



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 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

28 April 2023

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THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2023 AT 9AM

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.

MEETING OPENING

In Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy, Councillor Bobby M Wunungmurra, Councillor David Djalangi (via video), Councillor Joe Djakala, Councillor Constantine Mamarika, Councillor Robert Yawarngu, Councillor Kaye Thurlow, Councillor Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra, Councillor Evelynna Dhamarrandji (via video), Councillor Wesley Dhamarrandji (left meeting at 10.20AM) and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra (joined at 9.34AM).

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Michael Freeman – Manager Corporate Services (via video).

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Signe Balodis – Regional Manager Community Development.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook Executive Assistant to the CEO.

Prayer

Meeting opened with prayer by President Lapulung Dhamarrandji at 9.05AM.

Attendance

2.1 ELECTED MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AND RESIGNATION

SUMMARY

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

This report is to also provide the process for the newly elected members to acknowledge their role as an elected member, the code of conduct, and sign their declaration.

GENERAL

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

035/2023 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Bobby M Wunungmurra)

That Council:

(a) Notes the absence of Deputy President Lionel Jaragba.

- (b) Notes the apology received from Deputy President Lionel Jaragba.
- (c) Notes Deputy President Lionel Jaragba is absent with permission of the Council.

Declaration of Registered Interest Register

3.1 DECLARATION OF REGISTERED INTEREST

SUMMARY

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council.

036/2023 **RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Robert Yawarngu)**

That Council notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register and changes.

Previous Council Minutes

4.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 23 FEBRUARY 2023.

037/2023 **RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Wesley Dhamarrandji)**

That the minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

The President discussed important cultural matters in the last months.

CR BANAMBI WUNUNGMURRA LEFT THE MEETING AT 09:40 AM

CR BANAMBI WUNUNGMURRA RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 09:46 AM

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

6.1 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.

038/2023 **RESOLVED (Wesley Dhamarrandji/Joe Djakala)**

That Council notes the CEO report.

6.2 SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS.

SUMMARY:

This report is to set out the dos and don'ts of Social Media.

039/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Bobby M Wunungmurra)

That Council notes the report on Social Media.

CR WESLEY DHAMARRANDJI LEFT THE MEETING AT 10:20 AM.

6.3 REMUNERATION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

SUMMARY:

The report presents the Remuneration Authority Determinations

040/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Bobby M Wunungmurra)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the Remuneration Authority determinations.**
- (b) Council request the Corporate Services Manager, in consultation with Council Members, develop a new submission to the Remuneration Authority on appropriate rates, to cover costs in a remote setting, to also support other larger remote Councils in the Northern Territory.**

MOTION MOVE TO BREAK AT 10.30AM

041/2023 RESOLVED (Bobby M Wunungmurra/Robert Yawarngu)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 10.56AM

042/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Constantine Mamarika)

TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

7.1 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

SUMMARY

This report is tabled for the Council 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.

043/2023 RESOLVED (Bobby M Wunungmurra/Jason Mirritjawuy)

That Council notes the Technical & Infrastructure Services report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

8.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report is to provide information on the progress, successes, challenges and future opportunities of the Council's Community Development Directorate.

044/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Constantine Mamarika)

That Council notes the Community Development report.

CR EVELYNA DHAMARRANDJI LEFT THE MEETING AT 11:36 AM.
CR EVELYNA DHAMARRANDJI RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 11:48 AM.

8.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

SUMMARY

This report is to introduce and seek approval for the new Community Grants Program Policy.

045/2023 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Joe Djakala)

That Council approves the Community Grants Program policy with amendment to exclude applications for funeral assistance.

Corporate Services Reports

9.1 FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

SUMMARY

This report is tabled to the Council to provide the Finance Report for the period ended the 31 March 2023 for its approval.

046/2023 RESOLVED (Bobby M Wunungmurra/Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That the Council approves the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended on 31 March 2023.

9.2 SECOND BUDGET REVISION

SUMMARY:

This report details the second revised budget for the Council.

047/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Robert Yawarngu)

That Council approves the second budget revision.

CR EVELYNA DHAMARRANDJI LEFT THE MEETING AT 11:53 AM.

10.2 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY

This report provides to Council copies of minutes from Local Authority and Committee meetings.

048/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Jason Mirritjawuy)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the unconfirmed minutes from the Local Authority and Committee meetings.**
- (b) Accepts the following nominations as members of their respective Local Authorities:**
 - (i) Shirley Balalnydju - Ramingining Community.**
 - (ii) Rita Bara - Umbakumba Community.**

10.3 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTIONS - COUNCIL REVIEW AND ENDORSEMENT

SUMMARY

This report provides a summary list of actions arising from Local Authority meetings in each of the East Arnhem Regional Council communities.

049/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Bobby M Wunungmurra)

That Council:

- (a) Endorses the actions included in the Local Authority Actions List as recommended by each Local Authority, or as amended.**

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(b) Approves the removal of completed actions and as recommended by each Local Authority.

MOTION MOVE TO LUNCH BREAK AT 12.09PM

050/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Jason Mirritjawuy)

MOTION RESUME MEETING AT 1.04PM

051/2023 RESOLVED (Constantine Mamarika/Joe Djakala)

CR EVELYNA DHAMARRANDJI RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 01:05 PM

10.4 UPDATE ON EAST ARNHEM MURAL PROJECT

SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update on the status and undertakings of the East Arnhem Regional Council Mural project.

052/2023 RESOLVED (Evelyna Dhamarrandji/David Djalangi)

That Council notes the report.

Correspondence

16.1 CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

DOCUMENT DETAILS REPORT

Incoming Correspondence

1737457	Dept. of The Chief Minister and Cabinet Update - NT Community Store Food Security Scheme. 24.02.2023
1741058	From the Chief Minister - Response to Formal Support of the Restriction of Alcohol to Communities. 07.03.2023.
1751131	Minister for Local Government - Approval of LG Immediate Priority Grant - 20.03.2023.
1756179	Letter - WARC - Re NT Electoral Boundary Review Submission.

Outgoing Correspondence

1739296	To the Chief Minister - Formal Support of the Restriction of Alcohol to Communities – 03.03.2023.
1755672	Signed Miwatj Ward By-Election Service Agreement

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CEO Correspondence

1748691	Letter - Regional Connectivity Grants - Office of the Hon. Marion Scrymgour.
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The report author does not have a conflict of interest to this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

053/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Bobby M Wunungmurra)

That Council notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence register.

DECISION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION AT 1.13PM

RECOMMENDATION: 054/2023 RESOLVED (Joe Djakala/Robert Yawarngu)

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act, 2019 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

- 12.1 Fleet and Sales Report** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 12.2 Sea Swift Barge Contract Extension** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 12.3 Draft Annual Regional Plan** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 12.4 Interest Penalty WriteOff** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*
- 12.5 External Audit Committee Member** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(iv) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of council or some other person.*
- 12.6 RFTMCML2302 - Staff Housing Security Upgrade** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*
- 12.7 RFTMCML230220 - Staff Housing Fencing Upgrade** - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly*

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disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.

12.8 RFT17ML2303 - Galiwinku Staff Housing Project - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

12.9 TRF 1797-2212 - Lot 97 Galiwin'ku Staircase Refurbishment & Fence Work - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

12.10 New Computer Software for Council - *The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51 (c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person.*

RESUMPTION OF ORDINARY MEETING 2.57PM

055/2023 RESOLVED (Bobby M Wunungmurra/Joe Djakala)

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:
As noted in the Confidential Agenda.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

056/2023 RESOLVED (Bobby M Wunungmurra/Constantine Mamarika)

That Council approves the leave of absence for medical reasons for the next two Ordinary meetings of Council.

CR DAVID DJALANGI LEFT THE MEETING AT 03:10 PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Is there any way Council can assist with a mechanical workshop in Galiwin'ku, and is there a way of supporting a mechanic workshop facilities across East Arnhem Land, and can we build a pathway for young people to be trained in mechanics?

Where to hold Ordinary meeting of Council in August? Milingimbi and Ramingining have been suggested.

Council decided Milingimbi for location of the Ordinary meeting of Council in August.

CR DAVID DJALANGI RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 03:16 PM.

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MEETING CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 3.26pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 28 April 2023 and are to be confirmed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

29 June 2023.

Unconfirmed