



Agenda

Umbakumba

LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

On

29 March 2023

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Umbakumba Local Authority will be held at the Umbakumba Council Office on Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 10:00AM.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha or Anindilyakwan.

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APOLOGIES



ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Apologies and Absence Without Notice
REFERENCE 1738540
AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

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

RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- (a) **Notes the absence of <>.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from <>.**
- (c) **Notes <> are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) **Determines <> are absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Umbakumba Attendance Record.docx

Umbakumba attendance record

Meeting date	21.03.22	25.05.22	27.07.22	28.09.22	14.11.22	25.01.23	29.03.23	24.05.23	26.07.23	27.09.2023	29.11.23
Judy Hunter	N - with permission	N - with permission	Cancelled	N - without permission	Cancelled						
Constantine Mamarika	Y	N - with permission		Y							
Phillip Mamarika	N - with permission	Y		Y							
Terrance Mamarika	N	N - with permission		Y							
Anson Murrwilya	Y	N - with permission		N - without permission							
Jennifer Yantarrnga	N - with permission	Y		Y							
Lionel Jaragba				N - with permission							
Geraint Mainyaminja											
Gregory Jaragba											
Mabel Mamarika											
Mildred Mamarika											

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1748794
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:

Umbakumba

Terrence Mamarika

Judy Hunter

Anson Wurrawilya

Jennifer Yantarrnga

Phillip Mamarika

Geraint Mainyaminja

Gregory Jaragba

Mabel Mamarika

Mildred Mamarika

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

Umbakumba

Cr Constantine Mamarika

Cr Lionel Jaragba

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

1. Geraint Maminyaminja
2. Gregory Jaragba
3. Mabel Mamarika
4. Mildred Mamarika

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST



ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE 1738543
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.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1738545
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

In line with the Northern Territory *Local Government Act 2019* (Chapter 6, Part 6.3, Section 101- 3), The Audit Committee, Council, Council Committee or Local Authority must, at its next meeting, or next ordinary meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment), including any confidential business considered at the meeting, as a correct record of the meeting.

According to the *Local Authority Guideline 1* (Part 12, Section 12.4), Members at a provisional meeting can confirm the minutes of a previous provisional meeting. However, members at a provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of a previous Local Authority meeting.

GENERAL

Local Authority members need to read the unconfirmed minutes carefully before they endorse them as a true record of the previous meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 28 September 2022 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Local Authority - Umbakumba 2022-09-28 [1934] Minutes.DOCX



Mission

East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.

Core Values

Respect
Professionalism
Human Dignity
Organisational Growth
Equity
Community

MINUTES FOR THE UMBAKUMBA LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING

28 September 2022

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE
UMBAKUMBA COUNCIL OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT
10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Jennifer Yantarnga, Cr. Constantine Mamarika, Local Authority members Phillip Mamarika and Terrance Mamarika.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Natasha Jackson – Acting Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

John Harpley – Community Development Coordinator.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook EA to the CEO.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 11.01AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

By Jennifer Yantarnga.

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY:

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

185/2022 RESOLVED (Jennifer Yantarnga/Constantine Mamarika)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Lionel Jaragba, Judy Hunter and Anson Wurrawilya**
- (b) Notes no apologies received.**
- (c) Notes Cr. Lionel Jaragba is absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines Judy Hunter and Anson Wurrawilya are absent without permission of the Local Authority.**

Terrance Mamarika joined the meeting, the time being 11:11 AM

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3.2 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 (Jennifer Yantarrnga/Constantine Mamarika)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Approves the following nominations for the Local Authority be put before Council for approval:**
 - 1. Geraint Maminyamanja.**
 - 2. Gregory Jaragba.**
 - 3. Mabel Mamarika.**
 - 4. Mildred Mamarika.**

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

187/2022 RESOLVED (Phillip Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

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

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

188/2022 RESOLVED (Phillip Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meetings of 24 November 2021, 23 March 2022 and 25 May 2022 to be true records of the meetings.

MOTION MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 11.17AM

189/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Phillip Mamarika)

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MOTION RESUME ORDINARY MEETING AT 11.22AM

190/2022 RESOLVED (Jennifer Yantarrnga/Phillip Mamarika)

Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY:

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

191/2022 RESOLVED (Jennifer Yantarrnga/Terrance Mamarika)

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

Guest Speakers

7.1 GUEST SPEAKER - MELINDA MANSELL FROM THE CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIGHT ISLAND STATISTICS (AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS)

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192/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.
- (b) Provides its support for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey in Umbakumba.

General Business

8.1 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY

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

193/2022 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Constantine Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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MOTION BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:19PM

194/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

MOTION RESUME MEETING 1:10PM

195/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

**8.2 PACIFIC AUSTRALIA LABOUR MOBILITY SCHEME - TRIAL
SUMMARY**

This report is to provide information to the Elected Members of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Tourism & Trade (DFAT), including recommendation following consultation with East Arnhem Regional Council Local Authorities and progress the scheme to a trial phase for the East Arnhem Regional Council.

196/2022 RESOLVED (Jennifer Yantarrnga/Terrance Mamarika)

That Local Authority notes the report on the progress of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.

**8.3 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND CAPITAL PROJECT
UPDATES**

SUMMARY

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

197/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

That the Local Authority notes the report.

8.4 LIBRARY SERVICES PRINCIPLES

SUMMARY

This report is to inform and seek direction from the Local Authorities on the provision and design of East Arnhem Regional Council's Library services.

198/2022 RESOLVED (Terrance Mamarika/Phillip Mamarika)

That the Local Authorities:

(a) Notes the report.

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- (b) Recommends the following be included in Library design and programming:
- a. Literacy and numeracy.
 - b. Reading and writing.
 - c. Focus on the history of the area.
 - d. Two ways learning and language.
 - e. Support on how to use online services.
- (c) Supports further consultation with the Local Authority and community on library services.

8.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

199/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.
- (b) Raised their concerns for the safety for the children that use the Youth Sport and Recreation hall, and request the Director of Technical and Infrastructure services to review and provide information and options to address these concerns.

8.6 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.

200/2022 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Jennifer Yantarrnga)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.
- (b) Makes the following recommendation:
- The Director of Community Development to review and provide information on options to address the lack of gym equipment and resources for Youth, Sport and Recreation services.

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8.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2022 within the Local Authority area.

201/2022 RESOLVED (Phillip Mamarika/Terrance Mamarika)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 August 2022, noting the Local Authority Project Fund acquittals.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23 November 2022.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The old toilet (located on main road between Council and basketball courts), needs to be removed due to its age and not being in use, no plumbing exists. The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate way forward.

The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate an unsealed road for possible maintenance. The Community Development Coordinator/Municipal Services Supervisor to confirm location of road and provide photos for report next meeting.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 2:50PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 September 2022.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE 1738546
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 Umbakumba as at October 2022 - 2023.docx

UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
002/2020 RESOLVED	That the Local Authority: a) Consider and advise when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of murals. b) Requests and join Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Authority meeting and end of year event to be held in Nhulunbuy and a biannual meeting for the Anindilyakwa Local Authorities.	12.05.2021 - Ongoing 12/10/2021 – Ongoing 30.06.2021 – Ongoing 24.11.2021 – Ongoing: Some concerns were raised by Milyakburra and Umbakumba to have paintings of Anindilyakwa leaders on the outside of the building, but ok to have them all paintings/artworks inside. Will discuss this point with Angurugu Local Authority. 23.03.2022 – Option 1. And each local authority to provide names and possibly images of totems to be included for their community and homelands. (Reference Milyakburra agenda) 25.05.2022 – Ongoing 28.09.2022 – Artist to liaise with community as to what is required. 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.
001/2020 RESOLVED	That the Local Authority: a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of Kava. b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding	12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing 25.11.2021 – A separate report on this topic will be presented by the CEO in the meeting. 24.03.2022 – Proper consultation to take place with Community and Homelands.

UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
	<p>to support either:</p> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.</p>	<p>26.05.2022 - 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 the 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.</p> <p>19.10.22 President and CEO to follow up a positive discussion on this issue at a meeting with the Chief Minister to the region, with the Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions.</p>
146/2020 Questions from Members	That the Local Authority notes the members' questions about the use of the Aged Care Services in Umbakumba and asks the Director Community Development and the Regional Manager - Aged & Disability Services to provide and update to the Local Authority.	<p>25.11.2020 - The Aged Care Regional Manager and Local Coordinator to be asked to present at next Local Authority meeting to provide an update.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>30.06.2021 - Ongoing - Update provided to Council.</p> <p>24.11.2021 – Director Community Development to arrange for next LA in January.</p> <p>13.01.2022 – Regional Manager Aged & Disability attendance at the January 2022 Local Authority to discuss Aged & Disability services in Umbakumba.</p> <p>23.03.2022 - Regional Manager Aged & Disability attendance at the May 2022 Local Authority to discuss Aged & Disability services in Umbakumba.</p>

UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>25.05.2022 – Regional Manager is not available for the May meeting due to personal reasons, will be added to the next scheduled LA meeting.</p> <p>19.10.22 – Andrew to provide update at next Local Authority meeting.</p>
Widen Cemetery Road		<p>27.05.2020 - The Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to update when progress occurs out of consultations by the NT Government, LGANT and ALC regarding cemeteries are still to occur and be finalised - to enable action on widening the cemetery road.</p> <p>18.01.2021 - Future consultation to be held in relation to the licencing arrangements between NTG and the ALC as part of the sector wide cemetery arrangements has not happened to date.</p> <p>24.11.2021 – Ongoing: To be finalised between ALC and NTG.</p> <p>23.03.2022 - Ongoing</p> <p>25.05.2022 – Ongoing – will action some initial area works for access prior to June 30.</p> <p>20.6.2022 – Ongoing</p> <p>28.09.2022 – Licence to be finalised – ongoing</p> <p>19.10.22 Waiting on Land Council to finalise the licence.</p> <p>24/10/22 – Local Govt. representatives are currently working on how to progress discussions with all interested parties and will provide an update in the coming weeks.</p>

UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>19/11/2022 – Update from the Department of Chief Minister – development Officer on the 24th of October My name is xxxxxx and I recently joined the Local Government Unit. I wanted to reach out and introduce myself because I will be working with Ethan on various projects related to the Burial and Cremation Act 2022, including the Groote Eylandt Cemetery Licence applications.</p> <p>We are currently working on how to progress discussions with all interested parties and will provide an update in the coming weeks. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.</p>
Lack of gym equipment and resources for Youth, Sport and Recreation services.	Director of Community Development to review and provide information on options to address the lack of gym equipment and resources for Youth, Sport and Recreation services.	19.10.22 Andrew to provide update at next meeting. Noting the significant amount of funds already allocated to sport and recreation equipment \$30,000 by Local Authority and Council.

UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Old toilet near basketball court needs to be removed due to age and not in use, no plumbing exists. (Between Main road between council and basketball courts).	Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate way forward.	19.10.22 – old legacy infrastructure to be demolished and site cleared. 19.11.2022 – this item is still to be progressed – noting that the infrastructure is well before the time of the amalgamation in 2008-2009.
Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate an unsealed road for possible maintenance.	The CDC/MSS to confirm location of road and provide photos for report next meeting.	19.10.22 To confirm road. 19.11.2022 – Awaiting Confirmation on Road to consider – if it is a road or an improvised track.
FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD/ADVOCACY	ACTIONS	STATUS
Safety of children that use the Youth Sport & Recreation hall.	Director of Technical and Infrastructure services to review and provide information and options to address these concerns.	19.10.22 Move to advocacy – Options for alternate facility to be re-explored as per previously directed to staff associated with Lot 158 – training centre and other storage area facility

UMBAKUMBA ACTIONS**COMPLETED ACTIONS:**

001/2020 RESOLVED		25.05.2022 – Footpath Completed
Umbakumba Future Pedestrian/Footpath Plan		
Community Entrance Signage Project - Umbakumba		28.09.2022 – Completed

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Guest Speaker - Maryanne Walley, Engagement Officer Australian Electoral Commission.
REFERENCE	1740947
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**GENERAL**

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

This report does not have any attachments.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Guest Speaker - Melinda Mansell, Australian Bureau of Statistics.
REFERENCE	1742348
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:

This report does not have any attachments.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1743935
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

Lirripiya 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.

Lirripiya, 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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Northern Territory Government
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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 opt-in 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.

Nhokiyngalanha 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
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Dear Mr Dhamarrandji

Thank you for your correspondence of Friday, 3 March 2023 confirming the East Arnhem Regional Council's support of the Territory government's restriction of alcohol to communities.

Alice Springs and our Central Australian communities are facing some of the most complex and deep-rooted social issues in our country. We know alcohol has a significant effect on these issues, but, it is not the only problem.

I am pleased to hear you are meeting with representatives from local authorities and I welcome local based solutions. Thank you for your leadership in this area.

The work of the East Arnhem Regional Council and local authorities in the East Arnhem Land region is to be commended. Please continue to work with my Department and do not hesitate to contact my office at any time.

Kind regards

NATASHA FYLES

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project Updates
REFERENCE	1723430
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:	<u>108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services</u>
Business Unit:	Veterinary and Animal Control

Action ID:

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

Community: Umbakumba

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.

- The vet room air-conditioning has still not been replaced, making working conditions very difficult as it compromises workplace health and safety regarding overheating (for both staff and animal patients). This issue has been reported to Tenancy and John Harpley reports awaiting further advice from contractor.
- Visited every lot in mid-January to distribute parasite treatment – reduced response than usual as many community members still away – overall condition of animals stable.
- There has been a large increase recently in aggravated assaults against dogs, particularly in Angurugu (none reported recently for Umbakumba however they have occurred historically). A public awareness campaign on this matter has been enacted since the start of February including public posters and radio. The Council will hold a community meeting on this matter in Angurugu next month, members of all communities are invited. Posters have been distributed in Umbakumba.
- Following the December parvovirus outbreak, a public awareness campaign was distributed at the start of January - cases have now eased.
- Education provided to service provider who was allowing their dog to roam freely regarding importance of keeping dog confined to house yard.
- Individual treatments:
 - Consultations include: Puppies with worm burdens, skin infections.
- AMW Tineka Turner has finished her regular employment with EARC and is to remain as a locum nurse.

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: {Community name}	This period of reporting	Last year's delivery	Annual
Dogs De-sexed	Umbakumba: 6	Umbakumba: 15	
Cats De-sexed	Umbakumba: 0	Umbakumba: 0	
Community consultations	Umbakumba: 5	Umbakumba: 28	
Remote/Phone consultations	0	No data	
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	0	No data	
Minor procedures/other surgeries	Umbakumba: 1	No data	
Parasite Treatments (ivermectin)	Umbakumba: 0	Umbakumba: 106	
Parasite Treatments (other)	Umbakumba: 42	No data	
Euthanasia	Umbakumba: 1	No data	
TOTAL Engagements	55	149	

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.
- Collaboration between EARC, ALC Rangers and Territory Natural Resource Management regarding cat management in Umbakumba – cat de-sexing week and cat cameras to be enacted.

Concerns:

- Dangerous Dog incidents: None current.

Any issues or concerns that need to be addressed at LA or council meeting:

- Aggravated assaults against animals.

Follow-up list for next visit:

- Focus on de-sexing's weather permitting.
- Training of COM regarding dispensing medication from EARC vet cabinet.

Service Profile: 116 - Core - Lighting for Public Safety

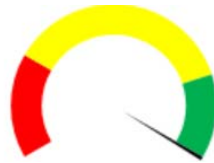
Business Unit: Transport Infrastructure

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%

Service Profile:	122 - Support – Building and Infrastructure Services
Business Unit:	Technical and Infrastructure

Action ID

1.4.2.1	Provide relevant Program / Project updates to every Local Authority Community meeting as required.
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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.
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Umbakumba

Lot 229 Umbakumba (Aged Care) – Door Refurbishment Works

- East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) seeks to procure construction services to complete refurbishment and replacement works to existing doors located with Building C – Aged Care of Lot 229 Umbakumba, following a recent Inspection Report from the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service.

Contract: RFQ12229-2208 – Lot 229 Umbakumba (Building C – Aged Care) – Door Refurbishment Works

Contractor: TBC

Project Status: RFQ Clarifications – To be awarded

RFQ Release: Friday 3rd February

RFQ Closing: Monday 20th February



Service Profile: 129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services
Business Unit: Regional Waste and Environment

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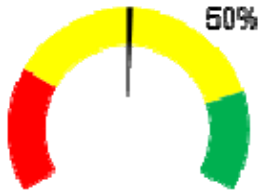
4.1.5.2 Develop and implement environmental management plans for all Council operated Waste Management and Transfer Station Facilities

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.

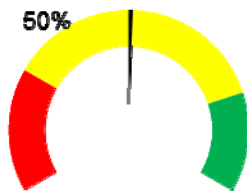
**Project Status – Ongoing**

Budget Type: Operating (recurrent)

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****4.1.7.2 Enter into partnerships and agreements, particularly for the transport or processing of recyclable material, to maximize the recycling opportunities for East Arnhem communities.**

Currently, Council have ongoing recycling partnerships with:

- Sea Swift (Barging of materials back to Darwin).
- Envirobank (Container Deposit Scheme).
- Ecocycle (Household Batteries).
- Mobilemuster (Mobile Phones and Accessories).
- TechCollect (E-Waste).
- TyreCycle (Tyres).
- Sell & Parker (Scrap Metal and lead acid batteries) and
- Veolia (Waste Oil and other hazardous materials).

Project Status – Ongoing review and assessment

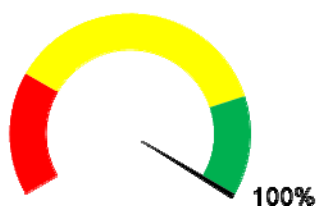
4.1.7.3 Undertake and report on the removal of recycling streams within each community location.

The table below illustrates materials recovered and transport back to Darwin for recycling so far this financial year. So far ten different recyclable materials streams have been recovered from the region.

The Councils goal is to have a minimum of nine resource recovery streams available to residents, which has now been achieved for FY23.

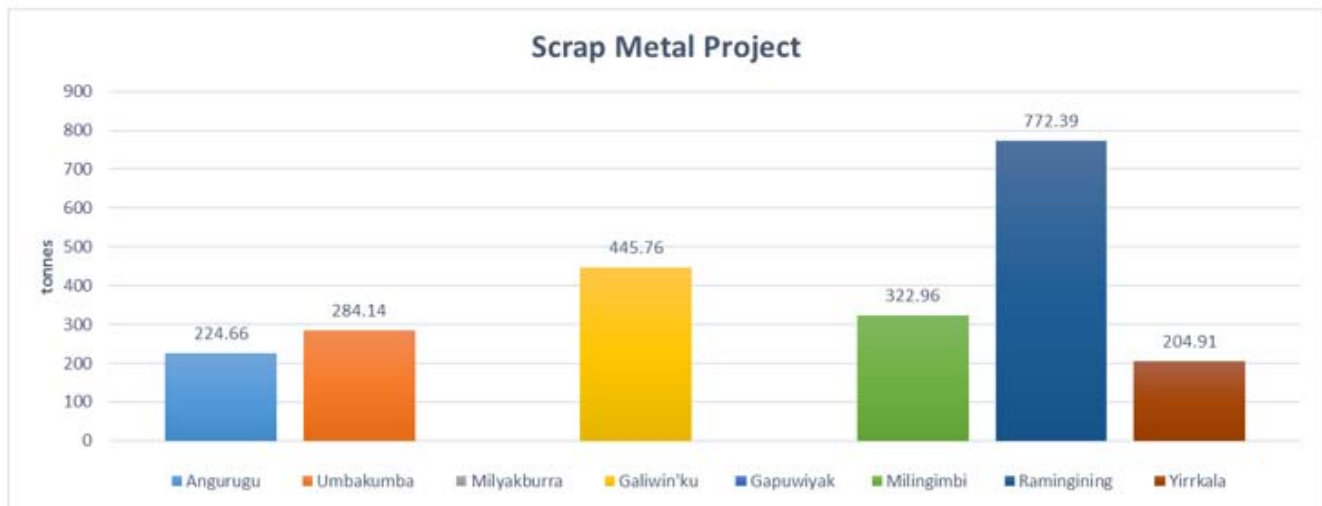
	Batteries	CDS	Mobile Phones	Scrap Metal	Tyres	E-Waste	Waste Oil	Damaged Bins	Printer Cartridges	Household Batteries	Gas Bottles
Angurugu	1 Box	19,721				1 Pallet		2 t			
Umbakumba	1 Box	2,112			110 tyres						
Milyakburra		0									
Ramingining	1 Box	51,391	15	472.25 t	104 Tyres		1,640 L				
Milingimbi	2 Boxes	30,891		322.96 t		2 Pallets					
Gapuwiyak	1 Box	208,403	12		82 tyres						
Galiwinku	2 Boxes	12,757				5 Pallets					0.596 t
Yirrkala	1 Box	19,146	33		64 tyres	2 Pallets		0.52 t	2 bags	1 bucket	
Gunyangara		18,817				1 Pallet					

Table 1. Resource Recovery up to 10 February 2023



Project Status – Ongoing

(Target achieved)



Graph. Scrap Metal Recovery for all Communities



Project Status – Complete 100%

Table 2. CDS Recovery for all Communities processed to Date.

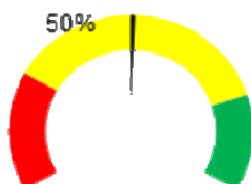
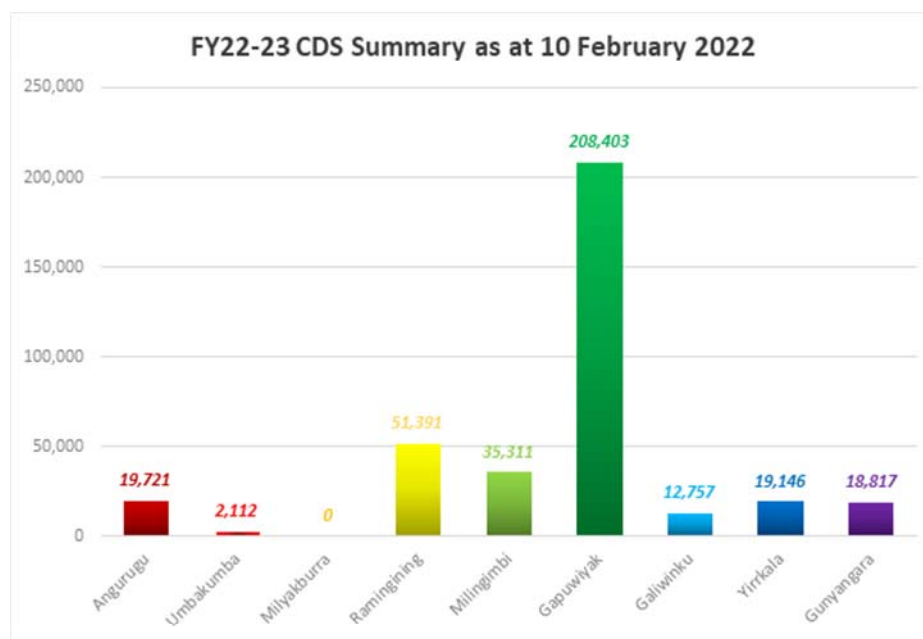
4.1.7.4 Organise and support the Undertaking of CDS monthly collection community events to be held in each Community by the Municipal Services Program.

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

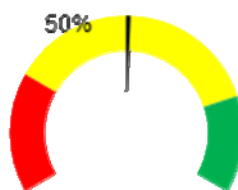
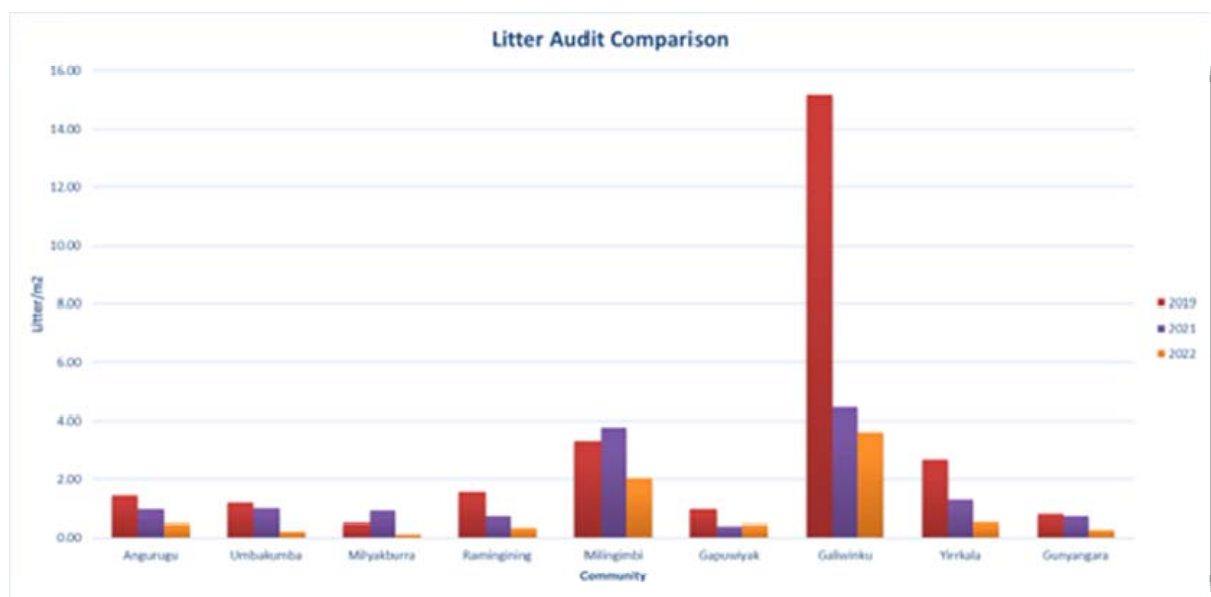
**Project Status – Ongoing**

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

- Snapper EDMs announcing relevant winners in each region.
- Social media to Snappers & Solvers: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn.
- Blog posts on SSS website & Press release via our PR agency

Snap Send Solve East Arnhem Regional Council Monthly report summary



This period: 2023-02-01 to 2023-02-28
Last period: 2023-01-01 to 2023-01-31

Total Reports

This Period	Last Period	% Change
151	51	196%

Customer Satisfaction Score

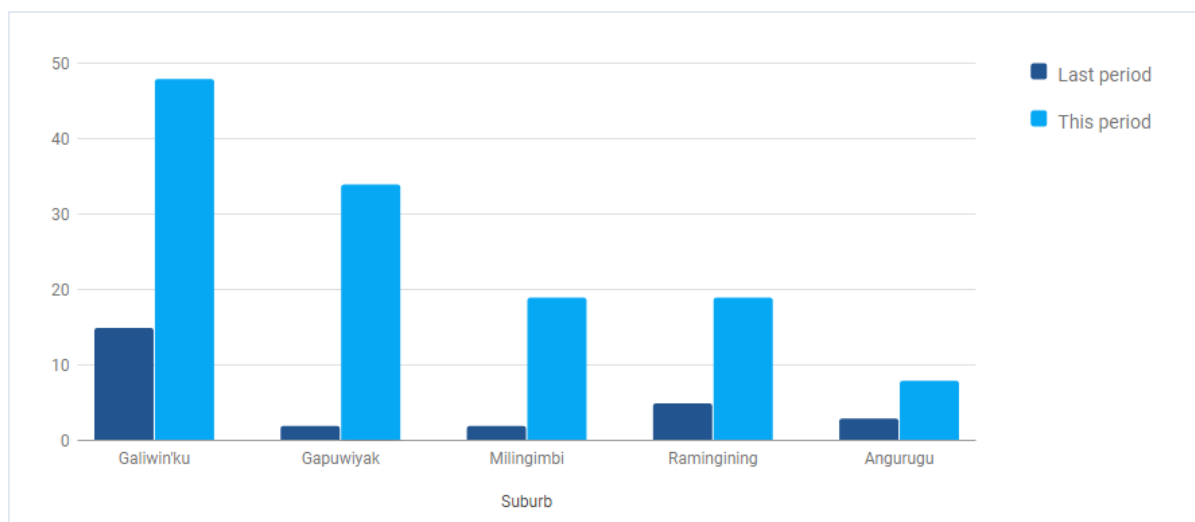
Customer Satisfaction Score (out of 5) provided by Snap Send Solve users for your authority.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
East Arnhem Regional Council	4.9	4.5	9%
Similar sized council average(state based)	4.5	4.4	3%
State average	4.4	3.9	11%

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%



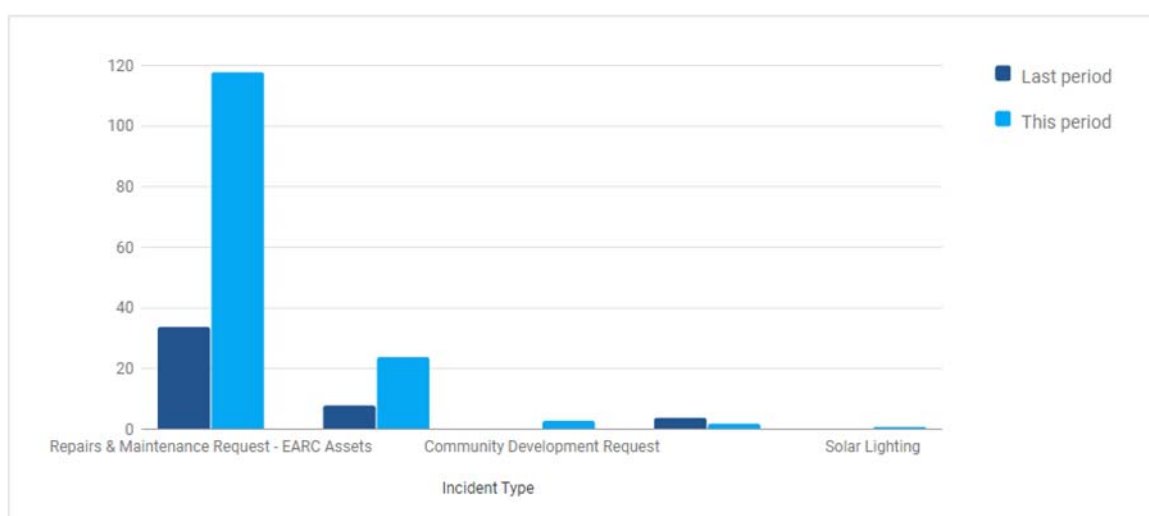
Reports by Top 5 Suburbs and Top 5 Incident types (This period)

	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

Total reports received by Incident type for the period.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets	118	34	247%
Facility - General Request	24	8	200%
Community Development Request	3	0	N/A
Tenancy - Furniture & Appliances	2	4	-50%
Solar Lighting	1	0	N/A



Training

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 opportunities lined up for the Municipal Services/Public Works Team.

Upcoming Training for Municipal Services/Public Works

- Basic Computer skills course
- Tractor competency course
- Skidsteer Training Course
- Ride on Operations
- Car Licence/MR Licence
- Chainsaw training
- 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.



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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Council Operations on Public Holidays
REFERENCE	1742207
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	<i>7pm to midnight Sunday 24 December</i>
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December
New Year's Eve	<i>7pm to midnight Sunday 31 December</i>

Council also observes an organisational public holiday each year for NAIDOC week.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Request the following programs provide services on the following public holidays**
- (c) Approves the continuation of Council observing the organisational public holiday during NAIDOC week.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update.
REFERENCE	1740779
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

The Local Authority notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.5
TITLE	Council Operations Report
REFERENCE	1742623
AUTHOR	John Harpley, Council Operations Manager/Municipal Services Supervisor

SUMMARY

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

It has been a busy couple of months. We have been building up all our teams and creating greater capacity to deliver services across all programs.

We are again looking to recruit a Community Liaison Officer to work in the front office and be the essential link to the residents of Umbakumba, and to have the office open during Council operating hours.

One of the things I have worked towards since assuming the Council Operations Manager role has been to bring all of our Council services teams together more frequently.

While each service works to deliver its designated program, we are all part of the Umbakumba community, and it is our responsibility to work together as a single team to serve the community. It has been wonderful to see all our team members coming together and helping each other.

Through the School Holidays Municipal Services & Youth, Sport and Recreation worked together to have the Jumping Castle out a couple of times for the kids and families to enjoy.

Aged Care & Disability Services

Over the past few months the center has been operational, however there are still challenges around staffing.

The center is looking to recruit a male team member to improve the service delivery to our male clients. The inconsistency in staff attendance is creating pressure on service activity delivery.

We are currently having dart games and fishing as part of our activities, and when we have adequate staff to client ratio, we will visit Alyangula Township once a fortnight.

Clients have suggested other activities, such as art (painting), jewelry making, gardening and we are working towards building these into our future plans.

Presently the Aged Care program services 20 clients – 11 Home Care Package (HCP), three HCP (Pending), 5 Commonwealth Home Support Package and zero Disability clients.

Community Night Patrol

Community Night Patrol (CNP) has faced a number of operational challenges recently. From vehicle issues, staff shortages, and poor weather, our ability to maintain continual operation has been tested.

With the CNP vehicle being back to optimal operation and the addition of a male team member, we are now in a position to provide this service on a more consistent basis and with greater ability to service all of Umbakumba.

We are also looking to have a local Team Leader and are working with the team to have one of the existing team member's step into this role. We see this as a huge benefit to the CNP program in Umbakumba, as it empowers the local team to take more ownership of this essential community program.

Community Night Patrol supported Youth, Sport and Recreation with their disco in October by assisting in transport of participants to and from the Rec Hall, and regularly engaging with other programs who operate within their hours of operation.

Municipal Services

The Municipal Services team has been busy with all areas of their services.

The team has worked hard to ensure our weed spraying program was completed prior to the wet season commencing, and we are already working to identify problem areas for weeds with the view to them becoming our focus as the rain starts to ease.

We have continued our focus on litter and waste management to ensure a clean community. The tip has taken up a lot of time, and recently more so with the dumping of what appears to be building / construction waste in incorrect bays. However the team has ensured all bays are cleared of incorrectly dumped rubbish and that all recyclable items are being relocated and where possible, shipped out of community.

We have relocated a large number of derelict vehicles to the tip to provide safer common areas for community to utilise.

Street lights were repaired and, where necessary, replaced and continue to be monitored by the team and reported when they are not operational.

Cash for Containers again had a low turnout and we are looking for ways to better engage community in this program.

Cyclone clean-up / hard rubbish collection was supported by Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises community development program participants and by the community in general. A lot of hard work went into getting our community cleaned up and safe for the impending cyclone season and I would like to thank everyone for their support.

Children & Library Services

It is great to welcome Emily as our new Coordinator. Emily has a long history of working in remote communities and early childhood education, she has been an amazing addition to our team and a huge support for Joyleen. I would like to thank Joyleen for all her efforts in ensuring that service continued after our last Coordinator finished up. A new Child Care worker has also commenced and this allows us to start welcoming more children into this program.

The Child Care operates in a shared space with Families as First Teachers (FaFT) and preschool. There has been no FaFT or Preschool teacher for approximately five weeks – this has put added pressure on Child Care staff to assist with school tasks such as taking duty of care for the preschool children, administration tasks, extra supervision, extra cooking and cleaning, and extra delegation of work to the FaFT assistants.

The Child Care Coordinator has been trying to get in writing the terms of purchases such as cleaning items, food, and resources. There has been some fall down around the food so this has been escalated higher to try and reach a resolution.

Child Care has made strong integration links. Currently the childcare is attending excursions with the Umbakumba School as well as working with the Learning on Country program on Mondays.

The children get to attend the assemblies and get familiar with the school and its surrounds. Learning on Country program has seen the children plant Tamarind trees, which will be transplanted to the centre, learn about and make bush medicine, make damper and tell stories. These activities are developing children links to school, community and culture.

Umbakumba Child Care has also joined with 54 Reasons to have a combined program excursion on Tuesday mornings. Children attend the location for the playgroup to help build capacity for the 54 reasons program.

The school open day was also attended where Child Care was able to set up the use of a small jumping castle for children aged five years and under. The service has been able to link in with the Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises for nutritious cooking training for the staff at the centre. We currently have five children attending semi regularly.

Steps have been taken to make the centre safer, including documenting all the items that need to be changed, ensuring risk assessments are completed for any high risk activities, and removing trees near the boundaries to ensure children are unable to climb over the fences.

The COM also assisted with a centre site inspection to ensure all safety requirements are being met.

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 for this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 8.6
TITLE Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE 1742222
AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

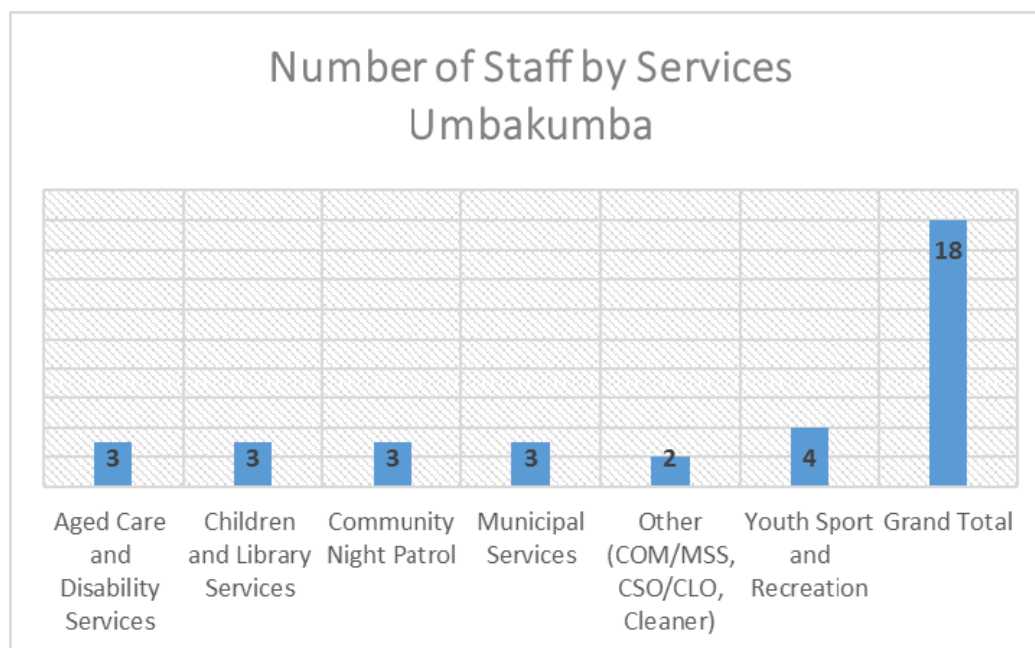
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2023 within the Local Authority area.

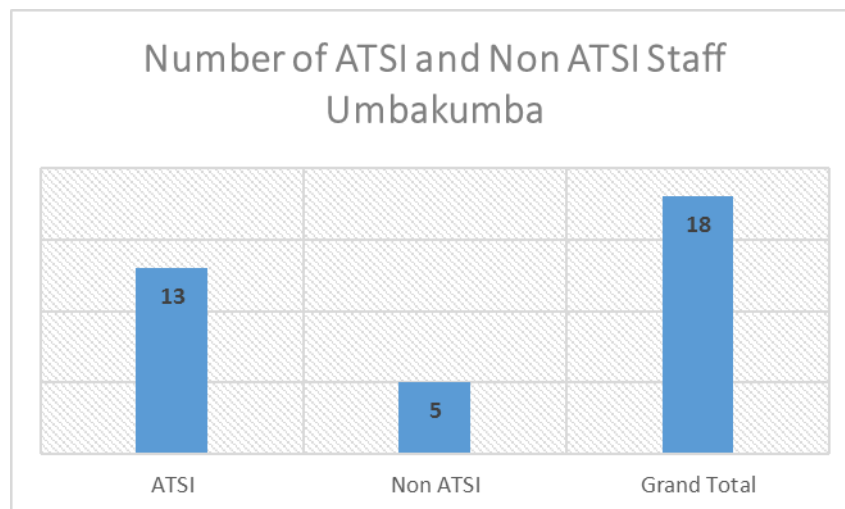
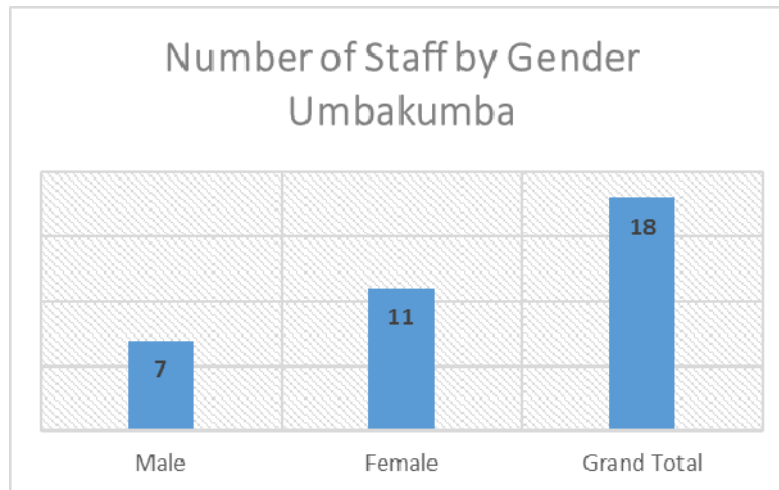
BACKGROUND

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

GENERAL

Employee Statistics:





Vacancies as of 28 February 2023:

Position	Level
Aged Care and Disability Support Worker	Level 1
Community Liaison Officer / Customer Service Officer	Level 1
Community Library Officer	Level 1
Community Night Patrol Team Leader	Level 3
Municipal Services Team Leader	Level 3

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_Umbakumba

EACH REPORTING LOCATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 28 FEBRUARY 2023	Umbakumba		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	738,505	952,013	(213,508)
User Charges and Fees	129,052	114,503	14,550
Rates and Annual Charges	543,790	543,791	(1)
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	2,205	1,858	347
Council Internal Allocations	11,960	-	11,960
Untied Revenue Allocation	634,510	634,510	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	2,060,022	2,246,674	(186,652)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	552,864	773,945	(221,081)
Materials and Contracts	556,719	703,732	(147,014)
Council Committee & LA Allowances	451	6,516	(6,065)
Other Operating Expenses	286,508	354,481	(67,973)
Council Internal Allocations	543,999	549,152	(5,153)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,940,541	2,387,826	(447,285)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	119,481	(141,152)	260,633
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	119,481	(141,152)	260,633
Capital Expenses	-	(306,666)	306,666
Transfer to Reserves	-	(54,041)	54,041
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	119,481	(501,859)	621,341
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	412,192	411,662	530
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024	-	(152,436)	152,436
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	870,167	(870,167)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	412,192	1,129,393	(717,201)
NET OPERATING POSITION	531,673	627,534	(95,861)