



Agenda

Gunyangara

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

8 June 2023

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Gunyangara Local Authority will be held at the East Arnhem Regional Council Office on Thursday, 8 June 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 1754495
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  [Gunyangara Attendance Record.docx](#)

Gunyangara attendance record

Meeting date	25.03.22	23.05.22	29.07.22	30.09.22	14.11.22	31.01.23	30.03.23	25.05.23	27.07.23	28.09.23	30.11.23
	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled		Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled				
Antoine Gintz				Y							
Djawa Yunupingu				N – with permission							
Elizika				Y							
Puertollano											
Doug Yunupingu				N – with permission							
Banambi				Y							
Wunungmurra											
Cr Marrpalawuy Marika				N – with permission							
Cr Wesley				N – with permission							
Dhamarrandji											
Balu Palu				N – with permission							
Yunupingu											
Dana											
Yunupingu											
Murphy											
Yunupingu											

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1754496
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:

Gunyangara

Antoine Gintz
Doug Yunupingu
Elizika Puertollano
Djawa Yunupingu
Balu Palu Yunupingu
Dana Yunupingu
Murphy Yunupingu

The following members are appointed by the Council for the community:

Gunyangara

Cr Banambi Wunungmurra
Cr Wesley Dhamarrandji

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

Dana Yunupingu
Murphy Yunupingu

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	1754497
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	1754498
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 26 November 2021 and 30 September 2022 to be true records of the meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER	6.1
TITLE	Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE	1754499
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 - Gunyangara as at October 2022 - 2023.docx

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Kava Pilot	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</p> <p>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 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>20.10.22 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>
Murals		<p>20.10.22 – 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.</p>

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

COMPLETED ACTIONS:

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
083/2021 Community Entrance Sign	That Local Authority members review the tabled Community Entry signs examples and provide feedback on a design specific for the Gunyangara community and decide on a suitable location for the sign to be installed when complete.	Completed
Questions from members	That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting. Local Authority member Antoine Gintz raised concern regarding the death of a tree from the front lawn of the Gumatj building, due to the bark being taken for painting from a community member and also if there is a possibility to have a by-law regarding this.	Completed
Bus Shelter		Completed

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Northern Territory Police - Law & Order Community Update
REFERENCE	1766620
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development



SUMMARY

This report is for a law and order update to be provided to the members of the Local Authority by an officer of the Northern Territory Police.

GENERAL

Northern Territory Police to provide an update on community safety and law and order, and allow for discussion and the expression of views of Local Authority Members.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority thanks the Guest Speaker for their update.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.2
TITLE	Guest Speaker - Maryanne Walley from the Australian Electoral Commission
REFERENCE	1767107
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO



GENERAL

The Australian Electoral Commission will be informing the Members of the work they are currently doing in various remote communities across the Northern Territory.

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1763766
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**Regional Mural Project**

The consultation across the communities of the region has been nothing short of inspiring.

Elders, young people and everyone in between were excited to be involved and make their direct contribution to what will be included in one large mural of the East Arnhem region, on the large end wall of the Nhulunbuy Regional Office.

There was clear interest in the part of the mural relating to the particular cultural ward, to be reproduced and displayed somewhere prominent in each community.

A number of community's murals were also painted on the day as shown below.





Each Local Authority will be consulted on the proposed design that has been developed to date for final input and endorsement.

A number of young and other community members from across the region will paint the mural in late July, with a formal launch of the mural shortly after.

Community Safety and Order

Concerns with community safety and offending by some young people in particular, is of growing concern.

I am interested to discuss the views of each Local Authority and options for practical actions to address their concerns, that may include recommendations to the other two levels of government on changes to current approaches where needed.

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:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	East Arnhem Mural Project
REFERENCE	1763786
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

**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.

BACKGROUND

East Arnhem Regional Council Local Authorities and Council, has been progressively working on a project to design and execute a mural on the road facing external wall of the Nhulunbuy Regional Support Office, that artistically and graphically represents the entire region and Communities that the Council serves.

This work, including thorough consultation and deliberation on the project, has been actively progressing for two years.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council in October 2022, Council resolved to progress the project through externally engaged artists who would be responsible for extensive consultation, workshops, engagement, design and final execution of the mural painting. All nine Local Authorities have endorsed the project model and provided financial support for the project to be run.

GENERAL

Following the consultation sessions and workshops in the East Arnhem communities, the artists have curated inputs, themes and references to complete the concept art of the mural. This project is now in the final stages of design and approval before being executed on the wall.

The artists have identified five common, yet strong themes across the communities during consultations, these are:

1. The Sun
2. Bush Foods & Plants
3. Connection to Country
4. Aviation
5. Song Lines

The above multiple themes together represent the region, communities, history, change and the brilliance that is East Arnhem Land, in a conceptual and colourful product that has been designed by the Communities and the many voices in our region.

Following final approval of the design for the mural, painting will commence in July 2023. Execution of the mural will involve youth and residents from all over the region who will travel to Nhulunbuy to take part in the final painting of the mural.

A presentation is provided separate to this report that illustrates the design process and final concept design for approval.

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) Approves of the final concept design presented in the presentation.**
- (c) Requests the following amendments be considered for the final design concept.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Council Operations Report
REFERENCE	1762766
AUTHOR	Adam Johnson, Council Operations Manager

**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

East Arnhem Regional Council has undertaken a project to create a wall mural that represents the nine communities in the region. Two artists have been visiting these communities to gather ideas and represent the local knowledge that makes each of the nine East Arnhem communities unique.

Through art activities, shirt designs, and different forms of media art painting, this project aims to combine the perspectives of both the young and old generations. The exchange of cultural significance during this process will result in a captivating wall mural for Nhulunbuy.

An election was conducted for the Gumurr Miwatj Ward nominees on 3 and 4 May at the Council office.

The Community Night Patrol has noticed an increase in graffiti around the community, particularly with tags referencing "Ski Gang." Additionally, numerous empty plastic bottles containing dry paint, presumably used for paint sniffing, have been found scattered throughout the community. These concerns have been reported to the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) and Volatile Substances Abuse (VSA) departments.

Another worrying issue is the rise in gambling among senior community members, which has left young children and youth unsupervised, posing risks to their safety and well-being.



A quarterly CNP stakeholder governance meeting is held every three months to discuss valuable information, concerns, and updates concerning the community. We encourage the Local Authority members to attend these meetings to provide their input and stay informed about the community's progress.

The CNP team has been actively engaging with the youth, participating in activities such as basketball and conversing with young individuals. This interaction has fostered mutual understanding and cultural exchange.

The team's efforts have been positively received by the community, contributing to a sense of safety and well-being. Community members have expressed their satisfaction with the team's performance, resulting in a safer environment. Several success stories have been shared, showcasing the positive impact of the CNP efforts.

The CNP team has been growing and learning together. One team member has made remarkable progress in improving her writing skills, enabling her to produce better reports and statistics. This development is a source of pride for the entire team, and her achievement serves as an inspiration for others.

We welcome Broden Maymuru (Yirrkala), and Damien Yunupingu (Gunyangara), to the Gove Peninsula CNP. Both individuals bring valuable attributes to the team, and Damien possesses previous experience with night patrol activities.

Additionally, Janet Gurruwiwi has resigned from her position at the CNP office in Gove Peninsula. Having served in the Night Patrol for nearly 10 years, Janet has expressed her intention to "retire for real this time". We extend our best wishes to Janet for her future, assuring her that she will always be a part of the Gove Peninsula CNP family. Janet's position became vacant on 5 May.

The Municipal Services team has identified instances of dumped hard waste near the men's business ceremonial grounds. It is important to note that there is a designated area for disposing of hard waste, and we encourage community members to either inform others about this facility or report any deliberate dumping incidents to the Council.

With the recent abundance of rain, the team has been carrying out maintenance tasks in parks and gardens.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Murphy Dhamarrandji to the Municipal team. Murphy brings valuable skills and expertise and we look forward to his contributions.

At present we are working closely with Gumatj in preparation for the Traditional Owner ceremony to be held in May. This involves maintaining parks and gardens, and expanding the park area behind Gumatj for camp space.

Additional bins are needed for the ceremonial grounds and campground. This period is also marked by a sense of sadness as we commemorate the passing of Traditional Owner Yunupingu. His departure serves as a reminder of the remarkable achievements he made and the profound respect and passion he held for the land of East Arnhem and its people.

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	8.4
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1763108
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 hour's programs.
- School holiday programs.
- Upcoming events.
- Remote Sports Program (formal and informal competition, visits from peak sporting bodies).
- Youth Diversion (Yirrkala/Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak).
- Program success / challenges.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.5
TITLE	Budget 2023-2024
REFERENCE	1764929
AUTHOR	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act* requires each Council to have a Regional Plan including a budget.

The Regional Plan must contain a service delivery plan (what the Council is going to do) and the Council budget.

It must also include a longer term financial plan.

The plan must be adopted by resolution by 30 June 2023.

Before adoption, it must be approved as a draft, and made available to the public for comment.

It must be made available to Local Authorities for comment.

GENERAL

The timetable is therefore:

- The draft Annual Plan is presented to the Local Authorities from 15 to 26 May;
- Special Meeting – Thursday 1 June – to approve a DRAFT with Local Authority feedback for public comment from 2 June to 23 June 2023.
- Ordinary Meeting – Thursday 29 June – approve and set rates.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 23/24**Gunyangara**



Multipurpose Building at Oval	400,000
Footpaths (school to Gumatj Office)	177,205
	577,205

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

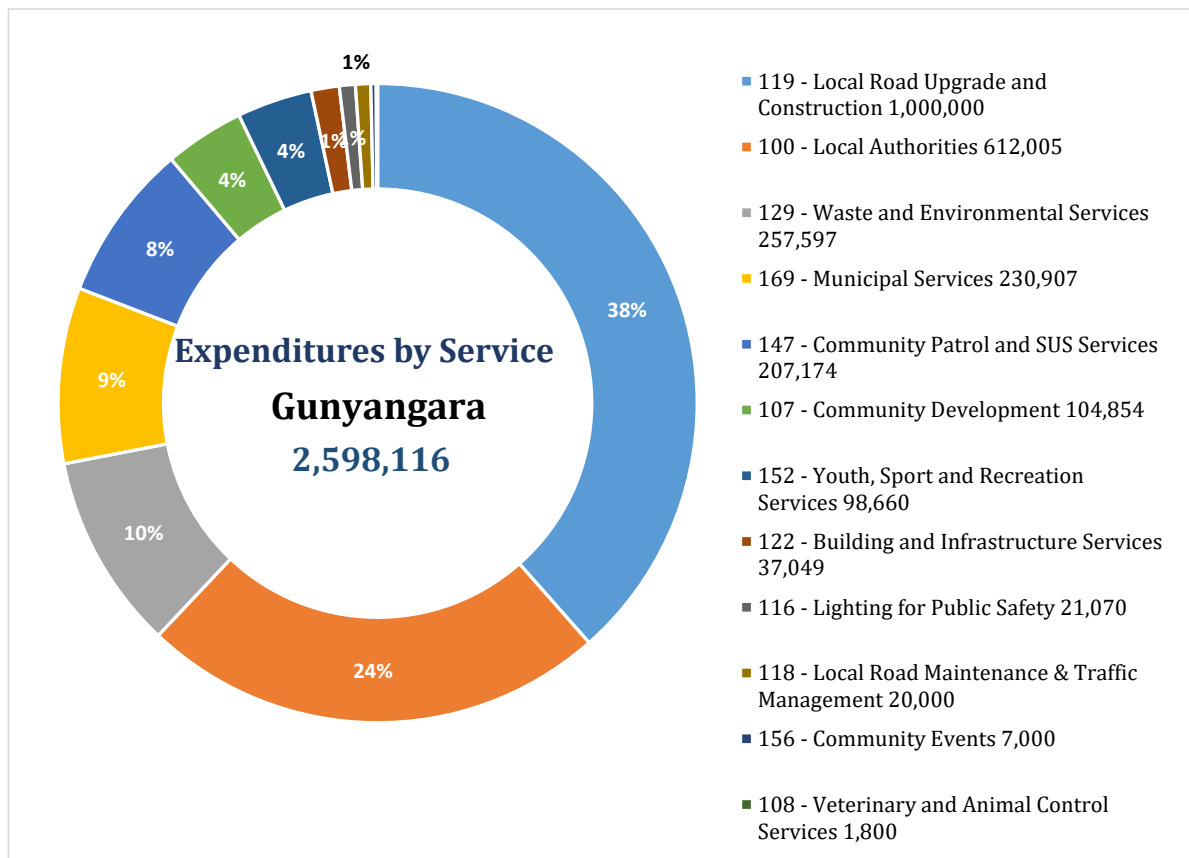
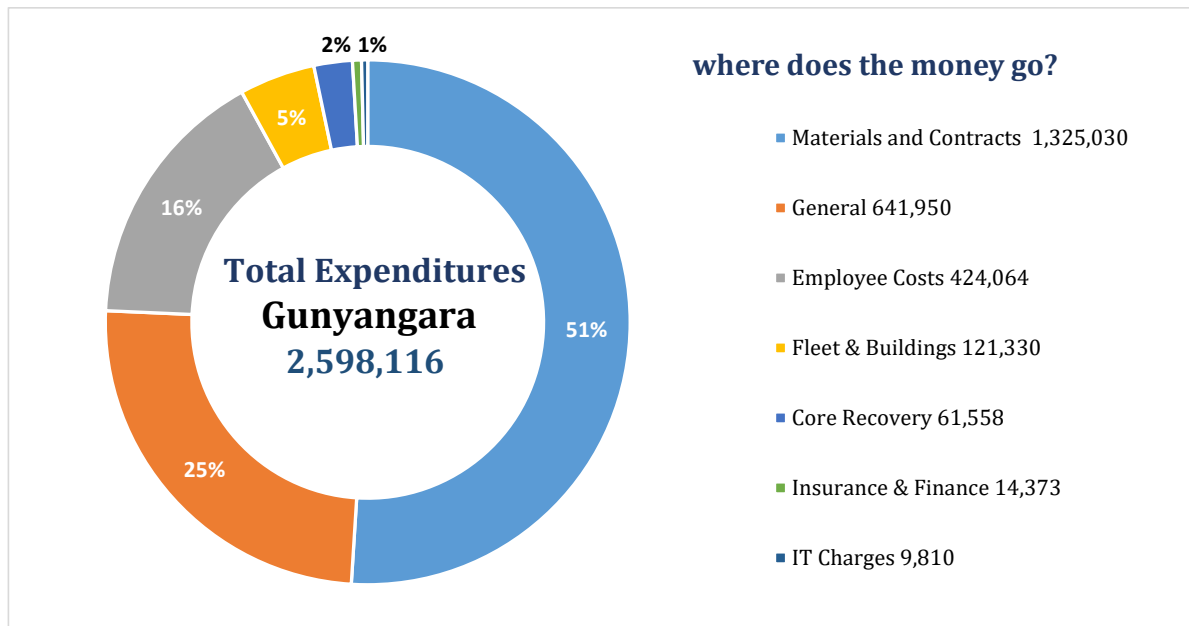
RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1**  Income and Expense Statement_Gunyangara
- 2**  Where does all the money go_Gunyangara

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2024		Gunyangara
OPERATING REVENUE		
Grants		284,552
User Charges and Fees		1,500
Rates and Annual Charges		357,961
Interest Income		-
Other Operating Revenue		3,700
Untied Revenue Allocation		240,466
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		888,180
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Employee Expenses		424,064
Materials and Contracts		1,322,405
Elected Member Allowances		-
Council Committee & LA Allowances		34,800
Depreciation and Amortisation		-
Other Operating Expenses		624,148
Council Internal Costs Allocations		192,699
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		2,598,116
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(1,709,936)
Capital Expenditure		-
Transfer to Reserves		(3,190)
Add Back Depreciation		-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(1,713,127)
Carried Forward Grants Revenue		76,501
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024/25		(33,600)
Transfer from General Equity		-
Transfer from Reserves		1,629,181
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS		1,672,082
NET OPERATING POSITION - SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		(41,044)



GENERAL BUSINESS

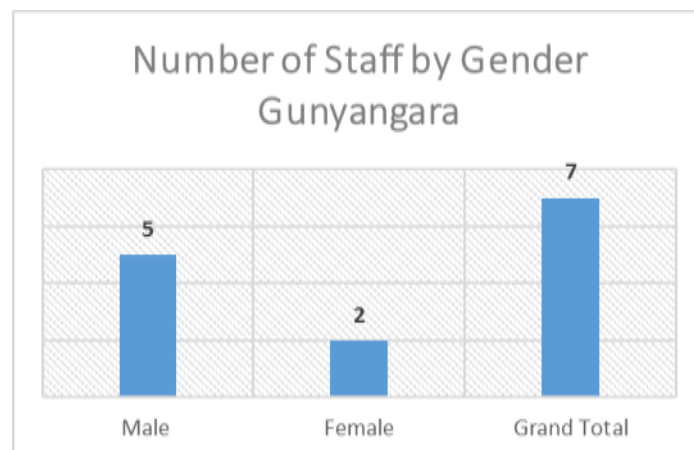
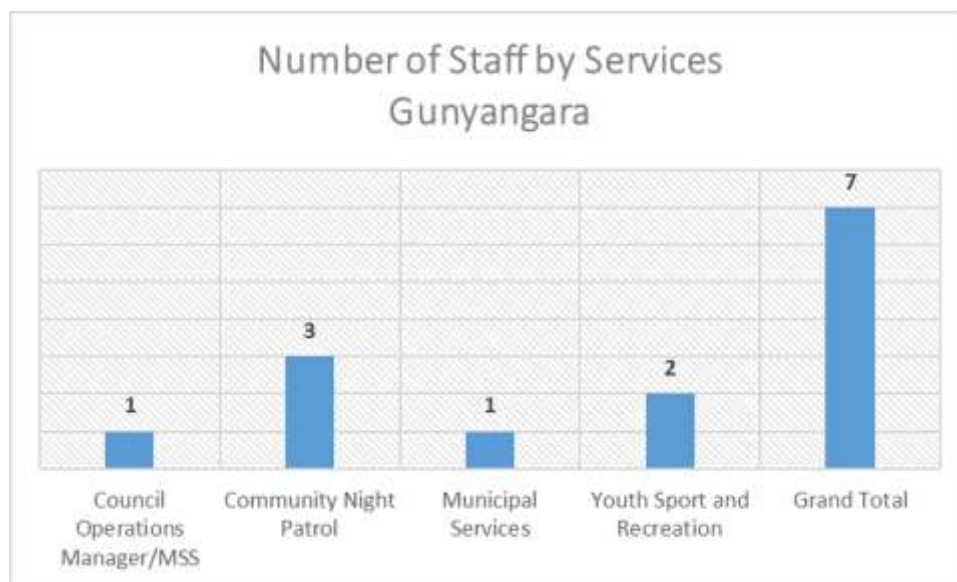
ITEM NUMBER	8.6
TITLE	Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE	1763058
AUTHOR	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

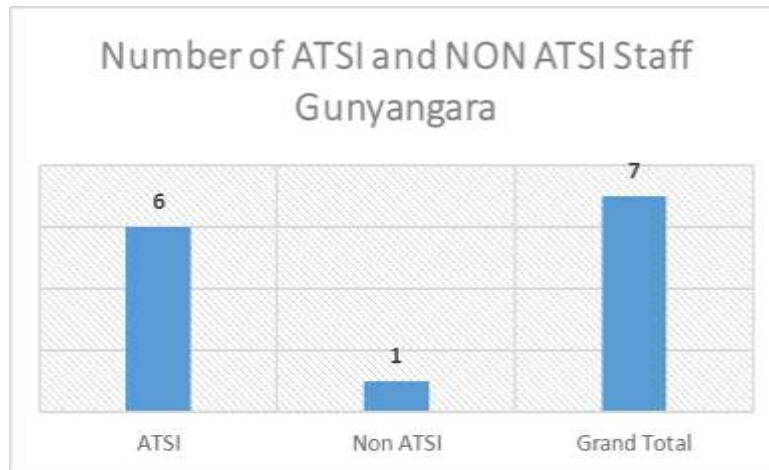
**SUMMARY**

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 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 30 April 2023:

There are no vacancy as of 30 April 2023 in Gunyangara.

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 30 April 2023.

ATTACHMENTS: