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**OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku**  
**Local Authority**  
**13 April 2026**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:32 am.

### Members in Attendance:

Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi (Chair)

Virginia Ripa

Nancy Gudaltji

Terry Walunba

Bobby Nyikamula

### East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)

Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services) – Attended online

Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) – Attended online

## MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

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### 1.3 Attendance

#### SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/66 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Ripa)

#### That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Stephen Dhamarrandji, Evelynna Dhamarrandji, Glenys Dalliston, Melissa Campbell.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Evelynna Dhamarrandji, Stephen Dhamarrandji, Glenys Dalliston.
- (c) Notes that Kaye Thurlow has advised she is no longer a resident of Galwinku and that she has moved interstate to retire, LA thanks her for her contribution and the work she did for the East Arnhem region for over 50 years.
- (d) Notes that Melissa Campbell is no longer a resident of Galiwinku and has moved to Darwin, thanks her for her many years of service.
- (e) Notes Stephen Dhamarrandji, Evelynna Dhamarrandji and Glenys Dalliston are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.4 Conflict of Interest

**SUMMARY:**

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

GAL 2025/59 **RESOLVED (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)**

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

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAL 2025/61 **RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)**

**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 January 2026.**

**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

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 2.1 Local Authority Action Items

**SUMMARY:**

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

GAL 2025/62 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Terry Walunba)**

**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.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 2.2 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 2025/65 **RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)**

**That the Local Authority :**

**(a) Notes the CEO report.**

**(b) Endorses the improved and expanded Advocacy issues as endorsed by Council.**

#### **NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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2.3 Council Services Report

##### **SUMMARY:**

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

GAL 2025/63 **RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Ripa)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.**

#### **NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

##### **SUMMARY:**

This report is submitted for the Local Authority'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 2025/67 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**That Local Authority note the Technical Services Report.**

#### **NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

##### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2026 within the Local Authority area.

GAL 2025/68 **RESOLVED (Terry Walunba/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 28 February 2026.**

### 3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

#### DISCUSSION WITH THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

GAL 2025/64 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Local Police Department.**

#### YOUTH REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

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3.2 Youth Representation and Engagement

GAL 2025/64 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**That Local Authority Endorses the appointment of at least one young woman and one young man (16 to 25 years of age) – to formalise the greater direct engagement of young people, and their voices on important issues, challenges and opportunities.**

The next meeting is to be held on 25 May 2026.

### 4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:00 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 13 April 2026.