Unsealed Roads and Maintenance of Public Street Lights.

BACKGROUND

General information regarding the Transport and Infrastructure department's awarded contract for the Maintenance Grading of Unsealed Roads and Maintenance of Public Street Lights.

GENERALUnsealed Roads Grading Maintenance Program

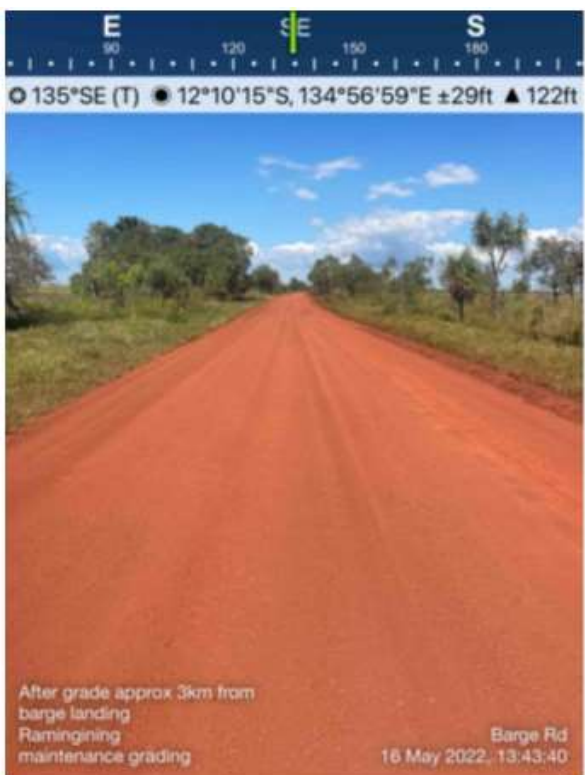
BV Contracting have been engaged to perform routine unsealed roads grading maintenance services throughout Ramingining's internal unsealed roads, outstation access roads and rural roads network to a standard that ensures the road is in a safe and trafficable condition.

The recently completed unsealed grading maintenance are tabulated below:

Community	Road Name	Road Type	*Road Length (km)
Ramingining	Ramingining Barge Landing Access Road	Essential (Internal Network) Service Road	26.50
	Ramingining Waste Facility Access Road	Essential (Internal Network) Service Road	0.30
	Ramingining Cemetery Access Road	Essential (Internal Network) Service Road	0.10
	Galawdjapin Access Road	Homeland (Rural Network) Access Road	4.43
	Garanydjirr Access Road	Homeland (Rural Network) Access Road	4.76
	Gatji Access Road	Homeland (Rural Network) Access Road	6.80
	Gilirri Access Road	Homeland (Rural Network) Access Road	1.32
	Mulgurram Access Road	Homeland (Rural Network) Access Road	5.03
	Ngangalala Access Road	Homeland (Rural Network) Access Road	1.80
	Yathalamarra Access Road	Homeland (Rural Network) Access Road	4.22

Grading maintenance commencement date: Thursday, 12 May 2022.

Actual practical completion date: Wednesday, 1 June 2022.

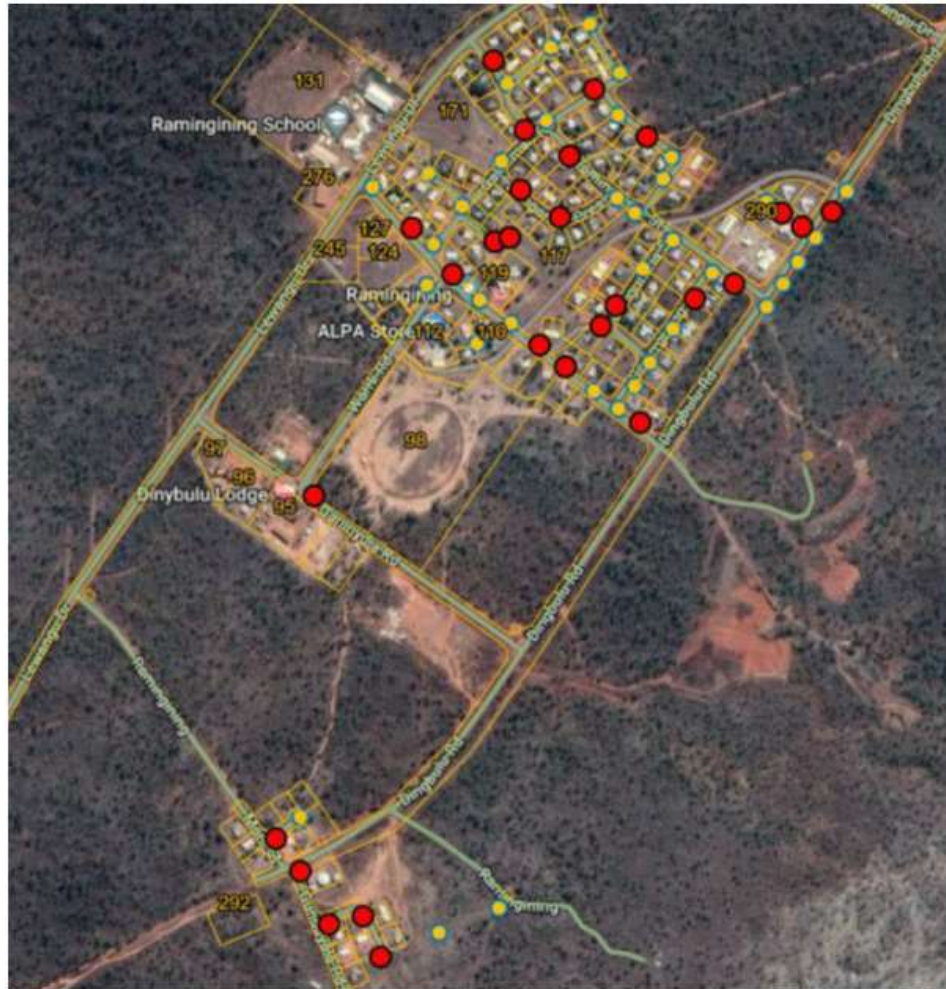
Progress photos of grading maintenance



Public Street Lights Maintenance Program

The proposed maintenance of public street lights will be delivered by the end of August 2022. The proposed works shall comprise the complete replacement of non-functioning LED street light heads with new LED street light heads throughout the street lighting network in Ramining.

Non-operational street lights identified on the 23 March 2022 are shown below:



Red marker indicates non-functioning street lights.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ramasingha Local Authority notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1642740
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**Councillors**

The official Memorial Service for former Councillor for the Gumurr Miwatj Ward and Deputy President Mr. Marika has been arranged for Friday 15 July at the Yirrkala Community Church. Councillors from across the region participated in this important event, and President Dhamarrandji and myself addressed the service with our recognition and respect of his significant contribution and legacy as a Yolngu Leaders.

We welcome the election of Marpulawuy Marika as a new Gumurr Miwatj Councillor, who will be able to help continue Mr. Marika's legacy, and provide leadership as a strong Yolngu woman for the communities and homelands of the region.

Marpulawuy is also joined by Wesley Dhamarrandji to fill the second vacancy for the Gumurr Miwatj Ward. We look forward to their contributions and governance locally and across the region.

Possible Legal Sale of Alcohol and Kava

The resolutions from the last round of Local Authorities regarding this issue were tabled and considered when Council met on 30 June.

Based on these resolutions and the strong opposition shown across all the Local Authority meetings, Council made a clear resolution, as included in the attached letter to Chief Minister Natasha Fyles and Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney (Attachment A).

Position on Local Decision Making and Call for Recognition

Council also considered the resolutions made by Local Authorities in the last round of meetings on this issue.

Council resolved that it:

- a) *Notes the CEO Report.*
- b) *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.*

The current draft of the Call for Recognition includes some improvements based on further contemplation by President Dhamarrandji and feedback from consultation from other Aboriginal organisations to date.

President Lapulung has issued a Media Release and social media posts on about the Call for Recognition (See Attachment 2).

The President and myself have also begun the process of reaching out to meet directly with the Chairpersons and boards of the many Aboriginal Corporations and the two Land Councils, to discuss and see if they wish to support the Call for Recognition, or not.

As President Lapulung has stated in one social media post:

Council has announced the East Arnhem Land First Nations Call for Recognition – but the Road to Recognition will be a long one.

We must talk together Yolngu way, with unhurried time.

I look forward to meeting with the Boards of the many different Aboriginal Corporations and the two Land Councils that work across East Arnhem Land.

The Local Authorities and Regional Council have endorsed the Call for Recognition.

We must now spend much time talking about the Call, heart to heart, with all the other Aboriginal organisations listed in it, listen to their views, and see if they too wish to endorse it.

We look forward to working even more closely together, in genuine respect and unity across East Arnhem Land, to build a better life for our people.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the CEO Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [!\[\]\(a43b62a38b6e2844e794f4301a08d3ba_img.jpg\)](#) Impact of Legal Sale Of Alcohol and Kava (003).pdf
- 2 [!\[\]\(6e4ee66e87e896673b3d048b72667243_img.jpg\)](#) Media Release - The Road to Recognition - First Nations Regional Government 29 Jun 22.docx



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11 July 2022

Hon Natasha Fyles
 Chief Minister
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Hon Linda Burney
 Minister for Indigenous Australians
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Dear Chief Minister and Minister,

The nine Local Authorities and Regional Council of East Arnhem Land have been considering the impact of the legal sale of kava for over a year and half, and in recent months the possible legal sale of alcohol across the communities and homelands of the region.

Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji has led the participation of Council in meetings of the Regional Children and Families Committee, convened by the regional office of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, that has been discussing these issues, and appreciates the opportunity to do so. Regional representatives of the National Indigenous Advancement Agency have also attended these meetings.

I write to advise of the most recent resolution of the East Arnhem Regional Council, at its most recent Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 June;

That Council:

Calls on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to;

- a) *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.*
- b) *Advise the Northern Territory and Australian Governments of the very strong position across Local Authorities and Council to oppose the introduction of the legal sale of alcohol to prevent the massive social and health affects it will bring; and*
- c) *There is a need to focus on the issue of kava and consideration across the many communities and homelands across East Arnhem whether to approve it's legal sale, where, and if so, how that would be managed to properly deal with the health and social impacts on families and work, and that any profits go to the benefit of communities and homelands.*

Council understands and acknowledges these are complex and difficult issues, but re-iterates the need to move to genuine action to ensure the protection and empowerment of the people, and seeks your support to achieve this.

Yours sincerely,

Dale Keehne
 Chief Executive Officer



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29 June 2022

MEDIA RELEASE

The Road to Recognition – First Nations Regional Government

East Arnhem Regional Council President, Lapulung Dhamarrandji welcomes the recognition of the National Indigenous Australians Agency CEO, Jody Broun, in her address to the ALGA National General Assembly in Canberra last week of "Indigenous led Local Government" and its important role in gaining real progress in Closing the Gap.

This acknowledgement followed the resounding endorsement of motions put forward by East Arnhem Regional Council at the National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association – in support of the formal recognition of Aboriginal Community Controlled Governments across the nation.

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji went on from the National General Assembly to meet with the new Minister for Indigenous Australians, Linda Burney at Parliament House, and Assistant Minister Malarndirri McCarthy, who joined from the Northern Territory. He welcomed their appointment as Ministers and the Indigenous leaders spoke with agreement about how real change and improvement in the lives and future of Indigenous people depends on true ground up leadership and capacity.

President Dhamarrandji and CEO, Dale Keehne, talked through how the First Nations East Arnhem Regional Council has up to 126 Indigenous representatives, including 14 elected Councillors across 6 cultural based areas, elected by over 10,000 community and homeland members across the Yolngu and Anindilyakwa peoples.

The President then moved to present Minister Burney with the 'East Arnhem First Nations Call for Recognition'. He talked through the Call and how it affirms that the Aboriginal Controlled Local Authorities and Regional Government in the remote Northern Territory, offer a 'bridge' between Traditional Owners, Clans, Indigenous community and homeland members, Land Councils and other Aboriginal organisations - with the two other levels of Balanda (non-Indigenous) government, to work in unity to Close the Gap.

In line with the Call for Recognition, President Dhamarrandji invited Minister Burney to join him on country to join in the Makarrata ceremony, known as the Ralmanapanmirr ga Ngayanguwanganythirr ceremony. As the Call for Recognition states "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."

Council is pleased Chief Minister Natasha Fyles has accepted the invitation to join the important Makarrata ceremony and is currently liaising with the offices of the Chief Minister, Northern Territory Ministers Selena Uibo and Chansey Paech, Minister Linda Burney, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and Pat Dodson, Special Envoy for Constitutional Recognition and Implementation of the Uluru Statement – to confirm a date when all these important Ministers can join the important ceremony, most likely in September this year.

The full East Arnhem First Nations Call for Recognition is included below.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.5
TITLE Proposed Approach to Deal With Law and Order
REFERENCE 1642747
AUTHOR Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY**

The views and recommendations of the Local Authority are sought on how to tackle growing law and order concerns, to be raised directly with the Chief Minister.

GENERAL

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), on behalf of all Councils in the Northern Territory, has raised the problem of escalating crime with the Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles.

In East Arnhem we have seen significant break-ins to houses, public buildings and vehicles, as well as threats and attacks on people.

Examples include extensive damage and then burning of the Milingimbi Community School, the burning down of the Council Municipal Services Facility and all vehicles and equipment, and repeated costly break-ins to the ALPA Store. Galiwinku has had an ongoing series of attacks by young people on people and property across the community which has led to a series of stakeholder and community meetings to try and deal with it.

The Chief Minister has agreed to meet all Presidents, Mayors and CEOs on Wednesday 27 July at Parliament House to listen to the concerns of Councils and recommendations on how to address increasing crime and anti-social behavior.

President Dhamarrandji and I will attend this meeting with the Chief Minister. The views and resolutions from each Local Authority will form the basis of what we raise with the Chief Minister to action.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

(a) <.....>

(b) <.....>

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.6
TITLE	Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme
REFERENCE	1642806
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY**

This report is to provide information to the Local Authority 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 organisation. 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 the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Notes the presentation provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs Tourism & Trade.**
- (c) Considers the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme and implementation at a future Local Authority meeting.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.7
TITLE	Library Services Principles
REFERENCE	1642817
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

**SUMMARY**

This report is to inform and seek direction from the Local Authorities 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, Mililingimbi, Galiwin'ku, 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 Local Authorities:

(a) Notes the report.

(b) Recommend the following be included in Library design and programming;

- a. ...
- b. ...
- c. ...
- d. ...

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.8
TITLE	Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE	1642879
AUTHOR	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager



SUMMARY

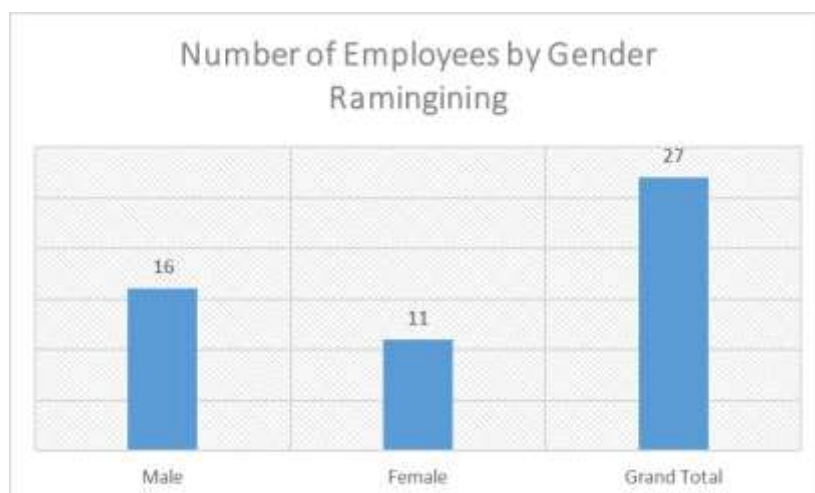
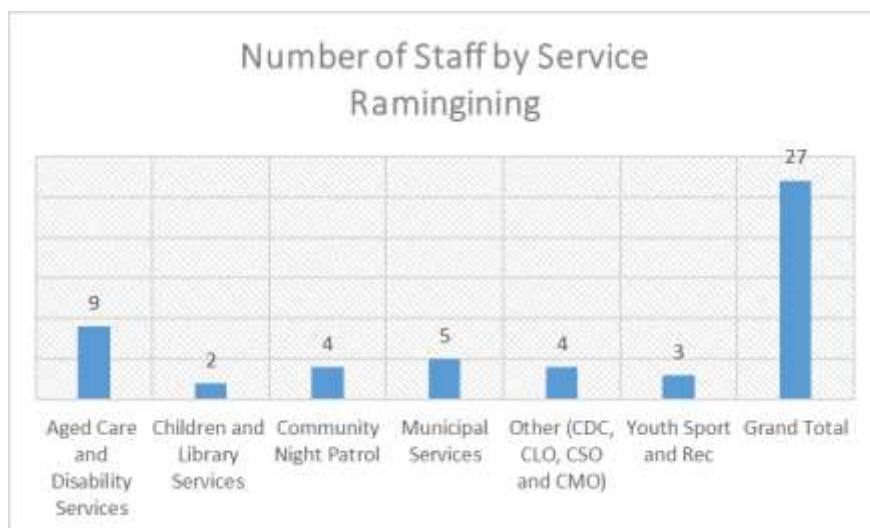
This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 30 June 2022 within the Local Authority area.

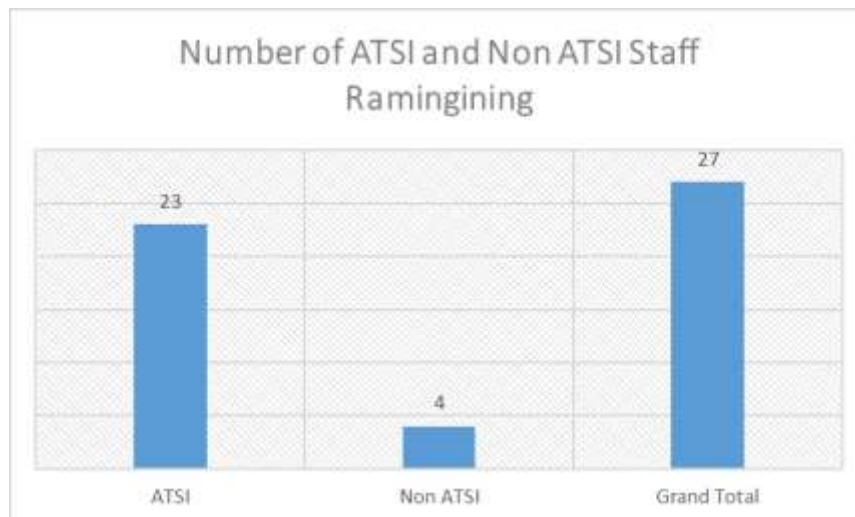
BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

Employee Statistics:





Vacancies as of 30 June 2022:

Position	Level
Aged Care & Disability Services Officer / Cook	Level 3
Municipal Services Officer	Level 1
Youth Sport & Recreation Coordinator	Level 6

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

RECOMMENDATION

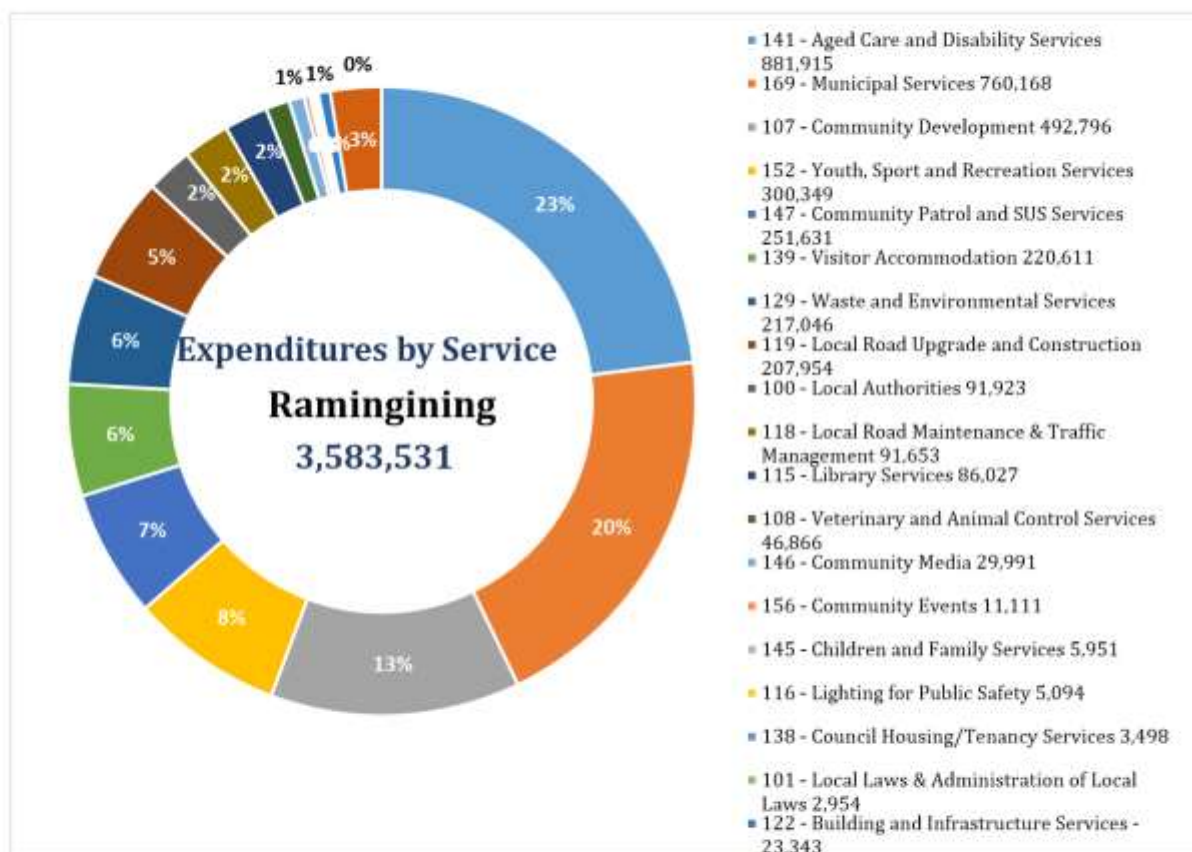
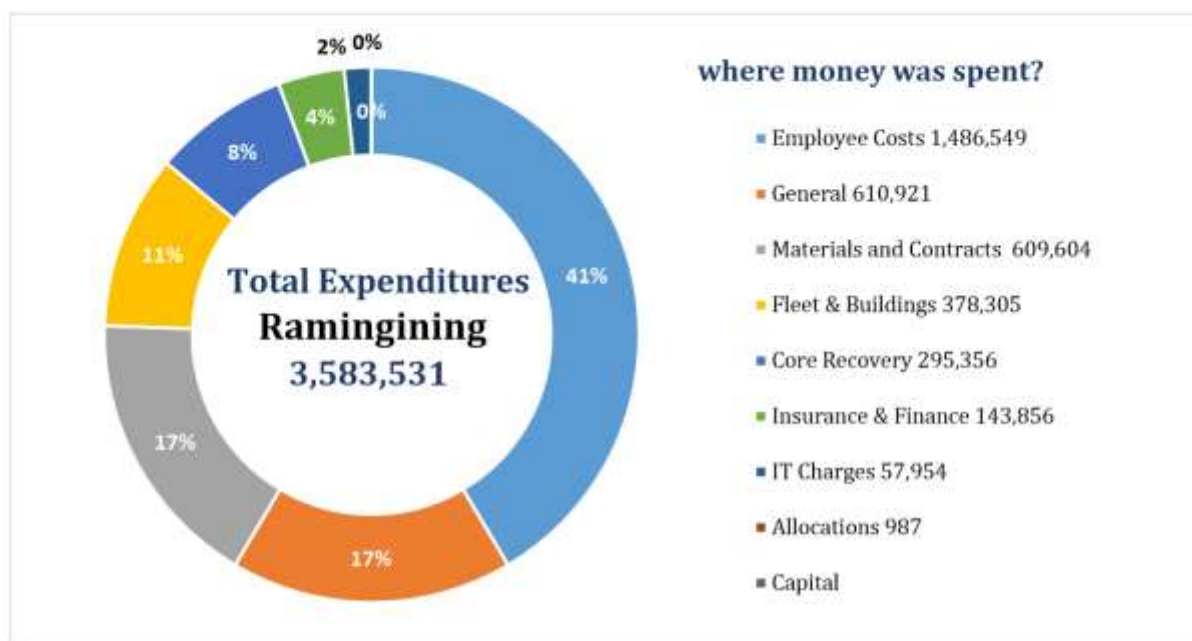
That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 30 June 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Income and Expense Statement_Ramingining](#)
- 2 [Where money was spent_Ramingining](#)

Each Reporting Location

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2022	Ramingining		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	1,125,598	1,144,572	(18,974)
User Charges and Fees	658,213	1,103,005	(444,792)
Rates and Annual Charges	756,052	744,084	11,968
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	112,039	38,548	73,491
Untied Revenue Allocation	1,196,506	1,199,238	(2,732)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	3,848,408	4,229,447	(381,039)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	1,486,549	1,747,726	(261,177)
Materials and Contracts	600,636	1,232,739	(632,103)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	2,100	9,000	(6,900)
Depreciation and Amortisation	25,238	22,495	2,743
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	761,645	786,095	(24,450)
Council Internal Costs Allocations	732,601	1,169,972	(437,370)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,608,769	4,968,027	(1,359,258)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	239,638	(738,580)	978,219
Capital Grants Income	-	403,382	(403,382)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	239,638	(335,198)	574,837
Capital Expenses	-	(1,154,265)	1,154,265
Transfer to Reserves	-	(123,549)	123,549
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	25,238	22,495	2,743
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	264,876	(1,590,517)	1,855,393
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	766,114	678,583	87,531
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	916,350	(916,350)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	766,114	1,594,932	(828,818)
NET OPERATING POSITION	1,030,990	4,416	1,026,575
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.9
TITLE	Animal Management Program Update
REFERENCE	1642934
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

**SUMMARY**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority 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).

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project Updates
REFERENCE	1629436
AUTHOR	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide program updates within the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate, in addition to progress updates on capital projects and initiatives in the 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND

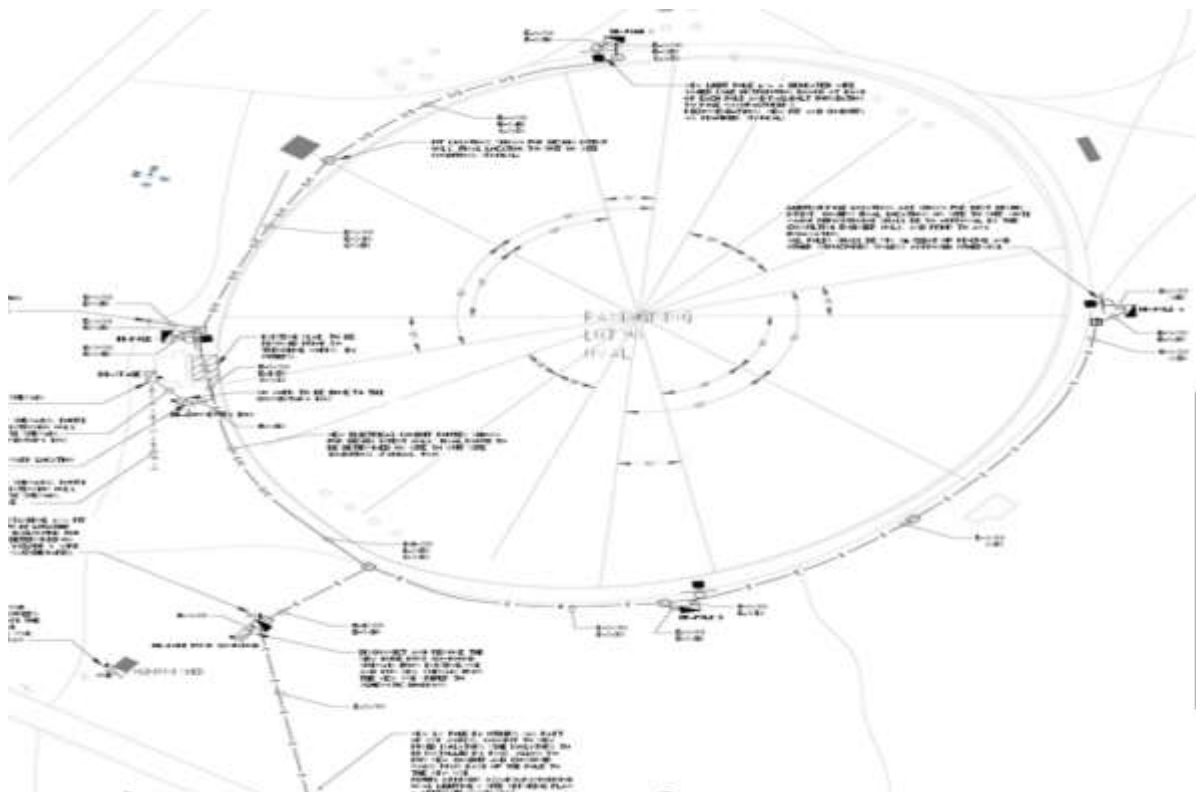
Council has identified value in providing an update of current projects from the Building and Infrastructure area at each Ordinary Council Meeting to outline the works progression within this area, with the main listed priority projects for Ramingining being outlined below.

GENERAL

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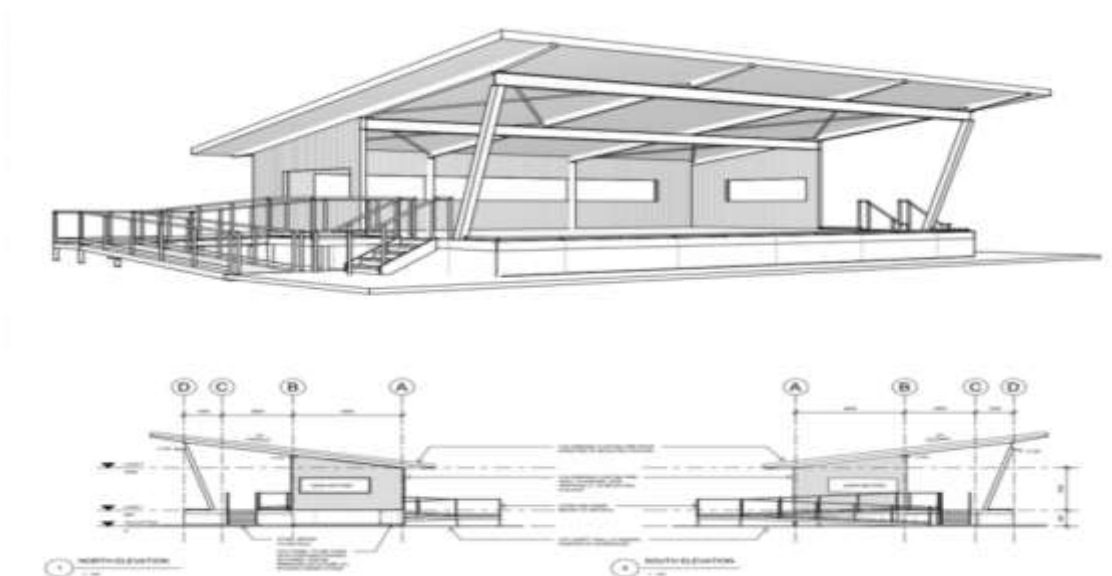
Lot 98 Ramingining – Oval Lighting and Site Servicing Works – Project Awarded

Installation of the supplied oval lighting towers and LED lighting has been awarded recently. Project start up discussions are scheduled for Friday 24 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 Ramington – New Oval Stage – Project Deferred**

Submissions have closed for the New Oval Stage project, a report was tabled at the Special meeting held and the recommendation was not to award the project based on the pricing received – and seek additional grant funding to completed the project.



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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

COMMUNITY REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Community Development Report
REFERENCE	1642279
AUTHOR	Jennifer Newton, Community Development Coordinator

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

East Arnhem Regional Council continues its commitment to provide high quality services to the residents of Ramingining through our Aged Care, Municipal Services, Library, Community Night Patrol, Youth Sport and Recreation, Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Services and Council office.

In all areas of business, there are challenges, but the strengths continue to outweigh the many challenges.

Municipal Services

Municipal Services is a strong team who have a very committed workforce ensuring that service provision is received by all residents of Ramingining. Visitors to Ramingining regularly comment to me about the aesthetic look of Ramingining, noting in particular the mowed grass and litter management.

These results are due to the commitment of the team. One team member mentioned directly to myself that he is “good every day at work” and really enjoys coming to work. This is evident by his and the teams attendance and their positive demeanor.

Scrap Metal

Waste Management services has a contractor in Ramingining removing all of the scrap metal from the tip. This work will be on going for about one month.

Community Night Patrol

Community Night Patrol continues to have a positive impact on Ramingining. Their commitment to Ramingining is outstanding and this in a large part is due to the commitment and leadership of Fabian, the team leader.

An example of his leadership happened one Friday. This was his day off, but Fabian was busy trying to find some children who had allegedly broken a car window.

He gathered the boys and took them to the home of the EARC staff member whose car window was broken. The boys explained to the owner of the car that it was an accident.

The car owner was proud of their honesty and gave them a Barramundi to show his appreciation to the boys for their honesty and courage.

The commitment of Community Night Patrol staff is outstanding and appreciated in the community. It is a reflection of having the right people in the right job, using their skills, gifts and abilities in their everyday roles.

Library

With the appointment of the new regional manager for libraries, ways to improve engagement between staff and community have been reviewed. It would be expected that by Christmas 2022, the library service for Ramingining would be more accessible to all residents.

New Staff

Aged Care has a new staff member Nicholas Batty, who is the new cook and the replacement for Cindy who recently resigned.

Marité Demarchi has been appointed the Senior Administration and Cleaner for the accommodation and the council building.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.