

Agenda

Milingimbi

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

21 March 2023

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Milingimbi Local Authority will be held at the Milingimbi Council Office on Tuesday, 21 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

ITEM NUMBER 3.1

TITLE Apologies and Absence Without Notice

REFERENCE 1738095

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

ITEM NUMBER 3.2

TITLE Local Authority Membership

REFERENCE 1748453

AUTHOR Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

GENERAL

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority:

Milingimbi

Joanne Baker

Robert Yirapawanga

Rosetta Wayatja

Boaz Baker

Arthur Murrupu

The following elected Councillors are appointed by the Council for the Local Authority:

Milingimbi

Cr Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Cr Joe Djakala

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.



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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER 4.1

TITLE Conflict of Interest

REFERENCE 1738127

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that "A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee, council, council committee or Local Authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

- (a) A direct interest
- (b) An indirect financial interest
- (c) An indirect interest by close association
- (d) An indirect interest due to conflicting duties".

GENERAL

A conflict of interest is a situation that has the potential to undermine a person's ability to be impartial because of the possibility of a clash between the person's self-interest and professional interest or public interest.

When this occurs the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove them self from the decision making process.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

OR

That the Local Authority notes any conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.



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PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1

TITLE Previous Minutes for Ratification

REFERENCE 1738128

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 17 January 2023 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Local Authority - Milingimbi 2023-01-17 [1984] 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 MILINGIMBI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

17 January 2023

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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		Sensitive?
NO.	Information	Yes	No
	Details of person making burial a	pplication	
1	Full name, address and contact details		
2	Relationship to the deceased person		
	Documents in relation to the decea	sed person	
3	Notice under section 34(1) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996		
4	Certificate under section 12(3) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996		
5	Certificate issued by the coroner or the coroner's clerk under section 17(1) of the Coroners Act 1993		
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		
	Other information		
7	Confirmation of the notification of, or confirmation of reasonable attempts to notify, the decision maker for the deceased person		
8	Any objection, known to the applicant, from the decision maker for the deceased person to the burial of the deceased person		

	9	Time and date requested for service	
	10	Location inside the Cemetery or approved burial ground	
	11	Authorisation for the records to be kept by the East Arnhem Regional	
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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

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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.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1

TITLE Local Authority Action Register

REFERENCE 1738129

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 - Milingimbi January 2023.docx

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
141/2021	That the Local Authority:	12.05.2021 – Ongoing
Series of Murals	(a) Continue to consider and advise when agreed	12.10.2021 – LA are still deciding what way they would like to proceed with.
(re-tabled)	what significant person or people to include in the series of murals.	12.01.2022 – Ongoing.
	(b) Start gathering together photos of possible candidates, to be given to the Community Development Coordinator.	18.01.2022 – Community Development Coordinator to with the President & Local Authority Members to have campfire with local TO'S to gather ideas for discussion at next Local Authority meeting. Gather Photos of missionary days similar to Project of Galiwinku — Vision of Old to the New.
		15.03.2022 - Ongoing
		17.05.2022 – Local Authority members with the Community Development Coordinator and Designer to hold campfire meeting to turn ideas into action.
		19.07.2022 – Ongoing – Artist to meet with community and homeland members.
		20.09.2022- Artist to visit communities to finalise design.
		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.
		22.11.2022 – As above.
		17.01.2023 – Consultant will visit communities for workshops and consultation. 21.03.2023 – Consultant will visit on 22.03.2023 to meet with TO's, members and community to discuss art work.

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

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		ACTION ITEM ACTIONS
c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.	 a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava. 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: 1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or 2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms. 	ACTIONS
20.09.2022 covered in CEO Report 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. 22.11.2022 – As above. 17.01.2023 – Deferred until return of CEO from leave. 21.03.23 – to be discussed in CEO Report. Good progress being made with the Government.	Ongoing 18.05.2021 – Update provided to LA, EARC will provided update from government once received. 12.01.2022 – A separate report was presented on this by the CEO – ongoing. 15.03.2022 – A detail discussion took place with the members, President and the CEO. 17.05.2022 - Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with 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'. 19.07.2022 – Ongoing	STATUS

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Priority footpaths		10.11.2020 – tender release to the market and evaluated – market pricing for the works significantly over budget and works of the same nature across multiple areas – this project will be re-assessed and delivered in a reduced scope or additional funds will need to be allocated – this item will be discussed at the next LA meeting for suggested direction.
		27.01.2021- ongoing at this stage $-$ CDP and Contractors still to recommence respective services in Community at this stage.
		12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Will bring information to next LA meeting.
		18.05.2021 – Will update at next LA meeting.
		16.11.2021 – Update progress in January/late January about the project.
		12.01.2022 - Project still pending tender re-release to test market pricing which exceeded all similar works of this type conducted to date — release at end of January.
		15.03.2022 – Tender will be re-released by the end of April 2022
		17.05.2022 – Tender will be re-released by end of May 2022.
		22.06.2022 – Tender currently out to the market and will await any submission when closed to consider.
		30.06.2022 – Out to tender – closes in 1 week. 19.07.2022 – Tender has closed but has not been evaluated as yet. 12.09.2022 - Tender evaluated to go to council as a reduced scope in the October meeting dependant on funding extension for LAPF
		19.10.22- report to be tabled at the December meeting and funds adjustments have been made in the budget revision

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MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		17.01.2023 – Tenders have gone out and work is progressing.
		22.11.2022 - Report to be put forward to Council at December meeting and Tender being put forward.
		21.03.2023 – Asks the Local Authority to defer any progress on the footpaths until waterpark and other project tenders have been received.
Beautification of Jesse Smith park		27.01.2021 - Additional bollards have arrived and will be installed by the MS Team in the near future.
		12.05.2021 – Bollards are located in Milingimbi and will be placed into the right spots by Monday Morning.
		12.10.2021 – Ongoing – is on work list to be installed by MS crew.
		12.01.2021 – Ongoing and will be addressed in January due to teams capacity and current commitments.
		15.03.2022 – within the next three weeks work will start after two vacant positions are filled.
		17.05.2022 – Ongoing
		22.06.2022- Ongoing and is on the works list – program busy with grass reductions and other works at this stage.
		30.06.2022 – ongoing
		19.07.2022 – Currently still on public works team project list – will be actioned when the team have the capacity.

ACTION ITEM ACT	ACTIONS	STATUS
		12.09.2022 — as above due to the extent of works being undertaken
		19.10.22 Shane to provide update.
		22.11.2022 – On MSS team to do list.
		17.01.2023 – As above
		21.03.2023 – Still on the tender list. Waiting on end of wet season.
Makarata Field		27.01.2021 - NLC consultations were held the week of the 2nd of November – awaiting formal advice on the consultation outcome from the NLC, NLC leasing staff still on
		holidays and set to return at the end of January. We are awaiting an official response from NLC.
		18.01.2021 – Director Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up for potential for historical listing (and as bombing site) and options for funding, DTSI looking into options and will report back in future meeting, noting this project was listed on the community priority listing for a co-funding contribution.
		12.05.2021- Has trust approval, have the paperwork to be signed off. Awaiting for licence and approval for land. Ongoing.
		12.10.2021 – Ongoing final concept to be agreed and grant funding sought in 2022.
		12.01.2022 – Ongoing with concept workshop to be conducted in relation to the layout in readiness for Grant funding opportunity, basic layout developed but to be refined as final draft direction.
		15.03.2022 – Pending
		17.05.2022 – Ongoing and pending design meeting to take place.

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATIC
		30.06.2022 – Ongoing.
		19.07.2022 – Meeting was arranged with President for an overview of the basic requirement in Milingimbi – flights not available – to be rescheduled.
		12.09.2022 – Solar lighting on order with cyclonic foundation blocks – area cleared ready for sand once approved locally by TO's.
		19.10.22 – Update from Manufacturer below
		Morning Shane,
		Apologies for delay with update on ETA.
		I am having difficulty with our block manufacturer (HO'S Hire Katherine) team have been out on remote site installations.
		We know the last 6 concrete blocks were poured last week we are waiting cure times and ETAs to Darwin from Julie at the block supplier.
		We understand they have been servery delayed due to bad weather and concrete plan in Katherine had to shut down for a week or so for maintenance.
		We have following POs:
		PO: Location: QTY Item: PO091271 Gunyangara 1x Block PO091635 Gunyangara 1x Block PO091636 Millinginbi 4x GFS-200 Solar Lights & Blocks ** 6x
		**Solar Lights have been packed at our warehouse ready to ship ex-Adelaide, they will leave met up with blocks at Sea Swift Darwin
		We are chasing further update will let you know when more information comes to hand. Again sorry for any impact these delays in blocks for your projects.

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		22.11.2022 – As above. To update further at next meeting.
		17.01.2023 – In progress, update to be provided.
		21.03.23 – Engineers currently looking at how to build successfully on the field.
PA Systems	Public Announcement systems to be installed on	17.01.23 – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to advise.
	activities, including road side collection.	21.03.23 Looking to have hand held megaphones to give everyone the ability to use.
War Memorial and Flag Poles.	The Local Authority requests that the Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services repair and correct the war memorial flag poles in the central	17.01.2023 – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to advise. 21.03.23 – All new flag poles have been purchased. Further information on War
	area, painting the war memorial ochre.	Memorial contained in Technical Services report.
FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON		19.05.2020 – Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up with Power & Water regarding current status of water sources, and when extra water may become
HOLD:		available. To also investigate the use of brackish water for the Oval and report back to the LA.
Water to be installed at the oval		18.01.2021 - Email and discussion are underway with Power and Water surrounding supply options — Brackish Test bore was not approved but other options have been suggested as possibilities — awaiting official Power and Water response.
		12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Awaiting response from Power and Water.

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		12.10.2021 – Ongoing – Still waiting for response from Power and Water. 12.01.2022 – Ongoing with no approval from power and water obtained to date.
		15.03.2022 – no update after previous report.
		17.05.2022 – Power and Water will come back to us with requested information as per the agreement at the Guest speaker delivery at the LA on the Milingimbi water story.
		19.07.2022 – Water availability for the oval yet to be confirmed – EARC Tech Services to follow up.
		12.09.2022 — no change to the above.
		19.10.22 – Move to advocacy – as water will be an ongoing consideration noting the completion of the head works and proposed sub-division
		22.11.2022 – Question to be asked to PAW
		21.03.23 - potentially another presentation on water story in next round.

COMPLETED ACTIONS:

YSR – New commercial stove for YSR centre

11.04.2022 – completed

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 7.1

TITLE Guest Speaker - Maryanne Walley, Engagement

Officer Australian Electoral Commission.

REFERENCE 1739800

AUTHOR 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

ITEM NUMBER 7.2

TITLE Guest Speaker - Renee Campbell, Menzies School of

Health Research.

REFERENCE 1739806

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

The Hearing for Learning Initiative is a research project aiming to improve the ear and hearing health of children in remote communities, through training and employment of local members of the community. The study is being conducted in 20 communities across the Northern Territory.

GENERAL

The project would like the advice of the Local Authority on how to run the project appropriately in Milingimbi and would like to invite members to join the Community Reference Group, which will guide the project.

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 her presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachment.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 7.3

TITLE Northern Territory Police - Law & Order Community

Update

REFERENCE 1743398

AUTHOR 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.



21 March 2023

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.1

TITLE CEO Report REFERENCE 1743334

AUTHOR Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

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

GENERAL:

81st 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

Lirrpiya 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.

Lirrpiya, 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 chief.minister@nt.gov.au

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 optin 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.

Nhokiyingalanha 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 President East Arnhem Regional Council PO Box 1060 NHULUNBUY NT 0881

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

ITEM NUMBER 8.2

TITLE Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital

Project Updates

REFERENCE 1723447

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

The information below covers actions associated with the below services:

108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services.

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.

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: Milingimbi

Reporting month/period: January-February 2023

Overall comments:

- During the February day trip to Milingimbi the animals in general appeared in fair condition. There are some animals that are in poor condition with scabies. These are mostly young animals around three to six months of age. There are large numbers of animals that need to be de-sexed in Milingimbi. The team will be focusing on this during 2023 with additional veterinary visits planned. This is will also depend on the new veterinary facility being finished and up and running for the dry season. If the facility is not finished, it will be far more difficult for the team to perform the de-sexing surgeries necessary to slow the rising population numbers.
- 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 resident pig was assessed and checked during the most recent vet visit he is in good health. The AMP team spoke to the owners about diseases that pigs can carry.
- One dangerous dog sign was placed at a house in Milingimbi where there is a known cheeky dog.
- Visits to community:
 - Thursday 9 February: Dr Maddy and Vet nurse Sarah visited community for animal health consults and parasite treatments.
- Next Vet visit to Community:
 - Dr Tania will be visiting Milingimbi for 1 week from 15-19 May. Dr Maddy will also be visiting for education and de-sexing surgeries.
 - Two week vet visit planned by Dr Maddy and Dr Kathleen from 3-14 July this visit will be a large scale surgical de-sexing visit.

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: Milingimbi	This period of reporting	Calendar Year to date	Last year's Annual delivery
Dogs Desexed	0	0	27
Cats Desexed	0	0	9
Community consultations	15	15	73
Remote/Phone consultations	1	1	n/a*
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	0	0	
Minor procedures/other surgeries	0	0	
Parasite Treatments	45	45	208
Euthanasia	0	0	n/a*
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	2	2	
TOTAL Engagements	63	63	317

^{*}N/A – new reporting system so some data is not applicable

Community education activities:

 Dr Maddy has approached Milingimbi School to lock in some dates for education visits 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:

- During vet visit on 9 February Dr Maddy and Sarah dropped into the Crocodile Land and Sea Rangers to discuss parasite control, particularly for brown dog ticks that carry Ehrlichiosis. They also discussed any areas that they may be able to collaborate with the rangers on.
- 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.

Concerns/Challenges:

- Facility:
 - o The lack of veterinary facility in Milingimbi is continuing to be a major concern for the AMP team. Veterinary work has been severely impacted this year. The plan moving forward in 2023 is to schedule extra veterinary visits once the new facility is up and running, so that the AMP can catch up on the backlog of de-sexing surgeries.

Follow-up list for next visit:

- Routine De-sexing → plan to schedule extra vet visits for de-sexing's once facility up and running.
- Large scale census and Parasite treatments planned for May visit in addition to desexing's.



Mum and daughter recovering after desexing. (Milingimbi)



Vet Nurse Sarah giving parasite treatments to dogs (Milingimbi).

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

Business Unit: Transport Infrastructure

Action ID:

4.2.6.8 Manage, maintain and upgrade streetlights in Milingimbi.

Service Profile: <u>118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management</u>
Business Unit: <u>Transport and Infrastructure</u>

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 Milingimbi.

<u>T23-203320.1 East Arnhem Region – Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage Program</u>

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:

Proposed Site of Works



Urban Sealed Roads Network

Community	Road Name	Road Type	*Road Distance (km)
	Dhurrunc Road	Urban Sealed	0.33
	Unnamed 2	Road	0.40
	Gonun (Gowun Road?)		0.14
	Gundola Road		0.12
Milingimbi	Madumungun Road		1.26
	Mewa		0.43
	Murrudunga		0.11
	Garden Camp		0.30
	Wandanjara Road		0.60



Rural Unsealed Roads Network

Community	Road Name	*Road	Grading Type	Road Type
		Distance (km)		
	Beach Front Track	0.45		
	Djulhahnara Road	0.45		
	Madumungun Road	0.20		
	Milingimbi Rubbish	0.62		
	Dump Access Road			
	Telstra Tower Road	2.70		
	Sewer Ponds	0.39		
	Access Road			
Milingimbi	Gravel Pit Access	1.50	Full Maintenance	Essential Service
Willinginibi	Road		Grade	(Internal Road
	Power & Water	0.42	Grade	Network)
	Access Road			
	Sundry Roads	23.10		
	(includes gravel pit,			
	power station &			
	southwestern airstrip			
	access)			
	Cemetery Access	0.62		
	Road			

	Bodia Access Road	2.50	Full Maintenance Grade	Homeland Access (Rural Road Network)

Service Profile: <u>122 - Support – Building and Infrastructure Services</u>
Business Unit: <u>Technical and Infrastructure</u>

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.

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 in the provided schedule on each of the listed properties at the correlating communities.

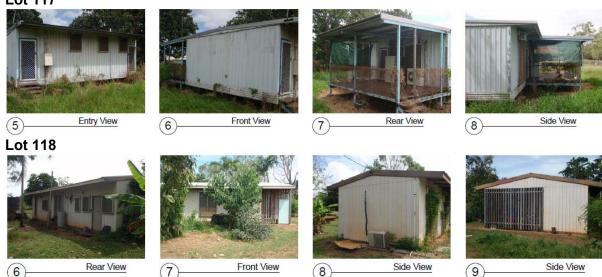
Screens and window grilles must be designed for durability and resistance to access, with corrosion grade and view angle taken into account. Installation as per AS5039-2008 & AS5041 security standards.

• 11 x properties in Milingimbi

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

Plans/Photos: Milingimbi

Lot 117



Lot128



Lot 169



Lot 170





Lot 245 (Duplex 3 and 4)



Lot 245 (Duplex 1 and 2) - External Renovation Works

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) seeks to procure construction services to paint the external walls of Duplex 1 and 2 located at Lot 245 Milingimbi, and replace the roof sheets and flashing throughout.





- An Existing Conditions Report currently being provided to confirm the scope of works.
- Structural Engineer and Building Certifier required for this project.

Contract: RPQ15245-2302 – External Renovation Works

Contractor: TBC

Project Status: Preliminary Scoping

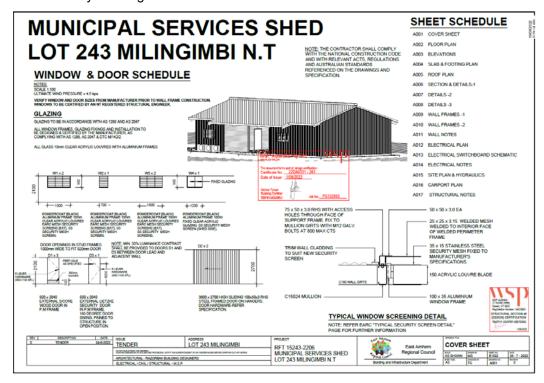
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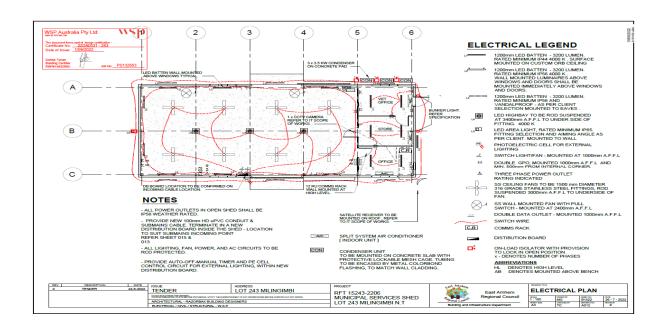
Lot 243 - MS / Public Works Shed Replacement

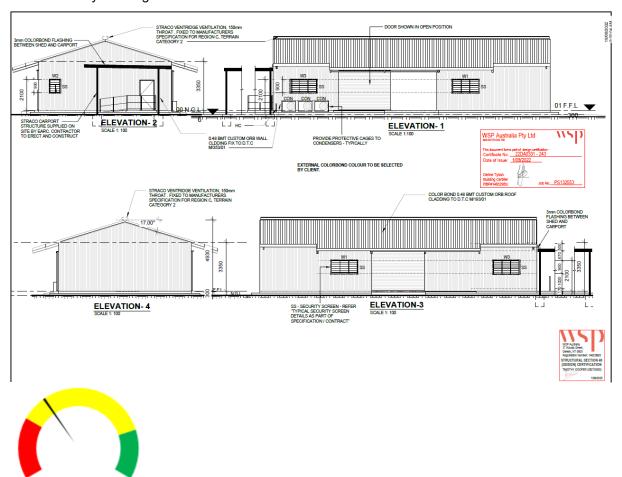
Construction works to commence in the coming weeks with steel due to arrive at the end of March 2023.











Project Completion 35%.

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, Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak and Galiwin'ku. Three draft EMPs are currently being prepared for Angurugu, Yirrkala and Gunyangara Transfer Stations.



Project Status – Partially Completed 75%

4.1.6.1 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

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					

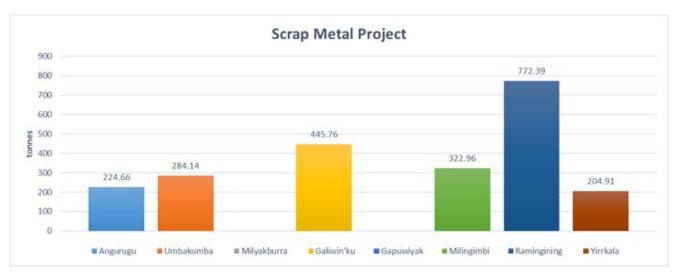
Table 1. Resource Recovery up to 10 February 2023



<u>Project Status – Ongoing</u> (<u>Target achieved</u>)

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

100%

Milingimbi Project Status - Complete 100%

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.

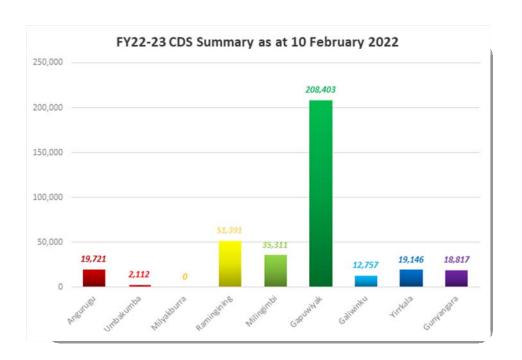
The results for the first seven months of FY23 by community can be seen in the table below. 367,658 containers were collected and sorted across all communities with Gapuwiyak collecting the most with 208,403.

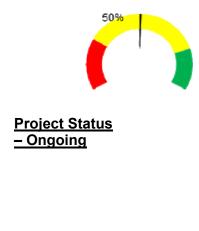
FY2022-23	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Angurugu	13,264	929		5,528						19,721
Umbakumba	671			994		447				2,112
Milyakburra										0
Ramingining		20,892	21,701			8,798				51,391
Milingimbi		7,281	13,302			10,308		4,420		35,311
Gapuwiyak	36,990		61,166		70,835			39,412		208,403
Galiwinku		5,194	2,850	2,401	2,312					12,757

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Totals	56,404	40,424	99.019		73,147	19.553	0	43,832	0	367,658
Gunyangara		6,128		12,689						18,817
Yirrkala	5,479			13,667						19,146

Table. FY23 CDS Community/Monthly breakdown



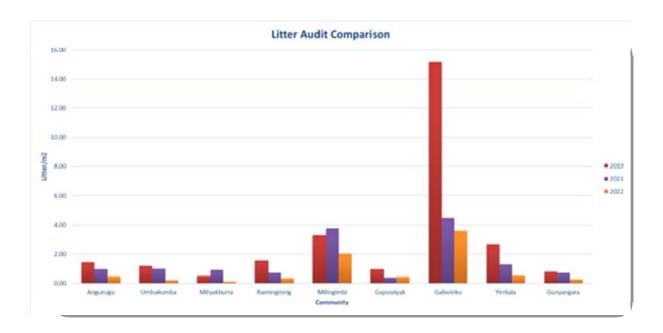


4.1.9.11 Coordinate and report on Bi –Annual ground litter audits in conjunction with the municipal Services Program in each Community.

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.
- o Social media to Snappers & Solvers: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn.
- Blog posts on SSS website.
- o Press release via our PR agency.

Snap Send Solve 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%

Statistics February 2023

Reports by Top 5 Incident types

Total reports received by Incident type for the period.

		This Period	Last Period	% Change
Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC As	sets	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
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20 — 0 Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets	Community Development Incident Type	Request	Solar Lighting	

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

Suburb

	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.

Milingimbi-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.

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.





Milingimbi War Memorial

Five flag poles were ordered to replace existing and arrived in Milingimbi this week. A separate report is tabled after a quote received from a local contractor to repaint the memorial wall to "Ochre Red". The memorial wall has general wear and tear and graffiti and requires a revamp prior to ANZAC Day Celebrations on 25 April 25.



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 Services & Infrastructure report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.3

TITLE Milingimbi Memorial Wall Restoration

REFERENCE 1743059

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY

This report is tabled to the Milingimbi Local Authority, to seek LAPF funds for the painting and restoration of the Milingimbi Memorial Wall prior to 25th April Anzac Day celebrations, as per the below LA Action from the last meeting.

'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'.

BACKGROUND

The memorial wall has had numerous works since construction, and the current state of the wall requires a repaint to restore to the original state. Local Authorities requested the wall to be painted "Ochre Red" to reflect the beautiful landscape earth colours of East Arnhem Land.

GENERAL



Quote received from Local Indigenous Company Bukmak, who is the only localised company on the island - comprises the works below:

Milingimbi War Memorial - Refurbishment

- Pressure wash Memorial including concrete base.
- Paint Memorial with required Solarguard or exterior equivalent paint.
- Paint Memorial with anti-graffiti coating including base (base will be existing pavement colour once cleaned).
- Quotation includes labour, machine Hire, materials, barging, sundries and accommodation for duration of works.
- Works will take approximately three days weather dependant.

Quotation Value \$ 7500.00 Ex GST

The public area infrastructure budget purchased five new flags poles to replace the existing. The flag poles arrived in Milingimbi this week and ready for installation.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local authority approve LAPF Funds the amount of \$7,500.00 exclusive GST for the restoration of the Milingimbi War Memorial, with works to commence prior to this year's Anzac Day celebrations.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.4

TITLE Council Operations on Public Holidays

REFERENCE 1742197

AUTHOR 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 7pm to midnight Sunday 24 December

Christmas Day Monday 25 December

Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December

New Year's Eve 7pm to midnight Sunday 31 December

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

ITEM NUMBER 8.5

TITLE Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update.

REFERENCE 1740766

AUTHOR 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

ITEM NUMBER 8.6

TITLE Council Operations Manager Report

REFERENCE 1741079

AUTHOR Shannon Cervini, 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

General Council

As is generally the case, the New Year usually brings in new faces amongst the existing stakeholders in the community.

Now that everyone is beginning to settle in to their programs we have been starting to build up some strong partnerships, to not only help us to continue to deliver strong programs, but also support other stakeholders, and in turn benefit the wider community.

Milingimbi now has a permanent Remote Sergeant living on the Island. This has helped us to better connect and link in with the police across our services. We are working on developing ways that we can continue to work hand in hand and support each other in serving the community better.

At the beginning of February, East Arnhem Regional Council Milingimbi supported the Arnhem Land Progress Association (ALPA) – Community Development Program (CDP), in holding a barbeque for the community to bring in the New Year and actively promote both of our services.

On two occasions throughout the end of February and beginning of March the heavy rainfall coinciding with high tides, resulted in an inundation of water into Top Camp. The water covered the road and began to reach the properties facing out towards the salt flats.



Madumungun Road looking East from Town



Madumungun Road looking West to Town



Madumungun Road looking toward salt flats

Youth, Sport and Recreation

Coordinator Tim Saukuru is now permanently based back in Milingimbi after helping out the Youth, Sport and Recreation team in Ramingining during his first month of employment with the Council.

The program is seeing quite steady numbers of participants with both the afternoon and night sessions' consistently recording around 30 to 40 people in attendance.

Due to the wet weather experienced in Milingimbi, the program has mainly been indoor based games with Volleyball a huge hit.

A feature of the night time program has been basketball, leading up to a competition at the end of March, and a trip over to the mainland to take on Ramingining during Youth Week in April.

For the second year running Acrobatics has kicked off on a Wednesday night and continues to be a hit, with thanks to one of our school teachers who facilitates the session.

Throughout January Ukanji and Osiah took a team of youth to the Eastern Cup Basketball Competition in Galiwinku.

In January Build-Up Skateboarding also visited Milingimbi. During their skateboarding workshop the participants built skate ramps, rails and learnt some cool tricks. This has meant that skateboarding can be a regular feature of the program.

The team have also linked up with ARDS Aboriginal Corporation in delivering a workshop on respectful relationships with the target audience being teenage boys.

Aged Care and Disability

Aged Care & Disability Services are presently servicing 40 clients. Our new Care Coordinator Ash Hassanar commenced work with East Arnhem Regional Council on 20

February 2023. He has settling in quite well and gaining a good rapport with the clients and the community.

Margaret Allgood, Regional Coordinator has been in Milingimbi doing relief work, conducting training and onboarding Ash and new staff.

Milingimbi Aged Care had the pleasure of a visit from the Community Allied Health Team (CAHT). Shawn and Grace met up with several clients while in Milingimbi. On Wednesday Grace presented a Continent Management program which was attended by male and female clients separately. Many questions were asked and all left the presentation with extra knowledge and exercises to utilise.



Grace running her workshop with the clients.

After some discussion, Grace's next presentation on her next visit will be about respite at the clients' request. All clients enjoyed the morning tea that followed and thanked Grace and Shawn for their support.

Municipal Services

The increase in rainfall over the past two months has kept the Municipal Services team busy trimming and maintaining the growth along the public areas and footpaths. They have also been working hard repairing roads and pot holes that have been impacted from the wet conditions.

The Municipal Services team have held another round of Cash for Cans and hard rubbish collections throughout the community. The team have also undertaken and completed training in Weeds Identification and Control Measures.



The Municipal Services team during the theory component of their training.

Community Night Patrol

Community Night Patrol has been getting back up to full service again, with a position still vacant that we hope to fill in the coming weeks.

As has been the case with some programs, the wet weather has had an impact on the number of engagements that the team have had with the community. While the shop is undergoing construction works, it now closes earlier at 6pm resulting in less people around after nightfall.

Now that the Youth, Sport and Recreation program is building some real momentum we are looking to start planning some events with both programs working together.

An area that we still need to work on developing is the involvement of the Community Night Patrol team with the nightly Youth, Sport and Recreation activities. This includes how we can improve assisting children to and from the activities and forming meaningful connections by way of attendance and involvement.

Library

The library team have been doing a big clean up inside the library and are working on a project to transform one of the library walls into a "History of Milingimbi" wall, and another of all the photos that the library has collected over the years of community members and events.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the Council Operations Manager Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 8.7

TITLE Corporate Services Report

REFERENCE 1738126

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY

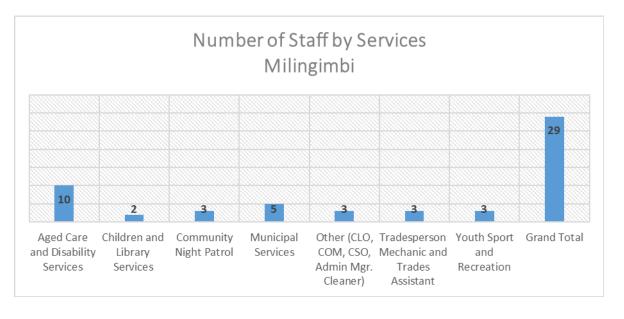
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2023 within the Local Authority area.

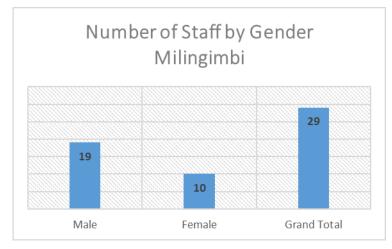
BACKGROUND

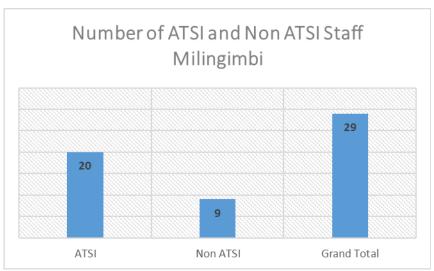
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

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Employee Statistics:







Vacancies as of 28 February 2023:

Position	Level
Aged Care and Disability Services Operations Coordinator	Level 5
Aged Care and Disability Services Support Worker	Level 1
Community Liaison Officer	Level 1
Community Media Officer	Level 1
Community Night Patrol Officer	Level 1
Youth Sport & 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_Milingimbi

EACH REPORTING LOCATION		Milingimbi	
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT	ACTUALCYTE	DUDGET VID	WADIANCE VED
YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2023	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	898,475	1,255,271	(356,796
User Charges and Fees	487,026	553,019	(65,993
Rates and Annual Charges	776,860	776,860	
Interest Income	-	-	
Other Operating Revenues	162,772	982,246	(819,474
Council Internal Allocations	-	-	
Untied Revenue Allocation	1,061,847	1,061,847	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	3,386,979	4,629,242	(1,242,264
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	1,025,210	1,345,597	(320,387
Materials and Contracts	294,938	1,657,832	(1,362,894
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,350	6,516	(5,166
Other Operating Expenses	446,463	753,964	(307,501
Council Internal Allocations	831,094	820,924	10,170
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,599,054	4,584,833	(1,985,779
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	787,924	44,409	743,515
Capital Grants Income	2,500	-	2,500
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	790,424	44,409	746,015
Capital Expenses	-	(1,043,454)	1,043,454
Transfer to Reserves	-	(51,251)	51,251
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	790,424	(1,050,295)	1,840,720
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	962,595	1,005,868	(43,273
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024		(189,630)	189,630
Transfer from General Equity	=	-	
Transfer from Reserves		1,718,831	(1,718,831
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	962,595	2,535,069	(1,572,474
NET OPERATING POSITION	1,753,020	1,484,774	268,246

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