

OPEN AGENDA for the Ordinary Council Meeting 29 October 2026

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

Djambarrpuyŋu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipuŋur EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wäŋakurr malaŋuwurr buku-l̲iwmaram:

- limurr dhu räl-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurruŋgalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhaŋu

Dhaŋum dhäwu EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuwu warrawu nhämunha ŋalma yaka nyena ŋayambalmurru buku-l̲iw'yuman:

- ŋalma ŋarru räal-manapanmi ganydjarrwu n̲akanhaminyarawu ŋalmaliŋguwaywuru,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

Dhuwalanydja dhäwu EARC-ŋuru bukmakku yolŋuwu mala nhämunha ŋilimurru yukurra nhina wäŋakurru buku-l̲iw'yunmarama:

- ŋilimurru yurru räl-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurruŋgalaŋawu,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barraŋga'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurr buku-l̲iw'maram wäŋa mit̲tji malanynha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räl-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurruŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw wo n̲d̲aŋarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apmaranhamirr ŋalimurr 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 East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Nhulunbuy offices on Thursday 29 October 2026 at 9:00 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

Birr Rawarrang Ward
- David WARRAYA
- Jason MIRRITJAWUY

Gumurr Gattjirrk Ward
- Ganygulpa DHURRKAY
- Lapulung DHAMARRANDJI

Gumurr Marthakal Ward
- Cyril BUKULATJPI
- Evelyna DHAMARRANDJI
- Stephen DHAMARRANDJI

Gumurr Miwatj Ward
- Marrpalawuy MARIKA
- Priscilla YUNUPINGU
- Lirrpiya MUNUNGGURR

Gummurr Miyarrka Ward
- Bandi Bandi WUNUNGMURRA
- 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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.1 Attendance

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

(a) Notes the absence of <>.
(b) Notes the apology received from <>.
(c) Notes <> are absent with permission of the Council.
(d) Determines <> are absent without permission of the Council under Section 47(1)(0) of the Act.

SUMMARY:

This report is to table, for the Councils record, any absences or apologies. Council need to make a decision on whether absences are granted permission. Any request for a leave of absence received can be considered.

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.2 Declarations of Interest

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

(a) Notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register.

(b) That the Council notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

OR

That the Council notes any conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.

SUMMARY:

Elected members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council.

GENERAL:

Sections 114 and 115 of the Local Government Act.

REGISTER:

The Declaration of Interest is attached within this report.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Register [**1.2.1** - 2 pages]

Declaration of Interest Register

Member Name	Families Names	Relationships	Entity Name	Connection to Entity/Current or Past 5 years
Evelyna Dhamarrandji	**Geoffrey Dhamarrandji**	Grandfather	Galiwinku community	Traditional Owner
	Daisy Gondarra	Grandmother	Shepherdson College	Current CLO
	Stephen Dhamarrandji	Uncle	Councillor	
	Zelda Dhamrrandji	Sister	Police Station Galiwinku	Aboriginal Liaison Officer
			Galiwinku Women Space	Board Director
Lapulung Dhamarrandji			Rulku Milingimbi Hostel	Current Committee Member
			Gattjirrk Yolngu Corporation	Current Director
			ALPA Milingimbi Store Committee	Current Member
			Manapan Furniture	Current Board Member
Jason Mirritjawuy			Ramingining RAES program	Current Supervisor
			Bimipilingmirrin Djagaging Mala (BDM)	Member
			ALPA (East Arnhemland Youth Model)	Support Worker
	Sarina Ranybum	Wife	RAES Program	Current Supervisor
			ALPA (East Arnhemland Youth Model)	Support Worker
			Activity for kids	
Marrpalawuy Marika			YBE NEAL	Member
			Mikan Aboriginal Corporation	Board Member
Bobby Wunungmurra			Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance (Santos)	Committee Member
			Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	Member
			Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (Yirralka Rangers)	Employee
	Wesley Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra	Brother	Yolngu Business Enterprises	Current Director
			Housing Reference Group	Current Member
			Northern Land Council	Member
			Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	Employee
David Warraya			Northern Land Council	Member

			Housing Reference Group	Current Member
			Local Decision-Making Group Ramingining	Current Member
Wesley Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra			Yolngu Business Enterprises	Director
			Housing Reference Group	Current Member
			Northern Land Council	Board Member
	Bobby Wunungmurra	Brother		
			Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance (Santos)	Committee Member
			Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	Employee
			Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (Yirralka Rangers)	Employee
Stephen Dhamarrandji			NIAA	Community Liason Officer, Galiwinku
			Aboriginal Resource and Development Service (ARDS)	Board Member
			Galiwinku All Nations	Pastor
			ALPA	Board Member
	Zelda Dhamarrandji	Niece	Police Station Galiwinku	Aboriginal Liaison Officer
			Galiwinku Women Space	Board Director
	Evelyna Dhamarrandji	Niece		
	Geoffrey Dhamarrandji	Father	Galiwinku community	Traditional Owner
Priscilla Yunupingu				
Ganygulpa Dhurrkay			Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation	Director
			Manapan Furniture	Chairperson
			Rulku Lodge	Chairperson
Cyril Bukulatjpi			Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.	Director
			Housing Reference group – NT Housing	Member
Lirrpiya Mununguri			NEAL	Board Member and Director
			Yothu Yolnu Foundation(YYF) / Dilak	Board Member and Director
			School Council	Board Member

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Previous Council Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 27 August 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meeting of Council Open Minutes 27 August 2026 [**1.3.1** - 7 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Meeting of Council 27 August 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Deputy President has opened the meeting at 09:26 am.

Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji (joined the meeting at 10:30 am)
Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji
Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra (joined the meeting at 10:55 am)
Cr. David Warraya (attended from 9:26 am to 10:06 am)
Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji (attended from 9:26 am to 10:15 am and rejoined at 11:54 am)
Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay
Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy
Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr
Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika
Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Divyan Ahimaz (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Sonia Campbell (GM - Technical and Infrastructure Services)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)
Jamie Clarke (Communications Advisor)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.1 Attendance

SUMMARY:

This report is to table, for the Councils record, any absences or apologies. Council need to make a decision on whether absences are granted permission. Any request for a leave of absence received can be considered.

MOC 2025/320 **RESOLVED (Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu)**

That Council:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. Cryil Bukulatjpi and Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra.
(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi and Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra.
(c) Notes Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi and Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra are absent with permission of the Council.

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COUNCIL MINUTES **27 AUGUST 2026**

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.2 Declarations of Interest

SUMMARY:

Elected members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council.

MOC 2025/316 **RESOLVED (Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

That Council notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Previous Council Minutes

MOC 2025/314 **RESOLVED (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

That Council endorses the minutes of the following meetings:

(a) Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2026.

(b) Special Council Meeting held on 16 July 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek Council's endorsement to commence consultation with Local Authorities regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and the ward name.

MOC 2025/317 **RESOLVED (Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

That Council:

(a) Endorses consultation with Local Authorities on the proposed inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority names and requests a further report on the outcomes of the consultation prior to seeking Ministerial approval for any name changes.

(b) Requests the respective Local Authorities to create stories behind their associated Ward name and present back to Council.

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LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Domestic and Family Violence Community Advocacy Update

SUMMARY:

To update Council on community advocacy and public engagement activities relating to domestic and family violence across the East Arnhem Region.

MOC 2025/315 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)**

That Council notes the media coverage and community advocacy undertaken by Council representatives on Domestic and Family Violence.

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Minutes of Committees

MOC 2025/318 **RESOLVED (Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika/Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr)**

That Council endorses the minutes of the previous Finance Committee meeting held on 23 July 2026.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 Minutes of Local Authorities

MOC 2025/319 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)**

That Council endorses the minutes of the following meetings:

(a) Ramingining Local Authority meeting held on 21 July 2026.
(b) Milingimbi Local Authority meeting held on 22 July 2026.
(c) Galiwinku Local Authority meeting held on 27 July 2026.
(d) Yirrkala Local Authority meeting held on 27 July 2026.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Local Authority Action Registers

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary list of actions arising from Local Authority meetings in each of the East Arnhem Regional Council communities.

MOC 2025/321 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr)**

That Council:

(a) Endorses the actions included in the Local Authority Actions List as recommended by each Local Authority, or as amended.

(b) Approves the removal of completed actions and as recommended by each Local Authority.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 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.

MOC 2025/322 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

That Council notes the CEO Report prepared by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is to provide information on the progress, successes, challenges, and future opportunities of the Council Services Directorate.

MOC 2025/323 **RESOLVED (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra)**

That Council notes the Council Services Report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.6 Community Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report provides information on the progress, successes, challenges, and future opportunities of the Council's Community Services Directorate.

MOC 2025/325 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)**

That Council notes the Community Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.7 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council's consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

MOC 2025/324 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr)**

That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.8 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to the Council to provide the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 July 2026 for its approval.

MOC 2025/326 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

That Council approves the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 July 2026.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.9 Correspondence Register

SUMMARY:

This report details the incoming and outgoing correspondence that Council has received and sent.

MOC 2025/327 **RESOLVED (Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji)**

That Council notes the Correspondence Register.

4 Confidential Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Stephen Dhamarrandji

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act, 2019 as the items lists come within the following provisions.

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:- As noted in the Confidential Minutes.

5 Date of Next Meeting

29 October 2026.

6 Meeting Close

The meeting concluded at 12:42 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 27 August 2026 and are to be confirmed.

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Local Authority Logos

AUTHOR Jamie Clarke (Communications Advisor)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the updates and progress on Local Authority Logos.

SUMMARY:

The Local Authority logos are part of an ongoing project initiated by Local Authority Members in Galiwin'ku to show the history of individual communities. Three draft logos have been developed with Local Authority Members in Milingimbi, Ramingining and Galiwin'ku.

The name of each Local Authority is currently under review. Each logo will be updated to reflect the new name once a final decision has been endorsed by Council.

GENERAL:

Ramingining Local Authority Logo

At the Local Authority Meeting held on 19 May 2026, Members provided an artwork (painting on canvas) for the Local Authority logo in Ramingining. The draft logo was presented to Ramingining Local Authority Members on 21 July 2026.

Details
Artists: Andrew Malibirr & Daphne Malibirr
Title: Red Kangaroo and Yam story
Year: 2026
Medium: Paint on canvas

Story Daphne Malibirr
Garrtjambal (red kangaroo) is the totem of Ramingining.
Garrtjambal was eating mo̲na (yam) and at the same time rubbing his hands.
But garrjambal didn't have knowledge about eating mo̲na and because of this he lost his tongue.
Bulabula (slow down) was the only thing that garrtjambal could say after he lost his tongue. This was a reminder for him to slow down, listen and learn before acting.

Milingimbi Local Authority Logo

Local Authority Members provided a logo to be developed for the Local Authority logo in Milingimbi based on the previous Milingimbi Community Council logo. The draft logo was presented to Milingimbi Local Authority Members on 24 October 2025.

Galiwin'ku Local Authority Logo

Former Councillor and Local Authority Member Kaye Thurlow provided a logo to be developed for the Local Authority logo in Galiwin'ku, based on the previous Galiwin'ku Community Council logo. The draft logo was presented to Galiwin'ku Local Authority Members on 27 October 2025.

Details
Title: Galiwin'ku Community Incorporated

History:
1970 Galiwin'ku Community Inc.
2008 East Arnhem Regional Council

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

ATTACHMENTS:
1. EARC LA Logos [**2.1.1** - 3 pages]

DRAFT COPY

Local Authority Draft Logo

East ARnhem Regional Council

GALIWIN'KU

Galiwin'ku
Gumurr Marthakal
Local Authority

DRAFT COPY

Local Authority Draft Logo

East ARnhem Regional Council

Gumurr Gattjirrk Milingimbi Local Authority

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Local Authority Draft Logo

East ARnhem Regional Council

Rawarrang Ramingining Local Authority

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Local Authority Name Changes

AUTHOR Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

(a) Notes the outcomes of the Local Authority name changes consultation.

(b) Endorses the proposed Local Authority names received from the consultation process.

(c) Authorises an updated submission to the Northern Territory Local Government Representation Review.

(d) Authorises submission of the endorsed changes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development for approval.

SUMMARY:

To present the outcomes of consultation undertaken with Local Authorities regarding proposed amendments to Local Authority names and seek Council's endorsement of the preferred naming options.

BACKGROUND:

Council previously resolved to undertake consultation with all Local Authorities regarding a proposal to amend Local Authority names to better reflect both the community and the cultural ward in which they are located. The proposal aimed to strengthen recognition of cultural ward identities while maintaining the established community names used by residents and stakeholders.

As part of this process, Council provided a submission to the Northern Territory Local Government Representation Review Committee on 2 October 2026 outlining the proposed Local Authority naming changes and the consultation undertaken with Local Authorities and elected representatives.

Consultation has now been completed across all Local Authority areas, and Council is requested to consider the outcomes and endorse the preferred naming options prior to submission to the Minister for Local Government for approval.

REPORT STORY

Consultation Outcomes

The outcomes of the consultation were as follows:

- **Ramingining Local Authority** supported changing its name to the **Rawarrang - Ramingining Local Authority**.
- **Milingimbi Local Authority** supported changing its name to the **Gumurr Gattjirrk - Milingimbi Local Authority**.
- **Galiwinku Local Authority** supported changing its name to the **Galiwinku - Gumurr Marthakal Local Authority**.
- **Yirrkala Local Authority** supported changing its name to the **Yirrkala Dhanbul - Gumurr Miwatj Local Authority**, subject to consultation and endorsement from the relevant Traditional Owner organisations.
- **Gunyangara Local Authority** supported retaining its current name as the **Gunyangara Local Authority**.
- **Gapuwiyak Local Authority** supported changing its name to the **Gapuwiyak & Homelands Local Authority**.

Meeting minutes of above were included with the Council Agenda for Council's endorsement.

The consultation outcomes demonstrate broad support for the proposed naming changes, which seek to better recognise both community identities and cultural ward area names.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.3 LGANT November 2026 Conference

AUTHOR Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

(a) Appoints the President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji and Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi, together with the Chief Executive Officer, Dale Keehne, as Council's delegates to attend the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Conference to be held in Alice Springs on 10 and 11 November 2026.

(b) Authorise the President to nominate an alternate delegate to represent Council at the LGANT Conference should the President, Deputy President or Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi be unable to attend, with associated costs funded from the Councillors' Professional Development Allowance budget.

SUMMARY:

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory Conference is an annual event that brings together local government representatives from across the Northern Territory. It provides an opportunity for councillors and senior staff to discuss issues affecting local government, share knowledge and learn about current developments in the sector.

Attendance at the conference will allow Council delegates to network with other councils, government agencies and key stakeholders, while representing Council's interests and gaining information that may benefit the community.

The cost of attending the conference will be funded from the Councillors' Professional Development Allowance budget and can be accommodated within the existing budget allocation.

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.4 Repayment of Unspent Grant Funds - Growing up Strong Kids Program

AUTHOR Divyan Ahimaz (Director - Community and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

(a) Notes the completion and acquittal of the Growing Up Strong Kids Program (Grant 1319).

(b) Notes that unspent grant funds of $93,298.49 (GST exclusive) were identified following final acquittal.

(c) Notes that the total repayment amount, including GST, is $102,628.34.

(d) Approves the repayment of $102,628.34 to Anglicare NT in accordance with the funding agreement and Tax Invoice No. IN076723.

SUMMARY:

To seek Council approval for the repayment of unspent grant funds to Anglicare NT for the Growing Up Strong Kids Program (Grant 1319).

BACKGROUND:

East Arnhem Regional Council participated in the Growing Up Strong Kids Program as a Community Partner under a funding agreement administered by Anglicare NT. Following completion of the program and final financial acquittal, an unspent funding balance was identified. Under the terms of the funding agreement, unspent grant funds are required to be returned to the funding administrator.

Anglicare NT has issued Tax Invoice No. IN076723 dated 31 August 2026 requesting repayment of the unexpended grant funds.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Invoice [**2.4.1** - 1 page]

A.B.N 76 605 552 494
PO Box 36506
WINNELLIE
NT 0821
Tel 08 8985 0000
Fax 08 8985 0001
Email finance@anglicare-nt.org.au

Tax Invoice

Customer Code : EASARNNTG
Number : **IN076723**
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Date : 31/08/2026

East Arnhem Regional Council
7 Westal Street

NHULUNUBY,
NT 0880
Australia

Description	Unit Price	Amount
Growing up Strong Kids Unexpended Funds Grant 1319	**$93,298.49**	**$102,628.34**

Amount (GST Ex)	**$93,298.49**
GST	**$9,329.85**
Amount (GST Inc)	**$102,628.34**

Electronic Payment
Anglicare NT Ltd
Bank: Westpac
BSB: 035 302
Account: 465460
Ref :IN076723

Direct Debit
For regular automatic bill payment. Phone Accounts Receivable on 0889850000 to request a form.

Pay by phone
Phone 1300885175 to pay by credit card or debit card using reference 239053 then enter your Tax Invoice Number IN076723

Cheque
Send this section along with a cheque to Anglicare NT PO Box 36506 Winnellie NT 0821

Pay by web
Go to www.payway.com.au navigate to "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts
Biller code: 239053
Ref IN076723

Invoice IN076723
Due Date : **21/09/2026**
Customer Ref EASARNNTG

Amount Due $102,628.34

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.5 Repayment of Unspent Grant Funds - 4WD Buses for Gapuwiyak and Ramingining

AUTHOR Divyan Ahimaz (Director - Community and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

(a) Notes the completion and acquittal of the 4WD Buses for Gapuwiyak and Ramingining project.

(b) Notes that total grant funding received for the project was $440,000.00.

(c) Notes that eligible project expenditure totalled $419,850.07.

(d) Approves the repayment of $20,149.93 in unspent grant funds to the Australian Government in accordance with the Funding Agreement.

(e) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions necessary to finalise the grant repayment and close the funding agreement.

SUMMARY:

To seek Council's endorsement for the repayment of unspent grant funding to the Australian Government relating to the 4WD Buses for Gapuwiyak and Ramingining project delivered under the Investing in Community Program.

BACKGROUND:

East Arnhem Regional Council received funding from the Australian Government under the Investing in Community Program for the delivery of the 4WD Buses for Gapuwiyak and Ramingining project.

The project was established to provide 4WD buses to improve access to youth, sport and recreation activities by removing transport barriers for community members. The buses support participation in sporting events, recreational activities and community programs across the region.

The project has now been completed and the final acquittal of grant funding has been undertaken. Following reconciliation of project expenditure against grant funding received, an unspent balance was identified.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement, Council is required to return any unspent grant funding to the Commonwealth Government.

The Department has issued Tax Invoice No. 18234644 requesting repayment of the unspent balance.

GENERAL:

Council received total grant funding of $440,000.00 for the purchase and delivery of the 4WD buses.

A review of the final project acquittal identified that actual eligible expenditure amounted to $419,850.07, leaving an unspent grant balance of $20,149.93.

As required under the Funding Agreement, the unspent amount must be repaid to the Australian Government. The repayment will ensure Council remains compliant with grant conditions and fulfils its acquittal obligations.

Grant Funding Reconciliation

Description	Amount ($)
Grant Funding Received	440,000.00
Less: Eligible Project Expenditure	(419,850.07)
Unspent Grant Funds	20,149.93

The unspent balance represents approximately 4.58% of the total funding received.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Tax Invoice 18234644 [**2.5.1** - 1 page]

Australian Government
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

GPO BOX 594
CANBERRA ACT 2601

ABN: 862 6735 4017

Tax Invoice

Invoice Date	: 09 October 2026
Invoice No	: 18234644
Your Account No.	: 6246
Date Printed	: 09 October 2026
Contact	: Accounts Receivable
Phone	: (02) 6136 7555

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL
PO BOX 1060
NHULUMBUY NT 0881

ABN: 923 3430 1078

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Description	Qty	Unit	GST	Amount (excl.GST)
Recovery of unspent 2024-25 4WD Buses for Remote Sports funds	1	EA	N	$20,149.93
***** Total Amount excluding GST:**				**$20,149.93**
***** Total GST:**				**$0.00**
Total Amount Owing:				**$20,149.93**

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PAYMENT DUE ON 08.11.2026

Payment Methods:

EFT: Please ensure the invoice no. is quoted on all deposits
Please Quote Invoice Number: 18234644
BSB: 092009
Account Number: 110978

Cheque or Money Order:
Please forward this Payment Advice with your remittance to:
Receiver of Relevant Monies
Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Dev,
Comms, Sport and the Arts
GPO BOX 594
CANBERRA ACT 2601

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Invoice Date	: 09 October 2026
Invoice No	: 18234644
Company Code	: 4000
Account No.	: 6246
Total Amount	: $20,149.93

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Minutes of Committees

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 24 September 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meeting of Finance Committee Minutes 24 Sep 2026 [**3.1.1** - 3 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Finance Committee 24 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:15 am.

Members in attendance:

Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra
Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi (Chair)
Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy
Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Diyan Ahimaz (Director – Community Services)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.2 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

That the Committee notes the absence of President Lapulung Dhamarrandji.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Declarations of Interest

SUMMARY:

Committee members are required to disclose and interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council.

FC 2025/48 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

That the Committee notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Previous Finance Committee Minutes

FC 2025/49 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)**

That the Committee approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 July 2026.

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to the Council to provide the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 August 2026 for its approval.

FC 2025/50 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

That Committee notes the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 August 2026.

4 Date of Next Meeting

19 November 2026.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting concluded at 11:12 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2026 and are to be confirmed.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 Minutes of Local Authorities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the minutes of the following meetings:

(a) Ramingining Local Authority Meeting held on 22 September 2026.

(b) Milingimbi Local Authority Meeting held on 23 September 2026.

(c) Galiwinku Local Authority Meeting held on 28 September 2026.

(d) Yirrkala Local Authority Meeting held on 30 September 2026.

(e) Gunyangara Local Authority Meeting held on 01 October 2026.

(f) Ramingining Local Authority Special Meeting held on 21 October 2026.

(g) Milingimbi Local Authority Special Meeting held on 21 October 2026.

(h) Galiwinku Local Authority Special Meeting held on 21 October 2026.

(i) Gapuwiyak Local Authority Special Meeting held on 21 October 2026.

(j) Yirrkala Local Authority Special Meeting held on 21 October 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ramingining Local Authority - Minutes 22 September 2026 [**3.2.1** - 6 pages]
2. Milingimbi Local Authority - Minutes 23 September 2026 [**3.2.2** - 6 pages]
3. Galiwinku Local Authority - Minutes 28 Sep 2026 [**3.2.3** - 6 pages]
4. Yirrkala Local Authority - Minutes 30 Sep 2026 [**3.2.4** - 6 pages]
5. Gunyangara Local Authority - Minutes 1 Oct 2026 [**3.2.5** - 6 pages]
6. Ramingining Local Authority - Minutes 21 Oct 2026 [**3.2.6** - 3 pages]
7. Milingimbi Local Authority - Minutes 21 Oct 2026 [**3.2.7** - 3 pages]
8. Galiwinku Local Authority - Minutes 21 Oct 2026 [**3.2.8** - 3 pages]
9. Gapuwiyak Local Authority - Minutes 21 Oct 2026 [**3.2.9** - 3 pages]
10. Yirrkala Local Authority - Minutes 21 Oct 2026 [**3.2.10** - 3 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining Local Authority 22 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:37 am.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy (Chair)
Daphne Malibirr
Fabian Garawirrtja
Gilbert Walkuli
John Djoma
Norman Daymirringu

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Vicki Wassens (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

RAM 2025/92 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Norman Daymirringu)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. David Warraya, Lizzy Mindhili, Robert Yawarnu, Shirley Balalnydju and Leigh Malibirr.

(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. David Warraya, Lizzy Mindhili and Robert Yawarnu.

(c) Notes Shirley Balalnydju, Robert Yawarnu, Lizzy Mindhili, Leigh Malibirr and Cr. David Warraya are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

(d) Determines that Leigh Malibirr absent without permission.

(e) Letter to be sent to Shirley Balalnydju seeking her to attend the following meetings.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/93 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RAM 2025/94 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 July 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Lithium Battery Pack

SUMMARY:

The Cemetery currently relies on a portable generator to provide power during funeral services. While functional, the generator produces noise that can be disruptive during ceremonies and requires ongoing fuel and maintenance.
It is proposed that a lithium battery power pack be purchased for use at the Cemetery during funeral services. The battery pack would provide a quieter, cleaner, and more suitable power source for public address equipment and other small electrical devices required during services.
Details of the suitable model, specifications, and pricing are provided in the attached quotation for the Local Authority's consideration.

RAM 2025/98 **RESOLVED (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Norman Daymirringu)**

That the Local Authority approves the procurement of a lithium battery pack for use at the Cemetery during funeral services, as detailed in the attached information.

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LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Ramingining Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

RAM 2025/96 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That the Ramingining Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to be changed to the Rawarrang - Ramingining Local Authority, to properly reflect the language of the cultural Ward name.

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/101 **RESOLVED (Gilbert Walkuli/John Djoma)**

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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.

RAM 2025/99 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 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.

RAM 2025/102 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

Lunch break was taken from 12:26 PM to 1:00 PM.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authorities consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

RAM 2025/97 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That the Ramingining Local Authority resolves to:

(a) Confirm Locations 1 and 2, as identified on the attached location plan, as its selected locations for installation of two solar lights;

(b) Requests to progress final design, approvals and delivery of the lights using those locations, subject to confirmation of technical suitability and required approvals; and

(c) Authorises use of the second highest ranked alternative locations of 3 and 4 shown on the plan if the first selected location is determined to be technically unsuitable.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

RAM 2025/100 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

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4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

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

RAM 2025/103 **RESOLVED (Daphne Malibirr/John Djoma)**

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

PRESENTATION

4.2 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RAM 2025/95 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That the Local Authority notes the discussion with the Local Police Department.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:54 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ramingining Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 22 September 2026.

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OPEN MINUTES for the Milingimbi Provisional Local Authority 23 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:48 am.

Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji (Chair)
Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay
Jacinta Burukmalawuy
Thomas Gaykamangu

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Ullas Raman (Council Services Manager)
Vivek Gummalla (Acting Regional Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

MIL 2025/82 **RESOLVED (Thomas Gaykamangu/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Joanne Baker, Karina Wunungmurra, Robert Yirapawanga, Rosetta Wayatja and Arthur Murrupu.

(b) Notes the apology received from Joanne Baker and Karina Wunungmurra.

(c) Notes Arthur Murrupu, Joanne Baker and Karina Wunungmurra are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

(d) Determines Rosetta Wayatja and Robert Yirapawanga are absent without permission of the Local Authority under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.

(e) Requests a letter to be written to Robert Yirapawanga to encourage him to attend the next meeting.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/83 **RESOLVED (Jacinta Burukumalawuy/Thomas Gaykamangu)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

Approval of the previous meeting minutes is deferred due to the meeting being provisional.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Ramingining Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

MIL 2025/85 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Jacinta Burukumalawuy)**

That the Milingimbi Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to be changed to the Gumurr Gattjirrk - Milingimbi Local Authority, to properly reflect the language of the cultural Ward name.

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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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/88 **RESOLVED (Thomas Gaykamangu/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

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

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.

MIL 2025/86 **RESOLVED (Thomas Gaykamangu/Cr. Lapulung Dhamarrandji)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 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.

MIL 2025/90 **RESOLVED (Thomas Gaykamangu/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authorities consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

MIL 2025/87 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Thomas Gaykamangu)**

That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

A lunch break was taken from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

MIL 2025/89 **RESOLVED (Jacinta Burukumalawuy/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

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

MIL 2025/92 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Thomas Gaykamangu)**

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

PRESENTATION

4.2 Discussion with the Local Police Department

MIL 2025/84 **RESOLVED (Jacinta Burukumalawuy/Thomas Gaykamangu)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the discussion with the Local Police.

(b) Supports the coordination with the Police and local stakeholders of a community event or events to bring the community together and to call out and challenge domestic and family violence.

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5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 04:00 pm.

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OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku Local Authority 28 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:38 am.

Members in Attendance:

Cr Cyril Bukulatjpi
Cr Stephen Dhamarrandji (Chair)
Bobby Nyikamula
Glenys Dalliston
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Virginia Rripa

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Robert Russell (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

GAL 2025/90 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji.
(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji.
(c) Notes Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji is absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/91 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GAL 2025/92 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 July 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Milingimbi Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

GAL 2025/93 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Glenys Dalliston)**

That the Galiwinku Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to be changed to the Galiwinku - Gumurr Marthakal Local Authority, to properly reflect the language of the cultural Ward name.

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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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/96 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Terry Walunba)**

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings for the Council to endorse.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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.

GAL 2025/97 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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3.3 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.

GAL 2025/98 **RESOLVED (Glenys Dalliston/Virginia Rripa)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council'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.

GAL 2025/99 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2026 within the Local Authority area.

GAL 2025/100 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

4.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

GAL 2025/95 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Glenys Dalliston)**

The Local Authority:

(a) Notes the discussion with the Police Department and Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.**
2. **The removal of ATMs from ALPA stores to counter the negative effect of high levels of cash.**
3. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
4. **All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.**
5. **Support Yalu, Marthakal, Council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate a two week camp for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members. For older offenders, 14 to 15**

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year olds plus, the coordination of the clean-up of Galiwinku homelands over five days, back to back, with engagement of parents and key family members, until completed.

6. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

PRESENTATION

4.2 Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

GAL 2025/101 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Terry Walunba)**

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

PRESENTATION

4.3 Presentation from Deepika Mathur - Charles Darwin University

GAL 2025/94 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Bobby Nyikamula)**

That the Local Authority :

(a) Notes the Presentation from Deepika Mathur (Charles Darwin University).

(b) Supports ongoing engagement with Charies Darwin University, Council and Marthakal Homelands, to develop the Disaster Waste Research Management Project, to develop a Disaster Waste Management Plan for the community.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 04:02 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Galiwinku Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2026.

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OPEN MINUTES for the Yirrkala Local Authority
30 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:45 am.

Members in Attendance:

Adrian Gurruwiwi
Fabian Marika
Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru
James Dhurrkay
Lirrpiya Mununggurr

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Labhjeet Bhullar (Council Services Manager)
Vivek Gummalla (Acting Regional Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

YIR 2025/85 **RESOLVED (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Dipilinga Marika.

(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Marrpalawuy, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Dipilinga Marika.

(c) Notes Cr.Priscilla Yunupimgu, Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Dipilinga Mari are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/86 **RESOLVED (Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru/Fabian Marika)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

YIR 2025/87 **RESOLVED (Fabian Marika/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 July 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Yirrkala Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

YIR 2025/88 **RESOLVED (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Fabian Marika)**

That the Yirrkala Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to be changed to the Yirrkala Dhanbul - Gumurr Miwatj Local Authority, to properly reflect the language of the cultural Ward name, subject to consultation with and approval of the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation and the Gumatj Corporation.

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

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/89 **RESOLVED (James Dhurrkay/Fabian Marika)**

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings for the Council to endorse.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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.

YIR 2025/90 **RESOLVED (Fabian Marika/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of Kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.**
2. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
3. **All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.**
4. **Support council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders.**
5. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 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.

YIR 2025/91 **RESOLVED (James Dhurrkay/Adrian Gurruwiwi)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council'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.

YIR 2025/92 **RESOLVED (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Adrian Gurruwiwi)**

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2026 within the Local Authority area.

YIR 2025/93 **RESOLVED (Adrian Gurruwiwi/Fabian Marika)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

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4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

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

YIR 2025/94 **RESOLVED (Adrian Gurruwiwi/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority notes:

(a) The presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

(b) That the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation and Gumatj Corporation be consulted directly on what names they approve for the new streets in the new housing development in Yirrkala.

(c) East Arnhem Real Estate, who have the formal delegated role from the Northern Territory Government to manage tenancies, to inspect and ensure the approved tenants are living in different tenancies.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:15 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Yirrkala Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 30 September 2026.

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OPEN MINUTES for the Gunyangara Local Authority 1 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:37 am.

Members in Attendance:

Antoine Gintz (Chair)
Doug Yunupingu (left the meeting at 01:50 pm)
Elizika Puertollano
Malakhi Puertollano
Syd Yunupingu (left the meeting at 01:50 pm)

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Labhjeet Bhullar (Council Services Manager)
Vivek Gummalla (Acting Regional Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

GUN 2025/51 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. Priscilla Yunugpingu, Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr, Murphy Yunupingu and Kingsley Dhamarrandji.

(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr, Murphy Yunupingu and Kingsley Dhamrrandji.

(c) Notes Cr. Prscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr, Murphy Yunupingu and Kingsley Dhamarrandji are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GUN 2025/52 **RESOLVED (Malakhi Puertollano/Doug Yunupingu)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

GUN 2025/53 **RESOLVED (Syd Yunupingu/Antoine Gintz)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 May 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Gunyangara Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

GUN 2025/55 **RESOLVED (Antoine Gintz/Doug Yunupingu)**

That the Gunyangara Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to remain the same.

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

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

GUN 2025/58 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Malakhi Puertollano)**

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

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.

GUN 2025/56 **RESOLVED (Doug Yunupingu/Malakhi Puertollano)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 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.

GUN 2025/54 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Malakhi Puertollano)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2026 within the Local Authority area.

GUN 2025/59 **RESOLVED (Malakhi Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

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4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

4.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

GUN 2025/57 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the discussion with the Local Police Department.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of Kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.**
2. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
3. **All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.**
4. **Support council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders.**
5. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

(c) Supports signing the Gunanygara Mutual Respect agreement with Northern Territory Police Service.

PRESENTATION

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

GUN 2025/60 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4.3 Change in upcoming meeting dates

GUN 2025/61 **RESOLVED (Malakhi Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

That the Gunyangara Local Authority approves to move the meeting date of next Local Authority to the 19 November 2026 and following rounds of meetings to be a week earlier.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

4.3 General Business

GUN 2025/62 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Malakhi Puertollano)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Requests Council Services Manager to investigate a grounded Fishing trawler can be removed to avoid environment damage.

(b) Requests Council Services Manager to express its appreciation to Gumatj Corporation to removal of fencing around the park in Gumatj Office and the old school, and suggests the removal of fence between the Gumatj office and the Clinic.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 02:53 pm

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OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining Local Authority 21 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 02:00 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy (Chair)
Daphne Malibirr
Fabian Garawirrtja
Gilbert Walkuli
John Djoma
Norman Daymirringu

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Vicki Wassens (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

RAM 2025/105 **RESOLVED (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Lizzy Mindhili, Shirley Balalnydju, Robert Yawarnu, Leigh Malibirr and Cr. David Warraya
(b) Notes the apology received from Lizzy Mindhili and Robert Yawarnu.
(c) Notes Lizzy Mindhili,Shirley Balanydju, Robert Yawarnu, Leigh Malibirr and Cr. David Warraya are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/106 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Gilbert Walkuli)**

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

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Allocation of expiring LAPF Funding to Ramingining Aged Care Building

SUMMARY:

This report seeks recommendation from the Ramingining Local Authority to allocate expiring Local Authority Project Funding, including carried forward funds toward the Ramingining Aged Care building. The proposal commits an estimated total of $192,821.64 to support the refurbishment of Aged Care centre in Ramingining.

RAM 2025/104 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

That Local Authority recommends the allocation of $192,821.64 expiring Ramingining Local Authority Project Funding towards the refurbishment of the Aged and Disability Care Centre in Ramingining and further LAP funds if needed.

3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 02:25 pm

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OPEN MINUTES for the Milingimbi Local Authority 21 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:02 am.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay (Chair)
Karina Wunungmurra
Thomas Gaykamangu
Jacinta Burukumalawuy
Arthur Murrupu
Joanne Baker

East Arnhem Regional Council:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Ullas Raman (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

MIL 2025/94 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Karina Wunungmurra)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Joe Djakala, Robert Yirapawanga and Rosetta Wayatja.
(b) Notes the apology received from Joe Djakala, Robert Yirapawanga and Rosetta Wayatja.
(c) Notes President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Joe Djakala, Robert Yirapawanga and Rosetta Wayatja are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/95 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Thomas Gaykamangu)**

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

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Allocation of expiring LAPF Funding to the refurbishment of the Milingimbi Disability Services Centre

SUMMARY:

This report seeks recommendation from the Milingimbi Local Authority to allocate expiring Local Authority Project Funding, including carried forward funds, toward the refurbishment for the creation of a Milingimbi Disability Services Centre. The proposal commits an estimated total of $313,556.66 to support delivery of critical disability services for the benefit of the community.

MIL 2025/93 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Joanne Baker)**

That Local Authority recommends the allocation of $313,556.66 expiring Milingimbi Local Authority Project Funding towards refurbishment to create a new Disability Services Centre in Milingimbi and other LAP funds for supporting the conversion of the old CDP facility for Domestic Violence and At-Risk Youth Support.

3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 10:25 am

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OPEN MINUTES for the Galiwin'ku Local Authority 21 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji (Chair)
Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji
Glenys Dalliston
Bobby Nyikamula
Nancy Gudaltji
Terry Walunba
Virginia Rripa

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Divyan Ahimaz (Director – Community & Corporate Services)
Shannon Cervini (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

GAL 2025/104 **RESOLVED (Glenys Dalliston/Nancy Gudaltji)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi.
(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi.
(c) Notes Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi is absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GAL 2025/102 **RESOLVED (Cr. Evelyna Dhamarrandji/Bobby Nyikamula)**

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

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Allocation of LAPF Funding to Galiwin'ku Child Care Building

SUMMARY:

This report seeks recommendation from the Galiwin'ku Local Authority to allocate expiring Local Authority Project Funding, including carried forward funds, towards the conversion of the Child Care Centre building in Galiwin'ku into a youth focused centre The proposal commits an estimated total of $690,013 to support delivery of the critical infrastructure required to support youth and at-risk children in the community.

GAL 2025/103 **RESOLVED (Bobby Nyikamula/Terry Walunba)**

That Local Authority recommends the allocation of $690,013.08 expiring Galiwin'ku Local Authority Project Funding towards the conversion of the Child Care Centre into a Youth Centre and the allocation of the other LAPF funds towards refurbishment to create a new Disability Services Centre. The Youth Centre will include Yolngu Rom and Balanda Rom, engagement with families and Police, and education to provide positive pathways for youth and improve community safety, and engagement with other service providers.

3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 02:00 pm.

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OPEN MINUTES for the Gapuwiyak Local Authority 21 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:03 am.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra
Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra
Trudy Wunungmurra (Chair)
Ivan Wanambi
Jessica Wunungmurra
Thomas Guyula

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehe (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Anesu Hector (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

GAP 2025/45 **RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Jessica Wunungmurra)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Alice Wanambi, Ricky Guyuala and Freddie Ganambarr.
(b) Notes the apology received from Alice Wanambi and Ricky Guyula.
(c) Notes Alice Wanambi, Ricky Guyula and Freddie Ganambarr are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

GAP 2025/46 **RESOLVED (Jessica Wunungmurra/Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra)**

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

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Allocation of expiring LAPF Funding to the refurbishment of the Gapuwiyak Disability Services Centre

SUMMARY:

This report seeks recommendation from the Gapuwiyak Local Authority to allocate expiring Local Authority Project Funding, including carried forward funds, toward the refurbishment of the Gapuwiyak Disability Services Centre. The proposal commits an estimated total of $447,969.90 to support delivery of critical disability services for the benefit of the community.

GAP 2025/44 **RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Jessica Wunungmurra)**

That Local Authority recommends the allocation of $447,969.90 expiring Gapuwiyak Local Authority Project Funding towards refurbishment to create a new Disability Services Centre in Gapuwiyak.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Gapuwiyak Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

GAP 2025/43 **RESOLVED (Thomas Guyula/Jessica Wunungmurra)**

That the Gapuwiyak Local Authority confirms its support for the Local Authority name being changed to the Gapuwiyak and Homelands Local Authority, recognising the broader homeland communities represented within the Ward.

3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 11:25 am.

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OPEN MINUTES for the Yirrkala Local Authority
21 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 03:00 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika
Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu
Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru
Adrian Gurruwiwi
James Dhurrkay

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Labhjeet Bhullar (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

YIR 2025/95 **RESOLVED (Adrian Gurruwiwi/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Diplinga Marika, Fabian Marika, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr.
(b) Notes that Apology is not received from members.
(c) Notes Diplinga Marika, Fabian Marika, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/96 **RESOLVED (Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika/Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu)**

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

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Allocation of expiring LAPF Funding to the refurbishment of the Yirrkala Disability Services Centre

SUMMARY:

This report seeks recommendation from the Yirrkala Local Authority to allocate expiring Local Authority Project Funding, including carried forward funds, toward the refurbishment of the Yirrkala Disability Services Centre. The proposal commits an estimated total of $178,595.06 to support delivery of critical disability services for the benefit of the community.

YIR 2025/97 **RESOLVED (Adrian Gurruwiwi/James Dhurrkay)**

That Local Authority recommends the allocation of $178,595.06 expiring Yirrkala Local Authority Project Funding towards refurbishment to create a new Disability Services Centre in Yirrkala, and the allocation of other Local Authority Project Funding towards the conversion of the Child Care Centre into a Youth Centre.

3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:25 pm.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Local Authority Action Registers

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

(a) Endorses the actions included in the Local Authority Actions List as recommended by each Local Authority, or as amended.

(b) Approves the removal of completed actions and as recommended by each Local Authority.

SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary list of actions arising from Local Authority meetings in each of the East Arnhem Regional Council communities.

BACKGROUND:

In line with item 13 of Guideline 1 of the Local Government Act, Council must consider the minutes of Local Authority meetings at each Council Meeting to address and minute Council's response to any matters raised by the relevant Local Authority.

All matters arising with actions from the Local Authority meetings are consolidated in the attached Action Register for the Council's consideration.

GENERAL:

A current list of action items from Local Authority meetings held since Council last met is attached.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Local Authority Ramingining 2026 [**3.3.1** - 9 pages]
2. Local Authority Milingimbi 2026 [**3.3.2** - 7 pages]
3. Local Authority Galiwinku 2026 [**3.3.3** - 14 pages]
4. Local Authority Gapuwiyak 2026 [**3.3.4** - 6 pages]
5. Local Authority Yirrkala 2026 [**3.3.5** - 7 pages]
6. Local Authority Gunyangara 2026 [**3.3.6** - 5 pages]

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ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
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			25.03.2024- Ongoing. **24.04.2024** – CEO to write to NTG requesting update. **20.05.24** – NIAA & NTG to be invited to June Council meeting to provide update. **25.06.24** – Response from Linda Burney received 23 May 2024 to CEO correspondence of September 2023 advising further discussion with Gerrit Wanganeen from NIAA. NIAA & NTG attending June 2024 Council meeting. **15.07.24** – No further action from NTG. **18.11.2024** – Ongoing **20.01.2025** – Written to Jacinta Price – regarding the above as one of the 8 items raised with her office. Looking to meet with her in the near future. **19.02.25** – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. **17.03.25** – Mr Guyula spoke to the members via TEAMS at the meeting and discussed the issue of kava. Further update in the CEO Report. **23.04.25** - No further action included in Advocacy Points and will be raised with new Government. **26.05.25** - Ongoing – Superintendent Jody Nobbs has had some traction with NTG with a support-based consultation with community to occur in next financial year. **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. **23.10.25 -** Police in Nhulunbuy informed that they received a letter from the Minister stating that the NT Government is willing to conduct community consultations. **19.05.25 -** CEO, with Northern Land Council, has commenced discussions with senior officers of Chief Minister and Cabinet to secure support and develop the process to trial the regulation of kava in a community, for later expansion. **25.08.2026** – CEO and Councillors met with Chief Minister and her Department, Chief Minister expressed that she would like to work with Local Authorities on how to go forward regarding the distribution and sale of Kava in East Arnhem communities.

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New Cemetery.		General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate the establishment of a new cemetery within the tank camp area.	**25.06.24** - emails sent, waiting on confirmation from Council Services Manager. Location to be confirmed with Traditional Owner. **17.07.24** – Ongoing – waiting on confirmation with Traditional Owners, Council Services Manager will provide update at next meeting. **12.11.2024**- CSM has met with Daphne Malibirr and a location in Tank area was proposed. A map with the proposed site will be available during the Local Authority meeting. **18.11.2024** – Members have reviewed the map and proposed location of cemetery and are happy with the location. **11.12.2024** – Moving forward. Approved and going back to Project Manager. **20.01.25** – Application has been sent to NLC regarding the lease on Lot 292. Trying to get the permit through and then it can proceed. Additional lighting and solar etc., **17.03.25** – Waiting on approval from NLC for the lease to proceed. **23.04.25** – Ongoing email received and NLC have expressed it could take up to 12 months. A letter to be written from President and CEO to the NLC Chair and CEO raising concerns with the delays in section 19 approvals for this and a range of other projects, and request to attend the next Northern Land Council East Arnhem meeting in June. **26.05.25** – Ongoing engagement with NLC to expedite the section 19 lease process. **25.06.25** – Waiting on NLC – no further updates. **23.10.25** - Pending NLC Section 19 lease approval. **22.11.25** – as above. **22.01.26 -** Still working through land use and lease establishment. Most recent communications from NLC regarding the lease, verbatim email extract from NLC below: *'Lot 292, Ramingining was consulted on and Traditional Owners have consented to the proposal. An Agenda paper will now be put forward to the next Executive Council (which will be in 2026) and provided that they give their approval NLC will then provide a Licence Agreement for EARC to sign'.* **19.05.26-** Waiting on correspondence from NLC. **25.09.26** – Still Waiting on correspondence from NLC.

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Additional Lighting and power (solar) at the current cemetery		GM – Infrastructure Team	**18.11.2024 –** To provide update at next LA meeting. Update to be provided in Tech Services report. – documents have been completed for lighting, waiting on power and water. Tender docs have been prepared and will go out soon, once approval has been granted from P&W. **11.12.2025** – Unable to get in on the road due to early wet, it will now be after the wet until road is accessible again. **20.01.24** - Works to commence early April due to the wet season. **19.02.25** – Heavy machinery to fit the lighting, waiting on the wet. **17.03.25** – Ongoing as above waiting for road to become accessible. **23.04.25** – Ongoing waiting on the wet to finish for access. **26.05.25** – Currently awaiting the road to re-open. **25.06.25** – Waiting on road to be opened. **23.10.25** - The Contract has been awarded to KMJ Electrical but due to the KMJ business being sold the project has now been handed over to the new owners. This has caused delays in the actioning of works. New mobilisation date tentatively scheduled for mobilisation early November 2025. To confirm the power access to grid and to investigate electricity access to site. **22.11.25** – Due for mobilisation to site 3rd December – delays due to issues related to the business being sold and new entities capacity. **22.01.26** - Contractor mobilised to site 8 December 2025 to complete works. Once onsite it was determined that there were issues with the PWC owned infrastructure that prevented any work to begin. EARC are now waiting further details regarding PWC intentions and timelines to rectify the situation. **21.07.26** – Costing have been received for installation of 2 Solar lights and refurbishment of Ramingining entry sign. **25.08.26 –** Lights have been procured and tender for completion of works to be released within a week.

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Requests that additional lighting be installed in locations that are poorly lit to increase community safety.		Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate and advise.	**22.02.24** – Update on this has been provided in the new format of Action Register. **24.04.2024** – Plan that meets Australian Standards in the budget for that is required. **20.05.24** – Consultant to come in to look at lighting and see that we are meeting Australian Standards (Lux Audit) plus street safety Audit. **25.06.25** – Budgeted for in Annual Plan. Will potentially start in July. **17.07.24** – Update to be provided at next Local Authority meeting. **18.11.2024** – currently at tender review process, works still underway. **11.12.2024** – Report in confidential agenda for council to approve the consultants starting the work on the lighting and internal roads. **20.01.25** – There is a report in the Finance committee for approval. **19.02.25** – Audit has been approved through tender, waiting on a commencement date. All the communities will be audited. **17.03.25** – Consultant that has been awarded the contract has been engaged, waiting on a suitable time – weather dependant. **23.04.25** – Tender has been awarded and audit will begin in mid May. **26.05.25 –** Transportwise has completed the audit, awaiting their report to understand where the better lighting is required. **25.06.25** – No further update from Transport wise. A/g GM Technical and Infrastructure Services to follow up timeline for response. **23.10.25** - Audit completed of Lux levels across community, a recommendation will be put forward in regards to new installation. **22.11.25** – Electrical contractor currently circulating all communities to repair and replace damaged lighting. Vandalism and Power surges make up the majority of damages to lighting infrastructure. **17.03.25** – LA members to identify the locations and pass that to CSM and Technical team. **19.05.26** – Waiting on LA members feedback on positions of the solar lighting as mentioned above and the option of accessing main stream grid power at this location has been paused with other options such as battery packs provided. Include repainting of Cemetery entrance sign to ensure it is clearly visible. **21.07.26** – Wait for lighting repairs to be completed before assessing dimly lit areas.

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			25.08.26 – Waiting on Lighting contractor to complete repair works before assessment can begin.
The members raised about the building in centre of town that has **the stage**, there is an interest by the church to use it.		The Council Operations Manager to contact the Uniting Church, about Church providing a formal request for us to follow up.	**22.02.24** – No update at this point. **25.03.24** - Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to look into handing building back to the Land Trust. **24.04.24**- Handing building back to the Land Trust. **20.05.24** – DTSI met with NLC, surrender of lease is underway**.** **25.06.24** – Application for handback has been actioned. Awaiting consultation by the NLC. **17.07.24** – Ongoing. **18.11.2024** – Infrastructure Services to follow up and provide update. **11.12.2025** – Met with NLC unfortunately they have a backlog of applications – ongoing. **20.01.25** – Inspection of existing building required, need to establish if it's sound to hand over lease. It needs to be deemed as a useable building. Ongoing. **19.02.25** – GM will be inspecting next week if it's in a useable condition, part of the NLC agreement, is that we can hand over the lease, so it is up and running. **17.03.25** – After reviewing the building further works are required and have been assigned to the maintenance team for completion. **23.04.25** – Ongoing waiting on quotes. **26.05.25** – Coordinating with the contractor to review works. **25.06.25** – Update to be provided at Local Authority meeting -works are required at the church. **23.10.25** – To identify Section 19 lease status, to identify the need and condition of the property. **24.02.25 –** To confirm the Section 19 and repairs and maintenance report on stage to ascertain costings for repair. **17.03.25** – Community inspection rounds are ongoing. **19.05.26** – Ongoing regarding Section 19. **21.07.26** – Confirming section 19 Lease holder

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			25.08.26 – Council is the current lease holder, a detailed engineer report need to be completed to consider.
Signs and speed humps		Further signs and potential speed humps are required to reduce speeding	**20.01.25** - General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to work with the Roads Manager to establish a traffic management plan. **19.02.25** – Specific speed humps have been ordered for Ramingining. A couple of issues with drainage have been identified which need further investigation first. **17.03.25** – Waiting on the roads consultant to be mobilised and this will form part of their assessment. **23.04.25** – Ongoing and is incorporated into audit. **26.05.25** – Awaiting Transportwise report which will support the request for signage and speed humps. **25.06.25** – Waiting to hear back from Transportwise to provide update. **23.10.25** – Audit has been completed, recommendations have been provided in report and will be in actioned in the New Year. **22.11.25** – Community signage maps currently being created to become a template for reporting damaged/missing signs into the future. **24.02.25** – The signs are currently being procured. **19.05.25** – Ongoing **21.07.26** – Engaged TransportWise to revise Local Area Traffic Management plan based on current Austroads guidelines. Procurement of new materials, signs and traffic calming devises to follow based on revised LATM plan.
Local Authority Logos		The members supported the General Business comment made by Galiwin'ku in relation to individual logos for Local Authorities, and noted they would like to reintroduce the logos from the old Local Government days.	**26.05.25** -The members also ask for the Communications Advisor to liaise with the communities to this end, noting this is to show a link between the past and the present. **25.06.25**- Comms Advisor is working with Councillors to establish what they require in the logos. **23.10.25** – LA members will discuss and come up with the decision in next LA meeting. **24.02.25** – Discussed in previous LA, to be followed up in March LA round. **17.03.25** - LA members to provide the information. **21.07.26** – Being considered in todays meeting.

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Access to the community from Central Arnhem Road.		The members have raised the issue of access to the community from Central Arnhem Road. There is an issue relating to 48ks of road which Rangers state the turnoff is the only road to the community for 7 months per year. This is a main public road. The onus of maintenance of this road falls with DIPL, however they are asking for advocacy from EARC to find a solution with DIPL to have this matter rectified.	**26.05.25** – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to take this matter forward on the members behalf. **25.06.25** – Ongoing. **23.10.25** – EARC to advocate the issue by writing a letter to DLI and LA members to sign on letter. **22.11.25** – Letter being drafted **24.02.25** – Made contact with DLI representative, work in progress. **19.05.26** – In progress, in contact with DLI representative. **21.07.26** – The 46km portion named GOAT track is hindering access to Ramingining
Lighting for kids to play Basketball	Council Services Manager	Council Services Manager to speak with the School Principal about possibility of opening the new Basketball court on Friday and Saturday from 6pm to 9pm, with support from Active Communities and Youth Staff.	**21.07.26 –** Council Services manager to follow up on lighting now school has returned. **25.08.26 –** Waiting for formal response from School Principal.
FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD: **Stage/Advocacy** Community Oval		Extend the Community Oval Stage and construct a stage at the Church grounds. $200,000	**18.01.2021** Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021 **12.05.2021** – Ongoing **19.05.2021** – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting, Design stage is currently in the process. **15.11.2021** – Construction of lights will begin in January. Ongoing. Quotation will go out in a few weeks. Local authority to put LA money of $138,934.00 to the community oval stage project. **17.01.2022** - Request for Tender (RFT) for Lighting to be released in two weeks due to capacity and staff leave over the Christmas period. Request For Tender (RFT) documents for the stage to be released to market end of February. **14.03.2022** – will go to the market this Friday **02.06.2022** – To be dealt with in a separate pool

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			22.06.2022 – tender evaluated – pricing beyond available funds – report in this Council meeting. **12.09.2022** – Remove from Action and move to Advocacy items. **16.01.2023** – No change at this stage. **20.03.2023** – Oval stage – looking for future grant funding - no change at this stage. **18.09.23** – Look for funding for lights at the Church also. Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to write to the church to request funding. **22.02.25** – Council will keep an eye for funding. **17.03.25** – As above.

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			24.04.24 – CEO to write to Department for an update**.** **21.05.24** – NTG and NIAA to be invited to next Pre-Agenda day of Council **25.06.24** - Response from Linda Burney received 23 May 2024 to CEO correspondence of September 2023 advising further discussion with Gerrit Wanganeen from NIAA. NIAA & NTG attending June 2024 Council meeting. **16.07.24** – No progress since last discussion. **21.01.25** – CEO has raised this issue with Jacinta Price's office as one of 8 Advocacy Items. **19.02.25** – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. **18.03.25** – Mr. Guyula spoke to the members via TEAMS and had a discussion regarding kava. Further update in the CEO Report. **27.05.25** – Further talks occur with newly elected Government. Superintendent Jody Nobbs has been able to leverage NTG, with a support-based consultation with community to occur in next financial year. **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. **24.10.25** – Police in Nhulunbuy informed that they received a letter from the Minister stating that the NT Government is willing to conduct community consultations. **20.05.26-** CEO, with Northern Land Council, has commenced discussions with senior officers of Chief Minister and Cabinet to secure support and develop the process to trial the regulation of kava in a community, for later expansion. **25.08.2026** – CEO and Councillors met with Chief Minister and her Department, Chief Minister expressed that she would like to work with Local Authorities on how to go forward regarding the distribution and sale of Kava in East Arnhem communities.

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Jesse Smith Park (in conjunction Makarata Field action above)		Acting Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate upgrades to Jesse Smith Park to include flower beds, blocking the roads to stop cars from driving on the park, and beautification. Also scope to create jobs to carry out this important work.	**11.12.2024 –** Manager Building services to raise this tomorrow and look at plan to see what is required. Further consultation with Local Authority required. **19.02.25 –** Mgr. Building services – want communities' involvement – with rocks etc., and garden beds. Looking at how best to do that. **23.04.25** – Ongoing in consultation with President Lapulung. 27.05.25 – Cultural Centre has now been approved for Jesse Smith Park. Proposal to be in conjunction with Makarata Field action above. **25.06.25** – Waiting on concept drawing to make a final drawing and come up with final plan. **24.10.25** –LA Members have recommended "Mägaya" as the name for the location. Purpose – Coming together, education, NAIDOC week, training sessions, Cultural events, Yolnu and Balanda sharing space. **22.11.25** – Concepts of design currently being created for circulation in Feb LAPF meetings. This will be a design that can be utilized in other communities and will be based off available funds. **24.02.26** – Shared the concept designs at LA Meeting, Work in progress. **18.03.26** – Tender documents being prepared, looking to release in the next couple of months. **22.07.26** – Cannot proceed any further until asbestos is safely removed and have the space made safe. Provide updates for the Ceremony area once asbestos is removed. **25.08.26 –** Still waiting on asbestos to be removed. **23.09.26 –** Asbestos investigations are concluded and proceeding with the tender documents.

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BJ The Buffalo		Request this removal of BJ the Buffalo be actioned as a matter of priority to avoid any potential injury to community, in particular children. Request that BJ the Buffalo is removed from Milingimbi community and taken to the fishing lodge via the barge with support of the Local Authority and additionally would like to understand who the Traditional Owner is that owns BJ the Buffalo.	**27.05.25** - Regional Manager to liaise with Council Services Manager and Local Authority members to understand who the Traditional Owner is that owns BJ. And additionally look at removal of BJ The Buffalo as a priority. **25.06.25** – In progress. **24.10.25**- Buffalo moved from Milingimbi to Ramingining, However Buffalo has returned, LA members to advocate for removal of the Buffalo by submitting petition to Police and petition to be signed by LA members. **18.03.26** –Police have informed that they cannot deal with Buffalo. Joe Djakala and Ganygulpa Dhurrkay to talk to the MOPRA rangers to confirm who the owner of BJ the Buffalo is and then talk to the owner about the concerns of community safety and need to keep the buffalo in a gated yard or fence area. **22.07.26** – Ganygulpa Dhurrkay and Joe Djakala to go and see the MOPRA rangers to raise that MOPRA need to remove BJ the Buffalo from the Island. **25.08.26 –** CSM to contact Barkhut and MOPRA rangers and present in the next LA round and council meeting. **23.09.26** – Barkhut informed that they do not have capacity to transfer BJ currently. LA request staff to find out the original owner.
FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD: ***Advocacy Items*** Water to be installed at the oval			**19.05.2020** – Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up with Power & Water regarding current status of water sources, and when extra water may become available. To also investigate the use of brackish water for the Oval and report back to the LA. **18.01.2021** - Email and discussion are underway with Power and Water surrounding supply options – Brackish Test bore was not approved but other options have been suggested as possibilities – awaiting official Power and Water response.

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			12.05.2021 – Ongoing – Awaiting response from Power and Water. **12.10.2021** – Ongoing – Still waiting for response from Power and Water. **12.01.2022** – Ongoing with no approval from power and water obtained to date. **15.03.2022** – no update after previous report. **17.05.2022** – Power and Water will come back to us with requested information as per the agreement at the Guest speaker delivery at the LA on the Milingimbi water story. **19.07.2022** – Water availability for the oval yet to be confirmed – EARC Tech Services to follow up. **12.09.2022** – no change to the above. **19.10.22** – Move to advocacy – as water will be an ongoing consideration noting the completion of the head works and proposed sub-division **22.11.2022** – Question to be asked to PAW **21.03.23** – potentially another presentation on water story in next round. **14.12.23** – Ongoing. **19.12.25** – With Power and Water.
Community Barge Landing		Requests urgent upgrades and proper infrastructure for the community barge landing	**21.03.23** - Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to advise. **27.04.23** – Discussions continue on ownership etc., **14.12.23** – Some movement here > submission to Deloitte report regarding Federal announcement of Funding**.** **25.06.24** – No money for Milingimbi Barge Landing **19.02.25** – this is NTG not EARC. Further discussion with LGANT
Priority footpaths			**10.11.2020** – tender release to the market and evaluated – market pricing for the works significantly over budget and works of the same nature across multiple areas – this project will be re-assessed and delivered in a reduced scope or additional funds will need to be allocated – this

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			item will be discussed at the next LA meeting for suggested direction. **27.01.2021** – ongoing at this stage – CDP and Contractors still to recommence respective services in Community at this stage. **12.05.2021** – Ongoing – Will bring information to next LA meeting. **18.05.2021** – Will update at next LA meeting. **16.11.2021** – Update progress in January/late January about the project. **12.01.2022** - Project still pending tender re-release to test market pricing which exceeded all similar works of this type conducted to date – release at end of January. **15.03.2022** – Tender will be re-released by the end of April 2022 **17.05.2022** – Tender will be re-released by end of May 2022. **22.06.2022** – Tender currently out to the market and will await any submission when closed to consider. **30.06.2022** – Out to tender – closes in 1 week. **19.07.2022** – Tender has closed but has not been evaluated as yet. **12.09.2022** - Tender evaluated to go to council as a reduced scope in the October meeting dependant on funding extension for LAPF **19.10.22** – report to be tabled at the December meeting and funds adjustments have been made in the budget revision **17.01.2023** – Tenders have gone out and work is progressing. **22.11.2022** - Report to be put forward to Council at December meeting and Tender being put forward.

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			21.03.2023 – Asks the Local Authority to defer any progress on the footpaths until waterpark and other project tenders have been received. **29.08.23** MOVED TO ADVOCACY **11.12.2024** – Looking into funding from Transport Grant from the Federal Government, this grant is particularly for footpaths. Council is required to contribute 50% and Council approval required. Update to be provided next council meeting with a clear detailed proposal. **19.02.25** – Ongoing – Access to field etc., to be taken into consideration of this action.
Sealing of Bodia Road		Supports and approves any application for funding for Bodia Road to be sealed	**21.03.23** – Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to advise. **29.06.23** – Waiting on possibility of grant becoming available. **29.08.23** MOVED TO ADVOCACY **25.06.24** - in talks with DIPL want link path from subdivision to basketball court – won't sign off unless part of design.

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NT AFL Program			**23.11.23** - invite NT AFL representative to discuss the Galiwinku AFL Program and provide confirmation of previously committed sporting infrastructure at the oval by the previous NT AFL representative. **14.12.23** – As above. **25.01.24** – NT AFL Representatives attended today's meeting and provided update. **22.02.24** – Draft Agreement is done. Waiting for AFL to provide timetable. **28.03.24** – Local Authority to invite NT AFL Officers to discuss the Galiwinku AFL Program and when it'll recommence and provide confirmation of previously committed sporting infrastructure. **24.04.24** – New grant focussing on events – Calendar containing holding events etc., **25.06.24** – Going into New Year we have access to a new grant – working towards AFL women's AFL and basketball. Regional Manager – Community Services working on this and update will be provided at next meeting. **18.07.24** – As above, both are intertwined**.** **19.09.24** – As above**.** **21.11.24** – AFL will not commit to programs in any of our communities. Hard for YSR to deliver AFL due to previous instances of community unrest and could be a risk to our staff. Director Council Services will speak with AFL in new year to see if there is any further scope in this space. **11.12.24** – Council has received a grant specific to running events. Waiting on the Department CEO to come back as the document has been signed. **23.01.25** – Regional Manager YSR received an email from Remote NT AFL – AFL NT who will have a full-time staff member based in Galiwinku. In new year they will reach out to discuss plans for Elcho Island. Recently held boys under 15-year competition which included boys from Galiwinku. Potential for new staff member to attend next Local Authority meeting. Regional Manager YSR to email and discuss. **20.03.25** – Email from RM AFLNT they have been told ALPA is no longer going to support them with housing – they are trying to find housing to support the full-time staff maintenance and are also asking NIAA. If they are unable to find housing, they will have to leave the island. General Manager Technical Infrastructure Services to raise with NLC to get a section 19 lease on lots 575 to provide additional housing for AFLNT.

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			23.04.25 – Emailed NLC regarding leave on 575 and again waiting on NLC to respond. **22.05.25** – Still waiting on response from NLC – Ongoing. **13.04.26 –** The Local Authority does not support council for lease for lot 575 to provide housing for AFL due to ongoing costs, Need to find whether AFL NT is still seeking a accommodation. **27.08.25** – Regional Manager ACYS to re-engage with AFL NT to assess AFLNT requires housing.

The Local Authority supports a thorough community discussion to consider and decide on suitable layout and infrastructure for the Lot Area of 228 for a cultural and ceremony 'funeral' area.			**23.11.23** – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to action. **24.01.24** – update next meeting **22.01.24** – Work is being done on this. **28.03.24** – Cr Kaye, Cr Stephen, Cr Evelyna and President Lapulung to create a plan to consult Senior Culture and Landowners to form a recommendation from them on what should be done for Lot Area 228. **24.04.24** Finalising design. **23.05.24** – Design principals discussed and conveyed to Director Technical and Infrastructure Services. **25.06.24** – After discussions with Local Authority – lighting, toilet, replacing fence on House 165 Not ready for release at tender but not far off. – potentially two weeks. **18.07.24** – Consultancy to occur before works continue**.** **19.09.24** - Update to be provided. The members request the Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to provide concept design images of the ceremony site be provided to the Local Authority through the Council Services Manager and community to assist in further consultation, to finalise the plan and the scope for tender. **21.11.24** – Concept and site survey design has been completed. To be covered in the Technical and Infrastructure report. – members may want a concrete floor in the room. **11.12.24** – Designing a mud map of toilet block and camping area, once designed is completed it will go back Cr Thurlow and through the LA meeting for approval.

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			23.01.25 – In final process of design, once concluded will deliver to next LA meeting. **19.02.25** – Currently doing the Geotech, next LA meeting will seek approval of design to enable it to move forward. **20.03.25** – Ongoing -further work to be done on design and potentially the location. **23.04.25** – Incorporated with GEOTECH and GMDTIS has another proposal of drawings for the ceremony area. **22.05.25** – The concept drawings of the new proposal are complete and will be presented to the Local Authority out of session. This will be shared through the Council Services Manager**.** **25.06.25** – Still in concept drawing phase. Further consultation is required with Traditional Owners/senior elders to confirm they are ok with the concept drawings. **27.10.25** – Site survey services investigation has been completed, LA feedback indicate changes and Geo technical investigations required, Architects to prepare concept drawings for LA review. **22.11.25 –** Architects completing new lower key design due to funding limitations. Now that Council has moved through the DE amalgamation not only the Construction cost but the ongoing maintenance and repairs costs for the water park will need to be looked into to ascertain if it is financially viable. **24.02.25 –** Shared concept designs at LA Meeting, doing the work in two phases. First phase to go ahead and second phased depending on the funding in future. **10.04.26 –** Low resource capacity in the technical services department – actively seeking resources. Project is still progressing slowly. **25.05.26 –** In progress, Geo Tech reports to be completed next week. Further scoping once we receive the Geo Tech report. **27.07.26** – Update in the LA agenda 27 July 2026 – Planning and consult coordination activities continue. **25.08.26 –** In regards to different location options will be presented at next LA meeting to consider. **28.09.26** – Proposal has been received for planning to get the project ready in order to apply grant release at the end of the year. Project will be scoped and

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			presented to LA for final approval. DCS and SPMIR to work with LA on different location options.
Galiwinku Cemetery Lighting		Galiwinku cemetery is to have solar lighting and investigate mains power availability.	**21.09.23**– Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to action. 23.11.23 – Lodged an EOI, drawings to be completed to run an underground cable. Power and Water don't see an issue with this. **14.12.23 –** Progressing. **25.01.24** – Report to be provided next meeting. **22.02.24** – Improvement is being made. Two and a half months to three months' time frame. **28.03.24** – Works completed by 30 June 2024. **24.04.24** – Timeframe as above to finishing. **23.05.24** – covered in Tech report. **25.06.24** – Ready to go to Tender – must establish a Lot number for the cemetery. **18.07.24** – Ongoing **19.09.24** – Update to be provided. **21.11.24** – Quotes being obtained for the solar lighting. Currently trying to establish the Lease Lot Number - potentially looking at a battery pack system. Members would like to hold a meeting with the Council Services Manager and Regional Technical and Infrastructure Services Manager regarding the range of their concerns about the new cemetery. **11.12.24** – Received quotes for solar lighting and portable PA system. **23.01.25** – Procuring materials for project once received contractor will be engaged to install solar lights. **19.02.25** – Solar lights have been ordered, waiting on delivery, PA system also ordered. **20.03.25** – Waiting on materials to arrive, Contractor has been engaged for installation. **23.04.25** – Currently waiting on concrete blocks for lights. **22.05.25** – Construction of blocks nearing completion, will be on site by mid-June. **25.06.25** – Confirmation required – lighting time. **27.10.25** – Next step – confirmation from LA to proceed with investing funds for this proposed installation of solar street lights.

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			26.11.25 – Once the design is finalised, will be sent to LA for approval. **24.02.25** – Will need placement information from LA in the next meeting. **10.04.26** – Still waiting on placement information. **13.04.26** – LA to identify four places on map provided where they would like solar lights. **25.05.26** – Waiting on LA feedback. **25.08.26 –** Waiting on LA feedback. **28.09.26** – Awaiting approval for installation.
Fencing around Galiwinku Cemetery & Identification of old graves.			**28.03.24** – Works regarding fencing to be done before June 30, 2024. **28.03.24** – Assistance from Local Liaison Officers to assist in identification. **24.04.24** – Trying to get a local Contractor. **23.05.24** – as above. **25.06.24** – Archway signs have arrived. Quotes have been obtained to install. **18.07.24** – Ongoing to be followed up. **19.09.24** – Urgent update to be provided. Calls for progress on the action and update 'Fencing around the 'Galiwin'ku cemetery and identification of the graves' to the Local Authority by the Council Services Manager. **26.09.24** – Revert the Action to Director Technical and Infrastructure Services as the project funding is allocated to this directorate. **21.11.24** – The new digital Garmin GPS device has arrived – and can provide a digital marking of where people are buried. Still require community input to assist with burial locations. Councillor Thurlow will look to locate those with knowledge of where people are buried to assist. **11.12.24** – GOS device wont mark where the graves are – seeking community members to be available to provide that knowledge to identify the graves. Liaise with new Council Services Manager once they have been recruited. **8.01.2025** – the new Council Services Manager is commencing on 28.01.2025. **23.01.25** – Still waiting on new Council Services Manager to commence. Still wanting to understand location of bodies etc., **19.02.25** – Waiting for CSM to settle into role and will then engage him in the above. Identify areas and engage surveyor. Hope to engage community in this. **20.03.25** – Ongoing – revised solution to achieve this, by clearing and poisoning the scrub around to get access to the cemetery, then identifying the graves, then get a surveyor in and reinstate the fence. General Manager Tech Services

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			to investigate power poles and wires that are old and not working to being removed. **23.04.25 –** We now have a Municipal Services staff member on Galiwinku who is poisoning the area to remove the shrubs and then the fencing can be progressed in addition to the identification of the graves. **22.05.25** -Due to machinery breakdown there has been a delay with the spraying. Spraying the area to clear the grounds will provide a clearer scope to map out the boundaries. **25.06.25** – Update to be provided. **27.10.25** – CSM to take photos and send to GM Infratsructure to organise the clearing of trees. Once the trees are cleared Infrastructure team to organise and get Fencing completed. **22.11.25** – Images haven't been received. **24.02.25** – Waiting on the images to organise the clearance of trees. **10.04.26** – Still waiting on images, due to vacancy of Council Services Manager. **25.05.26** – Waiting on Images as mentioned above. **27.07.26 –** Images of area have been forwarded to Technical Infrastructure team to action. **25.08.26 –** Images have been received and still to be actioned. **28.09.26** – Images are still under review.
Street naming		Local Authority is seeking feedback from the place names committee surrounding the application for the sub-division new street names and provide feedback to the General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services for a response to the Place Names Committee.	**23.05.24** – Cr Thurlow to provide update. Cr Thurlow needs to speak with Language Specialist. LA approves of the three new roads that need to be sorted out to be sorted out by Cr Thurlow. Three further roads that need clarification at next meeting. **25.06.24** – Submission is in the last stages of being completed to be sent 'hopefully' this week, except for three streets in Buthan – need further consultation with Traditional Owners. **18.07.24** – Consultation continuing – Cr. Thurlow following up – suggesting to place names committee. Street names to include Yolngu naming and then underneath in smaller writing the standard English version. Cr Thurlow to provide update. **19.09.24** – Kaye has asked the members to support the submission as shown in the recommended names and be submitted.

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			21.11.24 – submission almost submitted – nothing further required of the members. Looking for Place Names Committee to approve the names submitted and then signs can be erected. **11.12.24** – It has been lodged with the Place Names committee. **23.01.25** – Regional Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services – to follow up and provide an update. **19.02.25** – Waiting on place names committee to get back with approval. **20.03.25** - Ongoing as above still waiting on place names committee to approve. **23.04.25** – Ongoing Cr Thurlow to try again to contact the street naming department. **22.05.25** – No further progress as advised by Cr. Thurlow. Street naming have not been able to provide an update, due to shortage of staff. **25.06.25** – Councillors would like a motion that they would like LGANT make application to the NTG to acknowledge the need to ensue streets are named in local communities and increase the number of staff on the place names committee to ensure councils get these names submitted and approved. **27.10.25** – The NTG Place Names Unit has advised that the Galiwin'ku street-naming request is quite complex, as it includes more than 30 road names from both the existing community and the new Buthan subdivision. Their team is currently assessing the full submission and will provide a further update once the review is complete. **26.11.25 –** Waiting on assessment by NTG place names unit, requests are under review. **24.02.25** – Ongoing. **25.05.26 –** Regional Transport and Infrastructure Manager to provide a table of the existing names that are in for approval and also request for new roads that needed to be added to the list. **27.07.26 –** Place names committee still reviewing and processing applications due to limited resources – RM transport Infrastructure to send CSM a map of the area for Stephen Dhamarrandji to assist and liase with street name mapping and corrections. LA members decided to consult with Traditional owners on the names for the roads. **28.09.26** – DCS to provide CSM a map as mentioned above.

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Broken Lighting		Request the General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services provide an out of session update through the Council Services Manager on progress to fix the range of broken lights in community as referred to in the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.	**19.09.24** Director Technical and Infrastructure Services - Out of session response required please. **21.11.24** – Local contractor has completed repair maintenance of solar lights, still waiting on LED street light parts. **11.12.24** – New additional LED streetlights have been ordered and procured and just waiting on their arrival. Once cleared at customs they will come by road freight for all nine communities, and they will then be repaired. **23.01.25** – Replacement lighting has arrived, and contractors are currently assessing their capacity, e.g., cherry pickers etc., **19.02.25** – All nine communities - lighting has arrived waiting on contractors with cherry pickers to complete. **20.03.25** - Replacement with LED streetlight will commence upon engagement of electrical contractors – once finalisation of contractor engagement occurs in April 2025. **23.04.25** - currently reviewing quotes and will engage with contractor. **22.05.25** – Still reviewing quotes as there are changes in scope of works. Once completed will engage contractors. **25.06.25** – Engaged contractors – completion after August. **27.10.25** – Electrical Contractor has been engaged to undertake repairs, expected to complete by 14 November 2025. **22.11.25 –** Lighting repairs scheduled across all communities. All damaged lights will be repaired/replaced. Vandalism and power surges the highest contributing factors to damaged lights. **13.04.26 –** There is scheduled 6 monthly contractor repair schedule, application to capture Adhoc lighting repairing. **25.05.26 –** RM to review the process of reporting broken lights in community. 27.07.26 – Contractors on site 20 and 21 July however left due to unrest. They due to remobilise by end of August. **25.08.26 -** In progress, as per above. **28.09.26** – Completed. Additional street lights were identified by the contractor for repair and currently under review.

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Streetlights and footpaths and roads		upgrades needed	**23.01.25** -tender has been awarded *and audit to commence late February early.* March **19.02.25** – Audit across all communities – 5-to-10-year plan. **20.03.25** – Mobilisation for commencement of works will commence April 2025 subject to weather and road conditions. **23.04.25** – Ongoing and will commence with audit. **22.05.25** – Tender has been awarded to transport wise and they will commence with site inspection in June. **25.06.25**- Inspection to be carried out. **27.10.25** – TransportWise has completed their audit and submitted the report. The GM Technical & Infrastructure Services and RM Transport Infrastructure will meet with TransportWise to review the findings. The discussion will focus on understanding the recommendations and using them to develop a 5–10 year transport infrastructure plan. This plan will ensure that grant funding is directed to the areas most in need of repairs, maintenance, and upgrades. **22.11.25** – Review of report completed, further actions being mapped for the new year. **24.02.25** – Work will start on Based on Transport wise report. **10.04.26** – Contractor has already completed a repair round. This is scheduled every 6 months. In between visits broken lights can be reported to Council Office until we work through an Application for public reporting. **27.07.26** – Lighting Contractors on site 20 and 21 July however left due to unrest. They due to remobilise by end of August Roads contractor due to mobilise 24 August 2026- Roads contractor to mobilise 24 August 2026 pending Sea Swift barge. **25.08.26 -** Due to re-mobilise by end of August. **28.09.26** – Lighting contractor's work has been complete and the other contractors are currently reviewing community safety situation.
Stormwater Management		Responsibilities for stormwater and road at rear of the school,	**23.01.25** – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to establish which Northern Territory Government Dept is responsible for the road and the stormwater management adjacent to the teacher houses at the rear of the school. **19.02.25** ARCOS is in community now and doing the staging for the drainage etc.,

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			20.03.25 – Engagement across stakeholders to understand the best solutions for this. Consultations have been completed in last two to three weeks. **23.04.25** – ARRCOS are now at 95% on the drawings and once complete will go to tender. **22.05.25** – Arccos are currently working through design for package three, which is related to stormwater for the school – Wakirana Street. **25.06.25** – Update to be provided. Deisgn by 4 July – month for tenders, review of design. **27.10.25** – Arccos Consulting has completed the full design and documentation for Package 3A of the Wakirana Street stormwater upgrades (Shepherdson College). Package 3A will be reviewed in light of available road funding, which has been reduced due to the recent formation of the Groote Archipelago Regional Council. The review will align with the upcoming NTG DLI civil subdivision tender. Opportunities to secure additional grant funding for the stormwater upgrades will also be explored. **22.11.25 –** Review of report completed, further actions being mapped for the new year Related Money for roads item. **13.04.26 –** Design and documentation is completed. Need to discuss regarding the funding. **25.05.26** – Scoping is completed, waiting for the funding round to open. **27.07.26**- Waiting for Funding opportunity to reopen for application. **25.08.26 –** As per above. **28.09.26** – As per above.

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ADVOCACY ITEMS/ITEMS ON HOLD:

Increased funding of Anglicare for money management to be increased from once a month to at least two days per week.	Major need for more funding of essential support services to community to be provided by visiting staff more than once or twice a month, including: Financial education and support. Drive safe program ID, to help to get jobs and many other things.	25.06.24 – Update to be provided. 18.07.24 – NIAA actively following up on this, they share the same concern. Local Authority requires/requests somebody be located on the island full time to answer and assist community members with financial education and support. Director Community Services to follow up with NIAA based on further community inputs from the community members to the Local Authority. 19.09.24 – Update to be provided. 21.11.24 – NIAA has provided updated that Anglicare is already funded for more than one trip per month for money management. NIAA is investigating as they are the funding agency to see if Anglicare are doing what they are contracted to do. Should potentially be four visits per month currently members say it's more like one visit every few months. Formal grievance to be written by Director Community Services to NIAA regarding increasing money management support on Galiwinku. 11.12.24 – Hard time getting in touch with NIAA representative in the region, unable to raise this with them. New NIAA representatives have started in Galiwinku**.** 23.01.24 – NIAA Guests, Anne-Marie Southall and Ted Gondarra, to work on developing coordination of central support services such as money management and gaining ID's, in Galiwin'ku and across the region. To also be raised with Council. 19.02.25 – DCS wasn't available for updated (stepped out of meeting). 20.03.25 – Letter sent on behalf of Local Authority, contact Jay from NIAA has been spoken to about this issue, however, is currently on leave. Director Community Services will be in contact and provide update at next meeting**.** 23.04.25 – NIAA have advised verbally that they will provide a written response to Council, they believe it's no NIAA but rather Department of Social Services who need to provide assistance. They (Jay Hill) will take this matter on our behalf to Dept of Social Services. 22.05.25 – Update from Jay Hill from NIAA who was liaising with Dept Social Services. Jay has confirmed the Anglicare team does go out regularly and she is waiting on a schedule that whe will then share with Director Community Services. Once received the Director Community Services will share with members and confirm whether the schedule needs more advertising within the community. NIAA government Engagement Coordinator (attending this LA meeting) advised that Anglicare are aiming to provide longer services over more days every month. 25.06.25 - No update has been received from NIAA to date. Follow up with Galiwinku representative Anne-Marie from NIAA for update. Potential to bring this up with LGANT and liaise with Government Departments to get further support to communities in economic education and budgeting.

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		27.10.25 – Anglicare has current funding allows once a month visit, they are looking for options to attend more often. MOVE TO ADVOCACY

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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.

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			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. **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. **27.08.26** – RMACYS has informed LANT as currently waiting for actioning.
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.

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			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. **25.08.26 –** Location confirmed, to be actioned.
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. **25.08.26 -** GMTIS to follow up with CSM.

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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 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.**

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		02.04.2024- Include in discussions with DIPL on new sub-diversions.
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

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			25.06.24 – NIAA & NTG to attend June Council meeting to provide updates and discussions. **17.07.24** – No real progress. No action – ongoing. **19.09.24** – Ongoing **21.11.2024** – Ongoing to be covered in CEO Report. **23.01.24** – Ongoing – meeting with Jacinta Price office – as part of 8 Advocacy Items. **19.02.25** – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Mark Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. **20.03.25** – Mr Guyula joined the meeting via TEAMS and spoke with the members about kava. Further updates in the CEO Report. **23.04.25** – No change – to be addressed with newly elected Government. **22.05.25 –** No change – Ongoing as above. **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. **27 .10.25 –** Police in Nhulnbuy have mentioned that they received a letter from Minister that NTG are willing to do community consultations. **25.05.26 -** CEO, with Northern Land Council, has commenced discussions with senior officers of Chief Minister and Cabinet to secure support and develop the process to trial the regulation of kava in a community, for later expansion. **25.08.2026** – CEO and Councillors met with Chief Minister and her Department, Chief Minister expressed that she would like to work with Local Authorities on how to go forward regarding the distribution and sale of Kava in East Arnhem communities.
Alter current application for community toilet block and Ceremony area to change Location from shady beach to ceremony ground.		**28.05.25 – Action Item title changed to include Ceremony Area.**	**03.02.23** – Agreed location no problem. To potentially include a shower. Shane to update this item. **02.06.23** – WIP **26.10.23** – change to change rooms and toilet block at ceremony area. We have received funding for this. **22.02.24** – LAPF Project. Ongoing. **08.04.24** – Awaiting NLC approval. **24.04.24** – waiting on Land Trust approval **25.06.24** – As above.

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			27.07.24 – Still waiting on NLC approval. Two ceremony areas in Yirrkala. Members request one toilet block at each. Director Technical & Infrastructure Services to write an additional letter to follow up for the members. Also to investigate resources for cleaning the toilet and to have it open on Saturdays. **27.09.24** – As above **26.09.24** – Ongoing Director Technical and Infrastructure Services – toilets for Webb way and recreation area – a letter be written to the NLC from LA requesting a timeline for approval. **28.11.24** - Ongoing Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services – toilets for Webb way ceremony ground and recreation area – a letter be written to the NLC from LA requesting a timeline for approval. – Local Authority to invite the NLC East Arnhem Board Members Djawa Yunupingu , Yananymul Mununggurr and Craig Bonney to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss approval of the toilets for Webb Way ceremony ground and recreation area for Yirrkala. Building and Infrastructure Manager to consult and liaise with community members to develop a list of needs and map of locations. **11.12.24** – Writing a letter to the NLC requesting a timeline for approval – still in progress. **10.02.25** – Compile info to write letter for support. General Manager Technical and Infrastructure to engage with Rirratingu. **27.03.25** – Have engaged with Rirratingu in regards to ceremony area and toilet block project**.** **23.04.25** – Plans have been drawn up and are currently in costing. **28.05.25** – Rirratingu to be asked to join next Local Authority meeting to discuss – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to pass on the invitation. **25.06.25**- May need to seek new funding as previous funding was terminated. **29.10.25**- GMTIS to confirm the location and the stage of works for this project. Seek new funding revenue for this project. **24.02.26** – To apply for the grant funding to be able to complete the Ceremony area. **25.03.26 -** The Local Authority confirm that the current location of the ceremony area on Webb Way, and the Infrastructure on it is the location that the GMTIS will apply for a Section 19 lease, following discussions to seek support from the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation.

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			29.07.2026 – Section 19 lease is being sought through Tenancy Manager from NLC. **30.09.26 - Ongoing**
New Cemetery		General manager to look into location for new cemetery.	**23.04.25** – Ongoing there are three cemeteries in Yirrkala two of which Council have the lease on. General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services and Director Council Services will review after walk around and revise. **28.05.25** – The members have endorsed the new cemetery area as show in the Yirrkala Municipal map dated 12012015. **25.06.25** – No further updates as yet. **29.10.25** – GMTIS to follow up the progress of NLC submission for section 19 lease on the proposed new cemetery area and update in the next LA Meeting. **24.02.26 –** Civil works to be completed current cemetery, new cemetery not required at this stage. **25.03.26 –** Work to commence at the end of wet season including Rirritjingu Aboriginal Corporation indigenous training facility participants and using the earth works as a training opportunity. **27.05.26** – GMTIS to provide updates in the next meeting. **29.07.2026 –** Tenancy Manager to seek section 19 lease boundary points and assess correct boundary position. After the boundary points have been confirmed Local Authority members with Technical and Infrastructure team members to survey if fits for purpose. **25.08.26 –** Boundary points are confirmed, and GPR being carried out to confirm the current capacity at current cemetery. Seeking section 19 lease for new cemetery. **30.09.26 – LA is supportive of exploration of the existing Cemetery for expansion and including the removal of trees.**
Yirrkala Future Actions/ Advocacy:			

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Children's Playground $60,000			**18.01.2021** – application lodged with the NLC for approval to construct – awaiting consultative forum. **12.05.2021** – Ongoing **25.11.2021** – Was not approved. Will be discussed again in six months' time. **24.03.2021** – purchasing the kit – to be installed undercover – waiting on approval. **26.05.2022** – Waiting on approval. **22.06.2022** – Unit has been purchased – will await consultation on location. **02.12.2022** – Consultation timeframes have not been provided by the NLC. **03.02.23** – waiting on consultation and approvals. **02.06.23** – waiting on consultation and approvals. **27.07.23** – has been raised with Chief Minister. **29.08.23** – ongoing waiting on outcomes. **26.10.23** – been purchased waiting on consultations. **05.02.24** – still waiting on approvals. **08.04.24** – Awaiting for approval from NLC. **24.04.24** – Waiting on Land Trust **25.06.24** – As above **27.07.24** – Still waiting on NLC approval for land usage. **26.09.24** – Update to be provided by Director Technical and Infrastructure Services waiting on NLC. A letter to be compiled to NLC to ask when this will be resolved. **31.10.24** – Council to raise its dissatisfaction in the lack of any progress in gaining approval from NLC regarding the approval use of land for children's playground and waste transfer station for Yirrkala. **28.11.24** – Local Authority to invite the NLC East Arnhem Board Members Djawa, Yanawul and Craig Bonney to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss approval of the playground and waste transfer station for Yirrkala. **11.12.24** – Ongoing as above. **10.02.25** – Investigate and follow up with approval status. General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to speak with NLC and write a letter to invite them to the next meeting. **27.03.25** – Ongoing as above. **23.04.25** – No change.

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Marine Navigation Lights at Yirrkala Ramp			**1.06.2020** – The Council does not have jurisdiction for the boat ramp, and in turn, any marine navigation lights for it. The Local Authority agreed for the Council to advocate for this in the future, as proposed by the Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services and the CEO of Council. **18.01.2021** – Issue for Advocacy ongoing.
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Speed safety signage and merged action 'Council to provide stickers for bins, providing correct orientation.'		Members request speed/safety signage be added to both sides of rubbish bins.	**27.09.24** – Director Council Services to action with Manager Council Services and provide update. From merged action - 09.04.24 – Murphy Yunupingu to provide translation wording for the sticker. **09.04.24** – Council Services Manager to work with Murphy to get the wording to start the sticker process. **24.04.24** – Stickers to be provided. **03.06.24** – Council Services/MSS to find out where current stickers are located and get them out to community. **25.06.24** – Ongoing Council Services Manager to update. **27.09.24** – Request waste services Manager provide stickers be attached to rubbish bins. **31.01.25 –** No further updates. Decision to be made on what signs need to say on the bins. Look at one for top of bin showing direction to point to street, - speed signs in language - 'fill me up' being one suggestion. General Manger Technical and Infrastructure Services waiting on signage suggestions from members. Do members want 'slow down' in Yolngu? Options to be provided at next LA meeting. 'Correct orientation for the bin'. **03.04.2025** — Members looked at the handout provided by Communications Advisor which was written in Gumatj – it stated, 'fill me up'. On other side it says 'slow down 40ks' – Members would like signage just to say 'Slow Down' with a pedestrian with a child to show people walking. Without a speed limit. (Members also noted that 40ks and hour is too fast. General Manager Technical Services advised the current audit that also includes road safety will be able to investigate this as well) Review the artwork and provide Council Services Manager with revised artwork and

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			further discussion with Murphy prior to next LA Meeting. Also correct spelling on the other side. **23.04.25 –** In last LA meeting some artwork was presented to members and the chair has approved the latest signage, so production of the stickers for the bins will commence. **25.06.25-** stickers have been ordered, once received they will be applied to the bins. **30.10.25 –** The stickers have been received and will be installed on the bins by 30th of November. **26.11.25** – In progress. **26.03.26 -** In progress. **28.05.26 –** Application of stickers need to be completed. **01.10.26 –** Sticker application to be completed by 12 October.
Need for the provision of environmental flows to be re-established between north and south water bodies currently separated by the causeway accessing Gunyangara.		The lack of tidal flow has resulted in the silting up of the south water body.	**27.09.24** – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate and provide an update. **11.12.24** – Ongoing **31.01.25** – Regional Manager Transport and Infrastructure currently investigating and looking at different solutions. **03.04.25** - Currently in discussions with ARRCOS requested them to look at it and provide a solution**.** **23.04.25** – Onging with ARRCOS **25.06.25 –** Further update to be provided once received. **30.10.25 -** RM Transport Infrastructure seeking confirmation on the location and extent of work/water bodies area so further investigation can be undertaken appropriately. **24.10.25** – Needed to Seek External funding. **26.03.26 -** Needed to Seek External funding. **28.05.26 –** Engineering report required. **25.08.26 –** Ongoing, need to have an engineer report to proceed. **01.10.26 – Ongoing, DCS to provide an update on next Local Authority meeting.**
Footpath from Boat club to EARC council office road corner along the Drimmie		This Footpath is needed for safety reasons as residents are walking along the road in the dark.	**30.10.25** – Proceed with further works when the Gunyangara Infrastructure assessment has been finalised. **22.11.25** – To be mapped in the new year and released as Tender pending funding available.

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Head roadand additional solar lights installed.			**24.02.26** – Will be mapped in Grant Funding in the New Financial Year. **26.03.26 –** Seeking the funds. **28.05.26 –** LA to be provided the staged project approach. In the next meeting Phase 1 estimate will be provided with approximate costing. **25.08.26 –** Will be grant submission submitted for these works for footpath and solar lights. **01.10.26 – Updates to be provided in next meeting with consultations with Gumatj.**
Shade shelter, Grand Stand		Provide the costings for Local Authority to consider.	**28.05.26 –** Shade shelter and Grand stand costings to be provided first. **25.08.26 –** Shade shelter and Grand stand costings to be provided in next LA Meeting. Regarding Cyclone Shelter/Hall more information required before proceeding. **01.10.26 – Costings to be provided for Steel Shade shelter for Basketball court. Shade Selter and Grand stands for Oval and Basketball court. Council to approach Gumatj Corporation about possibility of joint funding.**

ADVOCACY ITEMS/ITEMS ON HOLD:

Gunyangara Roads Stormwater Drainage Upgrade Project		**28.09** – Waiting on tenders to close. To hopefully be taken to October Council meeting. Updating at next meeting. **26.10** Tenders will be going to special meeting in 2 to 3 weeks. Update to be provided. **02.02.24** – Ongoing awaiting further negotiation of the contract. **09.04.24** – Ongoing. **24.04.24** – Going back to Tender.

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		03.06.24 – Still out to tender. **25.06.24** – As above - rolled over as part of draft budget and annual plan. **27.07.24** to be placed in Advocacy. **11.12.24** May be able to access additional funding, may be able to advertise for third round – give an update once tender submissions received in next couple of months. **31.01.25** a Road audit is coming through for road safety – waiting on it's completion to understand what needs to occur – current potholes will be filled in next week. **23.04.25** Will commence early May. **26.03.26 –** Waiting for Survey plans of community roads infrastructure from Gumatj. Seek external funding for this project.
Growing Regions Grant Round.	Gunyangara Oval Cyclone and sports building.	**28.09 –** EOI still underway – hopefully have made the second round in the application process – more updates next meeting. 26.10 Has made the 2nd round. NO NTG funding required. Will provide update. **14.12.23** – Contact from Grant Dept states this has made the 2nd round of Grant process. New Letter of Support submitted. **02.02.24** – Application lodged in December and waiting to hear back on result of application. Will keep updating the members. **09.04.24** – No update. Waiting to hear back on result of application. Will keep updating the members. **24.04.24** – as above, still waiting on information. **03.06.24** unsuccessful – covered in Tech report. **31.01.25** – Move to Advocacy
Cyclone shelter/Hall		

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 CEO Report

AUTHOR Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Calls for real action to address domestic and family violence, and achieve genuine engagement with young offenders and their families and genuine outcomes, including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of kava and other substances that are having a devastating affect on our people.**
2. **All community members to call out any domestic violence, which is not part of our culture.**
3. **Coordination with the NT Police and local stakeholders of community events to call out and challenge domestic and family violence.**
4. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
5. **Support Council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders, and the provision of effective funding from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments.**
6. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

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:

Review of Organisational Structure

I have initiated a review of some aspects of Council's organisational structure over the last few weeks.

One key part of this has been the expansion of the Community Services Directorate to include the executive management and support of People Services - that includes human resources, industrial relations, training and development, workplace health & safety, and Corporate

Services - that includes finance, and information technology & communications, procurement, records, as well as Fleet from the previous Technical and Infrastructure Services division.

The previous Council Services Directorate will now also have direct responsibility for the executive management and support of the remaining previous Technical and Infrastructure Services of public infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, tenancy and leasing, transport infrastructure. This follows the shift in previous years of Municipal Services, Waste & Environmental Management and Veterinarian and Animal Control to Council Services from the previous Technical and Infrastructure Services Directorate.

The intention of shifting all services to either the Community & Corporate or Council Services Directorates, is to strengthen and unify Executive leadership with myself as CEO, to improve how we work across all these critical service areas.

We have already begun to enhance coordination, improve accountability and reduce duplication of efforts to create a more effective and efficient integrated service delivery model, for the communities we are all here to serve.

The two General Manager roles for the previous People & Corporate Services and Technical & Infrastructure Services and two other positions have been removed. Most affected staff will just have a different reporting line to one of the two new broader Directorates, and some staff have more specialist or more senior roles.

Engagement on Allocation of Social Housing

I have reached out to and met with the Northern Land Council to seek to work with them to advance some of Council's Key Advocacy Points calling for:

The use of a reasonable percentage of the $4 billion of committed funds to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory to be provided for units, duplexes, and houses for local Indigenous workers and vulnerable aged and disabled people, as well as residents of small to large homelands.

Other closely related Key Advocacy Positions of Council are the call for:

Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

The provision of government housing and other infrastructure necessary for the effective delivery of essential services including Police, Education, Health, Local Government and Community Services, and;

The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

A letter from President Lapulung Dhamarrandji (as attached) has been sent to the Northern Land Council Chair Matthew Ryan seeking support to engage with Council and its Local Authorities to help progress and gain real outcomes on these important issues.

Engagement on Domestic and Family Violence and Young Offenders & Their Families

Congratulations to the Ramingining Councilors, Local Authority Members, staff and a range of stakeholders for recently holding a very successful No More Violence Community Day, with Vicki Wassens, our Ramingining Council Services Manager playing a key role bringing it all together. The event was promoted on social media and in a media release, as attached.

The Council's Local Authorities have made a number of further resolutions, to tackle domestic and family violence, and achieve genuine engagement with young offenders and their families, and genuine outcomes. The resolutions from the Miliingimbi, Galiwinku, Yirrkala and Gunyangara Local Authorities are attached.

Drawing on the range of strong points raised across these Local Authority resolutions Council is asked to consider the resolution above for endorsement.

Council may wish to change or add to this proposed resolution following the meeting it will have on the pre-agenda day before Council with representatvies of the Northern Territory Department of Chief MInister & Cabinet, Police and the Department of Children & Families.

Another key development for Council to be aware of is the release of the Report of the Independent Review into the Conduct of the Department of Children and Families, which was tabled in the Northern Territory Parliament on 20 October. The NT Government and Opposition have supported the implementation of the 45 recommendations of the Independent Review. The Executive Summary and Summary of Recommendations are attached, and complete copies of the report will be provided to Councilors on the pre-agenda day.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter to NLC Chairman Matthew Ryan Re Engagement on Social Housing 21 Oct 26 (1) [**3.4.1** - 2 pages]
2. Key Advocacy Points East Arnhem Regional Council 21 Oct 26 [**3.4.2** - 2 pages]
3. Media Release Leading The Way No More Violence [**3.4.3** - 2 pages]
4. Social Media Post on No More Voilence - Ramingining [**3.4.4** - 1 page]
5. Attachment Local Authority Resolutions (1) [**3.4.5** - 3 pages]
6. Executive Summary and Recommendations from the Report of the Independent Review into the Conduct of the Department of Children and Families. [**3.4.6** - 3 pages]

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21 October 2026

Matthew Ryan
Chair
Northern Land Council
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Re: Engagement on Allocation of Social Housing

Dear Matthew,

I write following a very productive meeting on 16 October of EARC CEO Dale Keehne with the Northern Land Council Engagement Officer, Remote Housing Reforms Mia Christophersen and Policy & Advocacy Officer Ged Shearer, as recommended by Regional Manager East Arnhem Craig Bonney. As requested by your officers, I am writing to you to formally raise a key advocacy position of our elected Council calling for:

The use of a reasonable percentage of the $4 billion of committed funds to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory to be provided for units, duplexes, and houses for local Indigenous workers and vulnerable aged and disabled people, as well as residents of small to large homelands.

The Council's Local Authorities across the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn Council, have considered and formally endorsed this and the other Key Advocacy Positions, as attached.

A delegation of our Councilors raised this advocacy point regarding housing for Yolngu workers, and aged and disabled people, directly with the former NIAA CEO Jody Braun in Canberra back in July 2024, who made a general statement that they have a similar view and this would be developed.

Two plus years later Federal Minister Malarndirri McCarthy has expressed that the priority is to maximize the number of people who can have a 'roof over their head', and there is no provision for the allocation of housing to local Aboriginal workers in their communities. This view has been reiterated to me on a number of occasions by high ranking NT Government officials.

Our Council recognises the highly important role of the Northern Land Council in the Joint Steering Committee Housing NT, with the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government, the other NT Land Councils and Aboriginal Housing NT, to oversee the $4 billion Northern Territory Remote Housing Package.

We would like to seek the NLC's support as such an important party to the joint arrangement to use this historic opportunity over the remaining eight years of the $4 billion program, to shift to greater empowerment of Aboriginal people, by actively supporting local Indigenous people to gain and keep employment, through the provision of part of the total new social housing.

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This would also involve the re-design of planned housing to allow for one and two bedroom units that provide the opportunity for local workers to escape the burden of overcrowding, including maintaining food, and being able to sleep and be ready for work.

Council sees these as fundamental human rights that are met through public housing allocations 'down south' but continue to not be provided in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. We see this is linked to the false, harmful and patronising generalisation that 'all Indigenous people want to live together'.

Through Council's support of aged and disabled community members we have also raised the need for them to live in their own housing, as is also the case 'down south' or in metropolitan Darwin, and so they are included in Council's advocacy point on housing.

Homelands are included as a key part of Council's advocacy position, as Council recognises the great value of Yolngu to live and work in their homelands across the region. All our Local Government, like all Northern Land Council Councillors for East Arnhem, are inherently linked to our respective homelands and call for the proper funding of social, worker and aged / disability housing across the homelands from the $4 billion NT Remote Housing Package, and other funding sources.

Other closely related Key Advocacy Positions of Council are the call for:

Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

The provision of government housing and other infrastructure necessary for the effective delivery of essential services including Police, Education, Health, Local Government and Community Services, and;

The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

In order to progress these important shared objectives for our joint communities and homelands, I would like to propose as EARC President to you as the NLC Chair, that a formal connection and role be established between the Housing Reference Group's in each community, and the Local Authorities in the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn the East Arnhem Regional Council, to provide a broader and formally elected and endorsed representative structure than currently exists through the Housing Reference Group structure.

This formal connection and role would form an important part of broader engagement with the Northern Land Council's East Arnhem Regional Council, your East Arnhem Executive Members of the Full Council Yananymul Mununggurr, and Djawa Yunupingu, the Housing and Homelands Committee, and the Joint Steering Committee Remote Housing NT.

Yours sincerely,

Lapulung Dhamarrandji
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Key Advocacy Points

The East Arnhem Regional Council and Local Authorities have formally considered and endorsed a number of important issues to advocate for action from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments, for the social well-being of the communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land.

1. The use of a reasonable percentage of the $4 billion of committed funds to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory to be provided for units, duplexes, and houses for local Indigenous workers and vulnerable aged and disabled people, as well as residents of small to large homelands.

2. Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

3. The provision of government housing and other infrastructure necessary for the effective delivery of essential services including Police, Education, Health, Local Government and Community Services.

4. The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

5. Shift from dependency on government payments and programs like the previous Community Development Program (CDP), and the new Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES), to include the genuine mutual obligation of community members to participate in work or training to continue to receive payments, to support genuine personal and family responsibility and accountability.

6. The need for effective consultation, engagement, planning and the commitment of required funding from Rio Tinto, the Northern Territory Government, Federal Government, and other relevant stakeholders, to secure the future of Gove as a regional centre.

7. The ongoing and unaddressed problem of the illegal sale of kava, alcohol and other drugs, illegal card games and the damaging effect they have on communities and homelands.

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8. Youth Justice and new ways of addressing a high and growing level of youth crime focused on community based facilities, where young offenders are required to stay but be provided support from Council and other relevant service providers – for alcohol and other substance mis-use, trauma and family neglect, and engage the offenders in genuine and effective learning on country of traditional culture, identity and respect, community service, sport and recreation, vocational training, and a clear pathway to jobs – and if anyone fails to do this, they will be sent away to the standard prison system.

9. Real Local Decision Making - a shift from ignoring and excluding our Indigenous controlled Local Authorities and Council to facilitate open, legitimate, and transparent engagement with all communities and homelands to hear the voices of all people, and support genuine engagement, collaboration, and partnership with the other two levels of government, to gain meaningful and practical outcomes.

10. The de-registration of providers or related companies of disability services that are involved in exploitation and abuse of clients, and other illegal activities.

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Media Release 20 October 2026

Leading The Way - No More Violence

East Arnhem Regional Council's Local Authority Members for Ramingining proactively supported the call by Council to tackle domestic violence through the 'No More Violence' community event held on 17 October 2026 in Ramingining.

Driven by East Arnhem Regional Council and the Council's Local Authority Members, the event engaged multiple stakeholders throughout the region to deliver an important message – No More Violence.

East Arnhem Regional Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy and Local Authority Members Gilbert Walkuli, John Djoma, Jason Mirritjawuy, Fabian Garawirrtja and Lizzy Mindhili spoke throughout the day with community members about violence, calling back to their Local Authority resolution on 21 July 2026 for:

> Family, community members and all people calling out and reporting domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children when they see it.

Council was proud to see strong support from many stakeholders who were involved including: Biṉipiliŋmirriŋ Djägaginin Mala (BDM), Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation, Ramingining School, NT Police, NO MORE AU, Durack Civil, Deltareef (Gumatj Group), AFL Northern Territory, Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation, ALPA Store, ALPA RAES and the Defence Force.

Daman Ryan reflected on Norman Daymirringu's speech saying, "Norman Daymirringu is a powerful community leader, he got everyone in a huge circle with arms linked [#linkup] and spoke in the middle of the circle about violence, social behaviours and social media and his words and passion was infectious."

Vicki Wassens (Ramingining Council Services Manager) reflected on the day saying, "We achieved our goal of spreading the message and education of 'No More Violence' and we gave the community an opportunity to come together for a fun and social afternoon."

East Arnhem Regional Council's 100% Aboriginal elected Council and its Local Authorities in each community remain committed to work in close collaboration with the NT Police and the Northern Territory Government to tackle domestic violence and other crime.

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Additional Quotes:

"No more violence. Ramingining need to stand together. Yaka Mari. Stand together."
Norman Daymirringu

"Glad we could be a part of an important message to Ramingining."
Cameron Baker, Operations Manager – Ramingining, Gumatj Construction

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

"People, family and community members need to call out violence when they see it. People need to be responsible for their actions."
Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

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Ramingining – No More Violence

A big thank you to everyone who came along and took part in the No More Violence community event held in Ramingining over the weekend.

Together, our Local Authority Members, stakeholders and community members helped create a fun-filled and educational day with plenty of food, prizes, stalls, activities and footy games.

We're excited to share some photos from the event and celebrate everyone who helped make the day such a success.

Learn More: https://eastarnhem.nt.gov.au/leading-the-way-no-more...

#workingtogether #nomoreviolence #linkup #ramingining #strongertogether #localgovernment

Thank you: Biṉipiliṉmirriṉ Djägaginin Mala (BDM), Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation , Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation , Ramingining School, Northern Territory Police Force , NO MORE AU , Durack Civil, Deltareef (Gumatj Group), AFL Northern Territory , Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation, ALPA Store, ALPA RAES and the Defence Force. See less



LOCAL AUTHORITY RESOLUTIONS

Milingimbi Local Authority Meeting held on 23 September 2026

MIL 2025/84 **RESOLVED (Jacinta Burukumalawuy/Thomas Gaykamangu)**

(a) Notes the discussion with the Local Police.

(b) Supports the coordination with the Police and local stakeholders of a community event or events to bring the community together and to call out and challenge domestic and family violence.

Galiwinku Local Authority Meeting held on 29 September 2026

GAL 2025/95 **RESOLVED (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Glenys Dalliston)**

The Local Authority:

(a) Notes the discussion with the Police Department and Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.**
2. **The removal of ATMs from ALPA stores to counter the negative effect of high levels of cash.**
3. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
4. **All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.**
5. **Support Yalu, Marthakal, Council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate a two week camp for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members. For older offenders, 14 to 15 year olds plus, the coordination of the clean-up of Galiwinku homelands over five days, back to back, with engagement of parents and key family members, until completed.**
6. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

Yirrkala Local Authority Meeting held on 30 September 2026

YIR 2025/90 **RESOLVED (Fabian Marika/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

1. Tackle the illegal sale of Kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.

2. Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.

3. All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.

4. Support council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders.

5. The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.

Gunyangara Local Authority Meeting held on 1 October 2026

GUN 2025/57 **RESOLVED (Elizika Puertollano/Antoine Gintz)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the discussion with the Local Police Department.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

1. Tackle the illegal sale of Kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.

2. Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.

3. All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.

4. Support council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders.

5. The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.

(c) Supports signing the Gunanygara Mutual Respect agreement with Northern Territory Police Service.

Executive Summary

The Review examined the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) management of the circumstances concerning Kumanjayi Little Baby (KLB), including the Department's response to notifications, reports and concerns about the child's safety and wellbeing. The Review considered the adequacy, timeliness and appropriateness of DCF's response; compliance with legislative and policy requirements; the effectiveness of its systems, policies, procedures and operational practices; and broader systemic issues that may affect DCF's capacity to meet its statutory child protection responsibilities.

The Review found that the circumstances concerning KLB cannot be considered solely as an individual case management failure. They highlight interconnected shortcomings across the child protection system, including statutory practice, the assessment and management of risk where domestic and family violence (DFV) is present, information sharing, workforce capacity and capability, organisational and operating arrangements, timeliness, governance and leadership.

A central finding is the DCF requires a clearer, more consistent and effective child protection practice framework, grounded in the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007*. Practitioners need clear guidance on statutory intervention, the assessment of significant and cumulative harm, escalating risk, safety planning, decision-making and case closure. Where DFV is identified, its nature, pattern, severity and impact on children must be explicitly assessed, including the risks posed by perpetrators and the protective capacity of the non-offending parent. Safety arrangements must be appropriate to the child's circumstances, with the suitability and capacity of those relied upon to protect the child properly assessed and reviewed as risks change.

The Review also identified the need for more effective information sharing and interagency collaboration, alongside significant workforce pressures arising from increasing demand, case complexity, vacancies, turnover, varying practitioner experience and growing backlogs. These pressures affect the timeliness and quality of assessment, continuity of case management and effective supervision. Addressing them requires a sustained commitment to workforce capability, professional development, recruitment and retention, as well as operating arrangements that make effective use of existing capacity and direct organisational effort towards frontline child protection.

Improving timeliness requires systemic action rather than simply expecting practitioners to complete work more quickly. DCF needs clearer performance expectations, reliable reporting, active monitoring of delays and backlogs, and stronger management oversight to ensure that risks and outstanding actions are identified and addressed promptly. These improvements must be supported by effective governance, clear accountability, visible leadership and a sustained, coordinated approach to reform.

Taken together, the findings point to the need for a system-wide reset of DCF's child protection function. The recommendations address immediate practice and operational weaknesses while establishing the foundations for longer-term reform. Their implementation will require executive ownership, clear priorities, accountability for delivery and active assurance that changes are translating into improved practice and outcomes for children and families.

Summary of Recommendations

The Review makes recommendations directed at strengthening the child protection system across DCF, with a focus on improving the safety and wellbeing of children, strengthening statutory practice and ensuring that identified risks are recognised, assessed and acted upon in a timely and effective manner.

The recommendations are directed towards the following priority areas:

1. Statutory child protection practice and risk assessment: Establish a clear practice framework grounded in DCF's legislative responsibilities, evaluate the effectiveness of Signs of Safety, introduce evidence-informed risk assessment tools and consolidate policies, procedures and practice guidance to support consistent, defensible decision-making.
2. Domestic and family violence and safety planning: Integrate DFV risk assessment into child protection practice, strengthen practitioner capability to identify cumulative and escalating harm, and ensure that safety plans are appropriate, effective and regularly reviewed. This includes an immediate audit of current Safety Plans and stronger requirements for assessing the suitability of adults nominated to a child's safety network.
3. Information sharing and interagency collaboration: Strengthen the proactive and systemic sharing of information between DCF and partner agencies, including police, corrections, health, education and housing, and ensure that relevant information is integrated into risk assessment, safety planning and decisions about protective intervention.
4. Workforce capability, capacity and sustainability: Develop a comprehensive workforce strategy addressing recruitment, retention, professional development, supervision and competency, supported by a robust assessment of workforce demand, case complexity and the distribution of experienced practitioners across the Territory.
5. Organisational structure and operating model: Review the allocation of functions, resources and decision-making authority to ensure that DCF's operating arrangements support its statutory responsibilities, reduce unnecessary administrative burden and strengthen frontline child protection capacity.
6. Timeliness, early intervention and service responsiveness: Establish an end-to-end framework for monitoring and managing timeliness, cumulative delay and escalating risk. Strengthen management oversight, escalation processes and improve prevention and early intervention pathways so that children and families receive the support earlier and statutory resources can be prioritised according to risk and need.
7. Governance, performance, assurance and leadership: Establish a comprehensive Child Protection Performance and Accountability Framework, supported by reliable performance information, clear accountability, regular executive oversight and effective monitoring of improvement actions. Strengthen business continuity arrangements and visible leadership, including direct engagement with regional and remote frontline operations.

Taken together, these recommendations are intended to support a sustained and coordinated reform of the child protection system. Implementation should be guided by DCF's statutory responsibilities and focused

on whether changes improve the quality, timeliness and effectiveness of practice and, ultimately, the safety and wellbeing of children.

Background and Context

1. Overview of the case

KLB's family was known to DCF prior to her birth through notifications concerning her older sibling, including a notification received while KLB's mother was pregnant with her. These earlier notifications provide important context to the Review's consideration of the information available to DCF and its understanding of the family's circumstances before and after KLB's birth. The Review has considered the history of DCF involvement as a whole, while distinguishing the circumstances and allegations relating to KLB from those concerning her older sibling.

KLB was 5 years old when it is alleged she was abducted from the Old Timers town camp, Alice Springs and later murdered in April 2026. The matter is currently before the court.

2. Notification and intervention history

The notification history provides important context for understanding the nature and progression of DCF's involvement with KLB and her family. Over the period reviewed, DCF received repeated notifications concerning the child's exposure to domestic and family violence (DFV), predominantly involving her father, RG. The notifications span a number of years and include reports of verbal and physical violence, breaches of domestic violence orders, coercive and controlling behaviour and, on some occasions, the child's direct or potential exposure to incidents of violence.

The publicly reported court proceedings concerning RG have also referred to an ongoing pattern of DFV against the same complainant and repeated breaches of domestic violence orders. These reports provide additional context to the concerns recorded in DCF's notification history, although the Review's assessment is based on the departmental records and evidence examined.

The history is significant not only because of the number of notifications, but because of the recurring nature of the concerns and the increasing recognition of DFV-related risk over time. In the 7 August 2021 notification, for example, DCF identified exposure to DFV and a breach of a DVO as concerns and recorded a safety goal and safety scale of 2/10. The assessment also identified the need to obtain the DVO history and a custody/corrections chronology for the father. The matter was subsequently finalised on 4 October 2021 when DCF closed the case.

A further notification was received on 4 August 2022 concerning exposure to DFV, a breach of a DVO and an assault, including a concern about the child's involvement. The Signs of Safety assessment again recorded a safety scale of 2/10 and identified no signs of safety. The assessment described dangerous behaviour involving a child and recorded that the father had been arrested. The notification was ultimately closed on 21 March 2023, with reference to a Strengthening Families case.

By January 2023, DCF's assessment of the circumstances reflected an increasing level of concern. The 20 January 2023 notification was assessed as a three-day response, with a safety scale of 3/10. The assessment specifically noted the frequency of DFV incidents, the vulnerability of the child because of her young age and that there appeared to be an escalating pattern.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Council Services Report

AUTHOR Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Council Services Report.

SUMMARY:

This report is to provide information on the progress, successes, challenges, and future opportunities of the Council Services Directorate.

BACKGROUND:

The Council Services Directorate covers the following areas and operations of the East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC): Council Office Operations, Municipal Services, Community Media, Community Night Patrol, Australia Post, Local Authority Support, Municipal Services, Waste and Environment Management, Accommodation Businesses, Sobering up Shelter, and Local Commercial Opportunities.

GENERAL:

The Council Services Directorate continues to invest in relationships and engagements with community members and local stakeholders. The Directorate is proud to be of service to the six East Arnhem Communities through excellence in delivery of high quality, meaningful services.

Council Services Support

Council Services teams continued to play an important role in supporting communities across the region, working closely with residents, Local Authorities, Traditional Owners, schools, government agencies and community organisations to deliver programs and initiatives that strengthen community wellbeing. Throughout the reporting period, staff remained focused on maintaining community connections, supporting local priorities and ensuring services continued to meet the diverse needs of each community.

Community participation remained strong across the region, with residents coming together to participate in sporting competitions and attend a range of cultural, recreational and wellbeing activities. These events provided valuable opportunities for communities to connect, celebrate local achievements and strengthen relationships between residents and service providers. Council Services staff were heavily involved in the planning and delivery of these activities, helping create positive outcomes for individuals, families and the broader community.

Several communities experienced both achievements and challenges during the reporting period. In Gunyangara, staff supported the successful delivery of Census activities and the Local Government By-Election, while in Milingimbi, strong community participation was

recorded through local events and celebrations. The installation of new Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA) broadcasting equipment in Milingimbi will further strengthen community communication and improve access to local information and announcements. In Yirrkala, staff continued to support a wide range of community programs and engagement activities while assisting local initiatives and partnerships.



Mulka Division Bi-Election Set-Up at the Gunyangara EARC Office



TEABBA team installing the hardware in Milingimbi



LED Screen displaying Census information in Yirrkala.

In Gapuwiyak, ceremonies and cultural obligations significantly affected workforce availability and participation in some community programs. Despite these impacts, staff worked together to ensure essential services continued and community priorities remained supported. The resilience and adaptability of local staff ensured minimal disruption to service delivery during these periods.

Galiwin'ku experienced a number of operational challenges, including vandalism and damage to Council property, vehicles and equipment. These incidents placed additional pressure on staff and resources, particularly where Community Night Patrol and Animal Management assets were affected. Ongoing power outages throughout the community also created difficulties for residents and service providers alike. Despite these setbacks, Council staff continued to deliver services and support community activities, demonstrating a strong commitment to the community.



Vandalism to the Animal Management building in Municipal Services yard – Galiwin'ku.



Damage to the Animal Management Program vehicle – Galiwin'ku.

In Ramingining, several break-ins occurred across the community, affecting homes, local businesses, the Council Office and including the Australia Post facility. The break-in at the

Council Office resulted in a temporary closure while postal items were reconciled and repairs undertaken on the building.

The commitment shown by Council Services staff across all communities has been instrumental in maintaining service delivery and supporting positive community outcomes. Despite the challenges presented by workforce shortages, cultural obligations, vandalism and community safety concerns, staff continued to demonstrate professionalism, resilience and a genuine commitment to improving the lives of residents across East Arnhem.

Municipal Services (MS)

Municipal Services teams continued to make a positive impact across our communities, with a strong focus on improving public spaces, strengthening service delivery and supporting community wellbeing. Staff delivered several successful projects and initiatives that have enhanced the liveability and presentation of communities across the region.



Keeping our community beautiful! Huge thanks to the Municipal Services team for looking after our local parks in Gapuwiyak.

A significant investment in Council's fleet and operational equipment saw the arrival of new tipper trucks. They were introduced in Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi and Ramingining, providing crews with improved capacity to undertake maintenance works, waste management activities and community clean-up programs. In Ramingining, additional equipment including a skid steer and industrial litter vacuum has further strengthened the team's ability to maintain public spaces and respond efficiently to operational requirements.



New Kubota Skid steer – Ramingining.



New Isuzu tipper truck – Ramingining.



New Isuzu tipper truck – Galiwin'ku.



New Isuzu tipper truck – Milingimbi.

Across the region, teams also delivered a range of projects aimed at improving community infrastructure and preparing for seasonal conditions. In Yirrkala, drainage maintenance and firebreak works were completed ahead of the wet season. Progress also continued on the Ramingining Barge Road project, which will provide long-term benefits for access, transport and service delivery. In Galiwin'ku, road rehabilitation and shoulder maintenance works improved safety and accessibility, while the rollout of new wheelie bins strengthened local waste management services.



Firebreak installation – Yirrkala.



Drainage clearing works – Yirrkala.



Municipal Services team installed new convex mirror In Galiwin'ku

Community presentation remained a priority across all communities. Milingimbi completed an extensive clean-up campaign that resulted in noticeable improvements throughout the township, while Gunyangara received positive community feedback following the introduction of bilingual wheelie bin signage in both English and Yolŋu Matha. These initiatives not only improved the appearance of public spaces but also encouraged greater community awareness and participation in maintaining clean and healthy environments.



Community education bin decals installed in Gunyangara.



MS team helping prepare for Gattjirrk festival in Milingimbi.



The MS team in Milingimbi keeping the road verges clean and tidy.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Community Night Patrol teams continued to play a vital role in supporting community safety and wellbeing across the region. Patrol officers worked closely with local residents, police, schools and service providers to support vulnerable community members, engage with young people and provide a visible presence during after-hours periods. Their work continues to make a significant contribution to creating safer communities and strengthening relationships between local services and residents.

One of the standout achievements continues to be the sustained success of the Chill Zone initiative in Yirrkala and Gunyangara. The program has provided young people with a safe and welcoming place to gather during the evenings, creating opportunities for positive engagement through sport, recreation and informal support. Staff have reported strong participation and positive feedback from both community members and partner agencies, highlighting the value of providing structured activities and safe spaces for youth.

Community Night Patrol teams also demonstrated strong commitment in responding to growing community needs. In Gapuwiyak, officers maintained service delivery despite workforce challenges and periods of cultural business that affected staffing availability. Across several communities, Night Patrol staff supported local events, wellbeing activities and community programs, helping ensure residents could participate in a safe and welcoming environment.



Community Night Patrol engagement in Yirrkala

Galiwin'ku and Ramingining experienced increased demand on Community Night Patrol services. In Galiwin'ku, officers responded to community safety concerns relating to break-ins, vandalism and disturbance incidents, while continuing to support vulnerable residents and young people. Ramingining also experienced several break-ins affecting community facilities and local businesses, with Community Night Patrol staff working closely with key stakeholders to help maintain community safety and provide support where required.



CNP Team Leader and Bungul Leader Fabian Garawirritja – Ramingining.

A particular achievement across the region has been the strong commitment of Community Night Patrol staff to building positive relationships with young people and families. By maintaining a consistent presence within communities and focusing on early intervention and engagement, teams continue to create opportunities for positive outcomes and reduce the likelihood of young people becoming involved in harmful behaviours.

Waste and Environmental Update

Community Education & Waste Awareness Programs

Hamish Brace - Regional Manager Waste and Environment took part in the panel session, The Yirrkala Project: A Collaborative Community Approach. He joined Anna Philip, Healthy Homes Coordinator at NT Health; Narelle Anderson, Founder and Managing Director of Envirobank Recycling; and Clara, Healthy Wäŋa Project Officer at Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation. The discussion showed the broader benefits communities can receive when agencies work together. Collaboration can improve outreach, raise awareness and reduce the workload for each organisation.



Hamish Brace – Regional Manager, Waste and Environment on the Yirrkala project panel in Darwin.

EARC's Waste program has also supported other joint projects in communities, including work with schools and Envirobank.

LGANT Circular Economy Symposium

Hamish Brace - Regional Manager Waste and Environment represented East Arnhem Regional Council at the symposium which brought together councils, NT Government agencies and industry representatives to discuss waste management and circular economy opportunities.

It was a useful opportunity to build connections and stay informed about waste/recycling initiatives across the Northern Territory. East Arnhem Regional Council's Waste and Environment program is well regarded for its experience in managing waste in remote communities. A common message from councils was that remoteness is one of the main challenges to achieving circular economy outcomes, particularly for island communities.

Landfill Works

Major landfill works have been undertaken at Milingimbi Landfill. Throughout September contractors were engaged to install one new general waste pit with a total capacity of over 1800 cubic meters. In addition to the new pit, the existing waste bays which had come to the end of their life cycle were capped off.



New general waste pit at the Milingimbi Landfill.



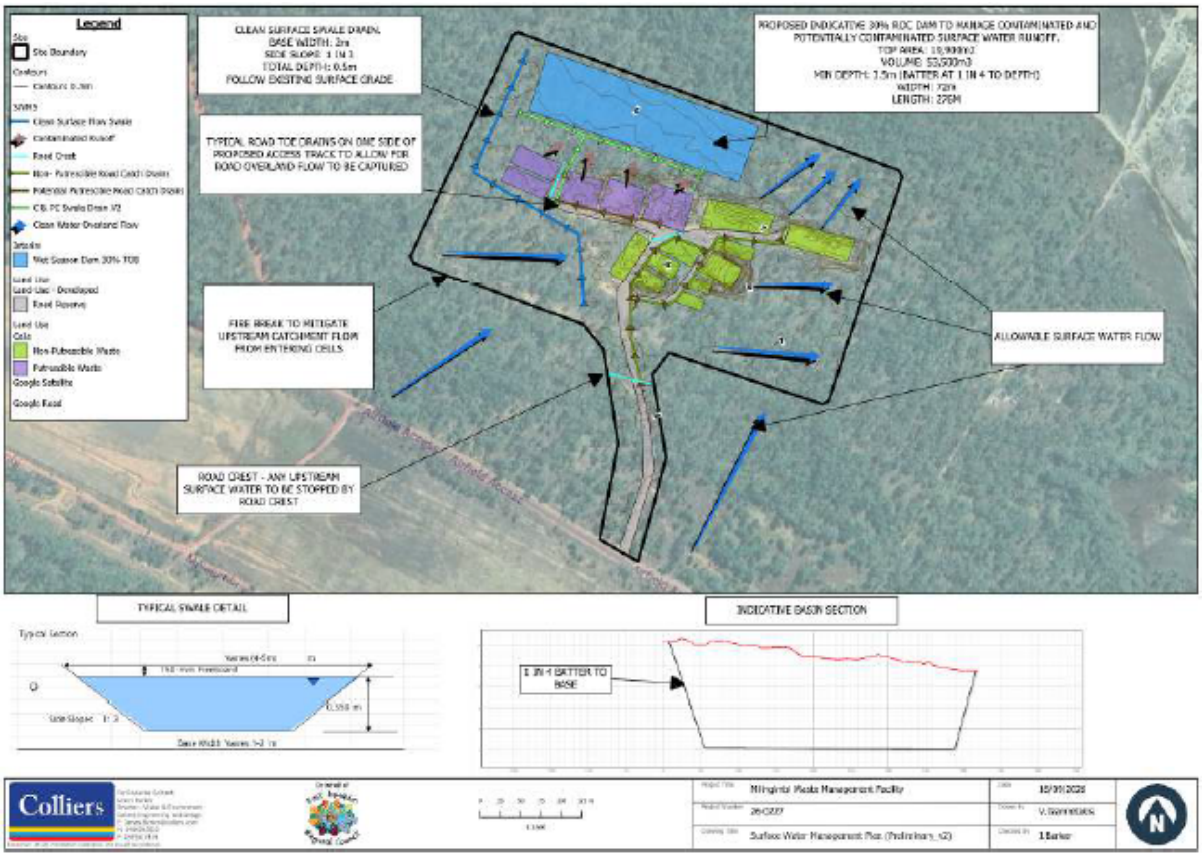
End of life cycle waste bays, capped and covered at the Milingimbi Landfill.

Milingimbi Landfill has also seen a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) implemented. This was based on the site topology established by a drone survey completed in July 2026.



Topology Survey – Milingimbi Landfill.

The image above highlights that the green shaded area is high, and the red area is low, showing the landfill's natural drainage flow. Based on this, the image below shows the drainage and swale layout required to minimise pooling and control potential leachate at the landfill.



Drainage Layout mapping – Milingimbi Landfill.

Stage one of this SWMP has been incorporated into the access road design. The current road maintenance contract also includes plans to grade and repair the landfill access road.

Additional work is planned for FY27. The Waste and Environment team would like to thank Ullas Raman, Council Services Manager - Milingimbi and Thomas Power, Municipal Services Supervisor - Milingimbi - for their ongoing on-the-ground support in liaising between the contractors and Waste Services.

Animal Management Program (AMP)

The AMP team has visited all communities across this period. It is our most busy time of year with many veterinary visits and surgical desexing while the weather is cooler and dry.

Staff:

- Veterinary nurses: Sarah continues permanently part time for the program. Saraya is continuing in a casual capacity as a veterinary nurse.
- Veterinarians:
    - Dr Celia finished up with our team at the beginning of August, however she will be returning in the Regional Manager – Veterinarian and Animal Control position from February 2027 covering Dr Maddy's position as well as providing veterinary work to the communities.
    - Dr Kathleen returned to work for our EARC AMP team once again, assisting mostly with collaborative partnerships in the homelands communities including Dinybulu and Laynhapuy homelands
    - Melbourne University team including Dr Evie, Dr Erica and Dr Brigette continued to work in our Galiwinku community across July – August period.
    - We welcomed Dr Monica King to our team for a six week period across September/October. Her partner works in Galiwinku intermittently, so Mon has visited our region before.
- Regional Manager: Dr Maddy is going on maternity leave at the beginning of October. She has managed to recruit veterinarians to cover veterinary work over the next year to ensure consistency of veterinary services as part of Animal Management Program. We wish Dr Maddy all the best!

Remote consultations:

The AMP team continues to deliver remote consultations across all six communities. This period the team delivered 25 remote consultations outside of our normal scheduled veterinary visits. Of these consultations, medications dispensed by the EARC staff on the ground included across 18 different cases. The system appears to be working well and has enabled access to veterinary care in these communities outside of our normal visits.

Yirrkala:

Dr Mon and Sarah serviced Yirrkala from 14 - 18 September. The team found good engagement with services and overall, the health of the dogs is great in Yirrkala. We have been seeing quite a spike in Ringworm cases; however, this is common during the dry season. During this visit on the Wednesday was the West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) visit (see below).

Gunyangara:

Dr Mon and Sarah serviced Gunyangara from 2 - 3 September. Community is very engaging with the program for parasite control services. There are some concerns surrounding cheeky dogs in community which the AMP team are following up on.

Gapuwiyak:

Dr Mon and Sarah serviced Gapuwiyak from 21 - 25 September. It was a very busy visit despite a few ceremonies happening in community meaning clients were away from their houses. The team performed 24 desexing surgeries during this period.

Ramingining:

Dr Kathleen and Saraya visited Ramingining during August whilst out there for the Dinybulu homelands work. They also serviced Ramingining on the 17 and 20 August and managed to desex four dogs which would have otherwise waited until the next official vet visit. They also dispensed parasite treatments and performed community consultations. Dr Mon and Saraya are next visiting Ramingining from 5 - 8 October.

Galiwinku:

Melbourne University team finished up at Galiwinku by mid-August. Thank you for Dr Evie, Dr Erica and Dr Brigette and all veterinary students for all of your help at Galiwinku community. The team managed to perform a large amount of work during their stint including 72 desexing surgeries. Dr Mon and Saraya also visited Galiwinku from 7 - 11 September. It was a quieter visit as Melbourne Uni had only just finished up, however the team managed to give out many parasite treatments.

Milingimbi:

The next veterinary visit to Milingimbi is from 28 September until 1 October by Dr Mon and Saraya. Numbers for this visit are not available at the time of reporting.

Service Delivery Table:

AMP Delivery: All EARC communities	This period of reporting (Aug-Sept 26)	FY26-27 to date	FY25-26 Delivery
Dogs Desexed	76	166	308
Cats Desexed	34	72	96
Community consultations	94	128	272
Remote/Phone consultations	25	40	190
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	18	21	126
Minor procedures/other surgeries	16	26	44
Parasite Treatments	948	1949	3980
Euthanasia	7	10	38
Private practice consultations	21	37	69
TOTAL Engagements	**1239**	**2449**	**5120**

Community education activities:

- The AMP team have been discussing the importance of leaving puppies on their mother until they are ready to be weaned.
- The AMP team have been discussing wildlife husbandry with community members as we have been seeing many cases of wildlife being kept as pets in houses.

Staff Education/training activities:

- Dr Maddy completed her CPR/First Aid Training in September, so the team is up to date.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- West Arnhem Regional Council visited our Animal Management Program on the 16 September. The team included their CEO, two Directors and Mayor. Dr Maddy showcased our Animal Management Program with Dr Monica and Sarah also attending. The visit included our veterinary facilities at Yirrkala, custom made vehicle and then a meeting and presentation by Dr Maddy at our Nhulunbuy office including our executive team, where the WARC team could ask questions and learn more about our AMP. We wish WARC all the best in setting up their own Animal Management Program.
- Our team including Dr Celia, Dr Kathleen, Dr Maddy and Saray visited Laynhapuy Homelands across six massive days, including Baniyala, Dhalinybuy, Garrthalala, Gurrumurru and Wandawuy. The team performed 316 engagements across this period in addition to our normal service delivery above. This included 33 desexings and 162 parasite treatments delivered. This is a contracted fee for service arrangement to assist Laynhapuy homelands with their animal populations and One Health of their homelands.
- Our Team including Dr Kathleen and Saraya also serviced the Dinybulu homelands of Wulkabimirri, Ngangala and Yathalamarra homelands across two days. The team managed to provide a total of 118 engagements across this period including nine desexings and 49 parasite treatments. This contracted fee for service arrangement assists with parasite and population control surrounding Ramingining.
- Strongyloidiasis research study being progressed for Gapuwiyak and Milingimbi, including the testing and treatment of dogs as well as the human population. This is a collaboration with QIMR Berghofer and Miwatj Health. Dr Maddy has made progress, and the Research Services Agreement is now at the stage of being reviewed by the EARC legal team. The first stage of animal related research is scheduled for around May-July 2027.
- Dr Maddy has been engaging with AMRRIC regarding Marthakal homeland requests from Nyinykay homeland. Dr Evie went into Marthakal homeland Aboriginal Corporation at Galiwinku to see if they would like us to assist with servicing the region (the EARC team did so in 2019). Dr Maddy is still waiting to hear back from anyone at the organisation following this visit.
- Thank you for Melbourne University for their continued collaboration this year at Galiwinku for July-August. This partnership has improved our service delivery at Galiwinku, meaning our largest and busiest community receives an addition five weeks of veterinary service a year. Dr Maddy is already in talks with MU to continue our partnership into 2027.

Concerns/Challenges:

- Bird flu concerns in community. The AMP team continues to liaise with appropriate stakeholders to prepare for a potential outbreak of avian influenza (bird flu) in our region. We are continuing to recommend that community members keep watch for any suspected bird flu cases (see below poster).

Photos:



A lovely collaboration with West Arnhem Regional Council as Dr Maddy ran them through our Animal Management Program.



Yirrkala: A litter of kittens recovering after surgery.



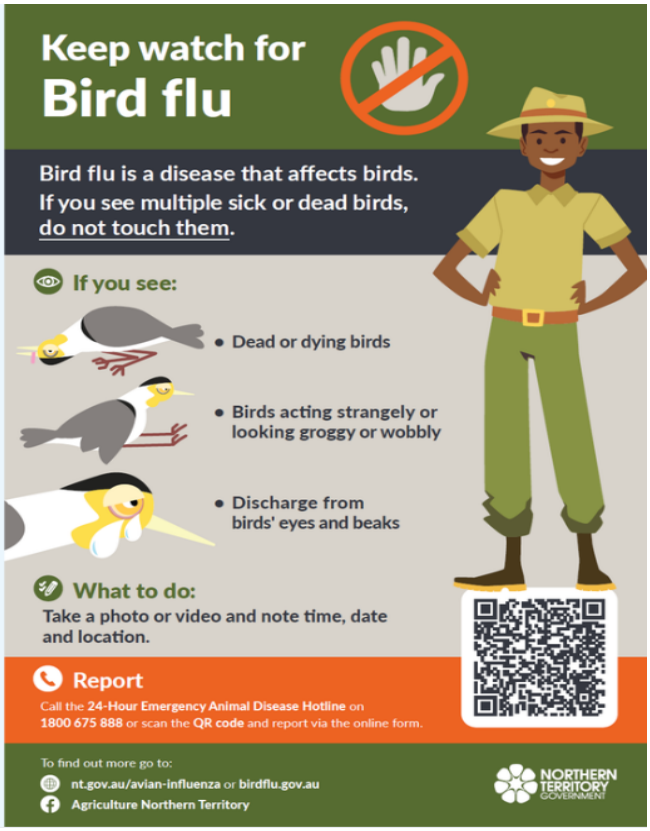
EARC Veterinary Nurse Saraya caring for a recovering surgery patient.



Dr Mon in Gapuwiyak performing animal health checks.



Dr Kathleen and Saraya at Wandawuy homeland. The AMP team performed a massive amount of work across the Dinybulu and Laynhapuy homelands during the month of August.



The bird flu messaging EARC is currently releasing to our communities.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.6 Community Services Report

AUTHOR Divyan Ahimaz (Director - Community and Corporate Services), Tahlia Johns (Assistant Director - Community and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Community Services Report.

SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on the activities, achievements and key operational matters across Community Services for the period August to October 2026.

During the reporting period, Council continued delivering essential community programs, with strong participation in community and youth activities, continued aged care and disability support, and positive outcomes for participants. Continued progress was also made in strengthening service quality, compliance and operational systems.

Workforce shortages, infrastructure requirements and service sustainability remain ongoing challenges, particularly within Child Care Services. Council continues to address these matters whist striving to maintain service delivery and working with various stakeholders to improve outcomes across the region.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Services Directorate covers the following areas and operations of the Council: Child Care Services, Active Communities & Youth Services, Disability Services, Aged Care Services. Libraries and Support Coordination

These services support the health, wellbeing, independence and social participation of community members, with a particular focus on young people, older residents, people living with disability and families.

This report outlines key activities and service delivery outcomes achieved during the reporting period, together with significant operational developments, emerging challenges and priorities requiring ongoing management attention.

GENERAL:

Community Services continued to deliver essential programs across the region during the reporting period, with strong engagement leading to positive outcomes for the communities.

Active Communities & Youth Services recorded significant community engagement, while Aged Care Services continued supporting 191 clients across five communities. Disability

Services and Support Coordination progressed service improvements, participant safeguarding and quality assurance activities.

Workforce shortages, infrastructure challenges, and increasing regulatory requirements remain key pressures across the directorate.

Child Care Services

Council's Child Care Services at Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak and Yirrkala remain temporarily closed, with the closure period extended to 26 February 2027.

Recruitment of a Child Care Services Manager remains ongoing following multiple unsuccessful recruitment round. Staffing availability, qualification requirements and infrastructure issues continue to affect the capacity to reopen services.

The Department has provided only in-principle approval for Council to undertake a tender process to determine the scope and cost of the proposed works. Responsibility for progressing the tender and associated costs remains with Council, and no funding commitment has been made by the Department. The facility also sustained further damage following three break-ins during October.

At Gapuwiyak, the scope of works are being finalised for submission to the Department. Existing staff continue undertaking professional development, including Diploma-level qualifications. Recruitment of Child Care Workers, Educators and a Team Leader continues for Yirrkala.

Council continues assessing the operational requirements and longer-term sustainability of Child Care Services, including the staffing and infrastructure necessary to deliver compliant services in remote communities.

Active Communities & Youth Services

Active Communities & Youth Services (ACYS) delivered 225 activities between August and October, recording 8,869 participant engagements, averaging 39 participants per activity. The September and October school holiday programs contributed 2,162 engagements across 48 activities.



Jeff Cook from East Arnhem Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service, in Milingimbi with Youth Support Coordinator James Kent and Active Communities Coordinator Osiah Dhawaymirr.



Cooking cliff side with ACYS in Galiwin'ku.

Key highlights included the Regional Wellbeing Camp at Gulkula, attended by young people from Yirrkala, Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak and Galiwin'ku. The camp was delivered in partnership with Miwatj Health and included wellbeing workshops, sporting activities and cultural and recreational experiences.



Group photo with participants, ACYS and Miwatj Health at the 2026 Regional Wellbeing Camp.



Basketball night in Gunyangara led by AC Team Leader Jada Cowdrey.

Regional sporting events included the Under-17 Volleyball Gala Day in Milingimbi and the Under-17 Basketball Gala Day in Yirrkala. ACYS also partnered with Gapuwiyak Art Centre to deliver bark painting and pandanus weaving workshops during the school holidays.

Youth Services continued working with health and community organisations to support young people experiencing complex needs, including volatile substance use (VSU). This included supporting a young person to access specialist rehabilitation services in Alice Springs.

The relocation of the Milingimbi Library to the Recreation Hall is progressing, with books transferred and further improvements to the new space planned. Galiwin'ku Library has reintroduced a Yolngu classification system that recognises Yolngu concepts and supports access to Yolngu Matha resources. Opportunities to extend this system to other community libraries are being explored.

Staffing shortages continue to affect service delivery in Ramingining and Yirrkala/Gunyangara. Safety concerns, including antisocial behaviour, break-ins and volatile substance use, remain ongoing in several communities.

Disability Services

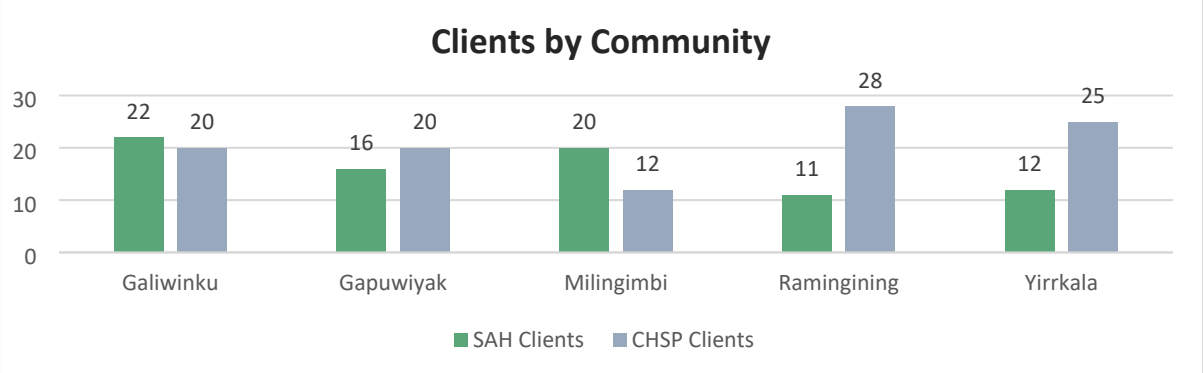
Community outings and excursions have recommenced under revised approval arrangements. Participant consultation has also continued through community gatherings and discussions, with feedback contributing to the development of the Quality Care Framework.

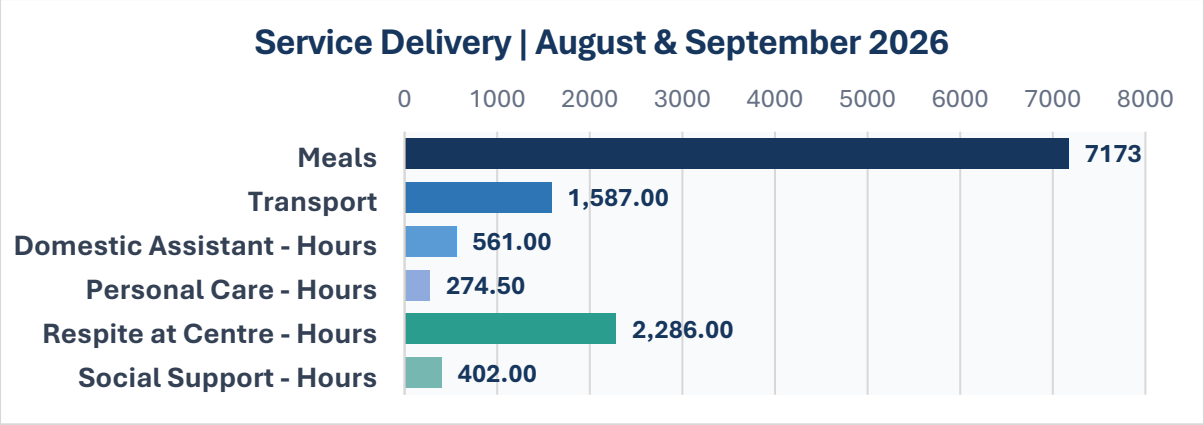
The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission visited Nhulunbuy during the reporting period, meeting with Council representatives and community members. Council also continued engagement with the NDIS planning team and local health partners.

Workforce availability remains a significant challenge, with recruitment of a Care Coordinator a priority. External compliance review activities are also progressing, including engagement with KPMG.

Aged Care Services

Aged Care Services continued delivering services to 191 participants across Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Ramingining and Yirrkala. The service caters to 84 Support at Home participants and 107 CHSP participants.





During August and September, services delivered 7,173 meals, 1,587 transport services and 2,286 hours of centre-based respite, alongside personal care, domestic assistance and social support.



Participation in the vigil held in Galiwin'ku





Yirrkala Ladies picnic

The Commonwealth Home Support Programme achieved 106.02% of its 2025–2026 service delivery targets, reflecting performance above contracted activity requirements.

The Aged Care provider registration renewal audit is underway, with evidence being prepared for the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

Council is also developing a Quality Care Framework in partnership with Ignis, incorporating feedback from clients across communities. Engagement activities included fishing trips, community gatherings, picnics and other culturally appropriate activities.

Construction of the new Yirrkala Aged Care Centre continues to progress. Services have temporarily relocated to the nearby Youth Drop-In Centre to maintain continuity of care during construction.

Staff training continued across communities, including Certificate III qualifications, manual handling, incident management and aged care reform workshops.

Support Coordination

The Support Coordination team continued assisting participants with complex needs to access appropriate services, funding, housing and allied health support.

A significant achievement during the reporting period involved securing Supported Independent Living (SIL) funding for a participant with complex disability and safeguarding needs. This followed extensive coordination with the NDIS, allied health professionals, family and the Public Guardian, resulting in improved accommodation and care arrangements.

Other outcomes included supporting a participant's return to Country, securing accommodation and overnight assistance for a participant in Nhulunbuy, and coordinating respite and specialist services.

The team continued reviewing participant plans, monitoring funding arrangements and working with external providers to address service gaps.





Manpreet Singh and Muhammad Farhan with participants assisting them in a recent visit

Recruitment, increasing participant complexity and limited access to specialist services in remote communities remain key challenges. Work is continuing to strengthen operational procedures, staff capability and compliance arrangements

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.7 Public & Transport Infrastructure Report

AUTHOR Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Public & Transport Infrastructure Services Report.

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council's consideration and provides program updates from the Council Services Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND:

As part of Council's Annual Plan, a range of projects and initiatives were tabled and subsequently approved by the Local Authorities and Council for the 2026-2027 financial year. 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 in this report covers actions associated with the below Technical Services areas and report owners:

Transport Infrastructure Department
Bruce Hall – Senior Project Manager Transport and Infrastructure
116 - Lighting for Public Safety
118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management
119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Public Infrastructure Department – Capital & LAPF Projects
Bruce Hall – Senior Project Manager Transport and Infrastructure
122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

REPORT STORY:

116 – *Lighting for Public Safety (Report Owner – Mickey Khalid)*

East Arnhem Regional Council has engaged BJH Electrical to undertake street lighting audits, maintenance and repairs across several communities. As part of the scope, the contractor inspected street lighting assets and repaired faulty lights identified during the audit.

Works have been completed in Gapuwiyak and Galiwinku. The contractor is currently scheduled to mobilise to Milingimbi, with works expected to be completed by 26 October 2026. Following completion of the Milingimbi works the contractor will then mobilise to Ramingining to finalise the project.

118 – *Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management (Report Owner – Bruce Hall)*

The Maintenance grading of Community and Rural Roads in the region are continuing. Milingimbi - Roads have been completed with additional shoulder repairs also achieved across throughout the community.

Galiwinku - Roads are nearing completion with additional repairs to the Gawa Road achieved to prepare for the Wet Season.

Ramingining - Rural roads have been completed; the Contractor will be returning to the community as the internal community roads were not completed to an acceptable standard. These works are expected to be completed by the end of October 2026.

Yirrkala and Gunyangara maintenance grading is set to commence upon the completion of the Ramingining works.



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

Ramingining Barge Road Upgrade has been completed with the cement stabilization of approximately 250m of the road. The stabilization works were completed on the parts of the road that is prone to washouts and will provide safer access during the Wet Season

122 – *Building Infrastructure Services (Report Owner – Bruce Hall)*

<u>Ramingining</u>

Lot 97 Visitor Accommodation. A scope of work is currently being drafted for a new roof and patch, repair and paint for both blocks. This will go out to Tender in early 2027.

<u>Milingimbi</u>

Lot 117 - New Staff Housing. Concept design of new staff accommodation has been finalised and pricing for asbestos removal has been received for review.

Lot 255 - Aged Care. Pricing for the roof replacement and patch and repaint to kitchen and bathroom area have been received. Roof works to commence prior to the Wet Season.

Lot 209 - Tender has been prepared for new flooring and repainting and will be released this month.

Galiwinku

Lot 307 - Demolition works of the arson destroyed house have been completed.

Lot 322 - New flyover has been awarded to AEC and works have commenced.

Lot 344 – Visitor Accommodation. New roof and structural repairs are required for the building. A Tender has been released and closed on 15 October 2026. This will be awarded in the coming weeks.

Toilet Block at Charter Airport - Works remain ongoing and the Power and Water connection to the site has slowed works as the Contractor has been unable to get to site.

Yirrkala

Lot 143 Aged Care – Construction works are continuing with under slab services going in. The floor slab is due to be poured on 16 October 2026. Retaining walls are being prepared and poured now. Once the slab is poured walls and roof work will commence.



Lot 143 – Yirrkala Aged Care.

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.8 Human Resources Report

AUTHOR Divyan Ahimaz (Director - Community and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the Human Resources Report for the period ended 30 September 2026.

SUMMARY:

This report provides an overview of Human Resources activities and workforce data for the reporting period. Key HR functions continue to include recruitment, onboarding, workforce planning, employee relations, learning and development, and compliance with employment legislation and Council policies. The attached data provides details of current staffing levels and other workforce indicators to assist Council in monitoring organisational performance and workforce trends.

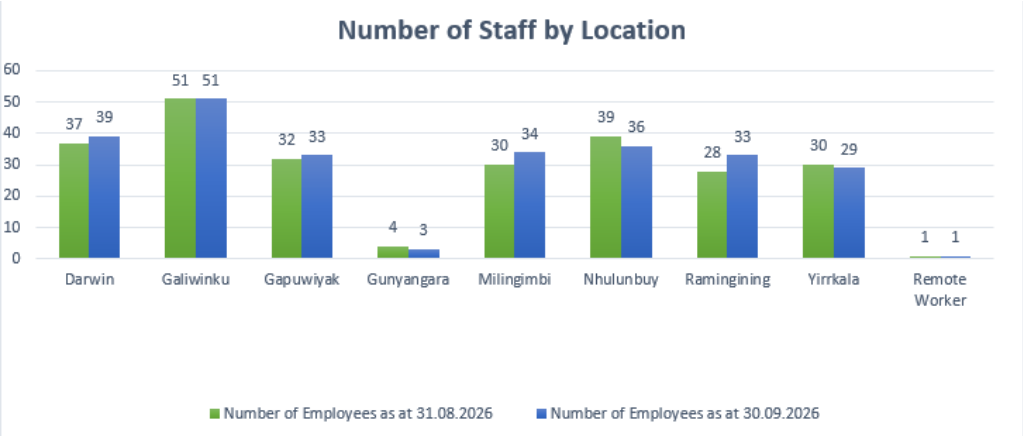
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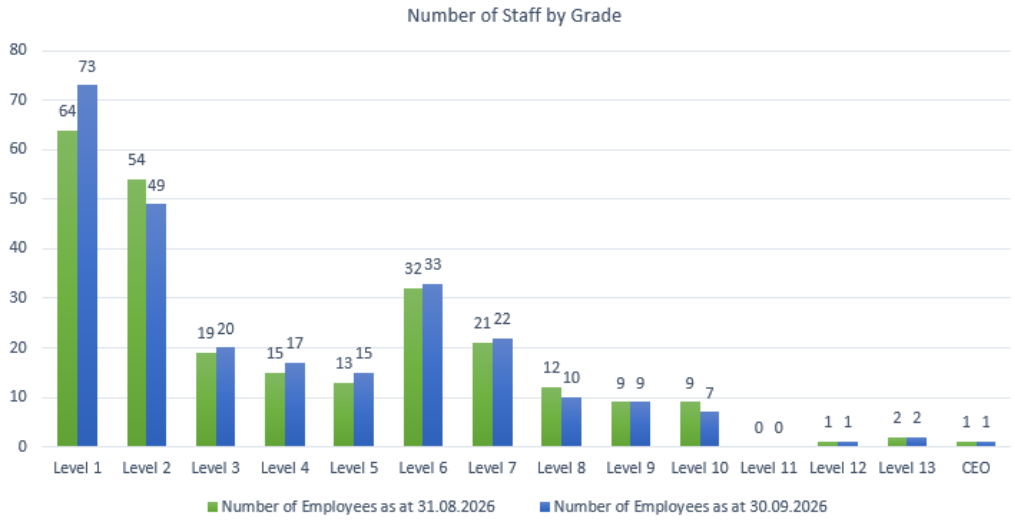
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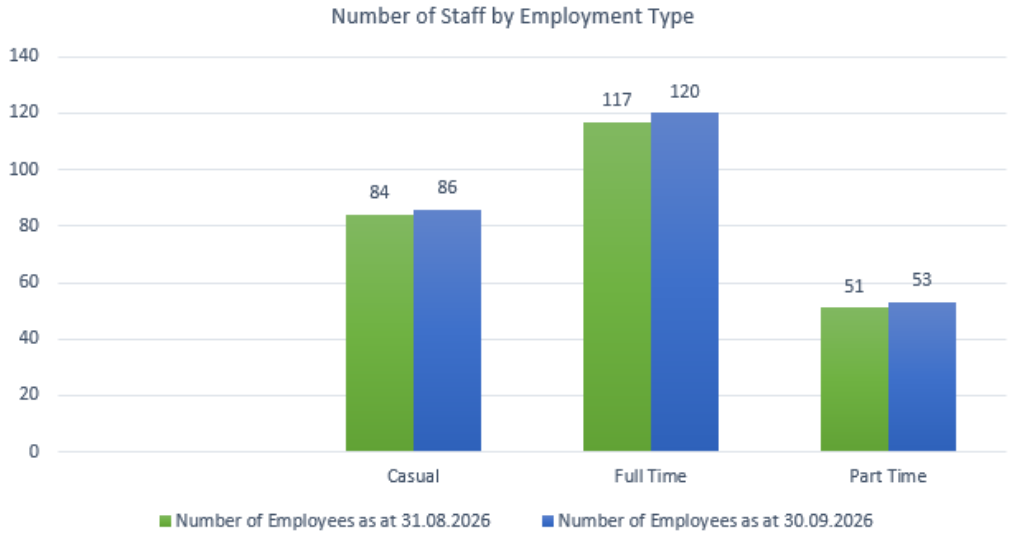
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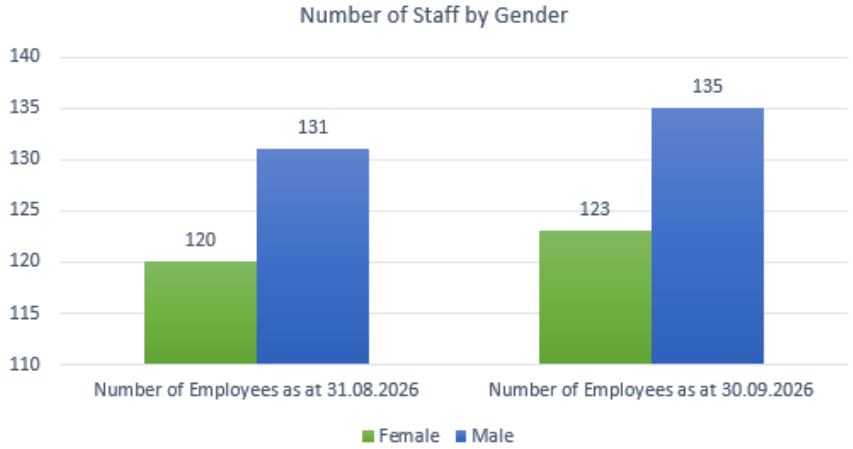
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Total Employees	259	252
Employment Costs Under Budget	$1.2m	$0.77m

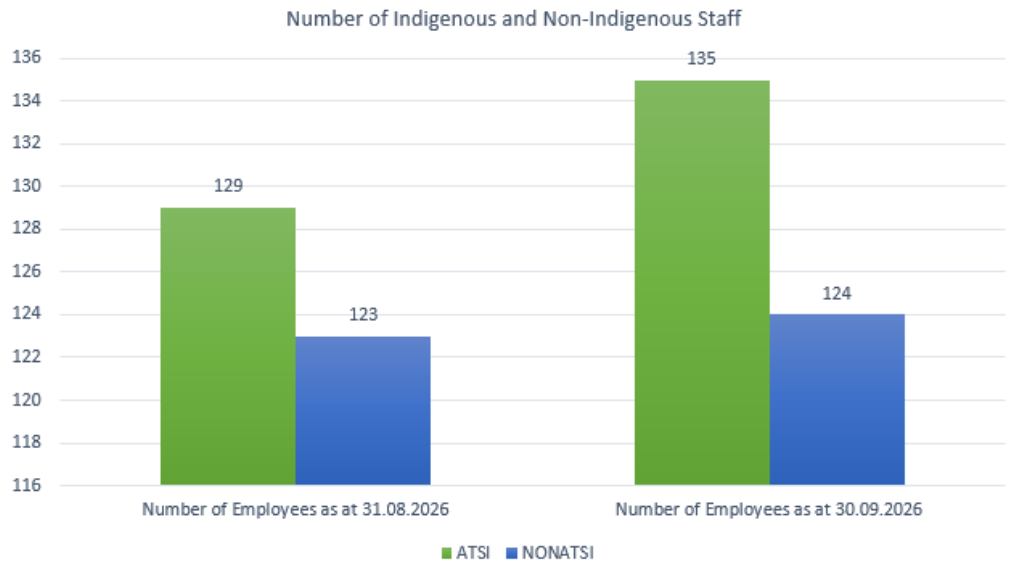
Services	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Aged Care Services	598,524	834,597	(236,073)
Child Care Services	115,762	312,001	(196,239)
People and Corporate Services	416,867	610,413	(193,545)
Municipal Services	558,549	715,501	(156,953)
Council Services	448,809	594,007	(145,198)
Building and Infrastructure Services	191,015	286,762	(95,747)
Active Communities	296,912	391,514	(94,602)
Support Coordination Services	63	86,906	(86,844)
Library Services	97,264	177,101	(79,837)
Information Communication and Technology Services	101,304	129,765	(28,461)
Fleet and Workshop Services	32,773	60,305	(27,531)
Waste and Environmental Services	181,243	195,347	(14,103)
Visitor Accommodation	24,840	32,189	(7,350)
Community Media	6,299	6,995	(696)
Governance and CEO	171,519	169,591	1,928
Community Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter Services	454,775	450,666	4,109
Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	69,325	56,480	12,844
Community Services	99,388	83,622	15,765
Disability Services	381,999	350,805	31,194
Veterinary and Animal Control Services	144,262	110,964	33,298
Youth Services	166,125	112,611	53,514
Total	**4,557,616**	**5,768,141**	**(1,210,525)**

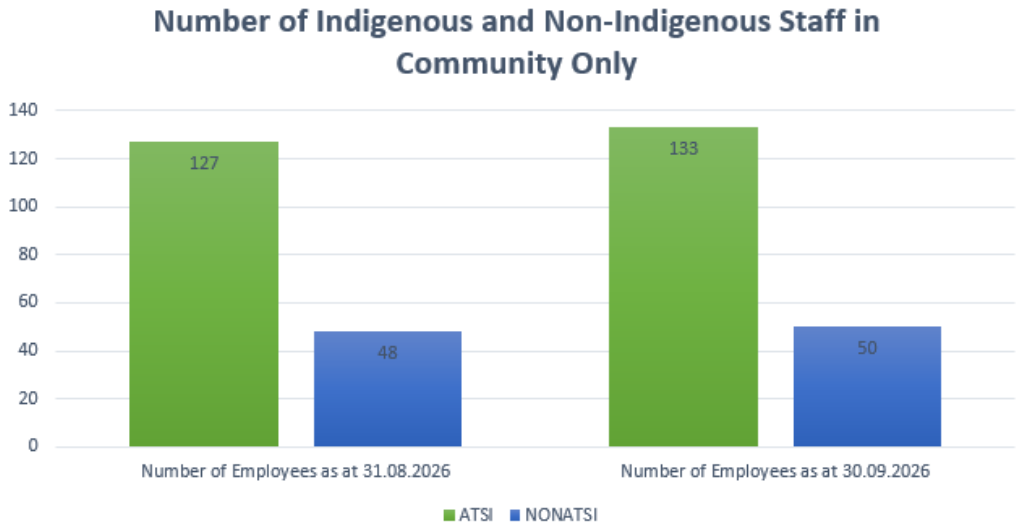

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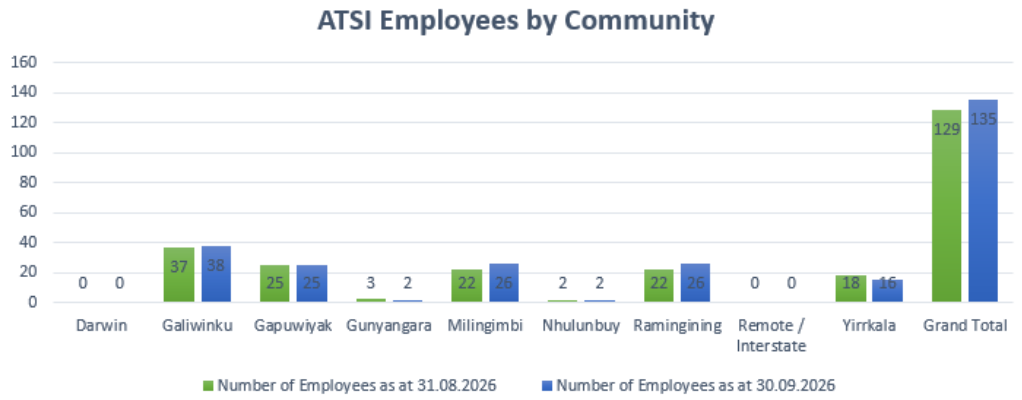

Number of Staff by Grade
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Level 1
Level 2
Level 3
Level 4
Level 5
Level 6
Level 7
Level 8
Level 9
Level 10
Level 11
Level 12
Level 13
CEO
Number of Employees as at 31.08.2026
Number of Employees as at 30.09.2026


Number of Staff by Employment Type
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
84
86
117
120
51
53
Casual
Full Time
Part Time
Number of Employees as at 31.08.2026
Number of Employees as at 30.09.2026


Number of Staff by Gender
140
135
130
125
120
115
110
120
131
123
135
Number of Employees as at 31.08.2026
Number of Employees as at 30.09.2026
Female
Male


Number of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Staff
136
134
132
130
128
126
124
122
120
118
116
129
123
135
124
Number of Employees as at 31.08.2026
Number of Employees as at 30.09.2026
ATSI
NONATSI


Number of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Staff in Community Only
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
127
48
133
50
Number of Employees as at 31.08.2026
Number of Employees as at 30.09.2026
ATSI
NONATSI



VACANCIES AS AT 30.9.2026

Job Title	Location	Recruitment Type	Employment Type	Number of Vacancies
Active Communities Worker	Gunyangara	Community	Casual	1
Active Communities Worker	Gunyangara	Community	Casual	1
Active Communities Worker	Milingimbi	Community	Casual	1
ACYS Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Milingimbi	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services Support Worker	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
Child Care Educator	Yirraka	Community	Full Time	1
Administration Support Officer – Tenancy and Leasing	Nhulunbuy	External	Full Time	1
Child Care Worker	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
Child Care Worker	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
Child Care Worker	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
CNP Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Parttime	1
CNP Officer	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1
Community Media Officer	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
Community Night Patrol Officer	Milingimbi	Community	Casual	1
Community Night Ptarol Officer - Gove Peninsula	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
Customer Service Officer	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
Administration Support Officer - ACYS	Nhulunbuy	External	Full Time	1
Disability Services Support Worker	Milingimbi	Community	Casual	1
Disability Support Worker	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1
Disability Support Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	1
Strategic Officer - Waste and Environment	Darwin	External	Full Time	1

Library & Cultural Heritage Worker	Gapuwiyak	Community	Casual	1
Library and Cultural Heritage Worker	Milingimbi	Community	Community	1
Procurement Officer	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
NDIS Support Coordinator	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
Finance Manager	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
Child Care Services Manager	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
Disability Services Care Coordinator	Milingimbi	External	Full Time	1
Disability Services Care Coordinator	Yirraka	External	Full Time	1
HR Coordinator	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
Aged Care Services - Operations Coordinator	Ramingining	External	Full Time	1
Library Assistant - Nhulunbuy	Nhulunbuy	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services Officer & Cook	Galiwinku	External	Full Time	1
Sobering Up Shelter Coordinator	Nhulunbuy	External	Full Time	1
Administration Support Officer – Waste and Environment	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
Child Care Team Leader -Yirrkala	Yirrkala	External	Full Time	1
Municipal Services Officer	Galiwinku	Community	Full Time	1
Municipal Services Officer	Gunyangara	Community	Casual	1
Municipal Services Officer	Yirraka	Community	Casual	1
Accounts Receivable Officer	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
Accounts Receivable Officer	Darwin	External	Full Time	1
Veterinarian and Animal Control Supervisor	Galiwinku	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Supervisor	Yirraka	Community	Part Time	1
Municipal Services Supervisor - Gal	Galiwinku	External	Full Time	1

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.9 Finance Report

AUTHOR Divyan Ahimaz (Director - Community and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2026.

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled to the Council to provide the Finance Report for the period ended 30 September 2026 for its approval.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with section 17 of the Local Government (General) Regulations, the CEO must submit a finance report each month before a meeting of the Council. The Council has established a Finance Committee to consider this report in the months when Council does not meet.

The finance report for the period ended 30 September 2026 is attached to the report for consideration and the following points are highlighted in the report:

Finance Reports:

Financial Results
Income and Expense Statement – Actual vs Budget
Rates and Waste Charges Collection
Investments
Monthly Balance Sheet Report
Capital Expenditure – Actual vs Budget
Elected Members Allowances Report
Elected Members Professional Development Report
Cash and Equity Analysis
CEO Council Credit Card Transactions
Replacement and Contingency Reserves
Financial Results - Each Reporting Location

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sept 26 Pages 1-6 [**3.9.1** - 6 pages]
2. Sept 26 Council Reports Income and Expenses [**3.9.2** - 1 page]
3. Table 1 _ Notes [**3.9.3** - 1 page]
4. Sept 26 Council Reports Waste Charges Collection [**3.9.4** - 1 page]
5. 1132 - 1158 - Cash Investment Report - Period 03- September 2026 [**3.9.5** - 2 pages]
6. 1311 - AR Debtors with more than 90 days account as at 30.09.2026 [**3.9.6** - 3 pages]
7. 1321 1322 Rates Aged Analysis Report - Period 03 - September 2026 [**3.9.7** - 1 page]
8. Sept 26 Council Balance Sheet and Notes [**3.9.8** - 5 pages]

9. Sept 26 Council Capital Expenditure [**3.9.9** - 1 page]
10. Sept 26 Council Elected Member Allowance Report [**3.9.10** - 1 page]
11. Sept 26 Council Elected Member Professional Development Expense [**3.9.11** - 1 page]
12. Sept 26 Cash and Equity Analysis [**3.9.12** - 1 page]
13. Sept 26 CEO Credit Card Transactions [**3.9.13** - 1 page]
14. Sept 26 Council Replacement and Contigency Reserves [**3.9.14** - 1 page]

September 2026 Financial Results

Year to date figures in milllions

Revenue

Current Year $7.14m

Carried Forward Grants $7.41m



Expenditures

Actual $10.21m

Committed $4.76m



Net Operating Result

$7.08m



Assets

$106.17m



Fixed Assets Acquired

$0.27m



Cash on hand

$36.38m



Unexpended Grants

$9.89m



Reserves

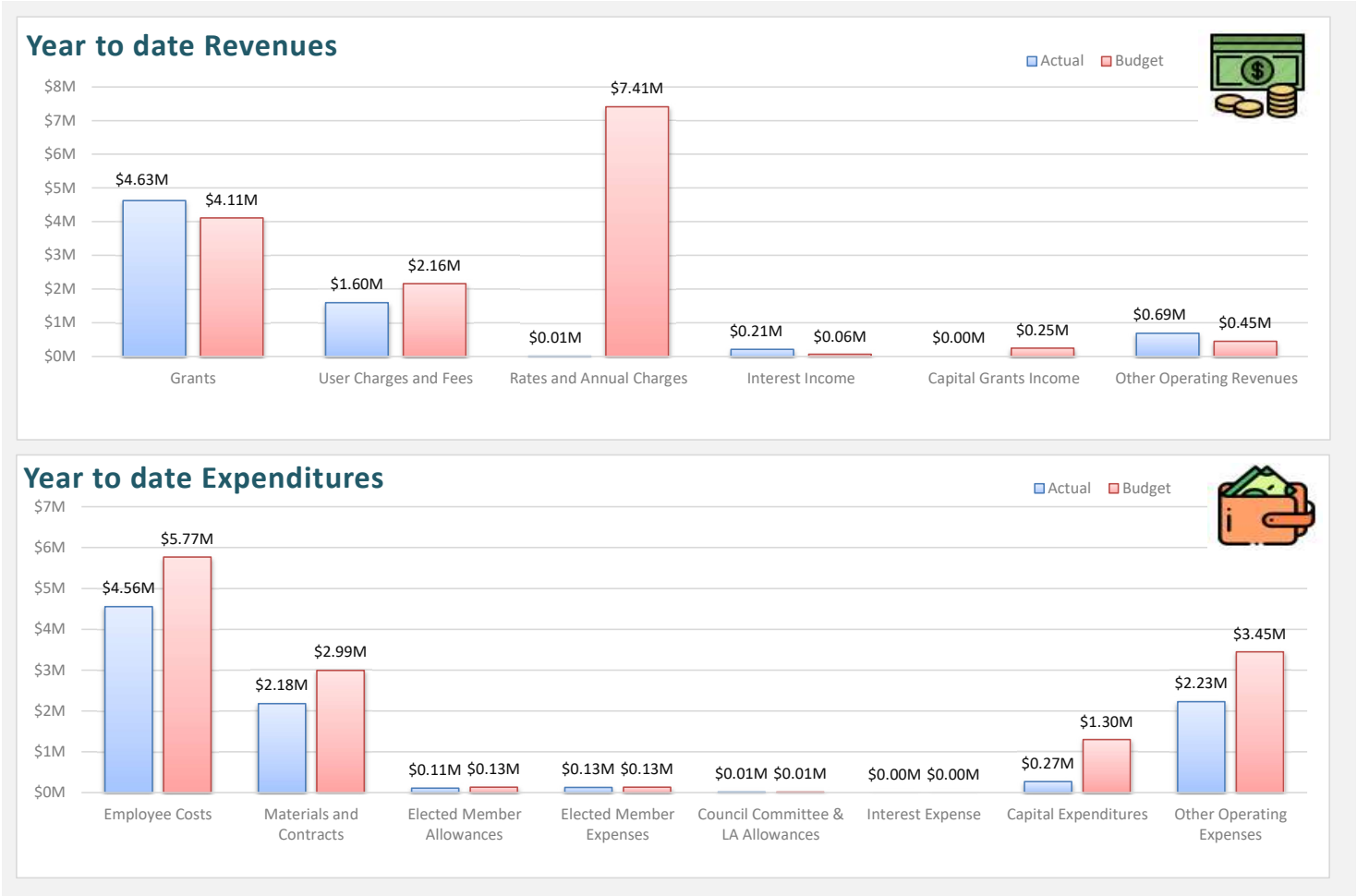
$18.79m



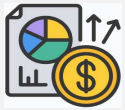
Unrestricted Cash

$7.70m




Year to date Revenues
Actual
Budget
$8M
$7M
$6M
$5M
$4M
$3M
$2M
$1M
$0M
$4.63M
$4.11M
$1.60M
$2.16M
$0.01M
$7.41M
$0.21M
$0.06M
$0.00M
$0.25M
$0.69M
$0.45M
Grants
User Charges and Fees
Rates and Annual Charges
Interest Income
Capital Grants Income
Other Operating Revenues
Year to date Expenditures
Actual
Budget
$7M
$6M
$5M
$4M
$3M
$2M
$1M
$0M
$4.56M
$5.77M
$2.18M
$2.99M
$0.11M
$0.13M
$0.13M
$0.13M
$0.01M
$0.01M
$0.00M
$0.00M
$0.27M
$1.30M
$2.23M
$3.45M
Employee Costs
Materials and Contracts
Elected Member Allowances
Elected Member Expenses
Council Committee & LA Allowances
Interest Expense
Capital Expenditures
Other Operating Expenses

Where the money was spent as of 30th September 2026

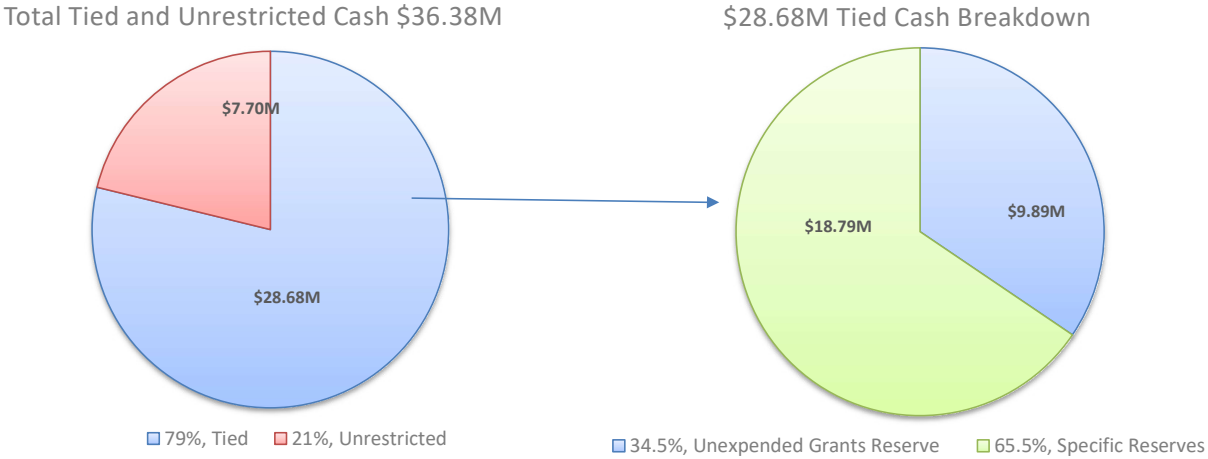


Services	Expenditures Amount $	%
Building and Infrastructure Services	949,101	9.99%
Aged Care Services	897,781	9.45%
Municipal Services	866,534	9.12%
People and Corporate Services	863,722	9.09%
Council Services	665,524	7.01%
Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	655,618	6.90%
Community Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter Services	550,378	5.79%
Fleet and Workshop Services	521,670	5.49%
Disability Services	516,898	5.44%
Active Communities	474,161	4.99%
Governance and CEO	452,087	4.76%
Waste and Environmental Services	359,708	3.79%
Information Communication and Technology Services	278,031	2.93%
Local Road Upgrade and Construction	253,114	2.66%
Veterinary and Animal Control Services	244,841	2.58%
Youth Services	211,025	2.22%
Child Care Services	181,070	1.91%
Community Services	150,341	1.58%
Local Commercial Opportunities	124,782	1.31%
Library Services	120,910	1.27%
Visitor Accommodation	61,440	0.65%
Lighting for Public Safety	48,545	0.51%
Local Authorities Boards	34,538	0.36%
Community Media	10,350	0.11%
Support Coordination Services	4,983	0.05%
Community Events	3,372	0.04%
Total Council Expenditures*	**9,500,524**	

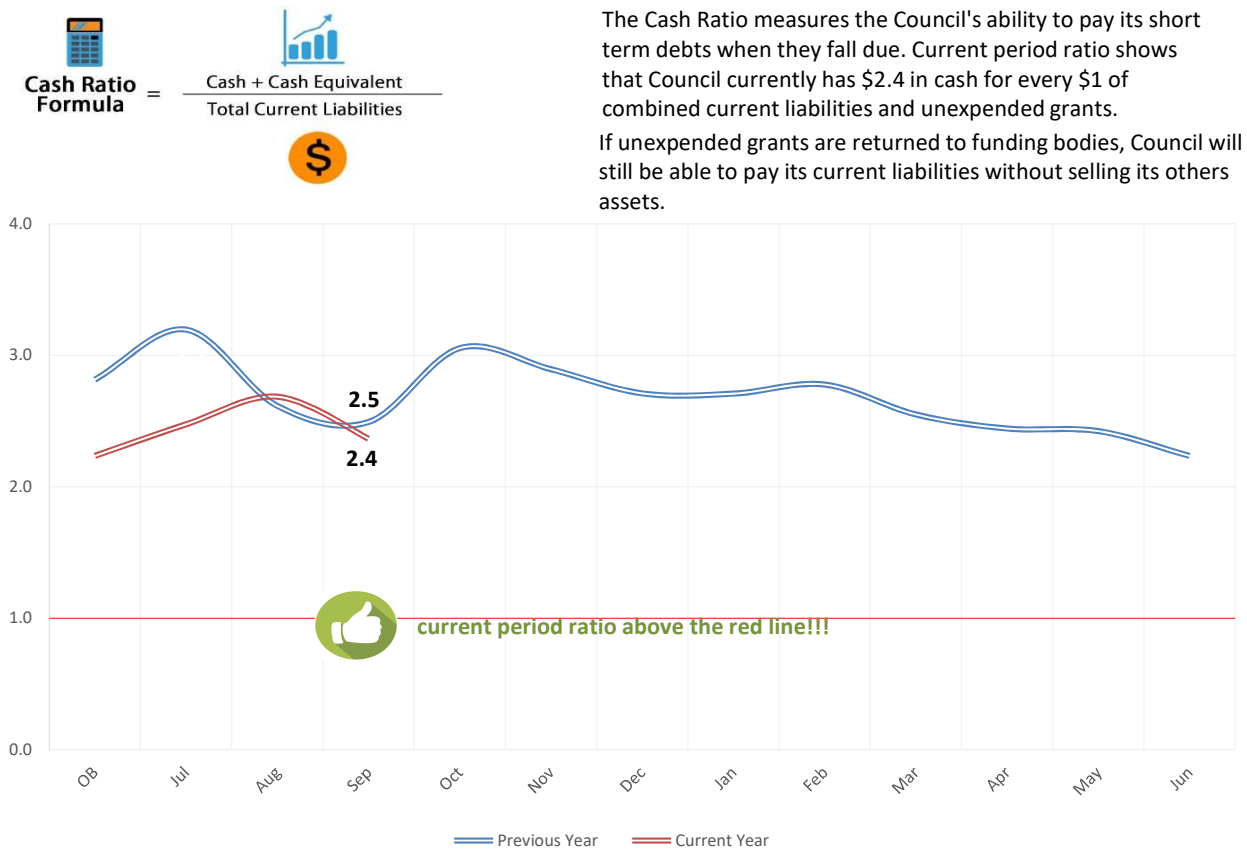
**Operating & capital expenditures excluding depreciation & internal allocations*

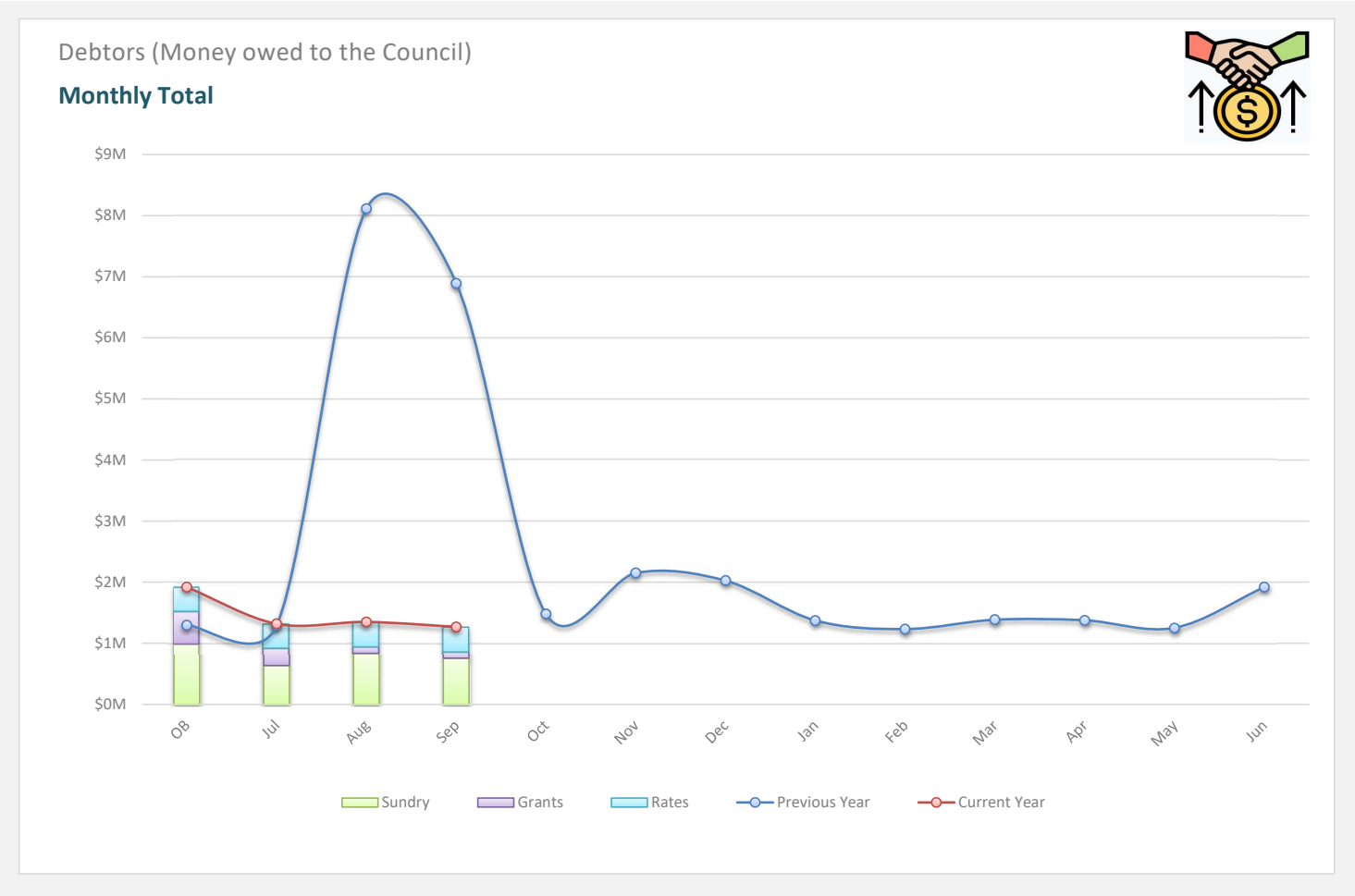
Cash as of 30th September 2026





Tied = *Cash to be used for a specific purpose such as a grant and usually guided by an agreement*
Untied/Unrestricted = *Cash to achieve Councils goals at Councils discretion*


Cash Ratio Formula = Cash + Cash Equivalent / Total Current Liabilities
The Cash Ratio measures the Council's ability to pay its short term debts when they fall due. Current period ratio shows that Council currently has $2.4 in cash for every $1 of combined current liabilities and unexpended grants.
If unexpended grants are returned to funding bodies, Council will still be able to pay its current liabilities without selling its others assets.
4.0
3.0
2.0
1.0
0.0
2.5
2.4
current period ratio above the red line!!!
OB
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
Previous Year
Current Year


Debtors (Money owed to the Council)
Monthly Total
$9M
$8M
$7M
$6M
$5M
$4M
$3M
$2M
$1M
$0M
OB
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
Sundry
Grants
Rates
Previous Year
Current Year

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

ACTUAL VS BUDGET

Year to date 30th September 2026

	Note	YTD Actuals $	Commitments	YTD Budget $	YTD Variance $ (Actuals + Commitments VS Budget)	YTD Variance %	Approved Annual Budget $
OPERATING REVENUES							
Grants	A	4,630,428	-	4,112,318	518,111	13%	23,203,472
User Charges and Fees	B	1,599,022	-	2,157,856	(558,834)	(26%)	9,658,424
Rates and Annual Charges	C	10,157	-	7,410,778	(7,400,621)	(100%)	7,410,778
Interest Income		213,849	-	61,795	152,055	246%	1,140,488
Other Operating Revenues	D	687,069	-	447,645	239,423	53%	1,790,585
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		**7,140,525**	**-**	**14,190,392**	**(7,049,867)**	**(50%)**	**43,203,747**
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Employee Costs	E	4,557,616	-	5,768,141	(1,210,525)	(21%)	23,075,053
Materials and Contracts	F	2,177,918	3,111,841	2,991,489	2,298,270	77%	13,980,061
Elected Member Allowances		107,754	-	134,960	(27,206)	(20%)	539,840
Elected Member Expenses		126,270	9,837	131,061	5,046	4%	317,098
Council Committee & LA Allowances		10,900	-	12,000	(1,100)	(9%)	48,000
Council Committee & LA Expenses		24,597	9,795	9,248	25,144	272%	36,743
Depreciation and Amortisation		976,613	-	895,795	80,818	9%	3,583,180
Other Operating Expenses	G	2,227,029	760,081	3,445,542	(458,433)	(13%)	11,322,482
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		**10,208,697**	**3,891,553**	**13,388,236**	**712,015**	**5%**	**52,902,457**
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		**(3,068,172)**	**(3,891,553)**	**802,156**	**(7,761,882)**	**(968%)**	**(9,698,711)**
Capital Grants Income		-	-	248,651	(248,651)	0%	994,604
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		**(3,068,172)**	**(3,891,553)**	**1,050,808**	**(8,010,533)**	**(762%)**	**(8,704,106)**
Remove Non-Cash Item							
Add back Depreciation Expense		976,613	-	895,795	80,818	9%	3,583,180
Less Additional Outflows							
Capital Expenditure	H	(268,440)	(871,803)	(1,297,069)	156,827	(12%)	(8,024,276)
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2028		-	-	-	-	0%	(1,480,889)
Transfer to Reserves		(1,979,810)	-	(1,948,290)	(31,520)	2%	(7,989,763)
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS		**(2,248,249)**	**(871,803)**	**(3,245,359)**	**125,306**	**(4%)**	**(17,494,928)**
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		**(4,339,808)**	**(4,763,356)**	**(1,298,756)**	**(7,804,409)**	**601%**	**(22,615,854)**
Add Additional Inflows							
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	I	7,405,721	-	6,566,675	839,046	13%	6,566,675
Transfer from General Equity		931,591	-	931,591	-	0%	3,726,364
Transfer from Reserves		3,080,704	-	3,080,704	-	0%	12,322,815
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS		**11,418,015**	**-**	**10,578,971**	**839,046**	**8%**	**22,615,854**
NET OPERATING POSITION - SURPLUS		**7,078,207**	**(4,763,356)**	**9,280,215**	**(6,965,364)**	**100%**	**-**

NOTES ON INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT ACTUAL VS BUDGET

A Grants YTD Actual higher than Budget

The overall favourable grant revenue variance of $518k is largely due to the timing of grant receipts, partly offset by under-recognition of several grants and lower than budgeted Core Services income. Large portion of the budgeted Core Services income relates to financial assistance grants for operations and roads that the Council received in advance in 2025/26 financial year. This will be adjusted in the 1st budget revision.

Grants	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Indigenous Employment Initiative Program	945,194	452,836	492,357
Public Library Service	-	96,023	(96,023)
Regional Sobering Up Shelter, Nhulunbuy	195,980	106,288	89,693
Commonwealth Home Support Programme	165,560	227,246	(61,686)
Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service	90,546	27,119	63,428
Youth, Sport and Recreation Program	1,152,780	564,534	588,245
Community Child Care Fund	188,092	332,365	(144,273)
Community Night Patrol Services	738,747	557,320	181,426
Remote Community Connector Program	191,711	100,420	91,291
East Arnhem Youth Alcohol & Other Drugs Service	175,512	-	175,512
2023-25 Care Finder NT PHN	16,550	18,205	(1,655)
Active Regional and Remote Communites	369,901	153,500	216,401
NT Waste and Resource Management 2024-25	-	32,109	(32,109)
Youth Diversion Program 2026 - 2028	150,000	75,000	75,000
Support at Home	-	201,354	(201,354)
Fair Work Commission Boost	-	1,854	(1,854)
Core Services - Not a Grant	249,856	1,166,144	(916,288)
Total	**4,630,428**	**4,112,318**	**518,111**

B User Charges and Fees YTD Actual lower than Budget

Actual rental income, medicare subsidies, child care fees and NDIS revenue are lower than budget.

C Rates and Annual Charges YTD Actual lower than Budget

This is due to the main rates run for the 2026/27 financial year not yet being completed, resulting in lower rates revenue recognised year-to-date.

D Other Operating Revenues YTD Actual higher than Budget

Higher than budget diesel fuel sales, proceeds from vehicle disposals and container deposit scheme (CDS) reycling revenue. There is also workers compensation premium adjustment from prior years received this financial year.

E Employee Costs YTD Actual lower than Budget

Services	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Aged Care Services	598,524	834,597	(236,073)
Child Care Services	115,762	312,001	(196,239)
People and Corporate Services	416,867	610,413	(193,545)
Municipal Services	558,549	715,501	(156,953)
Council Services	448,809	594,007	(145,198)
Building and Infrastructure Services	191,015	286,762	(95,747)
Active Communities	296,912	391,514	(94,602)
Support Coordination Services	63	86,906	(86,844)
Library Services	97,264	177,101	(79,837)
Information Communication and Technology Services	101,304	129,765	(28,461)
Fleet and Workshop Services	32,773	60,305	(27,531)
Waste and Environmental Services	181,243	195,347	(14,103)
Visitor Accommodation	24,840	32,189	(7,350)
Community Media	6,299	6,995	(696)
Governance and CEO	171,519	169,591	1,928
Community Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter Services	454,775	450,666	4,109
Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management	69,325	56,480	12,844
Community Services	99,388	83,622	15,765
Disability Services	381,999	350,805	31,194
Veterinary and Animal Control Services	144,262	110,964	33,298
Youth Services	166,125	112,611	53,514
Total	**4,557,616**	**5,768,141**	**(1,210,525)**

F Materials and Contracts YTD Actual plus commitments higher than Budget

Commitments balance mainly relates to Building and Infrastructure projects for this financial year.

G Other Operating Expenses YTD Actual plus commitments lower than Budget

No grants repaid as of September 2023. Properties insurance was paid and will be reflected in the next month's income and expense statement.

H Capital Expenditure YTD Actual plus commitments lower than Budget

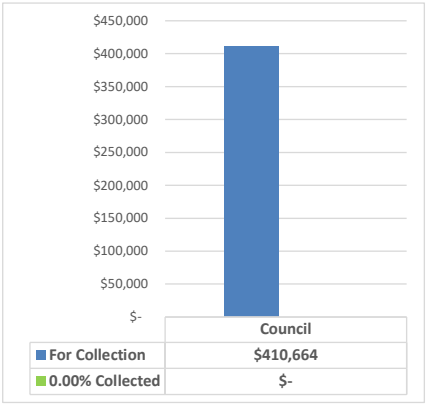
Actual spending relates to motor vehicles and infrastructure. Refer to the Capital Expenditures report.

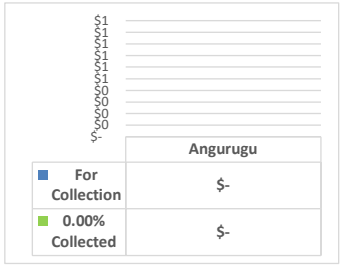
I Carried Forward Grants Revenue YTD Actual higher than Budget

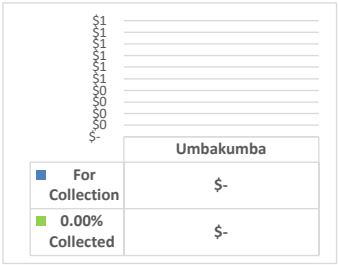
The FY2026-27 budget will be adjusted in the first revision to reflect the final/audited balance.



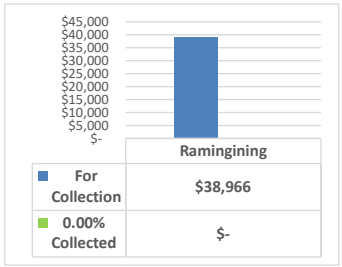
Rates and Waste Collection Charges as of 30th September 2026

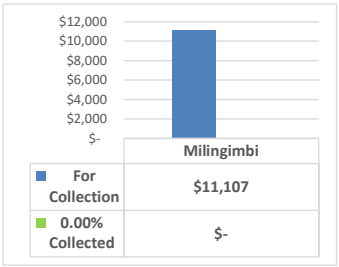


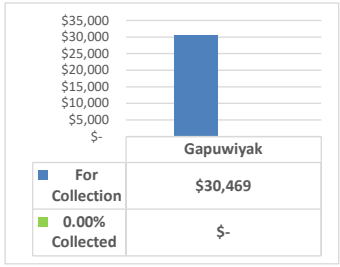


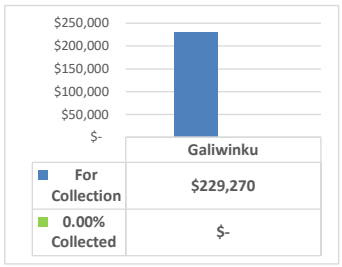


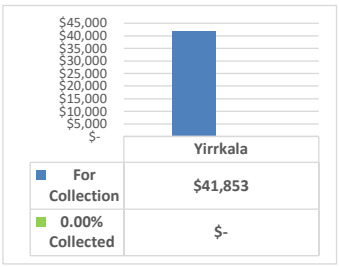


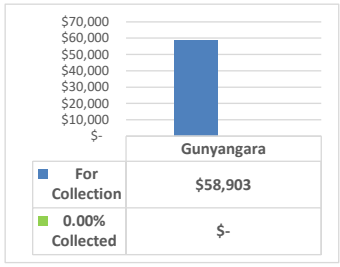










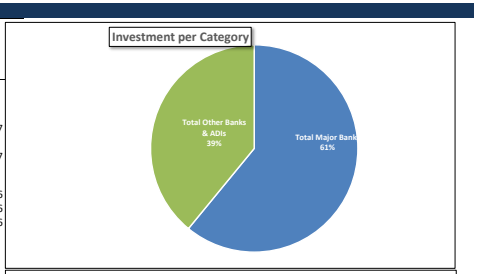


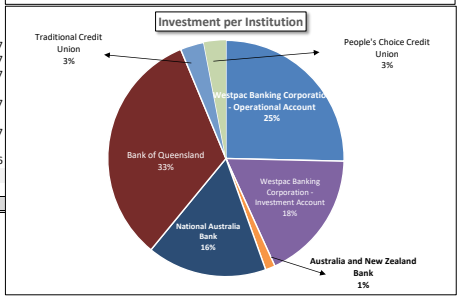
**For Collection is rates outstanding from prior year plus billings during the current financial year 2027*

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Investment Portfolio

Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions	Investment - $	% of Total Investment	Within Diversification Limits	Type	Amount - $	Rate - %	Term - days	Investment Date	Maturity Date
Westpac Banking Corporation - Operational Account	$ 9,278,398	25%	✓	Operation fund	$ 1,038,570	-	-	-	-
				Operation fund	$ 8,039,828	-	-	-	-
				Security TD (C)	$ 200,000	3.75%	365	30/06/2026	30/06/2027
Westpac Banking Corporation - Investment Account	$ 6,522,591	18%	✓	Notice Saver	$ 4,437,791	3.60%	31 day notice	23/12/2022	-
				Short Term TD	$ 2,084,800	5.80%	365	30/09/2026	30/09/2027
Australia and New Zealand Bank	$ 489,758	1%	✓	Operation fund	$ 489,758	-	-	-	-
National Australia Bank	$ 6,000,000	17%	✓	Short Term TD	$ 2,000,000	4.25%	365	22/12/2025	22/12/2026
				Short Term TD	$ 2,000,000	4.25%	365	22/12/2025	22/12/2026
				Short Term TD	$ 2,000,000	4.25%	366	21/12/2025	22/12/2026
TOTAL - Major Banks	**$ 22,290,747**	**61%**	✓		**$ 22,290,747**				
Bank of Queensland	$ 12,000,000	33%	✓	Short Term TD	$ 4,000,000	4.15%	365	13/02/2026	13/02/2027
				Short Term TD	$ 4,000,000	4.20%	365	13/02/2026	13/02/2027
				Short Term TD	$ 1,000,000	4.20%	184	13/07/2026	13/01/2027
				Short Term TD	$ 3,000,000	4.20%	184	13/07/2026	13/01/2027
People's Choice Credit Union	$ 1,186,682	3%	✓	Operation fund	$ 186,682	-	-	-	-
				Short Term TD	$ 1,000,000	4.25%	365	20/02/2026	20/02/2027
Traditional Credit Union	$ 1,099,740	3%	✓	Operation fund	$ 99,740	-	-	-	-
				Short Term TD	$ 1,000,000	4.40%	365	12/12/2025	12/12/2026
TOTAL - Other banks & ADI's	**$ 14,286,421**	**39%**	✓		**$ 14,286,421**				
TOTAL Investment Funds	**$ 36,577,168**	**100%**			**$ 36,577,168**				



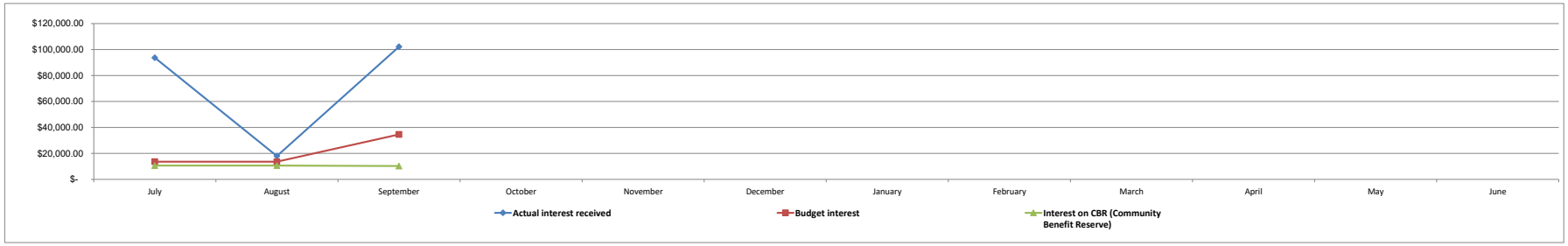


*Diversification Limits

Category	Min	Max
Major Banks	15%	100%
Other banks & ADI's	0%	45%
Per institution	0%	40%

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Investment Performance	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD
Actual Invested Funds	**$ 39,147,214**	**$ 37,432,570**	**$ 36,577,168**										
Budget interest	$ 13,600.20	$ 13,600.21	$ 34,594.36										**$ 61,794.77**
Actual interest received	$ 93,737.23	$ 17,945.46	$ 102,166.59										**$ 213,849.28**
Interest on CBR (Community Benefit Reserve)	$ 10,620.98	$ 10,620.98	$ 10,278.37										**$ 31,520.33**
Actual v Budget	✓ $ 80,137.03	✓ $ 4,345.25	✓ $ 67,572.23							✓ $ -	✓ $ -	✓ $ -	✓ $ 152,054.51



Debtors - over 90 days

As at 30.09.2026

Customer Code	Customer Name	Amount	Nature of Invoice	Comments
31	Anglicare NT Ltd	$ 15,737.00	Aged Care	Following-up with Debtors
41	Arnhemland Progress Aboriginal Corporation	$ 1,953.00	Rental Fee	Following-up with Debtors
82	Deltareef Pty Ltd	$ 160.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
153	Milingimbi Community Education Centre MCEC	$ 1,563.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
154	Milingimbi Outstations & Progress Resource Assoc Inc	$ 6,824.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
183	NT Fleet	$ 2,509.50	Landfill & Rental Fees	Following-up with Debtors
203	Gapuwiyak School Council Incorporated	$ 915.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
286	Gapuwiyak Culture & Arts Aboriginal Corp.	$ 160.00	Wheel Bin Replacement	Following-up with Debtors
355	Marngarr Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation	$ 165.00	Bin Replacement	Following-up with Debtors
452	Arnhem Electrical Contractors	$ 3,591.05	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
548	NT Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities	$ 885.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
730	Dinybulu Regional Services Pty Ltd	$ 500.50	Landfill fees	Following-up with Debtors
748	WTD Construction Pty Ltd	$ 34,327.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
750	Outback Spirit Tours Pty Ltd	$ 340.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
757	QBE Insurance	$ 13,727.16	Insurance	Following-up with Debtors
775	Bukmak Constructions Pty Ltd ATF Bukmak Constructions Trust	$ 2,450.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
827	Telstra Corporation C/O Jones Lang LaSalle	$ 16,830.77	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
843	Galiwinku Women's Space Inc	$ 389.00	Fleet	Following-up with Debtors
903	JC Smith & Associates NT Pty Ltd	$ 92,705.09	NDIS	NDIS to follow
935	EMP Ulaiasi Nawaqa (GUS)	$ 272.66	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
940	Prudent Plan Management Previously Hadrill	$ 44,674.25	NDIS	NDIS to follow
944	EMP Thanyaporn Ellenden	$ 0.90	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.

947	GEMYDU Aboriginal Corporation	$ 11,562.81	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
952	EMP Arvin Roping	$ 323.65	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
967	EMP Wesley Van Zanden	$ 950.58	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
983	EMP - Stacey Foott	$ 1,233.00	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
989	EMP - KELLY HARVEY	$ 1,515.49	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1009	BV Contracting Pty Ltd	$ 25,836.60	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
1010	Adam Watson - 430179758	$ 12,194.58	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1018	East Arnhem Real Estate Pty Ltd	$ 1,538.75	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1028	GEORGIE BARNETT	$ 1,911.37	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1029	Serena Gaykamangu	$ 18.00	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1030	Country Connect Pty Ltd	$ 880.00	Transport of Pallets	Following-up with Debtors
1035	PHILLIP KENNELL	$ 1,335.98	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1042	Knight Frank Northern Territory	$ 4,345.53	Building repairs & Maintenance	Following-up with Debtors
1045	DJC Build Pty Ltd	$ 2,006.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
1056	LAURA JAY PENDERGAST	$ 5,817.31	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1068	EMP - BRAD LENA	$ 1,506.98	Electricity	Following-up.
1078	EMP - DANIEL RULE	$ 957.45	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1084	EMP - CAROL RANFT	$ 1,796.39	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1085	EMP - KINYANGO ILDEPHONSE	$ 2,176.66	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1104	EMP - Stephen OÇallaghan	$ 615.00	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1109	EMP - David Thompson	$ 1,190.31	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1112	EMP - Tammy Gill	$ 790.35	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1113	Ledua Tawake	$ 1,433.72	Electricity	Following-up.
1115	EMP - ROBERT KESTLE	$ 1,359.25	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1116	VAOMARA NEW & USED SECOND HAND SHOP	$ 195.00	Electricity	Following-up.
1118	EMP - RYAN GABLONSKI	$ 964.84	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1119	EMP - ROISIN LIDDLE	$ 1,634.00	Rental/Electricity	Following-up.
1120	NTM SERVICES PTY LTD	$ 490.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
1124	Shaun Dhamarrandji - 430579650	$ 364.80	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1126	Peter Burruwanga - 430535626	$ 3,901.00	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1128	Winston Dhamarrandji - 430602415	$ 2,719.52	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1130	Megan Gandagu - 430554319	$ 690.60	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1149	Dorothy Garrawurra - 431713868	$ 23,410.89	NDIS	NDIS to follow

1158	Rose Guyula - 431511032	$ 39,562.26	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1160	Rex Mununggurr - 430248304	$ 6,749.00	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1166	Terrance Gaykamangu - 430326576	$ 17,243.75	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1175	Bobby Wakang - 430602130	$ 823.28	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1180	Compassion and Power Ministry Services	$ 230.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
1186	Clarence Malibirr - 430250808	$ 212.80	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1190	Durack Civil Pty Ltd	$ 1,145.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
1196	Wungulul Buraarrwanga - 430611108	$ 308.00	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1198	Lillian Garrawurra - 450582958	$ 574.56	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1203	Jacky Yapininy - 552359923	$ 840.00	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1213	Polyfabrication Australia	$ 160.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
1215	Matthew Malibirr – 431406247	$ 2,107.80	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1218	James Ganambar - 430583372	$ 3,371.20	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1228	Gabriel Gondarra - 585059223	$ 1,164.13	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1230	Joelene Ganambarr- 430612960	$ 957.88	NDIS	NDIS to follow
1231	BJH ELECTRICAL	$ 785.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
1232	FEET FIRST FILMS PTY LTD	$ 2,450.00	ACYS Hall Hire	Following-up with Debtors
1240	Tree Tactics NT Pty Ltd	$ 480.00	Landfill Fees	Following-up with Debtors
		$ 437,510.95		

Rates Aged Analysis Report 30-Sep-2026

Property ID	Current	>30 Days	>60 Days	>90 Days	Total	Notes
Compassion And Power Ministry Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$3,674.26	**$3,674.26**	Charges + Interest
Department Of Children And Famlies	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$314.62	**$314.62**	Charges + Interest
Department Of Local Government &	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$16,241.44	**$16,241.44**	Charges + Interest
Dhupuma Barker	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$95.74	**$95.74**	Charges + Interest
Gapuwiyak Culture And Arts Aboriginal Corporation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$5,729.93	**$5,729.93**	Charges + Interest
Gumatj Corporation Limited	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$168.48	**$168.48**	Charges + Interest
Kevin Stanaway	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$20,433.93	**$20,433.93**	Charges + Interest
Mr David Young	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$11,267.72	**$11,267.72**	Charges + Interest
Nhawe Enterprises Pty Ltd	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$31,379.72	**$31,379.72**	Charges + Interest
NT Department of Housing and Community Development - TH-Comm	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$232,183.38	**$232,183.38**	Charges + Interest
NT Department of Housing and Community Development - TH-GEH	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$38,315.09	**$38,315.09**	Charges + Interest
Rirratjingu Aborginal Corpration	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$96.49	**$96.49**	Charges + Interest
Rirratjingu Mining Pty LtdT/a Bunuwal Industrial	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,803.97	**$1,803.97**	Charges + Interest
Tony Pearse	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$33,478.44	**$33,478.44**	Charges + Interest
Yirrkala Community Store	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10,545.00	**$10,545.00**	Charges + Interest
TOTAL	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$405,728.21**	**$405,728.21**	

	Current	>30 Days	>60 Days	>90 Days	Total
Financial Year Total Balance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$405,728.21	$405,728.21
Financial Year Balance as a Percentage of Total Owing	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%

MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET REPORT As at 30th September 2026	YTD Actuals $	Note Reference
ASSETS		
Cash		
Tied Funds	28,675,857	
Untied Funds/Unrestricted Cash*	7,704,674	
Total Cash	36,380,531	(1)
Accounts Receivables		
Trade Debtors	757,503	(2)
Grant Debtors	104,875	(2)
Rates & Charges	405,728	(2)
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(547,512)	
Total Accounts Receivables	720,594	
Other Current Assets	1,440,131	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	**38,541,256**	
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	54,979,877	
Right-of-Use Assets	8,837,038	
Landfill Airspace	800,457	
Work In Progress	3,012,881	
Security Deposit	200,000	(1)
Other Non-Current Assets	16,733	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	**67,846,986**	
TOTAL ASSETS	**106,388,242**	
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	261,987	(3)
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	212,440	(4)
Current Provisions	2,458,064	
Lease Liabilities	219,269	
Other Current Liabilities	857,367	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	**4,009,128**	
Non-Current Liabilities		
Lease Liabilities	9,303,442	
Landfill Rehabilitation Provision	1,580,161	
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	216,856	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	**11,100,459**	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**15,109,587**	
NET ASSETS	**91,278,655**	
EQUITY		
Unexpended Grants Reserve	9,885,934	
Replacement and Contingency Reserve	18,789,923	
Asset Revaluation Reserve	31,147,691	
Accumulated Surplus	31,455,107	
TOTAL EQUITY	**91,278,655**	

* Refer to Cash & Equity Analysis "Cash Available before Liabilities"

NOTE TO MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET REPORT

Note 1. Details of Cash and Investments Held

Accounts	Amount
Westpac Banking Corporation	15,600,989
Traditional Credit Union	1,099,740
Australia and New Zealand Bank	489,758
Members Equity Bank	12,000,000
People's Choice Credit Union	1,186,682
National Australia Bank	6,000,000
Total Banks	36,377,168
Petty Cash/Cash Float	3,363
Total Cash	**36,380,531**

Total Banks	36,377,168
Security Deposit under non-current assets (Westpac)	200,000
Total Investment Funds*	**36,577,168**

* Refer to Monthly Investment Report

NOTE TO MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET REPORT

Note 2. Statement on Debts Owed to Council (Accounts Receivable)

AGE ANALYSIS - TRADE DEBTORS

DEBTORS	%	OUTSTANDING	CURRENT	> 30 DAYS	> 60 DAYS	> 90 DAYS
WTD Construction Pty Ltd	23%	170,860	103,476	33,057	-	34,327
National Disability Insurance Scheme (ND	15%	110,462	110,462	-	-	-
JC Smith & Associates NT Pty Ltd	12%	92,697	-	-	-	92,697
Prudent Plan Management Previously Ha	6%	47,000	21,240	2,839	-	22,921
Debtor	3%	23,411	-	-	-	23,411
TOTAL TOP 5 DEBTORS	**59%**	**444,429**	**235,178**	**35,896**	**-**	**173,356**
Other Debtors	41%	313,073 -	117,102	160,217	5,803	264,155
TOTAL SUNDRY DEBTORS	**100%**	**757,503**	**118,076**	**196,113**	**5,803**	**437,511**

Reminder letters/emails sent for all overdue accounts.

AGE ANALYSIS - GRANTS DEBTORS

DEBTORS	%	OUTSTANDING	CURRENT	> 30 DAYS	> 60 DAYS	> 90 DAYS
Anindilyakwa Land Council	100%	104,875	-	-	-	104,875
		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL GRANTS DEBTORS	**100%**	**104,875**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**104,876**

To follow up by Grants team

AGE ANALYSIS - RATES & CHARGES

RATE PAYERS	%	OUTSTANDING	CURRENT	> 30 DAYS	> 60 DAYS	> 90 DAYS
Rate payer 1	57%	232,183		-	-	232,183
Rate payer 2	9%	38,315	-	-	-	38,315
Rate payer 3	8%	33,478	-	-	-	33,478
Rate payer 4	8%	31,380	-	-	-	31,380
Rate payer 5	5%	20,434	-	-	-	20,434
TOTAL TOP 5 RATE PAYERS	**88%**	**355,791**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**355,791**
Other Rate Payers	12%	49,938	-	-	-	49,938
TOTAL RATES & CHARGES	**100%**	**405,728**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**405,728**

Following up with rate payers and reminder emails sent.

NOTE TO MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET REPORT

Note 3. Statement on Debts Owed by Council (Accounts Payable)

AGE ANALYSIS - TRADE CREDITORS

CREDITORS	%	OUTSTANDING	CURRENT	> 30 DAYS	> 60 DAYS	> 90 DAYS
Power Water	25%	66,532	66,532		-	
Territory Housing Rent	8%	20,006	20,006	-	-	
Think Safe Solutions	7%	19,300	19,300	-	-	
City of Darwin	6%	16,552	16,552	-	-	-
Beta Coolalinga	5%	12,294	12,294	-	-	-
TOTAL TOP 5 CREDITORS	**51%**	**134,684**	**134,684**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Other Creditors	49%	127,303	127,303	-	-	-
TOTAL TRADE CREDITORS	**100%**	**261,987**	**261,987**	**-**	**-**	**-**

NOTE TO MONTHLY BALANCE SHEET REPORT

Note 4. Statement on Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations

AGE ANALYSIS

CREDITORS	OUTSTANDING	CURRENT	> 30 DAYS	> 60 DAYS	> 90 DAYS
Australian Taxation Office (PAYG)	132,338	132,338	-	-	-
AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE - DEBTS	-	-	-	-	-
StatewideSuper-Trust The Local	80,102	80,102	-	-	-
TOTAL	**212,440**	**212,440**	**-**	**-**	**-**

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES YEAR TO DATE 30 SEPTEMBER 2026	ACTUALS YTD	COMMITMENTS	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD (ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS VS BUDGET)	ANNUAL APPROVED BUDGET $
Building	-	-	835,000	(835,000)	3,340,000
Infrastructure	28,115	62,935	395,319	(304,269)	1,581,276
Plant	-	154,944	-	154,944	1,150,000
Equipment	-	-	66,750	(66,750)	267,000
Motor Vehicles	240,325	653,924	-	894,249	1,686,000
TOTAL	**268,440**	**871,803**	**1,297,069**	**(156,827)**	**8,024,276**
Roads Expenditures*	**806,926**	**100,679**	**862,099**	**45,506**	**5,559,306**
Roads Expenditures Breakdown by Project:					
203314 - Maintain Local Roads - Ramingining	88,140	-	-	88,140	280,000
203315 - Maintain Local Roads - Milingimbi	53,351	84,944	3,750	134,545	300,000
203316 - Maintain Local Roads - Gapuwiyak	203,668	-	3,750	199,918	480,000
203317 - Maintain Local Roads - Galiwinku	48,890	-	2,000	46,890	448,000
203318 - Maintain Local Roads - Yirrkala	36,318	100	14,044	22,375	516,175
203319 - Maintain Local Roads - Gunyangara	10,650	-	10,900	(250)	228,600
203320 - Maintain Local Roads - Nhulunbuy	112,795	15,635	75,928	52,503	299,619
203411 - Construct & Upgrade Local Roads - Angurugu	-	-	156,414	(156,414)	625,654
203414 - Construct & Upgrade Local Roads - Ramingining	-	-	37,500	(37,500)	150,000
203415 - Construct & Upgrade Local Roads - Milingimbi	36	-	37,500	(37,464)	150,000
203416 - Construct & Upgrade Local Roads - Gapuwiyak	-	-	37,500	(37,500)	150,000
203417 - Construct & Upgrade Local Roads - Galiwinku	-	-	175,000	(175,000)	700,000
304220 - Local Road and Infra Program Round 2	67,711	-	-	67,711	-
304320 - Local Road and Infra Program Round 3	-	-	94,315	(94,315)	377,260
308218 - Construction of new road diversion section of Bawaka homelan	-	-	74,227	(74,227)	296,909
308220 - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 4	-	-	101,320	(101,320)	405,278
309514 - Roads to Recovery 2024-2029	164,125	-	-	164,125	-
313018 - Design and Construct Floodway(s) on Bawaka Homeland Access R	21,242	-	37,952	(16,711)	151,810

**Roads are not capitalised*

Elected Members Allowances Report

1st July 2026 - 30th September 2026

Family Name	Given Name	YTD Councillor Allowance	YTD Councillor Meeting
Dhamarrandji	Evelyna	5,895	1,100
Mirritjawuy	Jason	5,895	2,500
Wunungmurra	Bobby	5,895	800
Wunungmurra	Wesley	5,888	-
Dhamarrandji	Lapulung	29,592	-
Marika	Marrpalawuy	5,895	1,200
Dhamarrandji	Stephen	10,203	1,500
Warraya	David	5,895	900
Yunupingu	Priscilla	5,895	1,000
Ganygulpa	Elizabeth	5,895	1,700
Bukulatjpi	Cyril	5,895	1,000
Mununggurr	Lirrpiya	5,895	2,200
Total		**98,738**	**13,900**

**maximum extra meeting is $12,000.*

Elected Members - Professional Development Expense

As at 30th September 2026

Given Name	Term	Authority	Ward	Allocated PD $	Expenses As of 30.09.2026	Balance As of 30.09.2026
Lapulung Dhamarrandji	Current	President	Gumurr Gattjirrk Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Elizabeth Ganygulpa	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Gattjirrk Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Jason Mirritjaawuy	Current	Elected Member	Birr Rawarrang Ward	7,500	-	7,500
David Warraya	Current	Elected Member	Birr Rawarrang Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Stephen Dhamarrandji	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Marthakal Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Evelyna Dhamarrandji	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Marthakal Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Cyril Bukulatjpi	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Marthakal Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Marrpalawuy Marika	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Miwatj Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Priscilla Yunupingu	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Miwatj Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Lirrpiya Mununggurr	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Miwatj Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Wesley Wunungmurra	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Miyarrka Ward	7,500	-	7,500
Bobby Wunungmurra	Current	Elected Member	Gumurr Miyarrka Ward	7,500	-	7,500
			Total	**90,000**	**-**	**90,000**

CASH & EQUITY ANALYSIS	30-Sep-2026	30-Jun-2026
Cash	36,380,531	41,246,200
Less:		
Unexpended Grants Carried Over	(9,885,934)	(9,466,649)
Specific Reserves	(18,789,923)	(15,182,691)
Cash Available before Liabilities	**7,704,674**	**16,596,861**

Other Current Assets & Liabilities

Accounts Receivables & Other Current Assets	1,947,310	1,502,445
Less:		
Payables & other Liabilities	(1,118,380)	(2,077,201)
Employee Provisions Current	(2,458,064)	(2,422,016)
Employee Provisions NonCurrent	(216,856)	(314,187)
Net Other Current Liabilities	**(1,845,989)**	**(3,310,959)**

Net Cash Available	**5,858,685**	**13,285,902**

Noncurrent Assets

Noncurrent Assets - excluding Right of Use Assets and Landfill Airspace	58,209,492	59,050,029
Less Revaluation Reserves	(31,147,691)	(31,277,821)
Noncurrent Assets Actual Carrying Value	**27,061,800**	**27,772,208**

Leases

Right of Use Assets	8,837,038	8,837,038
Less Lease Liabilities	(9,522,711)	(9,522,711)
Net impact on Equity	**(685,674)**	**(685,673)**

Landfill Airspace

Landfill Airspace Asset	800,457	959,600
Provision for Landfill Rehabilitation	(1,580,161)	(1,632,329)
Net impact on Equity	**(779,704)**	**(672,729)**

Equity

Total Equity	91,278,655	95,626,867
Less:		
Revaluation Reserve	(31,147,691)	(31,277,821)
Unexpended Grants Carried Over	(9,885,934)	(9,466,649)
Specific Reserves	(18,789,923)	(15,182,691)
Net Equity	**31,455,107**	**39,699,707**

Net Equity is made up of

Net Assets Carried	27,061,800	27,772,208
Net Impact of Leases	(685,674)	(685,674)
Net impact of Landfill Airspace	(779,704)	(672,729)
Net Cash Carried Forward	5,858,685	13,285,902
Net Equity	**31,455,107**	**39,699,707**

CEO Council Credit Card Transactions

Recorded in the month of September 2026

Cardholder Name: Dale Keehne

Transaction Date	Amount $	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
18/09/2026	2	Darwin State Square Darwin AUS	Parking in Darwin
21/09/2026	10	UNITED SMITH STREET DARWIN CITY AUS	Fuel for hire car
16/09/2026	26	FAIRFAX SUBSCRIPTION PYRMONT AUS	Sydney Morning Herald subscription
16/09/2026	39	DARWIN RADIO 131008 DARWIN AUS	Darwin city to Eaton
10/09/2026	44	CabFare Payments Melbourne AUS	Darwin Airport to hotel
21/09/2026	236	BP NHULUNBUY 9317 NHULUNBUY AUS	Fuel for Landcruiser 300
Total	**356**		

Replacement and Contingency Reserves As at 30th September 2026	1 July 2026 Beginning Balance $	From Reserves $	To Reserves $	30 September 2026 Ending Balance $
Fleet Replacement	3,833,649	(771,432)	581,020	3,643,237
Waste Management	4,085,535	(334,081)	191,486	3,942,940
Roads Replacement	4,468,237	(676,861)	92,227	3,883,603
Cemeteries Management	378,357	-	-	378,357
Buildings Replacement	492,395	(961,367)	519,736	50,764
Elections	119,390	-	-	119,390
Disaster Recovery	333,333	-	-	333,333
Public Infrastructure	2,857,871	-	-	2,857,871
Aged and Disability	2,234,324	(322,262)	563,820	2,475,883
Community Benefit	624,372	-	31,520	655,892
Unexpended Allocated Projects Carry Over	463,354	(14,701)	-	448,654
TOTAL	**19,890,817**	**(3,080,704)**	**1,979,810**	**18,789,923**

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.10 Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Correspondence Register and updates.

SUMMARY:

This report details the incoming and outgoing correspondence that Council has received and sent.

Correspondence Register

Outgoing Correspondence:

Letter to NLC Chairman Matthew Ryan Re Engagement on Social Housing 21 Oct 26 (1)

Incoming Correspondence:

Letter of Engagement - Yolŋu-led Consultation on Alcohol and Kava Management - EARC

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter to NLC Chairman Matthew Ryan Re Engagement on Social Housing 21 Oct 26 (1) [**3.10.1** - 2 pages]
2. Letter of Engagement - Yolŋu-led Consultation on Alcohol and Kava Management - EARC (1) [**3.10.2** - 1 page]

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21 October 2026

Matthew Ryan
Chair
Northern Land Council
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Re: Engagement on Allocation of Social Housing

Dear Matthew,

I write following a very productive meeting on 16 October of EARC CEO Dale Keehne with the Northern Land Council Engagement Officer, Remote Housing Reforms Mia Christophersen and Policy & Advocacy Officer Ged Shearer, as recommended by Regional Manager East Arnhem Craig Bonney. As requested by your officers, I am writing to you to formally raise a key advocacy position of our elected Council calling for:

The use of a reasonable percentage of the $4 billion of committed funds to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory to be provided for units, duplexes, and houses for local Indigenous workers and vulnerable aged and disabled people, as well as residents of small to large homelands.

The Council's Local Authorities across the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn Council, have considered and formally endorsed this and the other Key Advocacy Positions, as attached.

A delegation of our Councilors raised this advocacy point regarding housing for Yolngu workers, and aged and disabled people, directly with the former NIAA CEO Jody Braun in Canberra back in July 2024, who made a general statement that they have a similar view and this would be developed.

Two plus years later Federal Minister Malarndirri McCarthy has expressed that the priority is to maximize the number of people who can have a 'roof over their head', and there is no provision for the allocation of housing to local Aboriginal workers in their communities. This view has been reiterated to me on a number of occasions by high ranking NT Government officials.

Our Council recognises the highly important role of the Northern Land Council in the Joint Steering Committee Housing NT, with the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government, the other NT Land Councils and Aboriginal Housing NT, to oversee the $4 billion Northern Territory Remote Housing Package.

We would like to seek the NLC's support as such an important party to the joint arrangement to use this historic opportunity over the remaining eight years of the $4 billion program, to shift to greater empowerment of Aboriginal people, by actively supporting local Indigenous people to gain and keep employment, through the provision of part of the total new social housing.

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This would also involve the re-design of planned housing to allow for one and two bedroom units that provide the opportunity for local workers to escape the burden of overcrowding, including maintaining food, and being able to sleep and be ready for work.

Council sees these as fundamental human rights that are met through public housing allocations 'down south' but continue to not be provided in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. We see this is linked to the false, harmful and patronising generalisation that 'all Indigenous people want to live together'.

Through Council's support of aged and disabled community members we have also raised the need for them to live in their own housing, as is also the case 'down south' or in metropolitan Darwin, and so they are included in Council's advocacy point on housing.

Homelands are included as a key part of Council's advocacy position, as Council recognises the great value of Yolngu to live and work in their homelands across the region. All our Local Government, like all Northern Land Council Councillors for East Arnhem, are inherently linked to our respective homelands and call for the proper funding of social, worker and aged / disability housing across the homelands from the $4 billion NT Remote Housing Package, and other funding sources.

Other closely related Key Advocacy Positions of Council are the call for:

Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

The provision of government housing and other infrastructure necessary for the effective delivery of essential services including Police, Education, Health, Local Government and Community Services, and;

The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

In order to progress these important shared objectives for our joint communities and homelands, I would like to propose as EARC President to you as the NLC Chair, that a formal connection and role be established between the Housing Reference Group's in each community, and the Local Authorities in the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn the East Arnhem Regional Council, to provide a broader and formally elected and endorsed representative structure than currently exists through the Housing Reference Group structure.

This formal connection and role would form an important part of broader engagement with the Northern Land Council's East Arnhem Regional Council, your East Arnhem Executive Members of the Full Council Yananymul Mununggurr, and Djawa Yunupingu, the Housing and Homelands Committee, and the Joint Steering Committee Remote Housing NT.

Yours sincerely,

Lapulung Dhamarrandji
President
East Arnhem Regional Council

ARDS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
LANGUAGE CENTRE - YOLŊU RADIO - COMMUNITY CONTROL

19 August 2026

Lapuluŋ Dhamarrandji, President
Dale Keehne, CEO
East Arnhem Regional Council

Re: Yolŋu-led Kava and Alcohol Education and Consultation Project

Dear Lapuluŋ and Dale,

We are writing to share information about a project that will be commencing shortly across the East Arnhem region, and to invite you to engage with ARDS on this topic.

This project has been funded by the NT Department of Health to run a Yolŋu-led education and engagement campaign on the impacts and harms of the laws, history and black market of alcohol and kava, and to gather Yolŋu ideas for kava and alcohol management on Yolŋu country.

As you know, this is not a new story for our communities. The issue of alcohol and kava management has been on people's minds for a long time. This is an opportunity for Yolŋu to share a strong message with the government about kava and alcohol, to listen carefully to Yolŋu voices and work together toward a stronger, community-informed path forwards.

The project will:

- Provide education and information about current laws, history, and the social and health impacts of alcohol, kava, and the black market.
- Share information about different options for safe management and supply of kava.
- Facilitate community consultations to gather Yolŋu perspectives on these issues.

At the end of this project, the ARDS team will share these stories back with Yolŋu communities, and in a report for the Department of Health to provide the government with an opportunity to ensure Yolŋu knowledge, experience, and priorities are central to future plans about alcohol and kava management in Northeast Arnhem Land.

The project will be led by ARDS senior Yolŋu facilitators in Gapuwiyak, Galiwin'ku, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Nhulunbuy, Gunyangara, Yirrkala and surrounding homelands between now and April 2027.

We see this as an exciting opportunity to present a strong Yolŋu voice to the government about alcohol and kava. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the project in more detail and work with you to plan appropriate engagements with your staff to ensure this work reflects the voices and aspirations of Yolŋu across the region.

Please contact Madelyn Hay on 0499 288 403 or madelyn.hay@ards.com.au for further details about this work, to arrange a suitable time to meet, or to discuss how you would like to be involved.

Yours sincerely,

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4 Confidential Reports

These reports will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.

5 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

6 Meeting Close