



Agenda

Gunyangara

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On
10 August 2022

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Gunyangara Local Authority will be held at the Gunyangara Council Office on Wednesday 10 August 2022 at 10.00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

DIAL IN DETAILS:

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Meeting ID: 369 931 290#

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	3.1
TITLE	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
REFERENCE	1639369
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 Council gives permission for.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1651765
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer



SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

GENERAL

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority.

Gunyangara

Antoine Gintz
Doug Yunupingu
Elizika Puertollano
Djawa Yunupingu
Balu Palu Yunupingu

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

Gunyangara

Cr Banambi Wunungmurra

The following nominations have been received for the Local Authority membership.

Dana Yunupingu
Murphy Dhayurra

It must be noted that the Chief Health Officer rules #55 concerning vaccination against COVID apply to Local Authority meetings.

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

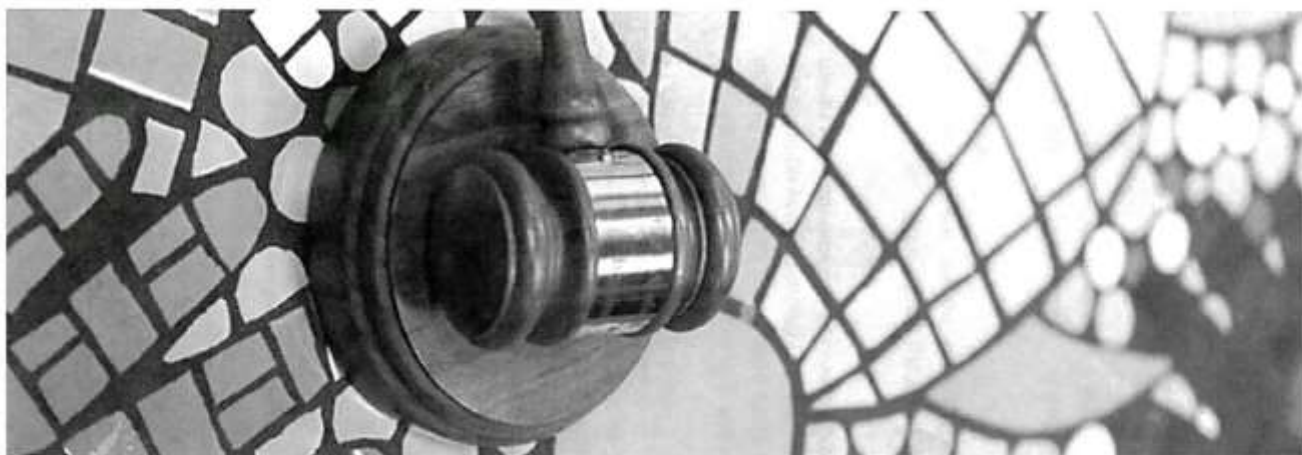
RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Recommends the nominations of Dana Yunupingu and Murphy Dhayurra be presented for Council approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [!\[\]\(756219e9389f679d57027482aa5cf5fc_img.jpg\)](#) Gunyangara nomination Form - Dana Yunupingu.
- 2 [!\[\]\(fcb77b2d9531d23794a07d244b7a89bc_img.jpg\)](#) Gunyangara nomination form - Murphy Dhayurra.pdf



NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Murphy

FAMILY NAME: Thayarra

CLAN NAME: Gunyangara

COMMUNITY: Gunyangara

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PROPOSER NAME: Murphy Thayarra

+ PROPOSER SIGNATURE: [Signature]

SECONDER NAME: [Signature]

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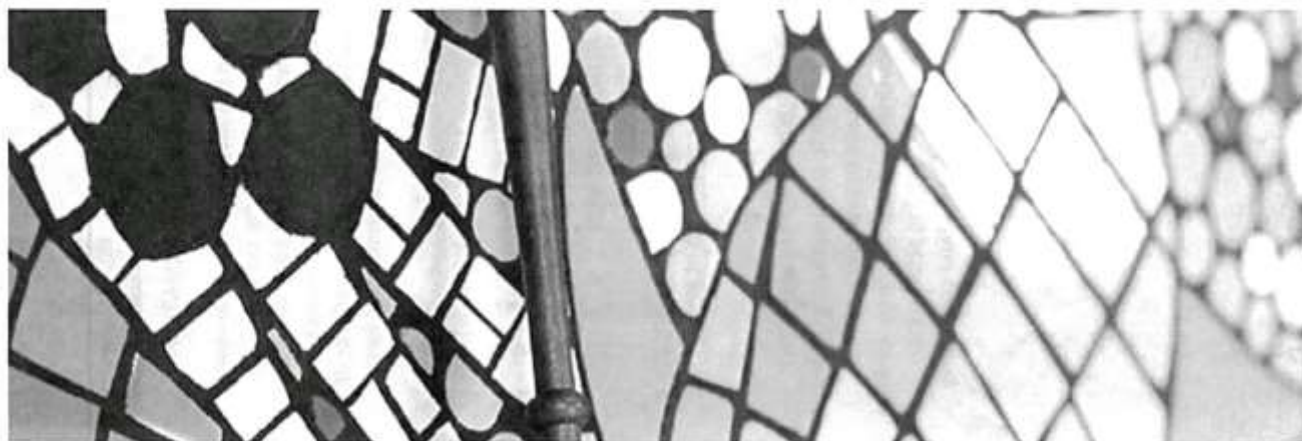
Signed.....

(**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.

NOMINATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF NOT ACCEPTED)

After completing this nomination form please email to:

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What is a Local Authority?

A Local Authority, or LA, gives advice to Council and has a key role in linking EARC with their communities.

Local Authority Members talk to the community and listen to important community issues. They meet formally every 2 months to discuss these issues and more, and then make recommendations and provide advice to Council on how to make the best decisions for their community.

Community Attendance

All meetings, unless they are closed, are open to the community. You can attend these Local Authority meetings to find out more about what happens and how they are run, especially if you are interested in nominating for the LA.

Why LA Meetings are important

At Local Authority Meetings, Members discuss a range of community issues and their attendance is VERY IMPORTANT.

These might be about the future planning of:

- Animal management and vet services
- Waste management and recycling
- Community safety and night patrol

As a member you will need to read financial reports and asking questions will help you understand information about how Council sets aside money and how it is spent on your community. Based on community member's advice, the LA makes recommendations to Council through meeting minutes.



An Introduction for those interested in Nominating as a Local Authority Member

Who can be a Local Authority Member?

A Local Authority is made up of the people who live in the community, and are selected on the basis of their ability to contribute to the effective functioning of the LA. The involvement of young people, older than 18 years of age, is encouraged.

The membership of a Local Authority includes community members and Ward Councillors. Local Authorities will have between a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 14 Members.

Who picks Local Authority Members?

A special panel will be convened to consider all nominations and after 28 days, decided who is best to fill the positions. Councillors & Nominated Community Members will make up this panel.

Member Allowances

As a Local Authority Member you will need to attend 6 meetings a year held every 2 months. For this important job, a 'sitting fee' is paid. When more than half the Local Authority Members attend you are paid the following fees:

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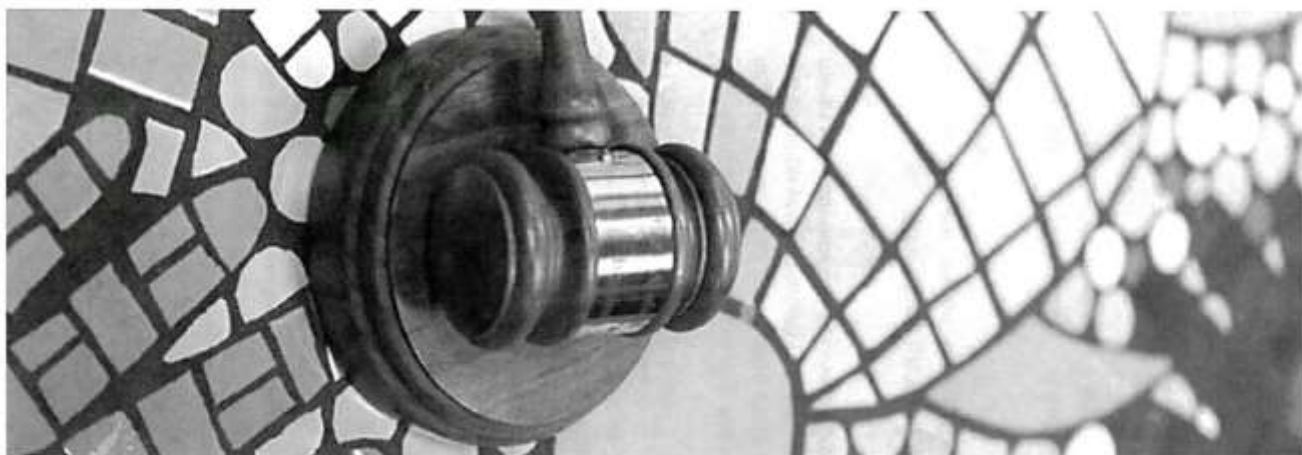
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REMEMBER: Local Authority work with Council to promote and assist constructive participation by the local community to achieve local government for your community

How Many LA's are there?

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NOMINATION FORM

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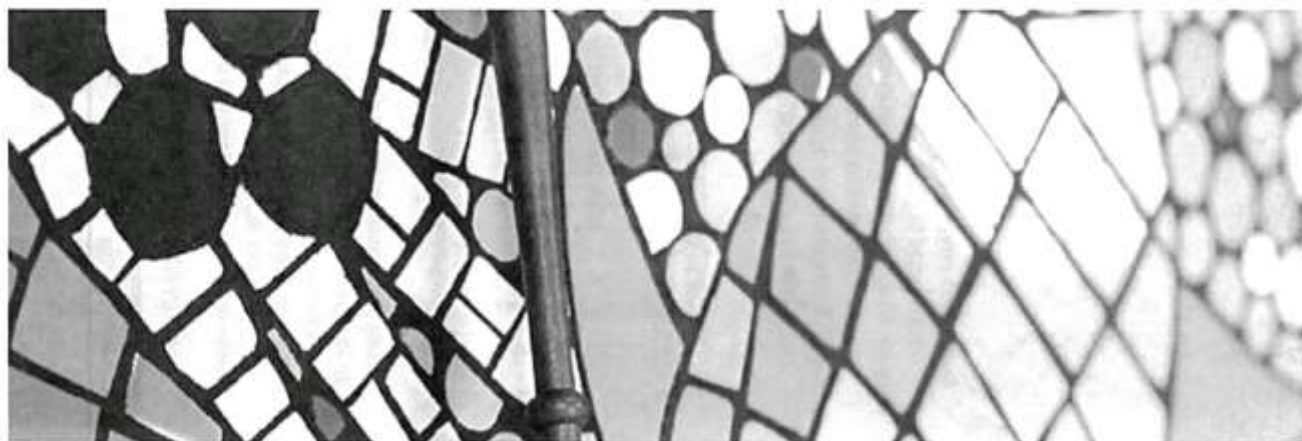
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1639370
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:

There are no attachments to this report.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1639371
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.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

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

26 November 2021

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

ATTENDANCE

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

OBSERVERS

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

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:16 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

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087/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

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

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

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

088/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

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

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

089/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

090/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

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

Guest Speakers

7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

SUMMARY:

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

091/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

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

THE MEETING BREAKS AT 11:40 AM

092/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

MEETING RESUMES AT 12:02 PM

093/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

094/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

General Business

8.7 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22

SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

095/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

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

8.6 GRANT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

096/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.

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CORPORATION BOARDROOM FOR GUNYANGARA ON FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER
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8.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

097/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

8.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide an update on the Animal Management program delivery within Gunyangara.

098/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority note the report.

8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

099/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Report.

8.1 NEW ANINDILYAKWA AND REMAINING EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

SUMMARY:

This is an update to the Local Authority on developments regarding a proposed new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Council.

100/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority:

Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including

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

through:

- a) Support for the development, transition to and services of the new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government, as agreed.
- b) Formal commitment by the Northern Territory Government to provide funding necessary to ensure continuity of capacity, service delivery levels and sustainability across the East Arnhem Region.
- c) Making sure all Yolngu people of Gunyangara and our homelands continue to have a strong voice and are heard on all djama (business) important to us, through our Local Authority, and our other traditional controlled organisations including the Northern Land Council and remaining Yolngu Aboriginal Community-Controlled East Arnhem Regional Council, including through Local Decision Making and the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan.

8.2 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

101/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 28 January 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 1:16 PM.

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

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1639375
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 note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Gunyangara June 2022 (2).docx

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
083/2021 Community Entrance Sign	That Local Authority members review the tabled Community Entry signs examples and provide feedback on a design specific for the Gunyangara community and decide on a suitable location for the sign to be installed when complete.	12.10.2021 - still under discussions – Gumatj has contributed some money – Ongoing with design direction from Gumatj under review. 26.11.2021 – Awaiting advice from NAC Board. By the end of the year there will be an agreement. 11/4/2022 – EARC will make a cash contribution towards Gumatj for their sign project to the value of on sign based of other Community installations. Recommendation – a) That Council approve the contribution based on other installation costs for one Community sign b) Approve the removal of this Action Item. 30.06.2022 – Remove from action list
Questions from members	That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting. Local Authority member Antoine Gintz raised concern regarding the death of a tree from the front lawn of the Gumatj building, due to the bark being taken for painting from a community member and also if there is a possibility to have a by-law regarding this.	12.10.2021 - will be considered on the November By-Law presentation. 26.11.2021 - Will be considered at the December Council Meeting. 11/4/2022 – Remove action – Gumatj to address as the 99 year lease holder.
Bus Shelter		12.10.2021 – Ongoing – Contractor issued Purchase order - installation due the end of November. 26.11.2021 – Installations are happening currently. 11.04.2022 – Completed and remove from Action List 30.06.2022 – Remove from action list

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Guest Speaker - Sharon Hewitt, Australian Bureau of Statistics
REFERENCE	1642473
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO



GENERAL

Sharon Hewitt from Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Statistics (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

Sharon will be joining the meeting to speak about the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSHIHS) that commences mid-August and will include Gunyangara and Yirrkala communities.

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 speaker for her presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachments.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Guest Speakers - Emily DeKlerk and Rebekah Clancy from Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation
REFERENCE	1651316
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 led.

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 presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachments.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.3
TITLE	Guest Speaker - Rachael Norman from the National Indigenous Australians Agency.
REFERENCE	1651321
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO



GENERAL

Rachael will be speaking to the Local Authority about the Territories Stolen Generation Redress Scheme.

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 speaker for her presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1643224
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  Impact of Legal Sale Of Alcohol and Kava (003).pdf
- 2  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
Minister.Burney@aph.gov.au

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
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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	8.2
TITLE	Council Plan
REFERENCE	1642222
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 Yirrkalā 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 within 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 Dhorunhdu 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	Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme
REFERENCE	1642802
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 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 the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Considers the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme and implementation at a future Local Authority meeting.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.4
TITLE Proposed Approach to Deal With Law and Order
REFERENCE 1643238
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 24 August 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 notes the seriousness of growing law and order concerns, and supports ongoing consultation and work to deal with it.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.5
TITLE	Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project Updates
REFERENCE	1629431
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 associated with capital projects and initiatives associated with the 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND

As part of the annual plan, there were a range of tabled projects and initiatives subsequently approved by the Local Authorities and Council for the current financial year.

Each meeting will have updates associated with the annual plan actions, in addition to the reporting of any new initiatives or business arising for the community.

The information below covers actions associated with the below services:

- 108 – Veterinary and Animal Control Services.
- 116 – Lighting for Public Safety.
- 118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management.
- 119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction.
- 122 – Building Infrastructure Services.
- 129 – Waste and Environmental Services.
- 169 – Municipal Services and Cemeteries.

GENERAL

Service Profile:	<u>108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services</u>
Business Unit:	Veterinary and Animal Control

Action ID:

2.3.10.12 - Provide program outcome statistics to Local Authority and Council meetings.

The recent round of visits have been a great success across multiple localities, with Doctor Tania Mitchell and AMO Sarah Carrall servicing the community on a regular basis.

Doctor Tania spreads her time on a monthly rotation between Yirrkala and Galiwinku serving the surrounding communities, and is due back in Yirrkala/Gunyangara for a week next month, in line with the community scheduled visit plan.

Some surgery statistics as part of the last month are as follows:

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.



Service Profile: 116 - Core - Lighting for Public Safety

Business Unit: Transport Infrastructure

Action ID:

4.2.6.9 - Manage, maintain and upgrade streetlights in Gunyangara.

Audits have been undertaken on a range of lighting within the community via the Konnect Inspection software by the Municipal/Public Works team.

As part of the audit, three lights were identified as not working correctly. The lighting units have been purchased and are in community, with a lighting installation Request for Quotations having been evaluated and awarded to a local electrical contractor.

In addition to the repairs, the current plan budget includes funding for seven more solar lights for the causeway area towards the boat club for improved pedestrian safety.

These installations will be completed in the October period.



As part of the ongoing improvement in this area, monthly inspection audits and reporting will form part of the Public Works/Municipal Services work plan, with an order based on the lighting replacement requirements actioned every three months.

Service Profile: [118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management](#)
Business Unit: [Transport and Infrastructure](#)

Action ID:

4.2.1.1 - Manage the maintenance and upgrade of local roads, drainage and pedestrian infrastructure under core allocated funds and grant project funding.

4.2.4.6 - Local Road Maintenance Gunyangarra.

Service Profile: [119 - Core - Local Road Upgrade and Construction](#)
Business Unit: [Transport and Infrastructure](#)

Action ID:

4.2.2.1 - Upgrade Local Roads – Gunyangarra kerbing and drainage improvements.

As part of the Roads Program in Gunyangarra, the major initiatives are the improvements to surface seals, kerbing and drainage within the community, in line with this year's plan.

Engagements are currently underway with an initial site visit from engineering consultants, to establish a staged approach to the improvement plan to meet the communities' requirements.

Project Objectives

The overall project objective is to formalise the storm water drainage and kerbing throughout key areas in the Gunyangara community.

The desired outcomes of the project are to:

- Protect the sealed roads, limit edge break and excessive longitudinal erosion.
- Limit the overland flow through lots via direction kerbing.
- Provide a verge that can be used for a footpath in the future (although control of storm water should take precedence).

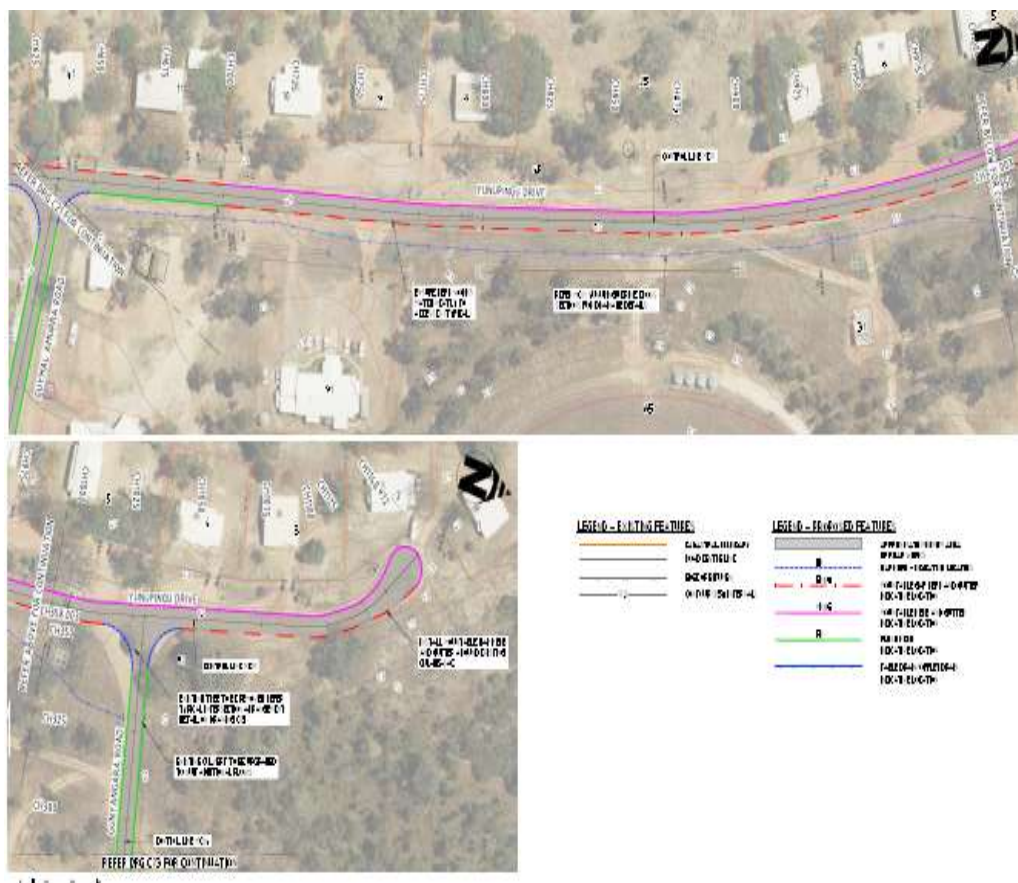
Proposed Scope of Works (All Stages)

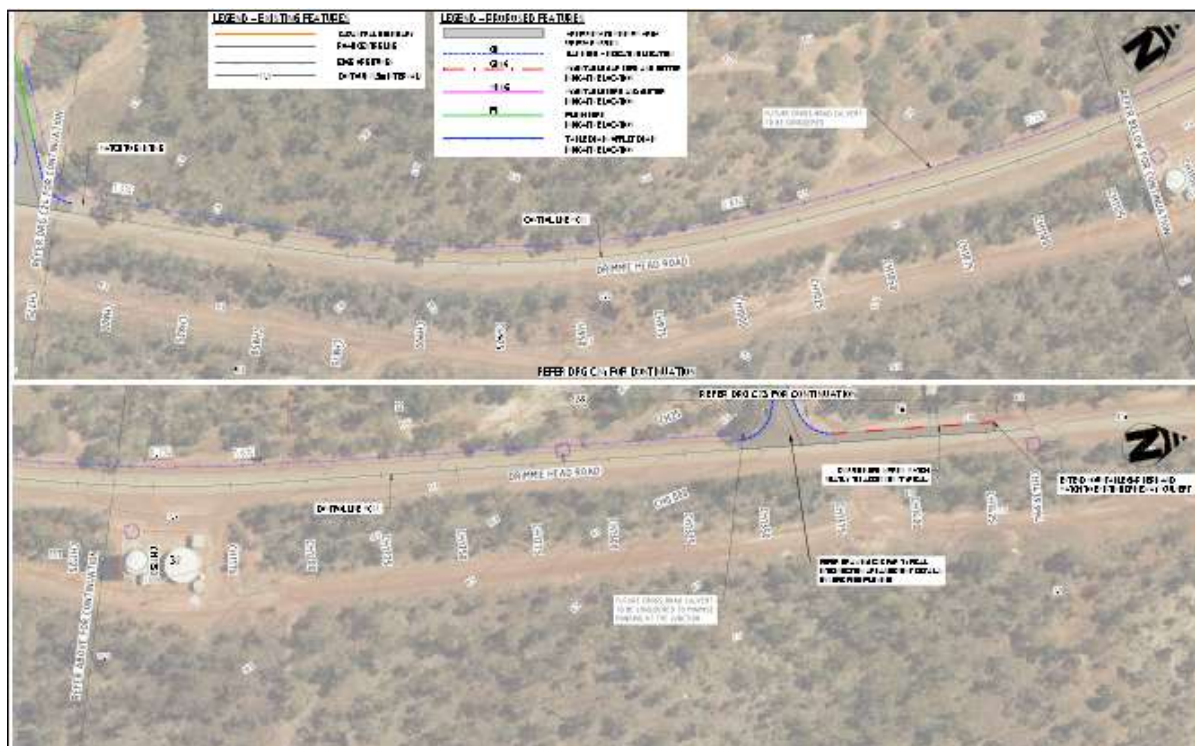
Develop a storm water management plan based on contour and aerial data.

It is anticipated that this plan will define existing and desired catchment areas (noting some of the existing stream paths pass through properties), standard treatment types and areas of concern, and define a proposed staging of works for detailed design.

The plan will include high level conceptual designs for the required works within the community.

Develop detailed design for kerbing, drainage and road works required for a single project or for a group of projects.





Service Profile: 122 - Support – Building and Infrastructure Services
Business Unit: Technical and Infrastructure

Action ID

1.4.2.1 - Provide relevant Program/Project updates to every Local Authority community meeting as required.

4.3.14.2 - Conduct minor and capital upgrades to various council controlled buildings throughout the region, in line with the allocated budget and completion time lines per community.

Gunyangara

Lot 84 - Staff Housing - Boundary fence/roofing replacement - Completion August.

This action now includes the roofing replacement element which was rolled over from the 21-22 period due to capacity and availability, the completion date will now be projected to October 2022.



All Lots - Electrical Compliance works - completion October 2022.

More updates will be provided at the next meeting.

Service Profile: 129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services
Business Unit: Regional Waste and Environment

Action ID

4.1.2.2 - Construct a residential waste transfer station at Gunyangara.

4.1.4.1 - Manage a regular residential kerb side waste collection service in Gunyangara.

4.1.6.2 - Install a site monitoring CCTV Camera at the Gunyangara Waste Management Facility.

4.1.9.11 - Implement an aerial mosquito and weed spray program within locations.

4.1.5.2 - Develop and implement environmental management plans for all Council operated Waste Management and Transfer Station Facilities.

Gunyangara Transfer Station Proposal

Currently Gunyangara have no waste disposal sites or drop off points for hard rubbish in the community.

It is proposed to develop a simple drop-off style Transfer Station for the community in the area previously used for green waste on the edge of town, see Figure 1.

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

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

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

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

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

Figure 2 below illustrates the proposed layout of the Transfer Station.

As you can see, it has been simplified as a drop-off zone for community and sorting and storing zone for Council to manage all the waste.





Aerial Spraying and Weed Control Program

One of the major initiatives for the Environmental and Waste program, in conjunction with the Municipal/Public Works team, is the focused implementation of aerial and ground spraying to address the noxious weed issue in the peninsula communities. In addition to programed mosquito spraying.

Council have already ordered the below units as part of this initiative with an ETA at the end of September, with staff training also forming a crucial part of the program roll out and into the future.



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) Supports the development of a transfer station for Gunyangara in the proposed location.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.7
TITLE	Library Services Principles
REFERENCE	1642812
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) Recommends the following be included in Library design and programming

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.8
TITLE	Community Development Coordinator Report
REFERENCE	1641071
AUTHOR	Adam Johnson, Community Development Coordinator

**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

The office area is now fully secured with steel mesh frame work around the main entrances as well as the windows and back area, to prevent break-ins from occurring.

Each time there is a break in it causes delays in carrying out Council functions and operations. This is due to cleaning the mess, police investigation and reporting of the incident.

Dr. Madeleine Kelso is currently on maternity leave. Dr. Sarah Carrall will keep the program functioning and coordinate the animal management practice for visitation, consultation and procedures for de-sexing.

A new cabinet is now in the Gunyangara Council office that holds general products such as:

Tick & flea collars, worming tablets and other products to assist with animal health and treatment.

The next visit from Dr. Sarah Carrall is in July for general animal observation and treatment of ticks, worms, scabies and mange in dogs & cats.

Please leave your contact details at the store and Dr. Sarah Carrall will follow up on her next visit.

Christopher Lambos, the Youth Sport and Recreation Gunyangara staff member, has resigned from his position. Christian Arevalo from Yirrkala is supporting the Youth, Sport and Recreation planner and activities along with Michael.

The power box at the basketball court has been damaged. We are currently awaiting parts and a newly secured electricity box, before re-connecting the power to the spot lights at the basketball court.

A women's AFL game, which included surrounding communities, was played on Gunyangara sports oval on the 13 July 2022.

Thanks to Meg Pullinger, the Remote Development Manager and the Youth Sport and Recreation staff members, who organised all the internal works to make the Women's AFL possible - resulting in a very positive outcome.

The irrigation has been fixed and a water level indicator installed to check the water level.

Most of the water comes from the quarry and occasionally the water is pumped from the Power and Water station.

Glass has been smashed over the basketball court. This resulted in the Municipal Services team taking three hours, with the use of a vacuum cleaner, to remove the broken glass from the basketball court.

The injury this causes to children is concerning for everyone who live in Gunyangara.

Miwatj health clinic notified the Council that children playing in the playground located near Gumatj office area had received cuts from broken glass while playing.

The Municipal Services team combed the area, with small fragments of glass being found.

The Municipal Services team has been busy in June with the hard waste collection, which generated an outcome of 4 large truck loads of hard waste being removed.

There has been a joint effort between the Gumatj Women's team and the Municipal services team for the ongoing removal of general waste on a daily basis. The waste was due to a large gathering of community members at the sorry camp during the passing of an Elder.

We need to ensure community members take their white goods to the verge. Too many residents are asking the Council to remove goods from verandas and back yards.

Cash for Cans will resume during the first week of August 2022.

Every time Cash for Cans occurs the recycling increases in capacity from community members.

Recycling helps absorb rubbish left within the community, as well as keeping the containers out of the ocean, protecting the environment.

The Council held an Election for two Councillors from the Gumurr/Miwatj ward. Marrpalawuy Marika and Wesley Dhamarrandji have been elected.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

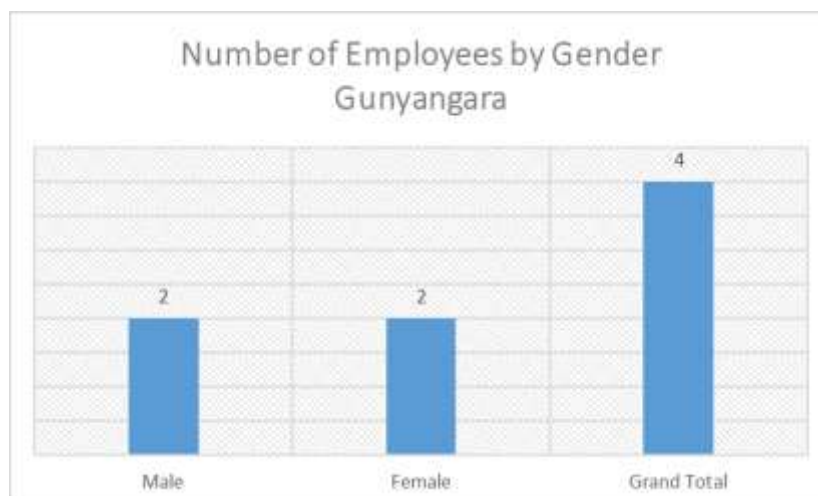
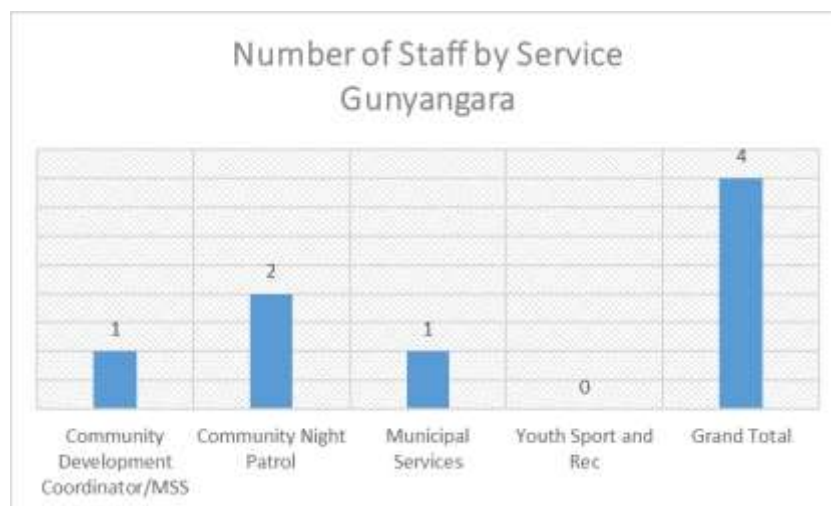
ITEM NUMBER	8.9
TITLE	Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE	1641593
AUTHOR	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

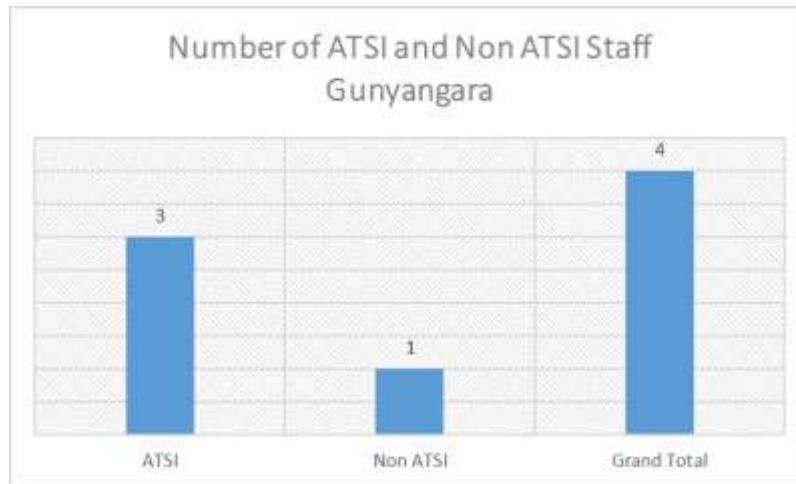
**SUMMARY**

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.

GENERALEmployee Statistics:



Vacancies as of 30 June 2022:

Position	Level
Community Night Patrol Officer	Level 1
Community Night Patrol Officer	Level 2
Youth Sport & Recreation Worker	Level 1

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Income and Expense Statement_Gunyangara](#)
- 2 [Where money was spent_Gunyangara](#)

Each Reporting Location

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2022	Gunyangara		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	283,117	323,221	(40,104)
User Charges and Fees	1,641	32,797	(31,156)
Rates and Annual Charges	340,721	307,238	33,482
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	7,865	1,000	6,865
Untied Revenue Allocation	451,102	451,102	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,084,446	1,115,358	(30,912)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	314,747	354,176	(39,428)
Materials and Contracts	173,701	701,405	(527,704)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	872	9,000	(8,128)
Depreciation and Amortisation	1,827	1,000	827
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	174,245	598,311	(424,067)
Council Internal Costs Allocations	104,829	140,352	(35,522)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	770,221	1,804,244	(1,034,022)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	314,225	(688,885)	1,003,110
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	314,225	(688,885)	1,003,110
Capital Expenses	(26,840)	(230,000)	203,160
Transfer to Reserves	-	(34,389)	34,389
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	1,827	1,000	827
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	289,212	(952,274)	1,241,486
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	98,631	106,684	(8,053)
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	837,625	(837,625)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	98,631	944,309	(845,678)
NET OPERATING POSITION	387,843	(7,965)	395,808
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