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## 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 MILINGIMBI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

**25 July 2023**

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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 Anindilyakwa.

MINUTES OF THE MILINGIMBI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE  
EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2023 AT  
10.00AM

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**ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Local Authority Members Robert Yirapawanga and Joanne Baker.

**PRESIDENT**

Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

**COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services (via video).

Robert Baker – R/g Council Operations Manager.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO.

**OBSERVERS**

Ganygulpa Dhurrkay.

**MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 10.10AM and welcomed all members and guests.

**PRAYER**

Ganygulpa Dhurrkay.

**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).

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- (a) **Notes the absence of Rosetta Wayatja, Boaz Baker Cr. Joe Djakala Arthur Murrupu .**

- (b) Notes the apologies received from Cr. Joe Djakala and Rosetta Wayatja.
- (c) Notes Cr. Joe Djakala, Rosetta Wayatja and Arthur Murrupu are absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Boaz Baker is absent without 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.

**245/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)**

**The Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.
- (b) Accepts the nomination of Ganygulpa Dhurrkay for Local Authority membership and requests the nomination be put before Council for approval.

### **Conflict of Interest**

#### **4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

##### **SUMMARY**

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

**246/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)**

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

### **Previous Minutes**

#### **5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION DEFERRED DUE TO PROVISIONAL MEETING**

##### **SUMMARY**

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

**Local Authorities**

**6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER – DEFERRED  
SUMMARY**

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

**Guest Speakers**

**7.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE - LAW & ORDER COMMUNITY UPDATE  
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.

**247/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Calls on the Territory Government for an increase in policing in Milingimbi and surrounding communities.**
- (b) Calls for the establishment of a justice and mediation committee similar to established functions in areas of Northern Queensland and Yulgal Mangi and Ngkurr.**
- (c) Calls on urgent funding for community CCTV and monitoring for Community Safety.**
- (d) Calls for the increased surveillance for all local flights in addition to water vessel movements.**
- (e) Calls on the Independent Member for Mulka to meaningfully advocate for the above as per the Community wishes.**
- (f) Calls on urgent funding for Community CCTV and monitoring for Community Safety.**
- (g) Thanks the Guest Speaker for his update.**

**7.2 GUEST SPEAKER - REBEKAH CLANCY, PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST -  
MIWATJ HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION – DID NOT PROCEED**

**7.3 GUEST SPEAKER - MEGAN SMITH, ENGAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR -**

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AGENCY – DID NOT PROCEED**

**7.4 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY, ENGAGEMENT OFFICER -  
AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION - DID NOT PROCEED**

**7.5 GUEST SPEAKER - ALASTAIR KING, CEO ARNHEM LAND PROGRESS  
ASSOCIATION (ALPA)**

**248/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)**

**The Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for his presentation.**

**MOTION BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12.01PM**

**249/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

**MOTION MEETING RESUMED 12.44PM**

**250/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

**7.6 GUEST SPEAKER - JAY PETERS, CATEGORY MANAGER - POWER AND WATER  
CORPORATION – DID NOT PROCEED**

**7.7 GUEST SPEAKER - SAM RILEY, LAND RELEASE MANAGER - DEPARTMENT OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND LOGISTICS, NORTHERN TERRITORY  
GOVERNMENT**

**251/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)**

**The Local Authority:**

- (a) Thanks the guest speaker for his presentation.**
- (b) Welcomes Sam Riley and other DIPL Staff planned visit with the Local Authority to visit the site together and determine its usage.**

**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.

**252/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

**That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.**

### **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.

**253/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Lapulung Dhamarrandji)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Technical Services & Infrastructure report.**

### **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.

**254/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

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

### **8.5 COUNCIL OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report is provided by the Council Operations Manager at every Local Authority Meeting to provide information or updates to members.

**255/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

**The Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.**

### **8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

#### **SUMMARY**

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

**256/2023 RESOLVED (Lapulung Dhamarrandji/Robert Yirapawanga)**

**That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 30**

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**June 2023.**

**MOTION MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 12.54PM**

**257/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

**MOTION RETURN TO ORDINARY MEETING AT 1.10PM**

**258/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

Raise the need for community public events and the Council Operations Manager to look into this for the community and advise.

**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting terminated at 2.30PM.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19 September 2023.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 July 2023.