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OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku
Local Authority
27 July 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Chair opened the meeting at 11:30AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Members in Attendance:

Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji
Bobby Nyikamula
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Virginia Ripa

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Vivek Gummalla (Strategic Coordinator)
Adam Johnson (Council Services)
Ashleigh Waldron (Governance Support Officer) – Attended via Teams
Arvin Roping (Regional Manager) – Attended via Teams

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 from the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

GAL 2025/78 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Cyril Bukulatji and Glenys Dalliston.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Evelyn Dhamarrandji and Glenys Dalliston.
- (c) Notes Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Cyril Bukulatji and Glenys Dalliston are 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 2025/79 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Ripa)

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAL 2025/80 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Ripa)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 May 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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/82 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Ripa)

That the Local Authority Notes the Action Items.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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 2025/88 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Supports the call by Council to tackle domestic violence, predominantly against women, and violence against and neglect of children, which is not our culture, by:

- 1. Family, community members and all people calling out and reporting domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children when they see it.**
- 2. Working in close collaboration with and support of the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiario led Northern Territory Government.**
- 3. Engaging with and supporting other Aboriginal controlled organisations, particularly the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation in building a properly coordinated,**

resourced and effective strategy to support community members to recognise, challenge and prevent further abuse.

4. Supporting local Police officers to hold more sessions with children, boys and girls at the school and public events to raise awareness about the problem of domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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 2025/81 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authorities consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate.

GAL 2025/83 **RESOLVED** (Terry Walunba/Virginia Rripa)

That Council:

(a) Notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

(b) Endorse their preference for potential other locations for the Ceremony Area, map 3 on page 51 of the Agenda.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 June 2026 within the Local Authority area.

GAL 2025/86 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Bobby Nyikamula)

That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 June 2026.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.6 Council Office - Hazardous Tree

SUMMARY:

The Mahogany tree located at Lot 263 Galiwin'ku Council Office is recommended for removal due to its shallow roots system and poor anchorage, which makes it highly susceptible to uprooting or failure during strong winds.

GAL 2025/89 **RESOLVED** (Virginia Rripa/Nancy Gudaltji)

The Local Authority endorses the removal of the Mahogany Tree at the Galiwin'ku Council Office.

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Discussion with the Local Police

GAL 2025/85 **RESOLVED** (Nancy Gudaltji/Virginia Rripa)

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.2 Presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

GAL 2025/84 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Terry Walunba)

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28 September 2026.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 2:51pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 27 July 2026