



# **Agenda**

## **Milyakburra**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

On

**26 September 2022**

**EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Milyakburra Local Authority will be held at the Milyakburra Council Office on Monday, 26 September 2022 at 10.00AM.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	2.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666412
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 the Local Authority:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	2.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Membership
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666413
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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:

**Milyakburra**

Terrance Wurramarra  
Victor Wurramarra  
Vail Wurramarra  
Lucinda Bara  
Janice Wurramarra  
Eric Wurramarra  
Nathaniel Murrungun  
Elliot Bara  
Tasma Lalara  
Conroy Mamarika  
Ainsley Wurramara

The following elected Councillors are appointed by the Council as members of the Local Authority:

**Milyakburra**

Cr Constantine Mamarika  
Cr Lionel Jaragba

The following nominations were accepted as members of the Local Authority in the previous Ordinary meeting of Council:

1. Tasma Lalara
2. Conroy Mamarika
3. Ainsley Wurramara.

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 following nomination to be placed in the Council meeting for approval.**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Conflict of Interest
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666465
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Previous Minutes for Ratification
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666467
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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 25 July 2022 to be a true record of the meeting.**

### ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Milyakburra 2022-07-25 [1881] Minutes.DOCX



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## 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**

**25 July 2022**

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILYAKBURRA  
COUNCIL OFFICE ON MONDAY, 25 JULY 2022 AT 10.00AM

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**ATTENDANCE**

Chair Eric Wurramarra Local Authority Members Janice Wurramarra, Eric Wurramarra, Vail Wurramarra, Lucinda Bara, Victor Wurramarra, Elliot Bara.

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Dale Keehne – CEO.  
Divyan Ahimaz – A/Community Development Coordinator Angurugu & Umbakumba.  
Ulaiasi Nawaqa – Community Development Coordinator.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO.

**MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10.41AM and welcomed all members and guests.

**Apologies**

**2.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT 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).

**220/2022 RESOLVED (Eric Wurramara/Janice Wurramarra)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Constantine Mamarika, Lucille Wurramara, Nathaniel Murrungun, Terrance Wurramarra.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Nathaniel Murrungun, Terrance Wurramarra. Lucille Wurramara.**
- (c) Notes Nathaniel Murrungun, Terrance Wurramarra, Cr. Constantine Mamarika and Lucille Wurramara are absent with permission of the Council.**

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## 2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

### SUMMARY:

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

221/2022 **RESOLVED** (Janice Wurramarra/Elliot Bara)

The Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Recommends the following nominations to be placed in the Council meeting for approval;
  - (i) Tasma Lalara
  - (ii) Conroy Mamarika
  - (iii) Ainsley Wurramarra

### Conflict of Interest

## 3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

### SUMMARY

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

222/2022 **RESOLVED** (Vail Wurramarra/Elliot Bara)

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

### Previous Minutes

## 4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

### SUMMARY

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

223/2022 **RESOLVED** (Lucinda Bara/Victor Wurramarra)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 23 May 2022 to be a true record of the meeting.

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**MOTION MOVED TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 11.01AM**

224/2022 RESOLVED Elliot Bara/Eric Wurramara)

**MOTION RESUMED MEETING FROM CONFIDENTIAL AT 11.05AM**

225/2022 RESOLVED (Eric Wurramara/Lucinda Bara)

**Local Authorities**

**MOTION MEMBERS BREAK AT 11.32AM**

226/2022 RESOLVED (Vail Wurramara/Elliot Bara)

**MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 11.57AM**

227/2022 RESOLVED (Janice Wurramarra/Lucinda Bara)

**5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

**SUMMARY**

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

228/2022 RESOLVED (Vail Wurramara/Elliot Bara)

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

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**Guest Speakers**

**6.1 GUEST SPEAKERS - RACHAEL NORMAN FROM THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN AGENCY.**

229/2022 RESOLVED (Janice Wurramarra/Elliot Bara)

The Local Authority thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.

**General Business**

**MOTION MEMBERS BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12.27PM**

230/2022 RESOLVED (Eric Wurramara/Vail Wurramara)

Eric Wurramurra left meeting at 12.27PM to catch a flight.

Janice Wurramurra left meeting at 12.27PM to attend work.

**MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 1.22PM**

231/2022 RESOLVED Elliot Bara/Eric Wurramara)

**MOTION TO MOVE MEETING TO PROVISIONAL - CHAIR VAIL WURRAMURA.**

232/2022 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Lucinda Bara)

**7.1 CEO REPORT**

**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.

233/2022 RESOLVED (Vail Wurramara/Elliot Bara) (Provisional decision)

That Council notes the CEO Report.

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## 7.2 COUNCIL PLAN

234/2022 **RESOLVED** (Vail Wurramara/Lucinda Bara) (Provisional Decision)

That the Local Authority notes the update.

## 7.3 PACIFIC AUSTRALIA LABOUR MOBILITY SCHEME

### 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).

235/2022 **RESOLVED** (Eric Wurramara/Vail Wurramara) (Provisional Decision)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the report.

(b) Supports a trial of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.

## 7.4 PROPOSED APPROACH TO DEAL WITH LAW AND ORDER

### 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.

236/2022 **RESOLVED** (Elliot Bara/Victor Wurramara) (Provisional Decision)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

## 7.5 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

### 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 associated with the 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

237/2022 **RESOLVED** (Victor Wurramara/Elliot Bara) (Provisional Decision)

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That the Local Authority notes the report.

#### **7.6 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE**

##### **SUMMARY**

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

**238/2022 RESOLVED (Elliott Bara/Victor Wurrarama) (Provisional Decision)**

That the Local Authority notes the report.

#### **7.7 ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE - MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC STREET LIGHTS**

##### **SUMMARY**

This Report is tabled for the Milyakburra Local Authority in order to update on the progress of the Maintenance of Public Street Lights and Solar Lights.

**239/2022 RESOLVED (Lucinda Bara/Vail Wurrarama) (Provisional Decision)**

That the Milyakburra Local Authority notes the report.

#### **7.8 LIBRARY SERVICES PRINCIPLES**

##### **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.

**240/2022 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Vail Wurrarama) (Provisional Decision)**

That Local Authorities:

- (a) Notes the report.
- (b) Recommends the following be included in Library design and programming;
  - a. services and programs.
  - b. timetable of services, professional services/development.
  - c. professional services.
  - d. attractive and engaging.
  - e. a meaningful service.
- (c) Consults with the wider community on community needs and services.

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**7.9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**SUMMARY**

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

**241/2022 RESOLVED (Elliot Bara/Lucinda Bara) (Provisional Decision)**

**That Council notes the Community Development Coordinator report.**

**7.10 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**242/2022 RESOLVED (Vail Wurraramara/Elliot Bara) (Provisional Decision)**

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

30 SEPTEMBER 2022

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting terminated at 2.45PM

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 25 July 2022.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1  
**TITLE** Local Authority Action Register  
**REFERENCE** 1666469  
**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 and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Milyakburra July 2022.docx

## MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
163/2021 Series of Murals	That the Local Authority continue to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.	12.05.2021 – Ongoing  24.05.2021 – Update provided to LA members, Members have decided that they would like to use the elders and young people. Timeline agreed that Cr Elliot to consult with community members within 14 days, to advise council at next council meeting.  22.11.2021 – Ongoing. Some concerns were raised to have paintings of Anindilyakwa leaders on the outside of the building, but ok to have them inside. Will discuss this point with Umbakumba and Angurugu Local Authorities.  18.01.2022 – Suggestive option for the Groote Archipelago – which is tabled for this meeting is the recognition on the EARC Head office based in Nhulunbuy - a map to be the fixture for the acknowledgement of associated history of the Groote Area as part of the Regional history and long standing association.  23.05.2022 – Ongoing  25.07.2022 – Ongoing - To have a designer visit community.
The legal sale of Kava		23.05.2022 - 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 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.  25.07.2022 – no to Milyakburra - but will support decision made by the other Groote communities of Anuguru and Umbakumba and the Yolgnu communities and homelands.
Alcohol		25.07.2022 - The Local Authority have confirmed in the meeting with ALC and Government officials that they oppose the legal sale of alcohol in Milyakburra, and that no resident of Milyakburra be granted a permit to buy alcohol, to prevent them from being humbugged by people from other communities.
Street Lights		25.05.2020 – A large order of street lights has been placed but was delayed, partly due to COVID-19 restrictions. These lights are due for delivery into Australia during the next few weeks.

## MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>1.02.21 - Completed – additional lighting to be reviewed in the February period.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – 3 or 4 light still out, will finalise by June 30 – Ongoing</p> <p>24.05.2021 – Ongoing – There is 5 lights currently out and 1 at the barge landing that is solar to be fix, Director of Infrastructure and Technical Services will be finalised by 30 June.</p> <p>22.11.2021 – Couple of street lights are still not working and need to be fixed as well as the solar light at the barge landing.</p> <p>10.03.2022 – will be actioned in April with regional annual repair rounds by contractor.</p> <p>23.05.2022 – 120 lights in stock, waiting for another 80. Request for Quotation will be closing in two weeks. Work should be done by June 2022.</p> <p>The solar lights at the barge landing will be repaired.</p> <p>22.06.2022 – Lighting has arrived in Community – electricians have inspected solar lighting and parts on order.</p> <p><b>25.07.2022 – Lights have arrived from Galiwinku (due to delay in supply from China)</b></p> <p>Electrician has been engaged for the street lights replacements – the solar lighting was inspected by Aminjarrinja – parts ordered through Gecko lighting – parts stock delay – due in 2 weeks and Aminjarrinja will send an electrician over to install.</p>
Health Worker		<p>24.05.2021 – See about having a nurse come to Milyakburra for a permanent time, as they have the facilities for one.</p> <p>Dale Keehne, CEO has written to Health Minister regarding this concern, response has been received and they have advised that this will not be possible.</p> <p>Boarding school is going to be opening soon, will need to advocate for this happening.</p> <p>22.11.2021 – Ongoing.</p>

**MILYAKBURRA ACTIONS**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
		23.05.2022 – Ongoing. 30.6.2022 – Ongoing 25.07.2022 – Ongoing
<b>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Cemetery Fence	Cemetery fence – 18/01/2021 – The cemetery fence falls outside town boundary. The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to update the Local Authority of any progress once NT Government and ALC recommence consultations – No update provided by the department to date and consultations still pending.	24.05.2021 – Ongoing. 10.03.2022 – Ongoing no confirmation to date received. 23.05.2022 – No finalisation on this one yet. 30.6.2022 – As above - no finalisation on this as yet. <b>25.07.2022 – Still waiting on the NTG and Land Trust to finalise discussions on the licence arrangements with the newly adopted Act.</b>

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1674182
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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**

#### **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).

Council has still not received a response from the Federal or Chief Minister.

#### **Voice in Closing the Gap, Indigenous Voice, Local Decision Making and Treaty**

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji continues to speak to the two Balanda levels of Government on behalf of the community elected Councillors and endorsed Local Authorities.

This includes joining a Working Group on the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan, and joining with other strong Indigenous Presidents and Mayors to have a direct voice on this, and important issues like the cashless debit card and income management, alcohol bans, kava management, law and order and youth justice.

Chief Minister Fyles responded to the letter sent to her regarding concerns with consultation to develop multiple Local Decision making Agreements by ARDS, in late August, (as at Attachment B).

The Minister encourages Council and Local Authority members to take up the opportunity to meet the 'Yolngu facilitation team' "...and to raise any feedback about the proposed pathway for negotiation and agreement making directly, so that the pathway can be the best fit for local purposes."

President Lapulung has raised the East Arnhem Land First Nations Call for Recognition that has been endorsed by the Local Authorities and Council. – has stated the Road to Recognition will be a long one.

"We must talk together Yolngu way, with unhurried time".

The President and myself are continuing 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.

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 [↓](#) ltr\_keehne\_first nations call.pdf



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Mr Dale Keehne  
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East Arnhem Regional Council

Via email: [dale.keehne@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:dale.keehne@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au)

Dear Mr Keehne *Dale*

Thank you for your recent letter, advising of East Arnhem Regional Council's resolution in respect of Local Decision Making processes in East Arnhem, and the East Arnhem Land First Nations Call for Recognition.

Your letter raises various concerns about the pathway proposed for Local Decision Making in the Yolŋu region by ARDS Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the Yolŋu facilitation team. However, I understand that your Local Authorities have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the Yolŋu facilitation team and discuss the intended approach.

There have been strong, consistent messages from stakeholders in East Arnhem through the Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into Local Decision Making and Local and Regional Voice consultations. In line with that feedback, the Northern Territory Government remains committed to supporting Yolŋu leaders across East Arnhem to engage directly with the opportunities presented by our Local Decision Making policy and a shared approach to Local and Regional Voice.

I encourage you and your Council to support Local Authority members to take up the opportunity to meet with the Yolŋu facilitation team when the opportunity arises, and to raise any feedback about the proposed pathway for negotiation and agreement making directly, so that the pathway can be best fit for local purposes.

I look forward to hearing about the progress of Local Decision Making negotiations in East Arnhem in the near future.

Kind regards

*Natasha*

NATASHA FYLES

22 AUG 2022



## GENERAL BUSINESS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme - Trial
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1670346
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

### SUMMARY

This report is to provide information to the Elected Members of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Tourism & Trade (DFAT), including recommendation following consultation with East Arnhem Regional Council Local Authorities and progress the scheme to a trial phase for the East Arnhem Regional Council.

### 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 sourced 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, 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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,000,798</b>	<b>1,864,830</b>	<b>1,621,086</b>	<b>1,582,535</b>	<b>1,412,503</b>	<b>2,559,000</b>	<b>2,937,155</b>

HR statistics demonstrate 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.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 30 June 2022, Council resolved for the report on the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme:

*That Council:*

(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 Council Meeting.*

*(d) Recommends this report is tabled for all EARC Local Authorities for their consideration, and to seek their voice on what they would like for their communities and homelands.*

Following Council's resolution the report was prepared for all Local Authority meetings to be held in August 2022. At all Local Authorities the report on the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme was well received and supported to progress to trial phase by the members.

It is of note that several Local Authorities did not proceed as scheduled during the round. Local Authority recommendations are as follows:

Milingimbi 19 July 2022

RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

*That the Local Authority:*

*(a) Notes the report.*

*(b) Supports a trial of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.*

Galiwinku 21 July 2022

RESOLVED (Jermaine Campbell/Cyril Bukulatjpi)

*That the Local Authority:*

*(a) Notes the report.*

*(b) Supports a trial of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.*

Milyakburra 25 July 2022

RESOLVED (Eric Wurramara/Vail Wurramara)

*That the Local Authority:*

*(a) Notes the report.*

*(b) Supports a trial of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.*

Yirrkala 28 July 2022

RESOLVED (Lirрпиya Mununggurr/Dipilinga Marika)

*That the Local Authority:*

*(a) Notes the report and are supportive of the Palm Scheme.*

*(b) Requests that the report is re-tabled at the next Local Authority meeting.*

Discussions on the scheme at all Local Authority meetings was positive and well received by the members.

At the Ordinary of Council meeting held on the 25 August 2022, Council made the following recommendation to progress the scheme to a formal application and trial.

*RECOMMENDATION (Lionel Jaragba/Wesley Dhamarrandji)*

*That Council:*

- (a) Notes the report.*
- (b) Approves East Arnhem Regional Council to register for the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme.*
- (c) Endorses a trial of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme in East Arnhem Regional Council operations.*
- (d) Requires updates and progress reports on the trial of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme at all future meetings of Council.*
- (e) Requests the scheme be presented at the Local Authority meetings.*

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Local Authority notes the report on the progress of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Roads Infrastructure - Maintenance of Public Street Lights
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1674596
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Arvin Roping, Transport and Infrastructure Manager



### SUMMARY:

This Report is tabled for the Milyakburra Local Authority in order to provide an update on the progress of the Maintenance of Public Street Lights and Solar Lights.

### BACKGROUND

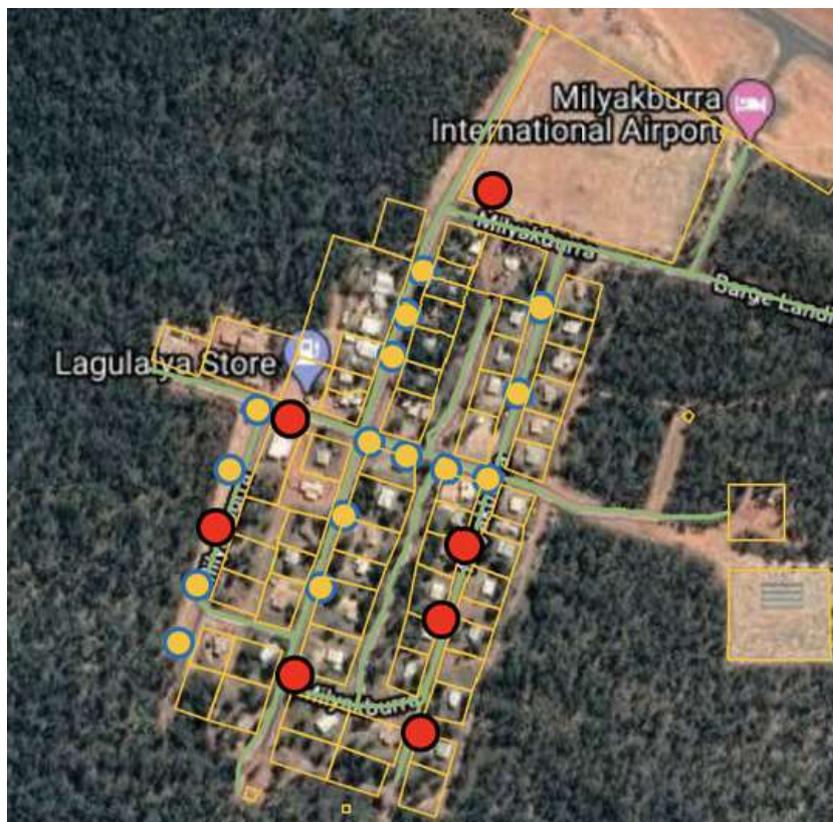
General information regarding the Transport and Infrastructure department's Maintenance of Public Street Lights and Solar Lights.

### GENERAL

#### Public Street Lights Maintenance Program Updates

Murinjirra Electrical Services have been engaged to undertake the maintenance of public street lights which comprise the completion replacement of non-functioning LED street light heads with new LED street light heads throughout the street lighting networks in Milyakburra.

Non-operational street lights identified on 21 July 2022 are shown below:



Red marker indicates non-functioning street lights.

Tentative commencement date: Saturday, 17 September 2022

Expected completion date: Saturday, 17 September 2022

**Solar Street Lights Maintenance Program Updates:**

Murinjirra Electrical Services have been engaged to undertake the maintenance of solar lights which comprise the following;

- Replacement of defective batteries with new batteries.
- Replacement of defective charge controllers with new charge controllers.



Tentative commencement date: Saturday, 17 September 2022.

Expected completion date: Saturday, 17 September 2022.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Milyakburra Local Authority notes the report.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.4
<b>TITLE</b>	Library Services Principles
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1671516
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Development Coordinator Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666796
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Gordon Walsh, Community Development Coordinator

**SUMMARY**

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

I have been acting in the CDC role at Milyakburra since September when the position became vacant. Recruitment for the position is underway and a new CDC will be appointed in the near future.

The delivery of EARC services have continued in Milyakburra under the guidance of Stefano and Vail, ensuring core services are delivered in a timely and efficient manner.

The Community Night Patrol team continue to deliver CNP services with the team now being back to full staffing level. The results of the recent CNP survey will be used to develop operations in line with community expectations.

The CDP program has had one consistent participant for the last month. A review of how this program is delivered by EARC under the current agreement arrangements to best benefit stakeholders, community and participants will be conducted when the new CDC/MSS is appointed.

An upgrade to Telstra free internet service has been installed at the Business Centre which will allow community members free internet access in a 40M radius of the installation.

Repairs to street lighting were carried out on the 17 September, including repairs to the beach solar lighting.

I would like to thank the Milyakburra community for their support during my time as an Acting CDC.

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.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.6
<b>TITLE</b>	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666761
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Peter Dunkley, Regional Manager Youth Sports and Recreation

### **SUMMARY:**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program aims to strengthen young people, helping them live happy, healthy lives. As such, we deliver a range of funded activities and programs including after school hours activities, school holiday programs, camps, hunting and bush trips, movie nights, arts/music, formal and informal sports and physical activity, Youth Diversion case management, staff training and capacity building.

### **GENERAL**

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program seeks input, feedback and support from the Local Authority in an effort to continually improve what we do. Please note the following updates for Youth, Sport and Recreation in your community:

- Community staffing update.
- Current after School hours programs.
- School holiday programs.
- Upcoming events.
- Remote Sports Program (formal and informal competition, visits from peak sporting bodies).
- Youth Diversion (Yirrkala/Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak).
- Program success / challenges.

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 Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.**
- (b) Makes the following recommendations:**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

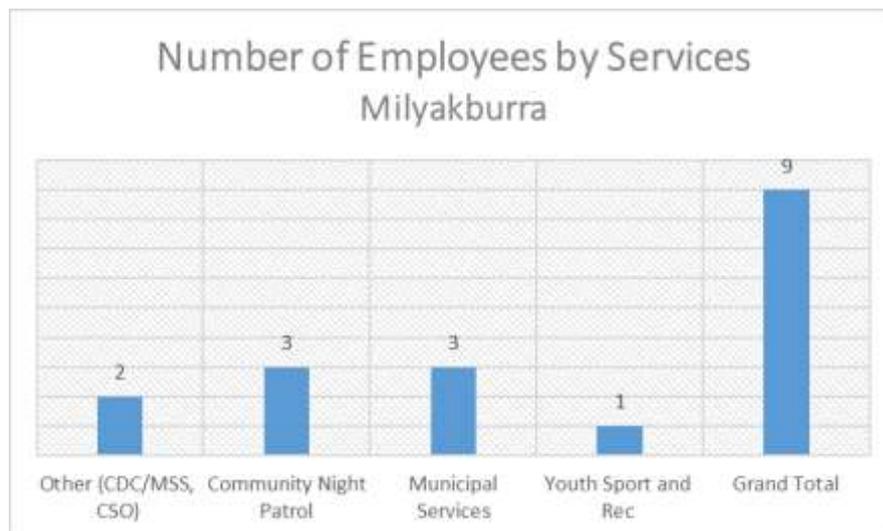
<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.7
<b>TITLE</b>	Corporate Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1667629
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

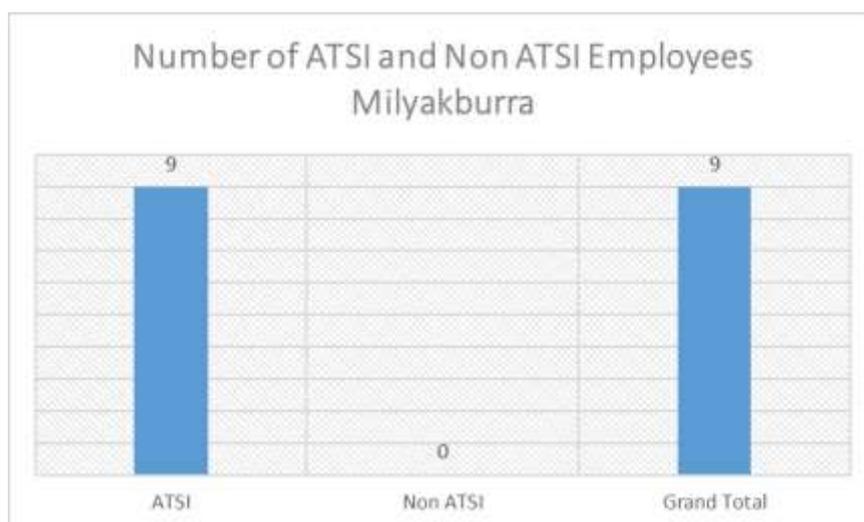
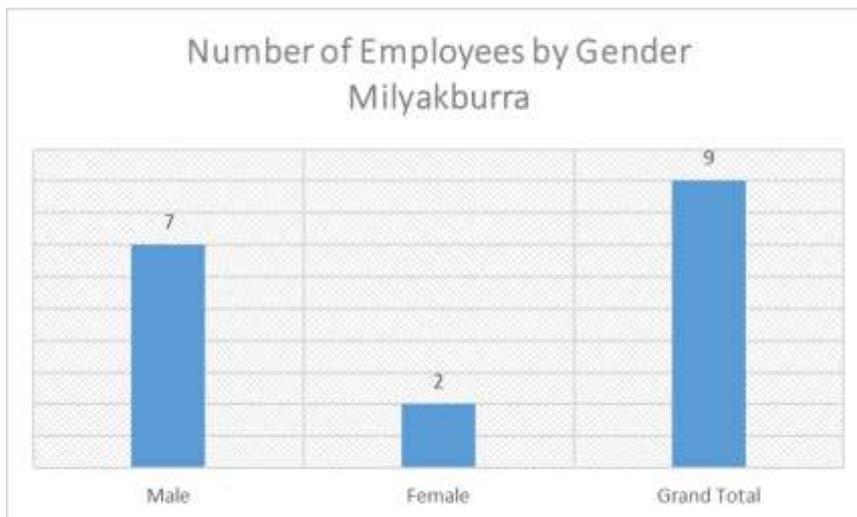
**SUMMARY:**

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 August 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 31 August 2022:

Position	Level
Community Development Coordinator / Municipal Service Supervisor	Level 6

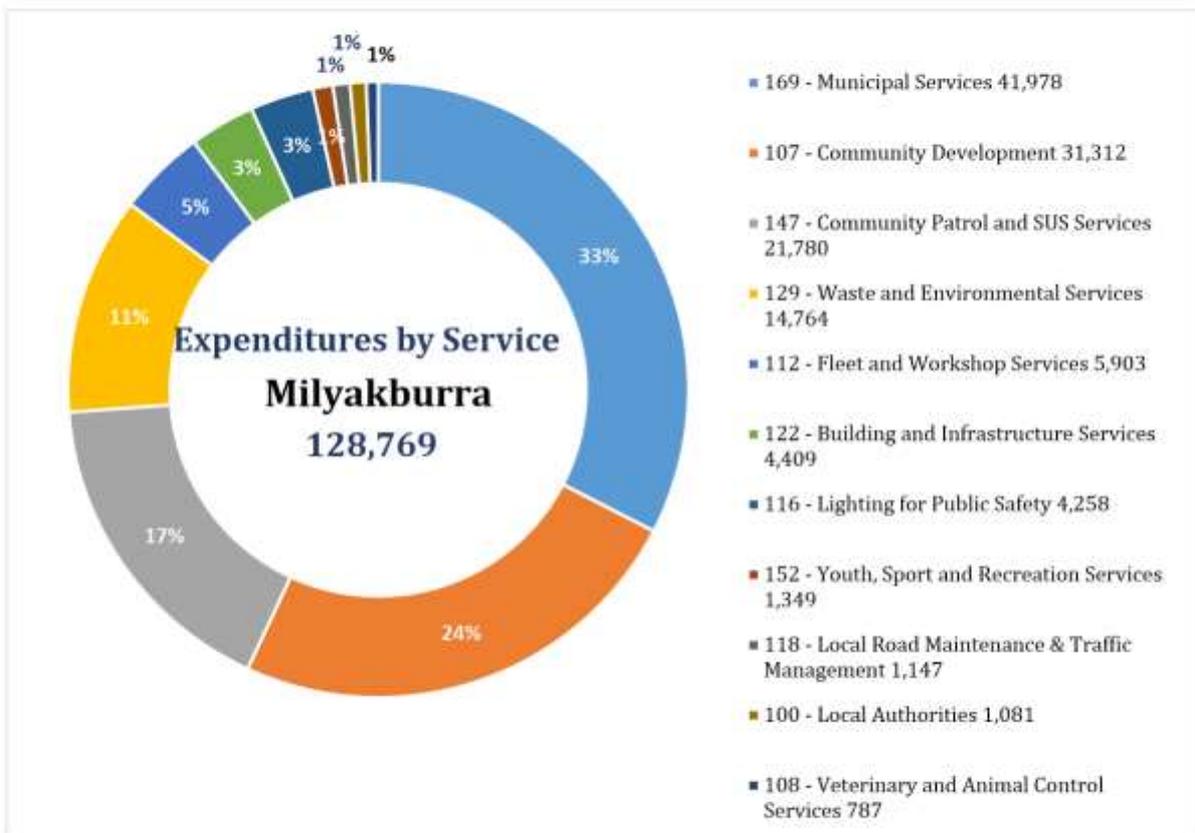
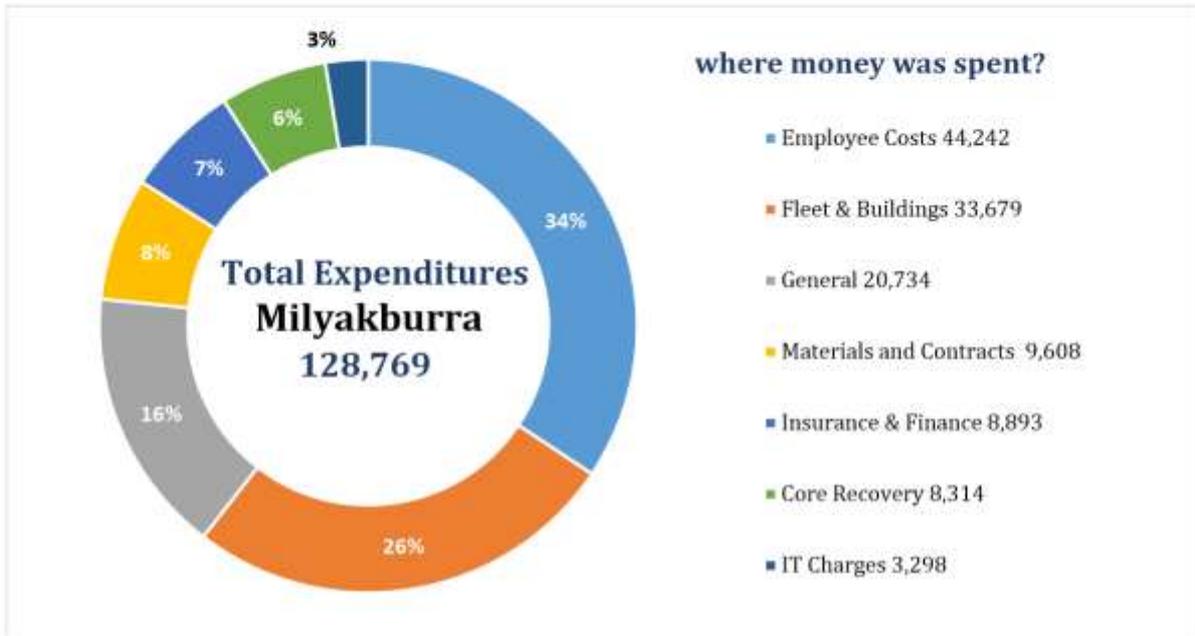
The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 August 2022, noting the Local Authority Project Fund acquittals.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 [Milyakburra-G.pdf](#)
- 2 [Milyakburra-N.pdf](#)
- 3 [Dept of CMC- LAPF Agency CertiJune 22 - 9 Communities Signed - Milyakburra.pdf](#)
- 4 [LAPF - Dept of CMC Local Authoug 2022 9 Communities Unsigned - Milyakburra\\_31082022.pdf](#)



INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 31 AUGUST 2022	Milyakburra		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Grants	117,959	117,982	(23)
User Charges and Fees	8,962	950	8,012
Rates and Annual Charges	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	1,529	924	605
Council Internal Allocations	-	-	-
Untied Revenue Allocation	249,773	249,773	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>378,224</b>	<b>369,630</b>	<b>8,594</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Expenses	44,242	69,359	(25,116)
Materials and Contracts	7,615	26,446	(18,831)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	856	1,629	(773)
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	30,765	70,134	(39,370)
Council Internal Allocations	45,291	44,723	568
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>128,769</b>	<b>212,291</b>	<b>(83,522)</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>249,455</b>	<b>157,339</b>	<b>92,116</b>
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>249,455</b>	<b>157,339</b>	<b>92,116</b>
Capital Expenses	-	(97,975)	97,975
Transfer to Reserves	-	(3,865)	3,865
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	-	-	-
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>249,455</b>	<b>55,499</b>	<b>193,956</b>
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	52,219	170,566	(118,347)
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	144,497	(144,497)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>52,219</b>	<b>315,063</b>	<b>(262,844)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>301,674</b>	<b>370,562</b>	<b>(68,888)</b>

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# East Arnhem Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2022 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

Local Authority: Milyakburra Local Authority  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2022

File number: HCD2017/00200

LAPF Grant 2021-22	\$30,100.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2020-21	\$30,100.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2019-20	\$15,635.73
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$75,835.73</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$(26,615.12)</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$49,220.61</b>

We certify that the LAPF was spent in accordance with,

- the projects submitted by the Local Authority; Yes  No
- the LAPF funding guidelines; Yes  No
- the *Local Government Act and the Local Government (Accounting) Regulation; and* Yes  No
- the Northern Territory Government's buy from Territory enterprise policy. Yes  No

Certification report prepared by Elma Villians, Senior Finance Officer

The local authority projects formed part of the agenda and minutes of

Council's ordinary council meeting and local authority meeting.

Yes  No 

Laid before the Council at a meeting to be held on 20/10/2022 Copy of minutes attached (TBA).

Laid before the LA at a meeting to be held on 26/09/2022 Copy of minutes attached (TBA).

CEO or CFO ..... *Andrew Walsh* ..... 31/8/2022  
..... Andrew Walsh, Acting Chief Executive Officer .....

### DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Grant amount correct: Yes  No

Balance of funds to be spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date next certification ...../...../20\_\_

CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED Yes  No

Comments

Omor Sharif – Grants and Rates Officer \_\_\_\_\_ ...../...../20\_\_

Donna Hadfield – Manager Grants Program \_\_\_\_\_ ...../...../20\_\_

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet



# East Arnhem Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2022 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

Local Authority: Milyakburra Local Authority  
LAPF Balance as at 31 August 2022

File number: HCD2017/00200

LAPF Balance as at 30.06.2022	\$49,220.61
Total Expenditure and Commitments (upto and including 31.08.2022)	\$0.00
<b>Total LAPF Remaining Balance as at 31.08.2022</b>	<b>\$49,220.61</b>
<b>Remaining Balance Breakdown:</b>	
Other income/carried forward balance from 2021-22	\$30,100.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2020-21	\$19,120.61

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We certify that the LAPF was spent in accordance with,

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CEO or CFO .....Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer.....

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**DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY**

Grant amount correct: Yes  No

Balance of funds to be spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date next certification ...../...../20\_\_

**CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED** Yes  No

Comments  
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Omor Sharif – Grants and Rates Officer \_\_\_\_\_ ...../...../20\_\_

Donna Hadfield – Manager Grants Program \_\_\_\_\_ ...../...../20\_\_

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.8
<b>TITLE</b>	Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project Updates
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1676619
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### 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
- 112 - Support Fleet and Workshop 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 – MS/Public works & Infrastructure Services

### GENERAL

**Service Profile:** [108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services](#)  
**Business Unit:** [Veterinary and Animal Control](#)

Action ID:

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

Community parasite rounds finished in July and as such the next round will commence shortly. There has been a large number of individual treatments conducted including several dog fights, one known malicious injury in Angurugu (stabbing), Ehrlichiosis treatments, unwell animals including malnourished puppies, euthanasias etc

Our previous round we spent 2 additional consecutive days in Umbakumba and 3 consecutive in Milyakburra, this allowed us to sufficient time for community consultation as well as the process of setting up and packing up all the surgical equipment. The process works well and will be adopted more regularly in the future.

Angurugu:  
 34 parasite treatments  
 5 desexings

38 other treatments

Umbakumba:

7 parasite treatments

4 desexings

8 other treatments

Milyakburra:

39 parasite treatments

4 desexings

9 other treatments

1 feral pig being housed in community, reported to Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers

NATSIEH conference

From September 5-9, Dr Lauren and Animal Management Worker Tineka attended and presented at the 13th NATSIEH conference held in Darwin. Conferences are currently held on a biennial basis and provide environmental health practitioners with the opportunity to showcase their projects, build professional networks, and learn from one another. The aim of these national conferences is to increase the understanding and awareness of environmental health issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, with a key focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental health practitioners.

There were 170 delegates and around 30 presentations over the 4 days. Presenters ranged from professionals, scientists, community EHPs and indigenous elders. Our abstract was selected for presentation and we were one of only two groups that spoke on animal related matters, the other group being the large not-for-profit organisation AMRRIC.

Our presentation "A Holistic Approach to Animal Management in Remote Indigenous Communities" focused on the One Health approach to the EARC Animal Management Program, in that our methodology not only improves animal health and welfare also benefits both human and environmental health. We spoke about how the employment of vets that reside locally as well as the employment of local AMW's improves community consultation, educational opportunities and continuity of patient care. Tineka also presented a visual diary of the roles and skills of AMW in community (transcript of speech can be provided on request).

Vet cabinets

The vet cabinets continue to be a useful tool on Groote. Therese Birch in the Angurugu office is very skilled at dispensing medications under vet instructions however there has been significant staff turnover in all 3 communities therefore training in the use of these cabinets will need to be conducted in the near future once these roles have been filled.

Training

Tineka's Cert 2 in Animal Studies is well underway and she is approximately one-third of the way through. She is doing well for all of the practical assessments, however she does need some prompting to stay on track with deadlines. She is confident in completing the written assignments independently however feels anxious regarding the multiple choice quizzes, which are timed and require an 100% pass rate. To overcome this challenge, we have been approaching the quizzes together so that I can assist in working through each question and its possible answers without her becoming overwhelmed.

**Service Profile:** 116 - Core - Lighting for Public Safety

**Business Unit:** Transport Infrastructure

Action ID:

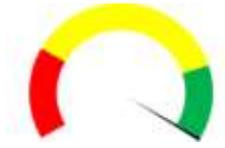
**4.2.6.8 Manage, maintain and upgrade streetlights in Angurugu Umbakumba, Milyakburra.**

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

An example of the audit results across some localities.



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 to avoid supply delays.



**Completed 100%**

**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.

**Service Profile:** 119 - Core - Local Road Upgrade and Construction  
**Business Unit:** Transport and Infrastructure

**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.

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

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

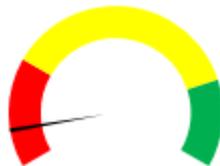
Environmental Management Plans (EMP) have been developed and implemented across the six landfill facilities at Umbakumba, Milyakburra, Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak and Galiwin'ku. Three draft EMPs are currently being prepared for Angurugu, Yirkala and Gunyangara Transfer Stations.



### **Project Status – Underway 65%**

#### **4.1.9.12 Implement and manage appropriate public area litter infrastructure and collection schedules within all communities.**

Ongoing core service in all communities. Waste Services are trying to setup a visit with Keep Australia Beautiful NT, to assist in the development of community specific litter management plans, provide some education to local organisations and provide some strategies that are working in other communities.



### **Project Status – Planning 8%**

#### **4.1.14.1 Develop, support and monitor the undertaking of monthly community waste education presentations and events such as CDS and Litter for Cash in conjunction with the Local Municipal Services, Community Development, and School based programs in selected communities.**

During the months of July and August, Waste Services re-started Cash 4 Containers (CDS) across all communities. As well as CDS Waste Services also:

- Provided litter education tools to Ramingining School to assist in an ongoing litter education program within class time.
- Held meeting with stakeholders at Milingimbi regarding regular clean-up events.
- Facilitated a Community Clean-Up Day with the Crocodile Island Rangers and Municipal Team on Milingimbi.
- Supported Gapuwiyak School in the procurement of Plastics in Ocean school curriculum, and
- Held a meeting with Shepherdson School regarding Plastics in Ocean curriculum as well as some other litter/environmental teaching ideas for delivery.



**Project Status – Ongoing 16%**

**4.1.14.2 Implement and conduct a quarterly community household rewards program for waste and environmental practices in each community in conjunction with the Community Development program in each community.**

Planning has begun to conduct rewards programs in conjunction with the quarterly community clean-ups. The next one scheduled is from 7 to 11 November 2022.



Project Status – Planning 10%

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Project Status – Planning 10%

**Community Clean-up Magnet**



**4.1.1.1 Outsource waste collection where opportunity to do so exists and is of financial and social benefit to Council. Annually review existing contracts to ensure an effective and efficient waste collection service is achieved and that Council is receiving value for money.**

Council have outsourced waste collection in the communities of Angurugu, Umbakumba, Yirrkala and Gunyangara. All other communities are operated internally via Municipal Services. Reviews of the expiring contracts for the outsourced communities was recently conducted, and it was decided that both contractors provided a quality service to the communities. As the contracts were expiring, tenders were recently sent out to market for these same four communities. The tender process and successful tenderers should be revealed in the next few weeks.



**Project Status – Completed 80%**

**4.1.4.3 Coordinate and monitor quarterly waste bin audits and repairs in conjunction with the Municipal Services Program in each community.**

Waste Services have been trialing the use of Konect software for wheelie bin audits. Due to the success of these audits, this financial year all bin repairs/audits will begin to be captured through Konect, with the assistance of Municipal Services. The first audit is scheduled for October/November 2022.



**Project Status – Planning & Design 10%**

#### 4.1.7.1 Monitor and report on the approved 10 year Waste Management Strategy

Waste Services are in the process of completing the FY22 Environmental Monitoring and Audit Report of each facility. These annual reports are anticipated to be completed by the end of August and a summary will be provided in the next Council meeting.



#### Project Status – Completion 50%

#### 4.1.7.2 Enter into partnerships and agreements, particularly for the transport or processing of recyclable material, to maximize the recycling opportunities for East Arnhem communities.

Currently Council are in the process of entering into a partnership with Ecocycle for the recycling of household batteries and fluorescent globes. This partnership will build on the agreement Council made last year with B-Cycle, to partner with an accredited battery recycler under the Battery National Product Stewardship Scheme.

Ecocycle will provide small drop-off bins for all Council offices and one large collection box at a central location. Once the collection box is full this will be used for transport back to their recycling Centre.

*Project Status – Ongoing review and assessment*

#### 4.1.7.3 Undertake and report on the removal of recycling streams within each community location.

Table 1 illustrates materials recovered and transport back to Darwin for recycling so far this financial year. So far seven different recyclable materials streams have been recovered from the region. The Councils goal is to have a minimum of nine resource recovery streams available to residents.

	Batteries	CDS	Mobile Phones	Scrap Metal	Tyres	E-Waste	Waste Oil	Damaged Bins	Printer Cartridges	Household Batteries
Angurugu		13264								
Umbakumba					1 container					
Milyakburra										
Ramingining	1 Box		15	101.24 t			820L			
Milingimbi										
Gapuwiyak		36990								

Galiwinku		5194							
Yirrkala	1 Box	5479			1 container	1 Pallet			
Gunyangara		6128							

Table 1. Resource Recovery up to 12 August 2022



**Project Status – Ongoing 75%**



**Scrap Metal Recovery**

The major project operating in this space is the Scrap Metal Recovery Project. This has been an ongoing project. Currently the contractors are in Ramingining and are planning to move to Milingimbi in late August/early September. As shown in Table 2, 367.20 tonnes of scrap metal has been removed from Ramingining with an estimated 400-500 tonnes left to transport.

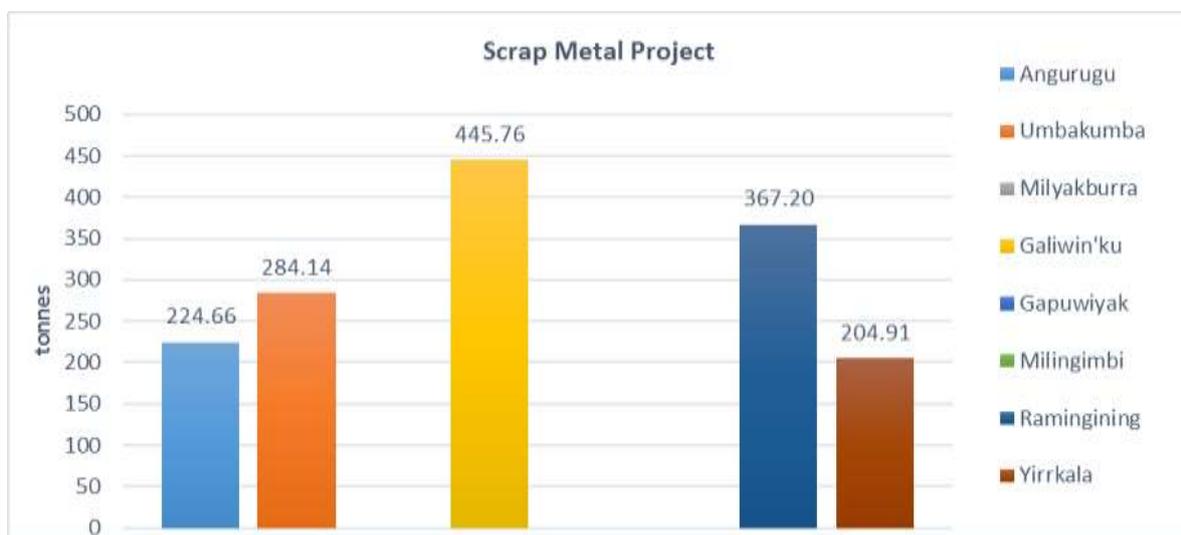


Table 2. Scrap Metal Recovery for all Communities



### **Project Status – Completion 50%**

#### **4.1.7.4 Organise and support the Undertaking of CDS monthly collection community events to be held in each Community by the Municipal Services Program.**

This is an ongoing monthly project. Cash 4 Containers is scheduled for the last week of every month across the nine communities. To date 75,007 containers were collected through the Councils mobile depots in July and August, with only Ramingining and Milyakburra yet to start their depots at the time of reporting.

<b>FY2022-23</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Total</b>
Angurugu		13,264	<b>13,264</b>
Umbakumba	671		<b>671</b>
Milyakburra			<b>0</b>
Ramingining			<b>0</b>
Milingimbi		7,281	<b>7,281</b>
Gapuwiyak	36,990		<b>36,990</b>
Galiwinku		5,194	<b>5,194</b>
Yirrkala	5,479		<b>5,479</b>
Gunyangara		6,128	<b>6,128</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,140</b>	<b>31,867</b>	<b>75,007</b>

Table 3. FY23 CDS Community/Monthly breakdown



### **Project Status – Ongoing 15%**



#### 4.1.9.11 **Coordinate and report on Bi –Annual ground litter audits in conjunction with the municipal Services Program in each Community.**

Bi-annual audits are currently underway across the region with audits completed for Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi, Ramingining and Angurugu. Results and analysis should be available for all communities at the next Council meeting.

**Percentage completed 20%**



#### **Other Projects**

##### **WS-01 Implement an aerial mosquito and weed spray program within locations**

Council staff are scheduled for drone training in October 2022 with The Ripper Aviation Academy. Staff will be trained in safe operation of DJI Agras T30, DJI Phantom 4 RTK and the use of the GNSS Mobile Base Station and software.

Remote Pilot training will be provided for sub 7kg and sub 25kh operations as well as practical training for operational weed spraying.

Currently the Training Officer Lizzy McArdle as part of the Cert 3 in Civil training for the Municipal / Public works team is in discussions with CDU surrounding a certificate module in Drone Operations for local capacity building across localities.

Once training has been provided, a plan and schedule will be developed to better address weed management across the communities and mosquito management where necessary.



**Project Status – Training 15%**



*Plate 20. DJI Agras T30 in action*

he 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 to this report.