

Agenda

Angurugu

LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

On

28 March 2023

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Angurugu Local Authority will be held at the Angurugu Council Office on Tuesday, 28 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 2.1

TITLE Apologies and Absence Without Notice

REFERENCE 1738374

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:

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- (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:

1 Angurugu Attendance Record 2023.docx



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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 2.2

TITLE Local Authority Membership

REFERENCE 1748265

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:

Angurugu

Marianne Walsh

Gregory Mamarika

Jonathan Nunggumajbarr

Ronald Wurrawilya

Mathew Wurrawilya

Geraldine Amagula

Dorothea Lalara

Ishmael Lalara

Phillip Kennell

Fabian Lalara

Jarella Amagula

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

Cr Constantine Mamarika

Cr Lionel Jaragba

The following nominations for Local Authority membership have been approved by Council:

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





RECOMMENDATION

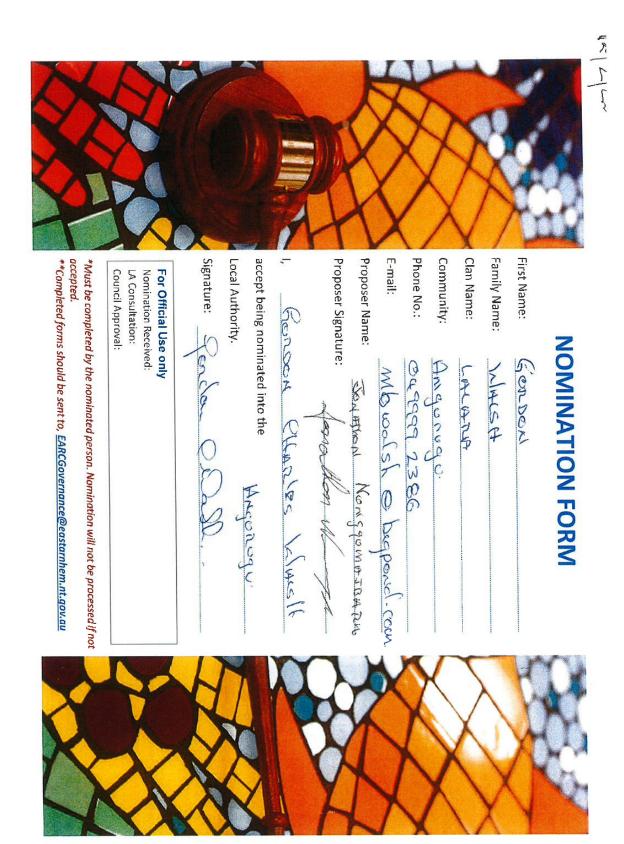
The Local Authority

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

(b) Recommends the nomination of Gordon Walsh be placed in the Council meeting for approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Nomination - Angurugu - Gordon Walsh.pdf



CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER 3.1

TITLE Conflict of Interest

REFERENCE 1738379

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 4.1

TITLE Previous Minutes for Ratification

REFERENCE 1738380

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 meetings of 22 March 2022, 24 May 2022 and 24 January 2023 to be true records of the meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Local Authority Angurugu 2022-03-22 [1787] Minutes.DOCX
- 2 Local Authority Angurugu 2022-05-24 [1836] Minutes.DOCX
- 3 Local Authority Angurugu 2023-01-24 [1998] Minutes.DOCX



Mission

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Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE ANGURUGU LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

22 March 2022

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ATTENDANCE

In the Chair – Cr Gordon Walsh, Local Authority Members Gregory Mamarika, Jonathan Nunggumajbarr, Mathew Wurrawilyam, Marianne Walsh (by telephone) and Cr Constantine Mamarika (joined at 11.17AM).

COUNCIL STAFF

Dale Keehne – CEO. Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services. Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development. Michael Fitisemanu – Community Development Coordinator.

OBSERVERS

Nawshaba Razzak - Corporate Planning and Policy Officer.

Minute taker – Wendy Brook – Executive Assistant to CEO.

Guest Speakers

Rheannon Vea Vea, Community and Engagement Officer — Australian Electoral Commission (From 11.17am to 11.45am).

Melina Davidson, Electorate Officer — Office Of Selena Uibo Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Member for Arnhem (From 1.36pm to 1.57pm).

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at (10.09AM) and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 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 Council gives permission for.

167/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Member Dorothea Lalara, Ronald Wurrawilya and Geraldine Amagula.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Dorothea Lalara, Ronald Wurrawilya and Geraldine Amagula.
- (c) Notes Dorothea Lalara, Ronald Wurrawilya and Geraldine Amagula.are absent with the permission of the Local Authority.

2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

168/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

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

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

169/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

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

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

170/2022 RESOLVED (Gordon Walsh/Gregory Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 23 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Local Authorities

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

171/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

5 MINUTE BREAK AT 10.59AM

172/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Gordon Walsh)

MEETING RESUMED AT 11.17AM

173/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

Guest Speakers

6.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

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174/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

The Local Authority:

- a) Thanks the guest speakers for their presentations.
- b) Encourages the Australian Electoral Commission to explore partnerships with other stakeholders.
- c) Supports the Director Community Development to enter into further discussion with the Australian Electoral Commission on possible solutions and/or partnerships to facilitate the federal election.
- d) Request the Australian Electoral Commission to send the Director Community Development information on current enrolment levels for him to distribute to all communities through the Community Development Coordinators.

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General Business

7.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

175/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That Council notes the CEO Report.

7.2 RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS CONTROLLED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMARY:

Council considered and made a resolution at the last Ordinary Council meeting on 24 February about the proper recognition of Indigenous Controlled Local Governments. Your Local Authority is asked to review and endorse the next steps to gain support for recognition with the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government and Opposition leading up to the Federal election.

176/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority endorses:

- a) The motions put to the next General Meeting of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.
- b) That Council continue to call for recognition of the East Arnhem Regional Council and Local Authorities as being Indigenous controlled by the Northern Territory and Federal Governments and Opposition.

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12.03PM

177/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

MEETING RESUMED 1.03PM

178/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

Marianne Walsh left the meeting, the time being 01:06 PM

7.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every Local Authority meting to provide information and or updates to members.

179/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Constantine Mamarika)

The Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Community Development Coordinator's report.
- b) Raises a new action requesting the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to liaise with Anindilyakwa Land Council and other local stakeholders regarding renewed issues with the problem of numerous car bodies in the community.

7.3 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report is table for the Local Authority for an update on the Animal Program delivery and staffing changes.

180/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Constantine Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

7.4 ANGURUGU INTERNAL AND RURAL ROADS UPGRADE UPDATE SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide an update on the capital roads upgrades currently underway within Angurugu and the outer gravel network.

181/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

7.6 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.

182/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.
- b) Requests Management to look at options for fencing around the Youth Sports Building.

7.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2022 within the Local Authority area.

183/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 28 February 2022.

7.8 SECOND BUDGET REVISION

SUMMARY:

This report details the second revised budget for your community.

184/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That Local Authority notes the second revised budget.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24 May 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 2.33pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Angurugu Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 22 March 2022.

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MINUTES FOR THE ANGURUGU LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING

24 May 2022

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ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Cr Gordon Walsh, Local Authority Member Gregory Mamarika, Jonathan Nunggumajbarr and Mathew Wurrawilyam.

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne - CEO

Shane Marshall - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services

Andrew Walsh - Director Community Development

Divyan Ahimaz - A/Community Development Coordinator Angurugu & Umbakumba

Minute Taker - Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 9:34AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 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 Council gives permission for.

185/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority Member Marianne Walsh, Geraldine Amagula, Dorothea Lalara and Cr Constantine Mamarika.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Local Authority Member Marianne Walsh.
- (c) Notes Local Authority Member Marianne Walsh is absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Local Authority Member Geraldine Amagula, Dorothea Lalara and Cr Constantine Mamarika are absent without permission of the Local.

2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

186/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

The Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Notes the verbal resignation received from Ronald Wurrawilya.
- Requests to check the attendance history of Member Geraldine Amagula and Dorothea Lalara.

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

187/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

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

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

UMMARY:

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

188/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

That the Local Authority defers this report until the next Ordinary Local Authority meeting of Angurugu.

Local Authorities

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

189/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

General Business

7.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT.

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

190/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

BREAKS FOR MORNING TEA AT 10:23AM

191/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

RESUMES AT 10:37AM

192/2022 RESOLVED (Mathew Wurrawilya/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

7.2 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2022 within the Local Authority area.

193/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 30 April 2022.

7.3 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan.

194/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

BREAKS AT 11:05AM

195/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

RESUMES AT 11:19AM

196/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

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MOVES TO CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA AT 11:19AM

197/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya)

MOVES BACK TO OPEN AGENDA AT 11:44AM

198/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Gregory Mamarika)

7.5 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

199/2022 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Mathew Wurrawilya)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the CEO report.
- b) Does not support the pathway forward for Local Decision Making planned by the ARDS Aboriginal Corporation as advised on 29 April 2022.
- c) Supports the:

Call for Recognition – Local & Regional Indigenous Voice and Decision Making

We the Yolngu and Anindilyakwa people of East Arnhem Land call on the two Balanda (non-Indigenous) levels of Government of the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth of Australia, to recognise the authority of our First Nations peoples which we have had for millennia and was never extinguished.

Our community and homelands people are intertwined and deeply connected through the two pillars (moieties) of Dhuwa and Yirritja, our Bapurru (Clans), our Ringitj (Clan Alliances), our Land, our Song Lines, which extend and connect to Anindilyakwa.

We need a real heart to heart connection and partnership, and know we are stronger when we are united together – Yolngu to Yolngu and Yolngu to Balanda.

We recognise the role and authority of the two Balanda controlled governments, and you need to recognise the role and authority of our governance.

Our East Arnhem Regional Local Government Council is governed by up to 126 Members across 9 Local Authorities, which include 14 Councillors elected from 6 cultural based electoral wards, that are all connected through our clans, song lines, bloodlines, ceremony and family, to represent over 10,000 people, with an Aboriginal population over 90 per cent.

Our East Arnhem Regional (Land) Council, part of the broader Northern Land Council, is governed in North East Arnhem Land by 15 elected Members from 8 areas of across the Yolngu lands. Our Anindilyakwa Land Council has 23 elected Board Members from 14 Clans and 3 communities across the Anindilyakwa lands of the

Groote Archipelago.

We also have many Aboriginal Corporations governed by Directors from across the Yolngu communities and areas outside of East Arnhem Land, like the Arnhem Land Progress Association, to Corporations with Directors across the whole East Arnhem Region like Miwatj Health, to Aboriginal Corporations with Directors based on areas within the region, like the Laynhapuy, Marthakal and Milingimbi Homelands to Clan based corporations like Gumatj, and Rirratjingu, and the Yothu Yindi Foundation, or linked to communities like Yalu in Galiwinku, Gongdal in Gapuwiyak or Aminjarrindja at Umbakumba. Each of our organisations (listed below) has its own special purpose and role and should be listened to.

Our Aboriginal Controlled Local Authorities and Regional Government Council, offers a bridge of commonality between our Yolngu and Anindilyakwa people and the Balanda (non-Indigenous) governments. A bridge to make sure the voices of our Land Councils and other Aboriginal organisations – our Traditional Owners, our Bapurru (Clan) Leaders, our young, and all our community and homeland members - are heard, and acted on.

We look forward to thorough and genuine engagement with the Australian Government's Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice process across East Arnhem Land, and the accompanying opportunities of Closing the Gap. We also look forward to the review and updating of the Northern Territory Government's Local Decision Making policy and processes — to be properly aligned, and to allow for coordinated and practical engagement with both Balanda levels of government across East Arnhem Land.

We support a genuine partnership of Balanda government with our Aboriginal Community Controlled Government in unity with the Land Councils and all other Aboriginal organisations, with our shared sacred bond to respect and protect our Land, Traditional Owners, Clan Leaders and Culture.

Our strength of culture, capacity and unity will ensure different government plans and processes like the Federal Government's Indigenous Voice and Closing the Gap and NT Government's Local Decision Making – lead to real outcomes, led by the people, in the many different communities and homelands across East Arnhem Land.

The Makarrata ceremony comes from the traditional Yolngu Rom (law) of East Arnhem Land and we invite the Balanda (non-Indigenous) Federal and Northern Territory Governments to join us on country together, to overcome the divisions between us through real reconciliation, and start genuine truth telling, dialogue and understanding, to build a better future and nation for us all.

East Arnhem Regional Alliance

Government East Arnhem Regional Council

Land East Arnhem Regional Council - Northern Land Council

Anindikyakwa Land Council

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Aboriginal Corporations Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation

Arnhem Land Progress Association

North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation Layhnapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre Aboriginal

Corporation

Milingimbi and Outstations Progress and Resource

Aboriginal Corporation

Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation

Yothu Yindi Foundation Aboriginal Corporation

Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation

Lirrwi Yolngu Tourism Aboriginal Corporation

Gong-Dal Aboriginal Corporation Yalu Aboriginal Corporation

Aboriginal and Resource Development Services

Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust

Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Indigenous

Enterprises

Aminjarringa Aboriginal Corporation Lagulalya Aboriginal Corporation

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER

Can a meeting be arranged with NT Police to raise concerns about the treatment of community members.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26 July 2022

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 12:12PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on 24 May 2022 are to be confirmed on the Local Authority Ordinary meeting on 26 July 2022.



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 ANGURUGU PROVISIONAL LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

24 January 2023

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ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Ishmael Lalara, Councillors and Lionel Jaragba, Marianne Walsh and Local Authority Members, Jonathan Nunggumajbarr, Phillip Kennell and Fabian Lalara.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Andrew Walsh - Acting CEO.

Shane Marshall - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Signe Balodis - Regional Manager Community Development.

Gordon Walsh – Council Operations Manager.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook, EA to the CEO.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:34AM and welcomed all members and guests.

2.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

200/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

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

2.2 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 Council gives permission for.

The minutes of the Angurugu Local Authority meeting held in May, note the recommendation for an attendance record for Geraldine Amagula and Dorothea Lalara be provided at the next meeting. This record is attached.

2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY: This report lists the community and Council appointed members and the resignation and vacancies of the Local Authority. 1/86/2022 RESOLVED (Gregory Mamarika/Mathew Wurrawilya) The Local Authority:

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING HELD IN THE

- ANGURUGU COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022 AT 9:00AM

 a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- b) Notes the verbal resignation received from Ronald Wurrawilya.
- Requests to check the attendance history of Member Geraldine <u>Amagula</u> and Dorothea <u>Lalara</u>.

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

201/2023 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Lionel Jaragba)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Constantine Mamarika, Gregory Mamarika, Matthew Wurrawilyam, Geraldine Amagula, Dorothea Lalara and Jarella Amagula..
- (b) Notes no apologies received.
- (c) Notes Matthew Wurrawilyam, Geraldine Amagula, Jarella Amagula, Dorothea Lalara and Constantine Mamarika are absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Gregory Mamarika is absent without permission of the Local Authority.

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

202/2023 RESOLVED (Fabian Lalara/Phillip Kennell)

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

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Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION UNABLE TO RATIFY DUE TO PROVISIONAL MEETING.

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meetings of 22 March 2022 and 24 May 2022 to be true records of the meetings.

Local Authorities

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY

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

203/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

General Business

7.1 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.

204/2023 RESOLVED (Fabian Lalara/Phillip Kennell)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the CEO Report.
- (b) Celebrates the appointment of Cr. Lionel Jaragba as Deputy President of East Arnhem Regional Council.

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7.2 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.

205/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Phillip Kennell)

That the Local Authority welcomes the decision by Council to endorse the respective recommendations of each Local Authority, to further strengthen and empower their role, as detailed in full in Attachment B, to be provided to the Northern Territory Government and Reference Group that will develop an Implementation Plan to be provided to the Minister for Local Government Chansey Paech.

MOTION MOVE TO BREAK 11:29AM

206/2023 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Lionel Jaragba)

MOTION RESUME MEETING AT 11:49AM

207/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Phillip Kennell)

7.3 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.

208/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations report.

MOTION MOVE TO LUNCH 12:01PM

209/2023 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Phillip Kennell)

MOTION RESUME MEETING AT 12:39PM

210/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

Cr Fabian Lalara left the meeting, the time being 12:39 PM.

7.4 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.

211/2023 RESOLVED (Ishmael Lalara/Lionel Jaragba)

That the Local Authority,

- (a) Notes the Technical & Infrastructure Services report.
- (b) Supports the flyer design and message surrounding Animal Cruelty and targeted education focus surrounding these situations and calls for a community meeting to discuss the issue.
- (c) Thanks Gordon Walsh, Phil Kennell and John Harpley, for their efforts and assistance, not only in their own Communities, but with program delivery in Milyakburra.

7.5 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.

212/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Phillip Kennell)

213/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Phillip Kennell)

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) Director of Community Services enters into conversations with the NT Dept Health Morgue services or appropriate department regarding the release date of the deceased regarding the application process.

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	L. C	Culturally	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	ased 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		

MOTION MOVE TO BREAK 1:55PM

214/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED 2:07PM

215/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

7.6 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.

216/2023 RESOLVED (Ishmael Lalara/Phillip Kennell)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.
- (b) Approves expenditure from Local Authority Project Funding of \$9,713.11, for execution for the community consultation and engagement phase of the Local Authority Mural project.
- (c) Approves expenditure from Local Authority Project Funding of \$5,500.00, to purchase resources to allow for Local Authority Meetings to be held in public spaces.
- (d) Confirm that the Angurugu Local Authority require the map of Groote Eylandt to be their representative piece on the mural project.

7.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 December 2022 within the Local Authority area.

217/2023 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Phillip Kennell)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 31 December 2022.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Discussions with Dale in November - included problems with vehicles being able to access driveways.

The members raised their concern over access to the driveway for residents of Angurugu and the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to report on their concern.

Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to supply information on the current boundary of the Angurugu cemetery site, inclusive of available land not aligned to the Gemco lease for expansion consideration, with the focus for the expansion

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aligned to supply more room for Clan designated burial areas and increased shade and seating installation

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 2:24PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28 March 2023

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER 5.1

TITLE Local Authority Action Register

REFERENCE 1738382

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 Action Register Angurugu - January 2023.docx



ANGURUGU ACTIONS

24.01.23 – Consultant engaged and will visit communities to conduct workshops. The Local Authority confirms they require the map of Groote Eylandt to be their representative piece on the mural project.		
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.		
24.05.2022 – Ongoing		
22.03.2022 – Option 1. And each local authority to provide names and possibly images to be included for their community and homelands. (Reference Milyakburra agenda)		
29.11.2021 – Angurugu Local Authority in line with the views of other two Anindilyakwa Local Authorities interpretation of the Groote Archipelago and the significance of, as part of the series of Murals. Report submitted in Local Authority for ideas on map design.		
11.10.2021 - Ongoing and will await the other localities preferred options - LA to suggest artist direction to put the draft concept for review - under a fee for service arrangement.		
25.05.2021 – Local Authority have decided on the Map of Groote Eylandt, Artistic map representing the Groote archipelago.	to include in the series of murals.	ocited of Midials
12.05.2021 – Ongoing	That the Local Authority continues to consider and	143/2021
STATUS	ACTIONS	ACTION ITEM

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Legal Sale of Kava		24.05.2022 - 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 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.
		19.09.22 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.
		24.01.23 deferred until next meeting for update.
001/2020 RESOLVED Playground Position	That the Local Authority support the positioning of the playground within the area of Lot 591 as a suggested alternative after the Office of Township consultation	12.05.2021 – Placed out for quotation, no submission have been received to this date. Will be placed out for submission in next round.
		12.10.2021 - Ongoing with RFQ to be re-released.
		12.01.2022 – RFQ will be released end of January – limited trades due to break.
		22.03.2022 – To be actioned under an exemption by the Contractor this week.
		24.05.2022 – Has not started as yet. Will be addressed with priority.
		22.06.2022 – To be actioned under an exemption with interested contractors – low response to RFQ.s and Tenders due to back log and larger scale available works on Eylandt.
		24.01.23 – Remains outstanding – to be put back out after Xmas break.

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Angurugu Local Area	That the Local Authority:	12.10.2021 – Ongoing will revisit with the next OTL meeting - missed the
Management Plan and Street		October meeting.
Names	(a) Holds a workshop to consider any adjustments to the current Local Area Traffic Management Plan for Angurugu and supply feedback at the next scheduled	12.01.2022 – Ongoing action item and will go to the next OTL meeting.
	Local Authority meeting. (b) Request the archive records of street names be located and used, and consider street name suggestions for new streets for the purpose of further	22.03.2022 – As above 24.05.2022 – Will be taken to the new authority post transition after July 2022.
	consultation at the next Local Authority meeting.	22.06.22 — will be sent to ALC entity with the transition of the town lease July 1st from the OTL for consideration
		24.01.23 - Ongoing.
Water line to the cemetery \$20,000		12.10.2021 – Ongoing - RFQ to be release November
		12.01.2022 – Approval granted, project moving forward. RFQ will be sent out end of January due to leave and extended commitments.
		22.3.2022 – Ongoing being followed up today.
		24.05.2022 – An update will be provided by the end of the week. Will be addressed with priority.
		19.09.22 looking for cooperation
		22.06.2022 – still awaiting progress due to trade availability and staffing issues
		24.01.23 – Staff shortages have caused problematic. To be revisited after Xmas period.

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	ACTIONS	SIAIUS
Gravesite Identification		26.05.2020 – Project underway with ALC; a GPS locator is being used to locate and map graves to update the gravesite identification.
		Council amendment – Write a letter to advocate for additional funding for all communities for gravesite identification that has been and will be undertaken.
		28.07.2020 - The Director Community Development is requested to engage community consultants to identify gravesites and purchase materials; the Local Authority approves the expenditure up to \$15,000 of Local Authority Project Funds.
		02.02.2021 – EARC has been working closely with ALC Anthropologist, Hugh Bland, to help identify the graves in the Angurugu cemetery. The burial register is being updated as the project progresses. This cemetery mapping remains an ongoing process, but it is underway.
		12.05.2021 – Further consultations need to be completed. Ongoing
		25.05.2021- Updated provided to LA members – Ongoing
		29.11.2021 — To project this project LA members are recommended to allocate 80k to project from unallocated equity, later in this LA meeting under the budget review item.
		22.03.2022 — Council approved budget of 80K in December 2021. Formal expression of interest for project will be released in April 2022.
		24.05.2022 – Engagement of consultant being negotiated. 22.06.2022 Funds allocation in draft 22-23 budget to initiate.
		Funds allocated and further discussions to take place.

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		ACTION ITEM	ANGURUGU ACTIONS
		ACTIONS	
DTSI will provide information on the current boundary of the Angurugu cemetery, including available land not included in the Gemco lease, for expansion consideration. The focus of the expansion will be to provide additional space for clan designated burial areas and increased shade and seating installations.	24.01.23 – 30 gravesites have already been identified. Finding someone with the knowledge has been a very big challenge.	STATUS	

	Footpath Installation	
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	ANGURUGU ACTIONS	

TAGONOGO ACTIONS		
ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Footpath Installation		26.05.2020 – The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services and the Regional Roads Manager will be visiting community to assess the footpath works mid-June 2020.
		18/01/2021 — Director Technical and Infrastructure Services has met with BetaPave about defects and intersection road surface tie in points in conjunction with the roads capital program contractor to resume works once weather clears.
		12.05.2021 – Works still to be completed.
		12.10.2021 – Update provided to LA members – ongoing and to be finalised with the kerb connection points with Roads contractor - ETA end of November.
		12.01.2022 – Subject to further discussion with Power and Water and contractors involved in the project. Updates provided in the next LA meeting and to Council in December. – ongoing when works resume after the break, variation for changes to scope to be actioned via way of variation for width increase of standard NT spec to 1200mm – which can be done under existing program budget.
		22.03.2022 – Ongoing
		24.05.2022 – Power and Water has finished the work. Additional workers will be moved from Umbakumba for this footpath work. Anticipated completion by June or first half of July 2022.
		22.06.2022 – Ongoing – with contractor still to complete – staff on island today and update will be provided to LA.

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ANGURUGU ACTIONS

ANGONOGO ACTIONS		
ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		19.09.22 Additional path work completed – ongoing but works have commenced.
		19.10.22 Shane to provide update.
		24.01.23 – To revisit – additional funds have been allocated.
Community meeting to	Supports the flyer design and message surrounding Animal Cruelty and targeted education focus	Thanks Maddie
	surrounding these situations and calls for a community meeting to discuss the issue.	Please see the LA Angurugu Minutes surrounding the poster and meeting requirement (part B)
		211/2023 RESOLVED (Ishmael Lalara/Lionel Jaragba)
		That the Local Authority,
		(a) Notes the Technical & Infrastructure Services report.
		(b) Supports the flyer design and message surrounding Animal Cruelty and targeted education focus surrounding these situations and calls for a community meeting to discuss the issue.
		(c) Thanks Gordon Walsh, Phil Kennell and John Harpley, for their efforts and assistance, not only in their own Communities, but with program delivery in Milyakburra.

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		Cheers Shane Marshall Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services
The members raised their concern over access to driveway	The Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to report on their concern.	24.01.23 — Director Technical and Infrastructure to provide update.

ANGURUGU ACTIONS

COMPLETED ACTIONS:

24.05.2022— Recommend to mark as complete and remove from Action list. Start a separate action for the request for a new coordinator to present to the LA. 24.01.23 — As above	The Local Authority: Requests that a Coordinator from the different Council program areas is invited periodically to provide an update to the Local Authority in addition to the CEO report.	130/2020 – Chief Executive Officer Report
24.05.2021 – Recommend to mark as complete and remove from Action list.	The Local Authority: Requests that a Coordinator from the different Council program areas is invited periodically to provide an update to the Local Authority in addition to the CEO report.	130/2020 – Chief Executive Officer Report

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GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 6.1

TITLE Guest Speaker - Maryanne Walley, Engagement

Officer Australian Electoral Commission.

REFERENCE 1740944

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:

There are no attachments to this report.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 6.2

TITLE Guest Speaker - Melinda Mansell, Australian Bureau

of Statistics.

REFERENCE 1742347

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

GENERAL

Melinda will be joining the meeting to speak about the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSHIHS), which commenced mid-August for Gunyangara and Yirrkala, and will now also include the Umbakumba community commencing 24 October 2022.

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:

There are no attachments to this report.



GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.1

TITLE CEO Report REFERENCE 1743933

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

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.2

TITLE Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital

Project Updates

REFERENCE 1723422

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

112 - Support Fleet and Workshop 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 & Infrastructure Services

GENERAL

Service Profile: 108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services

Business Unit: Veterinary and Animal Control

Action ID:

2.3.10.12 Provide program outcome statistics to Local Authority and Council meetings.

Community: Angurugu

Reporting month/period: Jan-Feb 2023

Overall comments:

 Clinical work limited during the first half of January due to community members being away. Oxygen was replaced at the start of February therefore de-sexing surgeries have resumed.



• Challenges persist regarding owners not being home when vet visits despite prior consultation, therefore the animal cannot be collected for surgery.

- Overall dogs appear in poorer body condition than usual. Possible causes include lack of nutrition due to owner absence and potentially some animals exhibiting signs of chronic Ehrlichiosis.
- Malnutrition due to owner absence is a recurrent issue. The AMP provides school-based education about the importance of ensuring animals are looked after when owners are away however may need to consider a wider public awareness campaign.
- There has been a large increase recently in aggravated assaults against dogs, particularly in Angurugu.
- Recent cases reported include two separate incidents of machete wounds to legs, machete wound to face, and a dog shot by a crossbow.
- Animal Management Worker Ingrid Lalara reports finding a dog deceased due to machete injury – the dog belonged to a family member. I have been unofficially informed by police that another dog was found deceased due to violence however thus far I have been unable to confirm this officially or receive details.
- A public awareness campaign on this matter has been enacted since the start of February including print media and radio. The Council will hold a community meeting on this matter in Angurugu next month.
- Following the December parvovirus outbreak, a public awareness campaign was distributed at the start of January cases have now eased.

Individual treatments:

- Consultations include: Puppies with worm burdens, wounds, skin infections, unwell dogs, Ehrlichiosis, several hit-by-car injuries.
 - o Surgeries: Eyelid tumour removal, aural haematoma repair.
- Nhulunbuy EARC vet nurse Sarah Carrall visited Groote for an overnight stay to provide training and nursing assistance.
- AMW Tineka Turner has finished her regular employment with EARC and is to remain as a casual nurse.
- Two "Dangerous Dog" signs placed, including one dog that was de-sexed following a bite to a police officer.

 Vet car side mirrors have been replaced after being damaged last month. However, the security cameras outside the vet clinic on the GEAT building have now also been maliciously damaged (amongst other cameras on the outside of the building) – GEAT to replace.

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: {Community name}	This period of reporting	Last year's Annual delivery		
Dogs Desexed	Angurugu: 11	Angurugu: 31		
Cats Desexed	Angurugu: 2	Angurugu: 4		
Community consultations	Angurugu: 33	Angurugu: 100		
Remote/Phone consultations	2	No data		
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	2	No data		
Minor procedures/other surgeries	Angurugu: 2	No data		
Parasite Treatments (ivermectin)	Angurugu: 0	Angurugu: 379		
Parasite Treatments (other)	Angurugu: 20	No data		
Euthanasia	Angurugu: 2	No data		
TOTAL Engagements	74	514		

Community education activities:

• Public awareness campaign regarding aggravated assaults on animals.

Staff training

• AMW Tineka Turner continues her Cert 2 in Animal Studies – nearing completion.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- Radio segments on Anindilyakwa Radio regarding aggravated assaults on animals and planned Council meeting.
- Discussions with Anindiliyakwa Housing Aboriginal Corporation regarding tenant education of animal matters

Follow-up list for next visit:

- Focus on de-sexing's weather permitting.
- Commence quarterly parasitic distribution visiting each Lot.
- Training of new COM regarding dispensing medication from EARC vet cabinet.

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 Angurugu Umbakumba, Milyakburra.

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

As part of the ongoing improvement in this area, monthly inspection audits and reporting will form part of the Public Works/Municipal Services work plan, with an order based on the lighting replacement requirements actioned every three months to avoid supply delays.





Audit Repairs Completed 100%

Further training in the Koneck application for inspections will be rolled out in this area, Night Patrol is one program that may be able to assist with some of the audits when they have capacity to do so after upskilling in addition to MS officers.

Service Profile: 118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management

Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

Action ID:

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

Service Profile: <u>119 - Core - Local Road Upgrade and Construction</u>

Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

T20-203411.1 Groote Eylandt (Angurugu) Internal Road Upgrade & Renovation Works Program Updates

Overall project completion percentage is approximately 75%.

The project has sustained lengthy delays, thus progressing behind schedule due to the following:

- Technical equipment breakdown of the bitumen sprayer truck and the complexity of procuring certain spare parts due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic impact on limited supply and logistics. Plant machinery has been repaired and has resumed operations.
- Wet weather events.
- Community cultural significant events (i.e. Sorry Businesses which may have direct implication to Contractors).
- Damages incurred on constructed items (i.e. Hooning activities on recently constructed/compacted roads which are ready for re-sealing).
- Ongoing Angurugu Sewer Upgrade Stage 2 project managed by Power and Water Corporation and contracted to NCP Contracting. This project was originally slated for practical completion in October/November 2021. The project has been amended with a revised practical completion on 6 May 2022. However, the project has again been extended as NCP Contracting are still carrying out test and commissioning works on roads 7 & 8.

Remaining works due for completion:

Roads 7 and 8 intersection are remaining works due for completion, largely impacted and delayed by the ongoing sewer upgrade (test and commissioning stage) project managed by Power and Water Corporation and undertaken principally by NCP Contracting.

Roads 3 & 5 are remaining works due for completion, delayed by unforeseen circumstances as a result of temporary road closure out of respect for local community sorry business.







One of the considerable issues with this project has been the ongoing completion expectation of Power and Waters Sewage upgrades will minor location works on talking to better pave Pty Ltd just being finalised by the contractor, Beta Pave have their civil team locating back to Groote and are anticipated to commence works (weather dependant) in the coming weeks.

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.

Council has re-advertised the Office upgrades that were put to market and reported on previously but had minimal localized interest due to capacity, it is hoped that the market approach this time will capture some interest for the works.

The tender closed on the 17 of March and awaiting review.

Angurugu

Lot 550 Angurugu (Council Office) – Renovation Works

 East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) seeks to procure construction services to replace stairs, provide a new ramp compliant to AS1428.01-2009, provide new balustrades, demolition redundant buildings, sheds, satellite dishes and towers located on the site.

Contract: RFT11550-2302 - Lot 550 Angurugu -

Renovation Works
Contractor: TBC
Project Status: Tender

RFT Release: Friday 24th February RFT Closing: Friday 17th March





Lot 306 Angurugu (Staff Housing) – Refurbishment Works

- Works to include replacement of roof and various remediation works to structure.
- Existing Conditions Report provided.
- Scope of works currently being investigated.
- Structural Engineer and Building Certifier required for this project.

Contract: TBC Contractor: TBC

Project Status: Preliminary Scoping

RFT Release: Upcoming RFT Closing: Upcoming





Service Profile: <u>129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services</u>

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.

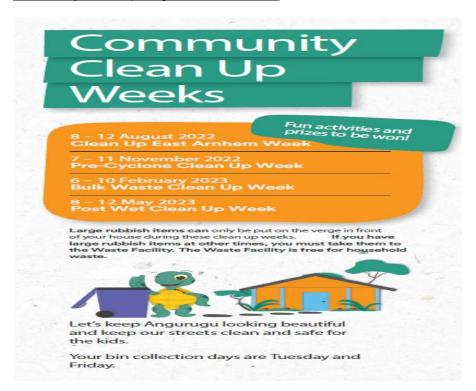
Waste Services are hoping to grow the rewards programs across all nine communities as part of the Quarterly Hard Rubbish Cleanups. It is planned to continue to roll out Tidiest Yard awards, as well as prizes for Cash 4 Container Recycler of the Year in each Community, as well as other initiatives and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



Project Status - Ongoing

Budget Type: Operating (recurrent)

Community Clean-up Magnet Schedule 2023



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 4.1.7.2 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					
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Gapuwiyak	1 Box	208,403	12	82 tyres					
Galiwinku	2 Boxes	12,757			5 Pallets				0.596 t
Yirrkala	1 Box	19,146	33	64 tyres	2 Pallets	0.52 t	2 bags	1 bucket	
Gunyangara		18,817			1 Pallet				

Table 1. Resource Recovery up to 10 February 2023



Project Status - Ongoing

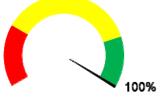
(Target achieved)

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

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
Yirrkala	5,479			13,667						19,146
Gunyangara		6,128		12,689						18,817
Totals	56,404	40,424	99,019	35,279	73,147	19,553	0	43,832	0	367,658

Table. FY23 CDS Community/Monthly breakdown

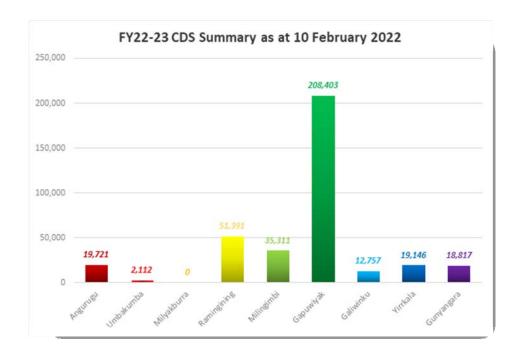


Table 2. CDS Recovery for all Communities processed to Date



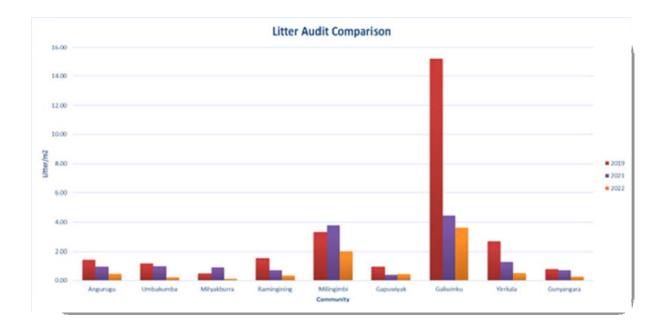
Project Status - Ongoing

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

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

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

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





Project Status - Ongoing

Other Projects:

LGANT 2023 WASTE SYMPOSIUM

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

During the Symposium, Sell & Parker presented on the work they have done in East Arnhem removing and recycling scrap metals and car bodies.

While Council's CDS program was also used by the NT Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security's discussion on Circular Economy and role that regional Councils can play. Currently, EARC and Roper Gulf are the only regional Councils that participate in the initiative.

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

Please see some images of the trip below:











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

Snap Send Solve



Snap Send Solve are thrilled to reveal that East Arnhem Regional Council is the Northern Territory state winner of the Customer Service Award in the inaugural 2022 Solver of The Year Awards! EARC out-performed 20 organisations to be named the highest achiever in this category. Snap Send Solve extended their sincere congratulations to EARC.

This is the first year for the Solver of the Year Awards. They highlight the Solver organisations that make a notable difference to their local communities throughout Australia and New Zealand. Snap Send Solve (SSS) announced winners in the week of 13 - 17 February

- o Snapper EDMs announcing relevant winners in each region.
- o Social media to Snappers & Solvers: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn.
- oBlog posts on SSS website.
- oPress 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

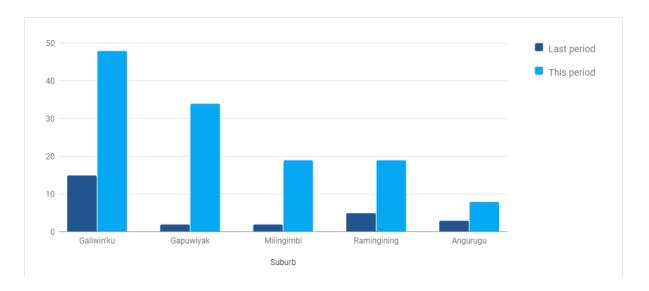
Customer Satisfaction Score (out of 5) provided by Snap Send Solve users for your authority.

	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%

Reports by Top 5 Suburbs

Total reports received by suburb for the period.

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



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

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

Reports by Top 5 Incident types

tal reports received by Incident type for the period.			
	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets	15	31	-52%
Public Area Maintenance	2	4	-50%
vandalism - General	1	0	N/A
Animal - Domestic	1	0	N/A
Facility - General Request	1	5	-80%
20 - 10			Last periodThis period

Training

Mason Lalara & Mason Butler will embark on their Cert 111 Civil & Construction training next month (April 2023) due to rescheduling earlier this year.

AHCPGD212 Conduct visual inspection of park facilities – in progress

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.

Sarah Kohl - EARC Training officer recently visited Nhulunbuy and we discussed a range of new training opportunites lined up for the Municipal Services/Public Works Team.

Upcoming Training for Municipal Services/Public Works

- Basic Computer skills course.
- Tractor / Slasher and attachments competency course.
- Skidsteer training course.
- Ride on Mower Operations.
- Car licence/MR licence.
- Chainsaw Training and Maintenance training will incorporate brush cutters.
- · Landfill process training/ Site Manager/ Management.
- Weed Spraying Courses once Milyakburra MSS position filled.

The above courses are earmarked over the next three months and we look forward to the outcomes of the training planned for the Municipal Services Teams

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 sign order in Angurugu in the coming weeks.



Smartsheet Asset Register

Municipal Services Supervisors (MSS) are working on entering all assets into the Smartsheet Asset Register. Assets stickers are individual to each community and the MSS have the ability to check assets out for maintenance i.e. chainsaws and tools.

The asset condition is important to monitor if, or when items should be replaced. Photos of assets and details are captured through a simple form.

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 Technical & Infrastructure Services report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.3

TITLE Council Operations on Public Holidays

REFERENCE 1742206

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.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.4

TITLE Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update.

REFERENCE 1740778

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 hours 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 7.5

TITLE Council Operations Report.

REFERENCE 1748685

AUTHOR Rick Mitchell, Council Operations Manager

SUMMARY

This report is provided by the Council Operations Manager at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

BACKGROUND

In line with Guideline 1; Local Authorities; it is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the Local Authority area.

GENERAL

Over the last two months the East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) services in Angurugu have had Gordon Walsh acting in the position of Council Operations Manager, until the recruitment of Rick Mitchell who commenced at the end of January.

In the last two months EARC has continued to maintain relationships with key stakeholders, while also developing and building relationships with existing stakeholders and community members, to ensure the needs of the community are met, and the future of the community can be prosperous and services provided are maintained at a high level and continue to grow and develop.

Since commencing employment with EARC, the Council Operations Manager (COM) has worked towards giving more assistance to council Coordinators and Supervisor to ensure that the service EARC provides is of a high standard, and the EARC team has more confidence and ability to carry out their duties on a day to day basis.

The COM is achieving this with regular catch ups, providing training and support where possible, and ensuring the flow of information is passed on in an efficient and productive manner.

Council Services

Council has been working towards and commenced the implementation of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Groote Eylandt Bickerton Island Enterprises (GEBIE), to take on board Host Placement participants, to give more opportunity to community members to gain relevant skills and training in relation to EARC roles. Also to give opportunity of employment within EARC when positions become available. This is a great outcome for community members and EARC.

Currently our Administration officer has advanced from Certificate III in Business, to now undertake Certificate IV in Local Government, and has also taken on the responsibility of First Aid Officer.

Youth, Sport and Recreation

Youth, Sport and Recreation (YS&R) held an event at the end of last year that saw a team from Angurugu take part in an Outdoor Basketball Dribble contest. The Angurugu team won the competition, which was an outstanding result.



Highlights in the program continue to be the Family on Country days, with these having a high rate of participation and involvement with both youth and family members. Bringing together the importance of connection to country and custodians that do not regularly get the opportunity to have this experience.

Team members Ishmael and Tara are continuously proving to be great value to EARC, with high attendance and a strong commitment to bringing in local support from community members and keeping youth engaged within the program. Training has been at a standstill but the team look forward to engaging in any training that may be coming up in the future.

Currently the community is reeling with excitement due to the upcoming event featuring the crew from Black-As. They will be visiting both Angurugu and Umbakumba over a period of four days, visiting schools, stakeholders and spending time out on country with youth and their family members.



YSR on Country

YSR Dribble Contest

Municipal Services

The Municipal Services team has been operating at full capacity with the recruitment of a new team member in January, bringing the team to four Municipal Services Officers being led by the Municipal Services Supervisor.

The team has been completing the task of hard rubbish removal both with the Hard Rubbish skip bins and also the Kerb side hard rubbish collection on a regular basis.

Training in Certificate III Civil Construction re-commenced on 13 February with only one day being completed due to the severe weather event that was present at the time, and the potential for a cyclone. The training is due to be rescheduled in the near future. Online training for the Municipal Services Supervisor is currently being undertaken for the Visual Inspection of Playgrounds and public recreational areas.

There have been a few challenges raised with bins being knocked over, dumping of rubbish is bushland areas and bins being put out for collection facing the wrong direction. There has been consultation with the community verbally and also on the local radio, however the message still needs to be put across to the community to have this rectified.

Feedback from the Municipal Services Supervisor (MSS) is that the Municipal Services Team would benefit from more training in relation to Heavy Rigid licensing, Weed Management and Small Engine repair training.

Aged Care and Disability Services

Currently Aged Care and Disability services team see around 15 clients throughout the day, providing breakfast and delivering meals of up to 26 clients per day.

Aged Care has had an additional three staff come on board, two from which have come on board through Community Development Program (CDP), all new staff are employed as Support Workers, and have enabled the program to carry out their services to higher standard and provide more support to their clients, helping with transportation, personal care and also other services that clients may require.

Training is ongoing with staff participating in the delivery of Certificate III in Aged Care Disability Individual Support on a weekly basis, as well as all staff having undertaken their National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) clearance.

The Aged Care and Disability Service team has continued to implement a high standard of WHS, this being evident in all the WHS documents that have been submitted ahead of time and completed to an exceptional standard.

Aged Care and Disability Services team has received a donation from Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust. This was provided by way of 19 vouchers for the Sealink Ferry to take the clients over to Milyakburra, to engage in activities that will benefit the clients and give more inclusion to members of the community that may not otherwise have the opportunity.

There are future activities booked in for the month of March with other agencies that include, but not limited to, male and female hair cut days, and also engaging with FAFT participants to carry out activities with their clients.

Challenges continue to be around the staff needing time off due to sorry business and funerals in the area.

Library

The Library has been operating at full capacity and has been operational most of the hours that are required with the exception of an increase in sorry business.

The Library space is well used and the community members are attending the Library on a regular basis to take advantage of all the facilities that the library has to offer, with a lot of smiles and happy faces.

The Library team have excelled in their roles, while working alongside and sharing their facilities with two separate programs, 54 Reasons and also Young Parents Program.

Both of the external programs that have been running on a weekly basis have been popular with such activities as: Kids cooking with parents, kids play activities and many more. The activities have been received exceptionally well and the feedback from the Library team and the community members attending the activities has been positive, they would like to see more involvement with other stakeholder's to benefit the community and its members.

The team would like to see an upgrade of equipment and décor inside the Library building to give a more welcoming and fresh look.



Figure 1 and 2 Library activities

Community Night Patrol

Community Night Patrol (CNP) has had a few operational issues in the last two months due to staff shortages and an increase in sorry business.

It didn't take long to get back in full operation and the service being provided to the community and its stakeholders, with a new team member coming on board and the remainder of the team returning to work. The team is carrying out more hours completing foot patrol around EARC buildings, infrastructure and stakeholder assets.

CNP team has been working along with Youth, Sport and Recreation to ensure the safety of youth participating in the program, getting children back to their residence safely once the program has finished their activities for the evening.

The COM has been going along for multiple shifts to assist the team in fulfilling the required role that CNP is expected to complete, giving insight and other means of safely conducting their role.

CNP currently has one new position available and are currently in the process of recruiting a Team Leader.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 7.6

TITLE Corporate Services Report

REFERENCE 1742192

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY

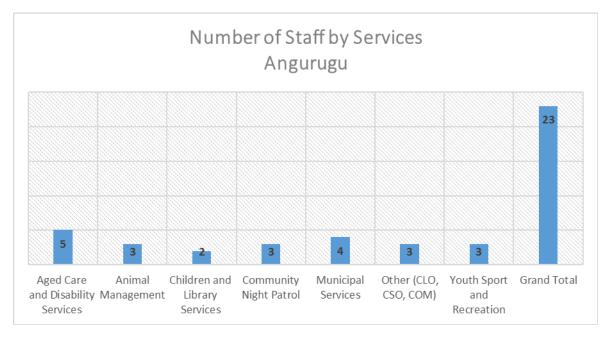
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2023 within the Local Authority area.

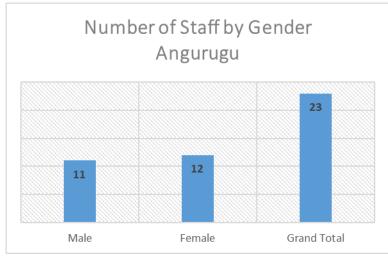
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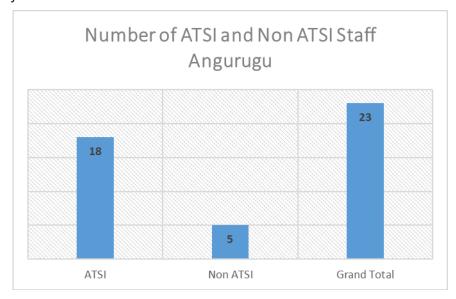
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

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Employee Statistics:







Vacancies as of 28 February 2023:

Position	Level
Community Night Patrol Team Leader	
Youth Sport and Recreation Worker	Level 1

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT – For Each Reporting Location_Angurugu

EACH REPORTING LOCATION		Angurugu	
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT	ACTUALCYTE	DUDGET VED	WARIANCE VED
YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2023	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	919,910	1,112,535	(192,626)
User Charges and Fees	176,668	255,099	(78,431)
Rates and Annual Charges	1,085,091	1,094,045	(8,954)
Interest Income	104	-	104
Other Operating Revenues	30,646	7,467	23,180
Council Internal Allocations	(97,981)	-	(97,981)
Untied Revenue Allocation	884,053	884,053	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	2,998,491	3,353,198	(354,707)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	885,815	1,182,369	(296,553)
Materials and Contracts	476,392	2,632,165	(2,155,773)
Council Committee & LA Allowances	520	6,516	(5,996)
Other Operating Expenses	559,889	603,634	(43,746)
Council Internal Allocations	678,228	638,026	40,202
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,600,844	5,062,710	(2,461,866)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	397,647	(1,709,512)	2,107,158
Capital Grants Income		-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	397,647	(1,709,512)	2,107,158
Capital Expenses	-	(668,621)	668,621
Transfer to Reserves	=	(213,427)	213,427
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	397,647	(2,591,559)	2,989,206
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	832,387	831,857	530
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024		(151,744)	151,744
Transfer from General Equity	=	33,333	(33,333)
Transfer from Reserves	-	2,219,698	(2,219,698)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	832,387	2,933,144	(2,100,757)
NET OPERATING POSITION	1,230,033	341,584	888,449