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## Mission

**East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.**

### **Core Values**

Respect  
Professionalism  
Human Dignity  
Organisational Growth  
Equity  
Community

## **MINUTES FOR THE GALIWINKU LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING**

**21 September 2023**

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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 or Anindilyakwa.

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**ATTENDANCE**

In the Chair Melissa Campbell, Cr Kaye Thurlow, Cr Evelynna Dhamarrandji joined meeting at 10.01, Local Authority members, Virginia Ripa, Nancy Gudaltji, Terry Walunba and Bobby Nyikamula.

**COUNCIL STAFF**

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer.  
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services.  
Signe Balodis – A/g Director Community Development.  
Melissa Jones – Council Operations Manager.

Minute Taker – Wendy Brook – Executive Assistant to the CEO.

**GUESTS**

Alastair King – CEO ALPA.  
Jordan Ponder – Government Business Manager Galiwin'ku, NIAA.

**MEETING OPENING**

Chair opened the meeting at 9.53AM and welcomed all members and guests.

**PRAYER**

By Nancy Gudaltji.

**Apologies**

**4.1 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCE WITHOUT NOTICE**

**SUMMARY**

This report is to table, for the Council's record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Local Authority Members and what absences that the Local Authority gives permission for.

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

**277/2023 RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Terry Walunba)**

**That Council:**

- (a) Notes the absence of Cyril Bukulatjpi, Cr David Djalangi and Jermaine Campbell.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cyril Bukulatjpi and Jermaine Campbell.**
- (c) Notes Cyril Bukulatjpi, Jermaine Campbell and Cr David Djalangi are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

**4.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

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This report lists the community and Council appointed members and the resignation and vacancies of the Local Authority.

**278/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**The Local Authority notes the member list and calls for new members to fill existing vacancies.**

### **Conflict of Interest**

#### **5.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

##### **SUMMARY**

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

**279/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Bobby Nyikamula)**

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

### **Previous Minutes**

#### **6.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION**

##### **SUMMARY**

The Local Authority is asked to confirm the unconfirmed minutes from the previous meeting.

**280/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Terry Walunba)**

**That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meeting of 21 July 2023 to be a true record of the meeting, noting that the NT Police Officer in Charge Oliver Dodd provided the Police report.**

#### **MOTION MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 10.49AM**

**281/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Terry Walunba)**

#### **MOTION RETURN TO ORDINARY MEETING AT 10.55AM**

**282/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Kaye Thurlow)**

### **Local Authorities**

#### **8.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER**

##### **SUMMARY**

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

**283/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Melissa Campbell)**

**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.**

**Guest Speakers**

**9.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE - LAW & ORDER COMMUNITY UPDATE – DID NOT PROCEED.**

**SUMMARY**

This report is for a law and order update to be provided to the members of the Local Authority by an officer of the Northern Territory Police.

**SUMMARY**

This report is for the CEO of ALPA to provide an update to the members.

**284/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Bobby Nyikamula)**

**That the Local Authority thanks Alastair King for his presentation.**

**General Business**

**10.1 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.

**285/2023 RESOLVED (Virginia Rripa/Nancy Gudaltji)**

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

**10.2 COMMUNITY PLACES AND PEOPLE SUCCESSFUL GRANT**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to update on the successful outcome of the recently submitted grant application for the Community Places and People grant round of funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority defer this report until next meeting where we will workshop some design concepts.**

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Cr Evelynna Dhamarrandji left the meeting, at 11.40AM.

**MOTION MOVE TO LUNCH AT 12.26PM**

**286/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Bobby Nyikamula)**

**MOTION RESUME MEETING AT 12.57PM**

**287/2023 RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**10.3 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND CAPITAL PROJECT  
UPDATES**

**SUMMARY**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide program updates within the Technical and Infrastructure directorate. In addition to progress updates associated with capital projects and initiatives associated with the 2022-2023 Annual Plan.

**288/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Terry Walunba)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Approves the purchase of a community firefighting trailer to assist with the fires in Galiwin'ku, as per the proposal put before the last Council meeting.**

**10.4 COUNCIL OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT**

**SUMMARY**

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

**289/2023 RESOLVED (Nancy Gudaltji/Terry Walunba)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.**

**10.5 YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**SUMMARY**

This report sets out to highlight Youth, Sport and Recreation staffing updates, events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

**290/2023 RESOLVED (Melissa Campbell/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Thanks the Youth Sport and Recreation team for their report.**

- (b) Calls for the development of a ‘youth patrol’ of Yolngu community member volunteers, to support safety at community events for youth.**

## **10.6 LOCAL AUTHORITY POLICY**

### **SUMMARY:**

Due to a recent update within the *Local Government Act 2019* and the Guidelines, the Local Authority Policy has been updated and must get approval for publication by the Local Authorities and Council.

**291/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Melissa Campbell)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the Local Authority Policy.**
- (b) Recommends the following amendments to the Local Authority Policy:**
- (i) Delete from Point 3: Local Authorities are an advisory body to Council.**
  - (ii) Consider inclusion in 5.2 a clause to deal with Provisional Membership.**
  - (iii) Make the following amendments to 6.1.3 to delete lines:**  
  
**Local Authorities play an advisory role to Council. This implies that decisions taken regarding Council activities must be approved by Council Members.**  
  
**There must be, at a minimum, one (1) Councillor present in every Local Authority Meeting.**
- (c) Considers a name and the area to be included for the Local Authority.**

## **10.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

### **SUMMARY**

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 July 2023 within the Local Authority area.

**292/2023 RESOLVED (Kaye Thurlow/Nancy Gudaltji)**

**That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 31 August 2023.**

### **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

Local Authority requests local women’s group representatives be approached for a short term casual contract for grave identification as part of the cemetery upgrades behind lot 127 Galiwin’ku. Director of Infrastructure Services to progress.

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**MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting finished at 2.05PM.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

23 November, 2023.