



OPEN AGENDA for the meeting of the
Gunyangara Local Authority
30 November 2023

Dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity.

Djambarrpuyngu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipunjur EARC-njur bukmakku yolñuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wänjakurr malañuwurr buku-ñiw'maram:

- limurr dhu rä-l-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrungalañaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharay walñaw,
- ga ñayanu-ñapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhanju

Dhanju dhäwu EARC-njur bukmakku yolñuwu warrawu nhämunha ñalma yaka nyena ñayambalmurru buku-ñiw'yuman:

- ñalma ñarru rä-l-manapanmi ganydjarrwu ñakanhaminyarawu ñalmalinguwaywuru,
- ga dharay walñawu,
- ga ñayanu-ñapthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Anindilyakwa

Warna East Arnhem Shire narringandena-ma wurrarrubuda warnamalya, karridirrakina-ma ababurna-langwa community akwa kuwerrukwulina-yada ngakwurri-langwa culture.

Gumatj

Dhuwalanydja dhäwu EARC-njuru bukmakku yolñuwu mala nhämunha ñilimurru yukurra nhina wänjakurru buku-ñiw'yunmarama:

- ñilimurru yurru rä-l-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu ganga'thinyarawu ñilimurrungalañawu,
- ga dharay walñawu,
- ga ñayanu-ñapthunmaranhamirr bukmak bala-lili'yunmirr.

Marranju

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barrannga'yun EARC-njur bukmakku yolñuw yukurr buku-ñiw'maram wänja mittji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku rä-l-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ñalimurrungalañaw
- Gangathinyamaranharaw wonñanjarraharaw,
- Ga djäga walñaw,
- Ga ñayanu-ñapmaranhamirr ñalimurr wurruku bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

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.

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Gunyangara Local Authority will be held at the Gunyangara Council Office offices on Thursday 30 November 2023 at 12:00 am.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au and can be viewed at the Councils public office.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

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Schedule 1 Code of conduct**1 Honesty and integrity**

A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.

2 Care and diligence

A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.

3 Courtesy

A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.

4 Prohibition on bullying

A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.

5 Conduct towards council staff

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of council staff.

6 Respect for cultural diversity and culture

6.1 A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.

6.2 A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.

7 Conflict of interest

7.1 A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.

7.2 If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.

8 Respect for confidences

8.1 A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.

8.2 A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.

9 Gifts

9.1 A member must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.

9.2 A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.

10 Accountability

A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.

11 Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount

11.1 A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.

11.2 In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.

12 Training

A member must undertake relevant training in good faith.

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1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair may wish to open the meeting with a prayer.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

RECOMMENDATION:**That the Local Authority:**

- (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 under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.**
- (e) Welcomes new Local Authority members: Jamie Gumbula and Vanessa Danyndhuthu, who's memberships have been supported at the latest Council meeting.**

SUMMARY:

This report is also to table, for the Councils record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest**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.

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).

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes and Action Item Register

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous Provisional meeting held on 28 September 2023.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes Local Authority Gunyangara 2023 09 28 2158 [**1.5.1** - 6 pages]
2. Local Authority Gunyangara as at October 2023 [**1.5.2** - 3 pages]



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 GUNYANGARA PROVISIONAL LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

28 September 2023

MINUTES OF THE GUNYANGARA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Antoine Gintz Cr Banambi Wunungmurra and Murphy Yunupingu. .

Provisional Members: Jamie Gumbula and Vanessa Danyndhathy.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Shane Marshall – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services.

Signe Balodis – A/g Director Community Development.

Adam Johnson – Council Operations Manager.

Kara Cunningham – Regional Manager, Children and Library Services.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook – EA to the CEO.

GUEST: Gerrit Wanganeen – Regional Manager NIAA Arnhem Land and Groote Eylandt.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at 11.32AM 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.

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

RECOMMENDATION Murphy Yunupingu/Antoine Gintz**That Council:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr Marrpalawuy Marika, Cr Wesley Dhamarrandji, Doug Yunupingu, Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Balu Yunupingu, Elizika Puertollano Dana Yunupingu, Syd Yunupingu and Malakhi Puertollano.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Dana Yunupingu, Syd Yunupingu Malakhi Puertollano.
- (c) Notes Cr Marrpalawuy Marika, Cr Wesley Dhamarrandji, Doug Yunupingu, Djawa Yunupingu, Balu Balu Yunupingu, Elizika Puertollano Dana Yunupingu, Syd Yunupingu and Malakhi Puertollano are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION Antoine Gintz/Murphy Yunupingu

The Local Authority notes:

- (a) Approves the membership of Jamie Gumbula and Vanessa Danyndhathy and requests these memberships be put before Council for approval.
- (b) 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.

RECOMMENDATION Jamie Gumbula/Vanessa Danyndhathy

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 Banambi Wunungmurra /Antoine Gintz.

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the Provisional meetings of 30 September 2022 and 25 May 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.

RECOMMENDATION Murphy Yunupingu/Banambi Wunungmurra

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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 - DID NOT PROCEED, OFFICER AWAY.

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.

MOTION BREAK FOR LUNCH 12.37PM Murphy Yunupingu/Banambi Wunungmurra

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 1.00PM Jamie Gumbula/Vanessa Danyndhathy

Guest Speaker:

Kara Cunningham Regional Manager, Children and Library Services.

RECOMMENDATION Antoine Gintz/Murphy Yunupingu

The Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks Kara Cunningham for her update.
- (b) Supports community consultation to explore the development of early childhood development and other wrap around services for children from 0 to school age, based in Gunyangara and Yolngu culture, in close collaboration with Dupuma-Barker College.
- (c) Request the Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to confirm in the development of the Gunyangara Town Master Plan, the future development of early childhood development locations and or facilities.

General Business

8.1 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.

RECOMMENDATION Antoine Gintz/Vanessa Danyndhathy

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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**8.2 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE – DID NOT PROCEED.
SUMMARY**

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

**8.3 COUNCIL OPERATION MANAGER REPORT
SUMMARY**

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

RECOMMENDATION Antoine Gintz/Murphy Yunupingu

That Council notes the Council Operation Manager report.

**8.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY POLICY
SUMMARY**

Due to a recent update within the *Local Government Act 2019* and the Guidelines, the Local Authority Policy has been updated and must get approval for publication by the Local Authorities and Council.

RECOMMENDATION Jaimie Gumbula /Vanessa Danyndhathy

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the Local Authority Policy.

(b) Recommends the following amendments to the Local Authority Policy:

- (i) Consider inclusion in 5.2 a clause to deal with Provisional Membership.**
- (ii) Make the following amendments to 6.1.3 to delete lines:**

Local Authorities play an advisory role to Council. This implies that decisions taken regarding Council activities must be approved by Council Members.

There must be, at a minimum, one (1) Councillor present in every Local Authority Meeting.

(c) Considers a name and the area to be included for the Local Authority.

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8.5 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**SUMMARY**

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2023 within the Local Authority area.

RECOMMENDATION Murphy Yunupingu/Antoine Gintz

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 31 August 2023.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS:

The Local Authority request DIPL Local representatives to attend the next Local Authority meeting, to discuss the issues with house boundary fencing conditions and the need for a stronger and easier to install style of fencing on community housing.

Concern raised about the span of the power lines across the causeway and Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to raise these concerns to Power and Water.

The Local Authority request a water tap to be installed at the bus shelter next to the Council Office.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting finished at 2.08PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24 November 2023.

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> <p>28.09 – CEO to provide update in his report during meeting.</p>
Growing Regions Grant Round.	Gunyangara Oval Cyclone and sports building.	<p>28.09 – EOI still underway – hopefully have made the second round in the application process – more updates next meeting.</p> <p>26.10.23 Has made the 2nd round. NO NTG funding required. Will provide update.</p>
Gunyangara Roads Upgrade Project		<p>28.09 – Waiting on tenders to close. To hopefully be taken to October Council meeting. Updating at next meeting.</p> <p>26.10.23 Tenders will going to special meeting in 2 to 3 weeks. Update to be provided.</p>

ADVOCACY ITEMS

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

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> <p>28.09 – opening of mural 25/10.</p>
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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	<p>That the Local Authority notes the questions from members and follow up on those questions that cannot be answered at today's meeting.</p> <p>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.</p>	Completed
Bus Shelter		Completed

GUNYANGARA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
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.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN
DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Revised Budget 2023-2024**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak (Procurement Officer)**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority notes the 2023-2024 Budget Revision.****SUMMARY:**

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

The *Local Government (General) Regulations* state in section 9 that **the council budget must be reviewed on at least one occasion between 1 July and 31 December**; and again between 1 January and 30 April.

The current original budget was prepared in April 2023, prior to the start of the year. Therefore it contains assumptions and estimates for end of year figures. With the completion of the audit of the 2022/23 year those figures are now known and require adjustment in the budget. In addition, funding agencies have provided funding contracts for 2023/24 that require adjustment of the figures.

The budget revision does not, and cannot, alter rates and waste charges for the year, which have already been charged to property owners. Additionally, the law continues to state that Council cannot budget for a deficit.

The draft budget revision is included on each of the Local Authority meeting agendas for feedback. This Local Authority meeting has the opportunity to review and provide feedback. The final budget revision will be presented at the 14 December 2023 Council meeting for approval as required within the timeframe of the law.

GENERAL:Overall

Overall, the revised budget is currently showing a surplus of \$12,567 compared to the original budget of \$25,904.

Revenue Sources

Carried forward revenue from previous years is 47.83% Tied Funds (\$6.13M) for a specific grant purpose. The remaining 52.17% (\$6.69M) consists of payment in advance by the Northern Territory Government for general operational purposes (\$4.09M), FAA Roads Carried Forward (\$1.55M), Training (\$336.59K), IT Systems Project (\$399.81K), Public Relations (\$88.37K) and Civic Events (\$226.80K).

The revenue for the current year is 37.46% tied funds (\$15.09M), 17.31% rates (\$7.52M), 15.66% untied funds that includes NTG operational grant \$6.80M. User Charges and Fees are 24.78% (\$10.76M) and Other Operating Revenue is 7.50% (\$3.26M).

Major Highlighted Changes to Revision Budget:

Services	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Variance	Note
100 - Local Authorities	315,750	315,750	(0)	
107 - Community Development	4,975,862	5,425,862	450,000	A
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services	897,764	906,836	9,072	
112 - Fleet and Workshop Services	482,175	410,215	(71,959)	B
114 - Information Communication and Technology Services	103,107	(0)	(103,107)	
115 - Library Services	545,942	545,942	-	
116 - Lighting for Public Safety	290,850	302,369	11,519	
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	96,353	96,353	-	
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction	-	200,000	200,000	C
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services	1,362,987	1,374,076	11,089	
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	(0)	(0)	0	
138 - Council Housing/Tenancy Services	-	-	-	
139 - Visitor Accommodation	(39,423)	(39,423)	-	
141 - Aged Care and Disability Services	0	0	(0)	
145 - Children and Family Services	(0)	(0)	(0)	
146 - Community Media	23,727	23,727	-	
147 - Community Patrol and SUS Services	0	0	0	
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services	353,043	398,365	45,322	D
156 - Community Events	46,306	46,306	-	
157 - Local Commercial Opportunities	(5,000)	(5,000)	-	
167 - Corporate Services	(15,464,623)	(15,985,893)	(521,270)	E
168 - Governance and CEO	(0)	(0)	0	
169 - Municipal Services	5,989,275	5,971,947	(17,328)	
Net Surplus	(25,904)	(12,567)	13,337	

Notes to Material Changes (items over \$40K)

- A. The increase is due to the addition of the Asset Replacement Project where phase one of the project is established and the trial phase has now been completed. The allocation will allow Council to continue replacing resources throughout the region at an acceptable rate. Note: further allocations will be required in future budgets for completion of project.
- B. Reductions at Mechanical workshops spending (Milingimbi and Gapuwiyak) relates to the addition of money to Galiwinku capital project for roads and the other allocation to support the Darwin office staffing requirements.
- C. Relates to additional spending on contract labour general at Galiwinku Roads
- D. Mainly contributable to increase in insurance and Information Communication and Technology cost allocations
- E. Attributable to increase in interest on term deposits and adjustment related to NTG Operational and Financial Assistance (FAA) funding.

Local Authority Projects

Expenditure on Local Authority Projects is \$7,322,170. Available funds carried over from previous years of \$2,392,312 plus additional funding of \$1,742,200 gives \$3,634,512. Council funds of \$5.7M from the Public Area Infrastructure Reserve and the Community Benefit Reserve gives \$9,394,730 available to allocate to projects.

The unallocated funds will be the subject of a separate report from the Director Technical and Infrastructure.

Location	Budgeted		Available Reserves from FY2023		Total Available Funding for FY2024	Less FY2024 Budget LAPF Projects Costs	Unallocated Funds
	Carry Over from previous years	FY2024 Current Year Revenue	Public Infrastructure	Community Benefit			
Angurugu	283,029	150,200	343,127	333,333	1,109,689	849,414	260,275
Umbakumba	-	110,500	310,768	185,123	606,391	466,292	140,098
Milyakburra	74,947	30,100	246,451	333,333	684,831	546,292	138,539
Ramingining	-	135,400	331,214	241,762	708,376	6,292	702,083
Milingimbi	512,184	187,700	373,313	333,333	1,406,531	1,356,292	50,238
Gapuwiyak	357,948	140,300	335,158	333,333	1,166,739	956,292	210,447
Galiwinku	772,537	341,100	497,277	333,333	1,944,247	1,500,365	443,882
Yirrkala	297,374	113,300	313,424	333,333	1,057,431	1,057,431	0
Gunyangara	94,293	33,600	249,269	333,333	710,495	583,497	126,998
Total	2,392,312	1,242,200	3,000,000	2,760,218	9,394,730	7,322,170	2,072,560

Reserves

Council created specific reserves, which totaled \$35,304,335 at the start of the year are budgeted to total \$18,315,818 at the end of the year.

Attached is the detailed movements per reserve for the community.

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

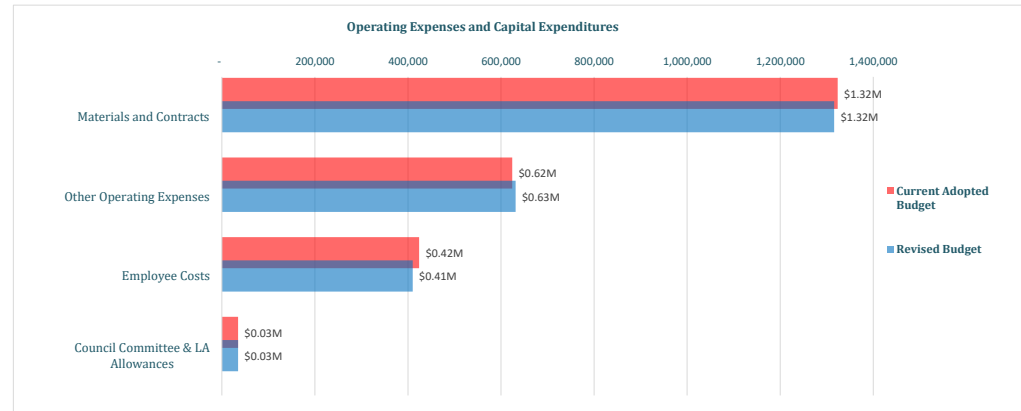
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Budget Revision 1 F Y 2024 Each Reporting Location - Gunyangara [2.1.1 - 1 page]
2. Budget Revision 1 F Y 2024 Local Authority - Gunyangara [2.1.2 - 1 page]

EACH REPORTING LOCATION	Gungahara		
	Revised Budget	Current Adopted Budget	Variance
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT			
YEAR TO DATE 30 JUNE 2024			
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	306,552	306,552	-
User Charges and Fees	1,500	1,500	-
Rates and Annual Charges	351,471	351,471	-
Other Operating Revenues	6,157	3,700	2,457
Council Internal Allocations	(6,292)	-	(6,292)
Untied Revenue Allocation	223,458	242,301	(18,843)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	882,845	905,524	(22,679)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	410,218	424,064	(13,846)
Materials and Contracts	1,316,076	1,323,405	(7,329)
Council Committee & LA Allowances	34,800	34,800	-
Other Operating Expenses	631,449	624,148	7,301
Council Internal Allocations	200,518	195,999	4,519
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,593,061	2,602,416	(9,355)
OPERATING DEFICIT	(1,710,216)	(1,696,892)	(13,324)
Less Additional Outflows			
Capital Expenses	-	-	-
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2025	(33,600)	(33,600)	-
Transfer to Reserves	(3,295)	(3,190)	(105)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(36,895)	(36,790)	(105)
DEFICIT	(1,747,112)	(1,733,682)	(13,430)
Add Additional Inflows			
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	94,293	76,501	17,792
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	1,652,819	1,657,181	(4,362)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	1,747,112	1,733,682	13,430

Location Description	Gungahara						
FY2024 Revised Budget	Category						
Services	Carried Forward Grants Revenue	Operating Revenue	Untied Revenue Allocation	Operating Expenses	Council Internal Costs Allocations	Reserves Transfers	Net Result
100 - Local Authorities	(60,693)	(33,600)	(34,800)	612,005	6,292	(489,204)	(0)
107 - Community Development			(101,391)	66,246	35,145		-
108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services			(1,700)	1,700			-
116 - Lighting for Public Safety			(13,145)	13,145			-
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management				27,836	778	(28,615)	-
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction				1,000,000		(1,000,000)	-
122 - Building and Infrastructure Services			(37,049)	34,180	2,869		0
129 - Waste and Environmental Services	-	(142,766)		238,056	21,415	(116,705)	0
147 - Community Patrol and SUS Services		(207,174)		153,311	53,862		(0)
152 - Youth, Sport and Recreation Services		(65,778)	(36,182)	92,093	9,867		0
156 - Community Events			7,000			(7,000)	-
167 - Corporate Services		(216,361)	216,361				-
169 - Municipal Services			(215,552)	146,970	76,582	(8,000)	-
Net Result	(60,693)	(665,679)	(223,458)	2,392,543	206,811	(1,649,523)	(0)

Operating Expenses and Capital Expenditures			
Category	Current Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Materials and Contracts	1,323,405	1,316,076	(7,329)
Other Operating Expenses	624,148	631,449	7,301
Employee Costs	424,064	410,218	(13,846)
Council Committee & LA Allowances	34,800	34,800	-
Grand Total	2,406,417	2,392,543	(13,874)



3 Noting Progress and Achievement

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Corporate Services Report

AUTHOR Chloe Irlam (Governance and Compliance Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 31 October 2023.

SUMMARY:

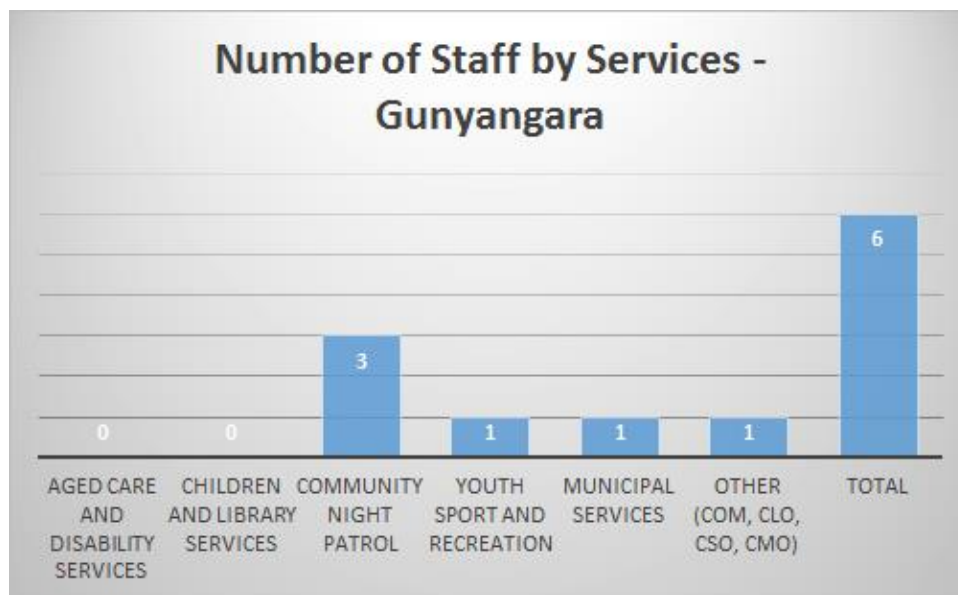
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 October 2023 within the Local Authority area.

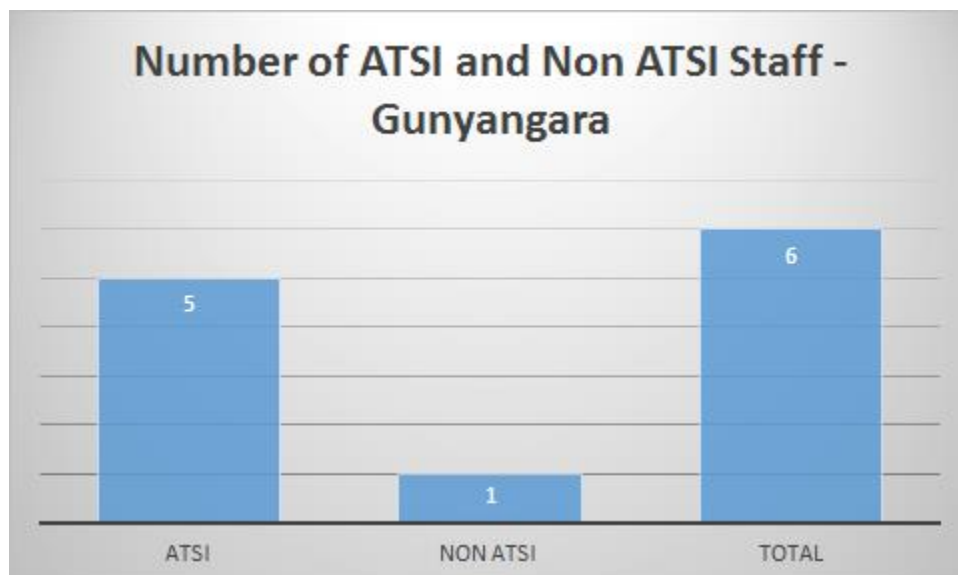
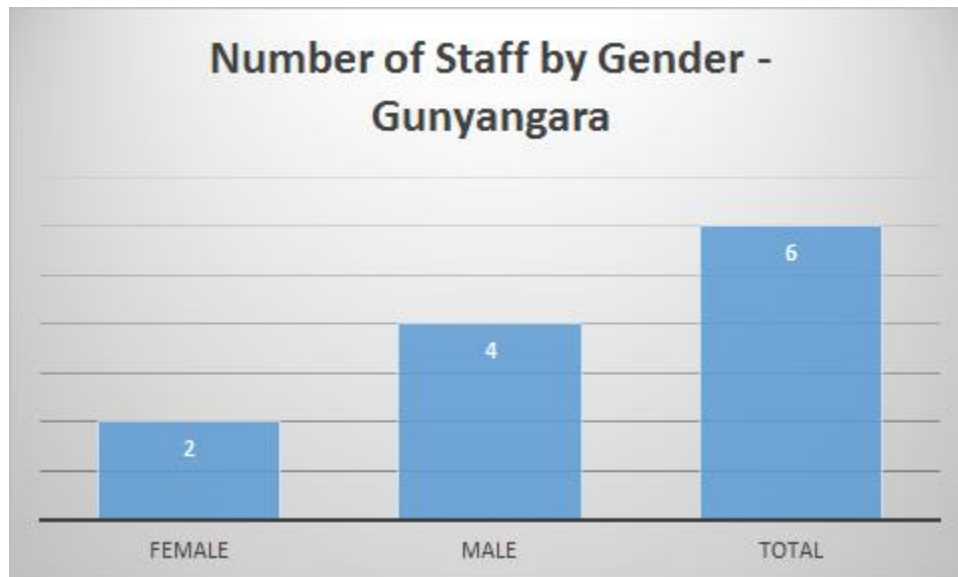
BACKGROUND:

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.

GENERAL:

Employee Statistics:





Vacancies as of 31 October 2023:

Position	Level
Youth Sport & Recreation Worker	Level 1

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. INCOME AND EXPENSE Gunyangara [3.1.1 - 1 page]

EACH REPORTING LOCATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 31 OCTOBER 2023	Gunyangara		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants	136,476	101,947	34,529
User Charges and Fees	378	500	(122)
Rates and Annual Charges	381,221	351,471	29,750
Other Operating Revenues	1,573	1,233	340
Council Internal Allocations	(6,292)	-	(6,292)
Untied Revenue Allocation	95,073	95,073	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	608,428	550,224	58,204
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Employee Expenses	114,666	141,355	(26,688)
Materials and Contracts	21,008	441,135	(420,128)
Council Committee & LA Allowances	1,050	11,600	(10,550)
Other Operating Expenses	39,441	208,726	(169,285)
Council Internal Allocations	65,333	65,333	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	241,498	868,148	(626,651)
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	366,931	(317,924)	684,855
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	366,931	(317,924)	684,855
Less Additional Outflows			
Capital Expenses	-	-	-
Transfer to Reserves	(1,063)	(1,063)	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	(1,063)	(1,063)	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	365,867	(318,988)	684,855
Add Additional Inflows			
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	150,313	76,501	73,812
Transfer from Reserves	557,060	557,060	-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	707,373	633,562	73,812
NET OPERATING POSITION - SURPLUS	1,073,240	314,574	758,667
			-

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 Technical & Infrastructure Services Report**AUTHOR** Shane Marshall (Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services)**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council <enter text here>

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 2023-2024 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.
- 112 - Support Fleet and Workshop 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 – Municipal Services/Public Works & Infrastructure Services.

GENERAL:**108 – Veterinary and Animal Control Services**

Reporting month/period: September-October 2023

Overall comments:

Animals generally look healthy with minimal roaming dogs. We suspect a lot of residents work during business hours as many houses are usually unoccupied during the day so unable to be approached to provide services. Multiple large breed puppies, most owners declining desexing as want puppies. Residents wanting cats desexed.



Happy kittens having a yummy lunch whilst their mum gets desexed, big enough to desex on our next visit.

Next veterinary visit:

- Dr Maddy and Sarah 1- 2 November
- Dr Tania and Sarah 5 - 6 December

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: Gungahara	This period of reporting	Calendar Year to date	Last year's Annual delivery
Dogs Desexed	4	5	8
Cats Desexed	0	2	9
Community consultations	4	19	91
Remote/Phone consultations	3	9	n/a*
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	1	5	
Minor procedures/other surgeries	3	3	
Parasite Treatments	50	90	88
Euthanasia	0	0	n/a
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	0	0	
TOTAL Engagements	60	133	196

**n/a – new reporting system so some data is not applicable*

Animal welfare concerns/cases:

- Discussed desexing with owner of 'Tiger', known aggressive dog, which was declined. Dog is being kept in a crate in the owner's house for safety.
- Dangerous Dog incidents: Owner of 'Yogi', known aggressive dog, requested medication for recent dog fight wounds.

Other:

- Feral cat trapping attempted at the council tip, with no cats caught.

Staff Education/training activities:

Dr Maddy attended the 'Big Hairy People and Animals Conference' on the Gold Coast in October. This conference was the AIAM (Australian Institute of Animal Management) event that is held every two years. The main theme was 'breaking down barriers and topics included

community engagement, supporting disadvantaged pet owners keeping themselves and their pets healthy and dog behaviour and aggression.

Award Winning Animal Management Team:

The AMP team are thrilled to announce that our program won the award for best 'Regional and Remote Animal Management Program or Initiative'. This is a nationally recognised award from the Australian Institute of Animal Management and the team is so proud of the work they do to help our families and their animals in the East Arnhem region.



Dr Maddy at the AIAM Conference accepting the award for the EARC Animal Management Program

Follow-up list for next visit:

- Continue feral cat trapping
- Continue offering desexing and parasite treatments to maintain population numbers and animal health and welfare.



Adam, Gunyangara MSS, helping cut the treble hook and one happy puppy after removal

116 – Lighting for Public Safety

RFQ T23-203119.2 Gunyangara Maintenance of Public Street Lights

KMJ Electrical have been engaged to undertake the repair and maintenance of faulty public streetlights which comprise the complete replacement of non-functioning LED street light heads with new LED street light heads throughout the street lighting network in Gunyangara.

Project Status: Audit Complete- Works have not commenced yet.

Update on ETA arrival of new supply of Gecko lighting LED streetlights to various communities:

- Procured order for the supply of 150 x new Gecko lighting LED streetlights from supplier on 16 August 2023
- Tentative arrival at Darwin Seaswift depot via road freight on 21 November 2023
- Approximately 1 – 2 weeks to arrive various communities, earliest ETA week beginning 4 December 2023



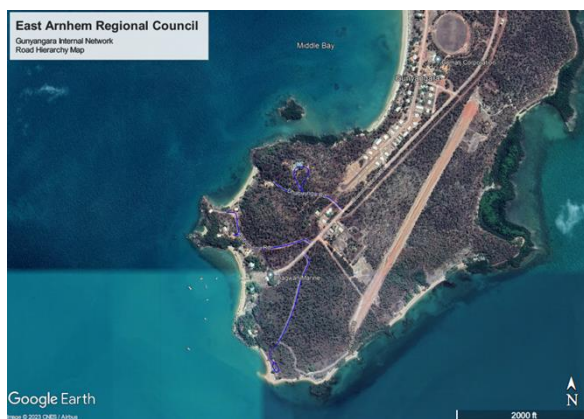
Red marker indicates non-functioning streetlights – 4 x faulty streetlights.

118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management

T23-203320.1 East Arnhem Region – Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage Program

The works shall comprise of the following:

- Maintenance grading of unsealed roads
- Maintenance of unsealed road shoulders



Date: 8.10.2023
 Client : EARC
 Version: 6

East Arnhem
 Maintenance Contract
 Planning Round 1 2023

Week	Ramingining Rural	Gapuwiyak Urban	Gapuwiyak Rural	Yirrkala	Gunyangara	Milingimbi Urban	Milingimbi Rural
30.10 - 5.11							
6.11 - 12.11							
13.11 - 19.11							
20.11 - 26.11							
27.11 - 3.12							
4.12 - 10.12							
	BVC Crew 2						
	BVC Crew 1						
	Nhul Civil						

- Works commencement date: Monday 13 November 2023
- Expected completion date: Monday, 27 November 2023

Contractor, BV Contracting, have subcontracted the maintenance grading works in Yirrkala & Gunyangara to Nhulunbuy Civil, who are committed to complete grading works by the end of November 2023.

122 – Building Infrastructure Services

- No Projects to report on

129 – Waste and Environmental Services

WS 2244-01 - Manage Landfill / Transfer station operations in Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Angurugu, Umbakumba, Milyakburra, Yirrkala, and Ramingining.

Table 1 below illustrates whether the landfills and transfer stations have complied with Council's Environmental Management Plan requirements for the month. Currently, Yirrkala Gunyangara and Angurugu do not require reporting, however, once transfer stations are set up these three will also start reporting. As can be seen in Table 1. Gunyangara has completed its Environmental Compliance every month for the 2023-24 Financial Year to date.

Table 1. Landfill/Transfer Station Environmental Compliance

	FY 2023-24 Monthly Environmental Compliance											
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Angurugu WTS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a								
Umbakumba WMF	Y	Y	Y									
Milyakburra WMF	Y	Y	Y									
Ramingining WMF	Y	Y	Y									
Milingimbi WMF	Y	Y	Y									

Gapuwiyak WMF	Y	Y	Y									
Galiwinku WMF	Y	Y	Y	Y								
Yirrkala WTS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a								
Gunyangara WTS	n/a	Y	Y	Y								



Recyclables stored at Transfer Station

WS 2244-02 - Undertake and report on the removal of recycling streams within each community location.

The table below illustrates materials recovered and transport back to Darwin for recycling so far, this financial year. So far nine different recyclable materials streams have been recovered from the region. The Councils goal is to have a minimum of nine resource recovery streams available to residents, which has now been achieved for FY24. As Table 2 illustrates, Gunyangara has collected drinking containers, scrap metal, white goods and printer cartridges for recycling so far this year.

Table 1. Resource Recovery up to 3 November 2023

	Angurugu	Umbakumba	Milyakburra	Ramingining	Milingimbi	Gapuwiyak	Galiwinku	Yirrkala	Gunyangara
Batteries	0.9 t		1.025 t	2 boxes		1 box	3.104 t + 2 boxes		
CDS (Containers)	4,019	1,883	1,300	12,325	11,455	42,628	52,566	20,338	11,717
Damaged Bins					2 Pallets	0.446 t			
E-Waste					2 Pallets		2 Pallets		
Fire Extinguishers							1 Pallet		
Gas Bottles							1 Pallet		
Household Batteries							10 kg		

Mobile Phones							10 kg		5 kg
Plastics					2 Boxes				
Printer Cartridges								7.84	
Scrap Metal					84.40 t				2 Skip Bins
Tyres	30		60	101 + 1 container	99	84			
Waste Oil				2,460 L	820 L				
White Goods	3							30	50



CDS Bags ready to be barged off



Scrap Metal stockpiled for recycling

WS 2777 - Organise and support the Undertaking of CDS monthly collection community events to be held in each Community by the Municipal Services Program.

This is an ongoing monthly project. Cash 4 Containers is scheduled for the last week of every month across the nine communities. The results for FY24 by community can be seen in the project dashboard below. 166,562 containers have been collected to start off FY24, with 11,717 being collected at Gunyangara.

The goal of the program is to hold monthly depot days in Angurugu, Umbakumba, Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak, Galiwin'ku and Yirrkala and every second month in Milyakburra and Gunyangara.

As can be seen in the table below, no community achieved these results for the 2023-24 financial year.

Table 3 - Community Depot Days held for 2023-24

Community	Depot/Collection Days for FY24	Total Containers Collected
Angurugu	1	4,019
Umbakumba	1	1,883

Milyakburra	1	1,300
Ramingining	1	18,563
Milingimbi	2	11,455
Gapuwiyak	2	42,628
Galiwinku	2	52,566
Yirrkala	2	20,338
Gunyangara	2	11,717
Totals	11	166,562



Municipal Services sorting and counting Cash 4 Containers

WS 2023-14 – Installation of CCTV for Gunyangara Transfer Station

Now that the transfer station has begun operations, Waste Services are investigating CCTV options for security and surveillance. Council have ordered a new Spectur HD5 Solar Security Camera System to install at the transfer station. This camera is like the cameras installed at Galiwin'ku and Milingimbi. It provides reliable, full-colour, high-definition single camera solutions in a robust solar and battery-powered platform. Combining passive infrared and camera-based detection with cloud-based visual AI applications, onboard speakers and lighting systems.

Project Status – Started





WS 0002 – Community Awareness and Education

Initiative 1. Container Deposit Scheme - ONGOING

Initiative 2. Mobile Muster – ONGOING

Initiative 3. Clean-Up Galiwin'ku Week 2023 – COMPLETED



Initiative 4. Cash 4 Trash Milingimbi and Galiwin'ku

Initiative 5. Two Year Litter Strategy – IMPLEMENTED



Initiative 6. Milingimbi CDP Engagement - ONGOING

Initiative 7. Gapuwiyak School Plastics Podcast – COMPLETED



Initiative 8. Social Housing Bin Stands for Yirrkala and Galiwin'ku - COMPLETED



Initiative 9. KAB NT Community Visits - COMPLETED



Between 14 and 23 August, Keep Australia Beautiful NT visited all nine communities to discuss litter management with community stakeholders. Meetings were held with; Council, ALPA, health clinics the Stores, Rangers, CDP and the Schools.

Shepherdson College, Dhupuma Barker School, Ramingining School, Milyakburra School, Angurugu School and Alyarmandumanja School; were also kind enough to allow KAB NT to deliver several lessons throughout the day to various grade levels as well as at their assembly. The lessons touched on the impact litter can have on human health and the environment as

well as lessons about how packaging has changed since shops were introduced and what impacts leaving these things on the ground can do.

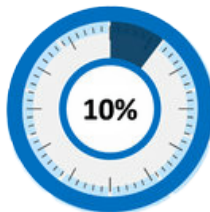
Please see some images below from the visit to Gunyangara and the Dhupuma Barker School



WS 0004– Litter Management

Bi-annual audits are in the planning stages for the FY24 Financial Year. Once audits have been completed, results will be provided to Council.

As well as hot spot audits, Waste Services are also rolling out Monthly Litter Rating Audits for all communities to be able to develop an understanding of community trends around litter as well as supply an avenue for our Council Operations Managers to report litter issues, provide strategies and report of implementation of strategies.



Project Status – Ongoing

169 – Municipal Services/Public Works & Infrastructure Services
October - Snap Send Solve Reporting



Snap Send Solve

East Arnhem Regional Council

Monthly report summary



This period: 2023-10-01 to 2023-10-31
 Last period: 2023-09-01 to 2023-09-30

Total Reports

This Period	Last Period	% Change
117	138	-15%

Customer Satisfaction Score

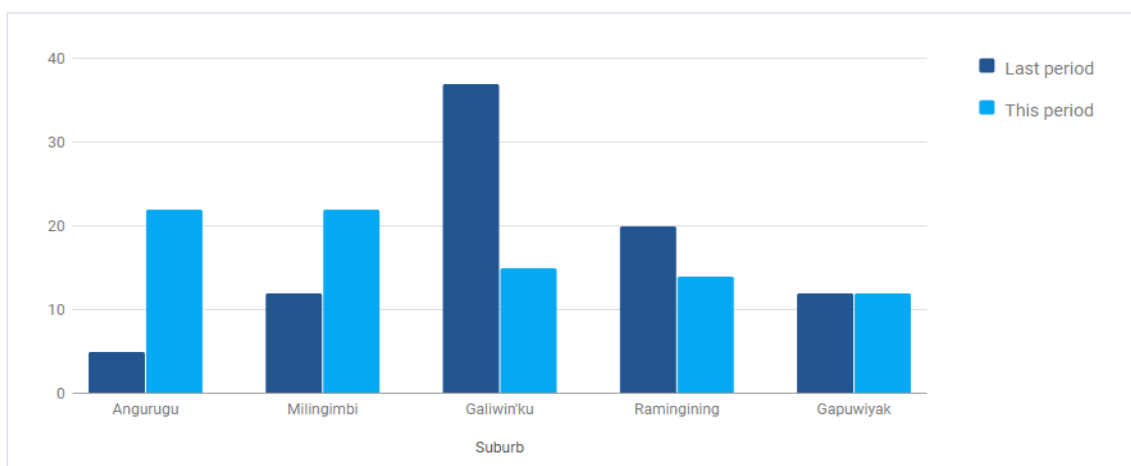
Customer Satisfaction Score (out of 5) provided by Snap Send Solve users for your authority.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
East Arnhem Regional Council	4.8	4.8	0%
Similar sized council average(state based)	4.8	4.7	3%
State average	4.5	4.4	4%

Reports by Top 5 Suburbs

Total reports received by suburb for the period.

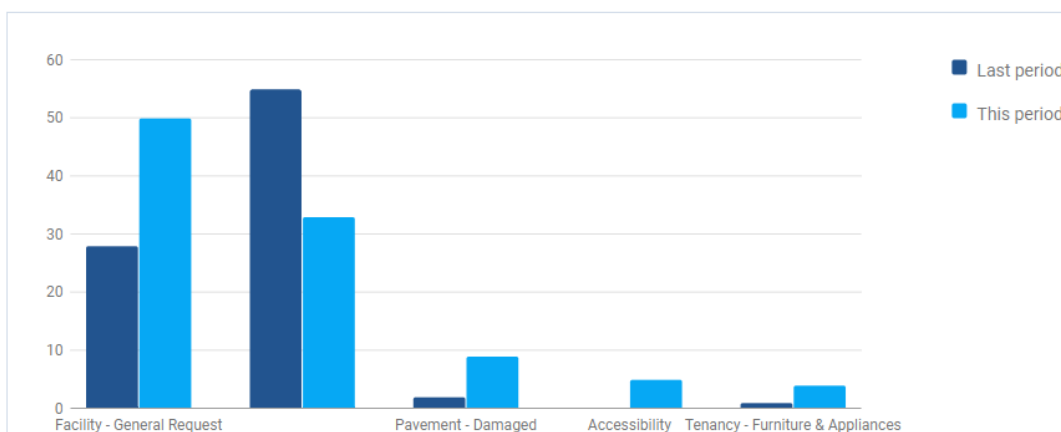
	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Angurugu	22	5	340%
Milingimbi	22	12	83%
Galiwin'ku	15	37	-59%
Ramingining	14	20	-30%
Gapuwiyak	12	12	0%



Reports by Top 5 Incident types

Total reports received by Incident type for the period.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Facility - General Request	50	28	79%
Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets	33	55	-40%
Pavement - Damaged	9	2	350%
Accessibility	5	0	N/A
Tenancy - Furniture & Appliances	4	1	300%



Reports by Top 5 Suburbs and Top 5 Incident types (This period)

	Facility - General Request	Repairs & Maintenance Request - EARC Assets	Pavement - Damaged	Accessibility	Tenancy - Furniture & Appliances
Angurugu	1	2	9	4	4
Milingimbi	14	6	0	1	0
Galiwin'ku	5	8	0	0	0
Ramingining	11	0	0	0	0
Gapuwiyak	4	5	0	0	0

Reports Triaged

Total reports received by your Authority that have been triaged to other authorities by your Customer Service team.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Power Water	1	2	-50%

Reports Sent to Other Authorities

Total reports sent by Snap Send Solve users to other Authorities within your boundary, that your Authority is not responsible for.

	This Period	Last Period	% Change
Power Water	8	7	14%
Telstra	1	2	-50%

Wet Season Preparations

- Chemicals for Weed Spraying have been ordered for all communities leading up to the wet season.
- Municipal Services Supervisors are ensuring that all chainsaws are maintained, and spare parts are available.

Gunyangara Cemetery Fencing

- Additional fencing installed and access gates for House 7.



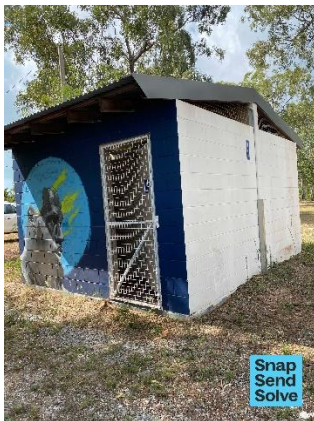
Gunyangara Cemetery Fencing - access to House Complete

Gunyangara Oval Irrigation

- Solar Pump foot valve to be cleaned out – contractor has removed foot valve and ordered new part – expected completion shortly.
- Irrigation Pipe covered with dirt to prevent fire damaging the irrigation line – works completed by Municipal Services Supervisor Adam.
- Wi-Fi now back online with antenna replaced, replacement of solenoid complete and change of one valve.
- Testing of all zones in place and provided valuable data where solenoid load is affecting the automatic running of system. We have narrowed down the problem valve boxes and expect the system to be up and running soon.



Gunyangara Oval Irrigation

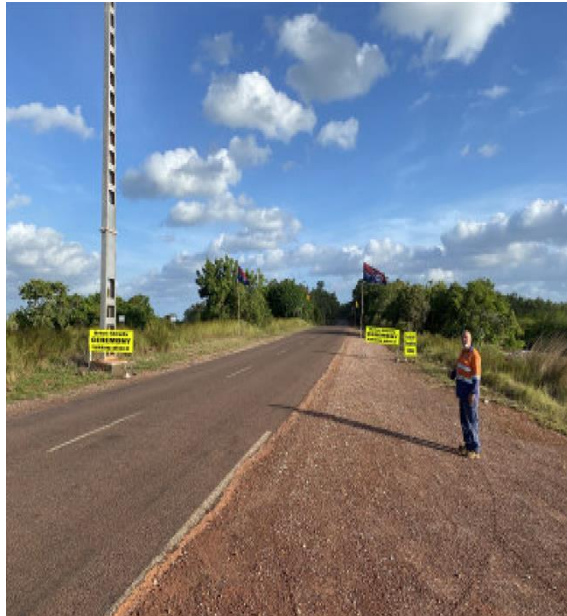
Gunyangara Public Toilet

- Fix door closer - Completed
- Replace pad bolt to secure toilets
- New tap installed & GPO for Municipal Services to carry out a regular cleaning schedule.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Adam Johnson who will be leaving EARC in December, Adam has been a fantastic and collaborative

member of the Council team, and we thank him for his efforts and commitment to the Community of Gunyangarra.

Please join me in wishing Adam all the very best of health and happiness for the future.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Operations Manager/Municipal Services Supervisor Report

AUTHOR Adam Johnson (Council Operations Manager/Municipal Services Supervisor)

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority notes the Council Operations Manager/Municipal Services Supervisor report.

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 area.

GENERALMunicipal Services

Two containers of scrap metal were delivered to Sea Swift for transit to recycling facilities in Darwin, marking a progressive step in recycling efforts.

There are some minor technical issues with the sports oval's irrigation system, which are being addressed to maintain the greenery during the dry season.

Residents are requested to place hard waste outside their fenced areas to facilitate efficient collection by the Municipal Service team. Access to private yards is restricted to assisting elderly residents without support, as it poses challenges and delays for the team.

The transfer station is operational, with temporary general waste bins provided until the return of the skip bins from Darwin. Designated areas for disposal of tyres, electronic appliances, white goods, and green waste are clearly marked.

Participation in the Cash for Cans program is growing in the community. Additional recycling bags are being distributed, and a dedicated Recycling Team has conducted an educational visit to the local school. The school has established a recycling cage, with proceeds from collected recyclables allocated to fund school resources and equipment.

Community Night Patrol

The team has achieved full staffing and continues to foster a supportive environment. We welcome Sarita Yunupingu and Teneka 'lee Solar to our team. The Community Night Patrol maintains its collaboration with Youth Sport and Recreation (YS&R) team, focusing on monthly community engagement activities.

The Community Night Patrol has coordinated with the YS&R Coordinator and has successfully mediated a domestic incident, ensuring the safety of an individual by providing transportation to a secure location in Nhulunbuy.

Additionally, the Community Night Patrol collaborates with the local hospital to ensure patients are transported home safely after treatment, addressing the challenge of limited taxi services during the evening.

The Sobering Up Shelter remains an available resource for individuals in the town who are intoxicated, offering a beneficial option over returning to the community in such a state.

In Youth Sport and Recreation, we welcome Daniel Rule as a new team member. A successful art and craft workshop was conducted with Gumatj at the drop-in centre during the school holidays.

As I bid farewell to the East Arnhem Regional Council to prioritise time with family, friends, and travel, I extend my gratitude for the opportunity to have worked with the Local Authority members, community members, and key stakeholders in Gunyangara.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 CEO Report**AUTHOR**

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority notes the 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.

GENERAL:Launch of East Arnhem Regional Mural

Council hosted the successful launch of the new regional mural on Wednesday 25 October. Yirrkala Local Authority Member Prescilla Yunupingu hosted the event, starting with the traditional Bungal welcome lead by Witiyana Marika.

Gumurr Miwatj Ward Councillor Marpalawuy Marika delivered a moving opening address. This was followed by a short film of the making of the mural, from visiting all nine communities across the region to gain direction on what the mural should include, to the painting of the mural by children and others over two weeks.

This film was followed by a special short film Moving Forward Together, in which President Lapulung, Milingimbi Local Authority Member Gangulpa Durrkay, and Galiwinku Local Authority Member Cyril Bukulatjpi talk through the role of Local Authorities and Council, and how we can help work with the two Balanda levels of government for the benefit of all.

Engagement with Northern Territory and Australian Governments

The CEO of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet and a senior NIAA official met Council for detailed discussions of a range of issues of concern to the Local Authorities and Council when Council was meeting on 24 October.

Council resolved to continue these discussions and continue to strengthen the relationship and outcomes that can be gained over time.

Organisational Review

As CEO I have reviewed the large amount of information and great ideas of how we can further improve the way we work, that has come from consultation with Council staff across all nine communities, and the Nhulunbuy and Darwin offices.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

4 Confidential Reports

5 Date of Next Meeting

6 Meeting Close