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

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

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

Members in Attendance:

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

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

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

That the Local Authority:

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

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

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

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

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

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

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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3.3 Council Services Manager Report

SUMMARY:

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

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

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

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

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

4.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

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

The Local Authority:

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

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

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

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

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

PRESENTATION

4.2 Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

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

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

PRESENTATION

4.3 Presentation from Deepika Mathur - Charles Darwin University

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

That the Local Authority :

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

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

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 04:02 pm.

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