



# **Agenda**

## **Umbakumba**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING**

On  
**28 September 2022**

**EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Umbakumba Local Authority will be held at the Umbakumba Council Office on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 at 10.00AM.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**DIAL IN DETAILS:**

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**APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Apologies and Absent Without Notice
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666577
<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 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 to this report.

**APOLOGIES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 3.2  
**TITLE** Local Authority Membership  
**REFERENCE** 1666578  
**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:

**Umbakumba**

Terrence Mamarika  
Judy Hunter  
Anson Wurrawilya  
Jennifer Yantarrnga  
Phillip Mamarika

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

**Umbakumba**

Cr Constantine Mamarika  
Cr Lionel Jaragba

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

1. Geraint Maminyaminja
2. Gregory Jaragba
3. Mabel Mamarika
4. Mildred Mamarika

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 notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**

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- 1 [!\[\]\(756219e9389f679d57027482aa5cf5fc\_img.jpg\)](#) Nomination - Umbakumba - Geraint Maminyaminja.pdf
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## NOMINATION FORM

First Name:

GERAINT

Family Name:

MAMINYAMINJA

Clan Name:

MAMINYAMINJA

Community:

UMBAKUMBA

Phone No.:

0448 413 785

E-mail:

Proposer Name:

CONSTANTINE MANALUA

Proposer Signature:

C. Manalua

I, GERAINT MAMINYAMINJA

accept being nominated into the

UMBAKUMBA

Local Authority.

Signature:

Geraint Maminyaminja

**For Official Use only**

Nomination Received:

LA Consultation:

Council Approval:

\*Must be completed by the nominated person. Nomination will not be processed if not accepted.

\*\*Completed forms should be sent to, [EARCGovernance@eastarhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:EARCGovernance@eastarhem.nt.gov.au)







## NOMINATION FORM

First Name: Gregory.

Family Name: SAAGBA

Clan Name: SAAGBA

Community: Umbakumba

Phone No.: 0447674837

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer Name: CONSTANTINE HANDELA

Proposer Signature: Constantine in

I, Gregory SAAGBA

accept being nominated into the

Local Authority, Umbakumba.

Signature: G Jaragba

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Nomination Received:

LA Consultation:

Council Approval:

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## NOMINATION FORM

First Name:

MABEL

Family Name:

MAMARIKA

Clan Name:

MAMARIKA

Community:

UMBAKUMBA

Phone No.:

0484858212

E-mail:

NIL

Proposer Name:

Constantine Mamarika

Proposer Signature:

C. Mamarika

I, MABEL MAMARIKA

accept being nominated into the

Local Authority.

UMBAKUMBA

Signature:

Mabel Mamarika

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## NOMINATION FORM

First Name: MILDRED  
Family Name: MAMARIKA  
Clan Name: UMBAKUMBA MAMARIKA  
Community: UMBAKUMBA  
Phone No.: 0484696077  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer Name: Constantine Mamarika  
Proposer Signature: C. Mamarika  
I, MILDRED MAMARIKA  
accept being nominated into the UMBAKUMBA  
Local Authority.  
Signature: M. Mamarika

### For Official Use only

Nomination Received:  
LA Consultation:  
Council Approval:

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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Conflict of Interest  
**REFERENCE** 1666579  
**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

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Previous Minutes for Ratification
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666580
<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 24 November 2021, 23 March 2022 and 25 May 2022 to be true records of the meetings.**

### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Umbakumba 2021-11-24 [1721] Minutes.DOCX
- 2 [↓](#) Local Authority - Umbakumba 2022-03-23 [1788] Minutes.DOCX
- 3 [↓](#) Local Authority - Umbakumba 2022-05-25 [1838] Minutes.DOCX



## Mission

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### Core Values

Respect  
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Human Dignity  
Organisational Growth  
Equity  
Community

## **MINUTES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING**

**24 November 2021**

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD VIA  
VIDEO CONFERENCE FOR UMBAKUMBA ON WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER  
2021 AT 10.00 AM

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### **ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Councillor Gordon Walsh, Local Authority Members Terrence Mamarika, Judy Hunter (joined at 10:34 AM) and Councillor Constantine Mamarika (left at 11:28 AM).

### **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Dale Keehne – CEO  
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services  
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development  
Michael Fitisemanu – Community Development Coordinator Angurugu (Representing Umbakumba in absence of the Community Development Coordinator Umbakumba)

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

### **MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10:25 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

### **Apologies**

#### **3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**167/2021 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Members Anson Wurrawilya, Jennifer Yantarrnga and Phillip Mamarika.**
- (b) Notes no apologies were received.**
- (c) Determines Anson Wurrawilya, Jennifer Yantarrnga and Phillip Mamarika are absent without 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.

**168/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**



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**Conflict of Interest**

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**169/2021 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)**

**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.

**170/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 28 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.**

**8.9 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

**171/2021 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority note the 2021/22 Budget Revision.**

**8.5 POWER AND WATER CORPORATION NOTIFICATION TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF TOWNSHIP LEASING REGARDING POLLUTION ABATEMENT NOTICE NO  
2020/4 AND SITE INVESTIGATION UPDATE - UMBAKUMBA POWER STATION  
LOT 130(A) FUEL SPILL**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to update the Local Authority regarding ground contamination as a result of a fuel spill at the Power and Water Station.

**172/2021 RESOLVED (Judy Hunter/Constantine Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority:**

**a) Note the report.**

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- b) Wish to communicate their disappointment in relation to the fuel spill at the power and water station and the immediate effect on the community.
- c) Request Power and Water provide an update on the project to the Local Authority Members and the Community.

**MOTION – THE MEETING MOVES TO CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA AT 11:15 AM**

173/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)

**MOTION – THE MEETING RETURNS TO OPEN AGENDA AT 11:28 AM**

174/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Judy Hunter)

Councillor Constantine Mamarika left the meeting, the time being 11:28 AM.

The meeting continued as a Provisional Meeting.

**General Business**

**8.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

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

175/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Judy Hunter)

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

**Guest Speakers**

**7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS**

**SUMMARY:**

Justin Arthur, Project Manager from Power and Water Corporation to provide an update on the water tank upgrade.

176/2021 RESOLVED (Judy Hunter/Gordon Walsh)

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

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### **8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

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

**177/2021 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Judy Hunter)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.**

### **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 Umbakumba.

**178/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

**That the Local Authority note the report.**

### **MOTION – THE MEETING BREAKS FOR LUNCH AT 12:13 PM**

**179/2021 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)**

### **MOTION – THE MEETING RESUMES AT 1:05 PM**

**180/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

### **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.

**181/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Judy Hunter)**

**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.**

### **8.8 GRANT REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

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**182/2021 RESOLVED (Judy Hunter/Gordon Walsh)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.**

**General Business**

**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.

**183/2021 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Judy Hunter)**

**That the Local Authority defers consideration of this matter to the next Local Authority meeting when it meets quorum to discuss it properly.**

**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.

**184/2021 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Terrance Mamarika)**

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 31 January 2022.

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting ended at 2:15 PM.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 November 2021.





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### Core Values

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## **MINUTES FOR THE UMBAKUMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING**

**23 March 2022**

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD IN THE  
UMBAKUMBA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2022 AT  
10:00AM

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**ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Cr Constantine Mamarika, Deputy President Gordon Walsh and Local Authority Member Anson Wurrawilya.

**PRESIDENT**

Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

**COUNCIL STAFF**

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

**OBSERVERS**

Nawshaba Razzak – Corporate Planning & Policy Officer.

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

**MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10.54AM and welcomed all members and guests.

**PRAYER**

Prayer was said by Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

**Apologies**

**3.1 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).

**185/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Anson Wurrawilya)**

**That Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Member Judy Hunter, Jennifer Yantarrnga, Phillip Mamarika and Terrence Mamarika.**



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- (b) Notes the verbal apology received from Judy Hunter, Jennifer Yantarrnga, Phillip Mamarika, Terrence Mamarika.
- (c) Notes Judy Hunter, Jennifer Yantarrnga, Phillip Mamarika and Terrence Mamarika 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.

**186/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Anson Wurrawilya)**

The Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.

#### Conflict of Interest

### 4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

#### SUMMARY:

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

**187/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)**

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.

**188/2022 RESOLVED (Anson Wurrawilya/Constantine Mamarika)**

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the Provisional meeting of 24 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

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**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.

**189/2022 RESOLVED (Anson Wurrawilya/Constantine Mamarika)**

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.

**8.1 CEO REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**190/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)**

That Council notes the CEO Report.

**8.2 RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS CONTROLLED LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**SUMMARY:**

Council considered and made a resolution at the last Ordinary Council meeting on 24 February about the proper recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Governments. Your Local Authority is asked to review and endorse the next steps to gain support for recognition with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government and Opposition leading up to the Federal election.

**191/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)**

That the Local Authority endorses:

- a) The motion put to the next General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.
- b) That Council continue to call for recognition of the East Arnhem Regional Council and Local Authorities as being Indigenous Controlled by the Northern Territory and Federal Governments and Opposition.

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**General Business**

**8.3 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is table for the Local Authority for an update on the Animal Program delivery and staffing changes.

192/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

**MEETING BREAKS FOR LUNCH AT 11.54AM**

193/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)

**MEETING RESUMED AT 12.45PM**

194/2022 **RESOLVED** (Constantine Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)

**8.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT.**

**SUMMARY:**

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

195/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Anson Wurrawilya)

That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

**8.6 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**SUMMARY:**

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

196/2022 **RESOLVED** (Constantine Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)

That the Local Authority notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.

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## **8.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2022 within the Local Authority are:

197/2022 **RESOLVED** (Anson Wurrawilya/Constantine Mamarika)

That the Local Authority:

- a) **Receives the Financial and Employment information to 28 February 2022.**
- b) **Requests clearer reporting of all actual financial commitments as well as more visual presentation, to be included in financial reporting in the future.**

## **8.8 SECOND BUDGET REVISION**

### **SUMMARY:**

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

198/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)

That Local Authority notes the second revised budget.

### **MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA AT 1.39PM**

199/2022 **RESOLVED** (Constantine Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)

### **RETURN TO OPEN AGENDA AT 1.43PM**

200/2022 **RESOLVED** (Constantine Mamarika/Anson Wurrawilya)

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

### **7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS - AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

Session cancelled due to the unavailability of the Guest Speaker.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

25 MAY 2022

## **MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting ended at 1.45PM

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Organisational Growth  
Equity  
Community

## **MINUTES FOR THE UMBAKUMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING**

**25 May 2022**

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD IN THE  
UMBAKUMBA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2022 AT 10:00AM

**ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair, Jennifer Yantarrnga, Deputy President Gordon Walsh (on phone) and Local Authority Member Phillip Mamarika.

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer  
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services  
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development  
Divyan Ahimaz - A/Community Development Coordinator Angurugu & Umbakumba

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

**MEETING OPENING**

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

**PRAYER**

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Apologies**

**3.1 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.

201/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jennifer Yantarrnga/Phillip Mamarika)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr Constantine Mamarika, Local Authority Members Anson Wurrawilya, Judy Hunter and Terrence Mamarika.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Anson Wurrawilya.
- (c) Notes Cr Constantine Mamarika, Local Authority Members Anson Wurrawilya, Judy Hunter and Terrence Mamarika 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.

202/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Phillip Mamarika)

The Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.



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**Conflict of Interest**

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY:**

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

203/2022 **RESOLVED** (Jennifer Yantarrnga/Gordon Walsh)

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.

204/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Jennifer Yantarrnga)

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

**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.

205/2022 **RESOLVED** (Phillip Mamarika/Jennifer Yantarrnga)

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**

**8.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT.**

**SUMMARY:**

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

206/2022 **RESOLVED** (Gordon Walsh/Phillip Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

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## 8.2 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

### SUMMARY:

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

207/2022 RESOLVED (Phillip Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)

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

## 8.3 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

### SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan.

208/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Jennifer Yantarrnga)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

### MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 11:22AM

209/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Phillip Mamarika)

### MOVE BACK TO OPEN AGENDA AT 11:41AM

210/2022 RESOLVED (Jennifer Yantarrnga/Phillip Mamarika)

## 8.5 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.

211/2022 RESOLVED (Phillip Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)

That the Local Authority:

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

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

We the Yolngu and Anindilyakwa people of East Arnhem Land call on the two Balanda (non-Indigenous) levels of Government of the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth of Australia, to recognise the authority of our First Nations peoples

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which we have had for millennia and was never extinguished.

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

We need a real heart to heart connection and partnership, and know we are stronger when we are united together – Yolngu to Yolngu and Yolngu to Balanda.

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

Our East Arnhem Regional Local Government Council is governed by up to 126 Members across 9 Local Authorities, which include 14 Councillors elected from 6 cultural based electoral wards, that are all connected through our clans, song lines, bloodlines, ceremony and family, to represent over 10,000 people, with an Aboriginal population over 90 per cent.

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

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

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

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

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



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**Traditional Owners, Clan Leaders and Culture.**

Our strength of culture, capacity and unity will ensure different government plans and processes like the Federal Government's Indigenous Voice and Closing the Gap and NT Government's Local Decision Making – lead to real outcomes, led by the people, in the many different communities and homelands across East Arnhem Land.

The Makarrata ceremony comes from the traditional Yolngu Rom (law) of East Arnhem Land and we invite the Balanda (non-Indigenous) Federal and Northern Territory Governments to join us on country together, to overcome the divisions between us through real reconciliation, and start genuine truth telling, dialogue and understanding, to build a better future and nation for us all.

**East Arnhem Regional Alliance**

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

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

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

27 July 2022

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting terminated at 12:01PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 May 2022 are to be confirmed in the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting on 27 July 2022.

Unconfirmed

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Local Authority Action Register  
**REFERENCE** 1666582  
**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.

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 Umbakumba June 2022.docx



**UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
001/2020 RESOLVED Umbakumba Future Pedestrian/Footpath Plan	The Local Authority members reviewed the maps supplied and prioritised the first stage locations for the LAPF approved footpath construction within Umbakumba.  That the Local Authority:  a) Support the staged pedestrian path areas, with stage one to be undertaken as the 20-21 LAPF project.	12.05.2021 - two stages of the footpaths, stage 1 has been completed and awaiting for the commencement of stage 2 - Ongoing  30.06.2021 - Stages 1, 2, 3 currently out to tender - Ongoing  19.06.2021 - Tender released to the market for the 3 stages or locations approved - pricing was outside with no local submissions received - tender re advertised.  24.11.2021 - Local Authority made resolution today to go to the December Council meeting.  23.03.2021 - Change to Construction underway with Contractor.  <b>25.05.2022 – Footpath Completed – remove from Action Listing</b>
002/2020 RESOLVED	That the Local Authority:  a) Consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.  b) Requests a join Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Authority meeting and end of year event to be held in Nhulunbuy and a biannual meeting for the Anindilyakwa Local Authorities.	12.05.2021 - Ongoing  12/10/2021 – Ongoing  30.06.2021 – Ongoing  24.11.2021 – Ongoing. Some concerns were raised by Miliyakburra and Umbakumba to have paintings of Anindilyakwa leaders on the outside of the building, but ok to have them all paintings/artworks inside. Will discuss this point with Angurugu Local Authority.  23.03.2022 – Option 1. And each local authority to provide names and possibly images of totems to be included for their community and homelands. (Reference Miliyakburra agenda )  <b>25.05.2022 – Ongoing</b>

## UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
146/2020 Questions from Members	That the Local Authority notes the members' questions about the use of the Aged Care Services in Umbakumba and asks the Director Community Development and the Regional Manager - Aged & Disability Services to provide and update to the Local Authority.	<p>25.11.2020 - The Aged Care Regional Manager and Local Coordinator to be asked to present at next Local Authority meeting to provide an update.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council.</p> <p>24.11.2021 – Director Community Development to arrange for next LA in January.</p> <p>13.01.2022 – Regional Manager Aged &amp; Disability attendance at the January 2022 Local Authority to discuss Aged &amp; Disability services in Umbakumba.</p> <p>23.03.2022 - Regional Manager Aged &amp; Disability attendance at the May 2022 Local Authority to discuss Aged &amp; Disability services in Umbakumba.</p> <p><b>25.05.2022 – Regional Manager is not available for the May meeting due to personal reasons, will be added to the next scheduled LA meeting.</b></p>
Community Entrance Signage Project - Umbakumba	That Local Authority members review the tablet Community Entry signs and provide feedback on the structure of the informal and design of the sign specific for the Umbakumba community entrance following this meeting.	<p>18.01.2021 - Drone photos taken of Umbakumba for the signage - Local Authority members to choose picture and advise Community Development Coordinator.</p> <p>12.10.2021 - Ongoing - design confirmed and being manufactured.</p> <p>24.11.2021 – Awaiting response on final design.</p> <p><b>23.03.2022 – ordered and awaiting arrival for installation.</b></p>

**UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS**

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
		<b>25.05.2022 – Ordered and awaiting arrival for installation.</b>
<b>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Widen Cemetery Road		<p>27.05.2020 - The Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to update when progress occurs out of consultations by the NT Government, LGANT and ALC regarding cemeteries are still to occur and be finalised - to enable action on widening the cemetery road.</p> <p>18.01.2021 - Future consultation to be held in relation to the licencing arrangements between NTG and the ALC as part of the sector wide cemetery arrangements has not happened to date.</p> <p>24.11.2021 – Ongoing. To be finalised between ALC and NTG.</p> <p>23.03.2022 - Ongoing</p> <p><b>25.05.2022 – Ongoing – will action some initial area works for access prior to June 30.</b></p> <p><b>20.6.2022 – Ongoing</b></p>

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Guest Speaker - Melinda Mansell from The Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Statistics (Australian Bureau of Statistics)
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1669390
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**GENERAL**

Melinda will be joining the meeting to speak about the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSHIHS), which commenced mid-August for Gunyangara and Yirrkala, and will now also include the Umbakumba community commencing 24 October 2022.

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**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1674184
<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:**

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Mr Dale Keehne  
Chief Executive Office  
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 Yolngu region by ARDS Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the Yolngu facilitation team. However, I understand that your Local Authorities have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the Yolngu 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 Yolngu 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 Yolngu 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

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme - Trial
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1670351
<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 (Lirrpia 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 note the report on the progress of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

## GENERAL BUSINESS



<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project Updates
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1676179
<b>AUTHOR</b>	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
- 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

<b>Service Profile:</b>	<u><a href="#">108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services</a></u>
<b>Business Unit:</b>	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 puppies with malnutrition, euthanasia's etc.

On our previous round we spent 2 additional consecutive days in Umbakumba and 3 consecutive days 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 de-sexing.  
38 other treatments.

Umbakumba:

7 parasite treatments.  
4 de-sexing.  
8 other treatments.

Milyakburra:

39 parasite treatments.  
4 de-sexing.  
9 other treatments.  
1 feral pig being housed in community, reported to Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers.

NATSIEH conference:

From 5 to 9 September, 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 it 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 three 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

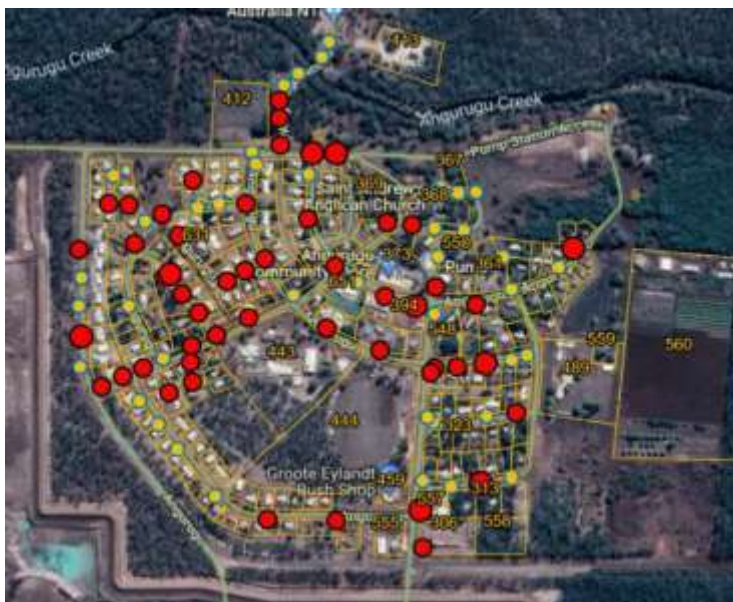
**Business Unit:** Transport Infrastructure

### 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%**

<b>Service Profile:</b>	<b>118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management</b>
<b>Business Unit:</b>	<b>Transport and Infrastructure</b>

Action ID:

<b>4.2.1.1</b>	<b>Manage the maintenance and upgrade of local roads drainage and pedestrian infrastructure under core allocated funds and grant project funding.</b>
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#### Umbakumba Pedestrian Footpath

As part of funding through the LAPF priority project, the Umbakumba pedestrian footpath stages 1 & 2 have been completed. The path links the council office central business area to the school, shops and the clinic area providing better mobility for the community residents.



**Completed 100%**

**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, Ramininging, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak and Galiwin'ku. Three draft EMPs are currently being prepared for Angurugu, Yirrkala and Gunyangara Transfer Stations.

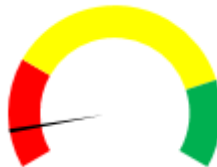




### **Project Status – Underway 65%**

#### **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.



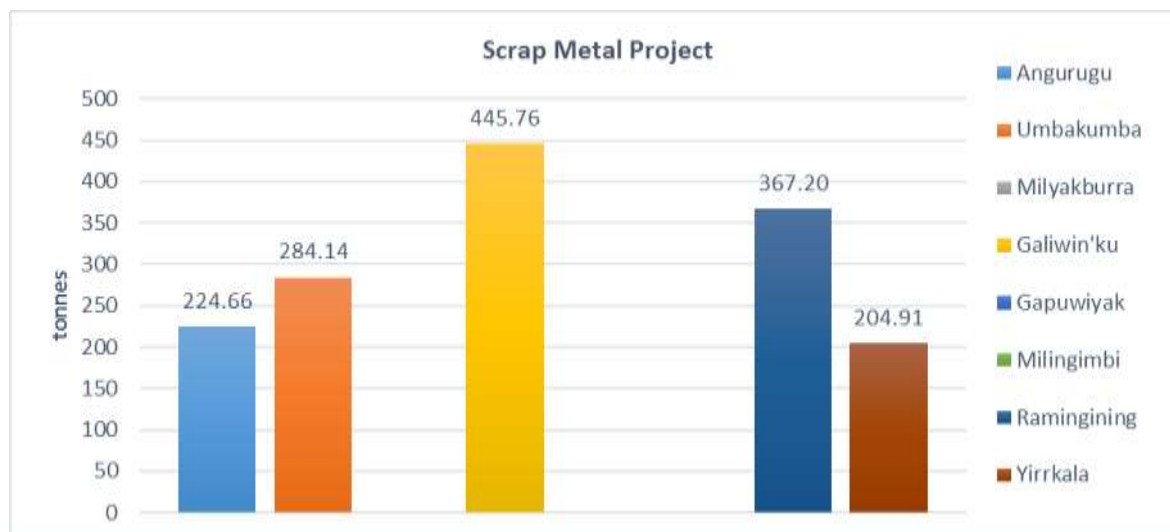


Table 2. Scrap Metal Recovery for all Communities

**Project Status – Completion 50%****4.1.7.4**

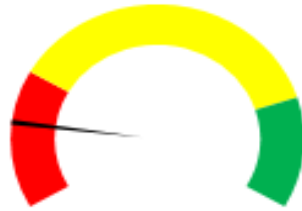
**Organise and support the Undertaking of CDS monthly collection community events to be held in each Community by the Municipal Services Program.**

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.

FY2022-23	July	August	Total
Angurugu		13,264	13,264
Umbakumba	671		671
Milyakburra			0
Ramingining			0
Milingimbi		7,281	7,281
Gapuwiya	36,990		36,990
Galiwinku		5,194	5,194
Yirrkala	5,479		5,479
Gunyangara		6,128	6,128

Totals	43,140	31,867	75,007
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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 25kg 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*

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority Notes the report.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.4
<b>TITLE</b>	Library Services Principles
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1671267
<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) Recommend 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>	8.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Community Development Coordinator Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1670312
<b>AUTHOR</b>	John Harpley, Community Development Coordinator Municipal Services Supervisor

**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 commenced in the role of Community Development Coordinator on 5 September 2022.

I have, however, been working as the Municipal Service Supervisor providing support and working closely with other departments and programs since April, so feel I am in a reasonable position to provide a relatively detailed report to the Local Authority.

I am looking forward to working for East Arnhem Regional Council and the Local Authority into the future, and the exciting times ahead.

I will endeavor to keep members fully informed on all services provided by East Arnhem Regional Council for future Umbakumba Local Authority Meetings.

The Administrator of the Northern Territory visited Umbakumba and attended a strong women's meet and greet at the Community Radio building. The Administrators visit was hosted by EARC.

The Umbakumba Big Mini Festival is taking place on 25 September. We are working closely with the other stakeholders to prepare Fred Grey Park and Front Beach area for the event.

**Aged Care & Disability Services**

East Arnhem Regional Council is excited to welcome Carol Harpley, our new Aged Care & Disability Services Coordinator. Carol joined us commencing 29 August and is a welcome addition to the team. We also thank Margaret Allgood for her support and dedication maintaining the delivery of this service prior to Carol's commencement.

It has been an exciting time in this area recently, building a team with some new and familiar faces:

- Aged Care Activities are started up again with meals and activities happening in community.
- All new staff in the Aged Care Team, Mabel Mamarika, Sherianne Herbert and Henrietta Mamarika.
- Aged Care will be starting fortnightly visits to Alyangula for Aged Care clients to attend ANZ bank and Post Office, this will commence on 15/09/2022.

- Mabel Mamarika and Carol Harpley have completed First Aid Training.
- Aged Care are seeking a male to join our team as a driver and Support Officer for male clients.

The Aged Care team are in the middle of doing a new activity roster for next month, this will be published and shared next week.

Challenges we are facing is needing a male to join the team as we have male clients who for cultural reasons require a male to assist with providing services. We are engaging with GEBIE and other stakeholders to identify and employ this person.

Aged Care team have successfully completed training for NDIS Workers Orientation and Food Safety.

Presently the Centre has 21 clients – six HCP, six HCP (Pending), eight CHSP and one Disability client.

### Community Night Patrol

The Community Night Patrol survey was held during the month of August. Results from this survey will help East Arnhem Regional Council to understand community expectations and bring about achievable improvements to the service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and answered the survey, as well as the stakeholders who assisted us with conducting the survey.

Our Community Night Patrol team has had some staff shortages over the last few weeks that have impacted our service delivery. We have recently added one night patrol officer to the team and are back up and running, and we are recruiting for at least one more team member.

Members of our Community Night Patrol team attended First Aid training during September, empowering our team members to be confident in assisting each other, and the wider community in the event of someone needing First Aid care.

### Municipal Services

The Municipal team is currently recruiting two roles, one Municipal Service Officer and one Municipal Service Team Leader.

The team has focused its energy on cleaning up community, collecting rubbish, mowing, whipper snipping and pruning common areas and recreation areas. We have had the opportunity to install the 'Welcome' sign at the entry to Umbakumba and it looks great. I would like to thank community for its support for our municipal team.

In July we ran our Cash for Containers Program with some success, and we are running another collection for the month on 22 and 23 September. We have distributed bags to a number of residents to assist them in collecting for themselves and hope to see a bigger response this time around.

This program offers two opportunities - a chance for people to exchange empty recyclable containers for cash, and to keep the empty containers from littering our recreation areas, streets and beaches.



Over the next few weeks the Municipal Team will move into wet season / cyclone preparation. We have our pre cyclone clean up 7 to 11 November. This will see our team collecting large rubbish items from the verge.

If residents have large rubbish items we ask that they place them in neat piles outside their fence, between the fence and the paths for our staff to collect and safely dispose of to prevent them becoming airborne during a cyclone.

All Members of the Municipal Services Team attended First Aid training in September. This allows us to be confident that if an accident occurs, our team members are capable to administer First Aid not only within our staff, but within their families at home and community itself.

### Youth Sport and Recreation

The Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator has been working to get the hall cleaned up and set up to run new and interesting programs for our community's youth. With two new team members the programs appear to be gaining traction with more youth attending each day.

This program is essential to community and engaging our children and youth in constructive activities that are entertaining.

We encourage input from all members of community to assist with greater attendance and designing activities that appeal to all our young ones.

The Youth, Sport and Recreation team attended First Aid training in September to assist them in providing a safe program.

### Children & Library Services

We are so delighted to see so many children and their families come to crèche every day. Seeing so many cheerful faces each morning makes us very happy. Every day we plan activities, develop new skills, build strong relationships, all while having fun.

Every Tuesday we have had Eva come to visit, she does singing and nursery rhymes in Anindilyakwa and English and also plays the guitar. The children are learning new songs and actions, based on our beautiful land and sea creatures.

Our flower beds are looking wonderful and educators are teaching children how to care for our beautiful outdoor environment. Children love using the watering cans and hose to make sure our garden looks amazing.

We have been so fortunate to have the EON Foundation team come and plant beautiful herbs in our backyard. Our curious little ones have enjoyed picking and washing some for our hot lunches.

We recently had a visit from Jessica Davis from ACECQA (Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority). Her visit was a follow up to the workshop that Child Care Coordinator Carolyn attended in Darwin, to support all staff with the foundations of keeping children safe at child care. We came up with some amazing ideas and strategies that we are now putting into place.

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>	8.6
<b>TITLE</b>	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666765
<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 to this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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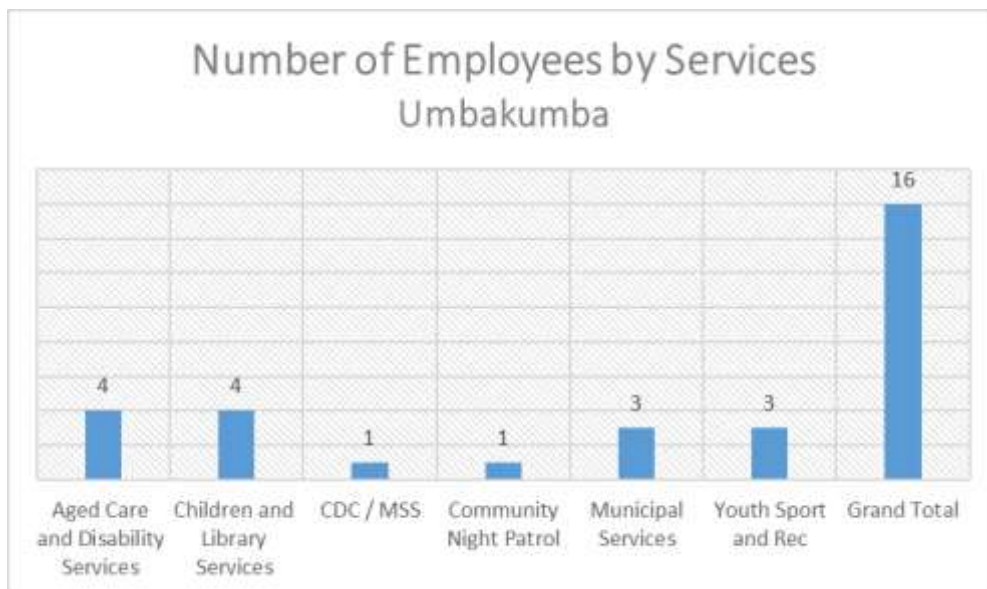
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**AUTHOR** Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

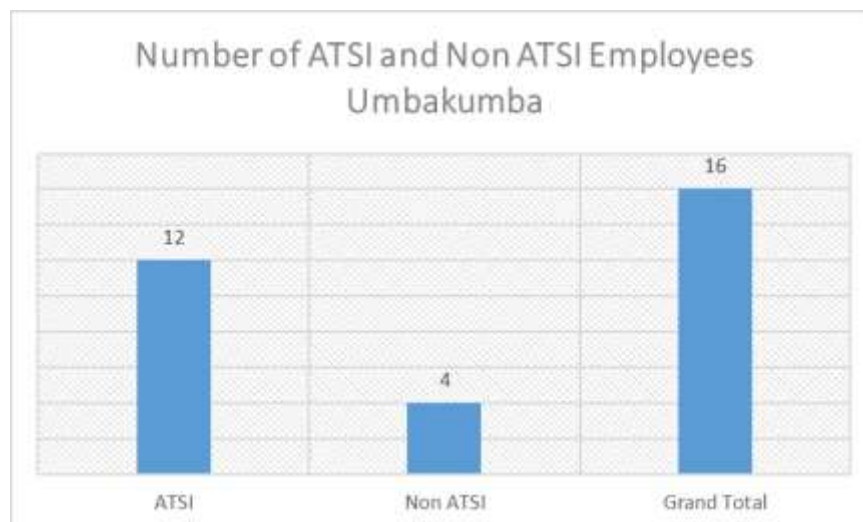
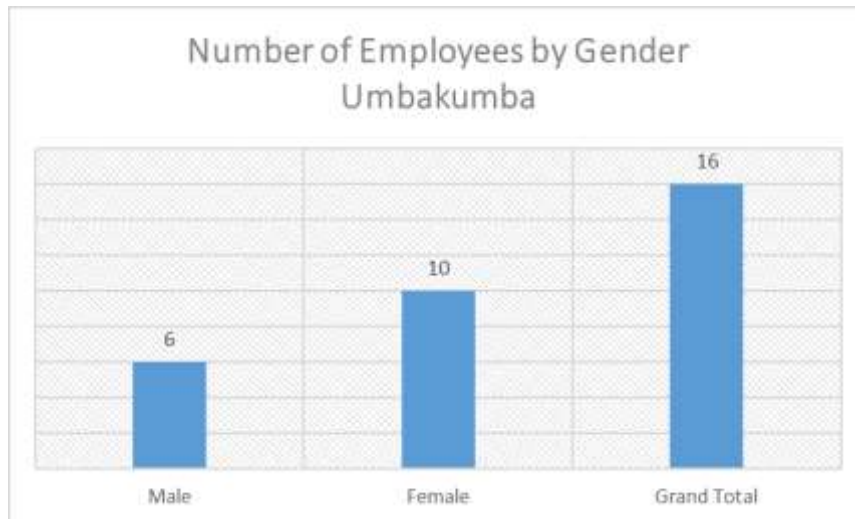
**SUMMARY:**

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 Liaison Officer / Customer Service Officer	Level 1
Community Library Officer	Level 1
Municipal services Officer	Level 1
Youth Sport & Recreation Worker	Level 1

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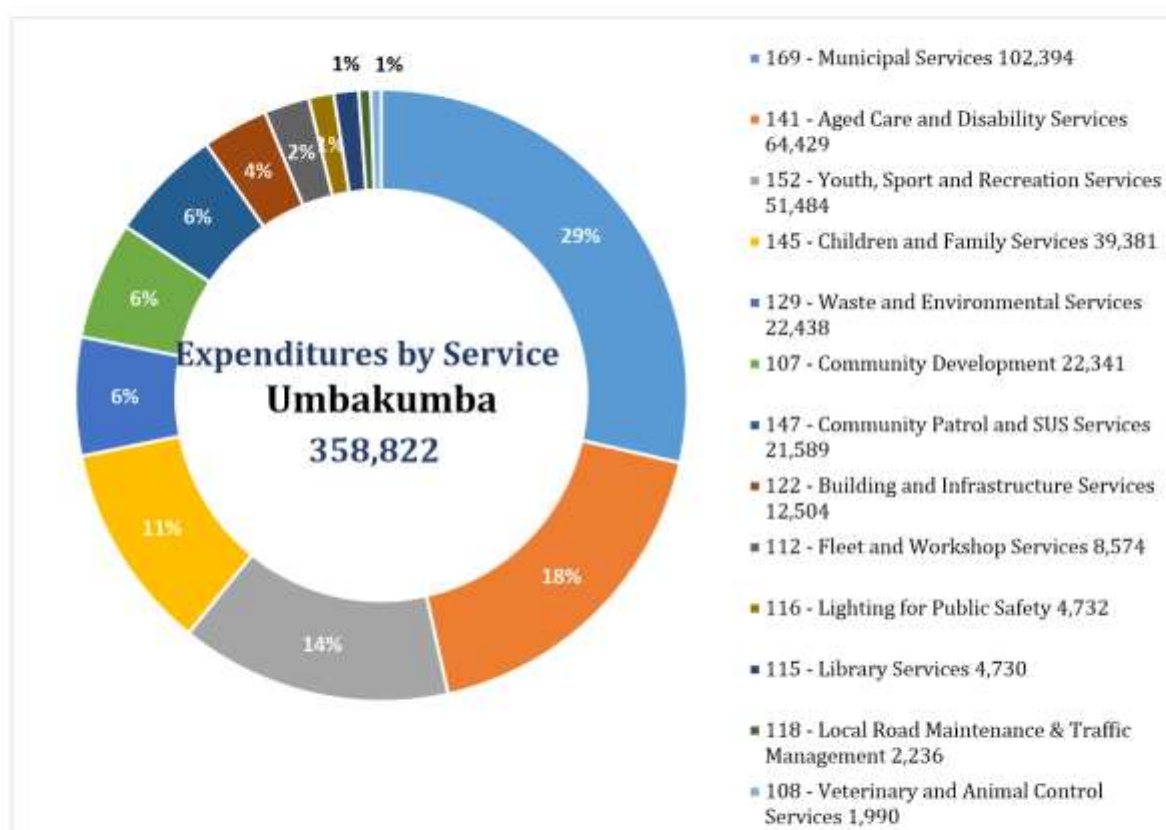
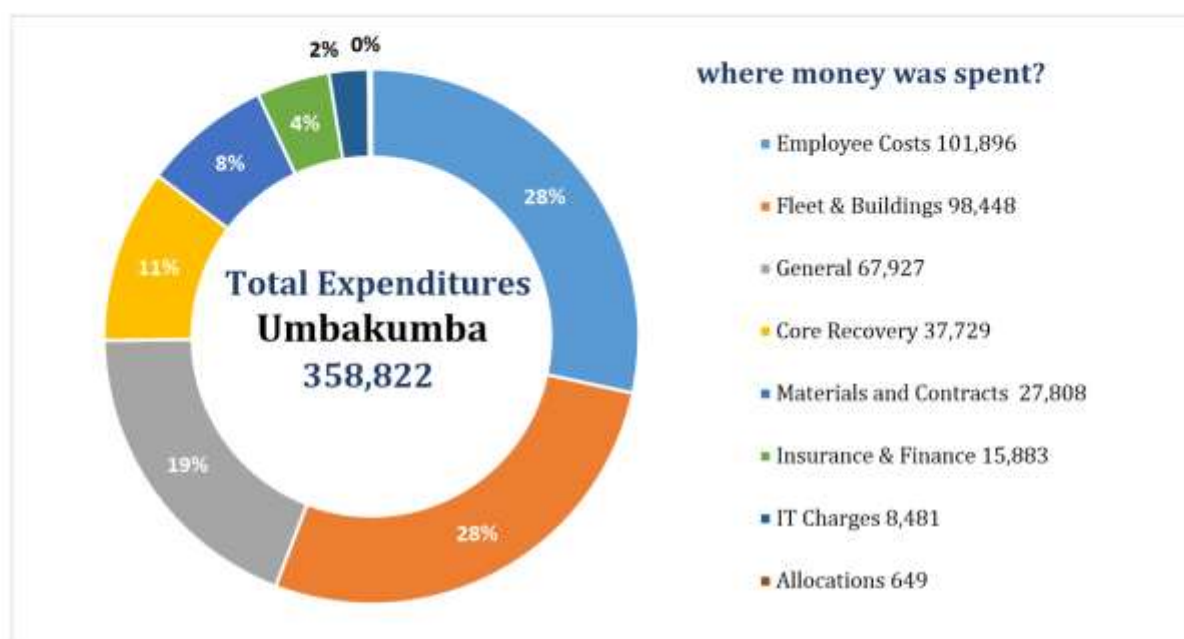
#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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



**ATTACHMENTS:**

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INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 31 AUGUST 2022	Umbakumba		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Grants	406,412	455,712	(49,300)
User Charges and Fees	16,262	31,890	(15,628)
Rates and Annual Charges	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	997	464	533
Council Internal Allocations	649	-	649
Untied Revenue Allocation	418,936	418,936	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>843,256</b>	<b>907,003</b>	<b>(63,746)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Expenses	101,896	213,483	(111,587)
Materials and Contracts	23,284	99,878	(76,595)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	-	1,629	(1,629)
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	88,334	94,961	(6,627)
Council Internal Allocations	145,308	147,775	(2,467)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>358,822</b>	<b>557,727</b>	<b>(198,904)</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>484,434</b>	<b>349,276</b>	<b>135,158</b>
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>484,434</b>	<b>349,276</b>	<b>135,158</b>
Capital Expenses	-	(113,778)	113,778
Transfer to Reserves	-	(13,406)	13,406
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	-	-	-
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>484,434</b>	<b>222,092</b>	<b>262,342</b>
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	422,325	231,258	191,067
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	241,502	(241,502)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>422,325</b>	<b>472,761</b>	<b>(50,435)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>906,759</b>	<b>694,853</b>	<b>211,906</b>

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# East Arnhem Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2022 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

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

File number: HCD2017/00200

LAPF Grant 2021-22	\$110,500.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2020-21	\$110,500.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2019-20	\$111,110.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2018-19	\$111,110.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2017-18	\$111,110.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2016-17	\$22,097.30
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$576,427.30</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$(257,659.78)</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$318,767.52</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 28/09/2022 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\_\_

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## East Arnhem Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2022 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

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

File number: HCD2017/00200

LAPF Balance as at 30.06.2022

\$318,767.52

Total Expenditure and Commitments (upto and including 31.08.2022)

\$(318,767.52)

Total LAPF Remaining Balance as at 31.08.2022

\$0.00

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