

Agenda

Angurugu

LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

On

29 November 2022

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Angurugu Local Authority will be held at the Angurugu Council Office on Tuesday, 29 November 2022 at 10.00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1

TITLE Apologies and Absent Without Notice

REFERENCE 1690985

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

The minutes of the Angurugu Local Authority meeting held in May, note the recommendation for an attendance record for Geraldine Amagula and Dorothea Lalara be provided at the next meeting. This record is attached.

2.2 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 (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

The Local Authority:

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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD IN THE ANGURUGU COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022 AT 9:00AM

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Notes the verbal resignation received from Ronald Wurrawilya.
- Requests to check the attendance history of Member Geraldine <u>Amagula</u> and Dorothea <u>Lalara</u>.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

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



- ATTACHMENTS:

 1 Attendance
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Member	Date of meeting	With Permission	Without Permission
Dorothea Lalara	July 2021	Y	
	Nov 2021	Y	
	Jan 2022 No meeting	Not applicable	Not applicable
	March 2022	Y	
	May 2022		N

Member	Date of meeting	With Permission	Without Permission
Geraldine Amagula	July 2021	Y	
	Nov 2021	Y	
	Jan 2022 No meeting	Not applicable	Not applicable
	March 2022	Y	
	May 2022		N

Anugurugu attendance record

Nunggumajbarr Marianne Walsh Matthew Wurrawilyam Constantine Mamarika Gregory Mamarika Dorothea Lalara Lionel Jaragba Geraldine Amagula Meeting date Jonathan 22.03.22 < - with 24.05.22 without N-without Z without permission permission permission N - with Cancelled 27.09.22 Cancelled 14.11.22 16.01.23

Vacancy due to death of a member

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 2.2

TITLE Local Authority Membership

REFERENCE 1685046

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:

Angurugu

Marianne Walsh

Gregory Mamarika

Jonathan Nunggumajbarr

Ronald Wurrawilya

Mathew Wurrawilya

Geraldine Amagula

Dorothea Lalara

Ishmael Lalara

Phillip Kennell

Fabian Lalara

Jarella Amagula

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

Cr Constantine Mamarika

Cr Lionel Jaragba

The following nominations for Local Authority membership have been approved by Council:

- 1. Ishmael Lalara.
- 2. Phillip Kennell.
- 3. Fabian Lalara.
- 4. Jarella Amagula.

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.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER 3.1

TITLE Conflict of Interest

REFERENCE 1685047

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.



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PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 4.1

TITLE Previous Minutes for Ratification

REFERENCE 1685048

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

GENERAL

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meetings of 22 March 2022 and 24 May 2022 to be true records of the meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Local Authority Angurugu 2022-03-22 [1787] Minutes.DOCX
- Local Authority Angurugu 2022-05-24 [1836] Minutes.DOCX



Mission

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Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE ANGURUGU LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

22 March 2022

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ATTENDANCE

In the Chair – Cr Gordon Walsh, Local Authority Members Gregory Mamarika, Jonathan Nunggumajbarr, Mathew Wurrawilyam, Marianne Walsh (by telephone) and Cr Constantine Mamarika (joined at 11.17AM).

COUNCIL STAFF

Dale Keehne – CEO. Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services. Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development. Michael Fitisemanu – Community Development Coordinator.

OBSERVERS

Nawshaba Razzak - Corporate Planning and Policy Officer.

Minute taker - Wendy Brook - Executive Assistant to CEO.

Guest Speakers

Rheannon Vea Vea, Community and Engagement Officer — Australian Electoral Commission (From 11.17am to 11.45am).

Melina Davidson, Electorate Officer — Office Of Selena Uibo Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Member for Arnhem (From 1.36pm to 1.57pm).

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at (10.09AM) and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

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

167/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Member Dorothea Lalara, Ronald Wurrawilya and Geraldine Amagula.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Dorothea Lalara, Ronald Wurrawilya and Geraldine Amagula.
- (c) Notes Dorothea Lalara, Ronald Wurrawilya and Geraldine Amagula.are absent with the permission of the Local Authority.

2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

168/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

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

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

169/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

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

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

170/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Gregory Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 23 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Local Authorities

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

171/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

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.

5 MINUTE BREAK AT 10.59AM

172/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)

MEETING RESUMED AT 11.17AM

173/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

Guest Speakers

6.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

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174/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

The Local Authority:

- a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.
- Encourages the Australian Electoral Commission to explore partnerships with other stakeholders.
- c) Supports the Director Community Development to enter into further discussion with the Australian Electoral Commission on possible solutions and/or partnerships to facilitate the federal election.
- d) Request the Australian Electoral Commission to send the Director Community Development information on current enrolment levels for him to distribute to all communities through the Community Development Coordinators.

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General Business

7.1 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.

175/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That Council notes the CEO Report.

7.2 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.

176/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority endorses:

- a) The motions 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.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12.03PM

177/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

MEETING RESUMED 1.03PM

178/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

Marianne Walsh left the meeting, the time being 01:06 PM

7.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT SUMMARY:

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

179/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Constantine Mamarika)

The Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Community Development Coordinator's report.
- b) Raises a new action requesting the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to liaise with Anindilyakwa Land Council and other local stakeholders regarding renewed issues with the problem of numerous car bodies in the community.

7.3 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

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

180/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Constantine Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

7.4 ANGURUGU INTERNAL AND RURAL ROADS UPGRADE UPDATE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide an update on the capital roads upgrades currently underway within Angurugu and the outer gravel network.

181/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

7.6 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.

182/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.
- Requests Management to look at options for fencing around the Youth Sports Building.

7.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

183/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 28 February 2022.

7.8 SECOND BUDGET REVISION

SUMMARY:

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

184/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That Local Authority notes the second revised budget.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24 May 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 2.33pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Angurugu Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 22 March 2022.

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MINUTES FOR THE ANGURUGU LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING

24 May 2022

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ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Cr Gordon Walsh, Local Authority Member Gregory Mamarika, Jonathan Nunggumajbarr and Mathew Wurrawilyam.

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne - CEO

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 9:34AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

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185/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Member Marianne Walsh, Geraldine Amagula, Dorothea Lalara and Cr Constantine Mamarika.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Local Authority Member Marianne Walsh.
- (c) Notes Local Authority Member Marianne Walsh is absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Local Authority Member Geraldine Amagula, Dorothea Lalara and Cr Constantine Mamarika are absent without permission of the Local.

2.2 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 (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

The Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Notes the verbal resignation received from Ronald Wurrawilya.
- Requests to check the attendance history of Member Geraldine Amagula and Dorothea Lalara.

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

187/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

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

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

UMMARY:

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

188/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

That the Local Authority defers this report until the next Ordinary Local Authority meeting of Angurugu.

Local Authorities

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

189/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

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

7.1 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.

190/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

BREAKS FOR MORNING TEA AT 10:23AM

191/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

RESUMES AT 10:37AM

192/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

7.2 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

193/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

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

7.3 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan.

194/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

BREAKS AT 11:05AM

195/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

RESUMES AT 11:19AM

196/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

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MOVES TO CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA AT 11:19AM

197/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

MOVES BACK TO OPEN AGENDA AT 11:44AM

198/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

7.5 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.

199/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the CEO report.
- 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 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, 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

Government East Arnhem Regional Council

Land East Arnhem Regional Council - Northern Land Council

Anindikyakwa Land Council

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Aboriginal Corporations Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation

Arnhem Land Progress Association

North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation Layhnapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre Aboriginal

Corporation

Milingimbi and Outstations Progress and Resource

Aboriginal Corporation

Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation

Yothu Yindi Foundation Aboriginal Corporation

Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation

Lirrwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation

Gong-Dal Aboriginal Corporation Yalu Aboriginal Corporation

Aboriginal and Resource Development Services

Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust

Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Indigenous

Enterprises

Aminjarringa Aboriginal Corporation Lagulalya Aboriginal Corporation

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER

Can a meeting be arranged with NT Police to raise concerns about the treatment of community members.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26 July 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 12:12PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on 24 May 2022 are to be confirmed on the Local Authority Ordinary meeting on 26 July 2022.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1

TITLE Local Authority Action Register

REFERENCE 1685400

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Local Authority Action Register - Angurugu October 2022



ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
143/2021 Series of Murals	That the Local Authority continues to consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people	12.05.2021 - Ongoing
	to include in the series of murals.	25.05.2021 – Local Authority have decided on the Map of Groote Eylandt, Artistic map representing the Groote archipelago.
		11.10.2021 - Ongoing and will await the other localities preferred options - LA to suggest artist direction to put the draft concept for review - under a fee for service arrangement.
		29.11.2021 – Angurugu Local Authority in line with the views of other two Anindilyakwa Local Authorities interpretation of the Groote Archipelago and the significance of, as part of the series of Murals. Report submitted in Local Authority for ideas on map design.
		22.03.2022 — Option 1. And each local authority to provide names and possibly images to be included for their community and homelands. (Reference Milyakburra agenda)
		24.05.2022 - Ongoing
		19.10.22 - Design consultant to work with each Local Authority, community and homeland members to develop an agreed design, of a map of the region, including key cultural aspects of each part of the region.
Legal Sale of Kava		24.05.2022 - Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with 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.
		19.10.22 President and CEO to follow up a positive discussion on this issue at a meeting with the Chief Minister to the region, with the

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM ACTIONS		STATUS
		Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions.
001/2020 RESOLVED That the Local Playground Position playground will alternative after	That the Local Authority support the positioning of the playground within the area of Lot 591 as a suggested alternative affer the Office of Township consultation.	12.05.2021 – Placed out for quotation, no submission have been received to this date. Will be placed out for submission in next round.
discontinuo di contra di c	tel tile cilles of romining community	12.10.2021 - Ongoing with RFQ to be re-released.
		12.01.2022 – RFQ will be released end of January – limited trades due to break.
		22.03.2022- To be actioned under an exemption by the Contractor this week.
		24.05.2022 – Has not started as yet. Will be addressed with priority.
		22.06.2022 — To be actioned under an exemption with interested contractors — low response to RFQ.s and Tenders due to back log and larger scale available works on Eylandt.
Angurugu Local Area That the Local Authority: Management Plan and Street	al Authority:	12.10.2021 — Ongoing will revisit with the next OTL meeting - missed the October meeting.
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Local Authority meeting (b) Request the archive located and used, and co suggestions for new stre consultation at the next	Local Authority meeting. (b) Request the archive records of street names be located and used, and consider street name suggestions for new streets for the purpose of further consultation at the next Local Authority meeting.	22.03.2022 – As above 24.05.2022 – Will be taken to the new authority post transition after July 2022.

Water line to the cemetery \$20,000	ACTION ITEM ACTIONS	STATUS
Water line to the cemetery \$20,000		22/06/2022 — will be sent to ALC entity with the transition of the town lease July 1 st from the OTL for consideration
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	0,000	12.01.2022 – Approval granted, project moving forward. RFQ will be sent out end of January due to leave and extended commitments.
		22.3.2022 – Ongoing being followed up today.
		24.05.2022 — An update will be provided by the end of the week. Will be addressed with priority.
		19.09.22 looking for cooperation
		22/06/2022 – still awaiting progress due to trade availability and staffing

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

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Council amendment. Write a letter to advocate to advocate the additional funding for all communities for gravesite identification that has been and will be undertaken. 28.07.2020 - The Director Community Development is requested to engage community consultants to identify gravesites and purchase materials; the Local Authority approves the expenditure up to \$15,000 of Local Authority Project Funds. 20.20.2.2021 - EARC has been working closely with ALC Anthropologist, Hugh Bland, to help identify the graves in the Angurugu cennetery. The burial register is being updated as the project progresses. This cemetery mapping remains an ongoing process, but it is underway. 12.05.2021 - Further consultations need to be completed. Ongoing 25.05.2021 - Updated provided to LA members - Ongoing 25.05.2021 - To project this project the members are recommended to allocate 80k to project the budget review item. 22.03.2022 - Council approved budget of 80K in December 2021, Formal expression of interest for project will be released in April 2022. 24.05.2022 Funds allocation in draft 22-23 budget to initiate. Funds allocated and further discussions to take place.	ACTION ITEM Gravesite Identification
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Officer Report Requests that a Coordinator from the different Council program areas is invited periodically to provide an update to the Local Authority in addition to the CEO report.	130/2020 – Chief Executive The Local Authority:
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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.1

CEO Report TITLE 1694754 REFERENCE

AUTHOR Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

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

GENERAL

Improvements

Given the significant re-structure of the Council organisational structure occurred almost three years ago, it is time to actively review how we can further improve our processes and operations.

Arrangements are currently being made to conduct a full staff survey, so all staff can confidentially have their say on issues, concerns and any suggested ways we can improve the way we work. Once the survey is complete, senior management will review the findings, and decide what things can be changed or done differently to deal with the issues raised.

The current cultural induction tools we use are being reviewed, and other options looked into, so we can provide more effective and comprehensive induction of employees to working and living with our Indigenous communities.

A Communications Strategy is also being developed to review and improve all our external and internal communication, and the way we do this. We will be seeking the views of a wide range of staff from different areas and levels. We expect to be recruit a person into a Communications role following the review, when it will be clearer of our overall strategy, and what is needed to implement it.

Possible De-amalgamation of Council

The process to consider the possible de-amalgamation of Council has been delayed further again. The Northern Territory Cabinet has delayed considering it to at least February or March next year.

Council has continued to assist where we can through giving information and advice to the person who has been engaged by the NT Government to provide it clear advice to inform its decision to actually create a new 'Warnindilyakwa Regional Council' and leave a remaining East Arnhem Regional Council. This has included arranging meetings with the range of Federal and NT Government funding agencies who fund the majority of Council services and operations.

It is unclear from this process to date when any new Council would start from, if that occurs.

Council will continue its role of ensuring the Northern Territory Government honours its fundamental commitment that there will be no reduction in the current service delivery levels, in the Anindilyakwan and Yolngu parts of the region, if it actually decides to de-amalgamate the Council.





Governor-General's Visit to the Region

The Honourable Governor-General and his wife Mrs. Hurley visited the East Arnhem Region on Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 November.

Council coordinated a range of events including the Governor-General meeting the Chairs, CEOs and Board nominated members of the range of Aboriginal Organisations that work in the region, a community visit to Yirrkala, and meeting student representatives from the Nhulunbuy and community schools.

The first part of the Governor-General's visit was a visit to Council.

The Governor-General was welcomed to the Council regional office by a traditional Bungal conducted by Rirratjingu Clan members.

Once the Bungal was complete, the Governor-General met with approximately 25 Councillors and Local Authority Members in the Council meeting room / chambers, that we are brought in from across the region.

There was a very positive discussion with the Governor-General, which we can brief all Local Authority Members about today.

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:

There are no attachments to the report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.2

TITLE Review and Further Empowerment of Local

Authorities

REFERENCE 1694812

AUTHOR Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

Each Local Authority is asked to consider the review and further strengthening and empowerment of Local Authorities, for referral to Council and a review of Local Authorities being conducted by the Northern Territory Government.

BACKGROUND

Aboriginal people have run local government and community services in each Aboriginal community across the Northern Territory, since the end of the mission days.

From 2008 Aboriginal people have run local government and community services in a number of communities across larger regions.

This increased Aboriginal Controlled Council's ability to deliver services, and increased their voice and ability to deal and work with the Northern Territory and Australian Governments.

The voice of local communities has come from locally elected Councillors, and the creation of Community Advisory Boards in each community.

From 2013 this local voice was strengthened with the shift from Community Advisory Boards to Local Authorities which have a more formal role within the broader regional Councils. This includes a formal process for nominating members, formal and transparent agendas, and reporting back processes, the provision of specific Local Authority Project Funding, and secretariat and senior management support.

Review of Local Authorities

The Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet is conducting a formal review of Local Authorities. It includes key principles of Flexible Governance, Community Centred, Placed Based Engagement, Empowerment, Outcome Focused, and Accountability – and possible options to achieve them (see attachment A).

GENERAL

The next steps are for the Regional Councils and the respective Local Authorities to provide comment and input on the Local Authority Review Report.

Council resolved at its last meeting on 20 October:

That the Local Authority:

(a) Endorses the review of the Local Authority Review Report by each Local Authority, to consider and decide on the different recommendations to strengthen the role of Local Authorities, and any other recommendations.



(b) Endorses the nomination of President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Chief Executive Officer Dale Keehne and a Local Authority Member, as representatives on the Reference Group to develop an Implementation Plan to strengthen Local Authorities.

Each Local Authority is being consulted in the November round of meetings to discuss these and other options, and seek a formal resolution from each Local Authority of how they wish to be empowered.

Council can then review the resolutions of all Local Authorities, and make a regional wide resolution at its Ordinary Council Meeting in December, reflecting the particular position of the different Local Authorities, and any shared positions, and inform the Minister of Local Government Chansey Paech of this.

Following input from the range of Councils across the Territory, a Reference Group will be formed in January 2024 to develop an Implementation Plan on the strengthening of Local Authorities. The Reference Group will be led by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, and include representatives from the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), regional Councils and Local Authorities.

Council is being asked to endorse the nomination of Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, CEO Dale Keehne and a Local Authority member, as our nominated representatives.

The Implementation Plan is due to be developed from January to March to then be provided to the Minister for Local Government Chansey Paech for consideration and approval. The plan and any changes in it are due to be implemented from 1 July 2023.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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That the Local Authority, to further strengthen and empower their role endorses:

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(b) The following other recommendations:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. LA Review Report - 12 October 2022 Draft.docx

1. Background

Local authorities (LAs) were established in 2014 under section 53B of the former Local Government Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). LAs were established as a response to concerns from communities that the transition from the former community government councils to regional councils led to a loss of communities' voices in the planning and delivery of council programs and services in their community.

The inclusion of LAs in the structure of regional councils is intended to ensure communities have a say in their regional councils' planning, prioritisation, funding and delivery of services and infrastructure for their community; and the provision of information and feedback to communities about the councils' decisions and activities in that community. The ultimate goal is effective, responsive council services for remote communities.

Intent of the Legislative Framework

On 1 July 2021, the intent of the 2008 Act was further strengthened when it was replaced with the Local Government Act 2019 (the 2019 Act). In addition, the previous Guideline 8: Regional councils and local authorities (Guideline 8) was replaced by the new Guideline 1: Local Authorities (Guideline 1). The provisions in the 2019 Act were in a new chapter entitled Local Decision Making to reinforce the intent and purpose of LAs.

The 2019 Act requires regional councils to seek their LAs' advice and recommendations in relation to the council's budget; their priorities for expenditure; their service delivery; regional plans; strategic directions; and funding. Regional councils must also ensure their strategies and plans are informed by the vision and priorities of the LAs, and must work with their LAs to foster constructive working relationships between the council and community.

The 2019 Act specifically provides for expanded roles for LAs and a mechanism for giving communities a stronger voice in local government matters that affect them. Section 78 defines the functions of a LA:

- to involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government;
- ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government;
- to allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region;
- to take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf;
- · to contribute to the development of the regional plan;
- to make recommendations to the council in relation to the council's budget and the part of the council's area within which the LA performs its functions.

Guideline 1 provides how LAs are to operate and be administered by their respective regional councils, including appointments and resignations, meetings, LA member payments and reporting.

Local Authority Review

In 2021, before the commencement of the 2019 Act, the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) started a desktop review (Review 1) of how well regional councils and LAs were meeting the intent of the 2008 Act and Guideline 8. The aim of Review 1 was to identify good practice across the NT as well as areas that could be further strengthened, and to determine what actions could be considered to better support the delivery of the intent

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of LAs given their expanded roles under the 2019 Act. Review 1 focused on the 66 LAs established across the Northern Territory for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Review 1 was informed by the information available on regional councils' websites, information held and observations made by CM&C and some feedback and insights provided by regional councils. The findings and draft recommendations were provided to councils and other stakeholders in early 2022 for comment.

The Review 1 report acknowledged limitations associated with any desktop process. However it provided a platform for more discussion with councils, LA members and others, resulting in the direction outlined in this report.

Review 1 confirmed that there is noticeable diversity in the functioning of LAs and the way councils work with them, with some LAs engaging strongly with their communities and working with their councils to deliver on community priorities and aspirations, and some others struggling to meet or attain quorum to enable recommendations to be made about community priorities. Some LAs, with their councils' support, consider broader matters than council business, acting as a forum and conduit for community engagement in matters including local, Territory and Commonwealth government priorities.

In addition, feedback from councils and LA members has indicated that some of the requirements placed on them by the NT Government, or interpretations of these requirements, are impeding their ability to achieve their core functions.

Feedback on Review 1 included the following:

Role of LAs:

- a need for greater recognition, promotion and celebration of the strengths of the LA model and more sharing
 of examples of LAs and their councils successfully achieving the intent of the Act;
- the need for CM&C, councils and LAs to have a clear and common understanding of the definition and scope
 of their core functions and requirements;

Flexibility:

- the need for flexibility in how LAs and their councils deliver on the core functions (or choose to move beyond the core) to respond to differences between communities, their aspirations and the capacity of LAs;
- providing for flexibility for those communities, LAs and councils who want to have more integrated
 engagement, not just on local government matters. For example, some communities would like to see a
 single body coordinating community input into local government and NT Government (or broader) planning,
 services and prioritisation; while others have indicated a preference that LA members continue to focus on
 local government and other groups are established or continue to provide input into NT Government and
 broader matters;
- recognition that some LAs are well established with consistent membership who deliver well-regarded
 outcomes for their communities and council, and others are less established; and that, over time, LAs may
 cycle through these stages. This impacts on the levels of support needed from councils for their LAs and the
 level of autonomy LAs may have, and needs to be accommodated in expectations set by CM&C and required
 of councils;

Decision making

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LAs should have as much influence and decision-making power as is appropriate to their stage of
development and the delegations of the council; for example, some councils have already delegated decision
making in the use of LA Project Funding (LAPF) to their LA, and some have delegated decision making over
other community funding. The council is the decision-maker about the level of delegation relevant for their
LA/s;

LA Members:

- a need for greater role clarity, capacity building and support for LA members and LA chairs;
- the need to revisit whether proxies should be permitted for LA members;

Administration:

- CM&C should remove any administrative requirements that detract from the ability of the LA and council to
 deliver on their core function. This needs to be balanced with good governance and accountable
 administrative process, reflecting that LAs are involved in the use of public resources and should be
 respected in their communities as informed, well governed and responsive structures;
- performance reporting should be focused on the intended outcome; ie the demonstration by councils of the
 engagement of communities through their LAs, and of the council's responsiveness to the advice, input and
 advocacy of their LA, including through the delivery of agreed community priorities;
- LAs should be able to set their own agendas and conducttheir own meetings, while recognising the role of
 councils in managing administration, building capacity and responding to the varying levels of experience
 and capacity of members;

Resourcing/support

- some LAs and their councils continue to see benefit in having CM&C representatives at meetings at least
 occasionally, to coordinate responses to questions from community and LAs about NT Government matters,
 as well as to support engagement with other NT Government agencies;
- LAPF is a valuable resource for LAs and their councils to respond to community priorities. However, some
 councils struggle to spend these funds in the required time frames. The support role of CM&C is important
 in helping councils to address any barriers to the timely expenditure of funding on community priorities as
 determined by the LA and council;
- Accessible information should be provided to enable communities to understand how priorities for the use
 of LAPF are determined, and where they are spent;
- · A need for a review of the LAPF guidelines to ensure their alignment with the core intent of the LAs;
- Any changes to the LA model should avoid requiring additional council resourcing. For example, where
 communities and their LAs want to have a broader role than council matters, there may need to be
 negotiation of partnering with NTG or others to share costs.

As a result of feedback and further discussions, the focus of the Review 1 report changed considerably into this report. This report emphasises the intent of the legislative framework for LAs and provides a principles-based direction for how this intent will be strengthened across the diverse councils of regional NT.

This review does not anticipate a change in the 2019 Act in relation to the role of LAs; LAs will remain part of their regional council structure, and continue to be subject to the control and direction of their relevant regional council.

Principles

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The following principles have been developed to guide the way in which CM&C, regional councils and LAs will support the effective integration and involvement of communities in the system of local government, as intended in the 2019 Act. An amendment to Guideline 1 will be required to fulfil the aspirations below.

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What does	All LAs have a core role: to enable their community to have a say in their regional councils' planning, prioritisation, budgeting, and service delivery for their community; and to support the provision of regular feedback to their communities about council activities and the achievement of LA priorities.
ins mean.	Councils and their LAs, with their communities, will determine how they deliver the role so it is adaptable to different locations, community aspirations, and capacity. CM&C will facilitate the sharing of examples of good practice from LAs across the NT
	LAs, with their councils, decide:
	 whether they and their community prefer that the LA focus on council business or take a broader approach with a wider range of community matters. If a broader approach is agreed this may need negotiation of support from CM&C or other partners for non- council activities. Also, if a broader approach is agreed community input should ensure it avoids duplicating other community structures, authority or roles and that the role is understood and supported;
	how the LA will conduct meetings and engage with their community;
	 how the LA will prioritise LAPF funds including how community input will be heard, how priorities will be decided, and how decisions and outcomes will be communicated to the community;
	 whether delegated decision making will be requested from the council;
What does	 the nomination process for LA members, with councils seeking LA and community input into their policy on criteria for selecting LA members;
this look like?	the number of appointed members up to a maximum of 14;
	 whether the Mayor/President will be a member of LAs beyond their own ward;
	 the frequency of LA meetings (minimum four per year, with timing to enable input into, and feedback from, council planning);
	 the location of LA meetings - they should be held in public places to maximise opportunity for community members to attend; and
	whether attendance at meetings via phone/video conference will be allowed.
	First LA meetings to recommend to council:
	nomination of LA chair;
	the kinds of priorities the LA would like to focus on for their community;
	 how information about meetings and decisions will be publicised. This must be at least on the council website for transparency for community members; and
	the use of interpreters

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What does	The way the council and LA engage with each other and the community is place-based and adapts to local needs, languages, time frames and cultural protocols to encourage community
	involvement. • LAs will recommend to their council the process for community engagement and two-way
	communication between the council, LA and community
	Community engagement is supported by principles of the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy
	Communication is clear and accessible.
	LAs with their councils decide the nature and format of reports to be provided by councils to LAs — brief, diagrammatic reports are enough
	 LAs and their councils decide how the feedback about priorities is given to the LA and community in a timely way such as through the Council Community Based Manager, local council member or LA chair outside of meetings if needed
What does this look like?	 Regional councils support their LAs to host at least one community based event each year to support community input into LA priorities, and council planning. These events may be funded through some LAPF. For example, some LAs may hold community barbecues twice per year: to provide input into LA priorities and council plans for their area; and to receive feedback about how the LA and council has responded to that input.
	Information is provided by regional councils in LA meeting agenda papers on:
	Decisions that council has made based on the LA's recommendations and advice
	Council resources and service delivery in the community.
	Progress / status updates on LA project recommendations.
	 The amount of funding that is available to the LA for community priorities.

PRINCIPLE: Empowerment					
What does this mean?	LAs have authority to effectively carry out their core role as intended in the Act.				
What does	Where LAs seek to do so, regional councils consider opportunities for delegation of relevant decisions to LAs consistent with the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> , including decision making about priorities for LA project funds				
this look like?	Councils, with CM&C assistance, provide training and resources to support professional development of LA chairs and members in governance and the LA role; and clearly communicate the role of LAs and regional councils to communities.				

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PRINCIPLE: Out	come-rocused
What does this mean?	LAs (and communities) can see that their recommendations to the council, based on community engagement, are being acted on; where this is not the case, they are informed of the reason.
What does this look like?	Council annual reports include information that demonstrates how they have engaged with communities via their LA, and the outcomes delivered in response to LA recommendations/decisions. Compliance activity by CM&C will focus on the intended outcome of LAs

PRINCIPLE: Acc	ountability
What does this mean?	LAs and their councils continue to demonstrate high standards in governance and the use of public resources
What does this look like?	LAs have opportunities for professional development in governance consistent with their core role through their council and/or with support from CM&C if requested Decision making is transparent, focused on the best interests of the community as a whole, and conflicts of interest are managed. Information is accessible to community members about meetings, meeting proceedings, and opportunities for participation. Meetings are generally open to community members unless there is a defined need for confidentiality consistent with the provisions in the Local Government Act 2019.

5. Examples of Good Practice

To be discussed with, and provided by, regional councils.

Next Steps

This report will be provided to regional councils and other stakeholders for comment and input. Regional councils are encouraged to engage with their LAs in developing feedback. CM&C is available to assist as needed.

An implementation plan will be drafted for feedback from regional councils and LAs through their respective councils. The implementation plan will be developed through a reference group led by CM&C with the Local Government Association of the NT, and council and LA representatives.

The final LA Review report and Implementation Plan will be provided to the Minister for Local Government for consideration and approval. It is intended that this will be completed within the first quarter of 2023.

The LA Project Fund grant funding guidelines will be reviewed in 2022-23 in consultation with regional councils along with Guideline 1. Any recommendations for changes will then be advised to the Minister for Local Government for consideration for implementation in 2023-24.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.3

TITLE Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital

Project Updates

REFERENCE 1697850

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide program updates within the Technical and Infrastructure directorate. In addition to progress updates associated with capital projects and initiatives associated with the 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND

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

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

The information below covers actions associated with the below services:

108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services

112 - Support Fleet and Workshop Services

116 – Lighting for Public Safety.

118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management.

119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction.

122 - Building Infrastructure Services.

129 - Waste and Environmental Services.

169 - MS/Public works & Infrastructure Services

GENERAL

Service Profile: 108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services

Business Unit: Veterinary and Animal Control

Action ID:

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

Community: Groote Eylandt (Angurugu, Umbakumba, Milyakburra).

Reporting month/period:

Mid-September to end of October 2022.

Overall comments

- Community rounds complete Visits to every Lot in Angurugu, Umbakumba and Milyakburra to deliver parasite treatment and collect surgical de-sexing list.
- Angurugu A good reception, large surgical list created but there were difficulties following up as owners away/not home at time of surgery.

Umbakumba – It was very quiet in community, many people were not home when EARC visited. Moderate surgical list however currently some dogs are pregnant, therefore owners elect to wait until puppies weaned before de-sexing mother.

- Milyakburra A very good reception, small surgical list. Population stable, few to no puppies.
- Most common ailments.
 - o Injuries dog fight wounds.
 - o Illness puppies with worm burdens +/- malnutrition.
- Ehrlichiosis relatively stable.

Service Deliver Statistics year to Date:

AMP Delivery: Angurugu, Umbakumba, Milyakburra communities	This period of reporting	Calendar Year to date	Last year's Annual delivery
Dogs Desexed	13	45	38
Cats Desexed	0	3	13
Community consultations	52	469	310
Remote/Phone consultations	5		n/a*
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	5		
Minor procedures/other surgeries	3		
Parasite Treatments (ivermectin)	303	586	310
Parasite Treatments (other)	48		
Euthanasia	6		
KVC engagements (Groote region)	Verbal advice – 8 Consults - 5		
TOTAL Engagements	448	1103	671

Community education activities:

School visits:

- Angurugu 2 classes (early and middle primary).
- Umbakumba combined class.
- Milyakburra combined class.
- Umbakumba CDP Community BBQ (information day with various other stakeholders including the Police and GEAT).

Staff Education/training activities:

• Tineka Turner ongoing Cert 2 Animal Studies – about 70% complete.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

Anindilyakwa Land & Sea Rangers – cat trapping collaboration in Umbakumba. EARC visited every lot to discuss responsible cat ownership, record cats and distribute collars prior to trapping.

 Territory Natural Resource Management (TNRM) – cat census conducted in all three communities to gauge cat numbers, and conducted when EARC visited every lot in the past month. With this information, TNRM is planning on visiting Groote early 2023 to deliver community cat education seminars.

Concerns/Challenges:



Animal welfare concerns/cases:

- Speared dog Angurugu (reported by owner).
- Dog fight injury Angurugu (reported by Police).
- Dog fight injury Angurugu (different dog, reported by multiple service providers in Angurugu).
- Sick puppy Umbakumba (reported by Police).
- Sick puppy Malkala (reported by service provider).
- Young dog in Angurugu with severe eye injury (suspected accidental stick penetration).
 Un-responsive to medical treatment. Have recommended enucleation however owners decline.
- Dangerous Dog incidents: Dog bite to a teacher in Umbakumba (see previous correspondence via email).

• Other: Oxygen ran out therefore one week turnaround time for replacement (surgeries delayed during this time).

Follow-up list for next visit:

- Homelands visits.
- Funded by Anindilyakawa Housing Aboriginal Corporation (AHAC).
- Medical and surgical visits scheduled for Malkala, Bartalumba Bay, Little Paradise, Emerald River and 4 Mile.
- Finish cat census (TNRM).
- Surgical days scheduled for Umbakumba and Milyakburra.



Service Profile: <u>116 - Core - Lighting for Public Safety</u>

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 Konect Inspection software by the Municipal/Public Works team.

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.





Audit Repairs Completed 100%

Service Profile: 118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management

Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

Action ID:

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

Service Profile: 119 - Core - Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

T20-203411.1 Groote Eylandt (Angurugu) Internal Road Upgrade & Renovation Works Program Updates

Beta Pave recommenced internal road upgrades and renovation works within Angurugu community in mid-April 2021 following the temporary cease of works due to severe wet weather events over the period December 2020 to March 2021.

Overall project completion percentage is approximately 75%.

The project has sustained lengthy delays, thus progressing behind schedule due to the following:

- Technical equipment breakdown of the bitumen sprayer truck and the complexity of procuring certain spare parts due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic impact on limited supply and logistics. Plant machinery has been repaired and has resumed operations.
- Wet weather events.
- Community cultural significant events (i.e. Sorry Businesses which may have direct implication to Contractors).
- Damages incurred on constructed items (i.e. Hooning activities on recently constructed/compacted roads which are ready for re-sealing).
- Ongoing Angurugu Sewer Upgrade Stage 2 project managed by Power and Water Corporation and contracted to NCP Contracting. This project was originally slated for practical completion in October/November 2021. The project has been amended with a revised practical completion on 6 May 2022. However, the project has again been extended as NCP Contracting are still carrying out test and commissioning works on roads 7 & 8.

Recent progress photos to date at Roads 3 & 6 intersection:



The Contractor has maintained a steady progression of the project, nevertheless, while in conjunction with EARC addressing these issues as best as could be.





Progress photos at various roads:













Remaining works due for completion:

Roads 7 and 8 intersection are remaining works due for completion, largely impacted and delayed by the ongoing sewer upgrade (test and commissioning stage) project managed by Power and Water Corporation and undertaken principally by NCP Contracting.





Roads 3 & 5 are remaining works due for completion, delayed by unforeseen circumstances as a result of temporary road closure out of respect for local community sorry businesses.

Lot 306, Angurugu Recycling Depot -

Earthworks, 2 Coat Seal and Culverts



Program Updates

Beta Pave have recently completed the earthworks, 2 coat seal and culverts upgrade program at Lot 306, Angurugu Recycling Depot.



Progress and completion photos of Earthworks and two coat seal:











Figure 2 Culvert 1





Figure 1 Culvert 2

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: <u>129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services</u>

Business Unit: Regional Waste and Environment

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

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



Project Status – Underway 65%

Implement and conduct a quarterly community household rewards program for 4.1.14.2 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 for the November / December Period 2022.



Project Status - Ongoing

Community Clean-up Magnet Schedule 2023



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 - Ongoing 50%

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 annuals reports are anticipated to be completed in January.



Project Status - Completion 65%

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

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	Gas Bottles
Angurugu	1 Box	19,721									
Umbakumba		1,665			110 tyres						
Milyakburra		0									
Ramingining	1 Box	42,593	15	472.25 t			820L				
Milingimbi	1 Box	20,583		281.90 t		2 Pallets					
Gapuwiyak	1 Box	168,991	12		1 Container						
Galiwin'ku	2 Boxes	12,757				5 Pallets					1 Pallet
Yirrkala	1 Box	19,146	33		64 tyres	2 Pallets		1 Pallet	2 bags	1 bucket	
Gunyangara		18,817									



Project Status - Ongoing 75%

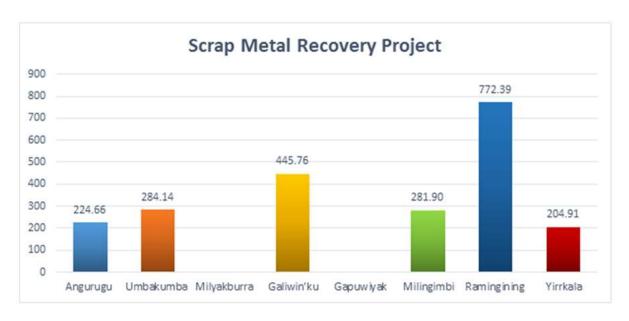


Table 2. Scrap Metal Recovery for all Communities processed to Date



Project Status - Completion 70%

Service Profile	169 - Core - Municipal Services
Business Unit:	Technical and Infrastructure

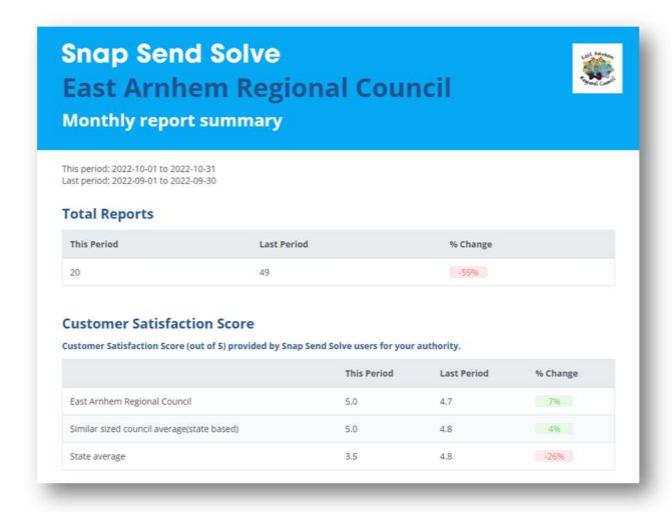
Description:

Maintain Council's open spaces (parks, gardens, cemeteries, sporting fields and playgrounds).

Primary Outcome:

4.1 Maintain and enhance a clean, tidy, welcoming community.

SNAP SEND SOLVE



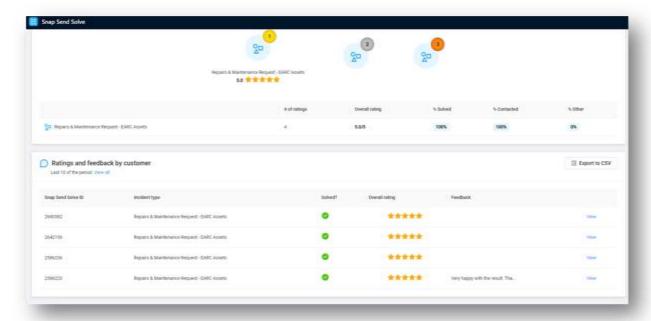
Municipal Services/Public Works team are reporting regularly through the platform - Snap Send Solve app. You simply take a photo, choose an incident type and it will send to the right department to resolve.







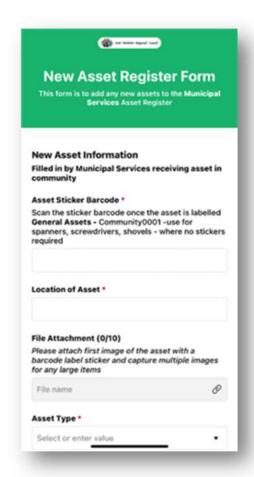
Reports by Top 5 Incident types Total reports received by Incident type for the period. This Period Last Period % Change -52% 15 31 Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets Public Area Maintenance -50% Vandalism - General 0 N/A Animal - Domestic N/A 0 Facility - General Request 1 5 -80% 40 Last period This period 30 20 10 Vandalism - General Animal - Domestic Incident Type



Smartsheet Asset Register

Municipal Services Supervisors (MSS) are working on entering all assets into the Smartsheet Asset Register. Assets stickers are individual to each community and the MSS have the ability to check assets out for maintenance i.e. chainsaws and tools.

The asset condition is important to monitor if, or when items should be replaced. Photos of assets and details are captured through a simple form.



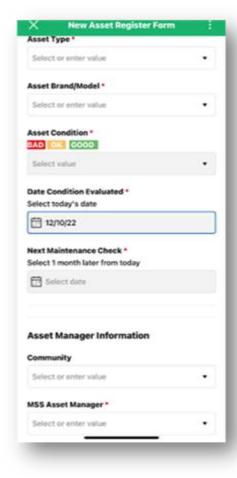




Figure 3 Asset Photos captured in Form

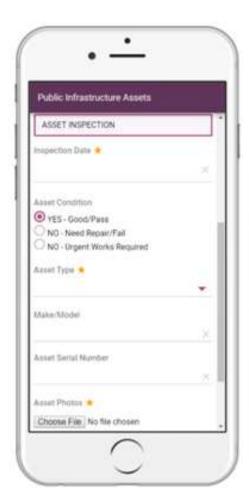
KONECT Public Area Infrastructure Assets

All Municipal Services teams are in the stages of identifying and recording all Council Public Area Infrastructure across the region.

Municipal Service Supervisors are familiar with the app as they use for Road Defects and Streetlight reports.



Figure 3 Example of Galiwin'ku Public Area Assets on map



Location of assets are recorded with the GPS on the phone to provide accurate location.

Inspections are be carried out by the Municipal Services/Public Works teams based on the assets in KONECT to identify any hazards, replacements or new install locations.



Figure 4 Angurugu Public Area Infrastructure

Phillip, William and Mason are doing a wonderful job; they have been working hard to clear away large debris around the community for the impending cyclone season. Clearing away litter and hard waste assists with easier and safe mowing and weed spraying within public areas and road reserves, for the impending wet season.



Figure 5 Konect Mobile App





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 Technical & Infrastructure Services report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.4

TITLE Library Services Principles

REFERENCE 1695519

AUTHOR Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

SUMMARY

This report is to inform and seek direction from the Local Authorities on the provision and design of East Arnhem Regional Council's Library services.

BACKGROUND

Public libraries are vital and trusted resources for local communities. They support literacy and education, community building and skills development through:

Collections of print, audio-visual and digital resources, for education and recreation, with a stock of over 400,000 items

- accessible internet and technology
- inclusive and welcoming community spaces
- supportive and skilled staff

There are 32 public libraries in the Northern Territory, serving a culturally and linguistically diverse, mobile and often remote population of 240,000 people.

These libraries receive over a million visits every year. They service urban areas such as Darwin, Alice Springs, Palmerston and Katherine, smaller towns, and 16 Aboriginal communities including the communities Ramingining, Milingimbi, 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.

<u>Inclusive services</u>

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.

<u>Customer focused</u>

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 deference 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 programing, 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

ITEM NUMBER 7.5

TITLE Council Operations Report

REFERENCE 1694747

AUTHOR Gordon Walsh, Council Operations Manager

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Council Operations Manager 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 was appointed to the role of the Council Operations Manager commencing 4 July 2022.

During July, August and September I have been acting CDC in Milyakburra and Umbakumba up until John Harley's appointment as Council Operations Manager in Umbakumba. John has also taken on caretaker role in Milyakburra. Recruitment for Milyakburra is well underway.

I now have more time to concentrate on Angurugu activities. Jonathon and Therese have been an enormous support to the CDC/COM role during this time.

The Administrator of the Northern Territory visited Angurugu on 13 July. EARC were the host during the visit.

A morning tea was catered for at the EARC Aged Care Centre, giving the Administrator an opportunity to meet with clients, staff and Anindilyakwa Ward's new Councillor, Lionel Jaragba.

A survey to gauge community ideas in relation to the operations of Community Night Patrol was completed in August. Community recommendations have been recognized, and as suggested by community, hours of operation are being trialed from 7:00PM to 1:00 AM.

Further changes noted from community suggestions will be trialed and implemented in due course. EARC engaged with numerous stakeholders in Angurugu during the survey.

Matthew Lalara has stepped up as CNP Team Leader, and is developing skills to deliver and coordinate the CNP program in Angurugu. Clive Lalara has also joined the CNP team.

Municipal Services team members have spent many hours cleaning around the community in preparation for cyclone season. Forty plus loads of rubbish have been taken to the tip. The new skip bins around the community are working well and Municipal Services ensure they are emptied regularly.

Municipal Services carried out two Cash for Containers recently, with 25 bags of containers being collected and sent off Groote Eylandt.



As Council Operations Manager, I have been attending the Groote Eylandt Emergency Management meetings with Police and other stakeholders in preparation for the impending cyclone season. Therese has assisted in development of an equipment list for LEM and will continue updating the list as equipment audits are finalised.

Youth, Sport and Recreation has seen a change in team member movement recently with Basil Bara moving on to take up a driver position with Work Pac.

Basil was a great help and will be missed. Taking his place are Ishmael Lalara and his wife Tara Wunungmurra. Both have come across from Angurugu School, with Ishmael bringing a wealth of knowledge, having spent a number of years in the Learning on Country role at the school.

The Youth, Sport and Recreation team has been consistently taking community families with children on Country and bush trips. With Ishmael now on board, trips have been to Red Sands and South Point. This provides opportunities for families and children that don't have working vehicles to get to Country.

Youth, Sport and Recreation have also started art lessons during the week, with team member Tara running these for the little ones.

Movie nights and BBQ's are still the greatest engagement with families, even though it has been a little inconsistent recently with numerous Sorry Days.

The Youth, Sport and Recreation gym is also a big hit with children, especially the sled and battle ropes.

The Family Skills Facilitator, Stacey Foott, has been working closely alongside stakeholders with children between the ages of 0 to 12 and their families on Groote Eylandt.

The Program is delivered at FaFT and crèche in Angurugu and Umbakumba, including working with strong women and men to implement parenting programs in collaboration with early childhood practice groups & MACCST (Child Safety Focus), schools, Gebie Pak, health clinics, Connected Beginnings, Territory Families and Outlook Psychology.

The family skills facilitator has also been receiving referrals and case managing families requiring extra assistance, through home visits in both Umbakumba and Angurugu. Stacey has now moved on from this role.

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 Council Operations report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.6

TITLE Corporate Services Report

REFERENCE 1690968

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY

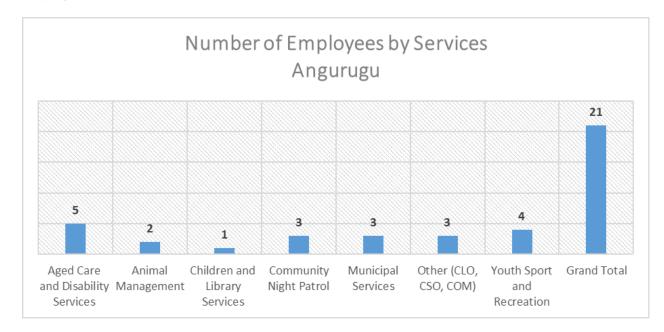
This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 October 2022 within the Local Authority area.

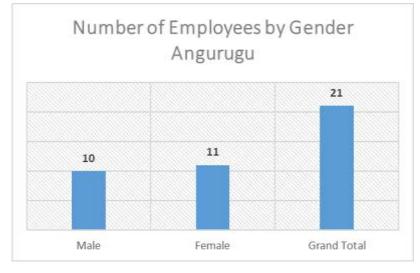
BACKGROUND

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.

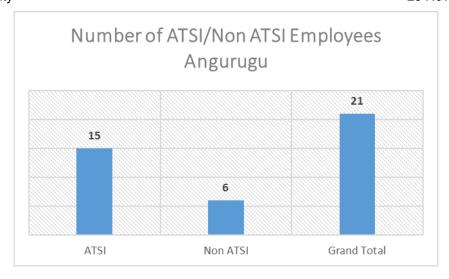
GENERAL

Employee Statistics:









Vacancies as of 31 October 2022:

Position	Level
Aged Care & Disability Services Support Worker	Level 1
Community Night Patrol Officer	Level 1
Council Operations Manager	Level 8
Municipal Services Officer	Level 1

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 31 October 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Financial R Financial Results - Angurugu

Each Reporting Location

		Angurugu	
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 31 OCTOBER 2022	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE	religion de la company		COLUMN TO THE PARTY OF THE PART
Grants	498,032	670,274	(172,242)
User Charges and Fees	70,994	127,549	(56,555)
Rates and Annual Charges		1,094,045	(1,094,045)
Interest Income	104	5550	104
Other Operating Revenues	26,076	3,683	22,392
Council Internal Allocations			
Untied Revenue Allocation	500,115	500,115	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,095,322	2,395,667	(1,300,345)
OPERATING EXPENSES	6-00/20/00/00/00		25.27.22.2
Employee Expenses	469,524	616,610	(147,086)
Materials and Contracts	266,242	446,675	(180,433)
Elected Member Allowances			
Council Committee & LA Allowances	(66)	3,258	(3,324)
Depreciation and Amortisation		-	-
Interest Expenses	72	7.50	
Other Operating Expenses	295,687	330,455	(34,767)
Council Internal Allocations	353,055	338,633	14,422
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,384,442	1,735,631	(351,188)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(289,121)	660,036	(949,157)
Capital Grants Income			
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(289,121)	660,036	(949,157)
Capital Expenses		(376,800)	376,800
Transfer to Reserves		(165,399)	165,399
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	12	(-)	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(289,121)	117,837	(406,958)
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	845,110	839,232	5,878
Transfer from General Equity		16,667	(16,667)
Transfer from Reserves		576,784	(576,784)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	845,110	1,432,683	(587,573)
NET OPERATING POSITION	555,989	1,550,520	(994,531)

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.7

TITLE Revised Budget 2022 - 23

REFERENCE 1695552

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government (General) Regulations state in section 9 that the council budget must be reviewed on at least one occasion between 1 July and 31 December; and again between 1 January and 30 April.

The current original budget was prepared in April 2022, prior to the start of the year. Therefore it contains assumptions and estimates for end of year figures. With the completion of the audit of the 2021/22 year those figures are now known and require adjustment in the budget. In addition, funding agencies have provided funding contracts for 2022/23 that require adjustment of the figures.

The budget revision does not, and cannot, alter rates and waste charges for the year, which have already been charged to property owners. Additionally, the law continues to state that Council cannot budget for a deficit.

The draft budget revision was included on each of the Local Authority meeting agendas for feedback. This Finance Committee meeting has the opportunity to review and provide feedback. The final budget revision will be presented at the 15 December 2022 Council meeting for approval as required within the timeframe of the law.

GENERAL

Overall

Overall, the revised budget is currently showing a surplus of \$69,316 compared to the original budget of \$48,312.

Revenue Sources

Carried forward revenue from previous years is 65.24% Tied Funds (\$7.79M) for a specific grant purpose. The remaining 34.76% (\$4.15M) consists of payment in advance by the Northern Territory Government for general operational purposes (\$2.76M), FAA Roads Carried Forward (\$851K), Training (\$200K), IT Systems Project (\$140K), Public Relations (\$140K) and Civic Events (\$58K).

The revenue for the current year is 37.46% tied funds (\$15.58M), 17.68% rates (\$7.38M), 17.75% untied funds that includes NTG operational grant \$7.44M. User Charges and Fees are 19.53% (\$8.12M) and Other Operating Revenue is 6.66% (\$2.77M).



Major Highlighted Changes to Revision Budget:

Service Code 119 Local Road Upgrade and construction carried forward revenue has increased by \$1M, Current Year revenue has decreased by \$215K. Operating expenditure has increased by \$2.74M due to recognition of expenditure \$784K with Roads to Recovery Program, Angurugu Internal Roads Upgrade \$1.8M, and increased expenditure of \$147K with Gapuwiyak Access Road Upgrade.

Fleet Capital Expenditure (Service 112) has been increased by \$451K.

Waste Management activity (Service 129) increased salary expenditure by \$40K and Angurugu Waste Transfer Station material and expenditure by \$36K. These additional costs will be funded by utilising 70K waste management reserve.

IT expenditure has been increased by \$47K due to addition of contractor expenses (\$25K), Software License (\$12K) and increasing asset expenditure by \$10K.

Street Lighting expenditure (Service 116) has been increased by \$71K.

Gapuwiyak Council controlled building expenditure (Service 122) has been increased by \$148k. Also Milingimbi fire expenditure has been increased by \$45K.

Aged Care Workforce Bonus revenue (Service 141) has increased by \$50K. Carried forward Revenue has increased by \$547K, Operating expenditure has increased by \$260K due to \$160K increase in Indigenous Employment Initiative Expenses, \$68K increase with Home Care Transitional Support and \$50K increase with Remote Community Connector program.

Community Child Care Fund expenditure (Service 145), has been increased by \$173K.

Corporate services expenditure has been reduced by \$50K for council planning and reporting and by \$30K for new IT systems project. \$598K carry over reserve has been used for \$200K training, \$140K IT systems Project and \$258K employment carry over funds.

The Natural Account By Account very detailed report provides a four page full list of every budget account line.

Local Authority Projects

Expenditure on Local Authority Projects is \$10,786,927.

Available funds carried over from previous years of \$4,098,966 plus additional funding of \$1,742,200 gives \$5,841,166. Council funds of \$6.7M from the Public Area Infrastructure Reserve and the Community Benefit Reserve gives \$11,953,772 available to allocate to projects.

Attached is the full list of projects. Where the project description is nonspecific 'Local Authority Project Funding' – these funds are yet to be allocated by the Local Authority to a specific project. The budget does contain a non-specific expenditure line for these funds.

The unallocated funds will be the subject of a separate report from the Director Technical and Infrastructure.

Unallocated Funds	Amount
Angurugu	151,744
Umbakumba	111,636
Milyakburra	30,409
Ramingining	136,792
Milingimbi	189,630
Gapuwiyak	272,380
Galiwinku	713,238
Yirrkala	114,465
Gunyangara	33,945
Total	1,754,239

Reserves

Council created specific reserves, which totaled \$32,514,943 at the start of the year are budgeted to total \$10,959,481 at the end of the year.

Aged & Disability Program – Increased its reserves draw for capital and resources from the original budget to \$4,451,502, this is to accommodate for under estimated items in the original budget including building upgrades and generator installations. Aged & Disability have also committed to additional required upgrades to the Ramingining Aged & Disability center. Other expenditure items are tied to replacement of critical resources required for delivery. All expenditure is aligned with providing quality, consistent, culturally appropriate care for our clients.

Local Authority Projects – Council also increased its draw from reserves from the original budget of \$6M to \$6.7M to cover the increase in project expenditures in the revised budget.

Local Roads Upgrade and Construction – the increase in contract labour expenditure in the revised budget also increased the draw from roads reserves by \$1.97M.

Unexpended Allocated Projects Carry Over Reserve has a beginning balance of \$938,250. \$796,778 of this reserve is budgeted to be used this financial year for civic and community events, training, staffing resources and new IT systems project.

Attached is the detailed movements per reserve for the community.

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 2022-23 Budget Revision.

- ATTACHMENTS:

 1 Budget for B

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- Budget for Each Local Authority Area_Angurugu
 Budget Revision2_FY2023 Community Reports_Angurugu
- LAPF Reporting
 LAPF Projects_Angurugu

Table 7. Budget for Each Local Authority Area

1973		Angurugu	
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2023	Revised Budget	Current Adopted Budget	Variance
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	1,454,469	1,596,415 🌵	(141,946)
User Charges and Fees	382,648	382,648	-
Rates and Annual Charges	1,094,045	1,094,045	74
Interest Income			
Other Operating Revenue	11,250	11,250	107
Untied Revenue Allocation	977,317	889,597 🥎	87,721
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,919,729	3,973,955 🎍	(54,225)
OPERATING EXPENSES		1.5	
Employee Expenses	1,768,668	1,832,261 🎍	(63,594)
Materials and Contracts	3,052,039	1,117,686 🧥	1,934,353
Elected Member Allowances		-	
Council Committee & LA Allowances	9,774	9,774	15
Depreciation and Amortisation			
Other Operating Expenses	884,688	876,674 🧥	8,015
Council Internal Costs Allocations	954,503	1,003,719 🍑	(49,216)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,669,673	4,840,114	1,829,559
OPERATING DEFICIT	(2,749,943)	(866,159)	
Capital Grants Income			-
DEFICIT AFTER CAPITAL GRANTS INCOME	(2,749,943)	(866,159)	(1,883,784)
Capital Expenditure	(1,002,932)	(1,130,400)	127,468
Transfer to Reserves	(260,791)	(258,801)	(1,990)
Add Back Depreciation			
NET BUDGET DEFICIT	(4,013,666)	(2,255,360)	(1,758,306)
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	831,857	877,844 🦫	(45,987)
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2023/24	(151,744)	- 1	(151,744)
Transfer from General Equity	50,000	50,000	-
Transfer from Reserves	3,202,720	1,223,047 🥎	1,979,673
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	3,932,833	2,150,891 🥎	1,781,941
NET BUDGET OPERATING POSITION - SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(80,833)	(104,469)	23,636







Local Authority Project Funding

CARRIED FORWARD GRANTS REVENUE	Angurugu (Milyakburra	Ramingining	Milingimbi	Gapuwiyak	Galiwinku	Yirrkala	Gunyangara	TOTAL
CARRIED FORWARD GRANTS REVENUE	(608.599)	1219 7691	1100 221	(402 433)	(300 coc)	1462 0741	1042 7291	(300 777)	INSO SEL	
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CURRENT YEAR REVENUE 6112 - Operational Grant Income Territory Govt (LAPF)	(150,200)	(110,500)	(30,100)	(135,400)	(187,700)	(140,300)	(341,100)	(113,300)	(33,600)	(1,242,200)
6362 - Income Omers (Fieuge)	•	,	•	,		,	(000,000)	(100,000)		(000,000)
TOTAL CURRENT YEAR REVENUE	(150,200)	(110,500)	(30,100)	(135,400)	(187,700)	(140,300)	(591,100)	(363,300)	(33,600)	(1,742,200)
RESERVES TRANSFERS	(743,993)	(819,969)	(575,035)	(470,125)	(957,414)	(739,006)	(892,315)	(823,380)	(678,761)	(6,700,000)
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	(1,502,791)	(1,249,237)	(654,356)	(1,097,958)	(1,914,811)	(1,342,380)	(2,426,653)	(1,564,565)	(788,415)	(12,541,166)
LESS: PROJECTS ALLOCATED										
288111 - LAPF - Angurugu - Footpath installation	204,000	90	ř	90	÷	Æ	÷	÷	ř	204,000
288411 - LAPF - Angurugu waterline and taps installation	25,000		•	×	Ť	×	ï	÷	ř	25,000
292416 - LAPF - Gapuwiyak PA Upgrade	٠	×	٠	×		70,000		×		70,000
293712 - LAPE - Umbakumba Playground Installations		120,000		ic 9	101,000	(C.)		90 9	, ,	120,000
294012 - LAPF - Umbakumba Installation of Priority Footpaths	ŧ	677,601		,	÷	×	·	÷	ř	677,601
294818 - LAPF - Yirrkala Oval Sign	ì	,	÷	ĸ	ř	Ε	Ŷ	6,000		6,000
296011 - LAPF - Angurugu Identify Gravesites/Purchase Materials	60,000	. 10		5 40		. 0		5 X5	í	60,000
297811 - LAPE - Angurugu - Public Tollets	450,000	<)		6 /		0.9		e v	0.1	450,000
298011 - LAPF - Angurugu - Riverside Market Space	30,000	×	•	κ		e:	ŧ,	ř		30,000
298111 - LAPF - Angurugu - Seating Church Area	29,115	10	•	κ	ř	ř.	•	ě.		29,115
298412 - LAPF - Umbakumba - Floating pontoon/jetty		250,000		ĸ	,	×	8		·	250,000
298612 - LAPF - Umbakumba - Solar lighting - Beach Front 298813 - LAPF - Milwakhurra - Oval \$100k contribution		000,00	83 947	E 1		62 X				90,000
298913 - LAPF - Milyakburra - Public Toilets		6	350,000	6	•	Ю		Ki	•	350,000
299013 - LAPF - Milyakburra - Contribution for BMX track	ŧ,	Y .	30,000	£	•	3 00		1 0	•	30,000
299113 - LAPF - Milyakburra - Jetty	į.	е	160,000	е	Ĭ	¥2	1	£'	Ü	160,000
299314 - LAPF - Ramingining - Oval Lights		- 10		961,166	1	1 - 80	ŕ			961,166
299615 - LAPE - Millingimbi - Mater Park				0	650,000					650,000
299715 - LAPF - Milingimbi - Ceremony area contribution		e	520	c	160,000	e		e		160,000
299916 - LAPF - Gapuwiyak - Two Public Toilets	ť	e		e		750,000	í	6	ė,	750,000
300116 - LAPF - Gapuwiyak - Two Playgrounds		0 0		0 (0		200,000		5 6		200,000
300417 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Outdoor Youth Recreation Facilities		6 ((3 (ë i	000,00	930,000	es 1	ë i	930,000
300517 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Public Toilets at Airport			•)	ı.	r.	e	450,000	ı.		450,000
300617 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Additional Foothpath Stage 2	٠	100		16	•	0.002	153,415		•	153,415
300717 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Buthan Recreation Area					٠		100,000	200	٠	100,000
300817 - LAPE - Virthala - Sport and Recreation Hall							80,000	400 000		400,000
301018 - LAPF - Yirrkala - Public Toilets — Shady Beach				90.71	•	•	•	450,000	,	450,000
301118 - LAPF - Yirrkala - Improvements to Ceremony Areas				29	1	2903	1	30,000	,	30,000
301218 - LAPF - YIFKala - Improved Ovar ugnung		0		0		(3)		564,100	,	364,100
301419 - LAPE - Gunyagara - Footpaths (school to Gumati Office)	. ()) (3)	1) (2)	. (6) (3)	. (9	9 (3)	276,054	276,054
301519 - LAPF - Gunyagara - Landscaping and beautification	0 (0 0	8 (E0 0	7. (81 6	i i	D) ()	78,415	78,415
TOTAL PROJECTS ALLOCATED	1,351,047	1,137,601	623,947	961,166	1,725,181	1,070,000	1,713,415	1,450,100	754,469	10,786,927
UNALLOCATED FUNDS	(151.744)	(111.636)	(90.05)	1505 355	(100 000)	(222 200)		(111 166)	(30.0 65)	10.00 1.00

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Location	Current Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Movement
11 - Angurugu	1,431,002	1,351,047	(79,955)
288111 - LAPF - Angurugu - Footpath installation	136,000	204,000	68,000
288411 - LAPF - Angurugu waterline and taps installation	9,983	25,000	15,017
288811 - Unallocated LAPF 2019-2020, Angurugu	85,503	-	(85,503)
291511 - Unallocated LAPF 2020-2021, Angurugu	150,200	\$ *	(150,200)
296011 - LAPF - Angurugu Identify Gravesites/Purchase Materials	10,000	60,000	50,000
297811 - LAPF - Angurugu - Public Toilets	350,000	450,000	100,000
297911 - LAPF - Angurugu - Footbridge	480,000	552,932	? 72,932
298011 - LAPF - Angurugu - Riverside Market Space	30,000	30,000	
298111 - LAPF - Angurugu - Seating Church Area	29,115	29,115	3 0.50
303911 - Unallocated LAPF 2022-2023, Angurugu	150,200	74	(150,200)