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OPEN AGENDA for the Galiwin'ku
Local Authority
28 September 2026

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

Djambarrpuyngu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipunur EARC-nur bukmakku yolñuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wäñakurr malañuwurr buku-liwmaram:

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

Dhañu

Dhañum dhäwu EARC-nur bukmakku yolñuwu warrawu nhämunha ñalma yaka nyena ñayambalmurru buku-liw'yuman:

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

Gumatj

Dhuwalanydja dhäwu EARC-nuru bukmakku yolñuwu mala nhämunha ñilimurru yukurra nhina wäñakurru buku-liw'yunmarama:

- ñilimurru yurru rä-l-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu ganga'thinyarawu ñilimurrungalañawu,
- ga dharray walñawu,
- ga ñayanu-ḍapthunmaranhamirr bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marrañu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barranga'yun EARC-nur bukmakku yolñuw yukurr buku-liw'maram wäñga mittji malanyha:

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

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha.

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 28 September 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:

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

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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 27 July 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Galiwinku Local Authority Minutes 27 July 2026 [**1.5.1** - 5 pages]



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Local Authority
27 July 2026

GALIWIN'KU LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

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 Rripa

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 Rripa)

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

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

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

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 Rripa)

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,**

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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 Ripa)

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.

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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 Ripa/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 Ripa)

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

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

AUTHOR Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY:

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

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:

At its meeting on 28 August 2026, Council endorsed consultation with all Local Authorities regarding the proposed inclusion of ward names in Local Authority names. Council also resolved to consider the outcomes of the consultation before determining whether to seek Ministerial approval for any name changes. Any proposed name changes may also be included as part of Council's input to the NT Local Government Representation Review being undertaken with representation from LGANT.

Council's Local Authorities are currently named using the community name only. The proposed change would incorporate both the community name and the corresponding ward name into the Local Authority name.

The intent of the proposal is to:

- Better align Local Authority names with Council's ward structure.
- Strengthen recognition of ward identity and representation.
- Maintain community recognition while acknowledging the broader ward area.

Example

Current Name:

Galiwinku Local Authority

Proposed Name:

Gumurr Marthakal - Galiwinku Local Authority

Council is seeking feedback from each Local Authority on whether this naming convention is supported and whether there are any alternative naming preferences that should be considered.

The feedback received from all Local Authorities will be presented to Council in a further report. Local Authority resolutions relating to the proposed name changes will also be included in Council's submission to the Local Government Representation Review. Council will then consider the feedback and determine whether to proceed with any proposed name changes and, if supported, seek approval from the Minister for Local Government as required under the Local Government Act.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

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

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 [3.1.1 - 13 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

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

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 Nhulunbuy 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. 25.08.2026 – 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 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. 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 regard to different location options will be presented at next LA meeting to consider.
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GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

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. 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.
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GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

			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.
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 to investigate power poles and wires that are old and not working to being removed.

GALIWIN'KU ACTIONS

			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 Infrastructure 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.
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. 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.

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			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 ensure 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 liaise with street name mapping and corrections. LA members decided to consult with Traditional owners on the names for the roads.
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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.
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Streetlights and footpaths and roads		upgrades needed	23.01.25 -tender has been awarded <i>and audit to commence late February early. March</i> 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.
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., 20.03.25 – Engagement across stakeholders to understand the best solutions for this. Consultations have been completed in last two to three weeks.

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			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. Design 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.
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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
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		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
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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 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:**Review of Some Organisational Positions**

I have consulted with our Darwin and Nhulunbuy staff and Council Services Managers in each community about some improvements in the way Council delivers services. The intention is to enhance coordination, improve accountability and reduce duplication of efforts to create a more effective and efficient integrated service delivery model, for the communities we serve.

This includes expanding the Community Services Directorate to include the executive management and support of People Services - that includes human resources, industrial relations, training and development, workplace health & safety, and Corporate Services - that includes finance, and information technology & communications, procurement, records, as well as Fleet from the previous Technical and Infrastructure Services.

The previous Council Services Directorate will now also have direct responsibility for the executive management and support of the remaining previous Technical and Infrastructure Services of public infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, tenancy and leasing, transport infrastructure and waste & environment.

Most affected staff will just have a different reporting line to one of the two new broader Directorates, and some staff have more specialist or more senior roles.

Engagement on Domestic and Family Violence

Following the strong statements in social and mainstream media against domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of children by President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay and Councillor Marpalawuy Marika - I have sought to continue their, the Local Authorities' and broader Council's call for practical action on this extremely important issue.

This has included initiating discussions and meetings with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, key managers in the Northern Territory Department of Children and Families, Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Prevention Division, the No More campaign organisers, attending the East Arnhem DFSV Regional Network, and continued ongoing work and collaboration with the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.

Effective Youth Justice and Engagement

I have continued to work closely with the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation and government to support the development of other ways of engaging with the young people which provide proper and effective consequences and support to the youth and their families.

Support of the development of an extended camp at a homeland off the main island of Galiwinku, with genuine engagement with young people and their families is one specific and clear initiative.

Post De-amalgamation Funding

I have continued to pursue formal engagement with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to pursue the proper funding of Council to the commitment of the previous and current NT Government is honoured, to ensure no reduction in service delivery levels as a result of the de-amalgamation of Council.

I will be able to provide an update to the Local Authority of the outcome of a meeting with the Minister and discuss next steps.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

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3.3 Council Services Manager Report

AUTHOR Robert Russell (Council Services Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the 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.

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

Council Support Services has been managing a busy period, particularly at the Post Office. A large volume of uncollected mail and parcels has built up, with several pigeonholes now full. Because the pigeonholes only accommodate standard envelopes, larger items cannot be stored, this remains an ongoing challenge for the team.

The Municipal Services yard was recently vandalised, with graffiti sprayed across buildings and vehicles, and several vehicle windows smashed. The Animal Management team's vehicles and Community Night Patrol van were targeted, causing distress to staff who consistently go above and beyond to support community members and their animals.



Animal Management building in Municipal Services yard



Smashed Animal Management Vehicle

We would like to formally welcome Robert Russell to the team as our new Council Services Manager. Robert has already begun settling into his role, taking time to understand our operations, meet staff and familiarise himself with community priorities. His proactive approach and willingness to engage have been well received across the office.

A First Aid Course was delivered across departments, with staff reporting that the training was well run and highly valuable. Meanwhile, the island has been experiencing frequent short power outages. Although brief, they occur daily. Power and Water has dispatched a team from Darwin to investigate and resolve the issue.



Staff undergoing First Aid & CPR training

Municipal Services (MS)

Municipal Services continues to deliver essential work across the community. Residents are kindly reminded to place bins on the kerbside prior to collection day to ensure efficient pickup. New wheelie bins have been purchased and distributed to support ongoing waste management. Fleet updates include a new tipper truck now in service, while the old tipper has been transported to Darwin for auction. Unfortunately, tyre punctures have increased across Council and plant vehicles, mostly due to screws and nails embedded in road surfaces.



New Wheelie Bins



New Tipper Truck

Road maintenance has been steady, with shoulder work and pothole repairs underway. A new “Give Way” sign and convex mirror were installed following vandalism, though the mirror was vandalised on the same night. The team continues to prioritise road safety improvements despite these setbacks, and further signage upgrades are planned as materials arrive.



Municipal Services team installed new convex mirror

The Municipal Services team participated in several training sessions this month, including First Aid & CPR, tractor slashing and chainsaw operation. These sessions have been valuable in keeping staff up to date with essential operational skills, ensuring they remain confident and capable when responding day-to-day service needs. The practical nature of the training has helped staff refine their techniques, improve safety awareness and strengthen their ability to carry out tasks efficiently across the community.

Team members have expressed that these opportunities not only build their technical capability but also support their professional growth and readiness for more complex responsibilities. We look forward to seeing more of these training programs delivered in the coming months, as ongoing development remains a key priority for maintaining high-quality municipal services.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Community Night Patrol continued its nightly operations between 6:00pm and midnight, maintaining a steady presence across key areas of the community. Throughout this reporting period, the team supported several youths and children by providing safe transport home after evening events.

Patrol members also observed a noticeable increase in fights involving both adults and youth, which has heightened the risks associated with conducting foot patrols. Despite these challenges, the team remained committed to regular patrols, ensuring a visible presence and helping to reduce anti-social behaviour where possible.

In October, the team will attend De-escalation Training in Gove, aimed at strengthening staff confidence, situational awareness, and their ability to safely manage escalating or potentially volatile situations in the workplace.

Aged Care Services and Disability Services (ACDS)

The Aged Care Centre experienced its first break-in in many years on the weekend of 14 September 2026. Damage was minimal, limited to a broken kitchen window and damage to the glass sliding door. Six knives were taken, with two found in the carport. Operations were disrupted for one day. Aged Care and Disability Services resumed full operations on 15 September.

New Care Coordinator Sean Gurnett has commenced and is settling in well. Recruitment continues for three Disability Support Workers and one Aged Care Support Worker, with one new Aged Care Support Worker starting soon.

Daily Day Centre activities continue, and staff attended the Suicide Awareness BBQ hosted by Sacred Business Services (SBS) at the Recreation Hall, which saw strong community attendance. They also attended the Community Vigil for a young girl's life lost at Buthan last month. First Aid and CPR training sessions were completed last week. Staff have enrolled in Certificate III Individual Support, with ongoing online training for the Coordinator and Food Handling training underway.

Children's Services

The Child Care Centre remains closed, and the Council Services Manager continues to receive enquiries about reopening. Several stakeholders have noted that the lack of childcare services

makes it difficult to recruit new staff to the island. Nominal childcare workers Sophia Wanambi and Marissa Burarrwanga continue supporting Library and ACYS programs during the closure.

Libraries



Children playing games in the library.

The library recently hosted Libraries and Archives NT (LANT), providing an opportunity to showcase programs, community engagement and staff achievements. The library is trailing opening every second Saturday morning to increase accessibility.



Tamina and participants in Library



Yoga in the library.



Shell painting activity in the library.

In August, the Library delivered a Girls Beauty and Wellness Program, which was highly popular and provided a supportive space for young women to access make-up, press-on nails and hair styling tools.

Active Communities and Youth Services (ACYS)

ACYS recently hosted three work experience students from Shepherdson College. Throughout the week, Tamina (Active Communities placement) and Crystal and Sabi (Library) were open to learning and assisted with a range of duties. It was a pleasure to host them and support the development of their skills.



Crystal and Sabi assisting programs

Evellena and Nathan from Active Communities accompanied eight young people to Milngimbi 22-23 August 2026 to participate in an Under 17 Mixed Volleyball Gala. Galiwin'ku won the competition, and participants enjoyed connecting with the teams from Milngimbi and Ramingining. Interest in volleyball has continued to grow following the gala and also Volleyball NT's recent visit during the last school holidays. In response, the Active Communities team has established a weekly volleyball program in Galiwin'ku.



Mixed volleyball winners – Galiwin'ku team



Nathan, Evellena, Tamina and Aliv at campfire night

ACYS is collaborating with Miwatj to host AFLNT from 16–18 September for board-board and basketball activities. The upcoming September–October School Holiday Program will include a daily Breakfast Club, arts and crafts, games, and a range of afternoon and evening sports activities. Six young people will attend the EARC ACYS Regional Wellbeing Camp at Gulkula during the second week of the school holidays, providing opportunities for cultural connection and personal development.

Participation across our programs remains strong, with community members enjoying a range of recent activities including discos, movie nights, campfire nights and library-based programs.



Setup for AFL movie night – Cats vs Dockers

The Recreation Hall continues to be valuable 'community hub' with the indoor courts, conference room and library 'quiet room' regularly booked and used by various stakeholders for meetings and activities. Notably, we have had the Census team onsite for two months.

ACYS requests Local Authority support to clear an area at Buthan to facilitate safe delivery of activities for children who cannot easily access the Recreation Hall. A permanent shade structure at the front of the Recreation Hall is also requested to support outdoor arts, crafts and wet-activity programs during peak afternoon sun.

Waste and Environmental Update

Earth works

The Waste and Environmental team has engaged AKJ Services Pty Ltd to complete earthworks at the landfill using a 21-tonne excavator, supported by a large loader and tipper truck. Waste held a site meeting at the landfill with Regional Manager Waste & Environment – Hamish Brace; Council Services Manager – Robert Russell; Relief Municipal Services Supervisor – Adam Johnson; and AKJ representatives. Earthworks should commence this month. The equipment is already located on Galiwin'ku, which will significantly reduce project costs.

Bulk Waste Clean Up

A scheduled bulk waste clean-up event was held in Galiwin'ku on the week of 10-14 August 2026. This event forms a part of our four scheduled clean up events for Galiwin'ku over the



year. Bulk waste clean ups ensure that that road verges are free from waste and limit the build-up of items coming into the wet season.

FY 2027 Wheelie Bin Audit

Galiwin'ku was audited in late July. The audit observed additional and damaged wheelie bins across the community. Damaged bins reduce visual appeal and attract animals seeking food. This also significantly drains the community's Municipal Services time and budget. Waste has initiated a works drive to correct this situation; the process could take several months to complete.

Monthly Landfill Environmental Compliance

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

Animal Management Program (AMP) Update

Overall comments:

- Galiwin'ku community has been very lucky to have our team from Melbourne University and final year veterinary students from 13 July – 21 August for six weeks. This is part of our collaborative agreement with Melbourne University and has been an ongoing partnership since 2019. The vets that visited were returning veterinarians Dr Evie and Dr Erica and a new face – Dr Brigette. Across the period seven final year veterinary students visiting Galiwin'ku as volunteers to assist the veterinary team. During the long veterinary visit the team noticed increased numbers of cats in Galiwin'ku and the AMP team will keep focusing on desexing as many cats as well as targeted cat trapping moving forward. Thank you to Adam and the Municipal team for all your help during the veterinary visits, as well as the broader Council team.
- Remote Consultations: No remote consultations across this period as we were extremely lucky to have vets on the ground for almost the entire period!

Service Delivery Table:

Galiwinku	July/Aug 26	FY 26-27 to date	FY 25-26
Dogs Desexed	48	48	76
Cats Desexed	24	24	18
Community consultations	55	55	54
Remote/Phone consultations	0	0	75
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	0	0	53
Minor procedures/other surgeries	10	10	8
Parasite Treatments	369	369	747
Euthanasia	4	4	4
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	18	18	25
Total Engagements	528	528	1060

Community education activities:

- The AMP team engaged with many education conversations whilst visiting Galiwin'ku. Particularly regarding the keeping of wildlife and husbandry relating to their health and wellbeing. The team discussed the risks particularly with the keeping of reptiles and how they may impact young, elderly or immunocompromised humans by spreading harmful bacteria.

Staff Education/training activities:

- Dr Maddy has won an Outstanding Alumni Award for her decade-long veterinary and animal services and dedication to the remote East Arnhem communities. The award particularly acknowledged her innovative idea to set up remote EARC Veterinary cabinets to provide ongoing consistency of veterinary care to our region and improve animal welfare outcomes. Our team would like to congratulate Dr Maddy!



Dr Maddy accepting the Spirit of JCU award for Outstanding Alumni in Townsville. Dr Maddy mentioned the strength and resilience of Yolngu people and animals in her acceptance speech.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- Melbourne University collaboration – This is an important ongoing collaboration and one that Dr Maddy is keen to continue as it is difficult to source remote veterinarians willing to perform this type of work. By promoting final year veterinary students to visit our communities, it contributes to the ongoing sustainability of remote veterinary work.
- Marthakal homelands – our team received a request from AMRRIC to follow up on Marthakal homeland veterinary services to Nyinyikay. Dr Evie visited the organisation in Galiwinku and asked the Marthakal team to get in contact with Dr Maddy to start planning for assistance in the homeland. Our team visited in 2019 and would be happy to assist where possible to improve animal welfare outcomes in that and surrounding homelands.

Concerns/Challenges:

- Animal welfare incidents:
 - A few machete and knife wounds on dogs, usually having happened at night time and owners don't know who did it.
 - Spear wound, owner suspects inflicted by a group of children near bottom shop
 - Several dog fight wounds

PHOTOS:

Melbourne Uni students Valencia and May preparing the canine arancini balls. The AMP team has been having trouble with our animals becoming 'fussy' by our treatment, so we have been experimenting with different recipes to give our parasite medication in.



Some of our patients waiting for treatments by our AMP team



Bluetongue lizard at a house called Dumburr – the team discussed animal husbandry with the household



Dr Erica and Dr Evie and two veterinary students at the Galiwinku vet donga – thanks for a great job!

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

AUTHOR Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the 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.

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 and report owners:

Fleet Services

Imogen Weighill – Acting Regional Manager - Fleet

112 - Fleet Services

Transport and Infrastructure Department

Bruce Hall– Senior Project Manager

116 - Lighting for Public Safety

118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management

119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Building and Infrastructure Department – Capital Projects

Bruce Hall – Senior Project Manager

122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

REPORT STORY:**112 - Fleet Services (Report Owner – Imogen Weighill)**Vehicle Damage**F0740 Toyota Hilux – 19th July 2026**

While responding to a reported break-in at the Council Office, the Relief CSM observed several groups of individuals gathered along the adjacent street. While traveling through the area, a large rock was thrown at the vehicle, striking the bonnet and causing damage. The incident occurred during the response to the reported break-in and presented a risk to personnel safety and Council property.

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

Lot 370 Demolition of arson destroyed building. Works commenced 14/0/2026 but due to Community unrest, the Contractor was advised to leave the Community. Works will restart in the coming weeks.

Lot 344 Visitor Accommodation. Repairs and upgrades to roof and structures. Has gone out to Tender, evaluation of submissions to commence once closed.

Lot 322. Replace the Flyover roof. Contract has been awarded to ACE and demolition will commence on the 17/09/2026. Construction of the new structure to start in approx. 5 weeks.

Galiwinku Airport Toilet Block. Works continue with the roof to go on 21/09/26 and PWC connections to follow in 2 weeks.



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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

AUTHOR Ritesh Parikh (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

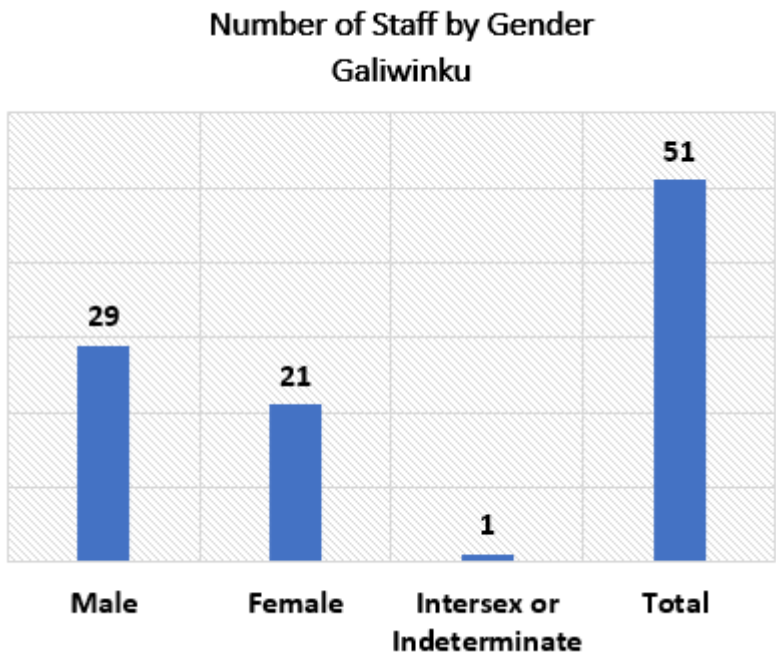
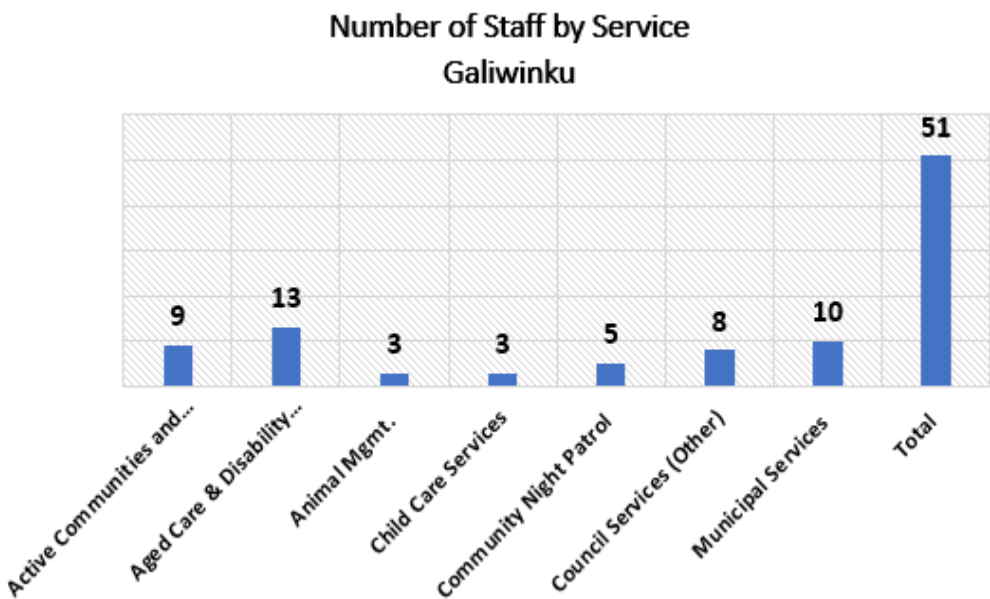
That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

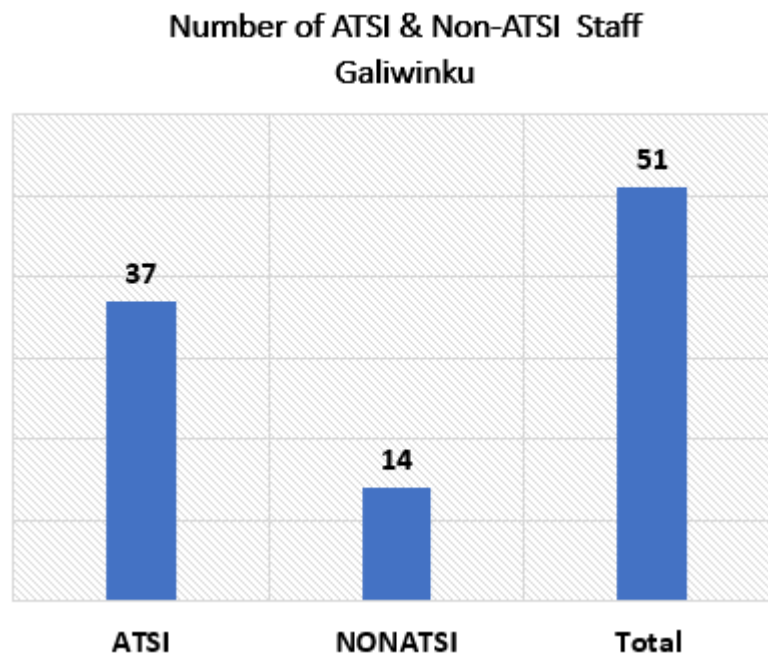
SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 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.



**ATTACHMENTS:**

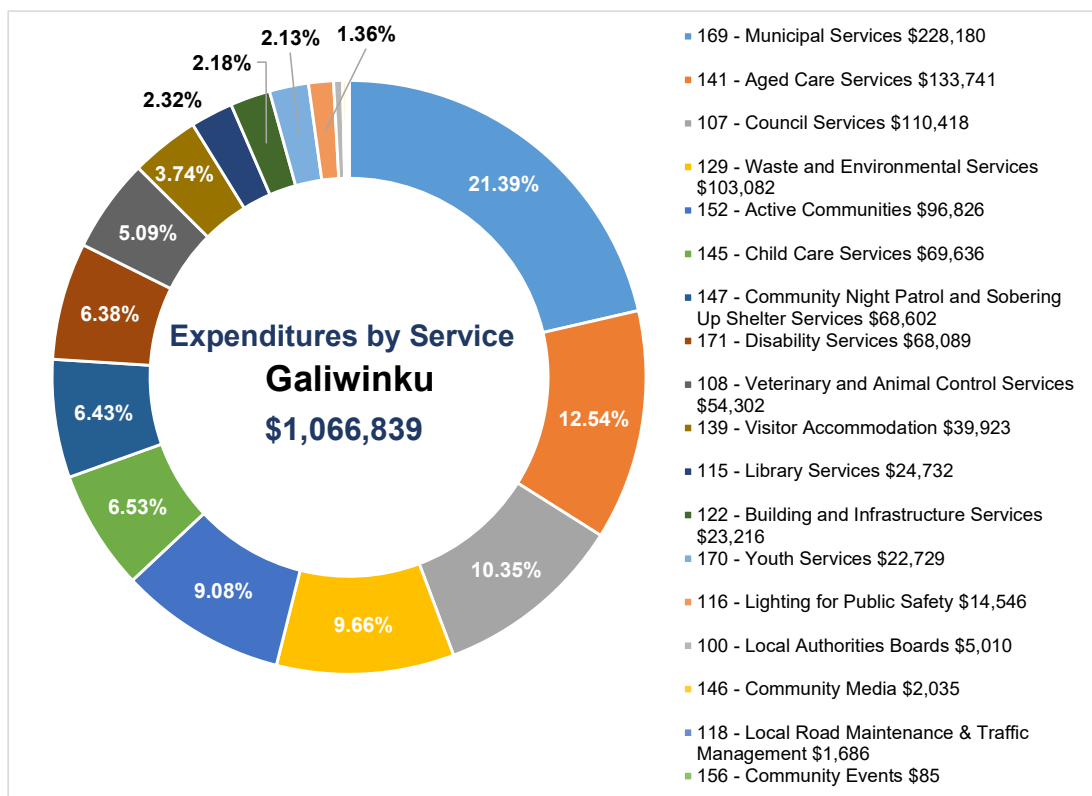
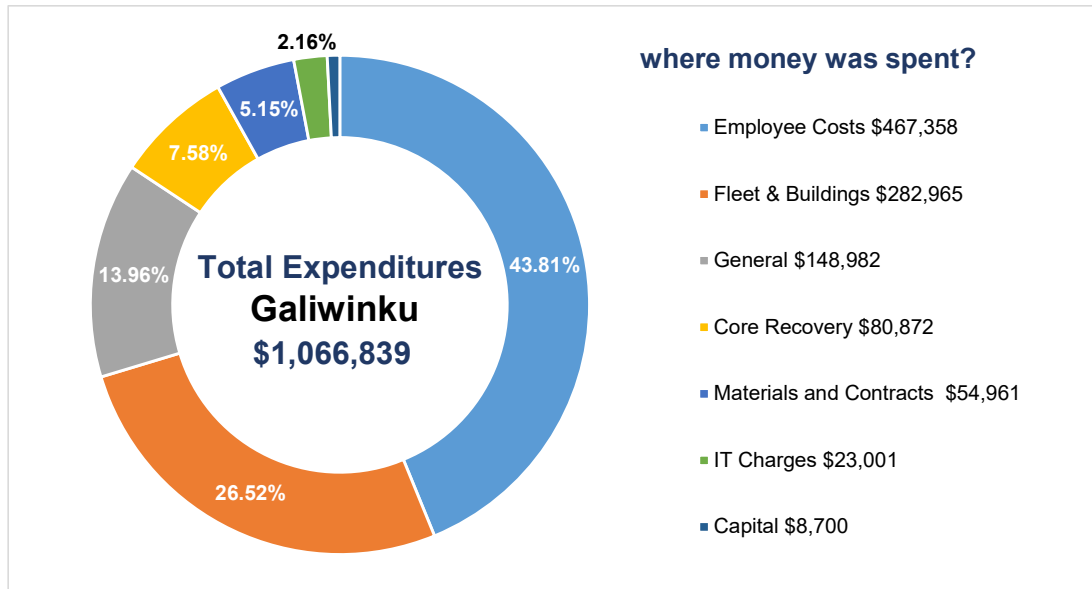
1. Galiwinku LA Report Sept 26 [3.5.1 - 2 pages]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - GALIWINKU**FUNDS LEFT**

As at 31st August 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	(8,700)	(393,140)	(401,840)	-	0%
300817 - LAPF - Galiwinku - Co-contribution to a ceremony area	(254)	(11,618)	(11,872)	-	0%
TOTAL PROJECTS	(8,954)	(404,757)	(413,712)	-	0%
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			627,702	-	

*Unaudited amount from FY2025- 2026



4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

4.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority notes the discussion with the Local Police Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

PRESENTATION

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation form



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Request to Present at a Local Authority Meeting

EARC have requested that **ALL ORGANISATIONS** provide the following information as part of any request to present at a local authority meeting. This info must be provided at least 10 days prior to Local Authority meeting.

Please complete this form and return it to paulhyde.kaduru@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au. Prior to submitting a request, please review the NT Government **Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy** at www.dlgcs.nt.gov.au.

We respectfully request that all presentations be kept to 30 Minutes (15 minute presentation time and 15 minutes of question time).

Please enter your contact details below	
Name:	Anna Kreij
Organisation:	NTG
Position:	Community Development Officer
Department:	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Contact number:	0437647596
Email:	Anna.kreij@nt.gov.au

Agenda Item	
1. Which Local Authorities do you wish to attend?	
☒ Galiwinku ☒ Ramingining	☒ Gapuwiyak ☒ Yirrkala
☒ Gunyangara	
☒ Mililingimbi	
2. What is the purpose of the presentation?	
Provide a brief overview of NTG Community Development projects and answer questions raised in previous meetings.	
3. For the agenda item, do you expect to: <i>(please complete the option/s that are relevant)</i>	
☒ Provide information to the local authority about: The NTG Community Development team and previous questions raised ☐ Seek information from the local authority about: ☐ Seek a decision from the local authority about:	



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Other Information (where applicable)		
When is attendance at a local authority meeting required? <i>(Please indicate any time sensitivities)</i>		
☒ Next Available Meeting _____ (date)	☐ Before _____ (date)	☐ After _____ (date)
What communication materials are expected to be used? <i>(Please indicate and attach copies where possible, and consider whether interpreter services are needed)</i>		
Do you require use of any of the following:		
☐ Laptop	☐ Projector	☒ Video Teleconference
☐ Documents Printed (Charges apply)		☐ Whiteboard
If a scheduled local authority meeting does not meet your requirements, a special meeting may be called at a cost of \$1,710 per meeting, <i>Subject to availability of members.</i>		
Do you require a special meeting to be called?		Yes ☐ No ☒
Proposed Dates: _____ or _____ or _____ (1st Choice) (2nd Choice) (3rd Choice)		

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Date Received _____

PRESENTATION

4.3 Presentation from Deepika Mathur (Charles Darwin University)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority notes the Presentation from Deepika Mathur (Charles Darwin University)

ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation form



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Please enter your contact details below	
Name:	Deepika Mathur
Organisation:	Charles Darwin University
Position:	Senior Research Fellow
Department:	Northern Institute
Contact number:	0421802034
Email:	Deepika.mathur@cdu.edu.au

Agenda Item	
1. Which Local Authorities do you wish to attend?	☐ Angurugu ☒ Galiwinku ☐ Gapuwiyak ☐ Gunyangara ☐ Mililingimbi ☐ Milyakburra ☐ Ramingining ☐ Umbakumba ☐ Yirrkala
2. What is the purpose of the presentation?	The presentation is for providing information on a Disaster waste management research project and seeking permission to conduct data collection in Galiwinku. This data will be used for preparing a Disaster Waste Management plan for the community.
3. For the agenda item, do you expect to: <i>(please complete the option/s that are relevant)</i>	☒ Provide information to the local authority about: the research project ☒ Seek information from the local authority about: Whether they are ok with the project direction ☒ Seek a decision from the local authority about: allowing the researchers to conduct data collection in Areyonga



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Other Information (where applicable)		
When is attendance at a local authority meeting required? <i>(Please indicate any time sensitivities)</i>		
☒ Next Available Meeting 28/09/2026 _____ (date) ☐ Before _____ (date) ☐ After _____ (date)		
What communication materials are expected to be used? <i>(Please indicate and attach copies where possible, and consider whether interpreter services are needed)</i>		
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Do you require a special meeting to be called?		
Proposed Dates: _____ or _____ or _____ (1st Choice) (2nd Choice) (3rd Choice)		Yes ☐ No ☒

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4.4 General Business

5 Meeting Close