



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 MILINGIMBI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

17 January 2023

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE MILINGIMBI ON TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2023 AT 10:00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Cr. Joe Djakala (at 11.36AM, President Lapulung joined the meeting and became Chairman), Local Authority Members Joanne Baker, Arthur Murrupuy and Boaz Baker.

PRESIDENT

Lapulung Dhamarrandji (joined at 11:36AM).

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Andrew Walsh – Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services (via video).

Ben Waugh – Acting Council Operations Manager.

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

GUESTS

Superintendent Jody Nobbs – Northern Territory Police Northern Division.

Officer in Charge Michael Merenda – Northern Territory Police Milingimbi.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:19AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Joanne Baker.

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY

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

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

228/2023 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Joanne Baker)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Robert Yirapawanga and Rosetta Wayatja.**
- (b) Notes no apologies received.**
- (c) Notes Robert Yirapawanga is absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines Rosetta Wayatja is absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

229/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joanne Baker)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Does not accept the membership of Joey Wunungmurra due to his re-location to Darwin.**

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

230/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)

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.

231/2023 RESOLVED (Boaz Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 22 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.

232/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joanne Baker)

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions, and requests 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.

233/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)

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 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.

234/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) 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.**
- (b) That the Local Authority and Councillors need to stand up and play their role.**

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji joined the meeting and acquired the Chair the time being 11:36AM.

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.

235/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

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.**
- (d) That Council prepare an information sheet on changes to the cemetery management practices for community distribution.**
- (e) Local Authority members with support of Council staff, hold a community meeting to explain the changes to the EARC Funeral Services and Cemetery Management Policy.**

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"/>

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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 East Arnhem Regional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

LOCAL AUTHORITY RESOLUTION

236/2023 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Joanne Baker)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks Superintendent Jody Nobbs and Milingimbi Officer in Charge Michael Merenda from the Northern Territory Police, for joining, presenting and meeting with the Local Authority.**
- (b) Actively supports and commits to attending and participating in the Community Safety Action Plan meetings supported by the Council Operations Manager.**
- (c) Congratulates the Northern Territory Police on achieving 12% ATSI ratio in the Service.**
- (d) Extends Officer in Charge Michael Merenda, an open invitation to update the members at all future meetings of the Local Authority.**

MOTION MOVE TO LUNCH AT 12:26PM

237/2023 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 1:05PM

238/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)

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.

239/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

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.

- (d) Requests that Public Announcement Systems be installed on Municipal Services vehicles to communicate service activities including road side collection.**

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.

240/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

241/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Boaz Baker)

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

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

The Local Authority requests that the Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services repair and correct the war memorial and flag poles in the central area, painting the war memorial ochre.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 1:55PM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 March, 2023.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 January 2023.