



# **Agenda**

## **Gunyangara**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

On  
**30 September 2022**

**EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Gunyangara Local Authority will be held at the Gunyangara Council Office on Friday, 30 September 2022 at 10.00AM.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**DIAL IN DETAILS:**

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

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Meeting ID: 369 931 290#

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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>	1666324
<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 Council gives permission for.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Local Authority:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

## **APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Membership
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666325
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

### **SUMMARY:**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

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

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

### **GENERAL**

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority:

#### **Gunyangara**

Antoine Gintz  
Doug Yunupingu  
Elizika Puertollano  
Djawa Yunupingu  
Balu Palu Yunupingu

The following members are appointed by the Council for the community:

#### **Gunyangara**

Cr Banambi Wunungmurra  
Cr Marrpalawuy Marika  
Cr Wesley Dhamarrandji

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

Dana Yunupingu  
Murphy Dhayurra

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


### **RECOMMENDATION**

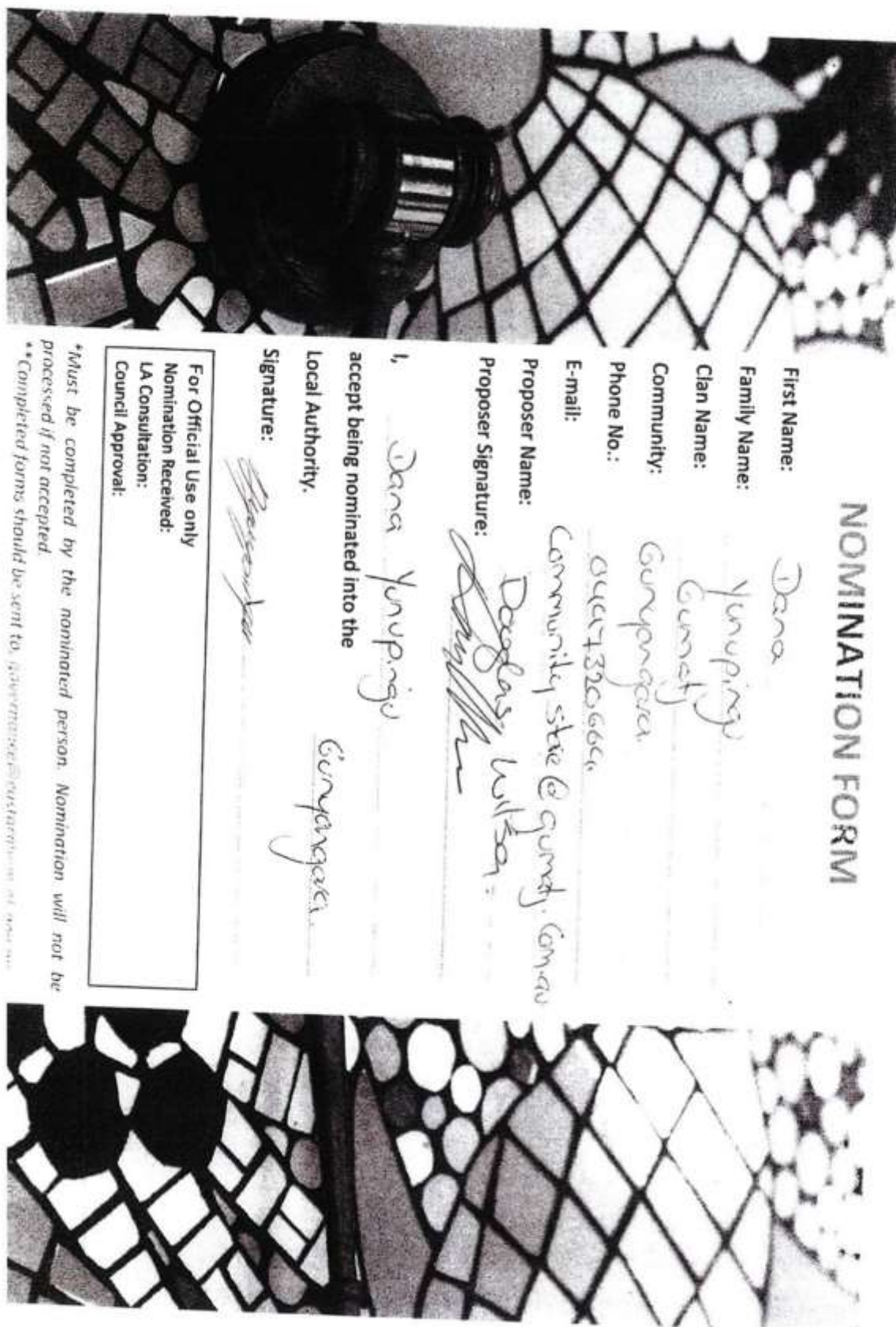
#### **The Local Authority:**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

[1](#) Gunyangara nomination Form - Dana Yunupingu.pdf

[2](#)  Gunyangara nomination form - Murphy Dhayurra.pdf



## NOMINATION FORM

First Name: Dana

Family Name: Yunupingu


Clan Name: Gumbi

Community: Gunyangara

Phone No.: 0447320660

E-mail: community.site@guny.com.au


Proposer Name: Douglas Walker

Proposer Signature: 

I, Dana Yunupingu

accept being nominated into the

Local Authority: Gunyangara

Signature: 

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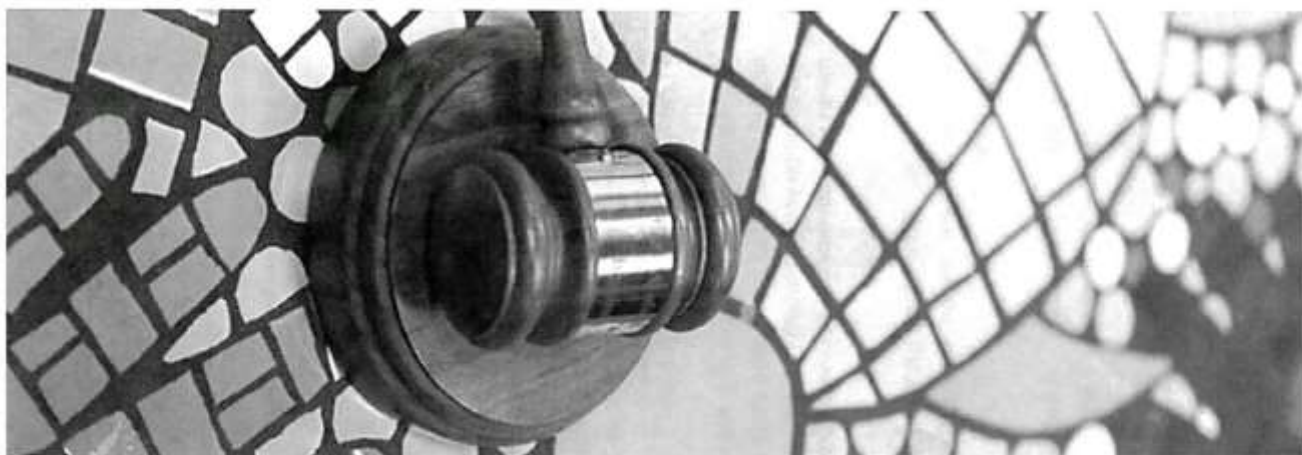
Nomination Received:

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: [gawarrnarr@outstation.org.au](mailto:gawarrnarr@outstation.org.au)



## NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Murphy

FAMILY NAME: Dhayurra

CLAN NAME: Gunyangara

COMMUNITY: Gunyangara

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER NAME: Murphy Dhayurra

PROPOSER SIGNATURE: [Signature]

SECONDER NAME: [Signature]

SECONDER SIGNATURE: [Signature]

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority Member:

Previous on the L.A  
Board, etc

I.....accept being

Nominated into the .....

Local Authority.

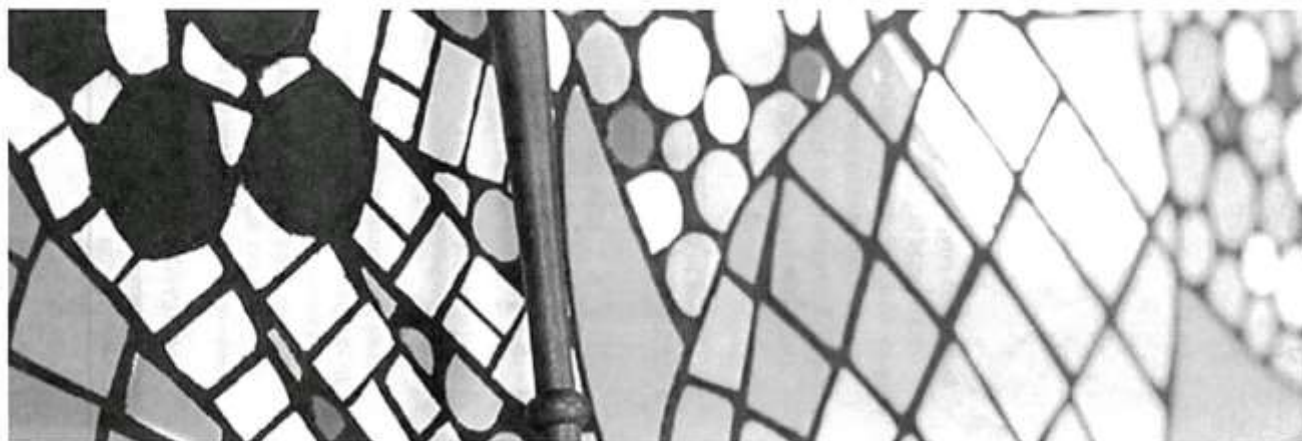
Signed.....

(\*\*MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.

NOMINATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF NOT ACCEPTED)

After completing this nomination form please email to:

governance@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au





### What is a Local Authority?

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

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

### Community Attendance

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

### Why LA Meetings are important

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

These might be about the future planning of:

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



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

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

### Who can be a Local Authority Member?

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

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

### Who picks Local Authority Members?

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

### Member Allowances

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

- Local Authority Chair—\$177.00
  - A Local Authority Member - \$132.00
  - EARC Staff members are NOT paid a sitting fee
- \*\* Based on 2021 - 2022 value of revenue unit*

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

You can speak to someone in your EARC Community or call EARC Headquarters on 08 8986 8986 for more information. Alternatively you can drop into any Council Officer or HQ and Collect a nomination form.



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W: [www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](http://www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au)

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

### How Many LA's are there?

The East Arnhem region has a total of nine (9) Local Authorities:

- ◊ Angurugu
- ◊ Yirrkala
- ◊ Galiwinku
- ◊ Gapuwiyak
- ◊ Gungahara
- ◊ Mililingimbi
- ◊ Milyakburra
- ◊ Ramingining
- ◊ Umbakumba

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	4.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Conflict of Interest
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666326
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

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

**GENERAL**

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**OR**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	5.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Previous Minutes for Ratification
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666327
<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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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



## Mission

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

### Core Values

Respect  
Professionalism  
Human Dignity  
Organisational Growth  
Equity  
Community

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

**26 November 2021**



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

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

### **COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

### **OBSERVERS**

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

### **MEETING OPENING**

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

### **Apologies**

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

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

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

**087/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)**

**That the Local Authority:**

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

#### **3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

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

088/2021 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

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

**Conflict of Interest**

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY:**

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

089/2021 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

**Previous Minutes**

**5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION**

**SUMMARY:**

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

090/2021 **RESOLVED** (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

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

**Guest Speakers**

**7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS**

**SUMMARY:**

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

091/2021 **RESOLVED** (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

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**THE MEETING BREAKS AT 11:40 AM**

092/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

**MEETING RESUMES AT 12:02 PM**

093/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

**Local Authorities**

**6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

**SUMMARY:**

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

094/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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

**General Business**

**8.7 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

095/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

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

**8.6 GRANT REPORT**

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

096/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.

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2021 AT 10.00 AM

#### **8.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**097/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)**

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

#### **8.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**098/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)**

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

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

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**099/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Elizika Puertollano)**

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

#### **8.1 NEW ANINDILYAKWA AND REMAINING EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS**

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

**100/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

**That the Local Authority:**

**Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including**



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

through:

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

## 8.2 CEO REPORT

### SUMMARY:

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

**101/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 28 January 2022.

### MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 1:16 PM.

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

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	6.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Action Register
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1666331
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

**GENERAL**

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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

## GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

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

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1674188
<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 the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1  ltr\_keehne\_first nations call.pdf



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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 Yolŋu region by ARDS Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the Yolŋu facilitation team. However, I understand that your Local Authorities have not yet had the opportunity to meet with the Yolŋu facilitation team and discuss the intended approach.

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

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

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

Kind regards

*Natasha*

NATASHA FYLES

22 AUG 2022





**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme - Trial
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1670354
<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>	1674826
<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.
- 116 – Lighting for Public Safety.
- 118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management.
- 119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction.
- 122 – Building Infrastructure Services.
- 129 – Waste and Environmental Services.
- 169 – Municipal Services and Cemeteries.

### GENERAL

<b>Service Profile:</b>	<a href="#"><u>108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services</u></a>
<b>Business Unit:</b>	Veterinary and Animal Control

#### Action ID:

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

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

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

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

GUNYANGARA

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



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

**Business Unit:** Transport Infrastructure

Action ID:

4.2.6.9 - Manage, maintain and upgrade streetlights in Gunyangara.

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

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

In addition to the repairs, the current plan budget includes funding for seven more solar lights for the causeway area towards the boat club for improved pedestrian safety these have been ordered an ETA of the end of October is expected



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.

**Project Completion 50%**



**Service Profile:** 118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management  
**Business Unit:** Transport and Infrastructure

Action ID:

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

4.2.4.6 - Local Road Maintenance Gunyangara.



Service Profile:	<a href="#">119 - Core - Local Road Upgrade and Construction</a>
Business Unit:	Transport and Infrastructure

Action ID:

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

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

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

Project Objectives

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

The desired outcomes of the project are to:

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

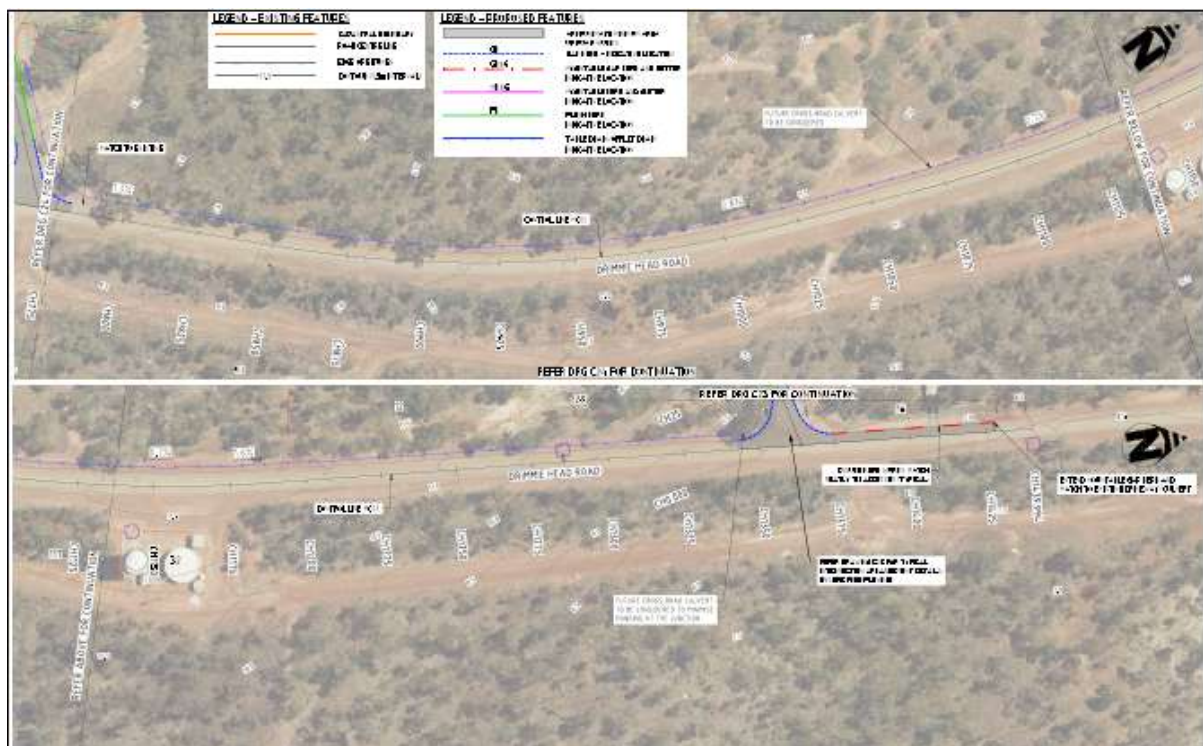
Proposed Scope of Works (All Stages)

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

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

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

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



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

### Action ID

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

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

### Gunyangara

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

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



**Yet to Commence 0%**

All Lots - Electrical Compliance works - completion November 2022.



**Yet to Commence 0%**

Service Profile:	<u>129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services</u>
Business Unit:	Regional Waste and Environment

### Action ID

4.1.2.2 - Construct a residential waste transfer station at Gunyangara.

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

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

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

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

### Gunyangara Transfer Station Proposal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





**Percentage completed 20%**

**All material ordered and contractor engaged**

### Aerial Spraying and Weed Control Program

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



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



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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Supports the development of a transfer station for Gunyangara in the proposed location noting this has been approved by the 99 year lease boards.**

**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>	1671512
<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>	1669384
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Adam Johnson, Community Development Coordinator

**SUMMARY**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

**GENERAL**

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

Each time there is a break in it causes time delays, impacting Council functions and operations due to the mess to be cleaned up, police investigation and reporting of the incident.

Dr. Sarah Carrall coordinates the animal management practice for visitation, consultation and procedures for de-sexing. A new lockable cabinet is now in the Gunyangara Council office, supplied with general products such as tick & flea collars, worming tablets, to assist with animal treatments.

Incidents have occurred with a community dog biting workers delivering service to the community. There are now four residents that have warning signs advocating dangerous dogs at their properties.

A dog was hit by a passing car near the Gumatj office causing the dog great pain, it suffered horrific injuries to its legs and other parts of its body. Gumatj receptionist assisted the dog with medical treatment until Dr. Sarah was able to operate to remove its damaged leg and tail. The dog has since made great recovery.

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

Youth, Sport and Recreation Gunyangara staff member, Christopher Lambos, has resigned from his position.

The youth program activity calendar can be found on the Council website. Upcoming Women's AFL games will be played on Gunyangara sport oval. The oval irrigation has been fixed, and a water level indicator, to check the water level, installed. Most of the water comes from the quarry, however occasionally water is pumped from the Power and Water station.

Youth diversion have been working closely with the Municipal Services team to assist support for youth in completing their community work hours, and learning new skills along the way.

There was glass smashed over the basketball court. Miwatj health clinic notified the Council that children playing in the playground located near Gumatj office area have received cuts from broken glass while playing. It took the Municipal Services team half a day to remove the broken glass from the basketball court by means of vacuum cleaning.

A few months back, a joint effort from the Gumatj Women's team and the Municipal Services team was responsible for the ongoing removal of general waste on a daily basis due to a large gathering of community members at the Sorry Camp during the passing of an Elder.

We need to ensure community members take their white goods and hard waste to the verge of the road, as many residents are asking to remove hard waste from their veranda's and back yards. Council is not covered if safety incidents or injuries occur on private properties.

Cash for Cans resumed in August 2022. This program helps to absorb some rubbish left within the community. The recycle bags are available at the Council office.

New speed humps, reflectors and signs have been ordered to replace the old speed humps and signs that have been damaged.

Meals on Wheels from the Yirrkala Aged care and Disability centre are currently catering for the community members in Gunyangara.

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>	1666753
<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:**

- Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.**
- Makes the following recommendations:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.



## GENERAL BUSINESS



<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.7
<b>TITLE</b>	Corporate Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1667618
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

### SUMMARY

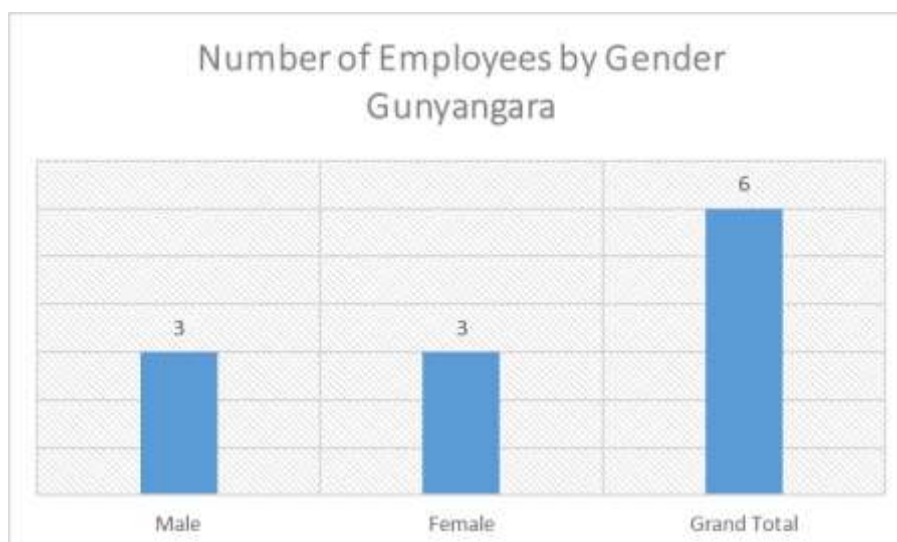
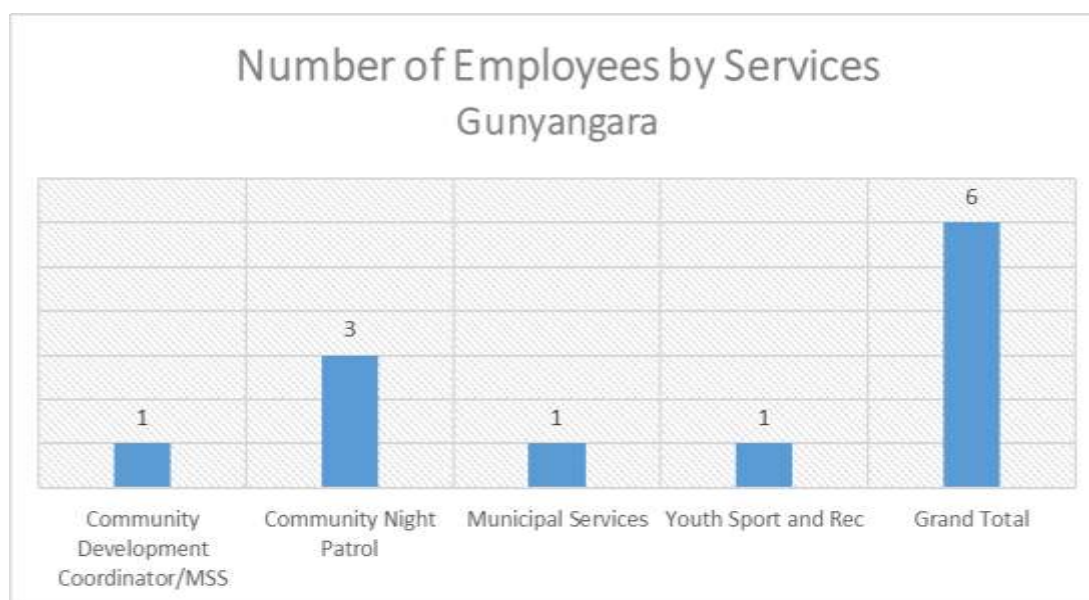
This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2022 within the Local Authority area.

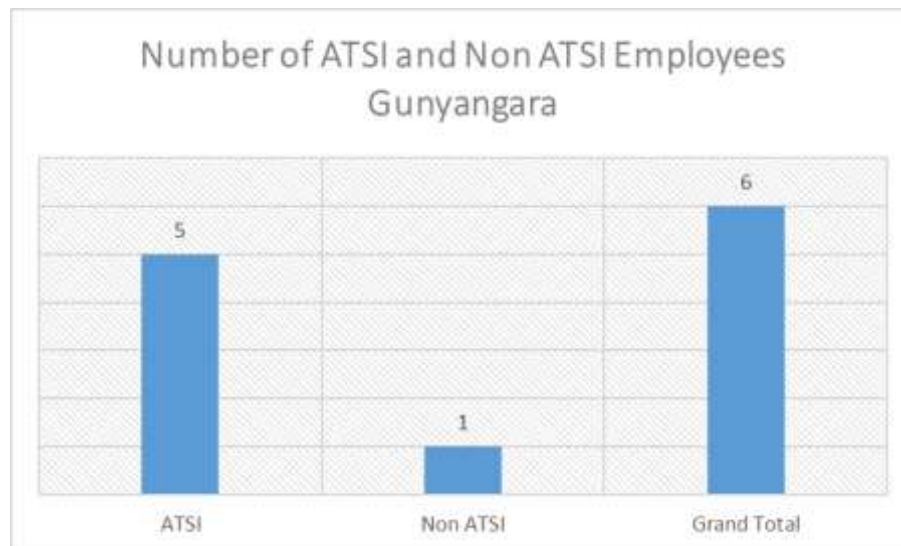
### BACKGROUND

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

### GENERAL

#### Employee Statistics:





Vacancies as of 31 August 2022:

Position	Level
Community Night Patrol Officer - Gove peninsula	Level 2

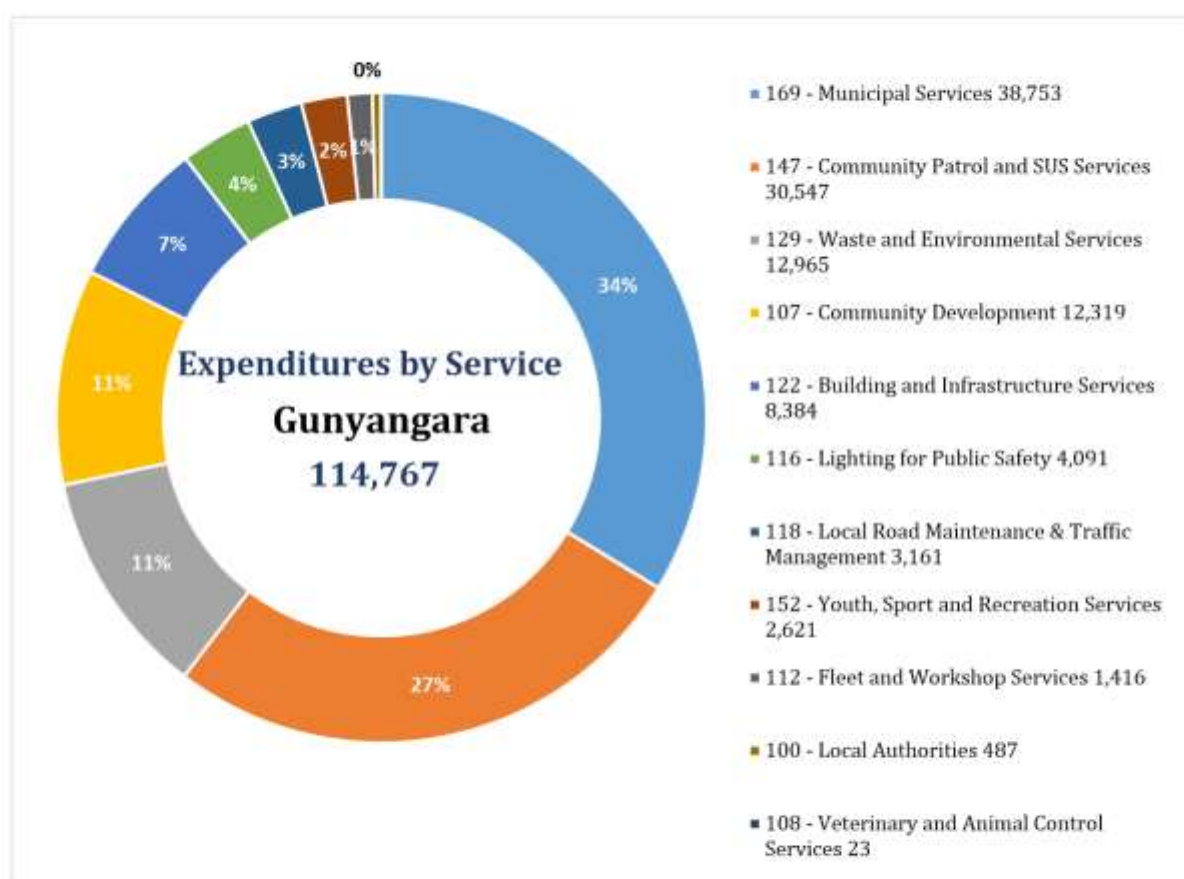
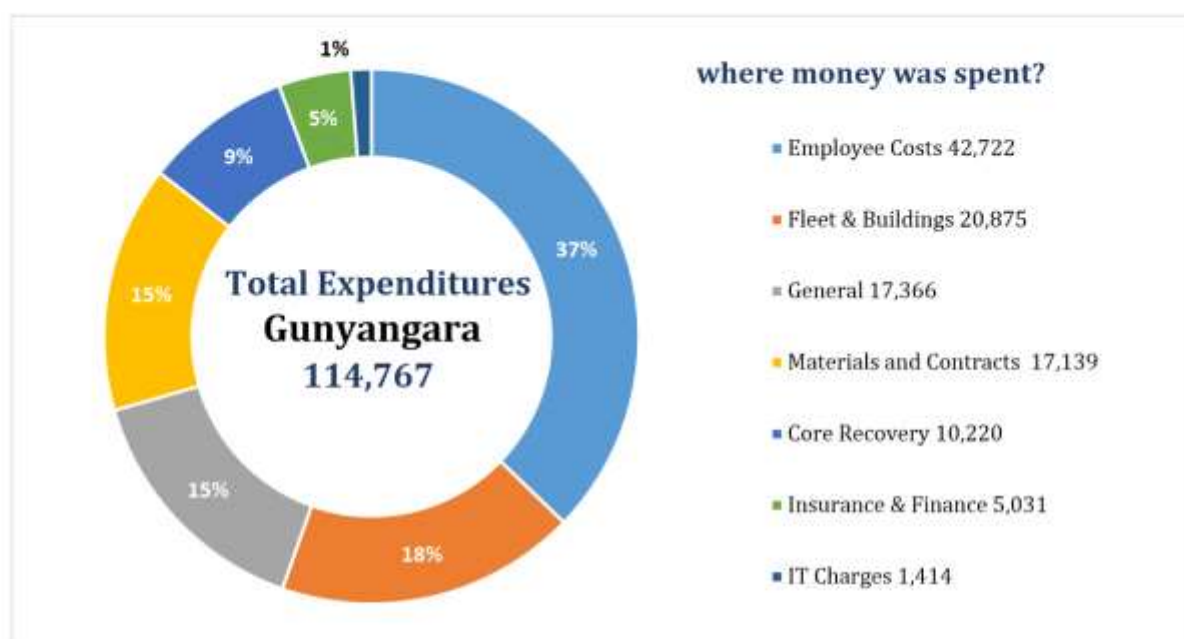
The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## ATTACHMENTS:

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



INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 31 AUGUST 2022	Gunyangara		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Grants	130,485	130,508	(22)
User Charges and Fees	301	283	18
Rates and Annual Charges	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	101	500	(399)
Council Internal Allocations	-	-	-
Untied Revenue Allocation	131,808	131,808	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>262,696</b>	<b>263,100</b>	<b>(403)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Expenses	42,722	60,722	(18,000)
Materials and Contracts	15,443	212,245	(196,802)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	-	1,629	(1,629)
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	24,093	111,716	(87,623)
Council Internal Allocations	32,509	32,509	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>114,767</b>	<b>418,821</b>	<b>(304,054)</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>147,929</b>	<b>(155,721)</b>	<b>303,650</b>
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>147,929</b>	<b>(155,721)</b>	<b>303,650</b>
Capital Expenses	-	(49,850)	49,850
Transfer to Reserves	-	(360)	360
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	-	-	-
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>147,929</b>	<b>(205,931)</b>	<b>353,861</b>
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	96,871	110,945	(14,075)
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	317,432	(317,432)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>96,871</b>	<b>428,377</b>	<b>(331,506)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>244,800</b>	<b>222,446</b>	<b>22,354</b>

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# East Arnhem Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2022 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

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

File number: HCD2017/00200

LAPF Grant 2021-22	\$33,600.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2020-21	\$33,600.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2019-20	\$33,800.00
Other income/carried forward balance from 2018-19	\$2,061.92
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$103,061.92</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$(27,007.78)</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$76,054.14</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 30/09/2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Donna Hadfield – Manager Grants Program \_\_\_\_\_

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## East Arnhem Regional Council

## CERTIFICATION OF 2022 LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING

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

File number: HCD2017/00200

LAPF Balance as at 30.06.2022	\$76,054.14
Total Expenditure and Commitments (upto and including 31.08.2022)	\$(76,054.14)
Total LAPF Remaining Balance as at 31.08.2022	\$0.00

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