

OPEN AGENDA for the Galiwin'ku Ordinary Local Authority Meeting 23 November 2026

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

Djambarrpuyŋu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipuŋur EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wäŋakurr malaŋuwurr buku-l̲iwmaram:

- limurr dhu räl-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurruŋgalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhaŋu

Dhaŋum dhäwu EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuwu warrawu nhämunha ŋalma yaka nyena ŋayambalmurru buku-l̲iw'yuman:

- ŋalma ŋarru räal-manapanmi ganydjarrwu n̲akanhaminyarawu ŋalmaliŋguwaywuru,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

Dhuwalanydja dhäwu EARC-ŋuru bukmakku yolŋuwu mala nhämunha ŋilimurru yukurra nhina wäŋakurru buku-l̲iw'yunmarama:

- ŋilimurru yurru räl-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurruŋgalaŋawu,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barraŋga'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurr buku-l̲iw'maram wäŋa mit̲tji malanynha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räl-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurruŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw wo̲n̲d̲aŋarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apmaranhamirr ŋalimurr 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.

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Galiwin'ku Local Authority will be held at the Galiwin'ku Council Office offices on Monday 23 November 2026 at 10:00 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

Members:

Cr Cyril Bukulatjpi
Cr Evelyna Dhamarrandji
Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji
Virginia Rripa
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Bobby Nyikamula
Glenys Dalliston

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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.

SUMMARY:

This report is also to table, for the Councils record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received form 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 themselves 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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the following meetings:

(a) Galiwinku Ordinary Local Authority Meeting held on 28 September 2026.

(b) Galiwinku Special Local Authority Meeting held on 21 October 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Galiwinku Local Authority - Minutes 28 September 2026 [**1.5.1** - 6 pages]
2. Galiwinku Local Authority - Minutes 21 October 2026 [**1.5.2** - 3 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku Ordinary Local Authority Meeting 28 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:38 am.

Members in Attendance:

Cr Cyril Bukulatjpi
Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji (Chair)
Bobby Nyikamula
Glenys Dalliston
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Virginia Rripa

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Robert Russell (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/90 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji.
(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji.
(c) Notes Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji is absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/91 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAL 2025/92 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 July 2026.

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 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Milingimbi Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

GAL 2025/93 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Glenys Dalliston)**

That the Galiwinku Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to be changed to the Galiwinku - Gumurr Marthakal Local Authority, to properly reflect the language of the cultural Ward name.

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3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING GU

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/96 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Terry Walunba)**

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings for the Council to endorse.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 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.

GAL 2025/97 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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3.3 Council Services Manager Report

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/98 **RESOLVED (Glenys Dalliston/Virginia Rripa)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council's consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2025-2026 Annual Plan.

GAL 2025/99 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2026 within the Local Authority area.

GAL 2025/100 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

4.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

GAL 2025/95 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Glenys Dalliston)**

The Local Authority:

(a) Notes the discussion with the Police Department and Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.**
2. **The removal of ATMs from ALPA stores to counter the negative effect of high levels of cash.**
3. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
4. **All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.**
5. **Support Yalu, Marthakal, Council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate a two week camp for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members. For older offenders, 14 to 15**

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year olds plus, the coordination of the clean-up of Galiwinku homelands over five days, back to back, with engagement of parents and key family members, until completed.

6. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

PRESENTATION

4.2 Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

GAL 2025/101 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

PRESENTATION

4.3 Presentation from Deepika Mathur - Charles Darwin University

GAL 2025/94 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Bobby Nyikamula)**

That the Local Authority :

(a) Notes the Presentation from Deepika Mathur (Charles Darwin University).

(b) Supports ongoing engagement with Charies Darwin University, Council and Marthakal Homelands, to develop the Disaster Waste Research Management Project, to develop a Disaster Waste Management Plan for the community.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 04:02 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Galiwinku Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2026.

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OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku Special Local Authority Meeting 21 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji (Chair)
Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji
Glenys Dalliston
Bobby Nyikamula
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Virginia Rripa

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Divyan Ahimaz (Director – Community & Corporate Services)
Shannon Cervini (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/104 **RESOLVED (Glenys Dalliston/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi.
(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi.
(c) Notes Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi is absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/102 **RESOLVED (Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji/Bobby Nyikamula)**

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

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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 Allocation of LAPF Funding to Galiwin'ku Child Care Building

SUMMARY:

This report seeks recommendation from the Galiwin'ku Local Authority to allocate expiring Local Authority Project Funding, including carried forward funds, towards the conversion of the Child Care Centre building in Galiwin'ku into a youth focused centre The proposal commits an estimated total of $690,013 to support delivery of the critical infrastructure required to support youth and at-risk children in the community.

GAL 2025/103 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Terry Walunba)**

That Local Authority recommends the allocation of $690,013.08 expiring Galiwin'ku Local Authority Project Funding towards the conversion of the Child Care Centre into a Youth Centre and the allocation of the other LAPF funds towards refurbishment to create a new Disability Services Centre. The Youth Centre will include Yolngu Rom and Balanda Rom, engagement with families and Police, and education to provide positive pathways for youth and improve community safety, and engagement with other service providers.

3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 02:00 pm.

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2 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING GU

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

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.

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 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).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Local Authority Galiwinku 2026 [**2.1.1** - 14 pages]

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
KAVA		That the Local Authority: a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava. 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: 1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or 2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms. c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.	**12.05.2021** – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing. **20.05.2021** – Still unsure when this will be happening, Update has been provided to LA, will update up at next LA meeting – Ongoing. **17.12.2021** – A separate report on this will be presented by the CEO in the meeting. **12.01.2022** – Ongoing. **17.03.2022** – Discussion on Kava will continue with the community. **19.05.2022** – Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with all communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land, on the important and pressing issues of the possible introduction of the legal sale of kava and alcohol. **21.07.2022** – Ongoing **19.10.22** - 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. **24.11.2022** as above – Progress being made with Government, letter written to Chief Minister. **21.07.23 -** Dale to update in his report. **29.08.23** Told by Chief Minister about 6 weeks ago, that there is progress in this area. **21.09.23**– Update in CEO report to be provided. **23.11.23** – Progress and discussions continue to be made. CEO unfortunately has been dismissed and we will continue to have discussions with his replacement in due course. **25.01.24** – Issue raised at last Council meeting – NIAA to attend next Council meeting and talks will progress. **21.02.24** – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities. PFES requested continuous

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ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed. **28.03.24** – Continue to ask Council to progress discussion at the next Council Meeting in April with NIAA. **24.04.24** – CEO to write to Department requesting update. **23.05.24** – NTG and NIAA to update at next Council meeting **25.06.24** – NIAA & NTG to attend June Council meeting to provide updates and discussions. **17.07.24** – No real progress. No action – ongoing. **19.09.24** – Ongoing **21.11.2024** – Ongoing to be covered in CEO Report. **23.01.24** – Ongoing – meeting with Jacinta Price office – as part of 8 Advocacy Items. **19.02.25** – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Mark Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. **20.03.25** – Mr Guyula joined the meeting via TEAMS and spoke with the members about kava. Further updates in the CEO Report. **23.04.25** – No change – to be addressed with newly elected Government. **22.05.25 –** No change – Ongoing as above. **25.06.25 –** Councillors want to form a committee and travel to Darwin to raise their concerns and get some action. They are tired of no action and are especially worried about the harm the illegal sale of kava is causing in the community, particularly to children. **27 .10.25 –** Police in Nhulnbuy have mentioned that they received a letter from Minister that NTG are willing to do community consultations. **25.05.26 -** CEO, with Northern Land Council, has commenced discussions with senior officers of Chief Minister and Cabinet to secure support and develop the process to trial the regulation of kava in a community, for later expansion. **25.08.26** – CEO and Councillors met with Chief Minister and her Department, Chief Minister expressed that she would like to work with Local Authorities on how to go forward regarding the distribution and sale of Kava in East Arnhem communities.

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NT AFL Program			**23.11.23** - invite NT AFL representative to discuss the Galiwinku AFL Program and provide confirmation of previously committed sporting infrastructure at the oval by the previous NT AFL representative. **14.12.23** – As above. **25.01.24** – NT AFL Representatives attended today's meeting and provided update. **22.02.24** – Draft Agreement is done. Waiting for AFL to provide timetable. **28.03.24** – Local Authority to invite NT AFL Officers to discuss the Galiwinku AFL Program and when it'll recommence and provide confirmation of previously committed sporting infrastructure. **24.04.24** – New grant focussing on events – Calendar containing holding events etc., **25.06.24** – Going into New Year we have access to a new grant – working towards AFL women's AFL and basketball. Regional Manager – Community Services working on this and update will be provided at next meeting. **18.07.24** – As above, both are intertwined**.** **19.09.24** – As above**.** **21.11.24** – AFL will not commit to programs in any of our communities. Hard for YSR to deliver AFL due to previous instances of community unrest and could be a risk to our staff. Director Council Services will speak with AFL in new year to see if there is any further scope in this space. **11.12.24** – Council has received a grant specific to running events. Waiting on the Department CEO to come back as the document has been signed. **23.01.25** – Regional Manager YSR received an email from Remote NT AFL – AFL NT who will have a full-time staff member based in Galiwinku. In new year they will reach out to discuss plans for Elcho Island. Recently held boys under 15-year competition which included boys from Galiwinku. Potential for new staff member to attend next Local Authority meeting. Regional Manager YSR to email and discuss. **20.03.25** – Email from RM AFLNT they have been told ALPA is no longer going to support them with housing – they are trying to find housing to support the full-time staff maintenance and are also asking NIAA. If they are unable to find housing, they will have to leave the island. General Manager Technical Infrastructure Services to raise with NLC to get a section 19 lease on lots 575 to provide additional housing for AFLNT.

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			23.04.25 – Emailed NLC regarding leave on 575 and again waiting on NLC to respond. **22.05.25** – Still waiting on response from NLC – Ongoing. **13.04.26 –** The Local Authority does not support council for lease for lot 575 to provide housing for AFL due to ongoing costs, Need to find whether AFL NT is still seeking a accommodation. **27.08.25** – Regional Manager ACYS to re-engage with AFL NT to assess AFLNT requires housing.

The Local Authority supports a thorough community discussion to consider and decide on suitable layout and infrastructure for the Lot Area of 228 for a cultural and ceremony 'funeral' area.			**23.11.23** – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to action. **24.01.24** – update next meeting **22.01.24** – Work is being done on this. **28.03.24** – Cr Kaye, Cr Stephen, Cr Evelyna and President Lapulung to create a plan to consult Senior Culture and Landowners to form a recommendation from them on what should be done for Lot Area 228. **24.04.24** Finalising design. **23.05.24** – Design principals discussed and conveyed to Director Technical and Infrastructure Services. **25.06.24** – After discussions with Local Authority – lighting, toilet, replacing fence on House 165 Not ready for release at tender but not far off. – potentially two weeks. **18.07.24** – Consultancy to occur before works continue**.** **19.09.24** - Update to be provided. The members request the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide concept design images of the ceremony site be provided to the Local Authority through the Council Services Manager and community to assist in further consultation, to finalise the plan and the scope for tender. **21.11.24** – Concept and site survey design has been completed. To be covered in the Technical and Infrastructure report. – members may want a concrete floor in the room. **11.12.24** – Designing a mud map of toilet block and camping area, once designed is completed it will go back Cr Thurlow and through the LA meeting for approval.

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			23.01.25 – In final process of design, once concluded will deliver to next LA meeting. **19.02.25** – Currently doing the Geotech, next LA meeting will seek approval of design to enable it to move forward. **20.03.25** – Ongoing -further work to be done on design and potentially the location. **23.04.25** – Incorporated with GEOTECH and GMDTIS has another proposal of drawings for the ceremony area. **22.05.25** – The concept drawings of the new proposal are complete and will be presented to the Local Authority out of session. This will be shared through the Council Services Manager**.** **25.06.25** – Still in concept drawing phase. Further consultation is required with Traditional Owners/senior elders to confirm they are ok with the concept drawings. **27.10.25** – Site survey services investigation has been completed, LA feedback indicate changes and Geo technical investigations required, Architects to prepare concept drawings for LA review. **22.11.25 –** Architects completing new lower key design due to funding limitations. Now that Council has moved through the DE amalgamation not only the Construction cost but the ongoing maintenance and repairs costs for the water park will need to be looked into to ascertain if it is financially viable. **24.02.25 –** Shared concept designs at LA Meeting, doing the work in two phases. First phase to go ahead and second phased depending on the funding in future. **10.04.26 –** Low resource capacity in the technical services department – actively seeking resources. Project is still progressing slowly. **25.05.26 –** In progress, Geo Tech reports to be completed next week. Further scoping once we receive the Geo Tech report. **27.07.26** – Update in the LA agenda 27 July 2026 – Planning and consult coordination activities continue. **25.08.26 –** In regards to different location options will be presented at next LA meeting to consider. **28.09.26** – Proposal has been received for planning to get the project ready in order to apply grant release at the end of the year. Project will be scoped and

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			presented to LA for final approval. DCS and SPMIR to work with LA on different location options.
Galiwinku Cemetery Lighting		Galiwinku cemetery is to have solar lighting and investigate mains power availability.	**21.09.23**– Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to action. 23.11.23 – Lodged an EOI, drawings to be completed to run an underground cable. Power and Water don't see an issue with this. **14.12.23 –** Progressing. **25.01.24** – Report to be provided next meeting. **22.02.24** – Improvement is being made. Two and a half months to three months' time frame. **28.03.24** – Works completed by 30 June 2024. **24.04.24** – Timeframe as above to finishing. **23.05.24** – covered in Tech report. **25.06.24** – Ready to go to Tender – must establish a Lot number for the cemetery. **18.07.24** – Ongoing **19.09.24** – Update to be provided. **21.11.24** – Quotes being obtained for the solar lighting. Currently trying to establish the Lease Lot Number - potentially looking at a battery pack system. Members would like to hold a meeting with the Council Services Manager and Regional Technical and Infrastructure Services Manager regarding the range of their concerns about the new cemetery. **11.12.24** – Received quotes for solar lighting and portable PA system. **23.01.25** – Procuring materials for project once received contractor will be engaged to install solar lights. **19.02.25** – Solar lights have been ordered, waiting on delivery, PA system also ordered. **20.03.25** – Waiting on materials to arrive, Contractor has been engaged for installation. **23.04.25** – Currently waiting on concrete blocks for lights. **22.05.25** – Construction of blocks nearing completion, will be on site by mid-June. **25.06.25** – Confirmation required – lighting time. **27.10.25** – Next step – confirmation from LA to proceed with investing funds for this proposed installation of solar street lights.

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			26.11.25 – Once the design is finalised, will be sent to LA for approval. **24.02.25** – Will need placement information from LA in the next meeting. **10.04.26** – Still waiting on placement information. **13.04.26** – LA to identify four places on map provided where they would like solar lights. **25.05.26** – Waiting on LA feedback. **25.08.26 –** Waiting on LA feedback. **28.09.26** – Awaiting approval for installation.
Fencing around Galiwinku Cemetery & Identification of old graves.			**28.03.24** – Works regarding fencing to be done before June 30, 2024. **28.03.24** – Assistance from Local Liaison Officers to assist in identification. **24.04.24** – Trying to get a local Contractor. **23.05.24** – as above. **25.06.24** – Archway signs have arrived. Quotes have been obtained to install. **18.07.24** – Ongoing to be followed up. **19.09.24** – Urgent update to be provided. Calls for progress on the action and update 'Fencing around the 'Galiwin'ku cemetery and identification of the graves' to the Local Authority by the Council Services Manager. **26.09.24** – Revert the Action to Director Technical and Infrastructure Services as the project funding is allocated to this directorate. **21.11.24** – The new digital Garmin GPS device has arrived – and can provide a digital marking of where people are buried. Still require community input to assist with burial locations. Councillor Thurlow will look to locate those with knowledge of where people are buried to assist. **11.12.24** – GOS device wont mark where the graves are – seeking community members to be available to provide that knowledge to identify the graves. Liaise with new Council Services Manager once they have been recruited. **8.01.2025** – the new Council Services Manager is commencing on 28.01.2025. **23.01.25** – Still waiting on new Council Services Manager to commence. Still wanting to understand location of bodies etc., **19.02.25** – Waiting for CSM to settle into role and will then engage him in the above. Identify areas and engage surveyor. Hope to engage community in this. **20.03.25** – Ongoing – revised solution to achieve this, by clearing and poisoning the scrub around to get access to the cemetery, then identifying the graves, then get a surveyor in and reinstate the fence. General Manager Tech Services

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			to investigate power poles and wires that are old and not working to being removed. **23.04.25 –** We now have a Municipal Services staff member on Galiwinku who is poisoning the area to remove the shrubs and then the fencing can be progressed in addition to the identification of the graves. **22.05.25** -Due to machinery breakdown there has been a delay with the spraying. Spraying the area to clear the grounds will provide a clearer scope to map out the boundaries. **25.06.25** – Update to be provided. **27.10.25** – CSM to take photos and send to GM Infratsructure to organise the clearing of trees. Once the trees are cleared Infrastructure team to organise and get Fencing completed. **22.11.25** – Images haven't been received. **24.02.25** – Waiting on the images to organise the clearance of trees. **10.04.26** – Still waiting on images, due to vacancy of Council Services Manager. **25.05.26** – Waiting on Images as mentioned above. **27.07.26 –** Images of area have been forwarded to Technical Infrastructure team to action. **25.08.26 –** Images have been received and still to be actioned. **28.09.26** – Images are still under review.
Street naming		Local Authority is seeking feedback from the place names committee surrounding the application for the sub-division new street names and provide feedback to the General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services for a response to the Place Names Committee.	**23.05.24** – Cr Thurlow to provide update. Cr Thurlow needs to speak with Language Specialist. LA approves of the three new roads that need to be sorted out to be sorted out by Cr Thurlow. Three further roads that need clarification at next meeting. **25.06.24** – Submission is in the last stages of being completed to be sent 'hopefully' this week, except for three streets in Buthan – need further consultation with Traditional Owners. **18.07.24** – Consultation continuing – Cr. Thurlow following up – suggesting to place names committee. Street names to include Yolngu naming and then underneath in smaller writing the standard English version. Cr Thurlow to provide update. **19.09.24** – Kaye has asked the members to support the submission as shown in the recommended names and be submitted.

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			21.11.24 – submission almost submitted – nothing further required of the members. Looking for Place Names Committee to approve the names submitted and then signs can be erected. **11.12.24** – It has been lodged with the Place Names committee. **23.01.25** – Regional Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services – to follow up and provide an update. **19.02.25** – Waiting on place names committee to get back with approval. **20.03.25** - Ongoing as above still waiting on place names committee to approve. **23.04.25** – Ongoing Cr Thurlow to try again to contact the street naming department. **22.05.25** – No further progress as advised by Cr. Thurlow. Street naming have not been able to provide an update, due to shortage of staff. **25.06.25** – Councillors would like a motion that they would like LGANT make application to the NTG to acknowledge the need to ensue streets are named in local communities and increase the number of staff on the place names committee to ensure councils get these names submitted and approved. **27.10.25** – The NTG Place Names Unit has advised that the Galiwin'ku street-naming request is quite complex, as it includes more than 30 road names from both the existing community and the new Buthan subdivision. Their team is currently assessing the full submission and will provide a further update once the review is complete. **26.11.25 –** Waiting on assessment by NTG place names unit, requests are under review. **24.02.25** – Ongoing. **25.05.26 –** Regional Transport and Infrastructure Manager to provide a table of the existing names that are in for approval and also request for new roads that needed to be added to the list. **27.07.26 –** Place names committee still reviewing and processing applications due to limited resources – RM transport Infrastructure to send CSM a map of the area for Stephen Dhamarrandji to assist and liase with street name mapping and corrections. LA members decided to consult with Traditional owners on the names for the roads. **28.09.26** – DCS to provide CSM a map as mentioned above.

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Broken Lighting		Request the General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services provide an out of session update through the Council Services Manager on progress to fix the range of broken lights in community as referred to in the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.	**19.09.24** Director Technical and Infrastructure Services - Out of session response required please. **21.11.24** – Local contractor has completed repair maintenance of solar lights, still waiting on LED street light parts. **11.12.24** – New additional LED streetlights have been ordered and procured and just waiting on their arrival. Once cleared at customs they will come by road freight for all nine communities, and they will then be repaired. **23.01.25** – Replacement lighting has arrived, and contractors are currently assessing their capacity, e.g., cherry pickers etc., **19.02.25** – All nine communities - lighting has arrived waiting on contractors with cherry pickers to complete. **20.03.25** - Replacement with LED streetlight will commence upon engagement of electrical contractors – once finalisation of contractor engagement occurs in April 2025. **23.04.25** - currently reviewing quotes and will engage with contractor. **22.05.25** – Still reviewing quotes as there are changes in scope of works. Once completed will engage contractors. **25.06.25** – Engaged contractors – completion after August. **27.10.25** – Electrical Contractor has been engaged to undertake repairs, expected to complete by 14 November 2025. **22.11.25 –** Lighting repairs scheduled across all communities. All damaged lights will be repaired/replaced. Vandalism and power surges the highest contributing factors to damaged lights. **13.04.26 –** There is scheduled 6 monthly contractor repair schedule, application to capture Adhoc lighting repairing. **25.05.26 –** RM to review the process of reporting broken lights in community. 27.07.26 – Contractors on site 20 and 21 July however left due to unrest. They due to remobilise by end of August. **25.08.26 -** In progress, as per above. **28.09.26** – Completed. Additional street lights were identified by the contractor for repair and currently under review.

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Streetlights and footpaths and roads		upgrades needed	**23.01.25** -tender has been awarded *and audit to commence late February early.* March **19.02.25** – Audit across all communities – 5-to-10-year plan. **20.03.25** – Mobilisation for commencement of works will commence April 2025 subject to weather and road conditions. **23.04.25** – Ongoing and will commence with audit. **22.05.25** – Tender has been awarded to transport wise and they will commence with site inspection in June. **25.06.25**- Inspection to be carried out. **27.10.25** – TransportWise has completed their audit and submitted the report. The GM Technical & Infrastructure Services and RM Transport Infrastructure will meet with TransportWise to review the findings. The discussion will focus on understanding the recommendations and using them to develop a 5–10 year transport infrastructure plan. This plan will ensure that grant funding is directed to the areas most in need of repairs, maintenance, and upgrades. **22.11.25** – Review of report completed, further actions being mapped for the new year. **24.02.25** – Work will start on Based on Transport wise report. **10.04.26** – Contractor has already completed a repair round. This is scheduled every 6 months. In between visits broken lights can be reported to Council Office until we work through an Application for public reporting. **27.07.26** – Lighting Contractors on site 20 and 21 July however left due to unrest. They due to remobilise by end of August Roads contractor due to mobilise 24 August 2026- Roads contractor to mobilise 24 August 2026 pending Sea Swift barge. **25.08.26 -** Due to re-mobilise by end of August. **28.09.26** – Lighting contractor's work has been complete and the other contractors are currently reviewing community safety situation.
Stormwater Management		Responsibilities for stormwater and road at rear of the school,	**23.01.25** – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to establish which Northern Territory Government Dept is responsible for the road and the stormwater management adjacent to the teacher houses at the rear of the school. **19.02.25** ARCOS is in community now and doing the staging for the drainage etc.,

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			20.03.25 – Engagement across stakeholders to understand the best solutions for this. Consultations have been completed in last two to three weeks. **23.04.25** – ARRCOS are now at 95% on the drawings and once complete will go to tender. **22.05.25** – Arccos are currently working through design for package three, which is related to stormwater for the school – Wakirana Street. **25.06.25** – Update to be provided. Deisgn by 4 July – month for tenders, review of design. **27.10.25** – Arccos Consulting has completed the full design and documentation for Package 3A of the Wakirana Street stormwater upgrades (Shepherdson College). Package 3A will be reviewed in light of available road funding, which has been reduced due to the recent formation of the Groote Archipelago Regional Council. The review will align with the upcoming NTG DLI civil subdivision tender. Opportunities to secure additional grant funding for the stormwater upgrades will also be explored. **22.11.25 –** Review of report completed, further actions being mapped for the new year Related Money for roads item. **13.04.26 –** Design and documentation is completed. Need to discuss regarding the funding. **25.05.26** – Scoping is completed, waiting for the funding round to open. **27.07.26**- Waiting for Funding opportunity to reopen for application. **25.08.26 –** As per above. **28.09.26** – As per above.

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ADVOCACY ITEMS/ITEMS ON HOLD:

Increased funding of Anglicare for money management to be increased from once a month to at least two days per week.	Major need for more funding of essential support services to community to be provided by visiting staff more than once or twice a month, including: Financial education and support. Drive safe program ID, to help to get jobs and many other things.	25.06.24 – Update to be provided. 18.07.24 – NIAA actively following up on this, they share the same concern. Local Authority requires/requests somebody be located on the island full time to answer and assist community members with financial education and support. Director Community Services to follow up with NIAA based on further community inputs from the community members to the Local Authority. 19.09.24 – Update to be provided. 21.11.24 – NIAA has provided updated that Anglicare is already funded for more than one trip per month for money management. NIAA is investigating as they are the funding agency to see if Anglicare are doing what they are contracted to do. Should potentially be four visits per month currently members say it's more like one visit every few months. Formal grievance to be written by Director Community Services to NIAA regarding increasing money management support on Galiwinku. 11.12.24 – Hard time getting in touch with NIAA representative in the region, unable to raise this with them. New NIAA representatives have started in Galiwinku**.** 23.01.24 – NIAA Guests, Anne-Marie Southall and Ted Gondarra, to work on developing coordination of central support services such as money management and gaining ID's, in Galiwin'ku and across the region. To also be raised with Council. 19.02.25 – DCS wasn't available for updated (stepped out of meeting). 20.03.25 – Letter sent on behalf of Local Authority, contact Jay from NIAA has been spoken to about this issue, however, is currently on leave. Director Community Services will be in contact and provide update at next meeting**.** 23.04.25 – NIAA have advised verbally that they will provide a written response to Council, they believe it's no NIAA but rather Department of Social Services who need to provide assistance. They (Jay Hill) will take this matter on our behalf to Dept of Social Services. 22.05.25 – Update from Jay Hill from NIAA who was liaising with Dept Social Services. Jay has confirmed the Anglicare team does go out regularly and she is waiting on a schedule that whe will then share with Director Community Services. Once received the Director Community Services will share with members and confirm whether the schedule needs more advertising within the community. NIAA government Engagement Coordinator (attending this LA meeting) advised that Anglicare are aiming to provide longer services over more days every month. 25.06.25 - No update has been received from NIAA to date. Follow up with Galiwinku representative Anne-Marie from NIAA for update. Potential to bring this up with LGANT and liaise with Government Departments to get further support to communities in economic education and budgeting.

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		27.10.25 – Anglicare has current funding allows once a month visit, they are looking for options to attend more often. MOVE TO ADVOCACY

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 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:

Engagement on Allocation of Social Housing:

I have reached out to and met with the Northern Land Council to seek to work with them to advance some of Council's Key Advocacy Points calling for:

The use of a reasonable percentage of the $4 billion of committed funds to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory to be provided for units, duplexes, and houses for local Indigenous workers and vulnerable aged and disabled people, as well as residents of small to large homelands.

Other closely related Key Advocacy Positions of Council are the call for:

Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

The provision of government housing and other infrastructure necessary for the effective delivery of essential services including Police, Education, Health, Local Government and Community Services, and;

The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

A letter from President Lapulung Dhamarrandji (as attached) has been sent to the Northern Land Council Chair Matthew Ryan seeking support to engage with Council and its Local Authorities to help progress and gain real outcomes on these important issues.

The Northern Land Council has confirmed it will raise the recommendations of the Council and its Local Authorities at the December meeting of the Joint Steering Committee Housing NT.

Council’s advocacy position was also raised at a meeting with Marion Scrymgour Special Envoy for Remote Communities and Northern Territory Member of Parliament Chansey Paech, at the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on 11 November in Alice Springs.

I also raised Council’s commitment to the need for the new CDP / Remote Australia Employment Service to bring back genuine mutual obligation as a real incentive to shift to

training and employment. Marion Scrymgour and Chansey Paech were receptive to these key advocacy points and committed to talk further with Council about them.

Engagement on Domestic and Family Violence and Young Offenders & Their Families:

Congratulations to the Ramingining Councillors, Local Authority Members, staff and a range of stakeholders for recently holding a very successful No More Violence Community Day, with Vicki Wassens, our Ramingining Council Services Manager playing a key role bringing it all together. The event was promoted on social media and in a media release, as attached.

Each Local Authority can consider what sort of event or events it may want held to call out and challenge domestic and family violence.

Council reviewed and endorsed the resolutions from the last round of Local Authority meetings to tackle domestic and family violence, and achieve genuine engagement with young offenders and their families, and genuine outcomes.

Based on the range of resolutions, and following a meeting with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Council endorsed the following resolution.

That Council:

Calls for real action to address domestic and family violence, and achieve genuine engagement with young offenders and their families and genuine outcomes, including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of kava and other substances that are having a devastating affect on our people.**

2. **All community members to call out any domestic violence, which is not part of our culture.**

3. **Support community events to call out Domestic and Family violence.**

4. **Coordination with the NT Police and local stakeholders of community events to call out and challenge domestic and family violence.**

5. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences, and additional necessary funding to be provided.**

6. **Support Council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders, and the provision of effective funding from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments.**

7. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

Another key development for Council to be aware of is the release of the Report of the Independent Review into the Conduct of the Department of Children and Families, which was tabled in the Northern Territory Parliament on 20 October. The NT Government and Opposition have supported the implementation of the 45 recommendations of the Independent Review. The Executive Summary and Summary of Recommendations are attached.

Creation of New Youth Centres and Disability Support Centres

Council also endorsed the decision by the Galiwinku, Yirrkala and Gapuwiyak Local Authorities to close the Childcare Centres in their communities due to ongoing challenges to staff and operate them. The Galiwinku and Yirrkala Local Authorities approved the use Local Authority Project Funds to convert the centres into Youth Centres, to support better, targeted engagement with young people and their families.

The Gapuwiyak Local Authority approved use of its Local Authority Project Funds for the conversion of their Council office building into a new Disability Services Centre, as the Galiwinku, Yirrkala and Milingimbi Local Authorities also decided.

As Gapuwiyak has a major Recreation Hall and newly built Youth Centre, the old Child Care Centre will be used for other purposes.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter to NLC Chairman Matthew Ryan Re Engagement on Social Housing 21 Oct 26 [**2.2.1** - 2 pages]
2. Media Release - Leading The Way - No More Violence [**2.2.2** - 2 pages]
3. Social Media Post on No More Voilence - Ramingining [**2.2.3** - 1 page]
4. Executive Summary and Recommendations Pages 9-11 [**2.2.4** - 3 pages]

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21 October 2026

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Re: Engagement on Allocation of Social Housing

Dear Matthew,

I write following a very productive meeting on 16 October of EARC CEO Dale Keehne with the Northern Land Council Engagement Officer, Remote Housing Reforms Mia Christophersen and Policy & Advocacy Officer Ged Shearer, as recommended by Regional Manager East Arnhem Craig Bonney. As requested by your officers, I am writing to you to formally raise a key advocacy position of our elected Council calling for:

The use of a reasonable percentage of the $4 billion of committed funds to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory to be provided for units, duplexes, and houses for local Indigenous workers and vulnerable aged and disabled people, as well as residents of small to large homelands.

The Council's Local Authorities across the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn Council, have considered and formally endorsed this and the other Key Advocacy Positions, as attached.

A delegation of our Councilors raised this advocacy point regarding housing for Yolngu workers, and aged and disabled people, directly with the former NIAA CEO Jody Braun in Canberra back in July 2024, who made a general statement that they have a similar view and this would be developed.

Two plus years later Federal Minister Malarndirri McCarthy has expressed that the priority is to maximize the number of people who can have a 'roof over their head', and there is no provision for the allocation of housing to local Aboriginal workers in their communities. This view has been reiterated to me on a number of occasions by high ranking NT Government officials.

Our Council recognises the highly important role of the Northern Land Council in the Joint Steering Committee Housing NT, with the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government, the other NT Land Councils and Aboriginal Housing NT, to oversee the $4 billion Northern Territory Remote Housing Package.

We would like to seek the NLC's support as such an important party to the joint arrangement to use this historic opportunity over the remaining eight years of the $4 billion program, to shift to greater empowerment of Aboriginal people, by actively supporting local Indigenous people to gain and keep employment, through the provision of part of the total new social housing.

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This would also involve the re-design of planned housing to allow for one and two bedroom units that provide the opportunity for local workers to escape the burden of overcrowding, including maintaining food, and being able to sleep and be ready for work.

Council sees these as fundamental human rights that are met through public housing allocations 'down south' but continue to not be provided in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. We see this is linked to the false, harmful and patronising generalisation that 'all Indigenous people want to live together'.

Through Council's support of aged and disabled community members we have also raised the need for them to live in their own housing, as is also the case 'down south' or in metropolitan Darwin, and so they are included in Council's advocacy point on housing.

Homelands are included as a key part of Council's advocacy position, as Council recognises the great value of Yolngu to live and work in their homelands across the region. All our Local Government, like all Northern Land Council Councillors for East Arnhem, are inherently linked to our respective homelands and call for the proper funding of social, worker and aged / disability housing across the homelands from the $4 billion NT Remote Housing Package, and other funding sources.

Other closely related Key Advocacy Positions of Council are the call for:

Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

The provision of government housing and other infrastructure necessary for the effective delivery of essential services including Police, Education, Health, Local Government and Community Services, and;

The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

In order to progress these important shared objectives for our joint communities and homelands, I would like to propose as EARC President to you as the NLC Chair, that a formal connection and role be established between the Housing Reference Group's in each community, and the Local Authorities in the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn the East Arnhem Regional Council, to provide a broader and formally elected and endorsed representative structure than currently exists through the Housing Reference Group structure.

This formal connection and role would form an important part of broader engagement with the Northern Land Council's East Arnhem Regional Council, your East Arnhem Executive Members of the Full Council Yananymul Mununggurr, and Djawa Yunupingu, the Housing and Homelands Committee, and the Joint Steering Committee Remote Housing NT.

Yours sincerely,

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Media Release 20 October 2026

Leading The Way - No More Violence

East Arnhem Regional Council's Local Authority Members for Ramingining proactively supported the call by Council to tackle domestic violence through the 'No More Violence' community event held on 17 October 2026 in Ramingining.

Driven by East Arnhem Regional Council and the Council's Local Authority Members, the event engaged multiple stakeholders throughout the region to deliver an important message – No More Violence.

East Arnhem Regional Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy and Local Authority Members Gilbert Walkuli, John Djoma, Jason Mirritjawuy, Fabian Garawirrtja and Lizzy Mindhili spoke throughout the day with community members about violence, calling back to their Local Authority resolution on 21 July 2026 for:

> Family, community members and all people calling out and reporting domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children when they see it.

Council was proud to see strong support from many stakeholders who were involved including: Biṉipiliŋmirriŋ Djägaginin Mala (BDM), Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation, Ramingining School, NT Police, NO MORE AU, Durack Civil, Deltareef (Gumatj Group), AFL Northern Territory, Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation, ALPA Store, ALPA RAES and the Defence Force.

Daman Ryan reflected on Norman Daymirringu's speech saying, "Norman Daymirringu is a powerful community leader, he got everyone in a huge circle with arms linked [#linkup] and spoke in the middle of the circle about violence, social behaviours and social media and his words and passion was infectious."

Vicki Wassens (Ramingining Council Services Manager) reflected on the day saying, "We achieved our goal of spreading the message and education of 'No More Violence' and we gave the community an opportunity to come together for a fun and social afternoon."

East Arnhem Regional Council's 100% Aboriginal elected Council and its Local Authorities in each community remain committed to work in close collaboration with the NT Police and the Northern Territory Government to tackle domestic violence and other crime.

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Additional Quotes:

"No more violence. Ramingining need to stand together. Yaka Mari. Stand together."
Norman Daymirringu

"Glad we could be a part of an important message to Ramingining."
Cameron Baker, Operations Manager – Ramingining, Gumatj Construction

"We value the role of the Police. We support there being more Police Officers, based in community."
President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

"People, family and community members need to call out violence when they see it. People need to be responsible for their actions."
Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

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East Arnhem Regional Council

Ramingining – No More Violence

A big thank you to everyone who came along and took part in the No More Violence community event held in Ramingining over the weekend.

Together, our Local Authority Members, stakeholders and community members helped create a fun-filled and educational day with plenty of food, prizes, stalls, activities and footy games.

We're excited to share some photos from the event and celebrate everyone who helped make the day such a success.

Learn More: https://eastarnhem.nt.gov.au/leading-the-way-no-more...

#workingtogether #nomoreviolence #linkup #ramingining #strongertogether #localgovernment

Thank you: Biṉipiliṉmirriṉ Djägaginin Mala (BDM), Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation , Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation , Ramingining School, Northern Territory Police Force , NO MORE AU , Durack Civil, Deltareef (Gumatj Group), AFL Northern Territory , Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation, ALPA Store, ALPA RAES and the Defence Force. See less



Executive Summary

The Review examined the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) management of the circumstances concerning Kumanjayi Little Baby (KLB), including the Department's response to notifications, reports and concerns about the child's safety and wellbeing. The Review considered the adequacy, timeliness and appropriateness of DCF's response; compliance with legislative and policy requirements; the effectiveness of its systems, policies, procedures and operational practices; and broader systemic issues that may affect DCF's capacity to meet its statutory child protection responsibilities.

The Review found that the circumstances concerning KLB cannot be considered solely as an individual case management failure. They highlight interconnected shortcomings across the child protection system, including statutory practice, the assessment and management of risk where domestic and family violence (DFV) is present, information sharing, workforce capacity and capability, organisational and operating arrangements, timeliness, governance and leadership.

A central finding is the DCF requires a clearer, more consistent and effective child protection practice framework, grounded in the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007*. Practitioners need clear guidance on statutory intervention, the assessment of significant and cumulative harm, escalating risk, safety planning, decision-making and case closure. Where DFV is identified, its nature, pattern, severity and impact on children must be explicitly assessed, including the risks posed by perpetrators and the protective capacity of the non-offending parent. Safety arrangements must be appropriate to the child's circumstances, with the suitability and capacity of those relied upon to protect the child properly assessed and reviewed as risks change.

The Review also identified the need for more effective information sharing and interagency collaboration, alongside significant workforce pressures arising from increasing demand, case complexity, vacancies, turnover, varying practitioner experience and growing backlogs. These pressures affect the timeliness and quality of assessment, continuity of case management and effective supervision. Addressing them requires a sustained commitment to workforce capability, professional development, recruitment and retention, as well as operating arrangements that make effective use of existing capacity and direct organisational effort towards frontline child protection.

Improving timeliness requires systemic action rather than simply expecting practitioners to complete work more quickly. DCF needs clearer performance expectations, reliable reporting, active monitoring of delays and backlogs, and stronger management oversight to ensure that risks and outstanding actions are identified and addressed promptly. These improvements must be supported by effective governance, clear accountability, visible leadership and a sustained, coordinated approach to reform.

Taken together, the findings point to the need for a system-wide reset of DCF's child protection function. The recommendations address immediate practice and operational weaknesses while establishing the foundations for longer-term reform. Their implementation will require executive ownership, clear priorities, accountability for delivery and active assurance that changes are translating into improved practice and outcomes for children and families.

Summary of Recommendations

The Review makes recommendations directed at strengthening the child protection system across DCF, with a focus on improving the safety and wellbeing of children, strengthening statutory practice and ensuring that identified risks are recognised, assessed and acted upon in a timely and effective manner.

The recommendations are directed towards the following priority areas:

1. Statutory child protection practice and risk assessment: Establish a clear practice framework grounded in DCF's legislative responsibilities, evaluate the effectiveness of Signs of Safety, introduce evidence-informed risk assessment tools and consolidate policies, procedures and practice guidance to support consistent, defensible decision-making.
2. Domestic and family violence and safety planning: Integrate DFV risk assessment into child protection practice, strengthen practitioner capability to identify cumulative and escalating harm, and ensure that safety plans are appropriate, effective and regularly reviewed. This includes an immediate audit of current Safety Plans and stronger requirements for assessing the suitability of adults nominated to a child's safety network.
3. Information sharing and interagency collaboration: Strengthen the proactive and systemic sharing of information between DCF and partner agencies, including police, corrections, health, education and housing, and ensure that relevant information is integrated into risk assessment, safety planning and decisions about protective intervention.
4. Workforce capability, capacity and sustainability: Develop a comprehensive workforce strategy addressing recruitment, retention, professional development, supervision and competency, supported by a robust assessment of workforce demand, case complexity and the distribution of experienced practitioners across the Territory.
5. Organisational structure and operating model: Review the allocation of functions, resources and decision-making authority to ensure that DCF's operating arrangements support its statutory responsibilities, reduce unnecessary administrative burden and strengthen frontline child protection capacity.
6. Timeliness, early intervention and service responsiveness: Establish an end-to-end framework for monitoring and managing timeliness, cumulative delay and escalating risk. Strengthen management oversight, escalation processes and improve prevention and early intervention pathways so that children and families receive the support earlier and statutory resources can be prioritised according to risk and need.
7. Governance, performance, assurance and leadership: Establish a comprehensive Child Protection Performance and Accountability Framework, supported by reliable performance information, clear accountability, regular executive oversight and effective monitoring of improvement actions. Strengthen business continuity arrangements and visible leadership, including direct engagement with regional and remote frontline operations.

Taken together, these recommendations are intended to support a sustained and coordinated reform of the child protection system. Implementation should be guided by DCF's statutory responsibilities and focused

on whether changes improve the quality, timeliness and effectiveness of practice and, ultimately, the safety and wellbeing of children.

Background and Context

1. Overview of the case

KLB's family was known to DCF prior to her birth through notifications concerning her older sibling, including a notification received while KLB's mother was pregnant with her. These earlier notifications provide important context to the Review's consideration of the information available to DCF and its understanding of the family's circumstances before and after KLB's birth. The Review has considered the history of DCF involvement as a whole, while distinguishing the circumstances and allegations relating to KLB from those concerning her older sibling.

KLB was 5 years old when it is alleged she was abducted from the Old Timers town camp, Alice Springs and later murdered in April 2026. The matter is currently before the court.

2. Notification and intervention history

The notification history provides important context for understanding the nature and progression of DCF's involvement with KLB and her family. Over the period reviewed, DCF received repeated notifications concerning the child's exposure to domestic and family violence (DFV), predominantly involving her father, RG. The notifications span a number of years and include reports of verbal and physical violence, breaches of domestic violence orders, coercive and controlling behaviour and, on some occasions, the child's direct or potential exposure to incidents of violence.

The publicly reported court proceedings concerning RG have also referred to an ongoing pattern of DFV against the same complainant and repeated breaches of domestic violence orders. These reports provide additional context to the concerns recorded in DCF's notification history, although the Review's assessment is based on the departmental records and evidence examined.

The history is significant not only because of the number of notifications, but because of the recurring nature of the concerns and the increasing recognition of DFV-related risk over time. In the 7 August 2021 notification, for example, DCF identified exposure to DFV and a breach of a DVO as concerns and recorded a safety goal and safety scale of 2/10. The assessment also identified the need to obtain the DVO history and a custody/corrections chronology for the father. The matter was subsequently finalised on 4 October 2021 when DCF closed the case.

A further notification was received on 4 August 2022 concerning exposure to DFV, a breach of a DVO and an assault, including a concern about the child's involvement. The Signs of Safety assessment again recorded a safety scale of 2/10 and identified no signs of safety. The assessment described dangerous behaviour involving a child and recorded that the father had been arrested. The notification was ultimately closed on 21 March 2023, with reference to a Strengthening Families case.

By January 2023, DCF's assessment of the circumstances reflected an increasing level of concern. The 20 January 2023 notification was assessed as a three-day response, with a safety scale of 3/10. The assessment specifically noted the frequency of DFV incidents, the vulnerability of the child because of her young age and that there appeared to be an escalating pattern.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Manager Report

AUTHOR Shannon Cervini (Director - Council Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

SUMMARY:

This report is provided by the Council Services 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.

GENERAL:

Council Support Services

Former Council Services Manager Robert Russell is no longer employed by East Arnhem Regional Council. Recruitment for a new Council Services Manager is now underway. In the interim, Senior Administration Officer, Glenys Dalliston will serve as Acting Council Services Manager until recruitment is complete.

The Post office has seen an increase in incoming parcels as Christmas approaches. The staff have been working hard to keep parcels moving through the doors. Currently we are in the process of recruiting a Customer Services Officer to assist Verity Burarrwanga in the postal area.

The local Council Services leadership team recently attended the Galiwin'ku Collective Network (GCN) meeting with other stakeholders where a range of issues within the community were discussed. Topics covered ranged from youth attendance, domestic violence, break-in's, mechanic service issues, and updates provided from various stakeholders around their roles and engagements with community.

There has been a series of break-ins at the Childcare Centre. Every incident had seen significant damage to walls, doors and general mess with the offenders going through cupboards and spreading mess throughout the building.

Cyclone preparedness activities continue to progress with Nick Cantoni from Think Safe Solutions having visited Galiwinku to meet with each department to identify cyclone related hazards, providing actions required to be taken. He compiled a list of recommended actions to be completed before cyclone season begins, to help mitigate risks and keep everyone safe. All teams are working towards minimising the risks this wet season.

Municipal Services (MS)

Over the past two months, Galiwinku Municipal Services has been busy progressing several projects. Sand extraction and delivery to approximately 20 locations with an average of two loads per site with additional loads provided for cultural obligations. This is not a standard function of the MS team and has taken significant time away from delivering core municipal functions. This activity will need to be ceased next dry season to enable the team to focus on priority works. The hearse has remained fully utilised proving regular service to and from the Airport and supporting funerals.

Ahead of the upcoming cyclone season, the team carried out another round of hard waste collections from the 26-30 October 2026 along with a thorough cleaning of the Municipal Services shed and yard in preparation of the wet season to ensure safe working environment and reduce potential hazards.

Works around the maintenance of a fire break around the waste facilities has been undertaken to better manage fire risks. Four vehicles were relocated to the waste facility following permission from the Community members, via the vehicle removals applications form. This ensures that road verges are kept clear of hazards.



MS Team tidying up the MS Yard.

The Municipal Services team has also been working closely with the Animal Management team to ensure deceased animals are buried at the designated approved section of the waste facilities. This work supports effective pest control, maintains environmental safety, and helps protect health risks for community residents.

Recycling and Listed Wastes have continued to be processed with one crate of assorted old batteries, a sea container of old tyres and a pallet of damaged wheelie bins have been prepared and shipped to Darwin for disposal and recycling. The team also continues the ongoing services of delivering replacement wheelie to approved designated lot numbers.

The team has been working hard on the road shoulders maintenance and pothole filling along with repairs to damaged street signs to keep our roads safe. Unfortunately, some signs have



Old batteries collected.



Replaced wheelie bins.



Old tyres being collected for recycling.

been damaged again, which is incredibly frustrating and costly.

The team has achieved great work at the Galiwinku cemetery. They have spent quite some time on beautification works in the area. Prioritising clearing of vegetation and tidying up grave



Pothole repair works being undertaken.

sites. This delivered fantastic results and job well done.



Cemetery maintenance in full swing.



Investment in professional and skill development has been a focus. Team members have completed training in chain saw operation, manual handling,

foreign tree hazards awareness and tractor slashing management, ensuring they are fully prepared ahead of the wet season- while some members have also undertaken First Aid Training.



Chainsaw Operation training.



Tractor and Slashing training.

The Oval irrigation system is currently non-operational after power outage damaged the control unit and blew a fuse on the power line; these issues have been reported to repairs and maintenance team, with works currently being scheduled for the beginning of the new year.

To celebrate all the great work achieved this period and the departure of Relief Council Services Manager / Municipal Services Supervisor, Adam Johnson for a much needed break, a BBQ was held to celebrate all the achievements made. Well done to the Galiwin'ku Municipal Services team! Recruitment remains ongoing for a permanent Municipal Services Supervisor.



Galiwin'ku Municipal Services team.



BBQ time for all the hard work undertaken.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Community Night Patrol is transporting wandering children to their homes and supporting funerals assisting in transportation of attendees and providing nighttime related support. Observations show that Kava and card games are largely contributing to children wandering the streets of a night. The Community Night Patrol team is working hard to keep the vulnerable community members safe.

Galiwin'ku Visitors' Accommodation

We would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all the incredible work that Senior Cleaner, Yutta Thamma continues to undertake each day.

Yutta has been busy tending to the gardens around the accommodation site and continues to improve the look and feel of the site by propagating existing plants and really contributing to making it a great welcoming space. Yutta also supports our guests and stakeholders from the time they check-in right up until they depart Galiwin'ku. Additionally, Yutta also looks after our vacant East Arnhem Regional Council properties plus cleaning the Main Council Office three times a week. Yutta is consistently hard working and keeping on top of a very full workload. Great work Yutta, his work certainly doesn't go unnoticed.

Active Communities & Youth Services (ACYS)

Active Communities programs continue to be well attended, with young people especially enjoying board-board, Edor, volleyball, discos, cooking programs, library time and AFL after school. During October, Evellena, Merinda and Aliy escorted a group of under 15s girls for the 5th Annual AFLX Regional Championship in Gunyangara. Next 9 Sports Academy is scheduled to run a school holiday basketball program alongside the Active Communities team during the next school holidays.



AFLX Women's Regional Championship held in Gunyangara.

Staffing levels across Active Communities programs have been low over the past few months due to funerals.

We request consideration and support from the Local Authority to clear an area at Buthan to enable us to run activities. Preparing a space by clearing the ground and adding sand would allow Evellena and her team to safely facilitate games and events for community members. Children that reside at Buthan do not always have the opportunity to attend our programs due to the distance to Recreation Hall, outdoor courts and oval.



Cooking Program at the Galiwin'ku Recreation Hall.

We also would like to request consideration for the installation of a permanent shade structure at the front of the Recreation Hall. Many of our arts, craft and wet-activity programs are conducted outdoors to protect Library furniture and flooring from potential damage. However, during the afternoons (when after-school attendance is highest) the area is exposed to full sun. A permanent shaded space would improve participant comfort and safety while allowing us to expand the range of activities delivered throughout the year.

Youth Diversion

In addition to working with young people in Galiwin'ku, Michelle has been travelling to Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala, Ramingining and Gunyangara to work with young people in the youth diversion program to assist them with meeting their requirements.

In Galiwin'ku, the program also works alongside Yalu and Shepherdson College to support young people who are referred informally, including visiting families to discuss support. Michelle is currently planning early intervention activities for at-risk young people and welcomes ideas from Local Authority to support these young people and community.

Libraries and Cultural Heritage (LCH)

The library continues to operate as a welcoming respite space for community members, especially during the build-up before wet season. Visitors attend the library to use computers, watch movies and music videos and relax with family in the air-conditioning. On Wednesday afternoons, the space is consistently used as a youth drop in space, and the library is also utilised by Families are First Teachers (FaFT) every Friday morning during the school term.

Verity and Library and Cultural Heritage Workers, Nicole Gaykamangu and Nicole Yunupingu recently travelled to Ramingining for a learning exchange with Ramingining library staff. The visit provided an opportunity to share skills, procedures and experiences, as well as discuss the challenges and successes of day-to-day library operations. During the week, both teams also worked hard to sort and organise books, clean the library space, and move furniture, helping to create a more welcoming and functional environment for community members. The Ramingining team was also introduced to the Yolngu world view classification system used in the Galiwin'ku library, with the aim to implement this across all EARC remote libraries in the future. Ramingining library staff are scheduled to travel to Galiwin'ku in the new year for further skills sharing and more connection between the library teams.



Puzzle time at the Galiwin'ku Library.



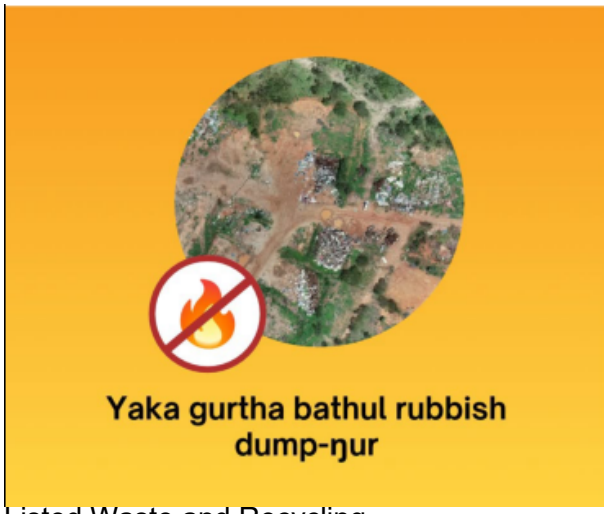
Skill sharing between Galiwin'ku and Ramingining Library Staff.

Waste and Environmental Update

We are preparing new signage at the landfill to ensure that users are dropping off their waste at the appropriate bays. We have found that waste is continually dumped anywhere and everywhere across the site, which then in turn means the MS team spend additional time

having to relocate waste to the correct bays. After the installation of the new signage, the layout will be updated on the EARC website while also forming part of the Waste Management Facility Induction for contractors who use the site.

Uncontrolled fires are a risk factor in our remote landfills. To help reduce these fires, we created this communication with Yolngu Martha and published it on Facebook.



Listed Waste and Recycling

Yaka gurtha bathul rubbish dump-ŋur.

Wiripu gurtha rubbish dump-ŋurdja yaka nhakun ḏiltjipuy gurtha.

Ŋunhi ŋanapurr ŋuli bathan gurtha ŋayi ŋuli botjin watay gäma garrwarkum.

Yaka dhuŋguryurr gurtha rubbish dump-ŋur marr ga djamarrkuḻi', ŋaḻapaḻmirr ga gurruṯumirr mala limurruŋ manymak ga nhina ga yaka walal dhu rerrikthun yätjkurryu ŋawululyu.

Ŋunhi nhe dhu nhäma gurtha rubbish dump-ŋur, riŋimap East Arnhem Regional Council dhipal number-lil 08 8986 8986

Gandjuḻ djämamirr mala ŋunhi walalaŋ ga gakal ŋorra walal ŋuli ga djäma rubbish dump-ŋur ga dharray ŋurikiyi wäŋaw. Walalaŋ ga ŋorra yoranhawuy walalwuy dhu yan ga gurtha bathan rubbish dump-ŋur

East Arnhem Regional Council walal ŋuli ga dharray rubbish dump-guny mala Miliŋinbi, Ramangiṉiŋ, Galiwin'ku ga Gapuwiyak.

No fires at the rubbish dump.

Fires at the rubbish dump are different from fires in the bush.

When we burn rubbish, poisonous smoke can go into the air.

Do not light fires at the landfill, so that you are helping to keep everyone safe. Our children, our Elders, our family members, everyone.

If you see a fire at the rubbish dump, ring the East Arnhem Regional Council on this number: 08 8986 8986

Sometimes Council workers with the right skills are using fires to look after the rubbish dump. The workers have askec for permission and they know how to use the fires in a safe way.

The East Arnhem Regional Council looks after the rubbish dumps in Miliŋinbi, Raminginiŋ, Galiwin'ku and Gapuwiyak.

English translation.

The Galiwin'ku Municipal Services team have collected and sent these listed wastes to Darwin to be processed.

Waste Stream	Device	Units
Batteries	1x Battery Box	~30
Tyres	1x Container	~60

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Public and Transport Infrastructure Report

AUTHOR Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Public and Transport Infrastructure Services Report.

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council's consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2025-2026 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND:

As part of Council's Annual Plan, a range of projects and initiatives were tabled and subsequently approved by the Local Authorities and Council for the 2026-2027 financial year. Ongoing updates on these projects will be provided at each meeting. In addition, any new initiatives or emerging matters of relevance to the community will also be discussed.

The information within this report covers actions associated with the below areas and report owners:

116 – Lighting for Public Safety (Report Owner – Mickey Khalid)

Public street lighting maintenance activities were undertaken in accordance with Council's maintenance program. The contractor completed street lighting maintenance and replacement works in Galiwinku during September 2026 and subsequently mobilised to other communities in line with the approved maintenance schedule to continue programmed works.

118 – *Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management (Report Owner – Bruce Hall)*

The first Round of maintenance grading of internal and rural road network has been completed with additional work put into the Gawa Access Road to repair an area that was in very poor condition. This re-sheet has improved access and safety for those using the road.

119 – *Local Road Upgrade and Construction (Report Owner – Bruce Hall)*

As the Wet Season is approaching, road works are winding down. We are investigating possible Road Infrastructure projects for next year.

122 – *Building Infrastructure Services (Report Owner – Bruce Hall)*

Lot 344, Accommodation Block. The Tender is being prepared for roof repairs and upgrades and should be released in coming weeks.

Lot 322 – Works are continuing on the installation of a new Flyover and should be completed prior to the Wet Season.

Lot 370- Demolition is complete and we are trying to settle the design for the replacement dwelling.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

AUTHOR Neil Moores (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

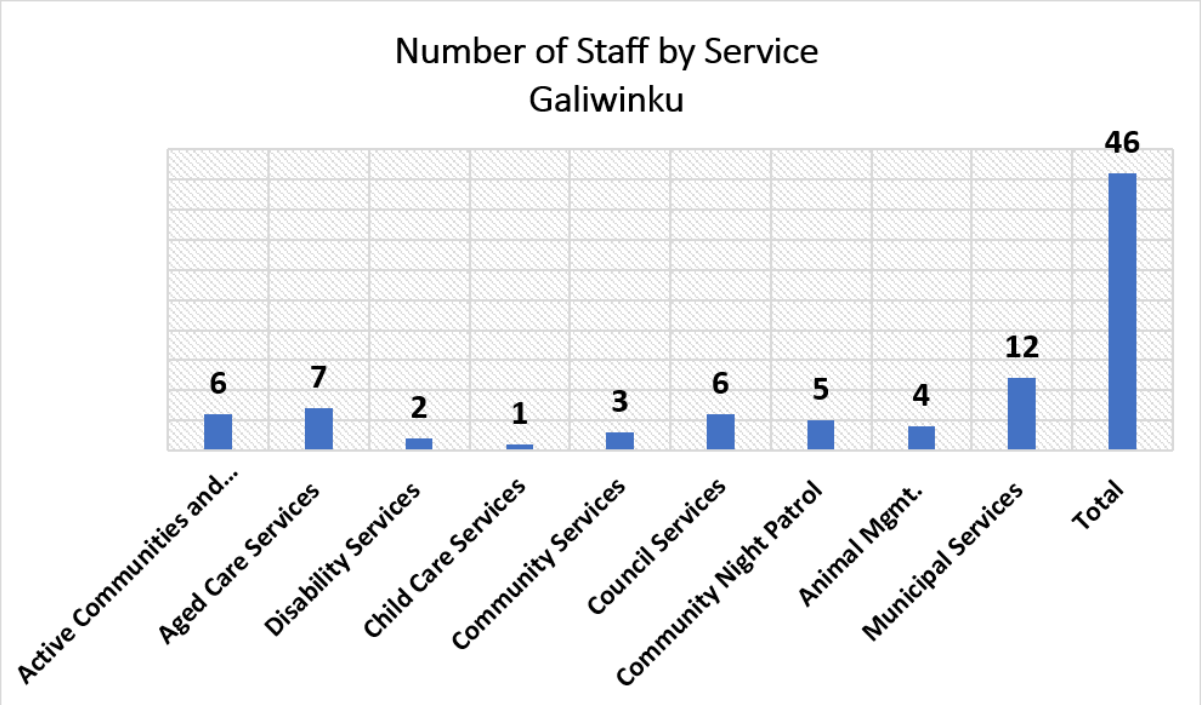
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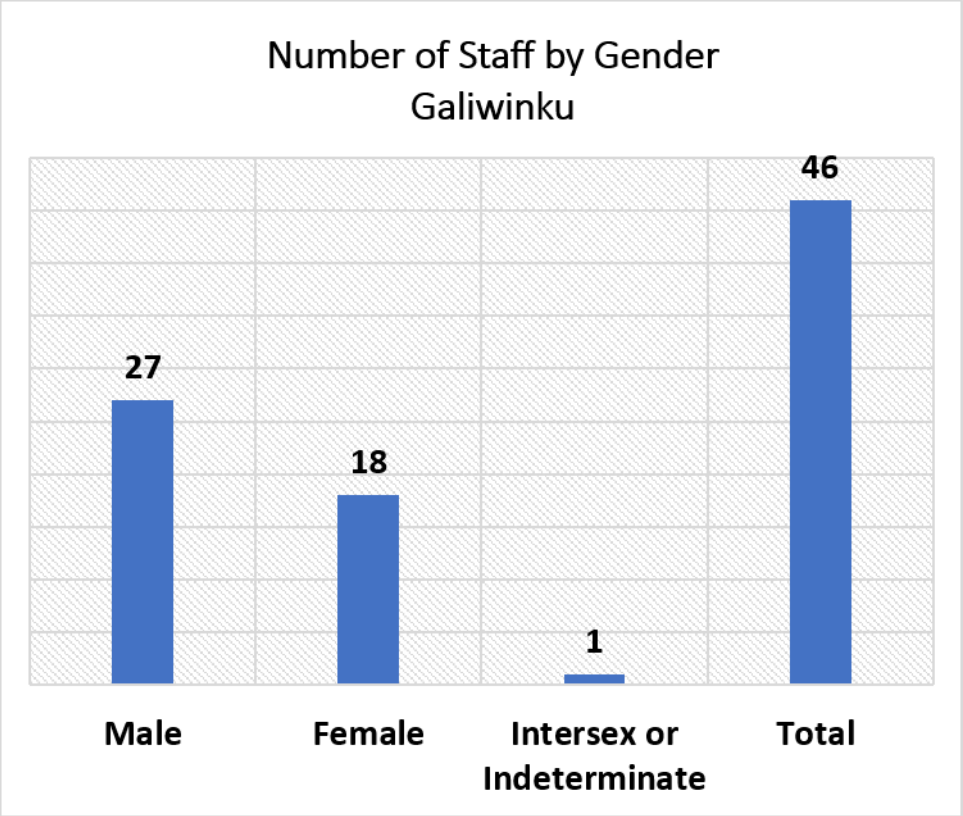
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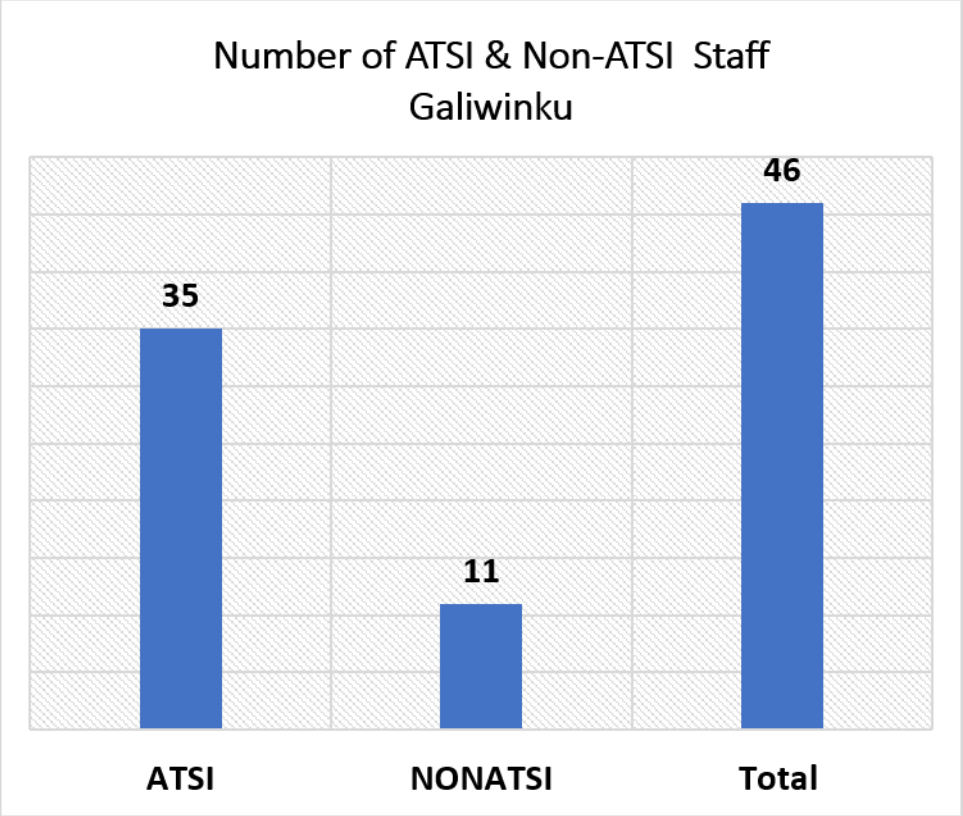
This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

GENERAL:

Employment Statistics:




Number of Staff by Gender
Galiwinku
27
18
1
46
Male
Female
Intersex or Indeterminate
Total


Number of ATSI & Non-ATSI Staff
Galiwinku
35
11
46
ATSI
NONATSI
Total

VACANCIES AS AT 31.10.2026

Job Title	Location	Recruitment Type	Employment Type	Number of Vacancies
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
CNP Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Parttime	1
Customer Service Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Disability Services Support Worker - Gal	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Disability Services Support Worker - Gal	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Municipal Services Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Full Time	1
Municipal Services Supervisor - Gal	Galiwinku	External	Full Time	1

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

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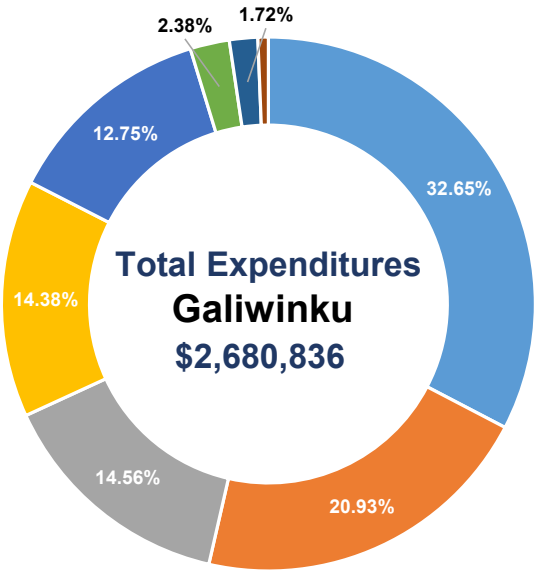
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LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - GALIWINKU

FUNDS LEFT

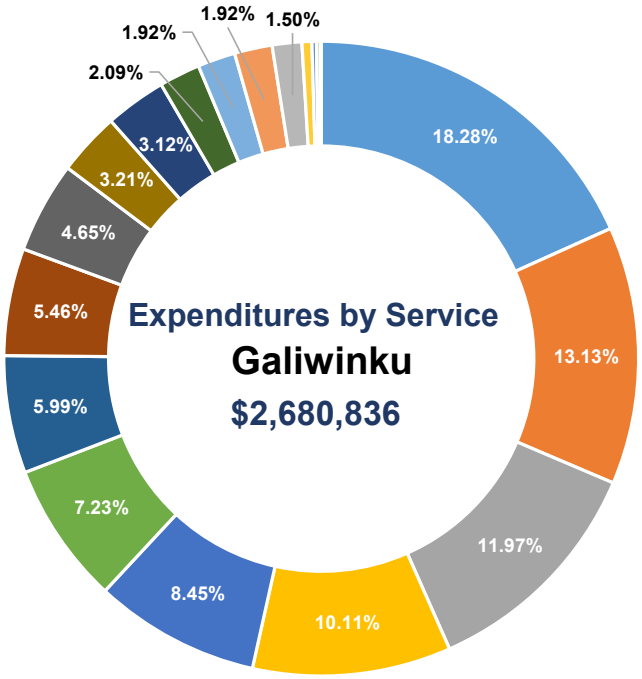
As at 31st October 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	**1,041,413**	**-**	**1,041,413**	**622,201**	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(622,201)**	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	**1,041,413**	**-**	**1,041,413**	**-**	
LESS LAPF PROJECTS					
300517 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Public Toilets at Airport	(188,101)	(138,126)	(326,228)	-	0%
300817 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Co-contribution to a ceremony area	(16,199)	(42,882)	(59,081)	-	0%
TOTAL PROJECTS	**(204,300)**	**(181,008)**	**(385,309)**	**-**	**0%**
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			**656,105**	**-**	



where money was spent?

- Employee Costs $875,315
- Fleet & Buildings $561,192
- Materials and Contracts $390,281
- General $385,597
- Core Recovery $341,730
- Insurance & Finance $63,818
- IT Charges $46,003
- Capital $16,900



- 169 - Municipal Services $489,925
- 129 - Waste and Environmental Services $351,998
- 141 - Aged Care Services $320,898
- 107 - Council Services $270,929
- 122 - Building and Infrastructure Services $226,564
- 152 - Active Communities $193,839
- 171 - Disability Services $160,581
- 147 - Community Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter Services $146,382
- 145 - Child Care Services $124,630
- 108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services $86,009
- 139 - Visitor Accommodation $83,584
- 116 - Lighting for Public Safety $56,060
- 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management $51,506
- 115 - Library Services $51,497
- 170 - Youth Services $40,343
- 100 - Local Authorities Boards $13,558
- 119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction $6,160
- 146 - Community Media $5,161
- 156 - Community Events $1,214

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the updates from the Local Police Department.

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

4 Meeting Close