



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 MILINGIMBI PROVISIONAL LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

19 September 2023

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.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN MILINGIMBI ON
TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 10.00AM

ATTENDANCE

In the Chair Local Authority member Robert Yirapawanga until the arrival of President Lapulung Dhamarrandji at 10.54am, Local Authority members Joanne Baker and Arthur Murrupu.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer.
Andrew Walsh – Director Community Development (via video).
Shane Marshall – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services .
Shannon Cervini – Council Operations Manager.

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

MEETING OPENING

Chair opened the Provisional meeting at 10.48am and welcomed all members and guests.

PRAYER

By Joanne Baker.

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).

260/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

That Council:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Joe Djakala, Boaz Baker and Rosetta Wayatja.**
- (b) Notes the apology received from Rosetta Wayatja, Ganygulpa Dhurrkay.**
- (c) Notes Rosetta Wayatja, Ganygulpa Dhurrkay are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines Cr. Joe Djakala and Boaz Baker 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.

261/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

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.

262/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

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

MOTION MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT 11.12AM

263/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

MOTION RESUME ORDINARY MEETING AT 11.14AM

264/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

Previous Minutes

5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR RATIFICATION

SUMMARY

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

265/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Robert Yirapawanga)

That the Local Authority notes the minutes from the Provisional meeting of 18 July 2023 to be a true record of the meeting.

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.

266/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Robert Yirapawanga)

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 Speaker

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. The Police Officer in Charge was unable to attend due to significant work demands. However the Council Operations Manager was able to pass on a summary report, that there are similar issues to the last report to the Local Authority.

MOTION

That the Local Authority:

- (a) **Thanks the guest speaker for their update through the Council Operations Manager.**
- (b) **Requests the Director of Community Development to ask the Superintendent Northern Division, to arrange for the Officer in Charge in each community to provide a written report in addition to the planned in person report.**

267/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)

General Business

8.4 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.

268/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

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.

269/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Lapulung Dhamarrandji)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) **Notes the Technical Services & Infrastructure report.**
- (b) **The Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services contact Territory Housing**

and DIPL in relation to urgently needed house boundary fencing on existing social housing for security and health reasons.

8.1 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

SUMMARY

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

270/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Receives the Financial and Employment information as of 31 August 2023.**
- (b) Calls on Representatives of Compassion & Power Ministry Services NT to attend the next Local Authority Meeting to advise what services they are providing in the community and discuss, and other service providers to be invited to following meetings.**

MOTION BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12.20PM

271/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 1.17PM

272/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

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.

273/2023 RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Lapulung Dhamarrandji)

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

MOTION MOVE TO BREAK AT 1.48PM

274/2023 RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Robert Yirapawanga)

MOTION MEETING RESUMED AT 2.06PM

275/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

8.5 LOCAL AUTHORITY POLICY

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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.

276/2023 RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

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.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

9.1 COUNCIL OPERATION REPORT

SUMMARY:

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

RECOMMENDATION (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)

That Local Authority notes the Council Operations Report.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 3.35pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 September 2023.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23 November 2023.

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