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OPEN MINUTES for the Ordinary
Meeting of Council
18 September 2025

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.2 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

THE MEETING OPENED AT 09:30 AM BY DALE KEEHNE (CEO).

In Attendance:

President: Lapulung Dhamarrandji
Deputy President: Stephen Dhamarrandji
Cr. Bobby Wunungumurra
Cr. Cyril Bukukaltjpi (Joined meeting at 10:50 AM)
Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji
Cr David Warraya (Left the meeting at 4:00 PM and was absent between 1:00 PM and 1:54 PM)
Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy
Cr. Murphy Yunupingu (Left the meeting at 01:00 PM)
Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu (Joined meeting at 11:02 AM)
Cr. Wesley Bandi Wunungmurra

Council Officers:

Dale Keehne – CEO
Signe Balodis – Director of Council Services
Divyan Ahimaz – Director of Community Services
Sonia Campbell – General Manager of Technical and Infrastructure Services.
Paul Hyde Kaduru – Governance and Compliance Manager

MOC 2025/81 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council:

- (a) **Notes the absence of Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, Marrpalawuy Marika, Cyril Bukulpatjpi (Joined meeting at 10:50 AM), Priscilla Yunupingu (Joined meeting at 11:02 AM).**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, Marrpalawuy Marika, Priscilla Yunupingu.**

- (c) Notes Marrpalawuy Marika absent with permission of the Council.
- (d) Determines Cyril Bukulatjpi and Ganygulpa Dhurrkay are absent without permission of the Council under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Declarations of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/82 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji)

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

Declaration of Interest Register

Member Name	Families Names	Relationships	Entity Name	Connection to Entity/Current or Past 5 years
Evelyna Dhamarrandji			Miwatj Health at Aboriginal Health Practitioner (Training)	Commenced 22/01/2024
	Geoffrey	Grandfather	ALPA	Current Director
	Daisy Gondarra	Grandmother	Shepherdson College	Current CLO
	Ted Gondarra	Grandfather	NIAA	
	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 ALPA CDP	Current Supervisor
			Bimipilingmirrin Djagaging Mala (BDM)	Member
	Sarina Ranybum	Wife	ALPA CDP	Current Supervisor
			Arnhemland Yothu Motle	
			Activity for kids	

Marrpalawuy Marika			YBE NEAL	Board Member
			Laynhapuy Housing Sub Committee	Currently working on a project
			ARDS	Currently working on a project
			Social and Wellbeing – Laynhapuy Homelands	Current full time Cultural Advisor
Bobby Wunungmurra			Northern Land Council	Regional Executive Member
			Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance	Board Member
			Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	Member
			Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (Yirralka Ranges)	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
	Bobby Wunungmurra	Brother	Northern Land Council	Member
			Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance	Board Member
			Northern Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	Employee
			Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation	Employee
Stephen Dhamarrandji	Zelda Dhamarrandji	Niece	Police Station Galiwinku	Aboriginal Liaison Officer
			Galiwinku Women Space	Board Director
	Evelyna Dhamarrandji	Niece		
Priscilla Yunupingu			NTG Department of Education	Employee
			Gumatj Corporation	Proxy Member
Ganygulpa Dhurrkay			Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation	Director
			Manapan Furniture	Chairperson

Murphy Yunupingu			Flinders University	Senior Cultural Advisor
			Miwatj Corporation	Board Member
Cyril Bukulatjpi			Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.	Director
			Housing Reference group – NT Housing	Member

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Appointment of President and Deputy President

SUMMARY:

Council is requested to appoint a President and Deputy President.

MOC 2025/83 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Murphy Yunupingu/Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra)

That Council:

- (a) Appoint Lapulung Dhamarrandji as President for this term of Council.
- (b) Appoint Stephen Dhamarrandji as Deputy President for this term of Council.
- (c) Agrees to allow the President to exercise a Casting vote when required.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Council Minutes

MOC 2025/84 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji)

That Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary council meeting held on 26 June 2025 as true and correct record.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Membership of Committees

SUMMARY:

This report is to appoint members to committees.

MOC 2025/85 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

1. That Council notes appoint the Finance Committee of:

Birr Rawarrang Ward: Jason Mirritjawuy (Primary), David Warraya (Alternate)

Gumurr Gattjirr Ward: Lapulung Dhamarrandji (Primary), Ganygulpa Dhurrkay (Alternate)

Gumurr Marthakal Ward: Evelynna Dhamarrandji (Primary), Cyril Bukulatjpi (Alternate)

Gumurr Miwatj Ward: Marrpalawuy Marika (Primary), Priscilla Yunupingu (Alterante)

Gumurr Miyarrka Ward: Bobby Wunungmurra (Primary), Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra (Alternate).

2. That Council appoint Ross Springolo, Ben Mooney, Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Jason Mirritjawuy and Evelynna Dhamarrandji to the Audit Committee.

3. That Council appoint the President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Stephen Dhmarrandji and Bobby Wunungmurra to the CEO Review Committee.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.3 Local Authority Membership**SUMMARY:**

This report is to confirm membership of Local Authorities.

MOC 2025/86 **RESOLVED (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji)**

That Council**(a) Appoint the following Councillors to each Local Authority:**

Galiwin'ku: Stephen Dhamarrandji, Evelyn Dhamarrandji, Cyril Bukulatjpi

Gapuwiya: Bobby Wunungmurra, Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra

Gunyangara: Murphy Yunupingu, Priscilla Yunupingu

Milingimbi: Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

Ramingining: David Warraya, Jason Mirritjawuy

Yirrkala: Marrpalawuy Marika, Priscilla Yunupingu

(b) Approve the previous member Local Authority.**(c) Accept the three nominations to join their respective Local Authority.**



NOMINATION FORM

FIRST NAME: Jaciuta

FAMILY NAME: Buruk unal ainy

CLAN NAME: Dhanavrandji

COMMUNITY: Milingimbi

PHONE NUMBER: 0400810364

EMAIL: burukunalaunyjaciuta1@gmail.com

PROPOSER NAME: Jaciuta Burukunalauny

PROPOSER SIGNATURE: Jaciuta Burukunalauny

SECONDER NAME: Ulas Kemang

SECONDER SIGNATURE: Ulas Kemang

Brief outline of why you should be considered as a Local Authority Member:

I, Jaciuta Burukunalauny accept being

Nominated into the Milingimbi

Local Authority? Yes

Signed: Jaciuta Burukunalauny

(**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATED PERSON.

NOMINATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF NOT ACCEPTED)

After completing this nomination form please email to:

governance@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au





NOMINATION FORM

First Name:

Kaye Thurlow

Family Name:

THURLOW

Clan Name:

Community:

CALWINKU

Phone No.:

0400 582154

E-mail:

kayeThurlow@gmail.com

Proposer Name:

Stephen Dhamarandys

Proposer Signature:

I, Kaye Thurlow

accept being nominated into the

CALWINKU.

Local Authority:

Signature:

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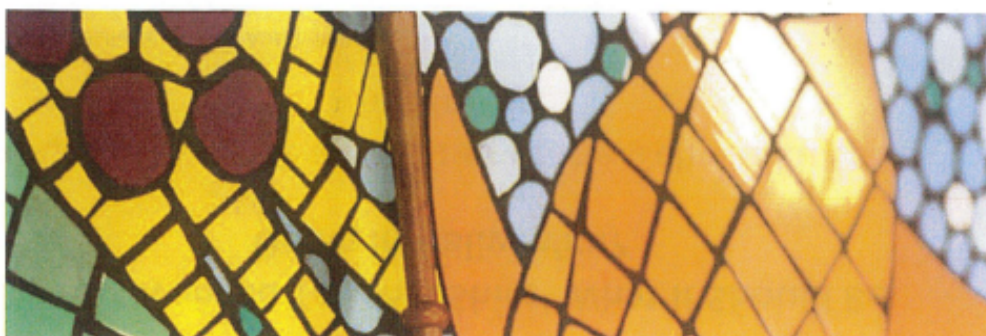
Nomination Received:

LA Consultation:

Council Approval:

*Must be completed by the nominated person. Nomination will not be processed if not accepted.

**Completed forms should be sent to: governance@eaststernhem.nt.gov.au





NOMINATION FORM

First Name: Glenys
Family Name: Dalliston
Clan Name: Djapu
Community: Caliwinku
Phone No.: 0475107925
E-mail: glenys.dalliston@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au
Proposer Name: Stephen Dhawarrady
Proposer Signature: *Stephen Dhawarrady*
I, Glenys Dalliston
accept being nominated into the Caliwinku
Local Authority.
Signature: *Glenys Dalliston*

For Official Use only
Nomination Received:
LA Consultation:
Council Approval:

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LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.4 Meeting Schedule of Council

MOC 2025/87 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council approves the proposed schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings, Local Authority Meetings, Audit Committee Meetings and Finance Committee Meetings for the 2026 Financial Year, with the Ordinary Council Meetings of November to be held in Galiwinku and April Meeting to be held in Ramingining.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.5 Borrowing Policy**SUMMARY:**

Council is required to review its policies on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Borrowing Policy for approval.

MOC 2025/95 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council approves the revised Borrowing Policy.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.6 Budget Policy**SUMMARY:**

Council is required to review its policies on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Budget Policy for approval.

MOC 2025/96 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council approves the revised Budget Policy.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.7 Financial Reserves Policy

SUMMARY:

Council is required to review its policies on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Financial Reserves Policy for approval.

MOC 2025/97 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)

That Council approves the revised Financial Reserves Policy.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.8 Surplus Funds (Allocation) Policy

SUMMARY:

Council is required to review its policies on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Surplus Funds (Allocation) Policy.

MOC 2025/98 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council approves the revised Surplus Funds (Allocation) Policy.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.9 Fraud Protection Policy

SUMMARY:

Council is required to review its plans on a regular basis. Attached is a revised version of Council's Fraud Protection Plan for approval.

MOC 2025/99 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council approves the revised Fraud Protection Plan.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.10 Relocation of Some Job Roles from Nhulunbuy to Darwin Support Office**SUMMARY:**

Council is asked to provide support for further work on gathering information, planning and consulting staff on a possible shift of some staff positions from the Nhulunbuy to the Darwin Support Office, over the next year and a half to pro-actively deal with the impact of the closure of the Rio Tinto mine and support the ongoing sustainability of the Council across the region.

MOC 2025/100 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council endorse the following steps:

- (a) Approve further work to explore the possible shift of some job roles from our Nhulunbuy to Darwin Support Office.**
- (b) Approve the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Leadership Team to formally inform staff of Council's support of the possible shift of some roles from our Nhulunbuy to Darwin Support Office.**
- (c) Provide each staff member an information package setting out the proposed plan for implementation (directly affected staff) or advice of Council's decision (indirectly affected staff).**
- (d) Seek feedback from directly affected staff on the plan for implementation of the relocation and their individual relocation thoughts. Indirectly affected staff are also encouraged to provide feedback.**
- (e) That this matter be returned to Council, for consideration of the next steps, which will include a summary of the staff feedback and their individual relocation thoughts.**
- (f) Once the individual staff members thoughts on relocation are known, re-modelling of the expected financial outcome can also be undertaken.**

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.11 Jetty Projects Transfer Proposal - Milyakburra and Umbakumba to Groote Archipelago Regional Council

MOC 2025/101 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council approves the transfer of the finalisation of the Jetty Projects in Milyakburra and Umbakumba including funds transfer of remaining allocated funds of \$214,070.29 to Groote Archipelago Regional Council.

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 2025/103 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)

That Council endorses the minutes of the previous Finance Committee meetings held on 23 July 2025 and 28 August 2025.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 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 2025/104 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

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

3.3 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Council, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

MOC 2025/106 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/88 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)
Bobby Wunungmurra - Abstained

That Council notes the Council Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Community Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

MOC 2025/89 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra)

That Council:

(a) Notes the Community Services Report.

(b) Acknowledges the identified need for a child care centre and associated staff housing in Milingimbi, and directs the Director – Community Services to continue pursuing program funding opportunities with the Department of Education.

(c) Acknowledges the ongoing transition work required to implement the new Support at Home program, and requests the Director – Community Services to gain collaboration with CDCS and other regional and remote councils to advocate for alternative and sustainable funding models that are better suited to regional and remote service delivery.

(d) Requests the director to ensure the Gapuwiyak library is formally adopted as part of NT Libraries and Archives.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.6 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Council to provide program updates within the Technical and Infrastructure directorate. In addition to progress updates associated with capital projects and initiatives associated with the 2024-2025 Annual Plan.

MOC 2025/93 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji/Cr. David Warraya)

That Council notes the Infrastructure and Technical Services Report.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

3.7 End of Financial Year Matters - Reserves: 2024-2025

SUMMARY:

This report addresses financial matters for end of financial year 2024-2025 and the 2025-2026 financial year.

MOC 2025/91 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council:

(a) Approve the following carry-over of funds from the 2025 Financial Year to the 2026 Financial Year:

(1) \$870,572 unspent Waste Management funds from waste charges be allocated to the Waste Reserve (Natural Account 5502).

(2) \$935,586 unspent Roads funds be allocated to the Roads Reserve (Natural Account 5503).

(b) Approve the transfer of \$275,469 from untied revenue allocation to various projects in Building, Cemeteries, Community Services and Unexpended Allocated Projects with a deficit result at the end of the financial year as scheduled in the table.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

3.8 End of Financial Year Matters - Grants: 2024-2025**SUMMARY:**

Grant Funding Acquittals are required to be laid before Council.

MOC 2025/92 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)

1. That Council receives:

(a) The tabled Local Authority Project Funding certificates for 30 June 2025 and;

(b) The Grant Acquittals for the Waste Resource Management Grant for 2023-24 and 2024-25, the Immediate Priority Grant 2023-24 and the Community Place for People Grant 2022-23.

2. That Council notes and supports:

(a) The request submitted to the Dept. to 'pool' Local Authority Project Funding from prior financial years toward significant 2026 financial year budgeted capital projects to be delivered in communities of Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Gunyangara, Milingimbi, Ramingining and Yirrkala.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**3.9 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 2025 for its approval.

MOC 2025/94 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

That Council approves the Finance and Human Resources Report for the period ended 31 August 2025.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.10 Correspondence Register

SUMMARY:

This report details the incoming correspondence that Council has received and sent during the reporting period.

MOC 2025/108 **RESOLVED** (Cr. David Warraya/Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji)

That Council notes the Correspondence Register.

4 Confidential Reports

MOC 2025/126 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji/Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra)

4.1 T25-203320.1 - East Arnhem Region - Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage for a Period of 12 Months

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.2 FT2526.03 Supply of Construction Equipment

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.3 FT2526.02 Supply of Vehicles

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.4 WS 2025-06 Kerbside Collection Yirrkala and Gunyangara

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.5 RFT15170-2407 Milingimbi and Galuwinku Toilet Blocks

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that

would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.6 FT2526.01 Supply of Tipper Trucks

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.7 RFT18251-2501 - Lot 251 Yirrkala Childcare Centre Refurbishments

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.8 MCML – 2505 – 01AC Air Conditioning Maintenance Servicing for EARC Building Assets

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.9 Strategic Importance of the Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES)

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.10 Correspondence Register

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

4.11 Fleet and Fleet Sales Report

The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

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

5 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

5.1 ILLEGAL SALE OF KAVA

MOC 2025/109 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi)

That Council:

Endorses the President and CEO to organise a delegation of Councillors and senior Council staff to advocate and engage on the ongoing and unaddressed problem of the illegal sale of kava, alcohol and other drugs and the damaging effect of these substances on communities and homelands; with the Northern Territory Minister of Police, Fire and Emergency Services / Chief Minister Lia Finnochiaro, the Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians, Malarndirri McCarthy, and other relevant Ministers and Senior officials of the Northern Territory and Australian Governments; and invite Executive Members of the Northern Land Council and Senior Officers to join this advocacy and engagement.

5.2 SANTOS

MOC 2025/127 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji)

That Council:

(a) Thanks the officials from Santos for presenting to Council on Santos operations in the northern coastal regions the Northern Territory and the related Barossa Aboriginal Future Fund.

(b) In recognition of previous and potential environmental harm that may occur from the operation of Santos gas projects in the Northern Territory, defers confirming support of engagement with communities in the East Arnhem region, to access funding available through the Barossa Aboriginal Future Fund.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

27 November 2025

6 Meeting Close

The meeting concluded at 04:56 PM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 18 September 2025 and are to be confirmed.