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OPEN AGENDA for the Gapuwiyak
Local Authority
28 July 2026

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

Djambarrpuyngu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipunjur EARC-njur bukmakku yolñuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wänjakurr malañuwurr buku-liw'maram:

- limurr dhu räi-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrungalañaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharay walñaw,
- ga ñayanu-ḍapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhañu

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

- ñalma ñarru räi-manapanmi ganydjarrwu ñakanhaminyarawu ñalmalinguwaywuru,
- ga dharay walñawu,
- ga ñayanu-ḍapthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

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

- ñilimurru yurru räi-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu ganga'thinyarawu ñilimurrungalañawu,
- ga dharay walñawu,
- ga ñayanu-ḍapthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marrañu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barrañga'yun EARC-njur bukmakku yolñuw yukurr buku-liw'maram wäña miṭṭji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räi-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 Gapuwiyak Local Authority will be held at the Gapuwiyak Council Office offices on Tuesday 28 July 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:

Freddie Ganambarr
Ricky Guyula
Trudy Wunungmurra
Jessica Wunungmurra
Thomas Guyula
Alice Wanambi
Cr Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra
Cr Bobby Wunungmurra

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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).

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ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 April 2026

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Gapuwiyak Local Authority+ Minutes+17+ April+2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Gapuwiyak
Local Authority
17 April 2026

GAPUWIYAK LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

17 APRIL 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Chair opened the meeting at 11:35 am.

Members in Attendance:

Trudy Wunungmurra (Chair)
Ricky Guyula
Alice Wanambi
Freddie Ganambarra
Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra
Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Anesu Hector (Council Services Manager)
Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services) – Attended online
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) – Attended online

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.

GAP 2025/33 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Alice Wanambi)**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) **Notes the absence of Thomas Guyula and Jessica Wunungmurra.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Thomas Guyula.**
- (c) **Notes Thomas Guyula is absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) **Determines Jessica Wunungmurra is absent without permission of the Local Authority under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.**

GAPUWIYAK LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

17 APRIL 2026

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GAP 2025/34 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Ricky Guyula)

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAP 2025/35 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Ricky Guyula)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 February 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.

GAP 2025/39 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Alice Wanambi)

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.

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.

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GAP 2025/36 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Ricky Guyula)

That the Local Authority :

(a) Notes the CEO report.

(b) Endorses the improved and expanded Advocacy issues as endorsed by Council.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report**SUMMARY:**

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

GAP 2025/37 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Alice Wanambi)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 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 2025/40 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Ricky Guyula)

That Local Authority note the Technical Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report**SUMMARY:**

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

GAP 2025/41 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Ricky Guyula)

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

GAPUWIYAK LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

17 APRIL 2026

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting**GENERAL BUSINESS**

3.1 Strongyloidiasis project discussion

GAP 2025/38 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Alice Wanambi)**The Local Authority:**

- (a) Thanks Miwatj Health and specialist researchers for their presentation on Strongyloidiasis.
- (b) Endorses and requests Council to provide practical support of more community and stakeholder consultation, engagement and meetings, to build community awareness and action to address it.

GENERAL BUSINESS

3.2 Youth Representation and Engagement

GAP 2025/42 **RESOLVED** (Freddie Ganambarra/Alice Wanambi)**That the Local Authority**

- (a) 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.
- (b) Endorses the appointment of two Traditional Owners and two other members in consultation with Community.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

26 May 2026.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:33 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gapuwiyak Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 17 April 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

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 Gapuwiyak 2026 3 [2.1.1 - 6 pages]

GAPUWIYAK 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. d) Seek clarification from Northern Territory Government how Kava is going to be managed in the Northern Territory during the next two years, the duration of the pilot.	12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot - Ongoing 12.10.2021 – Update provided to LA Members - ongoing 17.12.2021 – A separate report will be presented by the CEO in the meeting. 21.01.2022 – CEO is having meetings about consultation on 8 Feb 2022. 18.03.2022 – Cr Bandi Wunungmurra and the Director Community Development to attend the regional Children and Families Meeting on the 5 April to advocate Council's position on this. 09.05.2022 - Dale Keehne and President Lapulung Dhamarrandji attended the RCFC and will provide updates to the Local Authority. 20.05.2022 - 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. 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. 25.11.2022 – As noted above. 20.11.2022 – CEO to provide further update. 24.03.2023 – CEO to update. 14.12.23 – Dr Frank Daly has left NTG, and as such EARC needs to wait until a replacement has been decided upon to continue conversations. Meeting with Jim Rogers and NIAA has been postponed until next Council meeting. 29.01.24 – NIAA and NTG to attend next Council meeting for further discussion. 21.02.24 – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities.

GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			PFES requested continuous support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed. 24.04.24 – CEO to contact Department. 24.05.24 – NIAA and NTG to again be invited to June Council pre-agenda day. 25.06.24 – NIAA & NTG will attend June Council meeting. 19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Mark Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. 21.03.25 – Mr Guyula joined the meeting via TEAMS and had a discussion with the members regarding kava. Further updates in the CEO Report. 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. 28.10.25 - Police in Nhulunbuy informed that they received a letter from the Minister stating that the NT Government is willing to conduct community consultations.
Public wifi		The current public wifi is placed in the Library Building. Public wifi to be placed a place to ensure convenience and maximum usage.	24.03.2023 - The public wifi to be placed at the Council Meeting room to ensure that more people can access and use free wifi. Director Technical and Infrastructure services to approach Telstra to include the public wifi as part of their public telephone service. Director Technical and Infrastructure services to explore option for broader community wifi coverage. 29.06.23 – Ongoing 20.07.23 – Move tower and relocate wifi new tower 2 months away update next meeting. 29.08.23 - moving tower to new position, which has been mapped out. Already budgeted for. 26.10.23 – I.T has this underway. Tower will stay where it is until after wet season. 14.12.23 – This will occur in New Year. 29.01.23 As above noted in PA Section. 22.02.24 – Getting ready to be released.

GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			02.04.24- Due to be completed by 30 June 2024 24.05.24 – Covered in Tech Report. 25.06.24 – Put out to tender no submissions – Currently out again – closing this week. 11.12.24 – update to be provided. Regional Manager – Building and Infrastructure will investigate. 21.03.25 – Installed the new tower – now need to investigate the conference room and where the wifi will be installed. 23.04.25 – Engaged with IT Manager in regards to public wifi. 25.06.25 – Further follow up with IT Manager. Has it been completed, how do community sign on etc., Who is paying for this. Is this Council's responsibility? 28.10.25 – IT Manager to find out who is responsible for the current wifi access in community, Governance Manager to provide a letter to LA members to endorse for disabling wifi access from 6pm to 6am to minimise access for children during evening and night. 19.02.26 – Currently sitting with IT Manager, IT to update on Wifi location and progress of the work. 24.02.26 – IT Manager confirmed that NT Libraries are the provider. 17.04.26 – Active communities and Youth services Regional Manager to contact NT libraries to arrange the Wi-Fi to be turned off from 10pm each day.
Safety concerns Marrangu Street		General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services asked to look into the installation of speed humps on the said street.	24.03.23 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide update. 20.07.23 Ongoing. 26.10.23 – Ongoing. Update to be provided by DTSI at next LA meeting. 14.12.23 – Speed bumps and signage ordered. 29.01.24 – Speed bumps have been ordered as above. Follow up report at next meeting as Director Technical and Infrastructure Services has been on leave. 22.02.24 – Will provide update in the next meeting.

GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			02.04.24 – Full traffic management plan is being developed by August/ September 2024. Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to arrange for the installation of speed limit signs and speed bumps past the school, Ritharrngu Street and Marrangu Street. DTIS to approach Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Land (DIPL) about installing proper speed humps and speed signs with the new development, need for Walkways and WIFI. 24.05.24 – Defer to full consultancy on public lighting and street lighting – check it's within standards . 25.06.24 – Forms part of Annual Plan – public and street lighting. 11.12.24 – Part of internal independent road safety updates surveyed by whoever is awarded the contract. 21.03.25 – Tender has been awarded, and the road safety audit will commence in April 2025 subject to road and weather conditions. 23.04.25 – Ongoing due to current weather conditions. 25.06.25 – Still waiting on roads to Re- open. 28.10.25- Audit report has been completed by Transportwise, Infrastructure team to have a de-brief meeting with consultant to discuss recommendations and proposed developments. 26.11.25 – Waiting for the Safety report. 19.02.25 – Waiting on procurement to get the items to community and to be installed. 24.02.25 – In process of procurement. 17.04.26 – GMTIS to gain the date for completion.
Oval access by vehicles		Vehicles have been driving on the Oval	28.10.25- Chair Freddy to go through with MS Team and show them areas. 19.02.26 – Council Services Manager to follow up with MS Supervisor. 17.04.26 – The large rocks to be moved into position when the loader is back in operation.
Drainage Issue Rainbow area			19.02.26 - Anesu to forward the details to GMTIS to action. 17.04.26 – Anesu forwarded the details to GMTIS.

GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
Location of existing playground equipment to be provided to Technical Services			19.02.26 - LA members to provide location of play ground equipment to Technical Services through CSM. 17.04.26 – Location confirmed at the LA and CSM to advise GMTIS to explore costings of Car port shelter over playground.

Items on Hold/Advocacy Items	<u>ACTIONS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Upgrade Airport Waiting Area		22.05.2020 – The advice received was that the NTG is only responsible for grounds maintenance and the structure was built by the Community Incorporated Council/Shire at the transition of local government. 29.01.2021 – The Local Authority has recommended a financial contribution toward a co-funded grant opportunity – to be tabled at the February Council m 19.03.2021 – Council have put \$50 aside to work with NT Government to help with costs on the upgrade of the airport area 12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Funding opportunity will be advised 21.05.2021 – Advocacy has been sought for funding, next round has been open and funding options will be available at next LA meeting. 21.01.2022 – Ongoing 20.05.2022 – no change – seeking additional funding. 30.06.2022 – no change Move to advocacy 20.01.22 – No further grants

GAPUWIYAK ACTIONS

Gapuwiyak aerodrome	Local Authority would like to approach the relevant authority for information on future plans for the Gapuwiyak aerodrome.	20.01.23 - If available invite representatives to meet with the Local Authority to discuss future aspirations for the Gapuwiyak aerodrome including extensions of the strip and inclusion of public facilities and toilets. 27.04.23 – ONGOING – TO DISCUSS NEXT MEETING. 29.06.23 – ONGOING 20.07 TO BE COVERED IN REPORT LATER IN MEETING. 29.08.23 ONGOING MOVED TO ADVOCACY 02.04.2024 ONGOING
Lack of Walkways (community members walking through people's houses and properties.	Director Community Development to write a letter to Territory Housing raising this issue and requesting action.	24.03.23 – Director Community Development to provide update. 20.07.23 Update prior to next meeting by Director Community Services. 29.08.23 Ongoing discussion around footpaths and how they will link up with existing. 26.10.23 Ongoing – Feedback given to Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Land (DIPL) regarding above. No walkways included in the new subdivision. – To be retained in Advocacy. 02.04.2024- Include in discussions with DIPL on new sub-divisions.
Terminal building at airport.	Request the General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services to search for funding for Terminal building at airport option has been raised with just walls to join the ceiling with fans as a more affordable option.	25.06.24 – Update to be provided 11.12.24 – General Manager will visit Gapuwiyak in the future to investigate and provide update. 21.03.25 – Have inspected and currently reviewing and looking at costings and funding availability. 23.04.25 – Ongoing reviewing funding. 25.06.25 – No Further updates

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 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:

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Councillor Murphy Yunupingu who resigned as one of our Gumurr Miwatj Councillors earlier this year. Murphy continues to provide leadership as a key member of the Gunyangara Local Authority.

I am also very pleased to note the election of the new Councillor for the Gumurr Miwatj Ward, Mr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr. Lirrpiya has been a long serving member of the Yirrkala Local Authority and well respected community leader for Yirrkala and beyond.

I would also like to congratulate our Director of Council Services Signe Balodis on securing a CEO position with a rural Council south of Perth in Western Australia. Signe has brought so much to Council, regularly reviewing and improving our service delivery and outcomes for community members, over the last two years as Director and as Regional Manager of Council Services for the two years before that.

I have continued to advocate on national post Cyclone Narelle forums with the Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians and senior officials of the Australian Government and Northern Territory Governments for a significant improvement in preparation for future cyclones. Specifically seeking confirmation of funding for a formal engineering assessment of the cyclone rating of the range of houses and other buildings across all coastal communities of the Northern Territory to allow for clear advice to community and homeland members on where to shelter.

The other key point is to confirm the level of remaining need for cyclone shelters to protect all people, and the commitment of funding to the building of Cyclone Shelters / Multipurpose Halls, that can be operated everyday in multiple ways for community benefit and be 'stood up' as shelters when needed.

The last major issue I have been involved with is engagement with President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay following the death of a 17 year old girl in Galiwin'ku.

The NT News, National Indigenous Times, ABC and a number of other media outlets responded to Council's Media Release - Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyal'ku – No More Violence to Women, publishing a number of news articles in print and online. Some examples are attached, and the full print copies that will be distributed to Local Authority Members on the day for your reference and review.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyalk'ku - No More Violence to Women [2.2.1 - 2 pages]
2. Media N T- News 09072026 [2.2.2 - 4 pages]
3. Media National- Indigenous- Times 09072026 [2.2.3 - 3 pages]



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Media Release

9 July 2026

Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyalk'ku - No More Violence to Women

Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay have met about the tragic loss of a 17-year-old Yolŋu girl in Galiwin'ku as reported by ABC News on 6 July 2026.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, clan and community of this young woman.

Our Council representatives are strong and united in making clear this violence does not reflect traditional Yolŋu culture and is completely unacceptable.

"Domestic violence is not our way. In our culture women are sacred. They need to be nurtured."

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

"It's not Yolŋu culture. This issue can't go any further. We can't turn a blind eye. There are bāyŋu (no) consequences."

Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

Our 100% Aboriginal elected Council and its Local Authorities in each community are committed to work in close collaboration with the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiario led Northern Territory Government to tackle domestic violence and other crime.

"We value the role of the Police. We support there being more Police Officers, based in community."

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

"It is also important to engage with other Aboriginal organisations (including Yalu, Rirratjingu, Gumatj and Laynhapuy) and community members to stop domestic violence across the remote communities of East Arnhem Land."

Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji

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Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay





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Additional Quotes:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

"Women are the bearers of life, they need to be honoured and respected."

Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

"People are not getting consequences, and it happens again and again."

"Families need to love and care for each other."

Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika

"Domestic violence is a crime."

"We have Aboriginal Corporations, Rirratjingu, Gumatj, Laynhapuy, Yalu and others who we can work with on this big problem."

Yalu Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson, Jasmine Yunupingu and CEO, Anahita Tonkin

"We need real action."

"This type of violence doesn't belong anywhere in the world. It's a global problem and we all need to stand up."

"It's time men, elders and leaders step up with us against family violence."

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NT News

East Arnhem Regional Council demands action on violence after death of 17-year-old girl

[Camden Smith](#)

July 9, 2026 - 6:29PM

East Arnhem Regional Council leaders have united to condemn domestic violence across society after the death of a teenage Galiwinku girl, declaring any violence “not our way.”



The senior leaders of a Top End regional council have united to condemn domestic violence across society after the tragic death of a 17-year-old Galiwinku woman this week and domestic violence in remote communities.

Their in-language message, Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyalk'ku, translates as No More Violence to Women.

[NT Police on Thursday charged a 34-year-old man with murder following the discovery](#) of the girl's body on Monday.

Police received a report shortly after 11am Monday a 17-year-old girl had been found unconscious in a home in Galiwinku.

Police, assisted by staff from the health clinic, attended the scene, where she was declared dead.

Source: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/northern-territory/east-arnhem-regional-council-demands-action-on-violence-after-death-of-17yearold-girl/news-story/d041f31d8f071fdbcf65905386c2bd2>



Regional community leaders met this week following the tragedy, issuing a statement mourning the loss, condemning all forms of domestic violence, and calling for the violence to end.

East Arnhem Regional Council president Lapulung Dhamarrandji, deputy president Stephen Dhamarrandji, councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay also issued statements mourning the child.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, clan and community of this young woman,” East Arnhem Regional Council said in the joint statement.

“Our council representatives are strong and united in making clear this (alleged) violence does not reflect traditional Yolŋu culture and is completely unacceptable.

“Council has stated that our 100 per cent Aboriginal elected council and its local authorities in each community are committed to work in close collaboration with the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiaro-led Northern Territory Government to tackle domestic violence and other crime.”

Source: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/northern-territory/east-arnhem-regional-council-demands-action-on-violence-after-death-of-17-year-old-girl/news-story/d041f31d8f071fdbdcf65905386c2bd2>



President Lapulung Dhamarrandji condemned domestic violence across the board and affirmed the status of women in Aboriginal culture.

“We value the role of the police,” he said.

“We support there being more police officers, based in community. Women are the bearers of life, they need to be honoured and respected.”

Cr Ganygulpa Dhurrkay said any violence was not reflective of Yolŋu people and culture.



“It’s not Yolŋu culture. This issue can’t go any further. We can’t turn a blind eye. There are bāyŋu (no) consequences,” she said.

“People, family and community members need to call out violence when they see it. People need to be responsible for their actions. People are not getting consequences and it happens again and again. Families need to love and care for each other.”

Deputy president Stephen Dhamarrandji raised the importance of involvement by Aboriginal organisations including Yalu, Rirratjingu, Gumatj and Laynhapuy.

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“It’s also important to engage with Aboriginal organisations and community members to stop domestic violence across remote communities of East Arnhem Land.”



Yalu Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Jasmine Yunupingu said programs existed within the communities to help combat domestic violence.

“We have created fit for purpose community education on family violence in Yolnu Matha (language) ranging from understanding all forms of violence, coercive control, lateral violence and sexual violence,” she said.

“We need real action. This type of violence doesn’t belong anywhere in the world. It’s a global problem and we all need to stand up.

“It’s time men, elders and leaders step up with us against family violence.”

Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika called for more support for organisations working in this area. “We need to get more support for Yalu to train our people in domestic violence,” she said. “Domestic violence is a crime.”

National Indigenous Times

Yolŋu leaders condemn violence after teenage girl's death in Galiwin'ku

[Dechlan Brennan](#)

Published July 9, 2026 at 12.24pm (AWST)



The alleged murder of a Yolŋu girl in East Arnhem Land in a suspected domestic violence incident has prompted community leaders to speak out against the "completely unacceptable" issue of violence.

On Monday, [Northern Territory Police said a 17-year-old girl had been found dead in Galiwin'ku](#) — a Yolŋu community on Elcho Island — after receiving a report shortly after 11 am that she was unconscious.

A 34-year-old man was arrested, with police alleging the two knew each other. They are treating the death as a domestic violence incident.

After an autopsy was completed this week, NT Police charged the man on Thursday with one count of murder. He is expected to appear before Darwin Local Court on Friday.

"This has been a complex investigation, and our investigations indicate the deceased has died of blunt forced injuries," Detective Acting Superintendent Paul Lawson said.

"A young woman has lost her life, and our thoughts are with her family and community. Our local members remain in the community and are working closely

Source: <https://nit.com.au/09-07-2026/25280/yolnu-leaders-condemn-violence-after-teenage-girls-death-in-galiwinku>

with those affected. Police would like to thank the community for their assistance during this period.

"A file will also be prepared for the Coroner."



East Arnhem Regional Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay met in the wake of the girl's death, releasing a statement condemning the violence and offering condolences to the girl's family, community and clan.

"Our Council representatives are strong and united in making clear this violence does not reflect traditional Yolŋu culture and is completely unacceptable," Lapulung Dhamarrandji said.

"Domestic violence is not our way. In our culture, women are sacred. They need to be nurtured. Women are the bearers of life, they need to be honoured and respected."

He said the council and local communities were "committed" to working with NT Police, Premier Lia Finocchiaro and the CLP Government to "tackle domestic violence and other crime".

"We value the role of the Police. We support there being more Police Officers, based in community," he added.

Source: <https://nit.com.au/09-07-2026/25280/yolnu-leaders-condemn-violence-after-teenage-girls-death-in-galiwinku>



Ganygulpa Dhurrkay said the acts of violence are not a part of Yolŋu culture. She said family and community members needed to "call out violence when they see it".

"This issue can't go any further. We can't turn a blind eye. There are bāyŋu (no) consequences," she said.

"People are not getting consequences, and it happens again and again. Families need to love and care for each other."

In a joint statement, Yalu Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson Jasmine Yunupingu and CEO Anahita Tonkin said real action is needed.

"This type of violence doesn't belong anywhere in the world. It's a global problem and we all need to stand up," they said.

"It's time men, elders and leaders step up with us against family violence."

1800 Respect (1800 737 732)

Lifeline (13 11 14)

13YARN (13 92 76)

Yarning Safe'N'Strong (1800 959 563)

Beyond Blue (1300 22 46 36)

Source: <https://nit.com.au/09-07-2026/25280/yolnu-leaders-condemn-violence-after-teenage-girls-death-in-galiwinku>

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

AUTHOR Anesuishe Hector (Council Services Manager – Gapuwiyak)**RECOMMENDATION****That 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:

The Council Services team continues to work collaboratively with key stakeholders, community elders and local community members to deliver essential services and support positive outcomes for the Gapuwiyak community. Strong partnerships remain an important part of ensuring programs, and community initiatives are delivered in a culturally appropriate and coordinated manner.

A major highlight during the reporting period was Territory Day celebrations, where Council took the lead in coordinating the community event. The celebrations brought together families, elders, children and visitors at the community oval for a safe and enjoyable evening. The event was well attended and provided an opportunity for the community to celebrate together in a positive environment. Council staff worked closely with stakeholders to ensure the event was well organised, safe and accessible for everyone attending.



Lighting up the oval with the best of 'em! Happy Territory Day!



Territory spirit at its brightest!



Fun Times. Happy Territory Day!



Nothing beats a Territory Day BBQ with the Gapuwiyak Mob

Municipal Services (MS)

The Municipal Services team has continued to demonstrate its commitment to maintaining a clean and well-presented community. Staff have been working diligently across all service areas, including routine rubbish collection, public area maintenance, mowing, litter collection, and responding to community requests. Their ongoing efforts play an important role in improving the appearance of the community while supporting the health and wellbeing of residents.

Greg Mitchell is currently on annual leave, with Ricky Guyula acting in the Municipal Services Team Leader role. Ricky has stepped into the position with confidence and has worked closely with the team to ensure daily operations continue without disruption. The team has maintained a strong work ethic and continues to provide reliable municipal services to the community.



The quiet, often unseen labor that ensures a final resting place is prepared with respect



Another day, another pothole patched! Keeping our roads safe and smooth.



Behind every clean street in Gapuwiyak is a hardworking team. Thank you to our municipal services crew for all you do to maintain the heart of Gapuwiyak.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

During the last two months, the service experienced some challenges due to cultural obligations and ceremonial activities taking place within the community. These important cultural events required many community members, including staff and families, to participate in ceremonies. Despite these impacts, the Night Patrol team remained committed to maintaining service delivery wherever possible and continued to work closely together to ensure community safety remained a priority.

Active Communities & Youth Services (ACYS)

The Active Communities team has delivered another successful month of programs and activities for local children and families. During the school holiday period, staff organised a variety of engaging recreational activities designed to encourage participation, social interaction and healthy lifestyles. These activities provided children with a safe and enjoyable environment while remaining active throughout the holidays.

The team also played a significant role in supporting NAIDOC Week celebrations by delivering a range of daily activities from Monday through Thursday. These programs celebrated Aboriginal culture, encouraged community participation and provided opportunities for children and families to come together in recognition of the importance of NAIDOC Week. The dedication and enthusiasm shown by the Active Communities staff contributed to another successful series of community events.



Fire, food, and strong families. Nothing beats the smell of the bush oven cooking traditional recipes passed down through generations.



Sharing food, sharing stories, and celebrating 50 Years of Deadly! Happy NAIDOC Week everyone.



Red, black, and yellow. A symbol of resilience, our connection to this land, and the oldest continuous living culture in the world." Great to see Councillor Bobby Wunungmurra deeply engaged in painting and celebrating our shared heritage.



Empowering the next generation! Inspiring to see Youth Mentor, Atnas Maeko bringing elite skills and epic energy to our holiday basketball program. We are building more than just basketball players—we're building future leaders

Aged Care & Disability Services (ACDS)

The Aged Care and Disability Services team remains committed to supporting older people and people living with disability through the delivery of quality, person-centered services. Staff continue to work closely with clients and their families to ensure support is delivered safely, respectfully, and in line with individual needs. The team has continued to provide day-to-day operational support while facilitating a range of activities and programs that promote wellbeing, independence, and social connection. These services remain an important part of ensuring participants continue to engage with their community while receiving the assistance they require.

Carol Trusler is currently providing support to the service for a few weeks while recruitment is underway for an Aged Care Operations Coordinator. Her assistance has helped maintain continuity across the program during this transition period. Sharon is currently on annual leave, and the team has continued to work together to ensure service delivery remains uninterrupted. Staff have demonstrated flexibility and professionalism in maintaining high standards of care while supporting participants and their families throughout the reporting period.

Waste and Environmental Update

Litter Rating Index (LRI)

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Gapuwiyak	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%	90%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

76 - 100 (excellent, clean, tidy & recycling, community engagement, ownership, pride)
 Monthly Litter Rating Index consistently high. Very little to No litter on ground. Waste Management Plans in use. Waste separation in place. Council no longer spending hours picking up ground rubbish. Beautification programs implemented. Highly motivated proud Community.

Gapuwiyak & Yirrkala lead the communities in litter control, with Gapuwiyak's average litter rating of 95%. Well done all involved in this motivated community.

Landfill Compliance

Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance

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

Animal Management Program (AMP) Update

Reporting month/period: May-June 2026

Overall comments:

- Unfortunately, during this period Dr Cassandra had to cancel her work with our team so the veterinary visit to Gapuwiyak was a veterinary nurse only visit by Sarah and Saraya from 18 -21 May 2026. The team managed to give 256 parasite treatments out during this time and performed remote veterinary consultations via Dr Maddy. They also visited the school, which was a great success.
- Remote consultations: The AMP team has performed four remote consultations during the period, mostly sick animals and animals with tick needing medication. This continues to provide pet owners with consistent veterinary care while we are not in community.
- Next vet visit:
 - The next veterinary visit is from 29 June – 3 July 2026 by Dr Celia and Sarah Carrall. Harmony Reeves, the volunteer will also be joining our team during this visit.

Service Delivery Table:

Gapuwiyak	May/Jun 26	FY 25-26 to date	FY 24-25
Dogs Desexed	0	30	34
Cats Desexed	0	11	6
Community consultations	5	26	75
Remote/Phone consultations	3	18	28
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	2	14	16
Minor procedures/other surgeries	2	3	2
Parasite Treatments	256	753	783
Euthanasia	0	2	2
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	2	7	25
Total Engagements	270	864	971

Community education activities:

- Sarah and Saraya visited Gapuwiyak school and it was a huge success. They visited three separate classes, and the lessons included animal education about how best to look after your animal, what animals need and animal empathy. The school visit was a great success and Saraya dressed up as our dog Wally for the occasion which the kids at the school loved.

Staff training:

- None this period.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- SERP study. Dr Maddy continues to be in discussions with Miwatj and QIMR team in regard to the large scale Strongyloides research project in Gapuwiyak and Milingimbi in 2026-2028. EARC is strongly encouraging an MOU between organisations as soon as possible.
- Laynhapuy homelands: The veterinary nursing team has been busy providing veterinary nurse visits to Laynhapuy homelands as part of our contracted fee for service arrangements. These have been day trips by Sarah and Saraya. We will be providing veterinary surgical visits later this year in August.
- Doyndji homelands – Dr Maddy is still yet to hear back from ASRAC in regard to servicing the Doyndji homeland again. Please direct any inquiries regarding this homeland to ASRAC as our team is happy to service the homeland again but it must be via a contracted fee for service arrangement.

Any issues or concerns that need to be addressed at LA or council meeting: Nil

Photos:

Sarah and Saraya talking to the kids at Gapuwiyak school about what animals need and how to look after your animal.



Sarah and Saraya talking to the kids at Gapuwiyak school about what animals need and how to look after your animal.



Pictures from the Gapuwiyak School visit by Sarah and Saraya (who is dressed as Wally!)



Education session being delivered by the team with the students from Gapuwiyak School.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

AUTHOR	Sonia Campbell (General Manager – Technical and Infrastructure Services)
RECOMMENDATION That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure Report	

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

Arvin Roping – Transport and Infrastructure 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 – Regional Manager Building Infrastructure

122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

LAPF Projects

Aaron McKenna – Senior Project Manager

REPORT STORY:

112 - Fleet Services (Report Owner –Imogen Weighill)

New GPS tracker software

All EARC fleet Vehicles and plant equipment are currently being transitioned to a new GPS tracking system. Fleet are now utilizing the Navman TN360 platform for vehicle tracking and monitoring. Installation across the fleet is progressing well, with the Gapuwiyak fitment scheduled for 22 – 23 July. Once completed, all vehicles and plant in Gapuwiyak will be operating on the new system.

New Vehicles

A new tipper truck, Isuzu NQR 88/80-190 arrived in the community in June for the use of the MS team, in accordance with the fleet replacement schedule.

- New Fleet number: F0714



116 – Lighting for Public Safety (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

Repair and maintenance of public streetlights

Community	LED Streetlights out of service based on night-time audit inspection	Public out of service based on audit	Tentative mobilisation, commencement & expected completion date	Progress update
Gapuwiyak	48 - LED street lights 4 – GFS200 solar street lights		NIL	100% complete

118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

T25-203320.1 Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage for a Period of 12 Months

Revised Round 2 2025/26	Mobilisation Date	Expected Completion Date	Project Status
Gapuwiyak	14 June 2026	22 July 2026	Note: Maintenance grading works underway

Notes:

- Gapuwiyak dates are indicative and based on current production rates (grading maintenance underway at Gapuwiyak), access constraints (note flooding and saturated pavement observed on several sections of Balma Homeland Access Road)

119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

The Transport Infrastructure team recently engaged civil Contractor, Australian Niugini Services to undertake additional upgrade works on the Gapuwiyak Barge Access Road, which is outside the current standard maintenance grading contract activities.

The Gapuwiyak Barge Access Road sustained significant cyclone and wet season damage (November 2025 – May 2026) at multiple sections along the road corridor, resulting in floodway washouts, blocked drainage lines, soft pavement formation and significant trafficability risk for barge logistics and community access vehicles.

Following a detailed site inspection and assessment, a program of targeted remediation works was scoped and approved, covering four priority defective locations at CH 5.1 KM, CH 17.1 KM, CH 17.2 KM and CH 17.3 KM.

Remediation works included clearing of drainage structures across multiple sections of the road corridor, topping up gravel material at low spot sections and cement stabilisation works at multiple floodway washout sections.

**Gapuwiyak Communications Tower Deconstruction**

The Gapuwiyak Communications Tower has now been safely deconstructed and removed. The project has been completed in accordance with the approved methodology, with all demolition works undertaken safely and in a controlled manner.

Progress

- McMahon Services completed the demolition using a specialist rigging team.
- The tower was dismantled progressively from the top down, with all components lowered to the ground in a controlled manner.
- Demolition works were completed safely with minimal impact to the surrounding community.
- Site clean-up has been completed and temporary restrictions removed.

Next Steps

Project is now complete.



The report authors do 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

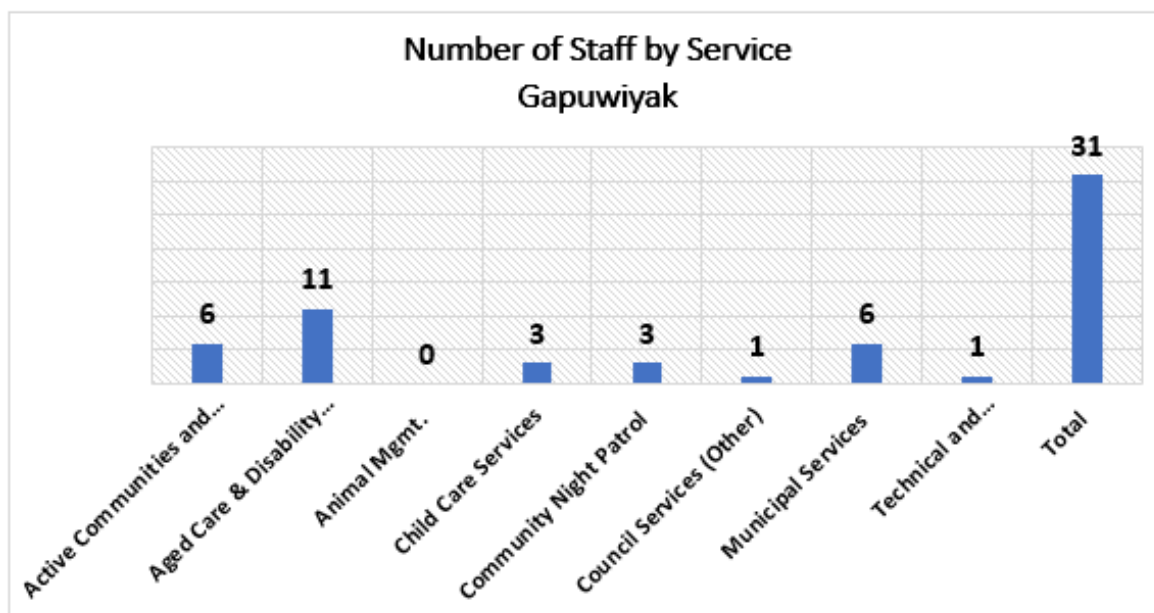
That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 June 2026.

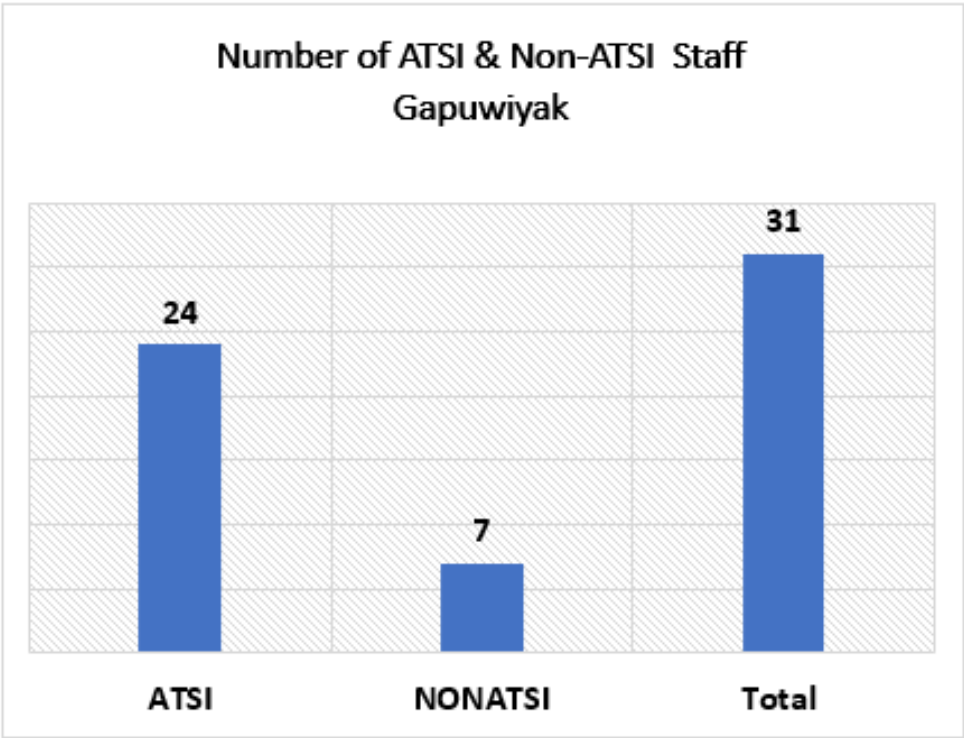
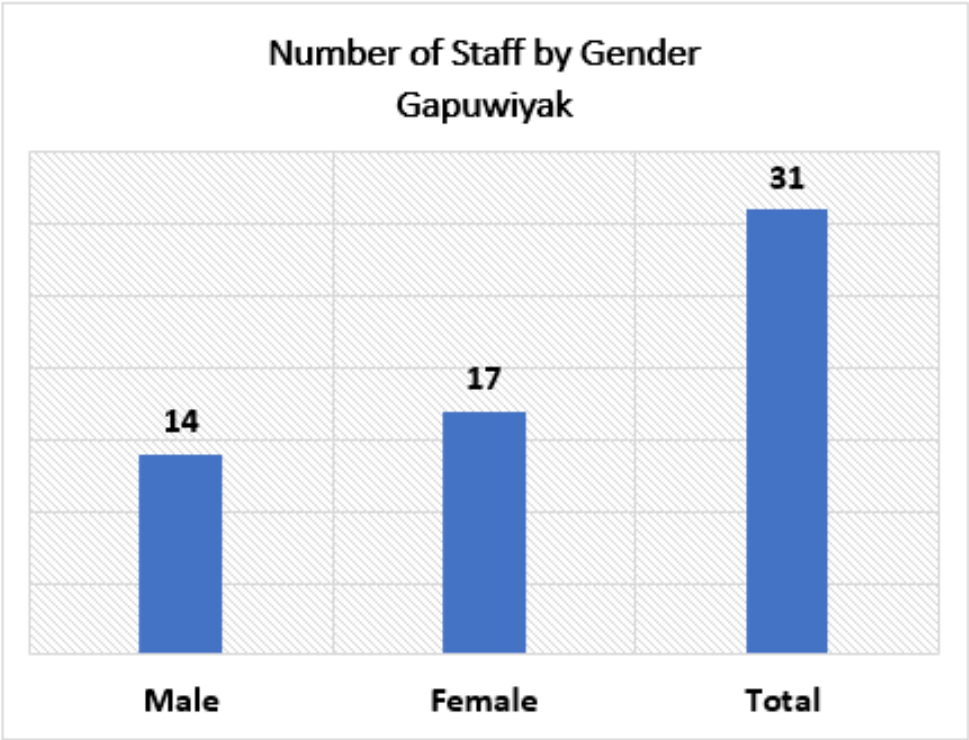
SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 June 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:



Vacancies as of 30 June 2026:

Job Title	Location	Recruitment Type	Employment Type	Number of Vacancies
ACDS Support Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	1
ACDS Support Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	1
Active Community Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	2
Active Communities Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	1

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

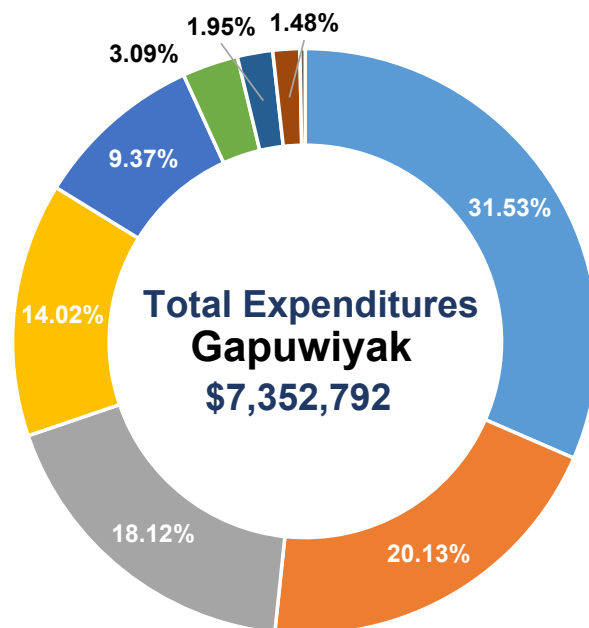
ATTACHMENTS:

1. 12. June 2026 Gapuwiyak LAPF and Chart Reports [2.5.1 - 2 pages]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - GAPUWIYAK FUNDS LEFT

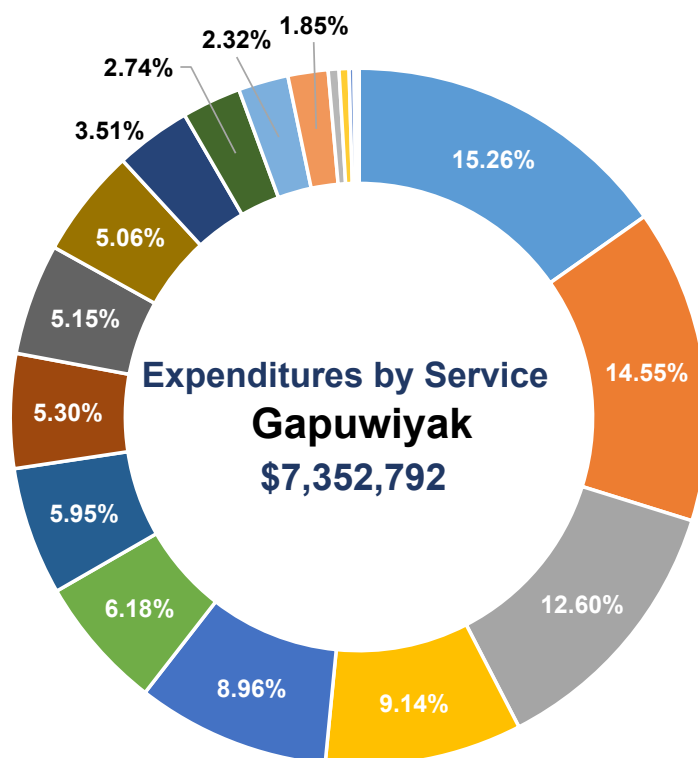
As at 30th June 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	456,752	-	456,752	456,752	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	133,300	-	133,300	133,300	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	590,052	-	590,052	590,052	
LESS LAPF PROJECTS					
299916 - LAPF - Gapuwiyak - Two Public Toilets	(9,376)	(39,773)	(49,148)	(800,000)	1%
304916 - Local Authority Project Funding Gapuwiyak - Revenue	(594)	-	(594)	-	0%
310616 - LAPF - Gapuwiyak Cemetery Lighting	(594)	-	(594)	(50,000)	1%
TOTAL PROJECTS	(10,563)	(39,773)	(50,336)	(850,000)	1%
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			539,716	(259,948)	



where money was spent?

- Employee Costs \$2,318,433
- Materials and Contracts \$1,480,028
- General \$1,332,304
- Fleet & Buildings \$1,031,216
- Core Recovery \$689,048
- Capital \$227,499
- Insurance & Finance \$143,074
- IT Charges \$109,109
- Allocations \$22,082



- 141 - Aged Care Services \$1,121,707
- 169 - Municipal Services \$1,069,927
- 157 - Local Commercial Opportunities \$926,803
- 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management \$671,769
- 152 - Active Communities \$658,925
- 107 - Council Services \$454,146
- 145 - Child Care Services \$437,380
- 129 - Waste and Environmental Services \$389,418
- 170 - Youth Services \$379,017
- 171 - Disability Services \$372,419
- 122 - Building and Infrastructure Services \$258,288
- 147 - Community Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter Services \$201,547
- 139 - Visitor Accommodation \$170,907
- 119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction \$136,364
- 116 - Lighting for Public Safety \$37,071
- 108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services \$33,984
- 146 - Community Media \$16,505
- 100 - Local Authorities Boards \$8,558
- 156 - Community Events \$6,967
- 115 - Library Services \$1,093

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

3.1 Discussion with Local Police

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

PRESENTATION

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil



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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:	Kirstie Hutchinson
Organisation:	NTG
Position:	Community Development Manager
Department:	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Contact number:	0417 055 649
Email:	Kirstie.Hutchinson@nt.gov.au

Agenda Item
1. Which Local Authorities do you wish to attend? ☒ Galiwinku ☒ Gapuwiyak ☐ Gunyangara ☒ Mililingimbi ☒ Ramingining ☒ Yirrkala
2. What is the purpose of the presentation? Introduce the NTG Community Development team and the newly developed NTG framework <i>Empowering the Bush</i> .
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. Close the loop on queries and questions raised at the last LA Meetings. Take note of any questions / queries raised during these LA Meetings that the Community Development team could support in future. ☐ 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)		

Official use Only

Date Received _____

3.3 Date of Next Meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

29 September 2026

4 Meeting Close