

Agenda

Galiwin'ku

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

21 July 2023

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Galiwin'ku Local Authority Meeting will be held at the East Arnhem Regional Council Office on Friday 21 July 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 Anindilyakwa.

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 4.1

TITLE Apologies and Absence Without Notice

REFERENCE 1790066

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:

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 4.2

TITLE Local Authority Membership

REFERENCE 1790058

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.

Galiwinku

Melissa Campbell

Virginia Rripa Nancy Gudaltji

Don Wininba

Terry Walunba

Cyril Bukalatjri

Jermaine Campbell

The following elected Councillors were appointed by the Council as members of the Local Authority.

Galiwinku

Cr Kaye Thurlow

Cr David Djalangi

Cr Evelyna Dhamarrandji

The following nomination was approved by Council for Local Authority membership:

Bobby Nyikamula

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill existing vacancies.
- (b) Recommends the following nominations to be presented for Council approval,



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ATTACHMENTS:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER 5.1

TITLE Conflict of Interest

REFERENCE 1790067

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:



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PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 6.1

TITLE Previous Minutes for Ratification

REFERENCE 1790069

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 18 May 2023 to be a true record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 Local Authority - Galiwinku 2023-05-18 [2074] Minutes.DOCX



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 GALIWIN'KU LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

30 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 Anindilyakwa.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Kaye Thurlow, Cr David Djalangi, Local Authority members - Don Wininba, Virginia Rripa, Terry Walunba and Nancy Gudaltji.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne - Chief Executive Officer.

Shane Marshall - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Andrew Walsh - Director Community Development.

Signe Balodis – Regional Manager Community Development.

Melissa Jones - Council Operations Manager.

Aimee Ashcroft – Senior Administration Officer.

Minute Taker - Anesuishe Hector, Council Operations Manager.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:32AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Don Wininba.

Apologies

4.1 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).

243/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Melissa Campbell, Cyril Bukulatjpi, Jermaine Campbell, Cr Evelyna Dhamarrandji.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cr Evelyna Dhamarrandji.
- (c) Notes Cr Evelyna Dhamarrandji and Cyril Bukulatjpi are absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Melissa Campbell, Jermaine Campbell are absent without permission of the Local Authority.

4.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

244/2023 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Nancy Gudaltji)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill existing vacancies.
- (b) Recommends the nomination of Bobby Nyikamula be presented for Council approval.

Conflict of Interest

5.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

245/2023 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Terry Walunba)

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

Previous Minutes

6.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY

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

246/2023 RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 23 March 2023 to be a true record of the meeting, with amendments as raised.

Local Authorities

8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY

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

247/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/David Djalangi)

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.

Guest Speakers

9.1 GUEST SPEAKERS - BODHI PASTOR-ELSEGOOD AND KARL HOWARD, CROSS CULTURAL CONSULTANTS

248/2023 RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/David Djalangi)

The Local Authority notes Bodhi Pastor Elsegood from Cross Cultural Consultants could not attend this meeting.

9.2 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY FROM THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

249/2023 RESOLVED (Virginia Rripa/Don Wininba)

The Local Authority notes, Maryanne Walley from the Australian Electoral Commission could not attend this meeting.

General Business

10.1 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.

250/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/David Djalangi)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:21 PM

RECOMMENDATION

251/2023 RESOLVED (Virginia Rripa/Don Wininba)

MEETING RESUMED AT 1:17 PM

RECOMMENDATION

252/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Nancy Gudaltji)

10.2 EAST ARNHEM 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.

253/2023 RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/David Djalangi)

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:
 - Outline of the plants.
 - Consider the use of Pandanas plant and Vamb vine.
 - Perspectives of the size of the Billy Button flowers.

10.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

254/2023 RESOLVED (Virginia Rripa/Terry Walunba)

That Local Authority notes:

- (a) The Council Operations Report.
- (b) Requests letters be sent to May Brazil and Donalesi Eastwell to acknowledge and thank them for their significant contribution to Community.

10.4 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.

255/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/David Djalangi)

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

10.5 BUDGET 2023-2024

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan

256/2023 RESOLVED (David Djalangi/Kaye Thurlow)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.
- (b) Requests advice from Director of Technical Services through the Community Operations Manager on costings to sound proof the main Youth Sport and Recreation Hall.

10.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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

257/2023 RESOLVED (Don Wininba/Terry Walunba)

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

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

The issue of law and order and how to better deal with youth justice issues was raised. Some options to consider that were made were:

 The development of a Drop in Centre to support children of different ages, boys and girls, at different times – to help prevent young people getting in to trouble.

- A centre be established in community to support young people in trouble, but have real
 consequences if they do not accept the support provided.
- Need support of Elders and Traditional Owners.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting finished at 3:18 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20 July 2023

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 18 May 2023.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ITEM NUMBER 8.1

TITLE Local Authority Action Register

REFERENCE 1790070

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 - Galiwin'ku May 2023.docx



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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
149/2021	That the Local Authority:	12.05.2021 – Will update further prior to next Local Authority meeting.
Community Asbestos	(a) Notes the Community Asbestos	20.05.2021 – Update provided to Local Authority, Budget was submit to the NTG and EARC are
Update	Update, particularly the initial	waiting for it to be approved and sent back with a contract. This will also include a storage container
	recommendations with regard to the	that will be portable. Training is also included in the budget with regards to the removal of asbestos –
	asbestos in Galiwin'ku.	Ongoing – Updates will be provided at next meeting.
	(b) Supports a temporary licenced	
	storage area at the current land fill	12.10.2021 - position advertised for the project and communications officer - position should be
	site.	filled November - more update provided in future reports.
	(c) Support Indigenous employment	
	and training for the asbestos removal	18.11.2021 – Interview was done on 17 Nov. A draft employment contract will be finalised and
	project.	probable start would be January 2022.
	(d) Will provide the Director of	
	Technical & Infrastructure Services	10.03.2022 – Employment contract counter signed – commencement February 2022 – attendance by
	with a map that identifies priority	the Waste Team and Ben for an introduction and finalised project direction is scheduled for this
	areas.	meeting.
		17.03.2022 – A report and presentation will be tabled in the May meeting
		19.05.2022 – An update was provided by Ben Jones - Environmental Projects and Communication
		Officer. 21.07.2022 – Removal contractors for stage 1 to be engaged and progressed as soon as possible.
		19.10.22 – Stage one complete being the initial Emu pick with highlighted initial risk area within the
		town area being cleared by independent environmentalist – stage 2 or the continuation into other areas is being discussed with the consortium group partners – and further updates will be provided
		in the December Council meeting.
		19.01.2023 – Meeting on 6 Feb in Galiwinku to discuss further.
		23.03.2023 – Ongoing
		27.04.23 – to commence shortly.

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		29.06.23 – Stage 2 underway.
001/2020 RESOLVED	That the Local Authority:	12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing.
	 a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: 	20.05.2021 – Still unsure when this will be happening, Update has been provided to LA, will update
	Allowing the commercial importation	up at next LA meeting – Ongoing.
	b) Supports comprehensive	17.12.2021 - A separate report on this will be presented by the CEO in the meeting.
	community consultation as	
	highlighted in the Northern Territory	12.01.2022 – Ongoing.
	Government's submission to the	
	Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial	17.03.2022 - Discussion on Rava will continue with the community.
	Importation of Kava consultation	19.05.2022 – Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local
	paper, and the call for Commonwealth	Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with
	funding to support either:	all communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land, on the important and pressing issues of the
	1) increased compliance and policing	possible introduction of the legal sale of kava and alcohol.
	for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or	21.07.2022 - Ongoing
	2) effective and informed local	19.10.22 President and CEO to follow up a positive discussion on this issue at a meeting with the
	decision making about kava	Chief Minister to the region, with the Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and
	management to minimise potential harms.	Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions.
	c) Supports the Northern Territory	24.11.2022 as above – Progress being made with Government, letter written to Chief Minister.
	support research into the health and	
	availability.	

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
AFL Program in Galwinku	Invite NIAA and EARC Youth Sport and Recreation Regional Manager to discuss the program at the next scheduled meeting.	19.01.23 – Director Community Development to address. 23.03.2023 – 'a) The Local Authority requests the AFL recruitment and placement manager to attend the next Local authority meeting to discuss the program.
		b) The Local Authority requests and advance proposed timetable for all oval usage by the sporting organisations and the Sport and Recreation Regional Manager and Council Operations Manager to meet and decide on oval usage.' 27.04.23 – working through MoU to include all aspects and dynamics. 29.06.23 – Ongoing
Increase in staffing to Parks and Garden Program	Requests and supports an increase in staffing numbers in the Parks and Garden Program.	23.03.23 — Director of Technical and Infrastructure services to provide update. 27.04.23 — Ongoing 29.06.23 — Ongoing
	Supports a secondary leadership role for the program and allocation of a house.	
155/2021	That the Local Authority:	12.10.2021 – Ongoing - awaiting NLC consultations - Shelter to be installed Nov/ Dec.
Questions from Members	(a) Notes the questions from members about the misuse of the PA system, the progress of the proposed	12.01.2022 NLC consultation has not happened for Galiwinku yet surrounding priority projects with the approval process is still ongoing.
	waterpark and BMX track projects, and the progress on the public toilet to be located at the private charter area at the airport.	10.03.2022 – Still no outline for project application consultations dates – EARC have approached the NLC again with an offer for the usage of video conferencing from the Darwin office into Community meeting rooms to facilitate these consultations as they are not extensive to that of say consultations for new businesses or land mineral extractions such as mining etc.
		8.05.2022 – Consultation date has been suggested for July by the NLC.
		21.07.2022 – Consultation from the latest communication from the NLS will be in November.

23.03.2023 – Latest from NLC is the consultation will begin end of April.	19.01.2023 – update further in Feb meeting.	19/11/2022 — as above — consultation are still anticipated prior to Christmas

ADVOCACY ITEMS/ITEMS ON HOLD	TEMS ON HOLD	
Australian Electoral Commission roles.	Recommends that at least three local Yolngu people be recruited to local Australian Electoral Commission roles, to support increased awareness, enrolment and participation in elections, as well as the upcoming Federal Referendum on the Indigenous Voice.	23.03.23 - EA to work with AEC to obtain posters etc., to promote recruitment within Community. 31.03.23 - EA emailed Maryanne Walley requesting flyers and posters for Community. 29.06.23 - AEC to hold the information – additionally EARC can assist in preparation but not be involved directly as it's a conflict of interest. Remove action to Advocacy.
152/2021	That the Local Authority:	12.05.2021 – Ongoing
(re-tabled)	(a) Continues to consider and advise	20.05.2021 — Update was provided at meeting, At the Next LA meeting to come up with a plan or design for the series of murals - Ongoing
	when agreed what significant person or people to include in the series of	12.10.2021 - Ongoing awaiting designs from LA
	(b) Start gathering together photos of	18.11.2021 — Ongoing awaiting design from LA
	Community Development Coordinator.	12.01.2022 – Ongoing

30.05.23 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide update. 29.06.23 – Not in this year's budget – move to Advocacy	Requests advice from Director of Technical Services through the Community Operations Manager on costings to sound proof the main Youth Sport and Recreation Hall.	Sound proofing the main Youth Sport and Recreation Hall.
29.6.23 Consultation completed remove to Advocacy until completed.		
Dutline of the plants Consider the use of Pandanas plant and Vamb vine Perspectives of the size of the Billy Button flowers.		
30.05.23 – Local Authority approves of the final concept design presented in the presentation, however requests the following amendments to be considered for the final design concept:		
27.04.23 – Workshops have occurred - in progress.		
23.03.2023 - The consultants are due to come on 24 March to conduct the workshop.		
19.01.22 – Consultant has been engaged. Will fly to communities to hold workshops etc.		
24.11.2022 – as above.		
19.10.22 – 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.		
21.07.2022-A designer to be engaged to consult with each Local Authority and Community about what design they would like.		
19.05.2022 – Discussions will continue with the community about finalising photos/maps and get back to the CDC.		
17.03.2022 – Discussions will continue with the community about finalising photos and get back to the CDC.		

		Local Authority meetings.	Departments. all departments on a rotating basis at	Updates from all The members request updates from
27.04.23 – Andrew to confirm this action can be removed. 29.06.23 – Ongoing move to Advocacy.	23.03.2023 – The Local Authority recommended that Municipal officers to attend LA meetings to discuss the programs.		advise.	19.01.23 - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services and Director Community Development to

OMPLETED ITEMS:

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS Requests an inclusion of

minutes. speaker reports in the a summary for guest

information flow to minutes.

Investigate way to have Agenda

Recommend removal from Action list. Waiting on LA approval in March. 23.03.2023 – Remove after April Council meeting.

Approved at April 2023 Council meeting and removed.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.1

TITLE Northern Territory Police - Law & Order Community

Update

REFERENCE 1766626

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:



GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.2

TITLE Guest Speakers - Miwatj Health

REFERENCE 1792819

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

East Arnhem

GENERAL

The purpose of this session is to discuss the current trauma assistance available in Galiwin'ku for residents.

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 speakers for their presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

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GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.3

TITLE Guest Speaker - Maryanne Walley, Engagement

Officer - Australian Electoral Commission

REFERENCE 1792822

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

GENERAL

Maryanne would like to provide information on Australian Electoral Commission enrolment and engagement work in remote communities, ahead of the referendum.

Additionally Maryanne would like to answer any questions that the Local Authority members may have.

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:



GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER 9.4

TITLE Guest Speakers - Bodhi Pastor-Elsegood and Karl

Howard, Cross Cultural Consultants

REFERENCE 1794680

AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

GENERAL

The purpose of this session is to provide information to the Local Authority about the Galiwin'ku Litter Management Strategy, and seek information from the Local Authority about their priorities and outcomes for the Litter Management Strategy.

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 speakers for their presentation.

ATTACHMENTS:





GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.1

TITLE CEO Report 1791879

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.

Congratulations Cr. Kaye Thurlow

I would like to congratulate Councillor Kaye Thurlow on her appointment as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia, in recognition of her remarkable dedication and service to the Indigenous community of East Arnhem Land.

This prestigious honour celebrates her lifelong commitment and significant contributions to the region, some of which are outlined below:

East Arnhem Regional Council:

- President, 2018-2021.
- Deputy President, 2022, 2017-2018 and 2010-2012.
- Councillor, Gumurr Marthakal Ward, since 2008.
- Former President, Latitude 12 Committee.
- Former Executive Committee Member, Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).
- Representative Member, LGANT.
- Former Secretary, Galiwin'ku Community Advisory Board.
- Former Member, Galiwin'ku Local Reference Group.
- Member, Galiwin'ku Local Authority, current.
- Member, Galiwin'ku Housing Reference Group, current.
- Representative Member, Northern Territory Place Names Committee, current.

Shepherdson College (formerly Elcho Island Mission School):

- Principal, 2006-2007.
- Assistant Principal, 1997-2001, and 2003-2005.
- Founder, Senior Yolngu Management Team, 1999.
- Teacher, 1969-1975.

Milingimbi School:

- · Principal, 1994.
- · Assistant Principal, 1992-1997.
- School Librarian, 1991-1992.
- Teacher-Linguist, 1985-1988.

Education:

• Teacher, Lajamanu School (Hooker Creek School), 1983-1984.



Cultural Preservation:

• Initiated the update of Galiwin'ku community genealogical records in coordination with Galiwin'ku Community Incorporation, 2002.

Cr. Thurlow's work has made a lasting impact on the Indigenous community, and this well-deserved recognition is a testament to her unwavering dedication. East Arnhem Regional Council extends heartfelt congratulations to Councillor Kaye Thurlow for this prestigious achievement.

Kava and Alcohol Management

The Regional Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet has confirmed that ARDS, Miwatj Health and Yalu have been engaged to develop how to consult with communities and homelands on issues on the possible legal sale of kava and alcohol in the region.

The community of Ramingining may be the first community to trial and develop the consultation process. The NT Government will continue to seek confirmation of matching funds from the Australian Government for full consultation to be held across the region.

National General Assembly

The nominated delegation of Deputy President Lionel Jaragba, Councillor Bandi Wunungmurra and Local Authority Member for Galiwinku Cyril Bukulatjpi, with myself as CEO, Andrew Walsh as Director Community Development and Divyan Ahimaz, our Strategic Community Development Strategic Manager – had a very successful visit at this and the range of other meetings on the trip to Canberra from the 13 to 16 June.

The Motion Council put up for improved telecommunications was successfully passed, with a number of similar motions from other Councils. Our Council's second motion, for better and better funded Australia Post Services, was passed with full support of all 537 member Councils across Australia.

A total of 145 motions were considered and decided by the Assembly delegates, from some 280 Council submissions.

Cyril Bukulatjpi also spoke strongly to the entire National General Assembly in favour of a motion being vigorously debated by other Councils, for the active support of Councils of the yes campaign for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The motion was passed with a majority of approximately 3 to 2.

Council of Local Governments of Australia

For the first time in 16 years a meeting between elected the representatives from across Australia's 537 Local Governments was held with the Prime Minister, and all Ministers of the Federal Government.

A wide range of issues were raised and questions answered from a series of panels of 3 to 4 Federal Ministers, and the assembled Local Government representatives.

Special Delegation Meetings and Outcomes

A number of extra meetings were arranged to maximise the value and impact of our Council delegation to Canberra.

Governor-General of Australia

We first met with the Governor-General of Australia, the Honourable David Hurley at his Government House residence. He invited the delegation to a formal extended discussion, during which a range of important issues were discussed, and experiences shared.

This was accompanied by a tour of the Governor-General's residence and facilities, including a Traditional Owner and introduction to a ceremonial 'Yarning Circle' that has been recently established in the grounds of Government House.

Senator and Assistant Minister - Malarndirri McCarthy

Our first meeting was with our NT Senator and Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians, Malarndirri McCarthy, her Chief of Staff and a senior representative of Minister Linda Burney. Deputy President Lionel Jaragba led our delegation in discussions of Council's formal commitment to support the Yes Campaign for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. That included how Council will provide community level support for enrolment, awareness, the Yes Case, and participation in the Federal Referendum to be held later this year.

Our delegation also raised the need for the formal recognition of East Arnhem and other regional councils as Aboriginal Controlled Regional Governments, by the Australian and and Northern Territory Governments. We agreed to a requested from the Minister to provide further information of formal resolutions of the Australian Local Government of Australia NGA and Local Government of the Northern Territory General meetings over the last two years, and other important information that supports this call for recognition.

<u>Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Advancement Agency – Jody Broun</u>

A very positive and productive meeting was held with the CEO of the NIAA in person at the NIAA National Office, with the State Manager and Arnhem Land Regional Manager joining by videoconference.

Discussions covered key topics, including seeking restorative justice within our communities and justice reinvestment, including training and a clear pathway to jobs.

Galiwinku Local Authority Member Cyril Bukulatjpi spoke of how Local Authorities are at the heart of the work of Council of engaging with each community, and government to help improve people's lives.

Significantly, in the meeting the CEO of NIAA offered to coordinate all the Secretaries of all the Federal Government Departments that are due to attend the Garma Festival in early August, to meet with Council. We committed to bring in all Councillors and a number of Local Authority Members also to meet in Nhulunbuy, to discuss a wide range of issues of importance to the people of the region.

These issues could range from effective youth justice and engagement and making the new Community Development Program (CDP) real again, to significant upgrades to road, telecommunications and much needed cyclone shelter infrastructure, to proper recognition of the role and value of Aboriginal Controlled Local and Regional Government, to help achieve real progress through Closing the Gap, Local Decision Making and, if successful the Local, Regional and National Indigenous Voice to Parliament and the Executive arms of Government.

Prime Minister, Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians and NT Member for Lingiari

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese joined Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney, and the Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour in a significant meeting with representatives of the nine Aboriginal Controlled Regional Local Government Councils of the Northern Territory.

An extensive discussion was held on many issues of importance to Indigenous people across the regions.

This included a call to action for the creation of in-community facilities to provide effective and coordinated engagement and support of young offenders, to provide them a pathway out of incarceration, and into a healthy life, training and employment.

Cyril Bukulatjpi, Local Authority Member for the community of Galiwinku, in the Gumurr Marthakal cultural area, of East Arnhem Regional Council – spoke directly with the Prime Minister at the meeting. He asked "is the Voice going directly to the Parliament on strategic programs, projects."

Prime Minister Albanese responded positively that "Yes, it certainly will go directly to Parliament, but also, importantly, to Executive Government....if you have a structure that can give you advice, then governments can seek that advice."

Regional Councils Collective Support of the Yes Campaign

Following the meeting with the Prime Minister, Minister Burney and NT Member of Parliament for Lingiari, the Regional Council Mayors, Deputies, Councillors and CEOs met. It was agreed that all Regional Councils that had not yet formally considered and endorsed the Yes Campaign to the Indigenous Voice would arrange to do so in coming weeks, and come together to mark a clear public Statement of Support. Work is underway to ensure this happens.

Advocacy Meeting with the NT Chief Minister and Cabinet

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) have done a very good job of arranging a meeting of all member Councils with the Chief Minister and her Cabinet of Ministers, on 21 June 2023. East Arnhem Regional Council and other councils have contributed to a list of 20 Advocacy points that have been provided to the Ministers and their government departments ahead of the meeting to consider and prepare.

I raised a number of points at the meeting on behalf of Council. These included renewed joint efforts to secure funding for a cyclone shelter / multipurpose recreation hall at Yirrkala, in community government service centres including expanded Australia Post, MVR and other essential services, and the need for the nine Aboriginal Controlled Regional Councils to be properly recognised in policy and program development through Closing the Gap, Local Decision Making, the Indigenous Voice if successful and eligibility for a range of grants we currently cannot access, as Councils are considered as 'not Indigenous' organisations.

I had follow up discussions with other councils on the development of a united position and action on the Yes Campaign for the Indigenous Voice. This includes each regional council gaining a formal resolution in support of the Yes Campaign, a commitment to provide practical support to make it happen. Plans are being made for a joint signing of all nine Aboriginal

Controlled Regional Local Government Councils at our Nhulunbuy Council Office in late August or early September, ahead of the Referendum.

Attached is a summary of the Local Authority Act in addition to Guideline 1 of the Act for reference.

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:

- **1** guideline-1-local-authorities.pdf
- 2 local-authorities-under-the-new-act.pdf

EACH REPORTING LOCATION		Gapuwiyak	
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT	ACTUALS VTD	DUDCET VTD	VARIANCE VED
YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2023	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	1,705,270	1,905,654	(200,384)
User Charges and Fees	1,116,525	1,449,304	(332,779)
Rates and Annual Charges	786,069	786,617	(549)
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	1,190,200	888,420	301,780
Council Internal Allocations	76,021	76,021	0
Untied Revenue Allocation	1,827,685	1,827,685	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	6,701,770	6,933,701	(231,931)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	2,406,322	2,444,994	(38,672)
Materials and Contracts	1,631,809	2,159,356	(527,548)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Elected Member Expenses	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	2,614	9,774	(7,160)
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	1,568,497	2,230,104	(661,608)
Council Internal Allocations	1,556,394	1,530,006	26,388
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	7,165,635	8,374,235	(1,208,599)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(463,865)	(1,440,534)	976,669
Capital Grants Income	2,500	-	2,500
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(461,365)	(1,440,534)	979,169
Remove Non-Cash Item			
Add Back Depreciation Expense	-	-	-
Less Additional Outflows			
Capital Expenses	-	(1,020,000)	1,020,000
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024	-	(256,880)	256,880
Transfer to Reserves	-	(183,036)	183,036
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	-	(1,459,916)	1,459,916
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(461,365)	(2,900,450)	2,439,085
Add Additional Inflows			
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	448,960	448,888	72
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,802,762	(1,802,762)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	448,960	2,251,650	(1,802,690)
NET OPERATING POSITION	(12,405)	(648,800)	636,395
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Resource No. 17

Local Authorities under the new Act

Summary

Local authorities play a vital role in the community by working with councils and ensuring that community interests are considered in council's decision making. The aim of local authorities is to foster positive and constructive working relationships between council and community members.

Community members have the opportunity to raise matters to the local authority – this provides a local forum for the community to have their say and for their voice to be heard.

Some of the key roles of local authorities are to:

- represent the interests of the community or communities within the local authority area to inform and make recommendations to council;
- work with council to provide and develop local projects; and
- exercise powers that are delegated to the local authority by the council.

The Local Government Act 2019 (the Act), which commenced on 1 July 2021, includes changes for local authorities that identify the key functions and relationships between a council for a region and its local authorities.

The Act has new regulations and guidelines. The regulations are the *Local Government (General)* Regulations 2021 and *Local Government (Electoral)* Regulations 2021. The guideline relating to local authorities is called 'Guideline 1: Local Authorities'.

Acts are laws that provide broad legal principles. Regulations are laws that provide specific details for an Act. The General Regulations cover, in relation to local authorities:

- public access to meetings;
- · meeting minutes; and
- access to records (e.g. minutes).

Guidelines are rules and standards made by the Minister for Local Government. Guideline 1 is important as it has a list of all the local authorities in the Northern Territory (see the Schedule). Guideline 1 also creates rules, local authority processes, and how provisional meetings are to operate – as well as what a council must do in terms of reporting to a local authority.

Some of the topics Guideline 1 deals with include:

- appointments and resignations;
- · sitting fees; and
- local authority meetings and provisional meetings.



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Important rules about local authorities

There are some important rules to remember about local authorities. For extracts of relevant sections in the Act, please refer to *Resource No. 18 – Local Authorities*.

- The Act requires a council to appoint at least 1 council member (for the ward) to be a local authority member for each of its local authorities. There is no limit to the number of council members (for that ward) who can be appointed to a local authority (see section 77 of the Act).
- The Act requires a council to seek advice and recommendations from its local authorities in relation
 to the council's budget, priorities for expenditure, service delivery, regional plans, strategic directions,
 and funding (see section 81 of the Act).
- The Act requires a council to **include in their annual report the activities of its local authorities** for the relevant financial year, such as any local authority projects (see section 291(1) of the Act).
- Guideline 1 requires a council to keep an **up-to-date register of its local authority members** and make this available on the council's website and at the council's public office. This allows community members to know who are their local authority members (see clause 6.3).
- Guideline 1 requires the council to provide, at each local authority meeting (or provisional meeting), a
 financial report of the actual results against the latest approved budget for a local authority area.
 This financial report must also be listed as part of the local authority's agenda items (see clauses 11.1(g)
 and 14.1).

Questions and Answers

1. What is a 'quorum'?

A quorum is a way of saying that there are enough members present to have a meeting. In the Act, a quorum is reached when a majority of members are present. For example, if there are 9 total members of the local authority, there must be at least 5 members present.

The 'total members' means the number of local authority members appointed by the council to that local authority (and who have not resigned or otherwise ceased to be a member).

2. What is a 'provisional meeting'?

If there is no quorum, the members who are present may agree to hold a meeting if there is at least one third of the total members present. For example, if there are 9 total members of the local authority, there must be at least 3 members present to hold a provisional meeting.

A provisional meeting allows the members who are present to discuss all agenda items. The meeting must clearly identify in the minutes that it was a provisional meeting.

Minimum numbers of members present to hold a provisional meeting				
6 members total = 2 members				
7 – 9 members total = 3 members				

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3. What is a provisional decision?

A provisional decision is a decision made by members at a provisional meeting. However, it must be clearly identified that this decision of a provisional meeting, rather than a local authority decision.

A local authority meeting (where quorum has been reached) can choose to ratify ('approve') a provisional decision – this decision then becomes a decision of the local authority:

Provisional decision made at provisional meeting

Provisional decision ratified at local authority meeting

Decision becomes a decision of the local authority

4. Who is eligible to be a local authority member?

There is a requirement that at least 1 council member be appointed to each local authority. The council member who is appointed must be a member for the ward where the local authority is located. Additionally, members of the community within a local authority area are eligible.

5. Is there a required number of local authority meetings?

Yes, there must be a minimum of 4 local authority meetings held in a financial year. Provisional meetings may be counted to reach this required number of meetings.

6. Can local authorities have a rotating chairperson?

In Guideline 1, councils need to have a policy for local authorities that includes determining the term of the chairperson. If the local authority wants to have different chairpersons throughout the year, it will need to make a decision to appoint each chairperson (and the term of the chairperson) in accordance with the council's policy.

7. How does a local authority raise community issues to the council?

Local authority members needs to work closely with the community to gather feedback and understand issues that affect their community. Members of the community can talk with their local authority member, who then may raise those issues during discussions at local authority meetings. The local authority may then decide to provide advice or recommendations to the council.

For example, if a community wishes to start a new recycling program – this can be raised with the local authority who could make a decision to recommend a recycling project to the council.

8. How do local authorities work with the council?

Some of the ways that local authorities work with the council include:

- taking the views of local communities back to the council and acting as advocates;
- contributing to the development of the council's regional plan;

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• making recommendations to the council in relation to council's service delivery.

Please refer to sections 78 and 81 of the Act for more information.

9. Do local authorities have decision-making powers?

A council may delegate specific decision-making powers to a local authority. Generally, local authorities provide advice and recommendations on issues affecting the local authority area to the council.

Please note, while local authorities may have powers delegated to it by the council, these powers cannot be exercised at a provisional meeting.

10. What is the role of Council when it has delegated its powers to a local authority?

Where a council has delegated its decision-making power to a local authority, the authority would make the decision on the delegated matter. Council may note the decision made by the local authority.

Please note that the Council can withdraw its delegation of power to a local authority at any time.

11. Do local authority members receive an allowance?

Local authority members (who are not council members) are entitled to a sitting fee for being a local authority member. Council members may be entitled to an extra allowance for attending local authority meetings, in accordance with council's policy. Please refer to Guideline 1.

12. How will residents of a community know who is a local authority member?

The council must keep an up-to-date register (list) of the local authority members for each local authority. This register must be available on council's website and at the council's public office.

13. Does the council have to provide any reports to the local authority?

There are 2 main reporting requirements for a council:

- 1. **Financial reports** the council must provide the local authority with a current financial report of actual results against the latest approved budget for the local authority area.
- 2. **Response to meeting minutes** council must provide a response to the meeting minutes of a local authority meeting (or provisional meeting).

14. Can a local authority member have a conflict of interest?

Yes, conflict of interests provisions apply to local authority members. Local authority members must declare any conflict of interests at a local authority meeting or to the council CEO. If a local authority member has a conflict of interest, they cannot participate and must leave the room while the matter is being discussed or decided. *Please refer to sections 114 and 115 of the Act.*

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15. Are local authority meetings open to the public?

Generally, local authority meetings are open to the public and any interested party can attend. Minutes and agendas of a local authority meeting also need to be publically available on the council's website. However, a local authority meeting may be closed from the public if a local authority is considering confidential business.

16. Do I need to resign as a local authority member if I am a candidate for a local government election?

A local member who wishes to run for a local government election does not need to resign.

17. Do I need to resign as a local authority member if I am a candidate for a Legislative Assembly (Territory) election?

If a local authority member wishes to run for a Legislative Assembly election, they will need to resign in writing from being a local authority member before they 'nominate' as a candidate.

For example, a local authority member could announce that they are going to nominate as a candidate and still remain on the local authority. However, they *must resign from the local authority before they lodge their nomination form* with the Electoral Commission.

18. How do I resign if I am a local authority member?

If a local authority member wishes to resign, they must resign, in writing, in accordance with the process set out for resigning in the Council policy for local authorities.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.2

TITLE Community Places and People Successful Grant

REFERENCE 1789931

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to update on the successful outcome of the recently submitted grant application for the Community Places and People grant round of funding.

BACKGROUND

The Minister for Local Government, Hon Chansey Paech MLA, recently approved the new Community Place for People (CPP) grant program.

The CPP program is an application based grant that enables Regional and Shire Councils to apply for funding to establish more livable spaces in their communities, and deliver initiatives that make public places attractive, comfortable, family-friendly and peaceful places to live and work.

As part of the Annual Council Plan a range of scaled sized public area projects were listed, with two locations listing ceremony area improvements or a new area establishment, these being Galiwin'ku and Milingimbi.

Two submissions were lodged with the Makarata field ceremony area in Milingimbi, along with the Cultural Ceremony Area development and Youth Infrastructure within Galiwin'ku.

GENERAL

The application for the Galiwin'ku installations was successful with Council being granted \$353,400.00 for the projects, once the formal agreement is received and signed the projects will commence.

East Arnhem Regional Council Public Area Upgrade Proposal:

Priority 1 - Galiwinku Cultural Ceremony & Gathering Area & Ninja Park Galiwinku Cultural Ceremony & Gathering Area:

The Cultural Ceremony & Gathering Area projects will deliver a space and streetscape that is attractive, accessible, and safe for people to use and enjoy. The natural design concept is incorporated to blend in with the natural surrounds, and with a strong connection to country.

By creating a natural looking space, it will feel like the site has been in community for a long time.

A cultural ceremony and gathering area are a creative and collaborative way of communicating to:

- Encourage responsible, respectful, and honest interactions between participants, building trusting relationships.
- Foster accountability and provide a safe place to be heard and to respond.
- Enrich learning experiences for the community.



• Meeting place for the local community and a space to welcome visitors and the wider municipal to connect with country.





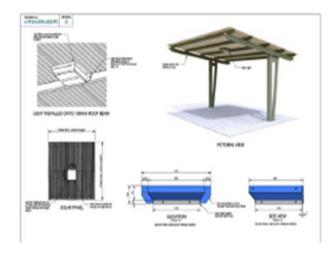


Design concept for reference with changes to natural asset furniture

The design is similar to the above concept with sand as the base, the rock table and seat setting will be installed the shade structure with in built solar lighting.

The middle of the cultural ceremony circle will include a removable fire pit for smoking ceremonies.





Shade Structure with solar light

Galiwinku has a large demographic of young people where a Ninja Park can be of great benefit. Often playgrounds are suited for young children and often don't have the "wow" factor for kids over the age of 12.

A Ninja course can provide multiple benefits to the community by encouraging young kids and adults to exercise with beneficial health rewards both physically and mentally. Ninja parks are designed to improve agility & balance skills, and is a space for everyone to enjoy whether it be competitively with your friends and family or simply having fun.



Competitor

- * Age: 6+
- FHF: 2.4m
- Size: 26m x 10m
- · Activities: 9+
- · Rubber Area: 86 sq.m.



Figure 3 Location map of Galiwinku ceremony cultural gathering & Ninja Park

The Designs of the proposed area are a draft and we ask the Local Authority between now and the next meeting, to consider some options to be workshopped at the next meeting.

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 Community Places and People Grant outcome.
- (b) Considers some site layout options to be workshopped at the Next Local Authority meeting for an agreed design and site layout.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.3

TITLE Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital

Project Updates

REFERENCE 1790554

AUTHOR Shane Marshall, Director Technical & Infrastructure Services

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.

BACKGROUND

As part of the annual plan, there were a range of tabled projects and initiatives subsequently approved by the Local Authorities and Council for the current financial year.

Each meeting will have updates associated with the annual plan actions, in addition to the reporting of any new initiatives or business arising for the community.

The information below covers actions associated with the below services:

108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services.

116 – Lighting for Public Safety.

118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management.

119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction.

122 - Building Infrastructure Services.

129 - Waste and Environmental Services.

169 - MS / Public Works and Infrastructure.

GENERAL

Service Profile: 108 - Core - Veterinary and Animal Control Services

Business Unit: Veterinary and Animal Control

Action ID:

Provide program outcome statistics to Local Authority and Council meetings.

Reporting month/period: May-June 2023

Overall comments:

• There seems to be less people and dogs around – all communities seemed quiet during May. A few dogs with severe mange noticeable. Tick levels don't seem as high as this time last year. Most dogs appear healthy, very few old/skinny/sickly ones apparent. There are a lot of cats around this year – especially in Buthan estate, community members are engaging to ask for de-sexing but not wanting them taken away as they want cats present for snake protection during dry season.

• Complicated de-sexing – one cryptorchid cat, one pregnant cat, one cat with incidental liver mass.

- Euthanasia's four feral cats (two big toms and two kittens) trapped at preschool.
- Dogs and cats in Galiwin'ku generally appear healthy, with a few noticeably skinny or with severe mange.
- Jessica Allardyce, locum veterinary nurse, has joined the AMP for three weeks, helping Dr Tania with treatments and operations, meaning that we could help more animals than usual during this period.
- In May, the community was noticeably quiet, but the population of people and dogs is now back to normal. Although, with at least four funerals this month, road access and engagement with community members has been a little challenging. There appears to be more card games than usual near the sports oval, with three six groups most days.
- The pig, John Cena, is mostly roaming around the bottom along the cafe street. I
 received a couple of balanda complaints that he is harassing/teasing dogs through the
 fence causing them to bark all night. He also gained access to the VOQ yard twice,
 knocking over rubbish bins and making a mess.

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: Galiwinku	This period of reporting	Calendar Year to date	Last year's Annual delivery
Dogs De-sexed	20	25	25
Cats De-sexed	16	20	16
Community consultations	23	68	183
Remote/Phone consultations	1	32	N/A*
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	4	24	
Minor procedures/other surgeries	28	29	
Parasite Treatments	322	429	188
Euthanasia	6	8	N/A*
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	13	30	
TOTAL Engagements	433	665	412

^{*}Not Applicable.

Community Education Activities:

Dr. Tania has been doing house to house education while working in community.

Staff Education/Training Activities:

On 3 and 4 May we held the first 'East Arnhem One Health Workshop.' This was a training workshop for Miwatj Environmental Health staff from all 6 mainland EARC communities, the AMRRIC Community Training and Education Coordinator and the EARC Animal Management team. Dr Maddy was one of the keynote speakers at the event, giving a presentation on the overall EARC Animal Management Program, how it works and how a collaboration with Miwatj staff on the ground could benefit both parties. She also presented on the new online referral booking system (via Smartsheet forms) to assist community members to report any animal related concerns directly to the AMP team.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder Engagements:

• Gayle (FaFT teacher) is trapping feral cats at the preschool to stop them toileting in the sandpits, she contacts our team to humanely euthanase any trapped cats. They have their own cat trap. (photos of feral tom cats attached)

• Council Presentation: Dr Maddy presented to the June Council Meeting about the Animal Management Program and the current collaborations we are working on. She spoke about the positive impacts these are having on our program.

Concerns/Challenges:

Animal Welfare Concerns/Cases:

- One x machete wound dog; One x dog with leg fracture and open wound (O hadn't picked up medication waiting at office so wound/fracture site infected and swollen, O refused amputation/euthanasia, given medication with strong advice that leg will need amputation if not getting medicine and healing).
- Dog at house #226 with an infected fractured leg, the owner is currently refusing to have the dog's leg amputated so we are attempting medical management (pain relief and antibiotics) to keep the dog comfortable but have explained that this treatment will likely not be successful to save the leg.

Dangerous Dog incidents:

• The AMP received a complaint via the Police last week, informing us of a large pack of nine entirely male dogs at house #341, which have been involved in a couple of dog attacks (one resulting in the death of a balanda dog), roaming and threatening people walking past. This house is opposite the airport and does not have fencing so has the potential to result in an incident. Our team is currently working with the Police to reduce the pack size (the owner has volunteered to take the cheekiest dogs to outstations) and to de-sex (do operations) on the remaining dogs, with the owner's permission, as they do not want any of the dogs taken away or removed. We are hoping to reach a suitable and agreeable outcome for all stakeholders involved and help maintain community safety along with animal welfare.

Follow-Up List for Next Visit:

- Increased veterinary visits planned for 2023 due to the volume of veterinary requests
- Continue de-sexing cats and dogs
- Continue parasite treatments
- Treatment for dog with broken leg with a follow-up meeting with owners planned





Service Profile: <u>116 - Core - Lighting for Public Safety</u>

Business Unit: Transport Infrastructure

Action ID:

Manage, maintain and upgrade streetlights in Galiwinku.

The lighting replacement program through the identified has been completed.

A number of identified lighting installations have been identified as needing repairs, this is being arrange with a start date of the start of the first week in August.

Audit Completed 100%.



Service Profile: 118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management

Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

Action ID:

4.2.1.1 Manage the maintenance and upgrade of local roads drainage and pedestrian infrastructure under core allocated funds and grant project funding.

Galiwinku Pedestrian Footpath

The contractor is awaiting the solar lighting unit for the cross over path section, once this arrives it will be installed and the installation competed.

Completion Percentage 85%.

Service Profile: <u>119 - Core - Local Road Upgrade and Construction</u>

Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

Action ID:

4.2.2.5 Upgrade Local Roads - Galiwinku - Kerbing and drainage improvements

4 Stage Galiwinku Kerb, Gutter and Drainage Capital Works Program:

The Transport and Infrastructure Department are looking to upgrade the above ground drainage within the Galiwinku community. The proposed works will include:

- Kerb and guttering within the community.
- Open drain design with a view to minimising ongoing road maintenance in the long term.

An initial site inspection with engineering consultants from Arccos Consulting was undertaken in late September, to gain an understanding of the site, and to ensure there are no additional areas of concern, or additional areas that need to be included within the survey and design. The design works and specific survey works are underway.



Rural / Gravel Network Grading and Improvements.

T23-203317.1 - East Arnhem Regional Council

Galiwinku - Gawa Access Road Gravel Re-sheeting

East Arnhem Regional Council as part of recent conditional audits have released a Tender package for the re-sheeting of approximately 1.8 kilometres of the start of the Gawa road at Galwinku – pictured below.

The tender closes on the 30/07/2023 and will time in with mobilised civil contractors arriving on island for the gravel maintenance grading program.



<u>T23-203320.1 East Arnhem Region – Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage Program</u>

The East Arnhem Regional Council – Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage program has been awarded to BV Contracting with works on the Galiwinku roads network to start at the end of July as per the below Regional timeline table.

Date: 26.06.2023 Client: EARC Version: 3 East Arnhem Maintenance Contract Planning Round 1 2023 Draft



Week	Ramingining Urban	Ramingining Rural	Galiwinku Urban	Galiwinku Rural	Gapuwiyak Urban	Gapuwiyak Rural	Yirrkala	Gunyangara	Milingimbi Urban	Milingimbi Rural
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Service Profile: 122 - Support — Building and Infrastructure Services

Business Unit: Technical and Infrastructure

Action ID

1.4.2.1	Provide relevant Program / Project updates to every Local Authority Community meeting as required.
4.3.14.2	Conduct minor and capital upgrades to various council controlled buildings throughout the region, in line with the allocated budget and completion time lines per community.

<u>Lot 97 Galiwin'ku A & B (Staff Housing) – New 1800mm High Fence and</u> Refurbishment

• This project has been awarded and projected to start from 10 July 2023. The work for this project include new 1800mm high chain wire mesh fence and staircase refurbishments.

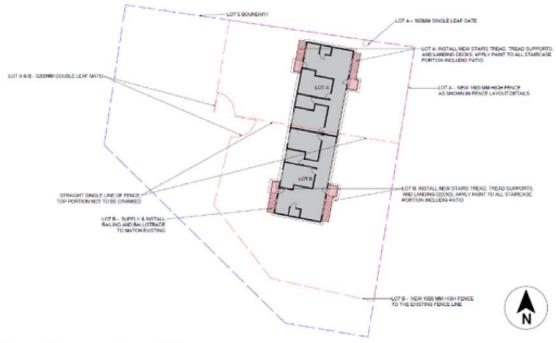


Figure 1 Fence plan for both lots



Percentage Completed 10%

Lot 332 Galiwin'ku - New Security Fencing

- New security fencing required due to the high safety risk of exposed communication tower.
- Security fencing to be purpose made welded steel, similar to the Galiwin'ku office.

 Supply and installation will be separate engagements. Both have been awarded to successful Contractor and Supplier through exemptions.

Steelwork to fabricate this month.



Lot 332 Galwin'ku - Communications Container and Tower to remain and be fenced

Percentage Completed 10%



Lot 290 Galiwin'ku - Staff Housing Upgrades

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) have awarded a contract for construction services to refurbish water damaged area of the house such as bathroom, lounge, and bedroom wall and ceiling linings. Refurbishment of staircases and floor joist underneath the bathroom floor. Replacement of front veranda floor joist and decking. Internal paint work in all room. Deep clean and pressure wash the concrete area.







Project Completion 65%

Completion Date 24 of July

Service Profile: <u>129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services</u>

Business Unit: Regional Waste and Environment

Action ID

Manage a regular residential kerb side waste collection service in Galiwinku

Implement an aerial mosquito and weed spray program within locations

Asbestos Remediation Project - Galiwin'ku

Undertake and report on the removal of recycling streams within each community location.

Waste Services are always looking at improving its recycling program and options for community. The below graphic illustrates what and how much was recycled from Galiwin'ku between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. The two big successes during this financial year has been the completion of the start of the scrap metal removal project, where 5 tonnes of lead acid batteries being recovered and the first recovery of gas bottles from the community, with 0.6 tonnes recycled.



Cash 4 Containers

Cash 4 Containers has re-started in Milingimbi this financial year. This financial year, 15,643 containers were processed through the CDS Collection Depot at Galiwin'ku, Below is a graph of the nine East Arnhem communities and how they compare against each other.

Galiwinku has been recruiting a suitably qualified MSS for some time, and now with the new MSS onboard we will see the collection number for Galiwinku dramatically increase.

With weeklong events and multiple staff placement in the community for the last week in August and multiple collection points across the community and also incentive prizes for households, to re-introduce a consistent approach to the community for the CDS program.



Implement and Manage Appropriate Public Area Litter Infrastructure and Collection Schedules within all Communities.

Waste Services are in the process of organising a visit in August with Keep Australia Beautiful NT, to assist in the development of community specific litter management plans, provide some education to local organisations and provide some strategies that are working in other communities.

EARC have also engaged a consulting team to canvas the local residents to identify potential issues with litter, and investigate community led initiatives to improve litter management in East Arnhem Land. This project is nearly completed with the results expected in August, more details on this project are below and Cross Cultural Consultants will be delivering an update at this meeting.

The goal of the Council's litter management strategy is to have all communities looking as good as the below pictures from Ramingining.

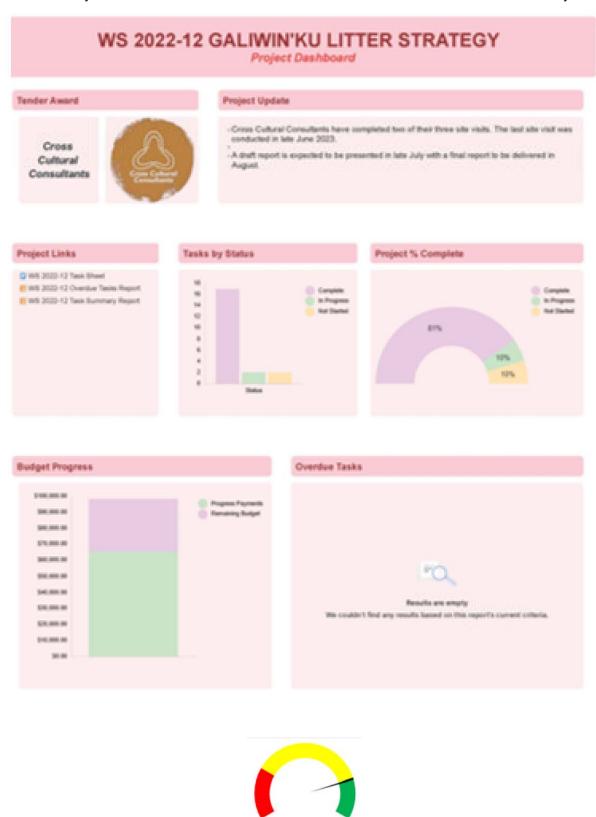




Plate 8. Example of public area goals

WS 2022-12: Community Litter Strategy

Cross Cultural Consultants completed their field visits in June and are now working on finalising a draft report for Council to review. They will be presenting their findings during this Local Authority Meeting. Once feedback has been received, a final report should be delivered in August.



Completion percentage 80%.

WS 2970-17 Galiwin'ku Asbestos Project

The Project Control Group (Made up of NT Chief Minister & Cabinet, National Indigenous Australians Agency, East Arnhem Regional Council and Northern Land Council), has committed funding to the project to start a formal assessment of the contaminated lands on the outskirts of the community (see Figure 4 below for areas).

These works involve;

Phase 1 - Preliminary Site Investigation - to understand the site history and potential areas of concern.

Phase 2 - Sampling & Analysis Quality Plan - sets the sampling program and data quality objectives for the Detailed Site Investigation.

Phase 3 - Detailed Site Investigation & Remediation Action Plan- testing to understand likely contamination at the site, and address contamination that may be present.

Agon Environmental and Australian Environmental Auditors have been engaged to complete the Preliminary Site Investigation with the final report expected by the end of July 2023.



Areas Requiring Further Investigation

The Project Control Group are also developing a central interface for communication materials about the project. This information hub will be located on EARC's website, pinned to the Galiwin'ku Community pag,e and will be used for all produced communication material along with references and links to other educational material for residents and visiting contractors to access at any time. It will include;

- DIPL recently published Guideline for communication asbestos risk to public
- Information and links to the NT Government asbestos website
- Any generated communication material developed for specific projects
- · Contact details for advice and guidance
- Reporting hotline

Service Profile 169 - Core - Municipal Services / Public Works

Business Unit: Technical and Infrastructure

New Recuitment for 2023/2024 Financial Year

We are excited to announce we have now appointed Municipal Services Supervisor - Bob Baldry in Galiwin'ku. Bob has lived and worked in remote communities for most of his career and has extensive skills and knowledge to bring to EARC from his previous roles.

Bob is experienced in all aspects of municipal services operations. As an Essential Services Operator / Area Manager Relief for many years in remote communities, he understands the core service responsibility of the Council.

Bob visited Nhulunbuy last week for three days of training and commenced on Monday 10 July and we are excited to have a new MSS on board. A special thank you to Shane Marshall for your tireless efforts in assisting the team in Galiwin'ku in the absence of a MS Supervisor.

This Financial year we have created five positions for an additional team to increase the employee numbers to 14.

Entire New Team: 1 x MSO Team Leader & 4 MSO'S – Positions to be advertised shortly

Existing Team Members:

Bob	Baldry	MSS	Galiwinku
Clive	Djela	MSO	Galiwinku
Jamie	Yunupingu	MSO	Galiwinku
Quentin	Garawirrtja	MSO	Galiwinku
Michael	Dhurrkay	MSO	Galiwinku
Kevin	Dhamarrandji	MSO	Galiwinku
Timothy	Dhurrkay	MSO	Galiwinku
Andrew	Bukulatjpi	MSO	Galiwinku
Daniel	Wunungmurra	MS/MO	Galiwinku

Training Update

Galiwin'ku are booked for their third block of training on the first week of July. Municipal Service Officers in Galiwin'ku have completed two out of 21 units and part way through another four units.

Galiwin'ku Completed Units:

- Plan and organise work
- Communicate in the workplace

Started units:

- Apply Risk Management Processes
- Work safely and follow WHS policies and procedures
- Conduct operations with integrated tool carrier
- Conduct civil construction wheeled front end loader operations

RIIMPO320F Conduct Civil Construction Excavator Operations

Monday 10 July - Wednesday 12 July

The new excavator is in Galiwinku and the team are currently completing their practical assessment.





MSO Galiwin'ku Daniel building a pad for the New Chemical Storage Container

Snap Send Solve Update

Great to see **EARC** as a leading Enterprise Solver across Australia/NZ based on snapper ratings for June 2023. Well done!



Vandalism to Lot 406 – Temporary Fill Point

Significant vandalism on the bore pump recently requires purchase of a new meter box and electrical connections. The pump is a backup for all road upgrades and constructions programs within the community.



Vandalism to Galiwin'ku Oval Irrigation

There are substantial issues with the Galiwinku oval irrigation due to tampering of the oval irrigation inspections pits.

An engagement is underway to send plumbers over to inspect all pits, replace lids and screw down to prevent tampering, solanoid replacement, locate sprinkler heads which have been removed. Due to the large scope of works we will organise the original installers of the project to undertake works.



Smartsheet

Municipal Services (MS) will complete the electronic form on a mobile/iPad to assist with freight notifications to all East Arnhem Communities. The form will provide evidence of delivery for staff to process invoices and ensure their goods arrive in the correct community and coordinate works when materials arrive.

Automated workflows are set up, the MS Team's simply complete the form and the notification email sends to the Nhulunbuy Regional Support office and the applicable Community group email address.



MS Shed - Sorting of Assets & Upgrades to Office, Toilet & Kitchen







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 report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.5

TITLE Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update.

REFERENCE 1767304

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 10.6

TITLE Council Operations Report

REFERENCE 1787875

AUTHOR Melissa Jones, Council Operations Manager

SUMMARY

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

Firstly, I want to acknowledge the passing of one our long term employees Lisa. She had worked for Council for over 10 years and was an important part of our Community Night Patrol team. It was a very tragic and unexpected passing and our thoughts are with her family and our Night Patrol team.

Staffing

We have a new Municipal Services Supervisor who commenced on 3 July and moved to community on 5 July.

Aimee finishes up with Council on 14 July to pursue a different role within the community. It will be a big loss for my team and the Council, but a good opportunity for Aimee and her future career, we wish her the best of luck.

Our Senior Cleaner from the accommodation Salote (Charlotte), relocated to Ramingining to pursue the Senior Cleaner role there. We are currently advertising for both her and Aimee's position.

Youth, Sport and Recreation (YS&R) are still recruiting to fill the temporary Coordinator position to cover Milly's parental leave and the Youth Support position.

There is also a Coordinator position at Aged Care to fill.

Council Service Delivery

After our last Local Authority meeting on 30 May, a Citizenship ceremony was held at our office. It was a small and intimate ceremony.





Citizenship Ceremony

In the last week of June training was held in Darwin for our Community Night Patrol teams, Eric and Angus who attended from our Galiwinku team. There was great feedback provided and they both enjoyed the experience and team bonding with all the other patrollers across the region.





Community Night Patrol team building workshop

On 1 July we had our annual fireworks display for Territory Day. I personally think this year's display has been the best since I've lived here. There was certainly the most people I've ever seen there and such a good vibe felt by everyone. Youth Sport and Recreation held a disco afterwards.





Territory Day Fireworks

The first week of July was NAIDOC week, this year was a focus on Elders. We decided to celebrate our Indigenous staff and Aged Care clients by holding a BBQ lunch at the basketball court.

The Youth Sport and Recreation team did some painting and Childcare were able to bring some kids down for an excursion. The Aged Care team bought down their clients for a BBQ and played some music for everyone.







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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Council Operations Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 10.7

TITLE Corporate Services Report

REFERENCE 1792398

AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

SUMMARY

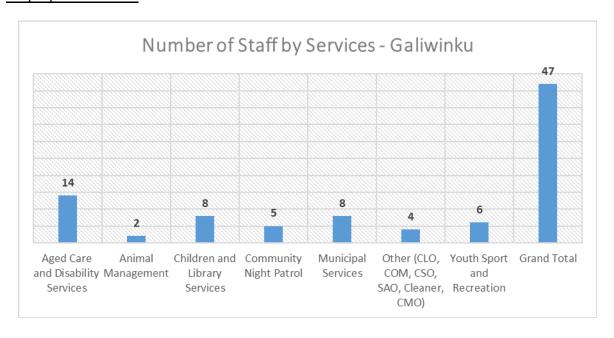
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 June 2023 within the Local Authority area.

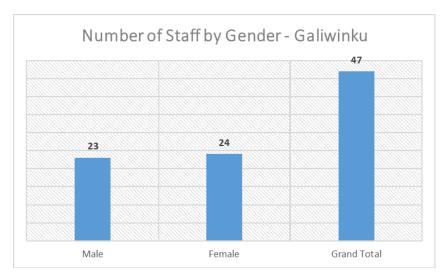
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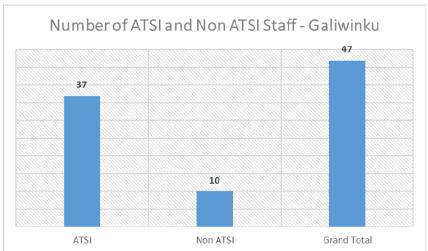
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL

Employee Statistics:







Vacancies as of 30 June 2023:

Position	Level
Aged Care & Disability Services Operations Coordinator	Level 5
Child Care Project Officer	Level 2
Senior Cleaner	Level 3
Community Liaison Officer	Level 1
Community Media Officer	Level 1
Senior Administration Officer	Level 4
Youth Sport & Recreation Coordinator	Level 6
Youth Support Coordinator	Level 6

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 June 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT - Galiwinku

EACH REPORTING LOCATION	Galiwinku			
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VADIANCE VED	
YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2023	ACTUALS YID	BUDGET TID	VARIANCE YTD	
OPERATING REVENUE				
Grants	2,401,239	2,728,493	(327,254)	
User Charges and Fees	1,172,316	1,409,317	(237,001)	
Rates and Annual Charges	1,852,355	1,852,355	-	
Interest Income	-	-	-	
Other Operating Revenues	551,611	371,273	180,338	
Council Internal Allocations	(10,000)	(10,000)	-	
Untied Revenue Allocation	1,068,928	1,068,928	-	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	7,036,448	7,420,365	(383,916)	
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Employee Expenses	2,888,357	2,947,166	(58,809)	
Materials and Contracts	837,910	3,056,495	(2,218,585)	
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-	
Elected Member Expenses	-	-	-	
Council Committee & LA Allowances	6,617	9,774	(3,157)	
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-	
Interest Expenses	-	-	-	
Other Operating Expenses	1,232,592	1,288,485	(55,892)	
Council Internal Allocations	1,609,370	1,612,728	(3,358)	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,574,847	8,914,647	(2,339,800)	
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	461,601	(1,494,283)	1,955,884	
Capital Grants Income	355,900	-	355,900	
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	817,501	(1,494,283)	2,311,784	
Remove Non-Cash Item				
Add Back Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	
Less Additional Outflows				
Capital Expenses	-	(1,598,400)	1,598,400	
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024	-	(697,738)	697,738	
Transfer to Reserves	-	(264,631)	264,631	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	-	(2,560,769)	2,560,769	
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	817,501	(4,055,051)	4,872,553	
Add Additional Inflows				
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	1,280,857	1,279,536	1,321	
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-	
Transfer from Reserves	134,743	2,685,734	(2,550,990)	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	1,415,601	3,965,270	(2,549,669)	
NET OPERATING POSITION	2,233,102	(89,782)	2,322,883	
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