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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. Evelyn Dhamarrandji (attended from 9:26 am to 10:15 am and rejoined at 11:54 am)

Cr. Ganyulpa 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. Cyril 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.

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. Evelyn 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.

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) Mililingimbi 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.

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.

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.

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. Evelynna 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.