



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 GAPUWIYAK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

21 July 2023

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha or Anindilyakwan.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 21 JULY
2023 AT EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL OFFICE

ATTENDANCE

In The Chair Freddie Ganambarra, Cr Bandi Wunungmurra, Cr Bobby Wunungmurra, Local Authority members: Simon Maymuru, Jessica Wunungmurra, Ricky Guyula, Thomas Guyula., Alice Wanambi and Ivan Wanambi.

COUNCIL STAFF

Dale Keehne – CEO.

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

Anesuishe Hector – Council Operations Manager, Gapuwiyak.

Wendy Brook – Executive Assistant to the CEO.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10.21AM and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Jessica Wunungmurra.

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).

274/2023 RESOLVED (Jessica Wunungmurra/Simon Maymuru)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the absence of Trudy Wunungmurra.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Trudy Wunungmurra.**
- (c) Notes Trudy Wunungmurra is absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

275/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Thomas Guyula)

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

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

276/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Alice Wanambi)

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

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY

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

277/2023 RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Ivan Wanambi)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meetings of 24 March and 19 April 2023 to be true records of the meetings.

Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY

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

278/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Simon Maymuru)

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

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.

279/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Jessica Wunungmurra)

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

7.2 GUEST SPEAKER - JAY PETERS, CATEGORY MANAGER - POWER AND WATER CORPORATION

280/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Thomas Guyula)

The Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for his presentation.

MOTION MOVE TO LUNCH AT 12.05PM

281/2023 RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Simon Maymuru)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 12.42PM

282/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Jessica Wunungmurra)

7.3 GUEST SPEAKER - MELINDA MANSELL, AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

283/2023 RESOLVED (Ricky Guyula/Ivan Wanambi)

The Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.
- (b) Supports the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health survey in Gapuwiyak.
- (c) Notes the significant issues in Gapuwiyak regarding volatile substance abuse.

- (d) Requests the Director, Community Development formally invite Northern Territory Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs (MHAOD), Senior Director Cecilia Gore, to attend the next Local Authority meeting to further the discussion and action planning regarding volatile substance abuse in Gapuwiyak, and the wider East Arnhem Region.

7.4 GUEST SPEAKER - MEGAN SMITH, ENGAGEMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AGENCY – DID NOT PROCEED.

7.5 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY, ENGAGEMENT OFFICER - AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

284/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Simon Maymuru)

The Local Authority thanks the guest speaker for her presentation.

General Business

8.1 CEO REPORT

285/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Simon Maymuru)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

8.2 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.

286/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Jessica Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority notes the Technical & Infrastructure Services 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.

287/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Thomas Guyula)

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

8.5 COUNCIL OPERATIONS REPORT

288/2023 RESOLVED (Ricky Guyula/Thomas Guyula)

That 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.

289/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Simon Maymuru)

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

MOTION

290/2023 RESOLVED (Simon Maymuru/Ivan Wanambi)

Move to confidential at 2.26PM.

MOTION

291/2023 RESOLVED (Ivan Wanambi/Simon Maymuru)

Return to meeting at 2.39PM.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Any plans to extend airport, longer airstrips?

Director of Infrastructure advised the Government does not have any plans for Community airstrips.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 2.43PM.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 September 2023.

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