



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 LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

28 March 2023

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Marianne Walsh, Deputy President Lionel Jaragba, Councillor Constantine Mamarika and Local Authority Members Ishmael Lalara, Jonathan Nunggumajbarr, Phillip Kennell and Dorothea Lalara.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Rick Mitchell – Council Operations Manager.

Natasha Jackson – Acting Director Technical and Infrastructure Services (joined at 1:03pm).

Peter Dunkley - Regional Manager, Youth Sport & Recreation (joined at 1:03pm for the YSR report).

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

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:40AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

2.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY

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

218/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Constantine Mamarika)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Fabian Lalara, Geraldine Amagula, Gregory Mamarika, Matthew Wurrawilya and Jarella Amagula.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Fabian Lalara and Geraldine Amagula.**
- (c) Notes Fabian Lalara, and Geraldine Amagula are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines Gregory Mamarika and Jarella Amagula are absent without permission of the Local Authority**
- (e) Notes the resignation of Matthew Wurrawilya.**

Marianne Walsh and Andrew Walsh left the meeting, the time being 11:10 AM declaring a Conflict of Interest on the next item.

2.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

219/2023 RESOLVED (Phillip Kennell/Ishmael Lalara)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Will consider further the nomination of Gordon Walsh as part of broader consideration of appropriate representation of the community in the Local Authority.**

Marianne Walsh and Andrew Walsh returned to the meeting, the time being 11:18 AM

Conflict of Interest

3.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

220/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Dorothea Lalara)

That the Local Authority notes the declaration of conflict of interest at today's meeting by Marianne Walsh and Andrew Walsh regarding the nomination of Gordon Walsh and their decision to leave the meeting during that discussion.

Previous Minutes

4.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY

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

221/2023 RESOLVED (Jonathan Nunggumajbarr/Marianne Walsh)

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.

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.

222/2023 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Lionel Jaragba)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

Guest Speaker

6.2 GUEST SPEAKER - MELINDA MANSELL, AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

SUMMARY

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.

223/2023 RESOLVED (Phillip Kennell/Constantine Mamarika)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.**
- (b) Supports the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey (NATSHIHS) to be conducted in Umbakumba.**

General Business

7.3 COUNCIL OPERATIONS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

SUMMARY:

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

224/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Phillip Kennell)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Notes that Indigenous and Non-indigenous people are living together now, and requests a range of traditional and western programs be developed to mark Christmas Day and NAIDOC Day where Indigenous and Non-indigenous people celebrate together and ensure the events are promoted on social media.**

BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:24PM

225/2023 RESOLVED (Lionel Jaragba/Marianne Walsh)

RESUMES AT 1:03PM

226/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

Cr Lionel Jaragba left the meeting, the time being 01:03 PM

7.4 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE.

SUMMARY:

This report sets out to highlight Youth, Sport and Recreation staffing updates, events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

227/2023 RESOLVED (Phillip Kennell/Ishmael Lalara)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.**
- (b) Requests Director Community Development to explore way to increase transport and participation in Bush trips, Learning on Country and excursions.**

5.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY

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

228/2023 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)

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.

7.2 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

SUMMARY

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

229/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Ishmael Lalara)

That the Local Authority notes the Technical & Infrastructure Services report.

7.5 COUNCIL OPERATIONS REPORT.

SUMMARY

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

230/2023 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Constantine Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

7.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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

231/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Ishmael Lalara)

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

MOVED TO CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA AT 2:53PM

232/2023 RESOLVED (Marianne Walsh/Jonathan Nunggumajbarr)

MOVED BACK TO OPEN AGENDA AT 2:57PM

233/2023 RESOLVED (Ishmael Lalara/Phillip Kennell)

6.1 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY, ENGAGEMENT OFFICER AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

SUMMARY

The purpose of this meeting is to address the members and inform them of the work that is being done in various remote communities across the Northern Territory, with the hope of making this a regular event.

The guest speaker was unable to attend. The CEO presented the topic, in light of the presentations made to other communities by this Guest Speaker.

234/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Dorothea Lalara)

The Local Authority recommends that at least two local Anindilyakwa people, male and female, be recruited to permanent ongoing roles as Community Electoral Participation Officers (CEPO) for the Groote Archipelago, supporting the Australian Electoral Commission and Northern Territory Electoral Commission, to support increased awareness, enrolment and participation in elections, as well as the upcoming Federal Referendum on the Indigenous Voice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Questions from members:

The members raised questions about cultural leave and eligibility of indigenous and non-indigenous staff.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 3:27pm.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE
ANGURUGU COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2023 AT 10:00AM

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 28 March 2023.

Unconfirmed