



OPEN AGENDA for the Galiwin'ku
Local Authority
23 March 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-ŋiw'maram:

- limurr dhu rä-l-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrŋgalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhaŋu

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

- ŋalma ŋarru räal-manapanmi ganydjarrwu ŋakanhaminyarawu ŋalmaliŋuwaywuru,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

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

- ŋilimurru yurru rä-l-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurrŋgalaŋawu,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapthunmaranhamirr bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barranŋa'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurr buku-ŋiw'maram wäŋa mittji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku rä-l-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurrŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw woŋdaŋarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr 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 March 2026 at 11:30 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:

Melissa Campbell
Virginia Ripa
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Bobby Nyikamula
Kaye Thurlow
Glenys Dalliston
Cr Cyril Bukulatjpi
Cr Evelynna Dhamarrandji
Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

RECOMMENDATION:

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

OR

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

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND:

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that "A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee,

council, council committee or Local Authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

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

GENERAL:

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

When this occurs, the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove 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 previous meeting held on 30 January 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Galiwinku Local Authority - Minutes 30 Jan 2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku
Local Authority
30 January 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:41 AM.

Members in Attendance:

Cr Cyril Bukulatjpi (Chair)
Virginia Rripa
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Bobby Nyikamula
Kaye Thurlow
Glenys Dalliston
Cr Evelynna Dhamarrandji
Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji
President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

East Arnhem Council Officers:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Harrison Page (Council Services Manager)
Jamie Clarke (Communications Advisor)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) - Attended online
Ben Waugh (External)

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 2025/50 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Kaye Thurlow)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) **Notes the absence of Melissa Campbell.**
- (b) **Determines Melissa Campbell is absent without permission of the Local Authority under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.**

GALIWIN'KU LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

30 JANUARY 2026

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/51 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Bobby Nyikamula)

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAL 2025/52 **RESOLVED** (Kaye Thurlow/Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes as amended of the previous meeting held on 27 October 2025.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

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

The Committee did not make a resolution on this item.

GALIWIN'KU LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

30 JANUARY 2026

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 2025/55 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 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 2025/53 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Kaye Thurlow)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager Report and expresses sincere thanks to Harry for his support to the community.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 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.

The Committee did not make a resolution on this item.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 December 2025 within the Local Authority area.

GAL 2025/54 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Glenys Dalliston)

That the Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 December 2025.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.6 Presentation from Ben Waugh

GAL 2025/56 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That the Local Authority endorses the community consultation report for the five year strategic plan.

4 Date of Next Meeting

23 March 2026.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 02:14 PM

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Galiwinku Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 30 January 2026.

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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 May 2025 1 15 [2.1.1 - 16 pages]

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>Community Asbestos Update</p>	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>(a) Notes the Community Asbestos Update, particularly the initial recommendations about the asbestos in Galiwin'ku.</p> <p>(b) Supports a temporary licenced storage area at the current land fill site.</p> <p>(c) Support Indigenous employment and training for the asbestos removal project.</p> <p>(d) Will provide the General Manager of Technical & Infrastructure Services with a map that identifies priority areas.</p>	<p>12.05.2021 – Will update further prior to next Local Authority meeting.</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Update provided to Local Authority, Budget was submit to the NTG and EARC are waiting for it to be approved and sent back with a contract. This will also include a storage container that will be portable. Training is also included in the budget with regards to the removal of asbestos – Ongoing – Updates will be provided at next meeting.</p> <p>12.10.2021 - position advertised for the project and communications officer - position should be filled November - more update provided in future reports.</p> <p>18.11.2021 – Interview was done on 17 Nov. A draft employment contract will be finalised, and probable start would be January 2022.</p> <p>10.03.2022 – Employment contract counter signed – commencement February 2022 – attendance by the Waste Team and Ben for an introduction and finalised project direction is scheduled for this meeting.</p> <p>17.03.2022 – A report and presentation will be tabled in the May meeting</p> <p>19.05.2022 – An update was provided by Ben Jones - Environmental Projects and Communication Officer.</p> <p>21.07.2022 – Removal contractors for stage 1 to be engaged and progressed as soon as possible.</p> <p>19.10.22 – Stage one complete being the initial Emu pick with highlighted initial risk area within the town area being cleared by independent environmentalist – stage 2 or the continuation into other areas is being discussed with the consortium group partners – and further updates will be provided in the December Council meeting.</p> <p>19.01.2023 – Meeting on 6 Feb in Galiwinku to discuss further.</p> <p>23.03.2023 – Ongoing</p> <p>27.04.23 – to commence shortly.</p> <p>29.06.23 – Stage 2 underway.</p> <p>21.07.23 ongoing works</p> <p>29.08.23 - Stage 2 completed – Stage 3 remediation meeting taken place with committee. Further in Tech report. Stage 2 finished</p> <p>21.09.23 – Stage 3 old dumping site – meetings held another meeting scheduled to seek funding in 2 weeks.</p> <p>23.11.2023 – Water table testing at contaminated legacy sites ongoing.</p> <p>25.01.24 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide update at next meeting.</p>

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>22.02.24 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services has provided a detailed update on this in the Tech report listed in the Council Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>28.03.24 – No update. Director of Council Services to advise next meeting.</p> <p>24.04.24 – Waiting on funding for third stage.</p> <p>23.05.24 - money in budget for monitoring bore for stage 2. Stage 3 funding to be confirmed - significant costs.</p> <p>25.06.24 – Funding agreement from NIAA – to contribute to the third stage. Waiting on one from NTG.</p> <p>17.07.24 – the NTG funding has been received for 2025.</p> <p>19.09.24 – All subsequent areas identified in the community have been cleaned up. Next steps NIAA and NTG have provided funding – ongoing works - update to be provided at next meeting. Agon environment has been selected to complete the detailed site inspection for the site and will be provided at the next meeting for approval.</p> <p>21.11.2024 – Consultants taking samples in the community over past weeks – after samples are returned next steps will be put in place.</p> <p>11.12.2024 - ongoing and in progress.</p> <p>23.01.2025 – samples have been taken from 77 test pits – results have been processed – Council to meet with AGON environmental. Update hopefully by next meeting.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Further testing ongoing, update to be provided next Council meeting.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Consultants have taken samples and have results – meeting to take place with NTG with the findings outcome. Update next meeting.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Scope of works have finished for the project and awaiting the last report and this will be followed by recommendations – NLC will drive the project.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Consultants have finalised findings noting how to move forward. This now sits with NLC, NIAA and EARC to decide the next steps.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Final work order has been finished and submitted to the environment protection agency and they will come back with recommendations by end July.</p> <p>27.10.25 – Final report is being finalised, waiting on that for further actions.</p> <p>27.01.26 - After sampling, it has been established that significant amounts of asbestos are buried and at the surface at both sites. These appear to be historic landfills with mixed wastes buried to about 0.7m. Soil sampling has indicated significant levels of asbestos and some heavy metals at both sites, in both solids and as dusts. The sites were also tested for landfill gases, and the potential was found</p>

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>to be low. It is clearly demonstrated that any activity at these sites would mobilise some of these materials.</p> <p>There is no evidence that the asbestos or heavy metals are affecting Power and Water's use of nearby bore water as a potable water supply for the Galiwinku community. Power & Water (PW) has been approached to test the water from these bores, and PW has not cooperated.</p> <p>The next step in managing this sits with Jean-Paul Pearce, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Appointed Environmental Auditor (Contaminated Land)</p> <p>Jean will contact the EPA and PW to request access to the bores for water-quality testing.</p>
KAVA	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</p> <p>b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either:</p> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and</p>	<p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing.</p> <p>20.05.2021 – Still unsure when this will be happening, Update has been provided to LA, will update up at next LA meeting – Ongoing.</p> <p>17.12.2021 – A separate report on this will be presented by the CEO in the meeting.</p> <p>12.01.2022 – Ongoing.</p> <p>17.03.2022 – Discussion on Kava will continue with the community.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>21.07.2022 – Ongoing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>24.11.2022 as above – Progress being made with Government, letter written to Chief Minister.</p> <p>21.07.23 Dale to update in his report.</p> <p>29.08.23 Told by Chief Minister about 6 weeks ago, that there is progress in this area.</p> <p>21.09.23– Update in CEO report to be provided.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>25.01.24 – Issue raised at last Council meeting – NIAA to attend next Council meeting and talks will progress.</p>

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	social impacts from increased kava availability.	<p>21.02.24 – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities. PFES requested continuous support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Continue to ask Council to progress discussion at the next Council Meeting in April with NIAA.</p> <p>24.04.24 – CEO to write to Department requesting update.</p> <p>23.05.24 – NTG and NIAA to update at next Council meeting</p> <p>25.06.24 – NIAA & NTG to attend June Council meeting to provide updates and discussions.</p> <p>17.07.24 – No real progress. No action – ongoing.</p> <p>19.09.24 – Ongoing</p> <p>21.11.2024 – Ongoing to be covered in CEO Report.</p> <p>23.01.24 – Ongoing – meeting with Jacinta Price office – as part of 8 Advocacy Items.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Mark Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Mr Guyula joined the meeting via TEAMS and spoke with the members about kava. Further updates in the CEO Report.</p> <p>23.04.25 – No change – to be addressed with newly elected Government.</p> <p>22.05.25 – No change – Ongoing as above.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>27 .10.25 – Police in Nhulnbuy have mentioned that they received a letter from Minister that NTG are willing to do community consultations.</p>
Oval for AFL Games (Technical and Infrastructure Team to follow-up)	Invite NIAA and EARC Youth Sport and Recreation Regional Manager to discuss the program at the next scheduled meeting.	<p>19.01.23 – Director Community Development to address.</p> <p>23.03.2023 –</p> <p>a) The Local Authority requests the AFL recruitment and placement manager to attend the next Local authority meeting to discuss the program.</p> <p>b) The Local Authority requests and advance proposed timetable for all oval usage by the sporting organisations and the Sport and Recreation Regional Manager and Council Operations Manager to meet and decide on oval usage.'</p> <p>27.04.23 – working through MoU to include all aspects and dynamics.</p> <p>29.06.23 – Ongoing</p> <p>21.07.23 – Andrew’s team working with AFL program – and will provide an update.</p> <p>29.08.23 – Divyan Ahimaz and Peter Dunkley have been working on scheduling roster and lighting allocation for night sports etc.,</p>

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>21.09.23 – Work is in progress – Draft agreement finalised for external use.</p> <p>23.11.23 – Nearly complete. By next report a further report will be provided, to close the item</p> <p>22.02.24 – Waiting for more information from the Government.</p> <p>23.05.24 – Included in Community Services Report.</p> <p>18.07.24 – Council has received a grant specific for running events. Contact AFL, basketball and swimming NT and other providers to deliver services. – Update in next meeting.</p> <p>19.09.24 – Ongoing – Cr Kaye Thurlow has asked why the oval is not being watered and is the irrigation working. Council Services Manager to provide update – additionally advise what can be done to fix the issue.</p> <p>21.11.24 – Requesting a quote and advice to see best way to repair or replace. Waiting on assessment from contractor.</p> <p>11.12.24 – Engaged the company to determine its’ repairable or we must replace. Contractor should be out at Galiwinku before Christmas.</p> <p>23.01.25 - Still unsure if it’s repair or replace. Contractor not contactable prior to Xmas, should be February.</p> <p>20.03.25 - Still waiting for contractor to go to Elcho to see whether the oval green is worth repairing or not.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Have engaged with contractor and have arranged a time to go over and review, repair or replace.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Contractor and Municipal Supervisor have been engaging and reviewing the current issues with the irrigation system – Ongoing.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Ongoing. Councillors are concerned that dry season will cause the oval to dry out.</p> <p>10.7. 25 - Finke water is flying in to provide an update and what is required. Councillors want to understand why the irrigation cannot be fixed.</p> <p>27.10.25 – Received pricing from Think Water, as it has been expensive, Public Infrastructure to investigate the alternate options.</p> <p>26.11.25 – Irrigation specialist to visit the community in early December, if additional works required will be followed up in January.</p> <p>24.02.25 – Irrigation specialist has visited. He would do another visit in dry season. GMTIS in discussion with DCOM regarding the upgrades.</p>

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
NT AFL Program		<p>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.</p> <p>14.12.23 – As above.</p> <p>25.01.24 – NT AFL Representatives attended today’s meeting and provided update.</p> <p>22.02.24 – Draft Agreement is done. Waiting for AFL to provide timetable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>24.04.24 – New grant focussing on events – Calendar containing holding events etc.,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>18.07.24 – As above, both are intertwined.</p> <p>19.09.24 – As above.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Emailed NLC regarding leave on 575 and again waiting on NLC to respond.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Still waiting on response from NLC – Ongoing.</p>

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<p>155/2021</p> <p>Ninja Park and Water Park</p>	<p>That the Local Authority: Seeks progress of the proposed waterpark and BMX track projects, and the progress on the public toilet to be located at the private charter area at the airport.</p>	<p>12.10.2021 – Ongoing - awaiting NLC consultations - Shelter to be installed Nov/ Dec. 12.01.2022 - NLC consultation has not happened for Galiwinku yet surrounding priority projects with the approval process is still ongoing. 10.03.2022 – Still no outline for project application consultations dates – EARC have approached the NLC again with an offer for the usage of video conferencing from the Darwin office into Community meeting rooms to facilitate these consultations as they are not extensive to that of say consultations for new businesses or land mineral extractions such as mining etc. 8.05.2022 – Consultation date has been suggested for July by the NLC. 29.08 Continue to wait on NLC – Shane has sent email regarding above to no avail. 21.07.2022 – Consultation from the latest communication from the NLS will be in November. 19/11/2022 – as above – consultation is still anticipated prior to Christmas 19.01.2023 – update further in Feb meeting. 23.03.2023 – Latest from NLC is the consultation will begin end of April. 29.08.23 take up to a higher level – CEO & Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to request meeting with CEO and Chairperson of Northern Land Council and if necessary relevant Ministers, and for Council to support the ongoing consultation with the minister regarding the reallocation of LAPF reduced funding. 21.09.23 – NLC in Galiwinku next week, consultation about water park and cultural area – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services will be part of those consultations. 14.12.23 – Have asked for letters of no objection. Update to be provided at next round. 25.01.24 – Letter received – BMX Track can potentially progress. 22.02.24 – Undergoing. Approval received. Work is being done about cultural space. 28.03.24 – Work is underway. 24.04.24 – Being surveyed – discussion being held with Power and Water. 23.05.24 – covered in Tech report. 25.06.24 – Update to be provided by Director Community Services. 18.07.24 – Progression is being made, project manager working on these projects. Covered in Tech report. 19.09.24 – Ongoing 21.11.2024 – Working with Power and Water to clarify the requirements about water capacity and power consumption. Engaging with contractor to complete engineering and design. Should be awarded in the new year and from there into construction. 11.12.24 – Site service plan approval from Power and Water and have given approval for Water Park rights, working through the tender document and looking at mid-January to go to advertising.</p>
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		<p>23.01.25 – Progress at 90% waiting on Geotech report.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Everything is going to plan. Approvals for water received 10,000 litre retention is required. 2 – 3 weeks away from tender.</p> <p>20.03.25 – GEM has requested a GEOTECH survey to be completed, to give the tender a better insight.</p> <p>23.04.25 – GEOTECH has been completed and will be incorporated into the tender package.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Tender package is nearing completion and will be put to market early June.</p> <p>25.06.25- Waiting on site servicing plan. Hopefully by end of July.</p> <p>27.10.25 – Site survey has been completed and SSP approved by Power and Water, Underground services survey has been completed, quotes received for geo technical testing. Next steps would be engagement of Geo technical engineer to complete testing and also finalise drainage and hydraulic consideration due to other road works upgrades packages. Confirmation of Tender package viability within budget and preparation for design and construction and release.</p> <p>26.11.25 – Geo Technical engineer to visit the community and provide a report.</p> <p>24.02.25 – Not economically viable.</p>
<p>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.</p>		<p>23.11.23 – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to action.</p> <p>24.01.24 – update next meeting</p> <p>22.01.24 – Work is being done on this.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Cr Kaye, Cr Stephen, Cr Evelynna 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.</p> <p>24.04.24 Finalising design.</p> <p>23.05.24 – Design principals discussed and conveyed to Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>18.07.24 – Consultancy to occur before works continue.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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		<p>23.01.25 – In final process of design, once concluded will deliver to next LA meeting.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Currently doing the Geotech, next LA meeting will seek approval of design to enable it to move forward.</p> <p>20.03.25 – Ongoing -further work to be done on design and potentially the location.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Incorporated with GEOTECH and GMDTIS has another proposal of drawings for the ceremony area.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Galiwinku Cemetery Lighting</p>	<p>Galiwinku cemetery is to have solar lighting and investigate mains power availability.</p>	<p>21.09.23– Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to action.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14.12.23 – Progressing.</p> <p>25.01.24 – Report to be provided next meeting.</p> <p>22.02.24 – Improvement is being made. Two and a half months to three months' time frame.</p> <p>28.03.24 – Works completed by 30 June 2024.</p> <p>24.04.24 – Timeframe as above to finishing.</p> <p>23.05.24 – covered in Tech report.</p> <p>25.06.24 – Ready to go to Tender – must establish a Lot number for the cemetery.</p> <p>18.07.24 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.09.24 – Update to be provided.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11.12.24 – Received quotes for solar lighting and portable PA system.</p> <p>23.01.25 – Procuring materials for project once received contractor will be engaged to install solar lights.</p>

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	<p>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. 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.</p>
<p>Fencing around Galiwinku Cemetery & Identification of old graves.</p>	<p>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 to investigate power poles and wires that are old and not working to being removed.</p>

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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Update to be provided.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Images haven’t been received.</p> <p>24.02.25 – Waiting on the images to organise the clearance of trees.</p>
<p>Street naming</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>19.09.24 – Kaye has asked the members to support the submission as shown in the recommended names and be submitted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11.12.24 – It has been lodged with the Place Names committee.</p> <p>23.01.25 – Regional Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services – to follow up and provide an update.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Waiting on place names committee to get back with approval.</p> <p>20.03.25 - Ongoing as above still waiting on place names committee to approve.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Ongoing Cr Thurlow to try again to contact the street naming department.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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		<p>26.11.25 – Waiting on assessment by NTG place names unit, requests are under review. 24.02.25 – Ongoing.</p>
<p>Money for Roads</p>	<p>Finance Committee report shows Galiwinku doesn't get enough money for roads.</p>	<p>23.05.24 - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide update. 25.06.24 – Ongoing 18.07.24 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide a response to the members through the Council Services Manager. 19.09.24 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide an update out of session. 21.11.24 – Currently compiling all the information all monies from the funding bodies as previous DTSI had full access to this before he resigned. As soon as information is compiled update will be provided at next LA meeting. 11.12.24 – Covered in Tech. Services report and is ongoing updates to be provided at next LA meeting. 23.01.25 – Meeting will be held next week to provide clarification and update and improved transparency. 19.02.25 – Working on making sure 100% where the funding is going and giving transparency. 20.03.25 – Ongoing with consolidation with all ongoing and outstanding with all maintenance and upgrade works, to ensure we understand how to move on with a strategic plan for funding allocation. 23.04.25 - Ongoing in review with audit. 22.05.25 – Road consultant engineering firm has completed audit and now Transport Infrastructure team waiting on report. Once received they can apply for funding. 25.06.25- still waiting on report. 27.10.25 – The consultant, TransportWise, has completed their audit and submitted the report. The GM Technical & Infrastructure Services and RM Transport Infrastructure will meet with TransportWise to go over the report. The focus will be on understanding the recommendations and using them to develop a 5–10 year transport infrastructure plan. This plan will help guide future investments and ensure 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 – Currently looking at upgrading stormwater drainage, will apply grant funding.</p>

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<p>Broken Lighting</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Streetlights and footpaths and roads</p>	<p>upgrades needed</p>	<p>23.01.25 -tender has been awarded <i>and audit to commence late February early</i>. 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.</p>

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<p>Stormwater Management</p>	<p>Responsibilities for stormwater and road at rear of the school,</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>19.02.25 ARCOS is in community now and doing the staging for the drainage etc.,</p> <p>20.03.25 – Engagement across stakeholders to understand the best solutions for this. Consultations have been completed in last two to three weeks.</p> <p>23.04.25 – ARRCOS are now at 95% on the drawings and once complete will go to tender.</p> <p>22.05.25 – Arccos are currently working through design for package three, which is related to stormwater for the school – Wakirana Street.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Update to be provided. Design by 4 July – month for tenders, review of design.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Review of report completed, further actions being mapped for the new year</p> <p>Related Money for roads item</p>

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ADVOCACY ITEMS/ITEMS ON HOLD:

<p>Increased funding of Anglicare for money management to be increased from once a month to at least two days per week.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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 she 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. 27.10.25 – Anglicare has current funding allows once a month visit, they are looking for options to attend more often. MOVE TO ADVOCACY</p>
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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report

AUTHOR	Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority :

- (a) Notes the CEO report.
- (b) Endorses the improved and expanded Advocacy issues as endorsed by Council.

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:

Advocacy

Council and the Local Authorities have formally considered and endorsed a growing number of important issues to advocate for action from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments, for the social well-being of the communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land.

The Local Authority is asked to consider and endorse the following improved and expanded Key Advocacy Issues.

1. Youth Justice and new ways of addressing a high and growing level of youth crime focused on community based facilities, where young offenders are required to stay but be provided support from Council and other relevant service providers – for alcohol and other substance mis-use, trauma and family neglect, and engage the offenders in genuine and effective learning on country of traditional culture, identity and respect, community service, sport and recreation, vocational training, and a clear pathway to jobs – and if anyone fails to do this, they will be sent away to the standard prison system.
2. Shift from dependency on government payments and programs like the previous Community Development Program (CDP), and the new Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES), to include the genuine mutual obligation of community members to participate in work or training to continue to receive payments, to support genuine personal and family responsibility and accountability.
3. Real Local Decision Making - a shift from ignoring and excluding our Indigenous controlled Local Authorities and Council to facilitate open, legitimate, and transparent engagement with all communities and homelands to hear the voices of all people, and support genuine engagement, collaboration, and partnership with the other two levels of government, to gain meaningful and practical outcomes.

4. The ongoing and unaddressed problem of the illegal sale of kava, alcohol and other drugs, illegal card games and the damaging effect they have on communities and homelands.
5. The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The de-registration of providers or related companies of disability services that are involved in exploitation and abuse of clients, and other illegal activities.
9. Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.
10. The need for effective consultation, engagement, planning and the commitment of required funding from Rio Tinto, the Northern Territory Government, Federal Government, and other relevant stakeholders, to secure the future of Gove as a regional centre.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

AUTHOR

Signe Balodis (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

It has been a busy few months to start year for East Arnhem Regional Council in Galiwin'ku. Sadly, the Council Office was again targeted with a break in occurring on 24 February 2026. As had been the case with the previous break in just before Christmas, the post office was the area of interest. This left us with yet another hefty job to reconcile the damaged mail articles and resulted in the Office being closed for four days. It is extremely disappointing that this behaviour continues to happen and takes its toll on our team members who are left to pick up the pieces. In saying that, the team pressed on and operations have returned to normal.

Previous Council Services Manager, Harrison Page, has now finished up his role with the Senior Administration Officer, Glenys Dallistion, currently the Acting Council Services Manager while the recruitment phase is underway. We would like to formally acknowledge all the hard work and dedication to the role that Harrison brought to East Arnhem Regional Council along with his operational and leadership skills that have helped guide the team to build extra capacity and skills within their roles. We would also like to thank Glenys for her ongoing commitment while acting in the role.

We had the pleasure of assisting with the community farewell and celebration of former Councillor and valued long term community member Kaye Thurlow. An evening event was held on the church lawns to celebrate Kaye's contributions to the community and East Arnhem Regional Council along with sharing many of her stories and experiences throughout her time in Galiwin'ku. The evening was enjoyed by many, and we wish Kaye all the best in the next chapter of her life.



Final Local Authority Meeting for Kaye Thurlow and Harrison Page – January 2026.

The team have undertaken First Aid training to ensure that everyone's First Aid and CPR certifications are up to date.

Currently we have a vacancy for a Liaison Officer and a casual Customer Service Officer position to cover Maternity Leave of one of our team members.

Municipal Services

Municipal Services have been pushing hard these past two months. The continuation of heavy rainfall this wet season has meant that cutting grass has continued to be the primary focus of the service and has kept the team very busy. This has been assisted by the team working to the new Municipal Services workplan that was developed by former Council Services Manager, Harrison Page and Municipal Services Supervisor, Callan Collins.

The team has also been kept busy with pothole repair on the internal road network, litter pickup, kerbside collections, car removal and landfill maintenance. An extensive weed spraying program has also been one of the main focuses in managing the vegetation growth.

To ensure that most of the team are able to use our heavy machinery as much as possible, the team underwent training and competency assessments on the Loader and Backhoe. This was facilitated by Kullaru who flew out from Darwin and spent a week out in the community delivering theory and practical training.

We would like to welcome Shane Dhamarrandji to the team who has joined as a Municipal Services Officer.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Eric and the team are striving to keep the people of Galiwin'ku safe. We have seen more people taking up rides home at nighttime taking more community members off the streets as it gets dark.

They have also been busy with spruiking messaging to kids about the importance of being home at a reasonable time a night, so they can attend school the next day.



Former Council Services Manager, Harrison Page and the Community Night Patrol team – January 2026.

Aged Care Services and Disability Services (ACDS)

As of the end of 2025, we have been able to introduce Disability Support Worker roles that will primarily work with our disability clients. This allows us to be able to deliver a more structured service for our disability clients. Currently we have four positions available for this role with the hope to introduce additional positions in the future. Two positions have been filled by two of our current Aged Care team members.

We have taken on more younger disability clients, which is wonderful to be able to help assist more of the young members of our community and we are hoping to be able to continue to help more of our younger community members in this space.

We would like to introduce our new Cook, Nick Batty. Nick has previously worked with us, so it is great to welcome Nick back to the team. Nick joined us back in November 2025 and is cooking wonderful healthy food for all of our participants. We have had nothing but positive feedback from our clients about the quality of his cooking.

We have a program with our Cook Nick called 'Cooking with Nick' to encourage healthy cooking and eating for our Participants. Each Tuesday and Friday a cooking activity will be carried out with Nick with the assistance of Support Workers of ACDS and Disability Support staff either being carried out at the Day Centre or out in Community.

In addition to the cooking program, some activities out in community included cooking damper, kangaroo tail and some fishing out on country. Our clients have also been able to attend external activities such as Hoops for Health that was held at the Rec Hall in January 2026.

The Coordinator and Cook have undertaken Kitchen Training, with the Coordinator also receiving training regarding Home Care. Some of our team members have also signed up to commence Individual Support training as of March 2026.

As mentioned earlier Michael Gumbula and Elizabeth Bukulatjpi were successful in moving over from Aged Care and Disability Support Workers to Disability Support Workers. Both bring a lot of knowledge, understanding and experience to the Disability space. We have also gained 2 new Aged Care and Disability Support Workers, Gloria Gondarra and Virginia Bukulatjpi. Both have been a wonderful asset to our team and have settled in comfortably.

Child Care Services

Galiwin'ku Child Care Service started the year off well with new enrolments. Carol and the staff welcomed new families and supported them to feel settled within their new learning environment and routine of attending Child Care. We also said goodbye to children who have headed of the Preschool this year as they start their new learning.

The Technical and Infrastructure team are working with the Director and Regional Manager on a Capital Building Case to improve the service facilities and provide further rich learning resources for children. This project will be happening in stages throughout the year, and we look forward to updating the community along the way.

We are also very proud of the educators for signing up to study their Cert III and Diploma through the DeVange provider. Among lots of positive happenings we have also sadly said goodbye to our Childcare Coordinator, Carol Stableford who has left the community to be closer to family in SA. Carol has made a positive impact on the community. Due to Carol leaving we have made the decision to stay temporarily closed until we are able to recruit a new Child Care Coordinator. We are actively advertising and hope to have someone start as soon as possible.

Active Communities and Youth Services (ACYS) & Libraries and Cultural Heritage (LCH)



Watching movies at the Galiwin'ku Drop-In.

The Active Communities team led by Evellena Wanambi has recently started holding more activities at the Church lawn in the afternoons and evenings. This has been a big success with up to 80 children attending.

Active Communities activities held over the past few months have included sports games, movie nights and indoor activities at the drop-in centre and indoor courts during the afternoons and evenings.

The Library has held story time, playtime/activities for mothers, babies and infants, support computer work for community members and daytime family movies. In January, both teams ran activities as part of the school holiday program.

A recent tragic incident in the community had impacted a number of ACYS staff in Galiwin'ku. With staff needing to take leave, activities were changed to be run with smaller group of staff to still ensure safe activities for children after school. There were two days when activities were required to be cancelled.

Former Galiwin'ku Recreation Hall Coordinator, Vicki Wassens has moved to the Council Services Manager role with EARC in Ramingining. Verity O'Loughlin-Warr commenced in the role replace Vicki on 2 February 2026. We are currently recruiting for a Library and Cultural Heritage Worker to join the team on a casual basis.



Active Communities & Youth Services
Galiwin'ku



March Activities 2026

Monday 2 Drop-in program Rec Hall 3-7pm 	Tuesday 3 Reading time Drop-in centre 3-5pm Frisbee Rec Hall 6-8:30pm 	Wednesday 4 AFL CLINIC with AFLNT Rec Hall 3-7pm 	Thursday 5 Indoor sports Rec Hall 3-8:30pm 	Friday 6 Movie night Rec Hall 6-8:30pm
Monday 9 Galiwin'ku FUN RUN ALPA STORE 4:30-6:30pm 	Tuesday 10 Reading time Drop-in centre 3-5pm Frisbee Rec Hall 6-8:30pm 	Wednesday 11 Art & craft & games Church lawn 3-5pm Shooting Comp & games Rec hall 6-8:30pm 	Thursday 12 No Activities	Friday 13 Pizza night Rec Hall 6-8:30pm
Monday 16 AFL Carnival - Clinic Rec Hall with YALU Drop-in program Rec Hall 3-6pm 	Tuesday 17 AFL Carnival - Clinic Rec Hall with YALU AC&YS staff at First Aid training 	Wednesday 18 AFL Carnival - Clinic Rec Hall with YALU Drop-in program Rec Hall 3-5pm 	Thursday 19 AFL Carnival - Games @ oval Presentation oval 4-8:30pm 	Friday 20 Movie night Rec Hall 6-8:30pm
Monday 23 Drop-in program Rec Hall 3-7pm 	Tuesday 24 Reading time Drop-in centre 3-5pm Frisbee Rec Hall 6-8:30pm 	Wednesday 25 Art & craft & games Church lawn 3-5pm Shooting Comp & games Rec hall 6-8:30pm 	Thursday 26 No Activities	Friday 27 Pizza night Rec Hall 6-8:30pm
Monday 30 Drop-in program Rec Hall 3-7pm 	Monday 31 Reading time Drop-in centre 3-5pm Frisbee Rec Hall 6-8:30pm 	Connection to Body, Mind, Kinship and Culture Images: Galiwin'ku, NT, 2026.		



Galiwin'ku Active Communities & Youth Services Activity Calendar – March 2026.



Active Communities & Youth Services
Galiwin'ku



March Library Activities 2026

Monday 2 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Tuesday 3 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Wednesday 4 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Thursday 5 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Friday 6 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities
Monday 9 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Tuesday 10 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Wednesday 11 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Thursday 12 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Friday 13 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities
Monday 16 CLOSED Library Closed No Activities	Tuesday 17 OPEN 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm 10am - 12pm Story time 1pm - 3pm Baby and infant play time 	Wednesday 18 OPEN 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm 10am - 12pm Family movie with morning tea 2pm - 3pm Sheppo djamarrkull - drop-in program 	Thursday 19 OPEN 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm 10am - 12pm Supported working on computers 1pm - 2pm Quiet reading 	Friday 20 OPEN 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm 10am - 12pm FAFT activities 1pm - 3pm Family movie
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Galiwin'ku Library Activity Calendar – March 2026.

Waste and Environmental Update

Core Services

WS 2244-01 - Manage Landfill operations in Galiwin'ku.

Table 1 below illustrates whether the landfill has complied with the Council's Environmental Management Plan requirements for the months.

Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance

	FY 2025-26 Monthly Environmental Compliance											
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Galiwin'ku WMF												



Bulk Waste Clean Up poster – Galiwin'ku.

Goal 2

2.2 - Collaborate with community and stakeholder for safer communities.

2.2.1 - Facilitate and advocate for community safety, improved safety, improved health and other services.

Community bulk waste clean ups were held across the region with the Galiwin'ku Bulk Waste Clean Up Week event running from 9 – 13 February 2026. These clean-up initiatives are scheduled to take place quarterly

Animal Management Program (AMP) Update

Reporting month/period: Jan-Feb 2026

Any issues or concerns that need to be addressed at LA or Council Meeting: Nil

Overall comments:

- There have been no physical veterinary visits to Galiwin'ku during this period as it is our quiet time of year during the wet season when we organise and plan for the coming year.
- Remote Consultations: Galiwin'ku continues to be our most consistent community with remote consults, averaging at least 1-2 per week. We have treated mostly ticks, dog fight wounds and sick animals at Galiwin'ku remotely during this period.
- Our Galiwin'ku vet vehicle was unfortunately vandalised during this period, hopefully this will be up and running for our first vet visit of 2026.

- Next visit: First veterinary visit of 2026 is 30 March 2026 – 2 April 2026 by Dr. Vic Wheeler and veterinary nurse Saraya

Service Delivery Table:

Galiwin'ku	Jan/Feb 26	FY 25-26 to date	FY 24-25
Dogs Desexed	0	56	60
Cats Desexed	0	16	20
Community consultations	0	42	172
Remote/Phone consultations	15	61	49
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	13	46	30
Minor procedures/other surgeries	0	4	10
Parasite Treatments	5	517	1318
Euthanasia	0	4	3
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	0	20	39
Total Engagements	33	766	1701

Staff Education/training activities:

- Sarah Carrall and Saraya Aston attended the CDU First Aid and CPR training course in February. They are now up to date on all first aid training.
- Dr Maddy attended the NT AVA veterinary conference in Darwin in February and learnt new surgical techniques and updated medication regimes that can now be used by our veterinary program this year.
- Dr Maddy is going to perform EARC Veterinary Cabinet training with all CSMs and ancillary staff coming up in March 2026.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- Dr Maddy has been in meetings with the Melbourne university team trying to plan a 4–6-week veterinary visit to Galiwin'ku during the June-August period. As Galiwin'ku is our biggest community, this large veterinary visit is much needed and will increase our desexing and parasite control numbers significantly. Dr Maddy will update once this is organised.
- The AMP team will be contacting the local community school soon to book in education visits throughout the 2026 school year.

Photos:



A dog in Galiwin'ku with a large neck abscess from a fight with another dog. Luckily this dog was able to be treated remotely by dispensing medication from our EARC Veterinary cabinet.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

AUTHOR Sonia Campbell (General Manager - Technical and Infrastructure Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority note the Technical 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.

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 2025-2026 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 Technical Services areas:

REPORT STORY:

Fleet:

Nothing to report

The ongoing monsoonal weather and resulting access issues have delayed any further scheduled works across our remote communities for the Transport and Infrastructure and Building and Infrastructure Areas. If conditions change closer to the meeting date, we will provide the most up-to-date information during the meeting.

The report author does 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 Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY:

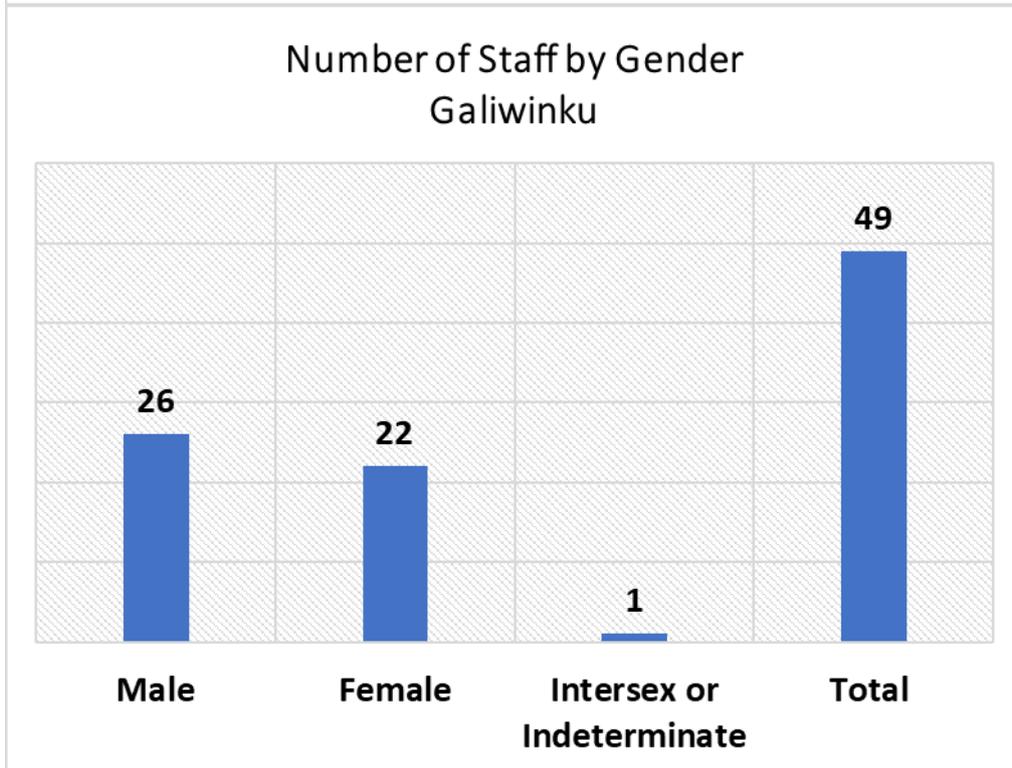
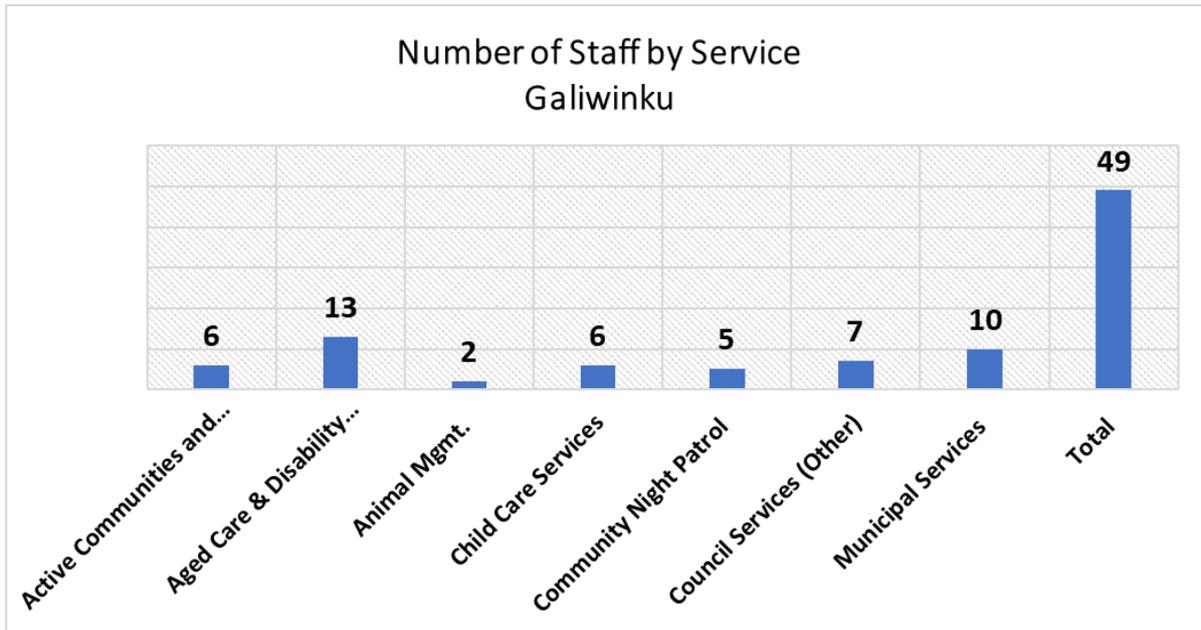
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2026 within the Local Authority area.

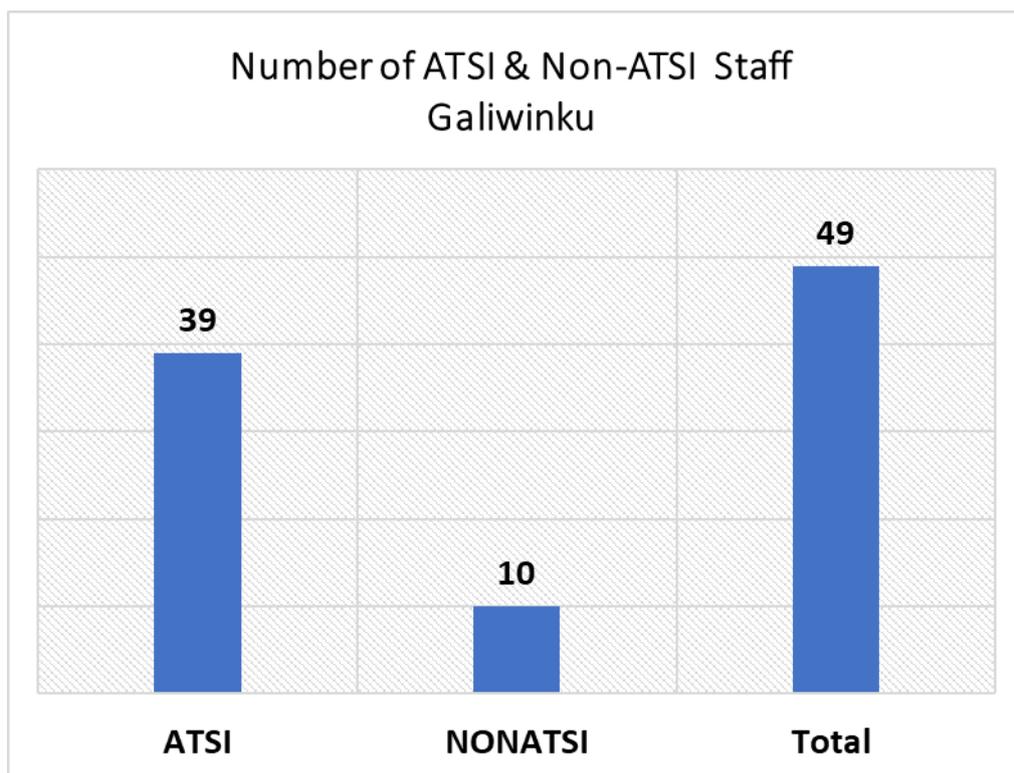
BACKGROUND:

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

GENERAL:

Employee Statistics:





Job Title	Location	Employment Type	Recruitment Type	No. of Vacancies
Library and Cultural Heritage Worker	Galiwin'ku	Casual	Community	1
ACDS Support Woker	Galiwin'ku	Casual	Community	1
ACDS Support Worker	Galiwin'ku	Casual	Community	1
CNP Officer	Galiwin'ku	Parttime	Community	1
Library and Cultural Heritage Worker	Galiwin'ku	Casual	Community	1
Municipal Services Officer	Galiwin'ku	Full Time Permanent	Community	1
Municipal Services Officer	Galiwin'ku	Full Time Permanent	Community	1
Council Services Manager	Galiwin'ku	Full Time Permanent	External	1
Child Care Team Leader	Galiwin'ku	Full Time Permanent	External	1

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

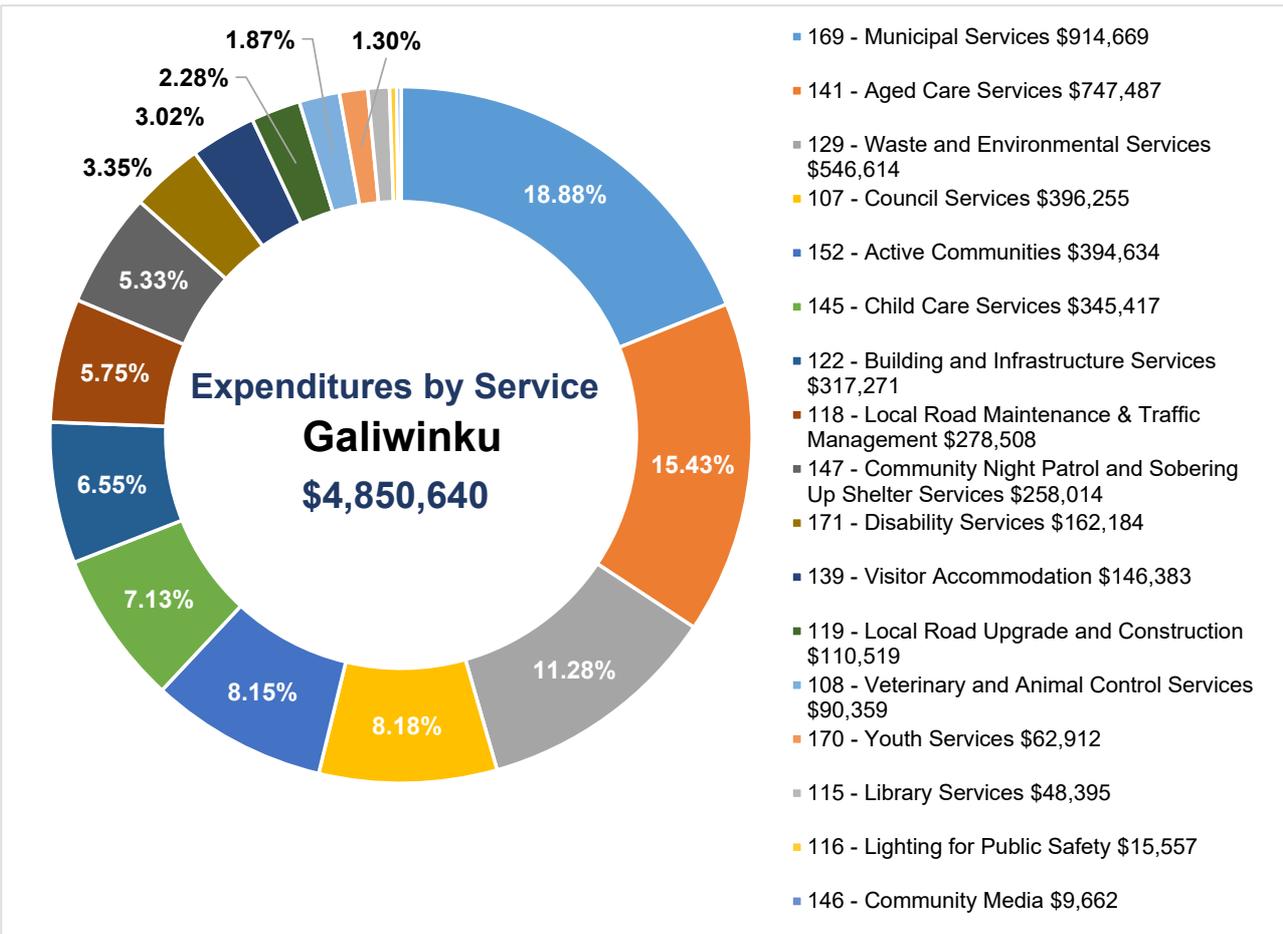
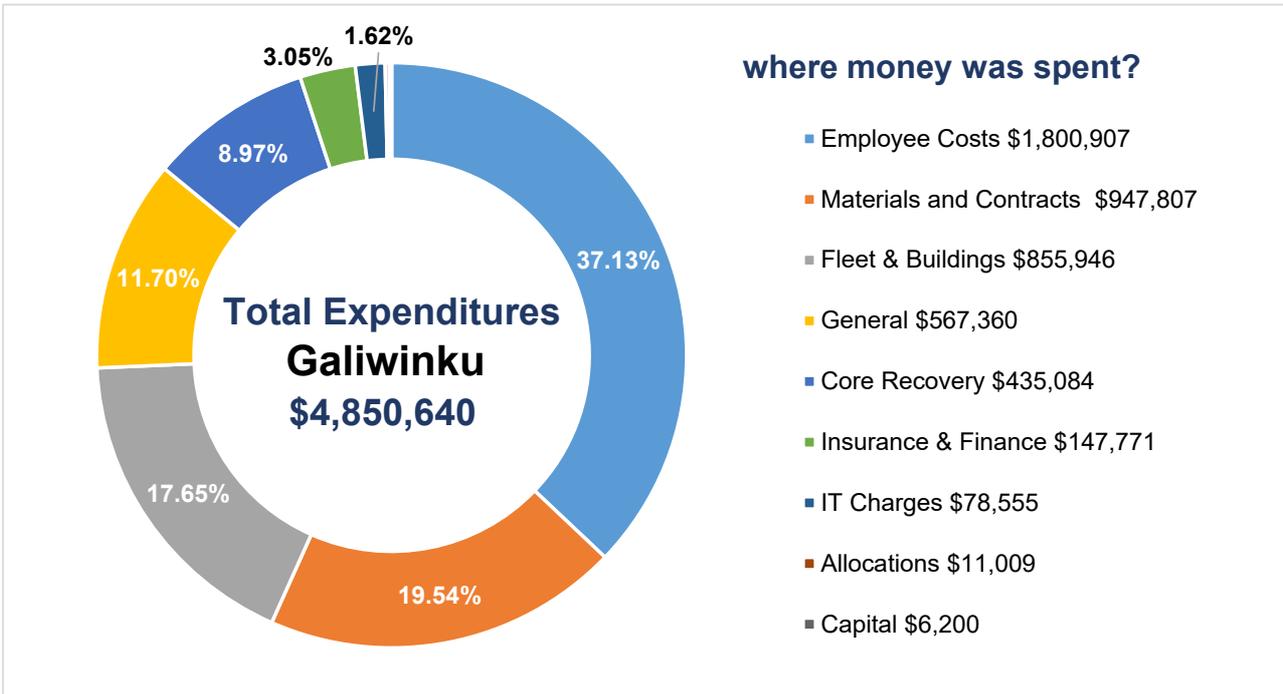
ATTACHMENTS:

08. February 2026 Galiwinku LAPF Funds Left [2.5.1 - 1 page]
08. February 2026 Galiwinku Chart LA Report [2.5.2 - 1 page]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - GALIWINKU FUNDS LEFT

As at 28th February 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	698,557	-	698,557	698,557	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	-	-	-	351,400	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	698,557	-	698,557	1,049,957	
LESS LAPF PROJECTS					
300417 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Outdoor Youth Recreation Facilities	-	(7,880)	(7,880)	-	0%
300517 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Public Toilets at Airport	(6,200)	(552,680)	(558,880)	(540,367)	1%
300817 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Co-contribution to a ceremony area	(4,545)	(8,000)	(12,545)	(250,000)	2%
307017 - LAPF - Galiwinku Road Works	-	-	-	(168,955)	0%
310317 - LAPF - Galiwinku Cemetery Power and Lighting	-	-	-	(282,804)	0%
TOTAL PROJECTS	(10,745)	(568,560)	(579,306)	(1,242,126)	1%
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			119,251	(192,169)	



3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.2 Discussion with the Australian Border Force

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Australian Border Force.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.3 Youth Representation and Engagement

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

4 Meeting Close