



Mission

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

Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

16 January 2023

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE RAMINGINING
ON MONDAY, 16 JANUARY 2023 AT 10:00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy (via video), Cr. Robert Yawarngu, Daphne Malibirr, Gilbert Walkuli, Lizzy Mindhili and Lloyd Garrawurra.

COUNCIL STAFF

Dale Keehne – CEO (via video).
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure (via video).
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development (via video).
Jennifer Newton – Council Operations Manager .

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook, EA to the CEO.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:40AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Daphne Malibirr.

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY

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

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

253/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Daphne Malibirr)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the absence of John Djoma, Fabian Garawirrtja and Judith Dhuru.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from John Djoma, Fabian Garawirrtja and Judith Dhuru.**
- (c) Notes John Djoma, Fabian Garawirrtja and Judith Dhuru are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

254/2023 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Robert Yawarngu)

- (a) The Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Requests nominations forms be sent to seek more members, particularly Traditional Owners.**

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

255/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Robert Yawarngu)

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

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY

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

256/2023 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Robert Yawarngu)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 21 November 2022 to be a true record of the meeting.

Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY

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

257/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Daphne Malibirr)

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

General Business

8.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY

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

258/2023 RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Gilbert Walkuli)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

8.2 REVIEW AND FURTHER EMPOWERMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

SUMMARY:

Council has reviewed and endorsed the range of different recommendations that were made by Local Authorities, on how to further strengthen and empower their role which will now be provided to the Northern Territory Government and a Reference Group that will develop an Implementation Plan to be provided to the Minister for Local Government.

259/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Daphne Malibirr)

That the Local Authority welcomes the decision by Council to endorse the respective recommendations of each Local Authority, to further strengthen and empower their role, as detailed in full in Attachment B, to be provided to the Northern Territory Government and Reference Group that will develop an Implementation Plan to be provided to the Minister for Local Government Chansey Paech.

The Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project update was deferred until next meeting.

8.3 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

SUMMARY

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

8.3 FUNERAL SERVICES AND CEMETERY MANAGEMENT POLICY - REVIEW

SUMMARY:

This report is to provide information to members on the proposed updates to the East Arnhem Regional Council Funeral Services and Cemetery Management Policy following the introduction of the Northern Territory Burial and Cremation Bill 2022.

The report provides opportunity for the members to reflect on the proposed Policy and to directly influence the final policy and the management of the East Arnhem Regional Council Community cemeteries.

260/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Daphne Malibirr)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Approves the draft Funeral Services and Cemetery Management Policy.**
- (c) Supports the inclusion of check box for the applicant to deem information as culturally sensitive during the application process.**

No.	Information	Culturally Sensitive?	
		Yes	No
<u>Details of person making burial application</u>			
1	Full name, address and contact details	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Relationship to the deceased person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Documents in relation to the deceased person</u>			
3	Notice under section 34(1) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Certificate under section 12(3) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Certificate issued by the coroner or the coroner's clerk under section 17(1) of the Coroners Act 1993	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Certificate issued by the Registrar under section 44(1)(a) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 certifying the registration of the death of the deceased person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Other information</u>			
7	Confirmation of the notification of, or confirmation of reasonable attempts to notify, the decision maker for the deceased person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Any objection, known to the applicant, from the decision maker for the deceased person to the burial of the deceased person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Time and date requested for service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Location inside the Cemetery or approved burial ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Authorisation for the records to be kept by the	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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MOTION TO MOVE TO LUNCH AT 12:23PM

261/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Lizzy Mindhili)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 12.56PM

262/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Gilbert Walkuli)

**8.4 PUBLIC LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS AND MURAL PROJECT
SUMMARY**

This report is authored to seek financial support to make progress on two action items from Local Authority action listings, Public Local Authority Meetings and the consultation phase of the East Arnhem Mural project.

263/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Daphne Malibirr)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Approves expenditure from Local Authority Project Funding of \$9,713.11 for execution for the community consultation and engagement phase of the Local Authority Mural project.**
- (c) Approves expenditure from Local Authority Project Funding of \$5,500.00 to purchase resources to allow for Local Authority Meetings to be held in public spaces.**

**8.5 COUNCIL OPERATIONS REPORT
SUMMARY**

This report is provided by the Council Operations Manager at every Local Authority meeting to provide information or updates to members.

264/2023 RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Robert Yawarngu)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

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SUMMARY

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 December 2022 within the Local Authority area.

265/2023 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Lloyd Garrawurra)

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

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

Local Authority have raised noise concerns with the Police, and would like set finishing time for discos and personal community music events.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 1:28 PM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20 March 2023.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 16 January 2023.