



## 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 GAPUWIYAK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

**24 March 2023**

## **ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Trudy Wunungmurra, Cr Bandi Wunungmurra, Cr Bobby Wunungmurra, Local Authority Member Ivan Wanambi, Jessica Wunungmurra, Ricky Guyula and Thomas Guyula.

## **COUNCIL STAFF**

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Anesuishe Hector – Council Operations Manager.

Sikeli Qounadovu - Youth, Sport & Recreation Coordinator (joined for YSR section).

Harlowe Arden - Trauma Informed Care Coordinator (joined for YSR section).

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

## **MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10:21AM and welcomed all members and guests.

## **PRAYER**

Trudy Wunungmurra.

## **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.

**256/2023 RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Ivan Wanambi)**

**That Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Freddie Ganambarra, Simon Gawirrin, Merril Guyula and Alice Wanambi.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Freddie Ganambarra, Simon Gawirrin and Alice Wanambi.**
- (c) Notes Freddie Ganambarra, Simon Gawirrin and Alice Wanambi are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines Merril Guyula 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.

**257/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

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

**Conflict of Interest**

**4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**SUMMARY**

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

**258/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

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.

**259/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 20 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.

**260/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Thomas Guyula)**

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**

**7.1 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY, ENGAGEMENT OFFICER  
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.

**261/2023 RESOLVED (Jessica Wunungmurra/Ivan Wanambi)**

**The Local Authority:**

- (a) Thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.**
- (b) Recommends that at least two local Yolngu people, male and female, be recruited to permanent ongoing roles as Community Electoral Participation Officers (CEPO) supporting the Australian Electoral Commission and Northern Territory Electoral Commission, to support increased awareness, enrolment and participation in elections, as well as the upcoming Federal Referendum on the Indigenous Voice.**

## **7.2 GUEST SPEAKER - MELODY KEATING, CROSS CULTURAL FACILITATOR, ARDS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION.**

### **SUMMARY**

In 2022 the Gunga'yunga Djamarrkuliny Gapuwiyak (East Arnhem Land Youth Model) Leadership Group approved a project to help give Yolngu parents concrete information about what they are and are not allowed to do to discipline children.

This project will also report to government about Yolngu and Balanda ways of making decisions about children and how to join these different ways of making decisions together in a way that respects both systems.

**262/2023 RESOLVED (Jessica Wunungmurra/Thomas Guyula)**

**The Local Authority thanks the guest speakers for their presentation.**

## **General Business**

### **8.4 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.

**263/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the Council Operations Report.**
- (b) Invites the three new Year 12 graduates who have started work with Council, to the next Local Authority meeting.**

### **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.

**264/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

**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 New Year's Day, 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.**
- (d) Recommends to arrange safe boxing events as part of New Year's day celebration.**
- (e) Welcomes and supports diversity events in the community.**
- (f) Supports recognition of community achievements.**

**BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 1:04PM**

**265/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

**RESUMES AT 1:29PM**

**266/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Thomas Guyula)**

### **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.

**267/2023 RESOLVED (Jessica Wunungmurra/Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)**

**That the Local Authority Notes the report.**

## **8.5 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.

**268/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

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

## **8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **SUMMARY**

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

**269/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Ricky Guyula)**

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

## **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.

**270/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Jessica Wunungmurra)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the CEO Report.**
- (b) Invites Local Aboriginal Corporations Gongdal and Milintji as guest speakers to Local Authority meetings.**

## **7.3 NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE - LAW & ORDER COMMUNITY UPDATE – COM PROVIDED UPDATE ON THIS MATTER ON BEHALF OF THE NORTERN TERRITORY POLICE.**

### **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.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

**QUESTION FROM MEMBERS:**

1. Why people are not given notice before power cuts. COM will talk to local Power and Water officers to provide proper notice.
2. Concern about safety of children and dogs from fast cars on Marrangu Street, and stressed on importance about having speed humps. The Director Technical & Infrastructure Services was asked to look into the installation of speed humps on the said street.
3. Due to lack of walkways some community members are walking through people's houses and properties. Director Community Development to writing a letter to Territory Housing raising this issue and requesting action.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19 May 2023.

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 2:59pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 24 March 2023.