



Agenda

Gunyangara

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

On

10August 2023

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Gunyangara Local Authority will be held at the on Thursday, 10 August 2023 at 10.00AM .

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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

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APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Apologies and Absence Without Notice
REFERENCE 1790118
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:

There are no attachments to this report.

APOLOGIES

ITEM NUMBER	3.2
TITLE	Local Authority Membership
REFERENCE	1790121
AUTHOR	Dale Keehne, Chief Executive Officer

**SUMMARY:**

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

BACKGROUND

The meeting needs to consider the membership of the Local Authority.

A Local Authority can have between 6 and 14 members, including the appointed Councillors.

GENERAL

Following are the current community members of this Local Authority:

Gunyangara

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

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

Gunyangara

Cr Banambi Wunungmurra
Cr Wesley Dhamarrandji

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

	Syd Yunupingu.
	Malakhi Puertollano.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER	4.1
TITLE	Conflict of Interest
REFERENCE	1790125
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that “A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee, council, council committee or Local Authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

- (a) A direct interest
- (b) An indirect financial interest
- (c) An indirect interest by close association
- (d) An indirect interest due to conflicting duties”.

GENERAL

A conflict of interest is a situation that has the potential to undermine a person’s ability to be impartial because of the possibility of a clash between the person’s self-interest and professional interest or public interest.

When this occurs the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove them self from the decision making process.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

OR

That the Local Authority notes any conflicts of interest declared at today’s meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes for Ratification
REFERENCE	1790126
AUTHOR	Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

In line with the Northern Territory *Local Government Act 2019* (Chapter 6, Part 6.3, Section 101- 3), The Audit Committee, Council, Council Committee or Local Authority must, at its next meeting, or next ordinary meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment), including any confidential business considered at the meeting, as a correct record of the meeting.

According to the *Local Authority Guideline 1* (Part 12, Section 12.4), Members at a provisional meeting can confirm the minutes of a previous provisional meeting. However, members at a provisional meeting cannot confirm the minutes of a previous Local Authority meeting.

GENERAL

Local Authority members need to read the unconfirmed minutes carefully before they endorse them as a true record of the previous meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 26 November 2021 and 30 September 2022 and 25 May 2023 to be true records of the meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Gunyangara 2021-11-26 [1727] Minutes.DOCX
- 2 [↓](#) Local Authority - Gunyangara 2022-09-30 [1938] Minutes.DOCX
- 3 [↓](#) Local Authority - Gunyangara 2023-05-25 [2077] Minutes.DOCX



Mission

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MINUTES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

26 November 2021

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE GUMATJ
CORPORATION BOARDROOM FOR GUNYANGARA ON FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER
2021 AT 10.00 AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Antoine Gintz, Local Authority Members Djawa Yunupingu and Elizika Puertollano.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development
Adam Johnson – Community Development Coordinator

Minute Taker – Nawshaba Razzak, Corporate Planning and Policy Officer

OBSERVERS

Mathilde Payet-Vidalenc - General Manager, Marngarr Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 10:16 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies

3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT 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 Council gives permission for.

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

087/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Local Authority member Doug Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Murphy Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra.
- (b) Notes the apology received from member Balu Palu Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra.
- (c) Notes Doug Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Murphy Yunupingu and Councillor Banambi Wunungmurra are 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.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE GUMATJ CORPORATION BOARDROOM FOR GUNYANGARA ON FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00 AM

088/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- b) Notes resignation of Local Authority Member Murphy Yunupingu.**

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY:

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

089/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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.

090/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 30 July 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

Guest Speakers

7.1 GUEST SPEAKERS

SUMMARY:

Presentation by the representatives of the Anindilyakwa Land Council and the Northern Territory Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet regarding the Groote Archipelago Local Decision Making Agreement – proposed Local Government.

091/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority thanks the guest speakers for their presentation.

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THE MEETING BREAKS AT 11:40 AM

092/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

MEETING RESUMES AT 12:02 PM

093/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

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.

094/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

General Business

8.7 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22

SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

095/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Note the 2021/22 Budget Revision.
- b) Recommends a percentage of the available surplus be allocated to the already endorsed priority projects.

8.6 GRANT REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Grant Report for the community.

096/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Djawa Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority notes the Grant Report.

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8.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 October 2021 within the Local Authority area.

097/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Djava Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 October 2021.

8.4 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide an update on the Animal Management program delivery within Gunyangara.

098/2021 RESOLVED (Djava Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority note the report.

8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every local Authority meeting to provide information and or updates to members.

099/2021 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Report.

8.1 NEW ANINDILYAKWA AND REMAINING EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS

SUMMARY:

This is an update to the Local Authority on developments regarding a proposed new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government Council.

100/2021 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)

That the Local Authority:

Support the creation of an Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government including

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through:

- a) Support for the development, transition to and services of the new Anindilyakwa Regional Local Government, as agreed.
- b) Formal commitment by the Northern Territory Government to provide funding necessary to ensure continuity of capacity, service delivery levels and sustainability across the East Arnhem Region.
- c) Making sure all Yolngu people of Gunyangara and our homelands continue to have a strong voice and are heard on all djama (business) important to us, through our Local Authority, and our other traditional controlled organisations including the Northern Land Council and remaining Yolngu Aboriginal Community-Controlled East Arnhem Regional Council, including through Local Decision Making and the Closing the Gap Northern Territory Implementation Plan.

8.2 CEO REPORT

SUMMARY:

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

101/2021 RESOLVED (Djawa Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 28 January 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting ended at 1:16 PM.

This page and the preceding 5 pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 26 November 2021.



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MINUTES FOR THE GUNYANGARA PROVISIONAL LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

30 September 2022

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE GUNYANGARA
COUNCIL OFFICE ON FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Antoine Gintz, Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra and Local Authority member Elizika Puertollano.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Andrew Walsh – Acting CEO & Director Community Development.
Natasha Jackson – A/g Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.
Signe Balodis – Director Community Development.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook EA to the CEO.

OBSERVERS

Murphy Yunipingu.
Mathilde Payet-Vidale – Ngarrariyal

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 11.00AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Apologies**3.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE****SUMMARY**

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102/2022 **RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Banambi Wunungmurra)**

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika, Cr. Wesley Dhamarrandji Djawa Yunupingu, Doug Yunupingu and Balu Palu Yunupingu.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cr Marrpalawuy Marika.
- (c) Notes Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika, Djawa Yunupingu, Doug Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu and Cr. Wesley Dhamarrandji are absent with permission.

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**SUMMARY:**

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE GUNYANGARA
COUNCIL OFFICE ON FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10.00AM

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

103/2022 **RESOLVED (Banambi Wunungmurra/Antoine Gintz)**

The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Recommends the nominations of Dana Yunupingu and Murphy Dhayirra be presented for Council 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.

104/2022 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Banambi Wunungmurra)**

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

Previous Minutes

'Deferred due to Provisional meeting'

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 26 November 2021 to be a true record of the meeting.

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.

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105/2022 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority note the progress of actions from the previous meetings and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

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.

106/2022 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Banambi Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

8.2 PACIFIC AUSTRALIA LABOUR MOBILITY SCHEME - TRIAL

SUMMARY

This report is to provide information to the Elected Members of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Tourism & Trade (DFAT), including recommendation following consultation with East Arnhem Regional Council Local Authorities and progress the scheme to a trial phase for the East Arnhem Regional Council.

107/2022 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Banambi Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority notes the report on the progress of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.

**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.

108/2022 RESOLVED (Banambi Wunungmurra/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority:

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- (a) Notes the Technical and Infrastructure report.
- (b) Supports the development of a transfer station for Gunyangara in the proposed location noting this has been approved by the 99 year lease boards.

'Library Services deferred until next meeting.'

8.4 LIBRARY SERVICES PRINCIPLES

SUMMARY

This report is to inform and seek direction from the Local Authorities on the provision and design of East Arnhem Regional Council's Library services.

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authorities:

- (a) Notes the report.
- (b) Recommend the following be included in Library design and programming;
 - a. ...
 - b. ...
 - c. ...
 - d. ...

8.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

SUMMARY

This report is provided by the Community Development Coordinator at every Local Authority meeting to provide information to members.

109/2022 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Banambi Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority notes the Community Development Coordinator Report.

'Youth Sport and Recreation update to be provided at next meeting.'

8.6 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.

RECOMMENDATION

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That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Youth, Sport and Recreation Community update.
- (b) Makes the following recommendations:

**8.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
SUMMARY**

This report presents the financial expenditure plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2022 within the Local Authority area.

110/2022 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Banambi Wunungmurra)

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information to 31 August 2022, noting the Local Authority Project Fund acquittals.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25 November 2022.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at 12.19PM.

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MINUTES FOR THE GUNYANGARA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL MEETING

8 JUNE 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.

MINUTES OF THE GUNYANGARA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Murphy Yunupingu, Local Authority members, Doug Yunupingu, Antoine Gintz and Elizika Puertollano.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development.

Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Signe Balodis – Regional Manager Community Development.

Minute Taker – Signe Balodis, Regional Manager Community Development.

OBSERVERS

Syd Yunupingu.

Malakhi Puertollano.

Murphy Dhamarrandji.

MEETING OPENING

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

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.

111/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra, Cr. Wesley Dhamarrandji and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika, Local Authority members Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu and Dana Yunupingu,.**
- (b) Notes the apologies received from Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Dana Yunupingu.**
- (c) Notes Cr. Banambi Wunungmurra, Cr. Wesley Dhamarrandji, Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Palu Yunupingu, Dana Yunupingu, Cr Marrpalawuy Marika are 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.

112/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Murphy Yunupingu)

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The Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the member list and calls for new members to fill up existing vacancies.**
- (b) Approves the nominations of Malakhi Puertollano and Syd Yunupingu as members of the Local Authority, for endorsement by Council.**

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

113/2023 RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Murphy Yunupingu)

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.

RECOMMENDATION

As this is a provisional meeting, the Local Authority defers confirmation of previous minutes.

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.

114/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Doug Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Raised concerns with the debarking of the trees on the island for art, and calls for community members to target trees in areas to be cleared, for mining, the solar farm or used by the timber mill. Also recommend talking to Rio Tinto to assist coordinate this.**
- (b) 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.**

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Guest Speakers

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

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.

RECOMMENDATION

The session was cancelled.

**7.2 GUEST SPEAKER - MARYANNE WALLEY FROM THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL
COMMISSION – CANCELLED DUE TO CHANGE OF MEETING DATE**

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

RECOMMENDATION

The session was cancelled.

MOTION – BREAK FOR MORNING TEA AT 10:30AM

115/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Doug Yunupingu)

MOTION – RESUME AT 11:05AM

116/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Doug Yunupingu)

8.5 BUDGET 2023-2024

SUMMARY:

This report is to progress the Regional Plan.

117/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Murphy Yunupingu)

The Local Authority notes the proposed draft Annual Plan.

8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

**MINUTES OF THE GUNYANGARA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
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This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2023 within the Local Authority area.

118/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Doug Yunupingu)

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

8.2 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.

119/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Approves of the final concept design presented in the presentation.**

MOTION – BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:30PM

120/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

MOTION – RESUMED AFTER LUNCH AT 1:04PM

121/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

Local Authority member Doug Yunupingu left the meeting after lunch.

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.

122/2023 RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Murphy Yunupingu)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

8.3 COUNCIL OPERATIONS REPORT

SUMMARY

**MINUTES OF THE GUNYANGARA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL OFFICE ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 AT 10.00AM**

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

123/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations 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.

124/2023 RESOLVED (Murphy Yunupingu/Elizika Puertollano)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.**
- (b) Request the Youth, Sport and Recreation Regional Manager contact the Gumatj Board, to seek approval to use the troop carrier for YS&R activities, with proper insurance cover.**

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 1:42PM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

27 July 2023

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 8 June 2023.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES



ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Local Authority Action Register
REFERENCE 1790127
AUTHOR Wendy Brook, Executive Assistant to the CEO

SUMMARY

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

BACKGROUND

The current Local Authority Action Items List, and updates on progress to complete them, is attached.

GENERAL

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented. New actions will be added to the Action Register.

If an action is completed the Local Authority need to request for the item to be removed from the Action Register, for the Council to endorse.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Local Authority - Gunyangara as at May 2023.docx

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Kava Pilot	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</p> <p>b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either:</p> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability</p>	<p>20.10.22 President and CEO to follow up a positive discussion on this issue at a meeting with the Chief Minister to the region, with the Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions.</p>

ADVOCACY ITEMS

Murals		<p>20.10.22 – Design consultant to work with each Local Authority, community and homeland members to develop an agreed design, of a map of the region, including key cultural aspects of each part of the region.</p> <p>8/6/23 – Design has been completed and Local Authority approves of the final concept design presented in the presentation.</p>
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GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

COMPLETED ACTIONS:

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
083/2021 Community Entrance Sign	That Local Authority members review the tabled Community Entry signs examples and provide feedback on a design specific for the Gunyangara community and decide on a suitable location for the sign to be installed when complete.	Completed
Questions from members	That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting. Local Authority member Antoine Gintz raised concern regarding the death of a tree from the front lawn of the Gumatj building, due to the bark being taken for painting from a community member and also if there is a possibility to have a by-law regarding this.	Completed
Bus Shelter		Completed
Debarking of trees on the island for art.	Local Authority calls for community members to target trees in areas to be cleared for mining, the solar farm or used by the timber mill. Recommend talking to Ro Tinto to assist coordinate this.	8/6/23 – Update to be discussed/provided at next meeting. 29.06.23 – Action closed. Remove.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ITEM NUMBER	7.1
TITLE	Northern Territory Police - Law & Order Community Update
REFERENCE	1766629
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development



SUMMARY

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

GENERAL

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.1
TITLE	CEO Report
REFERENCE	1791885
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 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.

Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Advancement Agency – Jody Broun

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 Bukulatipi 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

Guideline 1: Local Authorities

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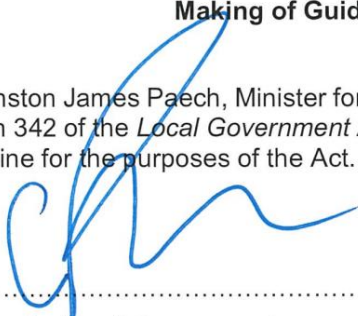
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINE NO. 1

Local Government Act 2019

Making of Guideline

I, Chanston James Paech, Minister for Local Government, under section 342 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, hereby make this Guideline for the purposes of the Act.



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Minister for Local Government

14 / 06 / 2023

Guideline 1: Local Authorities

1 Title

- 1.1 This Guideline is titled *Guideline 1: Local Authorities*.

2 Commencement

- 2.1 This Guideline commences on 1 July 2023. All previous versions of this Guideline are revoked.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Guideline:

Act means the *Local Government Act 2019*.

council means a council for a region.

member means a local authority member.

provisional decision means a decision, by majority vote, made by the members at a provisional meeting (see clause 12.5).

provisional meeting means, at the time and place set for a local authority meeting when a quorum has not been established, at least one third of members are present and agree to hold a meeting (see clause 12.1).

4 Establishing and maintaining local authorities

- 4.1 A council must establish and maintain the local authorities for the council listed in the Schedule to this Guideline.
- 4.2 A council must determine the area for each of its local authorities.

5 Administrative support

- 5.1 The CEO (or the CEO's delegate) is responsible for ensuring that each of the council's local authorities are provided with sufficient administrative support.
- 5.2 Council staff providing administrative support to meetings may, only at the request of a member, give informed advice during a meeting.

Note for clause 5.2

Council staff may, through the chairperson, provide information of an administrative or operational nature at any time to support meeting processes.

6 Local authority members

- 6.1 A council must decide, by council resolution, the number of members for each local authority. There must be at least 6 members and a maximum of 14 members for each local authority, unless the Minister approves a different maximum number of members for a particular local authority. Different local authorities of a council may have different numbers of members.

Note for clause 6.1

Section 77 of the Act covers specific requirements for the constitution (membership) of a local authority.

- 6.2 A council may appoint a person to be a member if they have a sufficient connection to the community or communities in the local authority's area.
- 6.3 A council must keep a register, accessible on the council's website and at the council's public office, of the following information in relation to each member of a local authority:
- (a) the member's name;
 - (b) the date of appointment;

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- (c) the local authority the member represents;
- (d) whether the member is a council member or otherwise a community member;
- (e) the date of the cessation of the member's membership (if applicable).

7 Policy for appointments and resignations

- 7.1** A council must have a policy for its local authorities that provides for the following:
- (a) the CEO calling for nominations as soon as practicable after a vacancy arises and allowing at least 21 days for nominations to be received;
 - (b) how the call for nominations is to be advertised and promoted so that residents of the local authority area know about it, know who to give a nomination to and when nominations close;
 - (c) consideration of the nominations received – which must be an item of business at the first ordinary meeting of the council after nominations close;
 - (d) the selection process and the term of appointment of the chairperson;
 - (e) the process for the resignation of a member in writing;
 - (f) how, and in what circumstances, appointment of a member may be revoked or otherwise cease.

Example for clause 7.1(f)

The policy may state that the council will consider revoking an appointment where a member is absent, without permission of the local authority, from two consecutive local authority meetings.

8 Minimum number of meetings

- 8.1** The CEO must ensure that at least 4 meetings for each local authority are held in a financial year.
- 8.2** Provisional meetings may be counted to satisfy the minimum number of meetings.

9 Meeting rules

- 9.1** Members of each local authority must appoint the chairperson of the local authority for a specified period.
- 9.2** If a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member cannot send a proxy or substitute to attend the meeting in the place of the member.

10 Local authority payments

- 10.1** Council members and council staff are not eligible to a local authority payment in relation to attending local authority meetings or provisional meetings.
- 10.2** Eligible members of local authorities are entitled to the respective local authority payment for each local authority meeting or provisional meeting they attend, as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

To access the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Government Authorities, visit cmc.nt.gov.au.

11 Local authority meetings

- 11.1** The agenda for local authority meetings must be prepared in consultation with the chairperson of the local authority and include the following:
- (a) any declarations of conflicts of interest by members;
 - (b) items requested by members;
 - (c) any reports on service delivery issues in the local authority area;

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- (d) any responses from the council to matters raised at a previous local authority meeting or provisional meeting;
 - (e) a written report from the CEO (or the CEO's delegate) on current council services in the local authority area;
 - (f) after a council meeting that has considered local authority projects – a written report from the CEO (or the CEO's delegate) on what projects have been approved or the reasons why projects have not been approved;
 - (g) a current financial report for the local authority area (see clause 14.1);
 - (h) visitor presentations;
 - (i) any relevant petitions affecting the local authority area;
 - (j) general business.
- 11.2** Once in each financial year, a local authority agenda must include a review of:
- (a) the council's annual report for the previous financial year; and
 - (b) the council's proposed regional plan for the next financial year; and
 - (c) the council's budget for proposed projects for the local authority area for the next financial year; and
 - (d) any relevant community plan of the council or local authority.
- 11.3** A local authority can confirm the minutes of a provisional meeting. Confirmation of the minutes does not amount to ratification under clause 11.5.

Note for clause 11.3

A local authority must, at its next meeting, confirm the minutes (with or without amendment) as a correct record of the meeting (see section 101(3) of the Act).

- 11.4** The minutes of a local authority meeting must number, date and reference each decision in such a way to identify it as a decision of the local authority (as opposed to a provisional decision – see clause 12.6).
- 11.5** A local authority can ratify a provisional decision at a subsequent local authority meeting, and if it chooses to do so, it becomes a decision of the local authority.

Notes for clause 11

- 1 Section 97(3) of the Act requires that notice convening a local authority meeting, which includes the agenda, must be publicly available on the council's website and at the council's public office.*
- 2 Section 102(2) of the Act requires that a copy of local authority minutes must be publicly available on the council's website and at the council's public office within 10 business days after the date of the meeting.*

12 Provisional meetings

- 12.1** If there is no quorum for a local authority meeting, but one third of total members are present, the members who are present may hold a **provisional meeting**.
- Example for clause 12.1*
- If there are 9 total members of a local authority and 6 members are unable to attend, the 3 members who are present may agree to hold a provisional meeting.*
- 12.2** A provisional meeting does not have the powers or functions that the council may have delegated to the local authority.
- 12.3** During a provisional meeting, all agenda items may be discussed. Minutes must be taken and the minutes must clearly state that it was a provisional meeting.
- 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

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of a previous local authority meeting.

- 12.5 Members at a provisional meeting may, by majority vote, make recommendations to the council, provided any such recommendations are qualified as being a decision of the members at a provisional meeting (**provisional decision**).
- 12.6 The minutes of a provisional meeting must number, date and reference each decision in such a way to identify it as a provisional decision.
- 12.7 A copy of the minutes from provisional meetings must, within 10 business days after the date of the meeting, be available to the public on the council's website and at the council's public office.

13 Consideration of minutes

- 13.1 Minutes from provisional meetings (whether unconfirmed or confirmed) must be tabled at the next ordinary meeting of the council and included in the agenda.

Note for clause 13.1

Sections 101(4) and 101(5) of the Act have an equivalent requirement for local authority meetings.

- 13.2 Any items for attention raised in the minutes of a local authority meeting or provisional meeting must be considered by the council at the next ordinary meeting.
- 13.3 The council's response to the minutes from provisional meetings must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the council.

Note for clause 13.3

Section 101(5) of the Act has an equivalent requirement for local authority meetings.

14 Reporting

- 14.1 For each local authority meeting (or provisional meeting, if applicable), the council must submit to the local authority a current financial report of actual results against the latest approved budget for the local authority area.
- 14.2 The council must report back to the local authority on its response to the provisional meeting minutes (see clause 13.3).

Note for clause 14.2

Section 101(6) of the Act has an equivalent requirement for local authority meetings.

- 14.3 It is best practice for a council to reference local authority decision numbers or provisional decision numbers (as the case requires) in the council's regional plan and annual report in relation to local authority priorities, projects and activities.

Note for clause 14.3

Refer to sections 34(1)(c) and 291(1)(b)(iii) of the Act for relevant legislative requirements.

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Schedule

Local authorities to be established and maintained by councils:

Barkly Regional Council:

1. Ali Curung
2. Alupurrurulam
3. Ampilatwatja
4. Arlparra
5. Elliott
6. Tennant Creek
7. Wutunugurra (Epenarra)

Central Desert Regional Council:

8. Anmatjere (Nturiya, Pmara Jutunta, Wilora, Ti Tree)
9. Atitjere
10. Engawala
11. Lajamanu
12. Laramba
13. Nyirripi
14. Willowra
15. Yuelamu
16. Yuendumu

East Arnhem Regional Council:

17. Angurugu
18. Galiwin'ku
19. Gapuwiyak
20. Gunyangara
21. Milingimbi
22. Milyakburra
23. Ramingining
24. Umbakumba
25. Yirrkala

MacDonnell Regional Council:

26. Amoonguna
27. Areyonga
28. Finke (Aputula)
29. Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji)
30. Hermannsburg (Ntaria)
31. Imanpa
32. Kaltukatjara (Docker River)
33. Kintore (Walungurru)
34. Mt Liebig (Amundurrngu)
35. Papunya
36. Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte)
37. Titjikala
38. Wallace Rockhole

Roper Gulf Regional Council:

39. Barunga
40. Beswick (Wugularr)
41. Borroloola
42. Bulman
43. Jilkminggan
44. Manyallaluk (Eva Valley)
45. Mataranka
46. Minyerri (Hodgson Downs)
47. Ngukurr
48. Numbulwar
49. Robinson River
50. Urapunga

Tiwi Islands Regional Council:

51. Milikapiti
52. Pirlangimpi
53. Wurrumiyanga (Nguui)

Victoria Daly Regional Council:

54. Amanbidji
55. Bulla
56. Kalkaringi / Dagaragu
57. Nauiyu (Daly River)
58. Pine Creek
59. Timber Creek
60. Yarralin / Pigeon Hole

West Arnhem Regional Council:

61. Gunbalanya (Oenpelli)
62. Maningrida
63. Minjilang
64. Warruwi

West Daly Regional Council:

65. Nganmarriyanga
66. Peppimenarti
67. Wadeye

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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.

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**

10 - 12 members total = **4 members**

7 – 9 members total = **3 members**

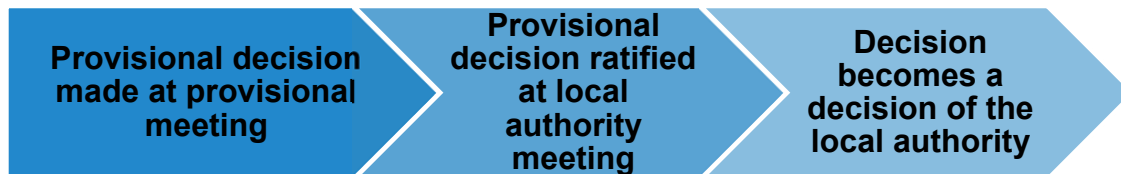
13 – 14 members total = **5 members**

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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:

**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 need 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.***

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	8.2
TITLE	Technical and Infrastructure Program and Capital Project Updates
REFERENCE	1796276
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:	<u>108 - Core – Veterinary and Animal Control Services</u>
Business Unit:	Veterinary and Animal Control

Provide program outcome statistics to Local Authority and Council meetings.

Reporting month/period: May-June 2023

Overall comments:

- The AMP team did not visit Gunyangara across the month of May due to ceremonies and cultural events.
- During the June visit, the dogs appeared very healthy generally. Tick numbers have reduced as the dry season kicks in and most dogs are in very good body condition.
- Visits to community:
- Friday 2 June – Sarah the vet nurse visited community with work experience student Mabel. They handed out parasite treatments and visited houses
- Tuesday 6 June – Dr Maddy visited community. Parasite treatments were handed out and consultations.
- Next visit to community:

- 15 -17 August – Dr Tania and Sarah large veterinary visit planned. Surgical de-sexing planned during this visit.

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: Gunyangara	This period of reporting	Calendar Year date	Last year's to delivery	Annual
Dogs De-sexed	0	1	8	
Cats De-sexed	0	2	9	
Community consultations	4	15	91	
Remote/Phone consultations	1	6	N/A*	
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	1	4		
Minor procedures/other surgeries	0	0		
Parasite Treatments	31	40	88	
Euthanasia	0	0	N/A*	
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	0	0		
TOTAL Engagements	37	68	196	

*N/A – new reporting system so some data is not applicable.

Community Education Activities:

- Dr Maddy approached Dhupuma Barker School in Gunyangara to conduct some new school education projects in 2023. Tom from the school responded, and they are very interested. Dates have been suggested for May and June to conduct school education weeks including programs that build animal empathy. The program was booked in until the school has requested a re-schedule for third term due to upcoming ceremony and community events.

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 six 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.
- The AMP team had veterinary training with Dr Maddy on Thursday 4 May and Friday 5 May. Training including use of the blowpipe, AMRRIC app training and Worksafe Guardian training. Also discussed was how we can better provide veterinary services to community members throughout the dry season and then ramp up brown tick control at the beginning of the next wet season.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder Engagements:

- Gumatj: Dr Maddy met with Yvetta from Gumatj on 6 June to discuss any ongoing animal issues in Gunyangara, and if they had any animals on the list that needed to be treated.

- Miwatj: Dr Maddy met with Michael Yunupingu and the public health team at Gunyangara on 6 June to discuss collaborating on the Health Wana program at Gunyangara and perhaps lining up a school visit together in term three.
- School work experience: The AMP team had Year 10 student Mabel Beverstock from the Jubilee Christian College working with us for the week from 29 May – 2 June. She was very helpful and assisted with surgeries at Yirrkala and Parasite treatments and vet consultations at Yirrkala and Gunyangara.
- 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.

Follow-up list for next visit:

- The May education event we had planned at the school has been postponed until third term at the request of the school due to ceremony and associated events over the course of May.



Year 10 work experience student Mabel holding a puppy at Gunyangara

Service Profile: 116 - Core - Lighting for Public Safety

Business Unit: Transport Infrastructure

Action ID:

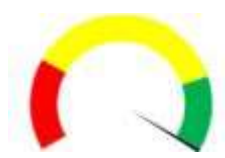
4.2.6.9 Manage, maintain and upgrade streetlights in Gunyangara



Audits have been undertaken on a range of lighting within the community via the Konect Inspection software by the Municipal/Public Works team.

As part of the ongoing improvement in this area, monthly inspection audits and reporting will form part of the Public Works/Municipal Services

work plan, with an order based on the lighting replacement requirements actioned every three months.



Audit Repairs Completed 100%



Service Profile: 118 - Core - Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management
Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

Local Road Maintenance Gunyangara

Traffic Calming Devices

2 x Watts Profile 6.5m x 2m x 75mm.
1 x Watts Profile 6.5m x 3m x 75mm

Installed

Potholes Repair Works

Road inspection audits on identification of potholes on the Drimmie Head Road and Gunyangara internal sealed road network have been undertaken following wet weather events between early February and up until mid-March 2023.

As part of the ongoing commitment to ensure public road safety, regular road inspection audits and reporting will form part of Transport and Infrastructure work plan, with an order forecasted based on the potholes repair requirements actioned following wet weather events.

Engagement is currently underway with North East Arnhem Land Aboriginal Corporation (N.E.A.L) to undertake potholes repair on the Gunyangara access and internal road network.



Pothole repair completion 85%

Service Profile: 119 - Core - Local Road Upgrade and Construction
Business Unit: Transport and Infrastructure

Upgrade Local Roads – Gunyangara kerbing and drainage improvements.

As part of the Roads Program in Gunyangara, the major initiatives are the improvements to surface seals, kerbing and drainage within the community, in line with this year's plan.

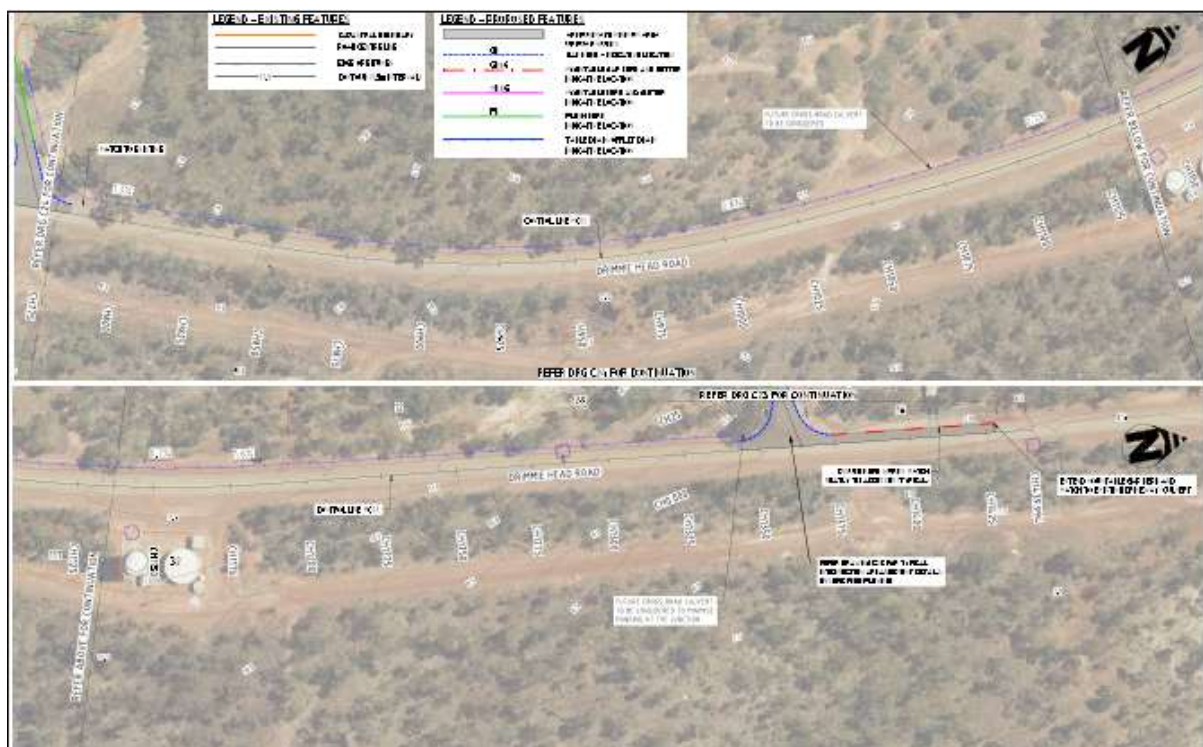
Engagements are currently underway with an initial site visit from engineering consultants, to establish a staged approach to the improvement plan to meet the communities' requirements.

Project Objectives

The overall project objective is to formalise the storm water drainage and kerbing throughout key areas in the Gunyangara community.

The Desired Outcomes of the Project are to:

- Protect the sealed roads, limit edge break and excessive longitudinal erosion.
- Limit the overland flow through lots via direction kerbing.
- Provide a verge than can be used for a footpath in the future (although control of storm water should take precedence).



Service Profile: 129 - Core - Waste and Environmental Services
Business Unit: Regional Waste and Environment

4.1.14.2 Implement and conduct a quarterly community household rewards program for waste and environmental practices in each community in conjunction with the Community Development program in each community.

Planning has begun to conduct rewards programs in conjunction with the quarterly community clean-ups. A Bulk Waste Clean-Up was conducted across all nine communities during the week of the 6 -10 February. For Gunyangara this was delayed due to staff shortages. As a result, Nhulunbuy Civil were engaged to complete the cleanup works in late February.

Waste Services are hoping to grow the rewards programs across all nine communities as part of the Quarterly Hard Rubbish Cleanups. In FY24 it is planned to rollout quarterly Tidiest Yard awards, as well as prizes for Cash 4 Container Recycler of the Year in each Community, as well as other initiatives and competitions.

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

The Councils goal is to have a minimum of nine resource recovery streams available to residents, which has now been achieved for FY23.

The figure below illustrates materials recovered and transport for recycling for this financial year.

The below graphic illustrates what and how much was recycled from Gunyangara between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. The two big successes during this financial year has been 13 whitegoods, and having 39,955 containers diverted from the landfill for recycling.



Project Status – Ongoing

4.1.7.4 Organise and support the Undertaking of CDS monthly collection community events to be held in each Community by the Municipal Services Program.

The Gunyangara Council Depot processed 39,955 containers for the 2022-23 financial year. This similar to last financial year, so a great result from a small team. Waste Services will be working with the Municipal Team on increasing engagement in the project to improve recoveries. Overall EARC collected 452,698 containers for the 2022-23 financial year.

FY 22-23 CDS Summary



The team hard at work counting containers

Service Profile	169 - Core - Municipal Services / Public Infrastructure
Business Unit:	Technical and Infrastructure

Training

AHCPGD212 Conduct visual inspection of park facilities – in progress.

Municipal Services Staff and Strategic/Public Works Infrastructure Manager are now enrolled and currently completing the course online. This will be vital for the compliance inspection of public area assets across the region via the Konect platform.

Sarah Kohl - EARC Training officer recently visited Nhulunbuy and we discussed a range of new training opportunities lined up for the Municipal Services/Public Works Team.

Upcoming Training for Municipal Services/Public Works

- Basic Computer skills course.
- Tractor / Slasher and attachments competency course.
- Skidsteer training course.
- Ride on Mower Operations.
- Car licence/MR licence.
- Chainsaw Training and Maintenance training – will incorporate brush cutters.
- Landfill process training/ Site Manager/ Management.
- Weed Spraying Courses

The above courses are earmarked over the next three months and we look forward to the outcomes of the training planned for the Municipal Services Teams

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.



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.

Cemetery Fence Install

Gunyangara Cemetery fence is now installed with further access works to House no 7. We have received all quotes, and now with community reopened, evaluation of the quotes and engagement to progress works will commence soon.



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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.3
TITLE	Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update
REFERENCE	1767295
AUTHOR	Peter Dunkley, Regional Manager Youth Sports and Recreation

**SUMMARY**

This report sets out to highlight Youth, Sport and Recreation staffing updates, events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

BACKGROUND

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program aims to strengthen young people, helping them live happy, healthy lives. As such, we deliver a range of funded activities and programs which strengthen and support their connection to body, mind, kinship and culture.

GENERAL

The Youth, Sport and Recreation program seeks input, feedback and support from the Local Authority in an effort to continually improve what we do. Please note the following updates for Youth, Sport and Recreation in your community.

- Community staffing update.
- Current after School hour's programs.
- School holiday programs.
- Upcoming events.
- Remote Sports Program (formal and informal competition, visits from peak sporting bodies).
- Youth Diversion (Yirrkala/Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Gapuwiyak).
- Program success / challenges.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	8.4
TITLE	Council Operations Report
REFERENCE	1792642
AUTHOR	Adam Johnson, Council Operations Manager

**SUMMARY:**

This report is provided by the Council Operation Manager at every Local Authority meeting to provide information and updates to members.

BACKGROUND

In line with Guideline 1: Local Authorities: It is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the Local Authority areas.

GENERAL

The NAIDOC event took place at the Gumatj playground on 4 July 2023. Many groups helped make it happen, including Gumatj, East Arnhem Regional Council Community Night Patrol, Yirrkala Aged Care, Miwatj Health Clinic, Anglicare Youth Support, and Anglicare Financial Counselling.

The event was a hit, with live music, face painting and glitter tattoos for the kids, bubble machines, and a fun quiz for the elders. The Community Night Patrol provided lots of tasty food, and Miwatj hosted healthy food promotions. There was also a fun exercise activity for the young ones that everyone enjoyed.

Everyone involved did a great job, and the NAIDOC celebration was a big success. A special thank you goes to Gumatj for providing tents and extra hands to help. A big thank you also goes to everyone else who supported the event.



NAIDOC event on 4 July

Cash for recycled products is held on a monthly basis, approximately 10,000 recycled products were counted for Gunyangara.



Cash for Cans

The Municipal team has been busy with the regular rubbish collection around the playground area, basketball court and the sports oval. These are areas of concern for kids walking bare foot, due to broken glass.



Community Waste Collection Works

The recent rain at the beginning of the month has caused small pockets of potholes on the roads, these are being filled regularly preventing the potholes from becoming larger. Oval irrigation last month was damaged from youth tampering with the oval water tanks. One of the water tanks was pierced and there was damage to the irrigation system. A plumber was called to fix the damages.



Repairing potholes



Football Oval damages



Firecrackers on 1 July caused burnt patches around the oval, furthermore the whole oval was littered with used firecrackers. The oval is the safest place to let Firecrackers off in the community.

The Animal Management Team has maintained a consistent presence in the community, ensuring the welfare of local animals. Notably, there has been a rise in the cat population in the Gunyangara area, which has affected local wildlife, particularly birds.

The Community Night Patrol (CNP) participated in a workshop and training event in Darwin at the end of June. This gathering served as a team-building activity where members could share stories, experiences, and knowledge. The event provided an opportunity for strengthening bonds with other community CNP teams.

The Suicide Prevention training session was held in May 2023 at the Walkabout conference room. The session was instrumental in raising awareness and providing guidance on suicide prevention tactics.

Currently, the CNP team has a vacant Officer position for the Gunyangara team, and recruitment efforts are ongoing.

The team's duties include engaging in Youth, Sport and Recreation activities, providing assistance and support, and safely transporting children and youth to their residences.

The CNP team has been a crucial supportive element for various sectors, including Council Operations, Municipal services, and Aged Care. The dedication and hard work of the Night Patrol team members are greatly appreciated. Their continued efforts are acknowledged with gratitude.



Community Night Patrol workshop in Darwin



CNP team members

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments to this report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

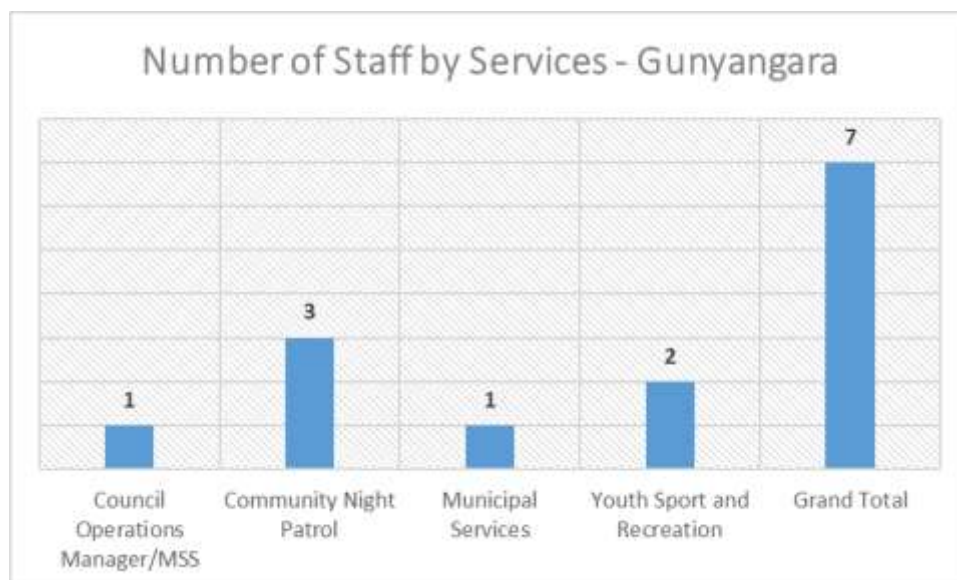
ITEM NUMBER 8.5
TITLE Corporate Services Report
REFERENCE 1792419
AUTHOR Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

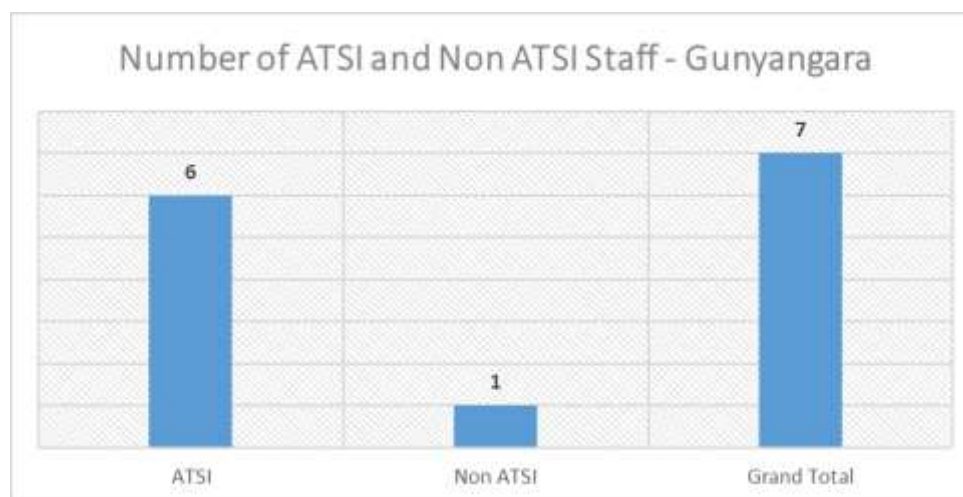
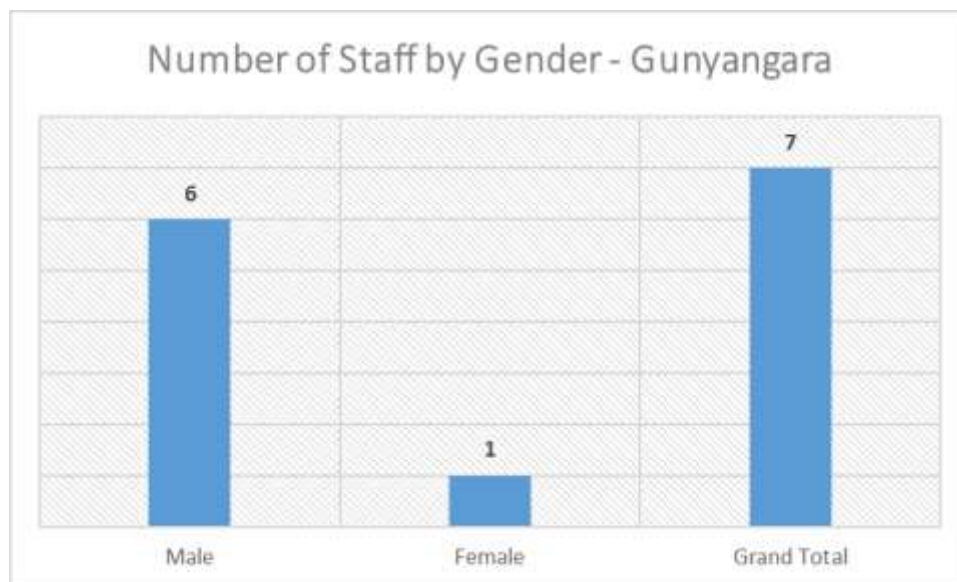
**SUMMARY**

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

BACKGROUND

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

GENERALEmployee Statistics



Vacancies as of 30 June 2023:

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT - Gunyangara

EACH REPORTING LOCATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2023	Gunyangara		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	261,923	247,699	14,223
User Charges and Fees	6,825	1,700	5,125
Rates and Annual Charges	347,536	347,536	-
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	4,414	3,700	714
Council Internal Allocations	(10,000)	(10,000)	-
Untied Revenue Allocation	273,387	273,387	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	884,084	864,022	20,062
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	267,828	304,817	(36,989)
Materials and Contracts	340,815	948,295	(607,480)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Elected Member Expenses	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	721	9,774	(9,053)
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	-	-	-
Other Operating Expenses	232,742	632,503	(399,761)
Council Internal Allocations	195,231	194,939	292
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,037,337	2,090,327	(1,052,990)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(153,254)	(1,226,306)	1,073,052
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(153,254)	(1,226,306)	1,073,052
Remove Non-Cash Item			
Add Back Depreciation Expense	-	-	-
Less Additional Outflows			
Capital Expenses	-	(276,054)	276,054
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2024	-	(18,445)	18,445
Transfer to Reserves	-	(5,565)	5,565
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	-	(300,065)	300,065
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(153,254)	(1,526,370)	1,373,116
Add Additional Inflows			
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	294,893	291,877	3,016
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	-	1,196,161	(1,196,161)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	294,893	1,488,039	(1,193,146)
NET OPERATING POSITION	141,640	(38,331)	179,971
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