

REPORTS OF OFFICERS



ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	Australian Council Local Government
REFERENCE	1768280
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY:

This report is to advise Council of the meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) in Canberra on 16 June 2023 during the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA).

The report calls for Council to endorse one Council delegate to attend the ACLG Gala Dinner at Parliament House and the meeting of ACLG and for one additional observer to attend the ACLG in person. In addition the report also seeks to discuss the nomination of alternates in the absence of a nominated delegate of Council for attendance at the National General Assembly.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Government will hold the fifth Australian Council of Local Government in Canberra on 16 June 2023. The ACLG showcases the important partnership the Australian Government has with local governments across Australia.

The ACLG will coincide with the National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association from 13 to 16 June 2023.

Local governments are a trusted partner and fundamental to the development and delivery of policies and programs for all Australians and the ACLG provides them an important opportunity to engage with Ministers on opportunities and challenges in their areas.

The ACLG was first established as a formal meeting between senior leaders of local government and the Australian Government in 2008.

The re-establishment of the ACLG builds on the Australian Government's commitment to work with local governments to build livable and socially equitable communities in Australia's cities and regions.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts is working with ALGA to deliver this important event.

GENERAL

At the Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2023, Council made the following resolution regarding nomination of Elected Members to attend the National General Assembly.

That Council:

- (a) Notes the report on the call for motions for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government.*
- (b) Nominates President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Lionel Jaragba and Councillor Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra, to attend the NGA23 supported by Senior Officers of Council nominated by the Chief Executive Officer.*
- (c) Endorses the following motions to be prepared for the Councillors review:*

- (1) *Telecommunications, mobile connection and telecommunication Infrastructure and services.*
- (2) *Australia Post services.*

Further, at a special meeting of Council, Elected Members endorsed the two motions to be submitted to the National General Assembly. These motions are now included in the papers to be deliberated during the *discussion on motions* at the National General Assembly.

As Council has submitted motions it is now a requirement for Council to have representatives present during the deliberation on motions to talk to the motion if and when required – meaning attendance of representatives is of the utmost importance.

Following the under representation, due to factors outside of the control of the Elected Members nominated to attend the Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT) Annual General Meeting, this report also seeks Council to identify and endorse proxies for the nominated representatives to avoid under representation at the NGA

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Note the Report
- (b) Nominate ... to attend the Australian Council of Local Government Gala Dinner on the 15 June 2023.
- (c) Nominate ... as the additional observer at the meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government.
- (d) Nominate ... , ... , as proxies to attend the National General Assembly in absence of a nominated member.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

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ITEM NUMBER	9.3
TITLE	East Arnhem Mural Project
REFERENCE	1768336
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development



SUMMARY

This report is to provide an update to the Elected Members on the progress to date of the East Arnhem Mural Project. The report in addition seeks to confirm final 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.

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.

The included design concept has been presented and approved by Local Authorities that met in the month May. For locations where the Local Authority was postponed or were unable to meet due to competing community priorities, out of session consultation has occurred with the Local Authority chair and nominated members where possible to obtain approval or suggestions on the concept design.

The attached presentation illustrates the design process and final concept design following Local Authority consultation for approval.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Approves of the mural design.**

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) EARC_Mural Breif - Concept Design.pdf



Recap Phase 1 - Community Consultation & Mural Workshops

We consulted with the nine communities through creative mediums to identify meaningful themes that are to be featured on the final mural.

The mural is planned for July 2023 and will be a source of inspiration that continues to celebrate the strength that comes from unity in diversity.



Recap Phase 1 - Community Consultation & Mural Workshops



Ideas From Community

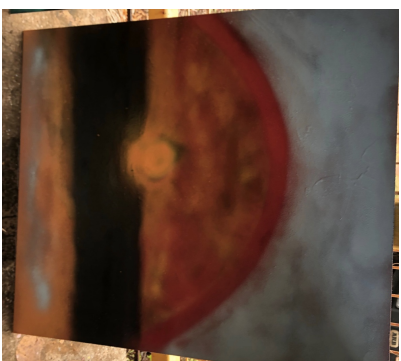
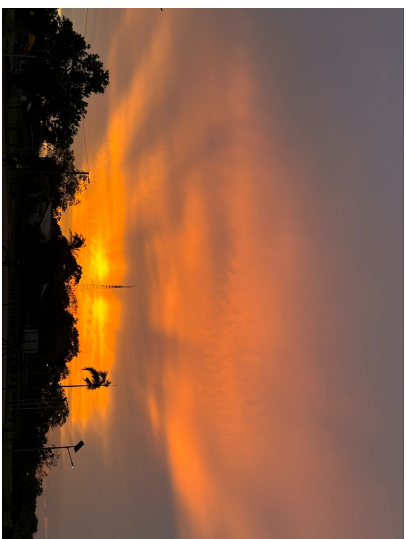


Common Themes Identified

1

The Sun

The Sun is a centre point of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures across Australia. Featured on the Aboriginal flag, the Sun is the source of life and death, bringing life and heat to the people. In Yolngu traditions the Sun woman is Walu. She lights a small fire each morning, which we see as the dawn. She decorates herself with red ochre, some of which spills onto the clouds, creating the red sunrise. She then lights her torch, made from a stringy-bark tree, and travels across the sky from east to west carrying her blazing torch, creating daylight. As she descends at the end of her journey, again some of the red ochre dusts the clouds to give the red sunset.

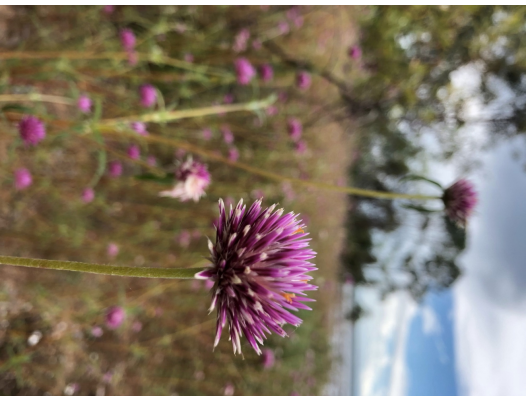


Common Themes Identified

2

Bush Foods & Plants

Indigenous plants were a confirm theme across all communities. They tell stories about the cultural belonging and allow a portal into the rich cultural and ecological knowledges. They illuminate the specific identity and history of landscapes. They are often medicinal, nutritionally beneficial and can be used to make many items, as well as providing colour and beauty to the landscape.



Common Themes Identified

3

Connection to Country

From our engagement sessions, all communities spoke about the strong connection to country. The land is the link between all of East Arnhem land, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's existence - spirituality, culture, language, family, law and identity.



Common Themes Identified

4

Aviation

The introduction of aviation was a significant way forward in providing access to healthcare, education, community development and disaster relief.

