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**OPEN MINUTES for the Gapuwiyak**  
**Local Authority**  
**19 February 2026**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:31 AM.

### Members in Attendance:

Trudy Wunungumurra  
Freddie Ganambarr  
Trudy Wunungumurra  
Thomas Guyula  
Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungumurra  
Cr. Bobby Wunungumurra

### East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Signe Balodis (Acting CEO, Director – Council Services)  
Anesu Hector (Council Services Manager)  
Vivek Gummalla (Strategic Coordinator)  
Jamie Clarke (Communications Advisor)  
Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services) – Attended online  
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) - Attended online

## MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

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1.3 Attendance

### SUMMARY:

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

GAP 2025/23 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Thomas Guyula)

### That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Ivan Wanambi, Alice Wanambi and Jessica Wunungumurra.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Jessica Wunungumurra and Alice Wanambi
- (c) Notes Jessica Wunungumurra and Alice Wanambi are absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Ivan Wanambi is absent without permission of the Local Authority under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.
- (e) That the Governance Manager write to Ivan Wanambi regarding his membership, as he has missed two consecutive meetings without the permission of the members.

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.4 Conflict of Interest

**SUMMARY:**

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

GAP 2025/24 **RESOLVED (Freddie Ganambarra/Ricky Guyula)**

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

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAP 2025/25 **RESOLVED (Freddie Ganambarra/Thomas Guyula)**

**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 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

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.1 Local Authority Action Items

**SUMMARY:**

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

GAP 2025/26 **RESOLVED (Freddie Ganambarra/Ricky Guyula)**

**That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 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.

GAP 2025/32 **RESOLVED (Ricky Guyula/Thomas Guyula)**

**That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.3 Council Services Manager 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.

GAP 2025/28 **RESOLVED (Ricky Guyula/Freddie Ganambarra)**

**That Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager Report.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 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.

GAP 2025/27 **RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Freddie Ganambarra)**

**That Local Authority:**

- (a) Note the Technical Services Report.**
- (b) Endorse the reduction in scope from the construction of two toilet blocks to one toilet block, due to market pricing exceeding the available funding allocation and limited ongoing cleaning and maintenance resources within the community.**
- (c) Note that singular toilet block to be installed at Airport location.**

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 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.

GAP 2025/29 **RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Ricky Guyula)**

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

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.6 Five Year Strategic Plan

GAP 2025/31 **RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Freddie Ganambarra)**

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

**4 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on 24 March 2026.

**5 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 12:50 PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gapuwiyak Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 19 February 2026