



# **Agenda**

## **Ramingining**

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

On

**20 March 2023**

**EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ramingining Local Authority will be held at the Ramingining Council Office on Monday, 20 March 2023 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha or Anindilyakwan.

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**APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Apologies and Absence Without Notice
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1732100
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY**

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

## **APOLOGIES**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	3.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Local Authority Membership
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1732101
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer



### **SUMMARY:**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

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

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

### **GENERAL**

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority.

#### **Ramingining**

Daphne Malibirr  
John Djoma  
Gilbert Walkuli  
Lizzy Mindhili  
Lloyd Garrawurra  
Judith Dhuru  
Fabian Garawirrtja

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

#### **Ramingining**

Cr Jason Mirritjawuy  
Cr Robert Yawarngu

The following nomination was received for Local Authority membership:

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**The Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**

**(b) Recommends the following nomination to be placed in the Council meeting for approval.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**1** Nomination - Ramingining - Shirley Balalnydju.pdf

## NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Shirley Balalnydju

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLAN NAME: Canalbingu

COMMUNITY: Raminging

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

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

PROPOSER NAME: Daphne Makhair

PROPOSER SIGNATURE: *DM*

SECONDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Member:

Wants to help make change  
in the community

I, Shirley accept being

Nominated into the Raminging

Local Authority.

Signed: Shirley Balalnydju

**(\*\*MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.  
NOMINATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF NOT ACCEPTED)**

**After completing this nomination form please email to:**

[governance@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:governance@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au)

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 4.1  
**TITLE** Conflict of Interest  
**REFERENCE** 1732102  
**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:**



**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 5.1  
**TITLE** Previous Minutes for Ratification  
**REFERENCE** 1732104  
**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 meeting of 16 January 2023 to be a true record of the meeting.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Local Authority - Ramingining 2023-01-16 [1981] Minutes.DOCX



## Mission

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

### Core Values

Respect  
Professionalism  
Human Dignity  
Organisational Growth  
Equity  
Community

## **MINUTES FOR THE 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

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**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.**

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### **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.

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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.

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### 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
<b><u>Details of person making burial application</u></b>			
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"/>
<b><u>Documents in relation to the deceased person</u></b>			
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"/>
<b><u>Other information</u></b>			
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.



**LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 6.1  
**TITLE** Local Authority Action Register  
**REFERENCE** 1732105  
**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 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.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1 Local Authority - Ramingining January 2023.docx

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
181/2021 Series of Murals (re-tabled)	That the Local Authority consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.	<p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>12.10.2021 – LA are still deciding what way they would like to proceed with.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – The CDC to work with the members and provide update (list of items) on the next LA meeting.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – ongoing discussion.</p> <p>02.06.2022 - LA supports the murals to be based on a map of Raminging and its homelands.</p> <p>19.09.2022 – Design consultant to work with community on design.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>21.11.2022 – As above.</p> <p><b>16.01.2023 - Consultant to meet with communities in March.</b></p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
01/2020 RESOLVED	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</li> <li>b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</li> <li>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.</li> </ul>	<p>25.01.21 – The Local Authorities resolution has been shared with the Department of Chief Minister.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Updated has been provided to the Local Authority Members, with further updates to come.</p> <p>15.11.2021 – A separate report was presented by the CEO in the meeting.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – The CEO will provide further updates in the next meeting. The LA will continue to discuss Kava with the community.</p> <p>02.06.2022 - 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.</p> <p>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 Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions.</p> <p>21.11.2022 – As above.</p> <p><b>16.1.2022 – CEO to provide update next round.</b></p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Street Naming for New Subdivision	<b>001/2022 RESOLVED</b> That the Raminging Local Authority Members consult further with Traditional Owners and the wider community and provide a list to the Director Technical and Infrastructure services through the Community Development Coordinator for tabling in the next LA meeting.	14.03.2022 - There will be a separate report on Street naming in this meeting. 02.06.2022 – Ongoing confirmation and consultation still required. 12.09.2022 – Ongoing and awaiting confirmation to DTSI & SPW&I 19.09.2022 – Confirmed agreement on the new names of the Road in the sub-division to be Maypinyi Road (represents water hole with rainbow snake). The new Close to be called Ngulurrdjapin Close (represents resting place of the red kangaroo after being speared). <b>16.01.2023 – Submission lodgement has been made to place names.</b>
Noise concerns	Noise concerns have been raised by the Local Authority with the Police.	<b>16.01.2023 – Local Authority would like to set finishing times for discos and personal Community music events.</b>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p><b>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD:</b></p> <p>Community Oval <b>Stage/Advocacy</b></p>	<p>Extend the Community Oval Stage and construct a stage at the Church grounds. \$200,000</p>	<p>18.01.2021 Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting, Design stage is currently in the process.</p> <p>15.11.2021 – Construction of lights will begin in January. Ongoing. Quotation will go out in a few weeks. Local authority to put LA money of \$138,934.00 to the community oval stage project.</p> <p>17.01.2022 - Request for Tender (RFT) for lighting to be released in two weeks due to capacity and staff leave over the Christmas period. Request For Tender (RFT) documents for the stage to be released to market end of February.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – will go to the market this Friday</p> <p>02.06.2022 – To be dealt with in a separate pool</p> <p>22.06.2022 – tender evaluated – pricing beyond available funds – report in this Council meeting.</p> <p>12.09.2022 – Remove from Action and move to Advocacy items.</p> <p><b>16.01.2023 – No change at this stage.</b></p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS****RAMINGINING COMPLETED ACTIONS:**

White Line Markings on Bitumen Roads		<b>30.6.2022 – completed</b>
Community Entrance Signage Project		<b>22.06.2022 – completed</b>
Oval lighting		<b>30.6.2022 completed</b>
Landfill Trench for Clothing		<b>19.10.22 Completed.</b>

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.1
<b>TITLE</b>	Guest Speaker - Maryanne Walley, Engagement Officer Australian Electoral Commission.
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1739008
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**GENERAL**

The purpose of this meeting is to address the members and inform them of the work that is being done in various remote communities across the Northern Territory, with the hope of making this a regular event.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**The Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

This report does not have any attachments.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	7.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Northern Territory Police - Law & Order Community Update
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1743212
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development



### **SUMMARY**

This report is for a law and order update to be provided to the members of the Local Authority by an officer of the Northern Territory Police.

### **GENERAL**

Northern Territory Police to provide an update on community safety and law and order, and allow for discussion and the expression of views of Local Authority Members.

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority thanks the Guest Speaker for their update.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.1
<b>TITLE</b>	CEO Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1742561
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

**GENERAL:****81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin**

Galiwinku Local Authority Member Cyril Bukulatjpi represented President Lapulung Dhamarrandji and Council at this important ceremony in Darwin on Sunday 19 February, followed by a reception with the Chief Minister at Parliament House.

Cyril spoke of the shared experience of Aboriginal community members across East Arnhem Land and unity with Balanda in supporting the war effort - and how that helped lay the foundation for working in unity today.





### **Alcohol Reform**

Council has formally welcomed the decision of the Chief Minister and Northern Territory Government to restrict alcohol through legislating an opt-in to an opt-out model for Alcohol Protected Areas, previously subject to restrictions under the Commonwealth's Stronger Futures legislation.

The letter from President Laplulung to the Chief Minister and her response are attached.

This action is in line with a number of resolutions of all Local Authorities and Council across that support the non-introduction of alcohol in East Arnhem Land, beyond current permit arrangements.

Council was pleased to meet with senior officials of your Department, Bridgette Bellenger, Jim Rogers and Maree DeLacey on 24 February following our last Ordinary Council meeting, and discuss this matter.

We welcome their acknowledgement of the series of resolutions of Council and all Local Authorities across the region expressing strong opposition to the introduction of the legal sale of alcohol across the communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land.

Councils and the nine Local Authorities look forward to ongoing collaboration and support of further consultation that will be facilitated by your Department across the East Arnhem Region, on the complex issues of alcohol, kava and other substance use, and how to best deal with them.

### **Local Authority Review**

Lirripiya Mununggurr from the Yirrkala Local Authority and Cyril Bukulatjpi from the Galiwinku Local Authority and I attended a meeting in Darwin on 9 March, with representatives from other Councils, to discuss ways to further strengthen the role of Local Authorities.

The meeting was hosted by the Local Government Division of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, and attended by the Chansey Paech, the Minister for Local Government.

Lirripiya, Cyril and myself represented the range of strong and practical recommendations that have come from each Local Authority across our region, which were well received. A draft Implementation Plan will be prepared for review by our and other Councils before being finalised for consideration and approval by the Minister.

The point first raised by the Yirrkala Local Authority and endorsed by Council that the sitting fees for Local Authority Members needs to be increased, to be more aligned to fees paid for other boards – has progressed, by a review of the Remuneration Tribunal.

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1** To the Chief Minister - Formal Support of the Restriction of Alcohol to Communities - 03.03.2023.pdf
- 2** From the Chief Minister - Response to Formal Support of the Restriction of Alcohol to Communities - 07.03.2023.pdf





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3 March 2023

Natasha Fyles  
Chief Minister  
Northern Territory Government  
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Dear Chief Minister,

#### Formal Support of the Restriction of Alcohol to Communities

I am happy to take this opportunity to acknowledge the actions of you and the Northern Territory Government to restrict access to alcohol, through legislating a shift from an opt-in to an opt-out model for Alcohol Protected Areas, previously subject to restrictions under the Commonwealth's Stronger Futures legislation.

This action is very welcome as it is in line with a number of resolutions of all Local Authorities and Council across that support the non-introduction of alcohol in East Arnhem Land, beyond current permit arrangements.

Council was pleased to meet with senior officials of your Department, Bridgette Bellenger, Jim Rogers and Maree DeLacey on 24 February following our last Ordinary Council meeting, and discuss this matter.

We welcome their acknowledgement of the series of resolutions of Council and all Local Authorities across the region expressing strong opposition to the introduction of the legal sale of alcohol across the communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land. The full most recent and former resolutions of Council are attached.

Councils and the nine Local Authorities look forward to ongoing collaboration and support of further consultation that will be facilitated by your Department across the East Arnhem Region, on the complex issues of alcohol, kava and other substance use, and how to best deal with them.

Nhokiyngalanha Dharanganaminyaraw Ngayangu Nherrpanminyaraw

(Yours in building unity),

Lapulung Dhamarrandji  
President  
East Arnhem Regional Council

**Attachment A****Council and Local Authority Resolutions Regarding Legal Sale of Alcohol and Kava****23 February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting Resolution**

*That Council:*

- (a) Notes the report.*
- (b) Writes a letter to Mayor Matt Patterson expressing its support of Alice Springs Town Council actions that have led to the return of Alcohol restrictions.*
- (c) Writes a letter to the Northern Territory Government acknowledging their actions to legislate new alcohol reforms and reiterate the resolutions of all Local Authorities and Council supporting the non-introduction of Alcohol in East Arnhem Land.*
- (d) Reiterate the resolutions of all Local Authorities and Council supporting the non-introduction of Alcohol in East Arnhem Land and in relation to the possible sale of Kava.*
- (e) Supports the development of comprehensive Community Safety Action Plans, including the provision of information of the current status of the actual use of all substances across the Region, and health education.*

**30 June 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting Resolution**

*That Council:*

*Calls on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to;*

- a) 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.*
- b) Advise the Northern Territory and Australian Governments of the very strong position across Local Authorities and Council to oppose the introduction of the legal sale of alcohol to prevent the massive social and health affects it will bring; and*
- c) There is a need to focus on the issue of kava and consideration across the many communities and homelands across East Arnhem whether to approve it's legal sale, where, and if so, how that would be managed to properly deal with the health and social impacts on families and work, and that any profits go to the benefit of communities and homelands.*

**May 2022 Local Authority Meetings Resolutions.**

*Unified resolution to:*

*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.*

*The Angurugu and Umbakumba Local Authorities strengthened the resolution further by adding "and support the leadership of the President on this issue".*



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Mr Lapulung Dhamarrandji  
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Dear Mr Dhamarrandji

Thank you for your correspondence of Friday, 3 March 2023 confirming the East Arnhem Regional Council's support of the Territory government's restriction of alcohol to communities.

Alice Springs and our Central Australian communities are facing some of the most complex and deep-rooted social issues in our country. We know alcohol has a significant effect on these issues, but, it is not the only problem.

I am pleased to hear you are meeting with representatives from local authorities and I welcome local based solutions. Thank you for your leadership in this area.

The work of the East Arnhem Regional Council and local authorities in the East Arnhem Land region is to be commended. Please continue to work with my Department and do not hesitate to contact my office at any time.

Kind regards

NATASHA FYLES

- 7 MAR 2023



## GENERAL BUSINESS



<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.2
<b>TITLE</b>	Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project Updates
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1739253
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

### SUMMARY

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

### BACKGROUND

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

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

The information below covers actions associated with the below services:

- 108 – Veterinary and Animal Control Services.
- 116 – Lighting for Public Safety.
- 118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management.
- 119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction.
- 122 – Building Infrastructure Services.
- 129 – Waste and Environmental Services.
- 169 – MS Public Works and Infrastructure.

### 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: Ramingining

Reporting month/period: January-February 2023

Overall comments:

- There have been no vet visits to Ramingining since the end of 2022. The AMP team have been liaising with the Community Operation Managers (COM) on the ground in community, and eight remote consults have been performed by the team. The feedback we have from the EARC team in Ramingining is that there is a need for increased surgical de-sexing's in 2023, but that the animals appear generally well and in good condition.

- The majority of the veterinary visits will be from April - October as the weather is cool and dry, which is safer for surgical de-sexing and the recovery of the animals.
- The team will be focusing on further population control in 2023 as minimal numbers were de-sexed during 2022.
- Visits to community:
  - Day trip: Thursday 9 March - Dr Maddy and Sarah Carrall – Parasite control and census visit.
  - Large two week visit: 17 - 28 April - by Dr Erica Shaw – Surgical De-sexing visit and parasite control.

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: Ramingining	This period of reporting	Calendar Year to date	Last year's to delivery	Annual
<b>Dogs De-sexed</b>	0	0	15	
<b>Cats De-sexed</b>	0	0	7	
<b>Community consultations</b>	0	0	71	
<b>Remote/Phone consultations</b>	8	8	n/a*	
<b>EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed</b>	5	5		
<b>Minor procedures/other surgeries</b>	0	0		
<b>Parasite Treatments</b>	3	3	85	
<b>Euthanasia</b>	0	0	n/a*	
<b>Private practice consultations (Mainland)</b>	0	0		
<b>TOTAL Engagements</b>	16	16	<b>178</b>	

\*N/A – new reporting system so some data is not applicable.

Community education activities:

- Dr Maddy has approached Ramingining School to engage in education with the school during the 2023 vet visits.

Staff Education/training activities:

- Dr Maddy is planning Animal Management training for COMs across all communities in March to assist the program in delivering veterinary first aid remotely to our community animals.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- Dinybulu Homelands - Dr Maddy spoke to Alpa/Dinybulu Homelands Manager in regards to servicing the larger homelands servicing Ramingining. Community members have expressed this need over the last 12–18 months, so EARC is keen to assist as a contracted fee for service if the funding is available.



- During the April visit two veterinary students from Melbourne University will be accompanying Dr Erica as part of our ongoing arrangement with Melbourne University.
- Miwatj Environmental Health/AMRRIC/EARC collaboration: This is still being planned with Miwatj with the collaborative workshop scheduled for 3–4 May with the Miwatj Environmental health teams from all locations and AMP team.

Any issues or concerns that need to be addressed at LA or council meeting:

- Japanese encephalitis has been detected by the rangers, and the AMP team will be releasing information outlining why community members should not be keeping pigs as pets in community.

Follow-up list for next visit:

- Outstation visits to be scheduled in 2023 if funding is available through Dinybulu rangers/Alpa.
- De-sexing numbers were reduced across the 2022 year, so the plan in 2023 is to have extra focused vet visits for routine de-sexing with extended stays in community if accommodation is available.
- COM training by Dr Maddy.

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

**Business Unit:** Transport Infrastructure

Action ID:

**4.2.6.8 Manage, maintain and upgrade streetlights in Ramingining**

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

MG Electrical Services have been engaged to undertake the maintenance of public street lights, which comprise the complete replacement of non-functioning LED street light heads, with new LED street light heads throughout the street lighting network in Ramingining.

Repair Round Completed

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.



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

Action ID:

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

**4.2.4.5** Local Road Maintenance and Upgrade Ramingining.

T23-203320.1 East Arnhem Region – Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage Program

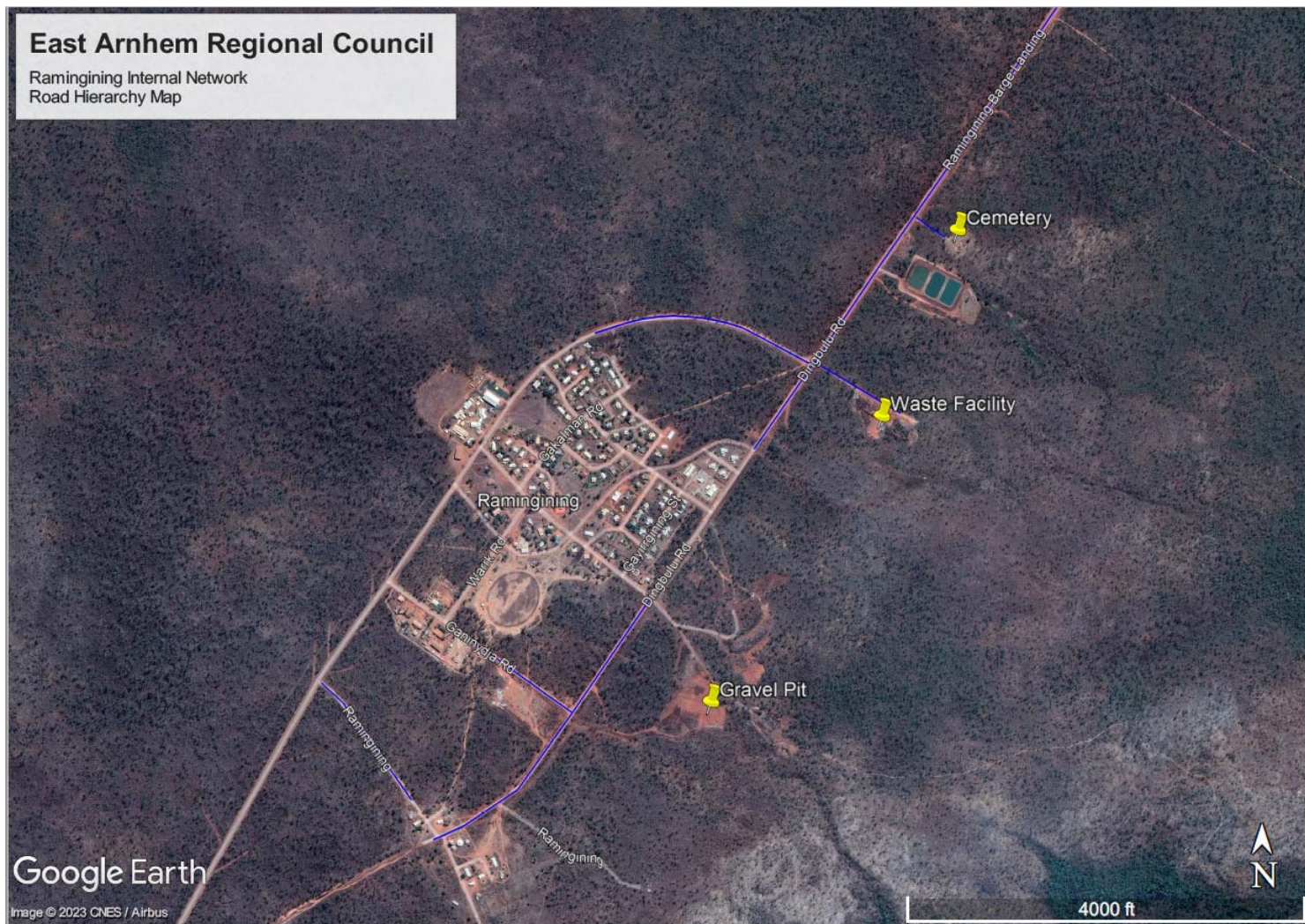
The proposed T23-203320.1 East Arnhem Region – Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage project is currently being advertised for public tender with a closing date due on Friday, 24 March 2023. The proposed works shall comprise of the following:

- Maintenance grading of unsealed roads
- Maintenance of sealed roads shoulders
- **\*\*Provisional Item\*\*** - Maintenance grading of aerodromes and aeroplane landing areas unsealed runways, runway strips, parking aprons and associated firebreaks

The sites of the works are located throughout the East Arnhem Region communities, which includes internal community road networks and remote rural road networks connecting to associated outstations and homelands listed and outlined in map below:

**Urban Sealed Roads Network**

Community	Road Name	Road Type	*Road Distance (km)
Ramingining	Lewangu Drive (Airport Access Road)	Urban Sealed Road	0.54
	Dunganda Crescent		0.25
	Galtijining Crescent		0.16
	Gayirrginin Street		0.30
	Ramingining Street		0.48
	Gultiaminy / Gakamini Avenue		0.30
	Gakalman Road		0.46
	Warrk Road		0.20
	Milbirim Road		0.69
	Moni Street (Momil)		0.15
	Ramingining Internal Road 15		0.20
	Gandayala Road		0.49
	Diaparrini Ngurriny Close		0.10
	Lungurrma Street		0.27
	Ganalbingu Close		0.07
	Gulmirriny Close		0.08



**Rural Unsealed Roads Network**

Community	Road Name	*Road Distance (km)	Grading Type	Road Type
Ramingining	Dingbulu Road	1.00	Full Maintenance Grade	Essential (Internal Network) Service Road
	Ganinydia Road	0.39		
	Moni Street (Momil)	0.45		
	Lewangu Drive	0.60		
	Ramingining Cemetery Access Road	0.10		
	Ramingining Waste Facility Access Road	0.30		
	Ramingining Barge Landing Access Road	26.50	Grade, Water and Roll – Full Maintenance	Homeland Access (Rural Road Network)
	Wulkabimirri Access Road	0.70	Full Maintenance Grade	
	Wulkabimirri Billabong Access Road	2.42		
	Galawdjapin Access Road	4.43		
	Garanydiirr Access Road	4.76		
	Gatji Access Road	6.80		
	Gilirri Access Road	1.32		
	Mulgurram Access Road	12.46		
	Ngangalala Access Road	1.80		
	Yathalamarra Access Road	4.22		

**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.



#### 4.3.14.3 Undertake security upgrades at operational facilities and council housing.

Lot All Lots - Electrical compliance audit and associated works – Completion October 2022.

##### Ramingining

##### Ramingining (Multiple Lots) – Electrical Compliance

- East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) seeks to engage a licensed Electrical Contractor to complete works at all identified EARC asset buildings to ensure electrical compliance with AS/NZS 3000:2018.
- Documentation is currently being collated to release for public quotation.

**Contract:** TBC

**Contractor:** TBC

**Project Status:** Preliminary Scoping

**RFQ Release:** TBC

**RFQ Closing:** TBC



##### Lot 123 Council Office

Front public area adjustments – removal of timber garden edge.



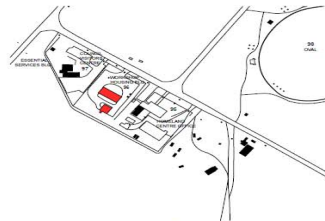
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Lot 96 MS /Public Works Shed

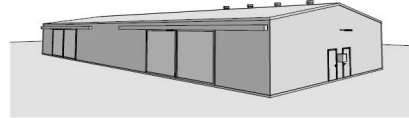
Roofing and Wall sheeting upgrades – revised completion date March 2023.

**LOT 96 - WORKSHOP SHEDS****RAMINGINING**

① Location Map



② Site Plan



③ Shed 1



④ Shed 2



⑤ Shed 1 - Front View



⑥ Shed 1 - Rear View



⑦ Shed 1 - Side View



⑧ Shed 2



**Not yet started 0%.**

RFTMCML2302 Staff Housing Security Upgrade

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) seeks to procure the supply and installation services of security mesh screening on all windows on the below Council Assets:

9 x properties in Ramasingning

Release Date: 06/03/2023

Closing Date: 27/03/2023

Plans/Photos: **Ramingining**

**Lot 111**

④ Front View 1



⑤ Front View 2



⑥ Side View



⑦ Rear View

## Lot 114



④ Side View



⑤ Front View



⑥ Side View



⑦ Rear View

## Lot 138



④ Front View 1



⑤ Front View 2



⑥ Rear View



⑦ Side View

## Lot 179



⑤ Front View 1



⑥ Rear View



⑦ Side View



⑧ Side View

## Lot 189B



⑤ Front View



⑥ Side View



⑦ Rear View



⑧ Backyard Shed View

## Lot 213



⑤ Front View 1



⑥ Rear View



⑦ Side View



⑧ Side View



**Lots 297, 298, 299**

⑤ Front View 1



⑥ Front View 2



⑦ Rear View



⑧ Carport View



⑤ Verandah View



⑥ Junction View



⑦ Front View



⑧ Carport View



⑨ Rear View



⑤ Front View



⑥ Corner View



⑦ Carport View



⑧ Rear View

**RFTMCML230220 – Staff Housing Fencing Upgrade**

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) seeks to procure the removal and replacement of old 1.2m high perimeter fencing and gate hardware, with the supply and installation of new 1.8m high security fencing, gates and locking hardware on all of the staff housing property boundaries.

Location of Works: 4 x properties in Ramingining.

**Ramingining:**

Lot 213 = 34600 x 35100

Lot 297 = 7470 + 34470 x 23820 (angled fence line)

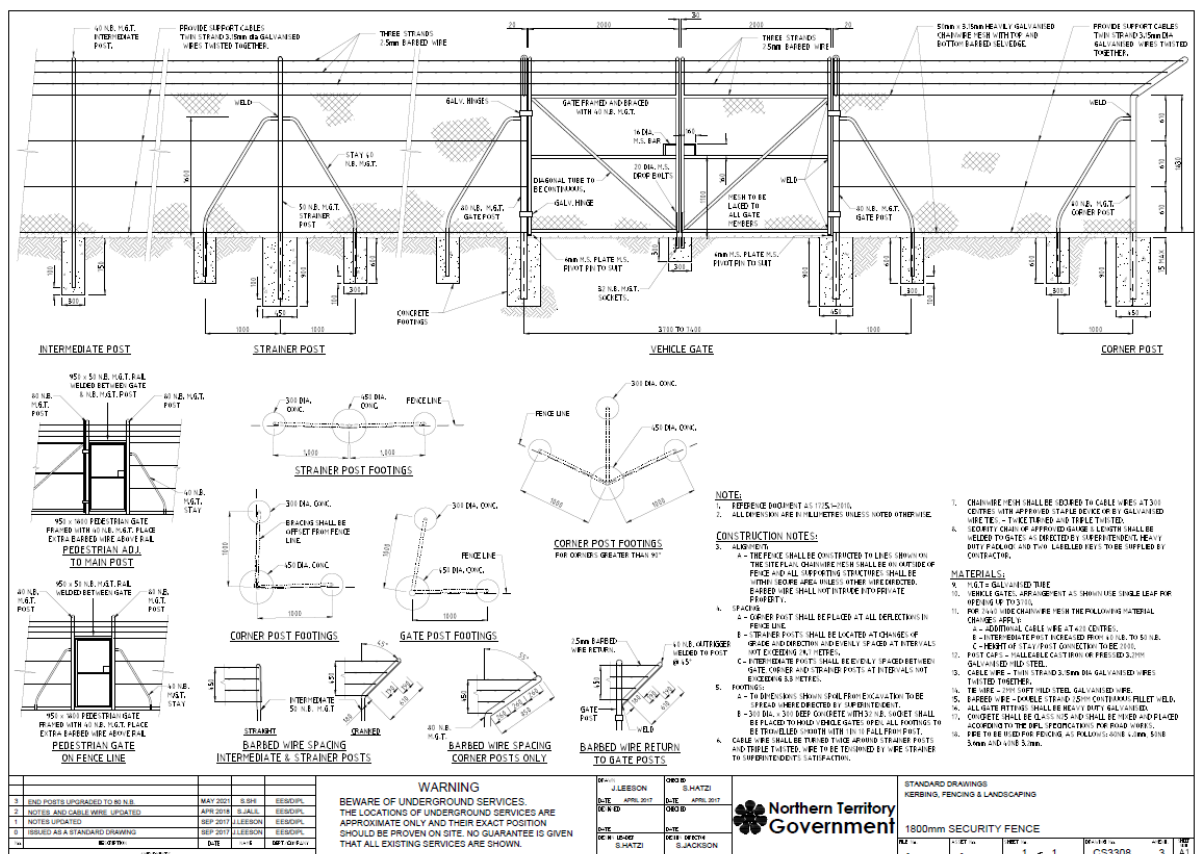
Lot 298 = 24360 x 34580

Lot 299 = 22920 x 34850

Plans/Photos: **Same Lot photos as above (concept design drawing below)**

Release Date: 06/03/2023 Closing Date: 27/03/2023.





**Service Profile:** 129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services  
**Business Unit:** Regional Waste and Environment

#### 4.1.5.2

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

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



### Project Status – Partially Completed 75%

#### 4.1.5.6

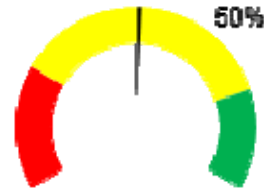
### Construct Listed Waste Compounds at the Ramininging Waste Management facility

Advised in previous Council meeting, project is now complete. Signage were erected around the separation bays and directional signs and welcome signs were erected in late November. Below are some images of the signage for the new separation bays.

### Project Status – Complete 100%

#### 4.1.6.1 Develop a Master Site Plan for each of Council's Waste Management Facilities.

Updated master site plans are planned for development in FY22. All six landfill sites historic data will be reviewed, as well as future planning to schedule out new waste cells and life of facility estimations. Currently, all site plans are in draft form and nearing completion.



**Project Status – Ongoing 50%**

#### 4.1.14.2 Implement and conduct a quarterly community household rewards program for waste and environmental practices in each community in conjunction with the Community Development program in each community.

Planning has begun to conduct rewards programs in conjunction with the quarterly community clean-ups. A Bulk Waste Clean-Up was conducted across all nine communities during the week of the 6 to the 10 February.

Waste Services are hoping to grow the rewards programs across all nine communities as part of the Quarterly Hard Rubbish Cleanups. It is planned to continue to roll out Tidiest Yard awards, as well as prizes for Cash 4 Container Recycler of the Year in each Community, Cash 4 Trash in Galiwin'ku as well as other initiatives and competitions. The next Clean-Up week is scheduled for 8 to the 12 May 2023.



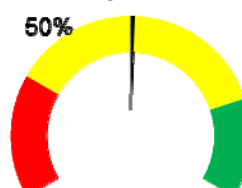
**Project Status – Ongoing**

***Budget Type: Operating (recurrent)***

#### 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 Wheelie Bin audit has been completed and the Municipal Services Teams have been busy repairing and replacing broken bins identified during the bin audit.



**Project Status – Planning & Design**

#### 4.1.7.2 Enter into partnerships and agreements, particularly for the transport or processing of recyclable material, to maximize the recycling opportunities for East Arnhem communities.

Currently, Council have ongoing recycling partnerships with:

- Sea Swift (Barging of materials back to Darwin).
- Envirobank (Container Deposit Scheme).
- Ecocycle (Household Batteries).
- Mobilemuster (Mobile Phones and Accessories).
- TechCollect (E-Waste).
- TyreCycle (Tyres).
- Sell & Parker (Scrap Metal and lead acid batteries) and
- Veolia (Waste Oil and other hazardous materials).

#### Project Status – Ongoing review and assessment

#### 4.1.7.3 Undertake and report on the removal of recycling streams within each community location.

The table below illustrates materials recovered and transport back to Darwin for recycling so far this financial year. So far ten 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, which has now been achieved for FY23.

	Batteries	CDS	Mobile Phones	Scrap Metal	Tyres	E-Waste	Waste Oil	Damaged Bins	Printer Cartridges	Household Batteries	Gas Bottles
Angurugu	1 Box	19,721				1 Pallet		2 t			
Umbakumba	1 Box	2,112			110 tyres						
Milyakburra		0									
Ramingining	1 Box	51,391	15	472.25 t	104 Tyres		1,640 L				
Milingimbi	2 Boxes	30,891		322.96 t		2 Pallets					
Gapuwiyak	1 Box	208,403	12		82 tyres						
Galiwinku	2 Boxes	12,757				5 Pallets					0.596 t
Yirrkala	1 Box	19,146	33		64 tyres	2 Pallets		0.52 t	2 bags	1 bucket	
Gunyangara		18,817				1 Pallet					

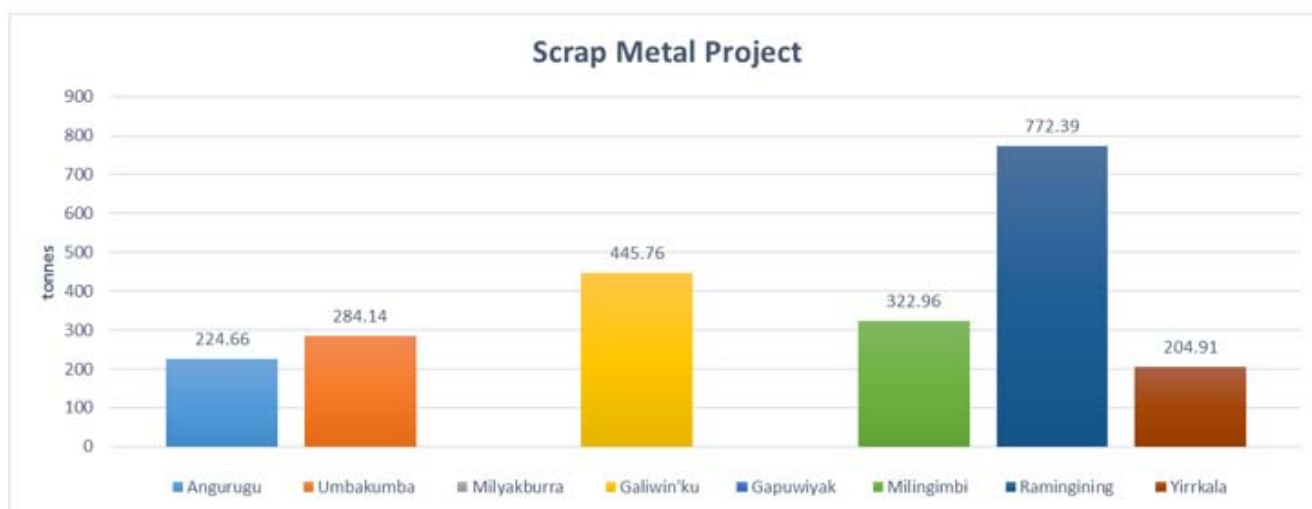
Table 1. Resource Recovery up to 10 February 2023

#### Project Status – Ongoing (Target achieved)



### Scrap Metal Recovery

The major project operating in this space is the Scrap Metal Recovery Project. This has been an ongoing project.



Graph. Scrap Metal Recovery for all Communities

### Ramininging Project Status – Complete 100%

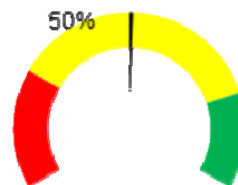
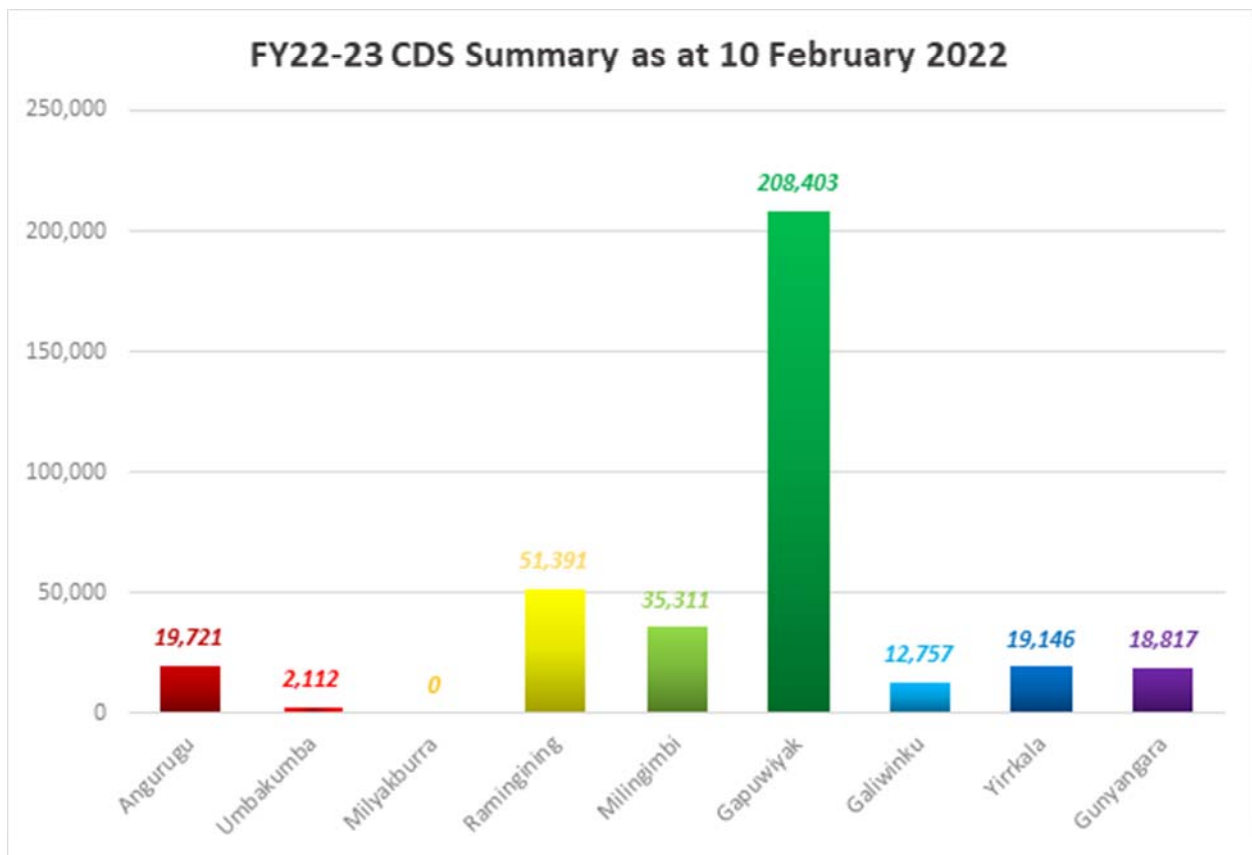


#### **4.1.7.4 Organise and support the Undertaking of CDS monthly collection community events to be held in each Community by the Municipal Services Program.**

This is an ongoing monthly project. Cash 4 Containers is scheduled for the last week of every month across the nine communities. The results for the first seven months of FY23 by community can be seen in the table below. 367,658 containers were collected and sorted across all communities with Gapuwiyak collecting the most with 208,403.

FY2022-23	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Angurugu	13,264	929		5,528						19,721
Umbakumba	671			994		447				2,112
Milyakburra										0
Ramininging		20,892	21,701			8,798				51,391
Milingimbi		7,281	13,302			10,308		4,420		35,311
Gapuwiyak	36,990		61,166		70,835			39,412		208,403
Galiwinku		5,194	2,850	2,401	2,312					12,757
Yirrkala	5,479			13,667						19,146
Gunyangara		6,128		12,689						18,817
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56,404</b>	<b>40,424</b>	<b>99,019</b>	<b>35,279</b>	<b>73,147</b>	<b>19,553</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,832</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>367,658</b>

Table. FY23 CDS Community/Monthly breakdown



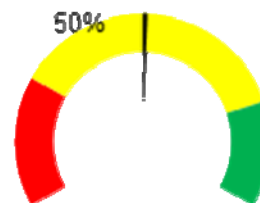
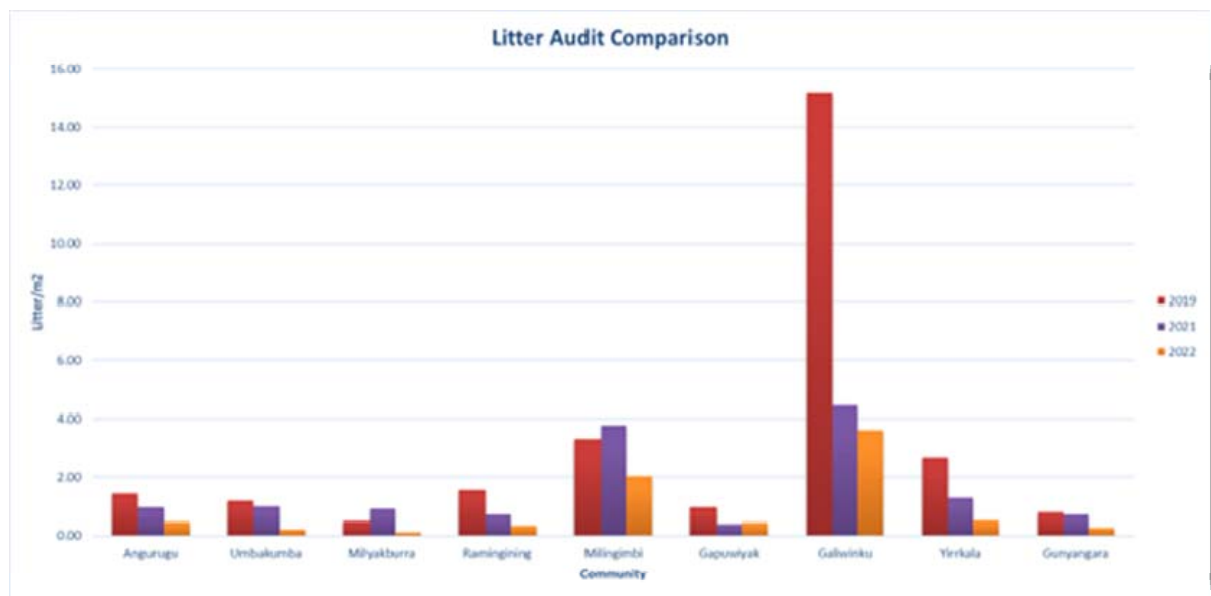
### **Project Status – Ongoing**

#### **4.1.9.11 Coordinate and report on Bi –Annual ground litter audits in conjunction with the municipal Services Program in each Community.**

Bi-annual audits have now been completed for all communities. Below are the results to date.

As the graph illustrates, there has been a general reduction in litter across the communities since 2019.

While the results indicate a positive change in litter management in the communities, there is still significant work to do to continually improve in this area and education residents regarding waste and litter management.



### **Project Status – Ongoing**

#### Other Projects:

#### LGANT 2023 WASTE SYMPOSIUM

Waste Services Manager (Wesley van Zanden) and Municipal Services Supervisors, Adam Johnson (Gunyangara), John Harpley (Umbakumba), Greg Mitchell (Gapuwiyak) and Damien Lumsden (Milingimbi), attended the LGANT 2023 Waste Symposium from 7-9 March.

During the Symposium, Sell & Parker presented on the work they have done in East Arnhem removing and recycling scrap metals and car bodies. While Council's CDS program was also used by the NT Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security's discussion on Circular Economy and role that regional Councils can play. Currently, EARC and Roper Gulf are the only regional Councils that participate in the initiative.

While in Darwin, a site visit was held with recycling partner Envirobank to inspect and discuss the Cash 4 Container programs, and see where all the containers collected in East Arnhem go and what happens to them. One of the images below is of a 220kg bale of aluminum cans, which is about 15,000 cans of Coke.

Please see some images of the trip below:







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

### Snap Send Solve



Snap Send Solve are thrilled to reveal that East Arnhem Regional Council is the **Northern Territory state winner** of the **Customer Service Award** in the inaugural 2022 Solver of The Year Awards!

EARC out-performed **20** organisations to be named the highest achiever in this category. Snap Send Solve extended their sincere congratulations to EARC.

This is the first year for the Solver of the Year Awards. They highlight the Solver organisations that make a notable difference to their local communities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Snap Send Solve (SSS) announced winners in the week of 13 - 17 February via the following:

- Snapper EDMs announcing relevant winners in each region.
- Social media to Snappers & Solvers: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn.
- Blog posts on SSS website.
- Press release via our PR agency.

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## East Arnhem Regional Council

### Monthly report summary



This period: 2023-02-01 to 2023-02-28  
Last period: 2023-01-01 to 2023-01-31

#### Total Reports

This Period	Last Period	% Change
151	51	196%

#### Customer Satisfaction Score

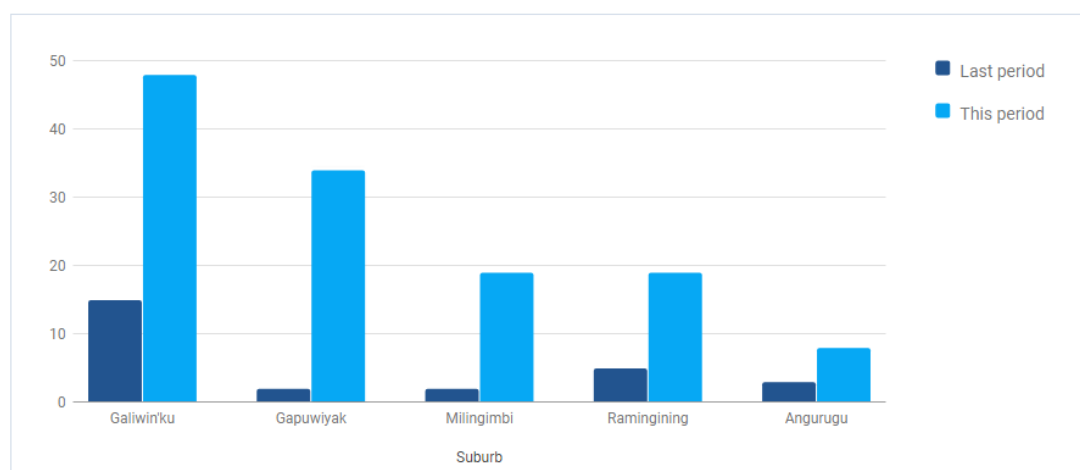
Customer Satisfaction Score (out of 5) provided by Snap Send Solve users for your authority.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
East Arnhem Regional Council	4.9	4.5	9%
Similar sized council average(state based)	4.5	4.4	3%
State average	4.4	3.9	11%

#### Reports by Top 5 Suburbs

Total reports received by suburb for the period.

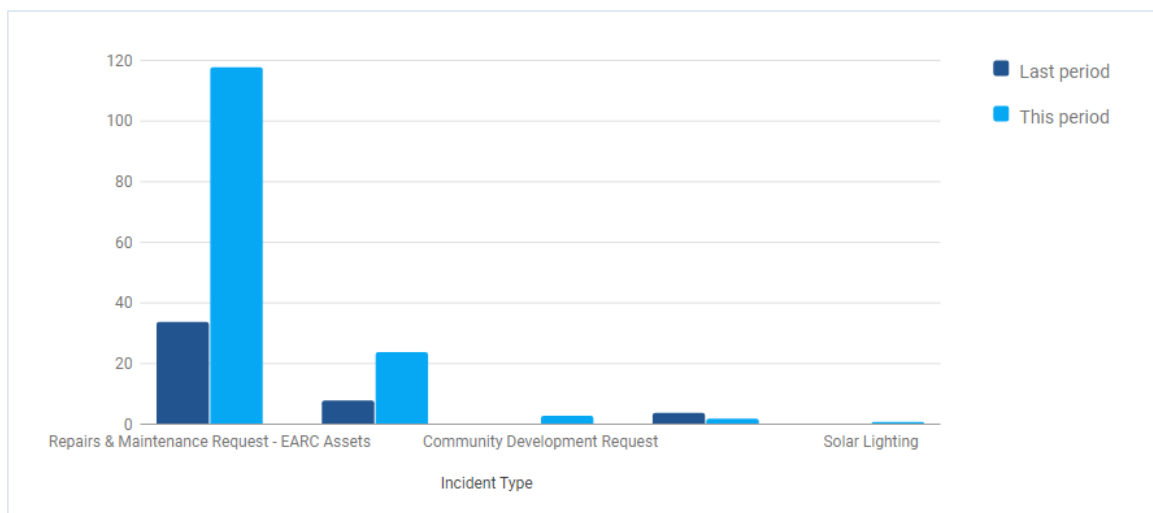
	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Galiwin'ku	48	15	220%
Gapuwiyak	34	2	1600%
Milingimbi	19	2	850%
Ramingining	19	5	280%
Angurugu	8	3	167%



## Reports by Top 5 Incident types

Total reports received by Incident type for the period.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets	118	34	247%
Facility - General Request	24	8	200%
Community Development Request	3	0	N/A
Tenancy - Furniture & Appliances	2	4	-50%
Solar Lighting	1	0	N/A



## Reports by Top 5 Suburbs and Top 5 Incident types (This period)

	Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets	Facility - General Request	Community Development Request	Tenancy - Furniture & Appliances	Solar Lighting
Galiwin'ku	38	8	0	0	1
Gapuwiyak	27	4	3	0	0
Milingimbi	18	1	0	0	0
Ramingining	16	2	0	0	0
Angurugu	8	0	0	0	0

## Training

The Cert 111 Civil & Construction training has commenced across multiple communities with many more training opportunities completed, in progress and upcoming.

- WZ2 & WZ3 Traffic Management.
- Chainsaw & Tree felling training.

## Cert III in Weeds Identification and Control Training

## Training Part 1

## AHCPMG201 – Treat Weeds.

## AHCCHM201 – Apply Chemicals under Supervision.

Ramingining- week commencing 13 February (two days) **COMPLETED.**

## AHCPGD206 Conduct Visual Inspection of Park Facilities

Municipal Services Staff and Strategic/Public Works Infrastructure Manager are now enrolled and currently completing the course online. This will be vital for the compliance inspection of public area assets across the region via the Konect platform.

Thank you Daniel Crimeen for your contribution to the Municipal Services (MS) Program in Ramasingning, we wish you the best for your future endeavours. We are advertising for the Municipal Services Supervisor position and hope to have the position filled by the next meeting. Thank you to Municipal Services Team Leader Frank, and Municipal Services Officers (MSO) Donald, Fred & Adam for your consistent team effort whilst we are recruiting.

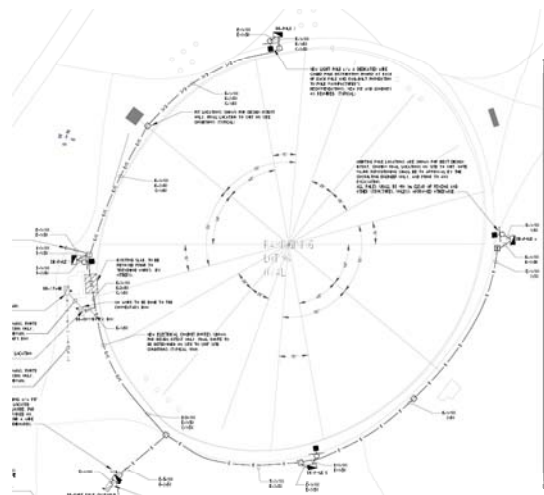
Available Municipal Services Officer Positions are available in Rammingining. We have an exciting program this year and multiple training opportunities, we welcome anyone interested to visit your local council office and put your name down.

## Oval Lighting LAPF Project

The priority project has been awarded to NT Electrical a Darwin based company. A range of Switchboards and control cabinets have been manufactured and waiting on transport to site. The poles have arrived in Darwin Depending on the wetseason we have, we anticipate a 1 April 2023 Commencement on site.



**Project completion percentage 30%.**



## General

Municipal Services will receive a new signage kit to refresh the current supply. The sign kits include “road closed to ceremony” “caution weed spraying in progress” and many others for the team to use where applicable. We expect to receive the order in the coming weeks.



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 and Infrastructure report.**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.3
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Operations on Public Holidays
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1742196
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

### SUMMARY:

This report is to seek direction from the Members on the provision of Council services on gazetted public holidays.

### BACKGROUND

Currently Council only provides emergency response services on public holidays. Current operational plans and budgets are constructed to observe public holidays.

### GENERAL

The Northern Territory public holiday calendar for the 2023 calendar year is as follows:

New Year's Day	Sunday 1 January and Monday 2 January.
Australia Day	Thursday 26 January.
Good Friday	Friday 7 April.
Easter Saturday	Saturday 8 April.
Easter Sunday	Sunday 9 April.
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April.
Anzac Day	Tuesday 25 April.
May Day	Monday 1 May.
June public holiday	Monday 12 June.
Darwin Show Day	Friday 28 July.
Picnic Day	Monday 7 August.
Christmas Eve	<i>7pm to midnight Sunday 24 December.</i>
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December.
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December.
New Year's Eve	<i>7pm to midnight Sunday 31 December.</i>

Council also observes an organisational public holiday each year for NAIDOC week.

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Request the following programs ..... provide services on the following public holidays .....**
- (c) Approves the continuation of Council observing the organisational public holiday during NAIDOC week.**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.



**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.4
<b>TITLE</b>	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update.
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1740756
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Peter Dunkley, Regional Manager Youth Sports and Recreation

**SUMMARY**

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

**BACKGROUND**

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program aims to strengthen young people, helping them live happy, healthy lives. As such, we deliver a range of funded activities and programs which strengthen and support their connection to body, mind, kinship and culture.

**GENERAL**

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program seeks input, feedback and support from the Local Authority in an effort to continually improve what we do. Please note the following updates for Youth, Sport and Recreation in your community.

- Community staffing update.
- Current after School hour's programs.
- School holiday programs.
- Upcoming events.
- Remote Sports Program (formal and informal competition, visits from peak sporting bodies).
- Youth Diversion (Yirrkala/Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak).
- Program success / challenges.

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments to this report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.5
<b>TITLE</b>	Council Operations Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1742358
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Jennifer Newton, Council Operations Manager

**SUMMARY**

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

Over the past two months East Arnhem Regional Council in Ramingining has worked to build partnerships with community stakeholders, in an effort to encourage service providers within Ramingining to work together, to increase the success of community run projects, events, and partnerships.

**Council Services**

Engagement with community is an area where there will be a greater focus, with the Council Operations Manager facilitating a monthly BBQ.

The aim is to provide intentional engagement between the Council Operations Manager and members of the community. This is an opportunity for residents to use the "Have Your Say" survey and raise topics that are pertinent to them.

There will also be opportunities for the Council Operations Manager to discuss other topics such as Night Patrol, Youth Sport and Recreation and any upcoming projects or events, for example the Mural project.

As mentioned in January's report, East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) is replacing the old pigeon holes in the council premises that are used for Australia Post mail. The works will be completed in the month of April.

The custom made table for the Council meeting room requires more discussions with cabinet makers, but the aim will be to have a refit on the Council meeting room by May 2023.

Staff in council are all working well, and Justin Gaykamangu is currently working on developing his skills with the view of career progression.

**Youth Sport and Recreation, Community Night Patrol and Stakeholders**

A new Youth, Sport and Recreation (YS&R) Coordinator has been employed, Sizol Fuyana. Sizol will start this week. She comes with a range of knowledge and experience, and I have full confidence that she will be able to provide expertise to the program and engage the children and young people of Ramingining.

There will be a second Coordinator employed later in the year once housing becomes available.

### Municipal Services

After two years of employment, Daniel Crimeen's contract has finished and Council is currently seeking a new recruit to fill the Municipal Services Supervisor role.

### Aged Care and Disability

Aged care is strong and has 100% indigenous staff. The local team has been working in their roles for many years and the current Coordinators have a long term plan to stay in Ramingining. The cook position vacancy has been filled with a new team member.

### Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service

After 31 years of employment with East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) and previous Councils, Gilbert Walkuli has decided to retire to seek new adventures.

Gilbert's commitment to community radio has been outstanding, and EARC is thankful for the knowledge, skills and commitment that Gilbert has brought to this position.

Gilbert will be handing his knowledge and expertise onto his granddaughter Mikayla and she will be applying for the Community Media Officer 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 to this report.

## GENERAL BUSINESS



<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	8.6
<b>TITLE</b>	Corporate Services Report
<b>REFERENCE</b>	1738097
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

### SUMMARY

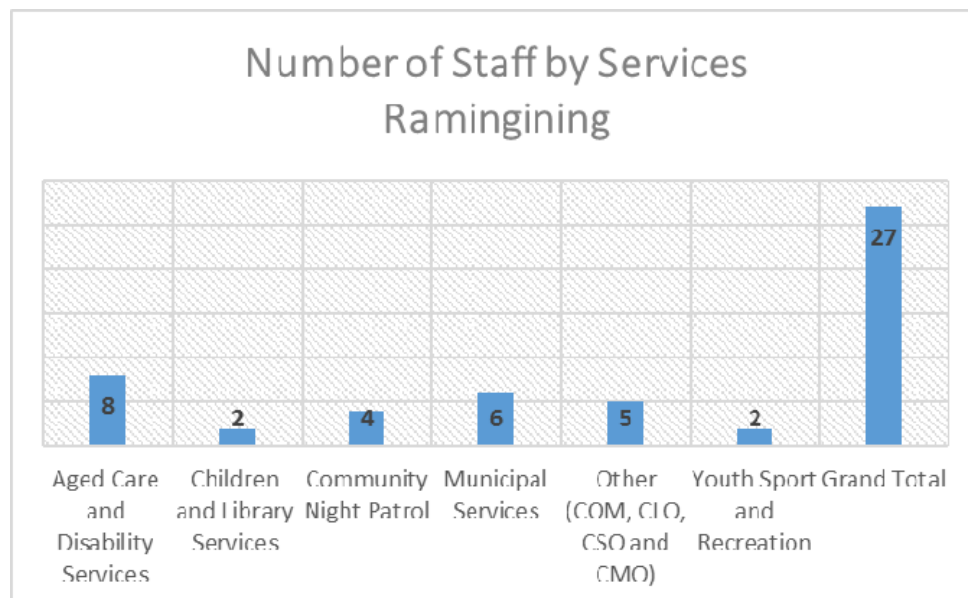
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2023 within the Local Authority area.

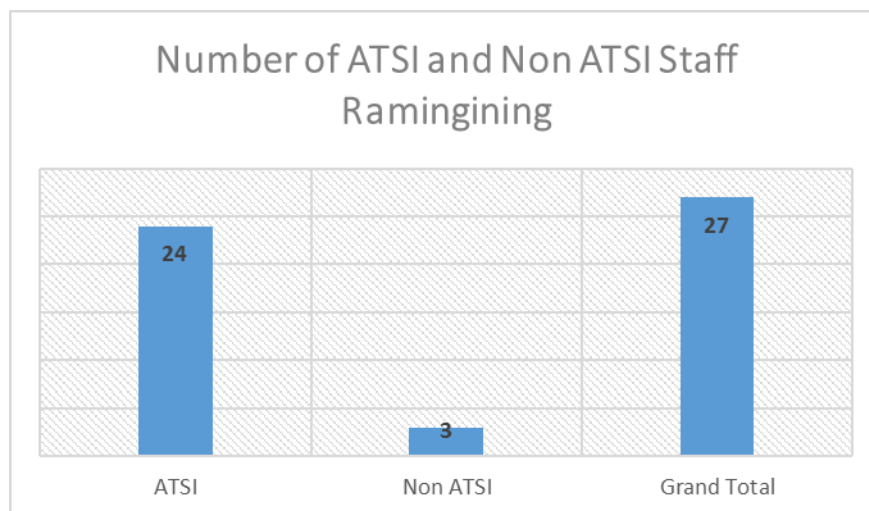
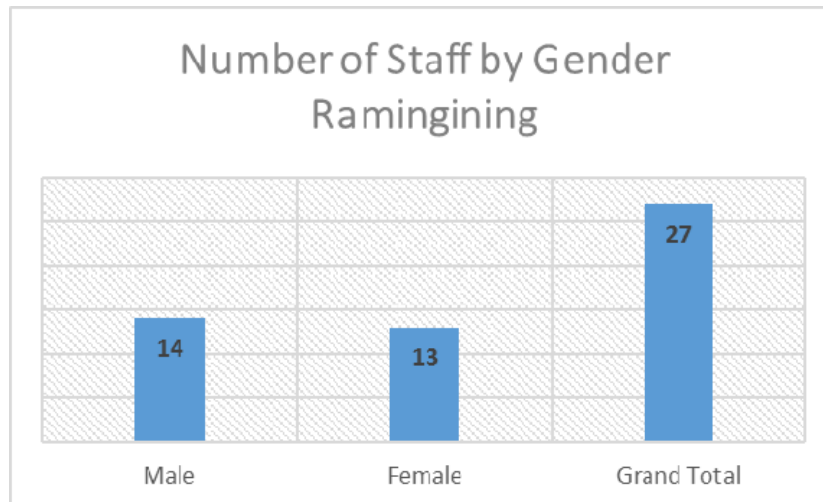
### BACKGROUND

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 28 February 2023:

Position	Level
Aged Care and Disability Support Worker	Level 1
Municipal Services Officer	Level 1
Municipal Services Officer	Level 1
Municipal Services Supervisor	Level 6
Youth Sport & Recreation Coordinator	Level 6
Youth Sports and Recreation Worker	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 28 February 2023.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT – For Each Reporting Location\_Ramingining

EACH REPORTING LOCATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2023	Ramingining		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Grants	683,136	986,125	(302,988)
User Charges and Fees	608,650	570,713	37,937
Rates and Annual Charges	786,359	776,122	10,237
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	57,872	22,092	35,779
Council Internal Allocations	-	-	-
Untied Revenue Allocation	1,016,373	1,016,373	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>3,152,390</b>	<b>3,371,425</b>	<b>(219,035)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Expenses	979,241	1,207,060	(227,819)
Materials and Contracts	238,222	672,153	(433,930)
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,350	6,516	(5,166)
Other Operating Expenses	793,746	636,184	157,562
Council Internal Allocations	824,253	831,786	(7,533)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,836,812</b>	<b>3,353,699</b>	<b>(516,887)</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>315,579</b>	<b>17,726</b>	<b>297,852</b>
Capital Grants Income	2,500	-	2,500
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>318,079</b>	<b>17,726</b>	<b>300,352</b>
Capital Expenses	-	(640,778)	640,778
Transfer to Reserves	-	(45,201)	45,201
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>318,079</b>	<b>(668,253)</b>	<b>986,332</b>
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	870,650	880,234	(9,584)
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024	-	(136,792)	136,792
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,004,479	(1,004,479)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>870,650</b>	<b>1,747,921</b>	<b>(877,271)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>1,188,729</b>	<b>1,079,668</b>	<b>109,061</b>