



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 MEETING

15 May 2023

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.

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy, Cr. Robert Yawarngu, Daphne Malibirr, Gilbert Walkuli, , Lloyd Garrawurra. John Djoma, Fabian Garawirtja, Judith Dhuru and Shirley Balalnydju

COUNCIL STAFF

Dale Keehne – CEO.
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure (via video).
Andrew Walsh – Director, Community Development.
Peter Dunkley – Regional Manager, Youth Sport and Recreation.
Jennifer Newton – Council Operations Manager.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook, EA to the CEO.

GUESTS

Superintendent Jodi Nobbs – Northern Division, Northern Territory Police – Law & Order Community Update.
Megan Smith – Engagement Assistant Director, National Indigenous Australians Agency.
Courtney Warr – Executive Director, Territory Housing.
Joseph Smith – Operations Manager, Country Connect.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10.26AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

By Daphne Malibirr

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE

SUMMARY

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

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

285/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/John Djoma)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the absence of Lizzy Mindhili, Judith Dhuru**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Lizzy Mindhili, Judith Dhuru.**
- (c) Notes Lizzy Mindhili, Judith Dhuru are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

286/2023 RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Lloyd Garrawurra)

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

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

287/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Gilbert Walkuli)

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.

288/2023 RESOLVED (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 20 March 2023 to be a true record of the meeting.

Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER AUTHORITY MEETING.

SUMMARY

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

289/2023 RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)

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.

MOTION MOVE TO LUNCH BREAK AT 12.26PM

290/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/John Djoma)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 12.57PM

291/2023 RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Lloyd Garrawurra)

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.

292/2023 RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the CEO Report.**
- (b) Calls for greater funding to build on current Youth Sport and Recreation services and engagement, prevention and early intervention.**
- (c) Calls for the Director Community Development to develop a range of proposals and report to the next Local Authority, based on input provided today at the Local Authority meeting.**
- (d) In relation to Country Connect, that a clear timetable is provided to the Police of their work, confirmation there will be a curfew of 9.00pm for young participants, there be clear consequences if the participants don't follow the program, that this includes school attendance, and that the Country Connect Manager be invited to the next Local Authority meeting to advise on the program.**

8.2 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

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.

293/2023 RESOLVED (John Djoma/Robert Yawarngu)

That the Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure report.

8.3 EAST ARNHAM MURAL PROJECT

SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update to the Local Authority members on the progress to date of the East Arnhem Mural Project. The report in addition seeks to confirm approval of the concept design.

294/2023 RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Approves of the final concept design presented in the presentation.**

8.4 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.

295/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Fabian Garawirrtja)

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

8.5 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.

296/2023 RESOLVED (Jason Mirritjawuy/Fabian Garawirrtja)

That Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2023 within the Local Authority area.

297/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/John Djoma)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 30 April 2023.

8.7 BUDGET 2023-2024

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan

298/2023 RESOLVED (Lloyd Garrawurra/Fabian Garawirrtja)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

For EARC to work with Uniting Church to improve lighting at the Church Ground.

The members asked when the barge road works would be completed. The Regional Roads Manager advised that they are being arranged and will be expected to be done from June.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17 July 2023.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 3.19PM.

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Unconfirmed