



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 GALIWIN'KU LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

23 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.

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair, Cr Kaye Thurlow, Cr David Djalangi, Cr Evelynna Dhamarrandji, Local Authority members Melissa Campbell, Don Wininba, Virginia Ripa, Cyril Bukulatjpi, Terry Walunba. Jermaine Campbell and Nancy Gudaltji.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

May Brazil – Council Operations Manager.

Lilly Kerr – Youth, Sport & Recreation Coordinator (joined at 3:39pm for the YSR section).

Minute taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:07am and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

David Djalangi.

Apologies

4.1 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.

241/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba)

That Local Authority notes no absences for this meeting.

4.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

242/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Cyril Bukulatjpi)

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

Conflict of Interest

5.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

243/2023 RESOLVED (Cyril Bukulatjpi/Don Wininba)

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

Previous Minutes

6.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY

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

244/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/David Djalangi)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 19 January 2023 to be a true record of the meeting.

Local Authorities

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY

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

245/2023 RESOLVED (Jermaine Campbell/David Djalangi)

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.

Guest Speakers

9.1 GUEST SPEAKER - MICHELLE CONNOLLY, AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

SUMMARY

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.

246/2023 RESOLVED (Evelyna Dhamarrandji/Don Wininba)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.
- (b) Recommends that at least three local Yolngu people be recruited to local Australian Electoral Commission roles, to support increased awareness, enrolment and participation in elections, as well as the upcoming Federal Referendum on the Indigenous Voice.

9.2 GUEST SPEAKERS - BODHI PASTOR-ELSEGOOD AND KARL HOWARD, CROSS CULTURAL CONSULTANTS.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this session is to provide information to the Local Authority about the Galiwin'ku Litter Management Strategy, and seek information from the Local Authority about their priorities and outcomes for the Litter Management Strategy.

247/2023 RESOLVED (Terry Walunba/Evelyna Dhamarrandji)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentation.
- (b) Notes the ongoing process and report to come back to Local Authority.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:54PM

248/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Cyril Bukulatjpi)

MEETING RESUMED AT 1:41PM

249/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Virginia Rripa)

10.1 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.

250/2023 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

10.3 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.

251/2023 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Melissa Campbell)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Requests and supports an increase in staffing numbers in the Parks and Garden Program.**
- (c) Supports a secondary leadership role for the program and allocation of a house.**

10.4 TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES IN GALIWINKU SUMMARY

This report is tabled to the Local Authority for support to remove the rotted mango trees, & trim the healthy trees along Mango Lane, and remove unsafe mahogany trees at the Women's Centre.

252/2023 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Don Wininba)

That the Local Authority supports:

- (a) Trimming of healthy mango trees and removal of rotten trees along Mango Lane due to safety concerns and rubbish truck access.**
- (b) Removal of the mahogany trees at the Women's Centre due to safety concerns.**

9.3 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.

253/2023 RESOLVED (Evelyna Dhamarrandji/Melissa Campbell)

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

General Business

10.5 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.

254/2023 RESOLVED (Virginia Ripa/Evelyna Dhamarrandji)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the report.

(b) Notes we Yolngu and Balanda are living together now, and requests a range of traditional and western programs be developed to mark Australia Day, Anzac Day and NAIDOC Day, where Yolngu and Balanda celebrate together.

(c) Involve and work with NORFORCE in arranging the Anzac Day celebrations in preparation of ceremony including the marking of the sinking of the Patricia Cam.

10.8 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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

255/2023 RESOLVED (Terry Walunba/Don Wininba)

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

10.7 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.

256/2023 RESOLVED (Evelyna Dhamarrandji/David Djalangi)

That Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

10.6 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.

257/2023 RESOLVED (Evelyna Dhamarrandji/Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.

(b) Thanks the Youth, Sport and Recreation team for their great effort.

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 3:51PM

258/2023 RESOLVED (Evelyna Dhamarrandji/Cyril Bukulatjpi)

RETURNED FROM COFIDENTAIL AT 4:10PM

259/2023 RESOLVED (Terry Walunba/Cyril Bukulatjpi)

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

260/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Evelyna Dhamarrandji)

Requests the representatives of Marthakal homelands organisations to attend the next LA meeting to discuss the appointment of their new CEO and programs.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 4:16 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18 MAY 2023.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 23 March 2023.