



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

20 March 2023

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.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE RAMINGINING
COUNCIL OFFICE ON MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2023 AT 10:00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy, Cr. Robert Yawarngu, Daphne Malibirr, Gilbert Walkuli, Lizzy Mindhili, Lloyd Garrawurra. John Djoma and Fabian Garawirrtja.

COUNCIL STAFF

Dale Keehne – CEO.

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

Jennifer Newton – Council Operations Manager .

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook, EA to the CEO.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10.05am and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

By 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).

266/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Gilbert Walkuli)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the absence of Judith Dhuru.**
- (b) Notes no apologies received as Judith is due to attend.**
- (c) Notes Judith Dhuru is 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.

267/2023 RESOLVED (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Recommends the nomination of Shirley Balalnydju be placed in the Council meeting for approval.**

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

268/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Fabian Garawirtja)

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.

269/2023 RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Daphne Malibirr)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 16 January 2023 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.

270/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Gilbert Walkuli)

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.

MOTION MOVE TO BREAK 11.32AM

271/2023 RESOLVED (John Djoma/Fabian Garawirrtja)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 11.50AM

272/2023 RESOLVED (John Djoma/Fabian Garawirrtja)

Guest Speakers

**7.1 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY, ENGAGEMENT OFFICER
AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION.**

273/2023 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/John Djoma)

The Local Authority thanks the Guest Speaker for her presentation.

**7.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE - LAW & ORDER COMMUNITY UPDATE
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.

274/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Fabian Garawirrtja)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the Guest Speaker Sergeant Ray Stedman for his update.**
- (b) Raised concerns over that the Country Connect program that supports youth in trouble, came into community without consulting the Local Authority or Traditional Owners.**
- (c) Requests the Director of Community Services to raise these concerns with Country Connect and Bulungunum, to support how to not undermine community safety in Ramingining, including pathways to training and jobs, and the need for all parties to work together including involving the NT Police.**
- (d) Raises the need to effectively monitor, with trackers, behaviour of young participants and respond to bad behaviour with clear consequences.**

- (e) Raises the need to work together across East Arnhem Land to support kids to keep on the right track and not get on the wrong track.
- (f) Would like Country Connect, to attend the next Local Authority meeting to present and discuss their work. and invite the NT Police to be involved in this session.

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.

275/2023 RESOLVED (John Djoma/Robert Yawarngu)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

8.2 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.

276/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/John Djoma)

That the Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure report.

8.3 COUNCIL OPERATIONS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

SUMMARY:

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

277/2023 RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Lloyd Garrawurra)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Requests a range of traditional and western programs be developed to mark Australia Day, Easter, Anzac Day and NAIDOC Day.**

8.4 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.

278/2023 RESOLVED (Gilbert Walkuli/John Djoma)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.**
- (b) Requests the Youth Sport & Recreation Regional Manager organise umpire training for sports like basketball and football.**
- (c) Requests the Youth Sport and Recreation Regional Manager look into more training, possibly through Charles Darwin University, for Sport and Recreation officers in administration, computer skills, literacy and numeracy.**

MOTION MOVE TO LUNCH BREAK AT 1.11PM.

279/2023 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Gilbert Walkuli)

MOTION RETURN TO MEETING AT 2.07PM (Djoma/Walkuli)

The break for lunch also included a celebration Gilbert Walkuli's contribution to the Local Authority and community. Senior Representatives from TEABBA also joined the members for lunch to celebrate Gilbert's contribution.

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.

280/2023 RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Lloyd Garrawurra)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Council Operations Report.**

- (b) Supports Council working closely with the CDP provider to get people on the job training in different areas of Council operations, as a practical pathway to employment.

8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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

28/1/2023 RESOLVED (John Djoma/Lloyd Garrawurra)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 28 February 2023.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 3.22pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 May 2023

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Monday, 20 March 2023.