



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 GAPUWIYAK LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

22 September 2023

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN GAPUWIYAK ON
FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In The Chair Freddie Ganambarra, Cr Bandi Wunungmurra, Cr Bobby Wunungmurra, Local Authority members: Simon Maymuru, Jessica Wunungmurra, Ricky Guyula, Thomas Guyula., Alice Wanambi, Ivan Wanambi and Trudy Wunungmurra.

COUNCIL STAFF

Dale Keehne – CEO.

Shane Marshall – Director Infrastructure and Technical Services.

Anesuishe Hector – Council Operations Manager, Gapuwiyak.

Wendy Brook – Executive Assistant to the CEO.

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the meeting at (time) and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

Apologies

3.1 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).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (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.**

3.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

Conflict of Interest

4.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

SUMMARY

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

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.

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the meetings of 24 March and 19 April 2023 to be true records of the meetings.

Local Authorities

6.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION REGISTER

SUMMARY

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

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.

Guest Speakers

7.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE - LAW & ORDER COMMUNITY UPDATE

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority thanks the Guest Speakers for their update.

General Business

8.1 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.

GENERAL

Staff Survey and Action

The results of a comprehensive Staff Survey provide a very positive overall picture. This includes staff understanding and alignment to Council's overall goals; levels of pride, overall satisfaction and belonging, Council being viewed as a supportive and caring employer; learning and development; perceptions about immediate manager and Council's focus on community.

There are, however, a range of particular opportunities for improvement that have been identified that I will be working closely to address.

I discussed the Staff Survey results recently in a Council wide teleconference with all 9 communities and the Nhulunbuy and Darwin support offices, and an explanation of the next

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steps for action.

They include a detailed analysis of issues and workshopping of practical actions by staff from all different parts of Council to address them, followed by focused discussion and engagement between the Senior Leadership Team to decide on and implement necessary changes.

Local and Regional Decision Making and Voice

A letter from President Lapulung Dhamarrandji was sent to the Chief Minister, Minister for Indigenous Australians and Assistant Minister proposing a joint way forward through the development of a Local Decision Making Agreement, as detailed in Attachment 1.

Youth, Justice Law, Order and Support

Based on the resolutions of the Milingimbi and Yirrkala Local Authorities, and key points raised at a meeting with 15 Secretaries, CEOs and Deputy CEOs of Australian Government Departments and the CEO of the NT Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet (CM&C) – Council endorsed a range of actions. These have been put to Jody Broun, the CEO of the National Indigenous Australians Agency and CEO of NT CM&C, as well Yingiya Guyula the NT Member for Mulka, as detailed in Attachments 2 and 3.

Kava and Alcohol Management

Council made a resolution to call for immediate action on clarifying the situation with kava and alcohol, as detailed in Attachment 4.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

8.2 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the Technical & Infrastructure Services report.

8.3 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Youth Sport and Recreation report.

8.4 COUNCIL OPERATIONS REPORT

SUMMARY

This report is provided by the Council Operations Manager at every Local Authority Meeting to provide information or 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

Welcome Local Authority members and Councillors to the September 2023 Local Authority Meeting.

On Friday 21 July 2023, Council hosted the family fun day working alongside Gapuwiyak Culture and Arts, Police and other Service Providers. It was indeed a great day and night with ABC Backroads filming, thank you all for your support.

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Community Fun Day BBQ



NT Police engaging with the children

Community Night Patrol (CNP) team continues to provide a very valued service to our community. Volatile substance abuse in the last few months has calmed down and contractors are being more careful and locking up their containers.

The CNP patrol team are now scheduled to meet with the Police once every month and update them on issues happening in community, Local Authority members are welcome to attend the meetings as we value your ideas, suggestions and feedback.

Highlights for The Wapurarr' Place include:

- High attendance and engagement at Library Club
- Making our own books at Miyalk Night
- VSA education camp in response to a period of escalating VSA in community
- Collaboration with Gapuwiyak School and Learning On Country to run emotional regulation education sessions at school camp
- Full caseload for The Wapurarr' Place intensive clients
- Reports of The Wapurarr' Place intensive clients teaching emotional regulation techniques to other community members

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Children enjoying playing a puzzle at the Wappurar' Place



n enjoying Art and Crafts at the Wappurar' Place



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Children at Library Club – Wappurar' Place

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There has been consistent attendance at the Child Care Centre, with a group of faces we see regularly. The team continues to work hand in hand with the school FAFT program and Miwatj having programs together every Tuesday. Millie Wunungmurra has joined the team as a childcare worker.



Children showing off their paintings at Child Care

Thank you to all for your ongoing commitment to building and ensuring Gapuwiyak Community stays strong.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

8.5 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Local Authority Policy.

8.6 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting terminated at pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Friday, 22 September 2023.