



**OPEN AGENDA for the Ramingining  
Local Authority Meeting  
25 March 2024**

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

### Djambarrpuyŋu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipunŋur EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wäŋakurr malaŋuwurr buku-lijw'maram:

- limurr dhu räal-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrŋgalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

### Dhaŋu

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

- ŋalma ŋarru räal-manapanmi ganydjarrwu ŋakanhaminyarawu ŋalmaliŋuwaywuru,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

### Anindilyakwa

Warna East Arnhem Shire narringandena-ma wurrarrubuda warnamalya, karridirrakina-ma ababurna-langwa community akwa kuwerrukwulina-yada ngakwurri-langwa culture.

### Gumatj

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

- ŋilimurru yurru räal-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurrŋgalaŋawu,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

### Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barraŋga'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurr buku-lijw'maram wäŋa mittji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räal-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurrŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw woŋdanarŋgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr 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 or Anindilyakwan.

**EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Ramingining Local Authority will be held at the Ramingining Council Office offices on Monday 25 March 2024 at 12:00 pm.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website [www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](http://www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au) and can be viewed at the Councils public office.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Dial-in Details:**

**RAMINGINING CONFERENCE ROOM**

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Dial into the Conference# 02 8318 0005

Meeting ID: 440 698 980#

**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

The Chair may wish to open the meeting with a prayer.

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.3 Attendance

**RECOMMENDATION:****That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the absence of <>**
- (b) Notes the apology received from <>**
- (c) Notes <> are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**
- (d) Determines <> are absent without permission of the Local Authority under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.**
- (e) Notes the nomination of Sylvia Mantjurrpuy has been accepted by Council.**

**SUMMARY:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

## 1.4 Conflict of Interest

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**OR**

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

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The Local Government Act (Chapter 7, Part 7.2, Section 114 – Conflict of Interest) details that “A member has a conflict of interest in a question arising for decision by the audit committee, council, council committee or Local Authority if the member or an associate of the member has any of the following interests in how the question is decided:

- (a) A direct interest
- (b) An indirect financial interest
- (c) An indirect interest by close association
- (d) An indirect interest due to conflicting duties”.

**GENERAL:**

A conflict of interest is a situation that has the potential to undermine a person's ability to be impartial because of the possibility of a clash between the person's self-interest and professional interest or public interest.

When this occurs the Local Authority Member should declare the interest and remove them self from the decision making process.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil



**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 January 2024.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2024 01 22 Ramington LA Meeting Minutes [1.5.1 - 10 pages]



**OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining**  
**Local Authority Meeting**  
**22 January 2024**

## MINUTES OF RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY

22 JANUARY 2024

**1 Meeting Establishment**

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Daphne Malibirr  
John Djoma  
Gilbert Walkuli  
Lizzy Mindhili  
Lloyd Garrawurra  
Fabian Garawirtja  
Shirley Balalnydju  
Robert Yawarngu

The following elected Councillor is appointed by the Council as members of the Local Authority:

Deputy President Jason Mirritjawuy.

**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.3 Attendance

**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2023/120 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) **Notes the absence of Lloyd Garrawurra and Robert Yawarngu.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Lloyd Garrawurra.**
- (c) **Notes Lloyd Garrawurra and Robert Yawarngu are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.4 Conflict of Interest

**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2023/112 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)**

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

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RAM 2023/113 **RESOLVED (Deputy President Jason Mirritjawuy/Lizzy Mindhili)**

**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meetings held on 18 September, 20 November 2023 and 8 January 2024.**

**2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions**

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN  
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**LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

2.1 Guest Speaker - Northern Territory Police - Law & Order Community Update

**SUMMARY:**

This report is for a law and order update to be provided to the members of the Local Authority by an officer of the Northern Territory Police.

RAM 2023/115 **RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Fabian Garawirtja)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Thanks the Guest Speaker Officer in Charge Noel Santiago, for his update.**
- (b) Requests the Director Community Development contact NT Health and Miwatj Health, to raise concerns raised by NT Police, regarding when mental health patients return to community, to provide links to necessary medication and support. To also raise concern that Miwatj Health staff do not accept clients, including from Emergency Services, due to citing the need to have a lunch break.**

**3 Noting Progress and Achievement**

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA  
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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

3.1 CEO Report

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**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 2023/114 **RESOLVED** (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)

**That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

## 3.2 Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services Report

**SUMMARY:**

This report is tabled for the Local Authority to provide program updates within the Technical and Infrastructure directorate. In addition to progress updates associated with capital projects and initiatives associated with the 2023-2024 Annual Plan.

RAM 2023/117 **RESOLVED** (Daphne Malibirr/{second})

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.**
- (b) Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate installation of a footbridge over the drains in certain areas of town.**
- (c) Requests that additional lighting be installed in locations that are poorly lit to increase community safety.**
- (d) Council Operations Manager to provide Technical & Infrastructure services with a map with indicative installation points for lighting and footbridge.**
- (e) Council Operations Manager to invite Territory Housing to attend the next Local Authority meeting to discuss community alley ways.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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3.3 Council Operations Manager Report

**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2023/116 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Shirley Balalnydju)**

**That the Local Authority notes:**

- (a) The Council Operations Manager Report.**
- (b) Acknowledges the impressive work, commitment and development of Justin Gaykamangu and requests an award be made for the Local Authority to present to him .**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

3.4 Youth, Sport and Recreation Community Update

**AUTHOR** Wendy Brook (Executive Assistant to the CEO), Peter Dunkley  
(Regional Manager Youth, Sport & Recreation)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**This report did not proceed.**

**SUMMARY:**

This report sets out to highlight Youth, Sport and Recreation staffing updates, events, activities, successes and challenges in your community.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil



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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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3.5 Local Authority Acton Register

**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2023/118 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirtja/John Djoma)**

**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.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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3.6 Corporate Services Report

**SUMMARY**

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

RAM 2023/119 **RESOLVED (Gilbert Walkuli/John Djoma)**

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

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#### **4 Confidential Reports**

##### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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.

Concerns raised about people being buried in home lots in tanks and town and need for proper fencing at the tanks main graveyard area.

The Council Operations Manager provide support to Community approach to Northern Territory government to have the Community cemeteries at Tank recognised under the NT Burial & Cremation Act 2019.

#### **5 Date of Next Meeting**

18 March 2023.

#### **6 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 2.45pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 22 January 2024.

## **2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions**

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**LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

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2.1 Guest Speaker - Anna Egerton Project Officer, Northern Territory Electoral Commission

**AUTHOR** Wendy Brook (Executive Assistant to the CEO)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority thanks the Guest Speaker for her update.**

**SUMMARY:**

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) would like to liaise with the Local Authority to understand what would be the best way to provide information to homeland residents about the upcoming 2024 Territory Election.

This will include information, employment opportunities, engagement and an education program, as well as provide an area snapshot.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

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**LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

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2.2 Guest Speaker - Andrew Broffman Principal, The Fulcrum Agency

**AUTHOR** Wendy Brook (Executive Assistant to the CEO)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority thanks the Guest Speaker for his update.**

**SUMMARY:**

To provide a brief overview of the National Partnership of Remote Housing Northern Territory (NPRHNT) Evaluation project to the Local Authority.

The project has been commissioned by Aboriginal Housing NT and will involve on-the-ground interviews with the Housing Reference Group, tenants, as well as site observations of built work.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

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**LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

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2.3 Guest Speaker - Trude Blizzard Project Manager, Power and Water Corporation

**AUTHOR**

Wendy Brook (Executive Assistant to the CEO)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority thanks the Guest Speaker for her update.**

**SUMMARY:**

To provide information to the Local Authority about the prepayment meter replacement program and provide an overview of the 4G prepayment meters that Power and Water will be installing in Ramington, as a result of Telstra turning off the 3G mobile network.

The Guest Speaker will seek information from the Local Authority about community specific areas that are being considered, list of vulnerable households that may need extra assistance, and a community meeting.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

### **3 Noting Progress and Achievement**

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.1 Local Authority Action Register

**AUTHOR**

Wendy Brook (Executive Assistant to the CEO)

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The current Local Authority Action Items List, and updates on progress to complete them, is attached.

**GENERAL:**

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented. New actions will be added to the Action Register.

If an action is completed the Local Authority need to request for the item to be removed from the Action Register, for the Council to endorse.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Local Authority Ramingining February 2024 [3.1.1 - 8 pages]

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Kava and Alcohol	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</li> <li>b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government’s submission to the Australian Government’s Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</li> <li>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government’s request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.</li> </ul>	<p>25.01.21 – The Local Authorities resolution has been shared with the Department of Chief Minister.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Updated has been provided to the Local Authority Members, with further updates to come.</p> <p>15.11.2021 – A separate report was presented by the CEO in the meeting.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – The CEO will provide further updates in the next meeting. The LA will continue to discuss Kava with the community.</p> <p>02.06.2022 - Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with and understanding of all communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land, on the important and pressing issues of the possible introduction of the legal sale of kava and alcohol and support the leadership of the President on this issue.</p> <p>19.10.22 President and CEO to follow up a positive discussion on this issue at a meeting with the Chief Minister to the region, with the Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions.</p> <p>21.11.2022 – As above.</p> <p>16.1.2022 – CEO to provide update next round.</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>20.03.2023 – This is progressing with letters written to the Chief Minister – further updates to be provided.</p> <p>26.05.23 – Ongoing</p> <p>26.10.23 – CEO providing an update in his report.</p> <p>20.11.23 – Issue has been raised with CEO of Chief Minister and Cabinet at a meeting with Council. Unfortunately new connections need to be made in the Chief Minister Office as he was removed from office. They are looking how to connect with Communities and find a way forward.</p> <p>14.12.23 – As above – ongoing.</p> <p>22.01.24 – Continue to meet with NIAA to progress discussions.</p> <p>21.02.24 – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities. PFES requested continuous support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed.</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Street Naming for New Subdivision	001/2022 <b>RESOLVED</b> That the Ramingining Local Authority Members consult further with Traditional Owners and the wider community and provide a list to the Director Technical and Infrastructure services through the Community Development Coordinator for tabling in the next LA meeting.	<p>14.03.2022 - There will be a separate report on Street naming in this meeting.</p> <p>02.06.2022 – Ongoing confirmation and consultation still required.</p> <p>12.09.2022 – Ongoing and awaiting confirmation to DTSI &amp; SPW&amp;I</p> <p>19.09.2022 – Confirmed agreement on the new names of the Road in the sub-division to be Maypinyi Road (represents water hole with rainbow snake). The new Close to be called Ngulurrdjapin Close (represents resting place of the red kangaroo after being speared).</p> <p>16.01.2023 – Submission lodgement has been made to place names. 20.03.2023 – As above, process can take some time.</p> <p><b>15.05.23 – application for road names has been made</b></p> <p><b>26.10.23 – ongoing.</b></p> <p><b>20.11.23 – names have been submitted and still ongoing with NT Place Names.</b></p> <p><b>14.12.23 – As above.</b></p> <p><b>22.01.24 – Report to be given at next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>22.02.24 – Consultation in ongoing</b></p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>Concerns with Country Connect Program</p>	<p>Raised concerns over that the Country Connect program that supports youth in trouble, came into community without consulting the Local Authority or Traditional Owners</p>	<p>20.03.2023 - Requests the Director of Community Services to raise these concerns with Country Connect and Bulungunum, to support how to not undermine community safety in Ramingining, including pathways to training and jobs, and the need for all parties to work together including involving the NT Police.</p> <p>Would like Country Connect, to attend the next Local Authority meeting to present and discuss their work. And invite the NT Police to be involved in this session.</p> <p>27.04.23 – Letter sent on 5/4/23 and Country Connect accepted the invitation to the Local Authority meeting.</p> <p>15.05.23 – Country Connect joined LA meeting for discussions and further actions to arise out of today’s meeting.</p> <p>29.06.23 – Ongoing</p> <p><b>29.08.23 – monthly catch up with Superintendent – no further update. Has been raised. No result to date.</b></p> <p><b>26.10.23 – Meeting with Country Connect next round.</b></p> <p><b>14.12.23 – Update further as progresses.</b></p> <p><b>22.01.24 – Things have improved in this area.</b></p> <p><b>22.02.24 – Recommended removal from this list.</b></p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
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.
The members raised concerns raised about people being buried in home lots in tanks and town and need for proper fencing at the tanks main graveyard area. The Council Operations Manager provide support to Community approach to Northern Territory government to have the Community cemeteries at Tank recognised under the NT Burial and Cremation Act 2019.	Director Community Development to investigate and provide update.	22.02.24 – This has been initiated.

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>The members raised about the building in centre of town that has the stage, there is an interest by the church to use it.</p>	<p>The Council Operations Manager to contact the Uniting Church, about Church providing a formal request for us to follow up.</p>	<p>22.02.24 – No update at this point.</p>
<p>Requests Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate installation of a footbridge over the drains in certain areas of town.</p>	<p>Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate and advise.</p>	<p>22.02.24 – Update will be provided to LA in next meeting.</p>

## RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p><b>FUTURE ACTION</b> <b>ITEM/ACTION ON</b> <b>HOLD:</b> <b>Stage/Advocacy</b></p> <hr/> <p>Community Oval</p>	<p>Extend the Community Oval Stage and construct a stage at the Church grounds. \$200,000</p>	<p>18.01.2021 Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting, Design stage is currently in the process.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – will go to the market this Friday</p> <p>02.06.2022 – To be dealt with in a separate pool</p> <p>22.06.2022 – tender evaluated – pricing beyond available funds – report in this Council meeting.</p> <p>12.09.2022 – Remove from Action and move to Advocacy items.</p> <p>16.01.2023 – No change at this stage.</p> <p>20.03.2023 – Oval stage – looking for future grant funding - no change at this stage.</p> <p>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.</p>



**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		22.02.24 – Council will keep an eye for funding.
Council Operations on Public Holidays	Requests a range of traditional and western programs be developed to mark Australia Day, Easter, Anzac Day and NAIDOC Day.	20.03.2023 - Director of Community Services and COM to develop with Community. 27.04.23 – Ongoing 15.05.23 Work in progress – Consultation with staff to occur. <b>29.06.23 – Ongoing – consultation could take some months.</b> <b>22.01.24 – EA coming within next few months.</b>

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.2 CEO Report

**AUTHOR** Wendy Brook (Executive Assistant to the CEO)**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.****SUMMARY:**

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

**GENERAL:**Welcome to New Councillors

Two By-elections were held in February following the retirement of Councillor Djalangi from Galiwinku and Robert Yawarrngu from Ramingining.

Council is pleased to welcome Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji as a new Councillor for the Gumurr Marthakal Ward and David Warraya as a new Councillor for the Birr Rawawarang Ward. Both new Councillors bring a large amount of experience and knowledge which only further strengthen Council and their respective Local Authority.

Organisational Review

A number of changes were made to proposed changes to Council's organisational structure to make it even more effective. The new Directors have all been appointed and had an in depth meeting over two days, and started to meet regularly, to begin the process of how each Directorate can work best to improve our services for our People, Community, Council, Technical & Infrastructure and Finances – and how we can all work together to help build a better Council overall.

Enterprise Bargaining Process

The current three year 'Enterprise Bargaining' agreement with all staff on their pay and many other conditions of employment, expires on 30 June 2024. The process of consultation and then negotiation with all staff, including nominated trade union representatives, started on 26 February, with formal negotiation meetings scheduled for 20 March, 16 April, 16 May and 4 June, with consultation with staff at key points as needed across this period.

I look forward to working through this process with our staff to work through how we can review and improve pay and conditions to best reward everyone's hard work in their many varied roles.

Planned De-amalgamation of East Arnhem Regional Council to Create a Separate a Groote Archipelago Regional Council

The Minister for Local Government has decided to postpone the planned election of a Groote Archipelago Regional Council until 26 October, to allow more time for the “Constituting Member”, who is effectively the Manager of the planned Council, to plan and develop a new separate Council.

Council has agreed to support the establishment of a new separate Council by providing information on our current operations. Council continues to seek a clear and firm commitment of actual long term funding from the Northern Territory Government, without any supporting funds from the Anindilyakwa Land Council or Anindilyakwan royalties, to cover establishment costs, and the estimated 5 to 7 million dollar shortfall for ongoing extra costs each every year, that will be required to deliver the same level of services through two smaller Councils.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.3 Council Operations Manager Report

**AUTHOR**

Jennifer Newton (Council Operations Manager – Ramingining)

**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority notes the Council Service Manager Report.****SUMMARY:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

In line with Guideline 1: Local Authorities, it is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the Local Authority area.

**GENERAL:**

Over the past two months East Arnhem Regional Council in Ramingining has worked to build partnerships with community stakeholders, to encourage service providers within Ramingining to work together, to increase the success of community run projects, events, and partnerships.

Council Services

Council Services continues to provide a high level of service to all Ramingining residents and stakeholders. Everyday council receives several requests, all aimed to help support residents of Ramingining. Some of the typical requests include job application support, mail collection, key cutting, new bin applications, car removals, and general advocacy and/or referrals regarding financial support, Women's Safe House, sand delivery and other general requests. The office is always busy, and this demonstrates the importance of East Arnhem Regional Council to the members of the public.

Justin Gaykamangu, continues to practice the skills that he has developed with the aim of him becoming an expert in the administration position. Longer term goals are to see Justin promoted to Senior Admin Officer. I would expect Justin to complete this goal by the end of 2024. Once Justin reaches this position, the next logical step if he is interested, is to learn the role of Council Services Manager.

Municipal Services

Since the last report, I have become the manager of Municipal Services. This has been a positive change, and it has been a pleasure to work more closely with the team and the supervisor- Craig Walker. Craig and I are currently developing a twelve (12) month plan for Ramingining to ensure that as many municipal services are engaged as possible. Craig is teaching me the specifics of this program so that I can improve the decisions that are made specifically for Ramingining Community. For example, I want to see mowing happen in all locations, but Craig is helping me to understand that some places mowing cannot happen because to do so would break the mowers. There are alternate ways of dealing with long grass and although these things will take a longer time to see the desired outcomes, in the long run they will be better for Ramingining. Craig and the municipal services team along with myself are committed to ensure that we can beautify Ramingining to the best that our resources will allow.

Please note that existing services such as cash for containers, bin audits, road maintenance, rubbish collection and lawn mowing will continue as normal. There will be some minor changes to the occasional service provided, for example bin collection. To date, we have two men operating the garbage truck. One drives the truck and while the person brings the bins out onto the street. We would like the support of the Local Authority to get the message out into the community for residents to bring their bins out to the curb each Monday and Thursday morning. This one change means that the rubbish bin collection can go from two people to one person. That second person can be put onto more essential work such as mowing grass or fixing roads.

There will be a trial on bin springs in the coming weeks. The idea is that if the bin is knocked over by dogs, the contents of the bin will not fall out and spread all over the road. I will update you on the progress of this in the next report.

### Community Night Patrol (CNP)

CNP remains a strong program. There have been some partnerships between CNP and Youth Sport and Recreation (YSR) especially on a Saturday when Lloyd supports the team. Later this month, Fabian Ngarrpitjiwuy who is the team leader will facilitate a stakeholder meeting to update members of current outcomes and direction they will take for the next quarter. The team remains active and committed to keeping Ramingining safe. NIAA, who is the funding body for Community Night Patrol, sends a representative to Ramingining each month. Jodie Biggen, the NIAA representative meets with the team and I each month to review the outcomes of night patrol. Jodie also goes out on patrol and her feedback from is very positive.

### Aged Care and Disability Services

This program stands out for its strength and the high-quality services it offers to those under its care. The staff consistently put in significant effort to ensure the delivery of best practice care and services.

Among the services offered is support for clients visiting from other communities. When an aged care or disability client visits from a different community, they can still receive services from Ramingining Aged Care. The local staff collaborate with the Aged Care and Disability service from the client's home community to ensure that all the visiting client's care needs are adequately met.

Just recently, the coordinators went to Darwin for one week training. They are completing an Individual Support Certificate III. The knowledge and skills they have learnt in this training will benefit the clients of the Aged Care service.

Waste and Environment ServicesCore Services

WS 2244-01 - Manage Landfill / Transfer station operations in Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi, Angurugu, Umbakumba, Milyakburra, Yirrkala, and Ramingining.

Table 1 below illustrates whether the landfills and transfer stations have complied with Council's Environmental Management Plan requirements for the month. Currently, Yirrkala Gunyangara and Angurugu do not require reporting, however once transfer stations are established these three will also start reporting. As can be seen in the below table, Ramingining has completed its Environmental Compliance every month for the 2023-24 Financial Year to date.

Table. Landfill/Transfer Station Environmental Compliance

	FY 2023-24 Monthly Environmental Compliance											
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Angurugu WTS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
Umbakumba WMF	☐	☐	☐	NC	☐	☐	☐					
Milyakburra WMF	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐					
Ramingining WMF	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐				
Milingimbi WMF	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐					
Gapuwiyak WMF	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐					
Galiwinku WMF	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐				
Yirrkala WTS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
Gunyangara WTS	n/a	☐	☐	☐	NC	☐	NC					



**Project Status – Ongoing**



*Scrap Metal Stockpile at Ramingining*

WS 2244-02 - Undertake and report on the removal of recycling streams within each community location.

The table below illustrates materials recovered and transport back to Darwin for recycling so far this financial year. So far nine different recyclable materials streams have been recovered from the region. The Councils goal is to have a minimum of nine resource recovery streams available to residents, which has now been achieved for FY24. As the Table below illustrates, Ramingining has sent Lead acid batteries, drinking containers, scrap metal, tyres, and waste oil back to Darwin for recycling so far this year.

*Resource Recovery up to 7 March 2024*

	Angurugu	Umbakumba	Milyakburr	Ramingining	Milingimbi	Gapuwiya	Galiwinku	Yirrkala	Gunyangara
Batteries	1.9 t		1.025 t	2.069 t		1.002 t	5.048 t		
CDS (Containers)	4,019	4,491	1,507	24,946	40,003	42,628	54,659	20,338	13,527
Damaged Bins					2 Pallets	0.446 t	1.0 t		
E-Waste					2 Pallets		2 pallets		
Fire Extinguishers									
Gas Bottles									
Household Batteries							10 kg		
Mobile Phones							10 kg		5 kg

Printer Cartridges								7.84	
Scrap Metal				0.233 t	84.40 t				0.8 t
Tyres	53		60	334	99	84 + 1 container			
Waste Oil				3,280 L	820 L				
White Goods	28								



**Project Status – Ongoing**

WS 2244-04 - Landfill maintenance – shredding and crushing at Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak and Galiwinku

Based on the large quantities of demolition and scrap metal that been identified during last year’s landfill audits, Council are looking at options to process and stockpile scrap metal, white goods, construction waste and concrete at Galiwin’ku, Milingimbi, Ramingining and Gapuwiyak. Once the material is processed into stockpiles, it will be easier for local Council staff to handle and slowly send back to Darwin for further processing and recycling.

The Council are currently reviewing stockpiled amounts of the various waste streams to determine priorities before going out to market.



**Project Status – On-going**

WS 2777 - Organise and support the Undertaking of CDS monthly collection community events to be held in each Community by the Municipal Services Program.



This is an ongoing monthly project. Cash 4 Containers is scheduled for the last week of every month across the nine communities. The results for FY24 by community can be seen in the project dashboard below. 346,781 containers have been collected to start off FY24, with 24,946 begin collected at Ramingining.

The goal of the program is to hold monthly depot days in Angurugu, Umbakumba, Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak, Galiwin'ku and Yirrkala and every second month in Milyakburra and Gunyangara.

As can be seen in the table below, no community achieved these results for the 2023-24 financial year.

*Table 3 - Community Depot Days held for 2023-24*

Community	Depot/Collection Days for FY24	Total Containers Collected
Angurugu	3	7,998
Umbakumba	3	8,087
Milyakburra	2	1,507
<b>Ramingining</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24,946</b>
Milingimbi	4	54,909
Gapuwiyak	3	120,808
Galiwinku	3	76,209
Yirrkala	3	28,919
Gunyangara	3	23,398
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>346,781</b>



*Ramingining MS Team counting away*

#### WS 2023-13 - Landfill fencing at Ramingining

As part of the 2022-2023 Waste and Resource Management Grant, Council have planned to use this to start fencing Ramingining Landfill. The Tender is expected to be awarded in March with the project expected to begin in May 2024.



***Project Status – On-going***

WS 0002 – Community Awareness and Education

*Initiative 1. Container Deposit Scheme - ONGOING*

*Initiative 2. Mobile Muster – ONGOING*

*Initiative 5. Two Year Litter Strategy – IMPLEMENTED across all 9 communities*

*Initiative 9. KAB NT Community Visits – COMPLETED*

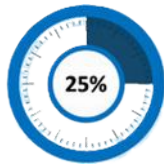
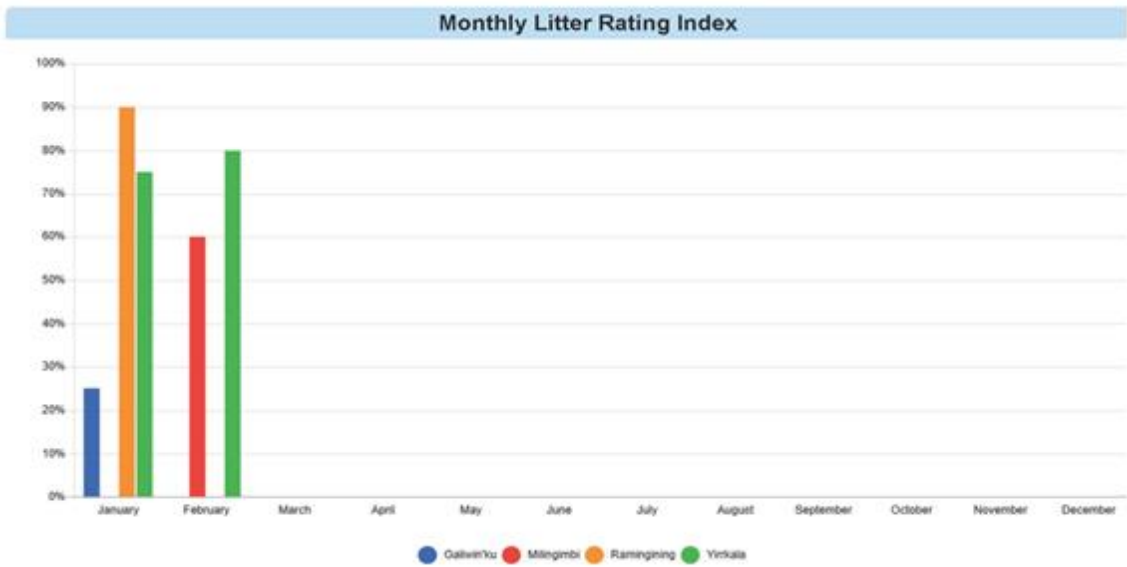
*Initiative 13 – Clean Up Australia Day 2024.*

Clean Up Australia Day was scheduled for Friday 1 March 2024. The focus of the day is on general litter clean up; however, bags will also be provided to collect drinking containers to put through the Cash 4 Container Depot in each community also. This event was rescheduled and will be reported on in the next report.

EARC have also been registered as a supporter of Clean Up Australia, so if stakeholders ever want to hold their own clean up and register through Clean Up Australia, we will assist in free landfill fees and possibly additional supplies in some circumstances, on a case by case basis.

WS 0004– Litter Management

Council have recently adopted a new form of litter auditing. Monthly Litter Rating Audits conducted by the Council Services Managers have been designed to be able to develop an understanding of community trends around litter as well as provide an avenue for our Council Services Managers to report litter issues, provide strategies and report of implementation of strategies. This was rolled out in January 2024. Results for Ramingining can be seen in orange below. So far only data has been reported for January, receiving a rating of 90%, which is a great result and a high benchmark to continue to strive for throughout the year. As there is only a small amount of current data, it is difficult to identify trends, further analysis will be provided throughout the year as more data is recorded by the Council Services Manager.



**Project Status – Not Started**



*Images taken from January litter audit*

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Local Authority notes the report.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

There are no attachments for this report.

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

3.4 Human Resources and Finance Report

**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak (Procurement Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority receives the Financial and Employment information as of 29 February 2024.**

**SUMMARY**

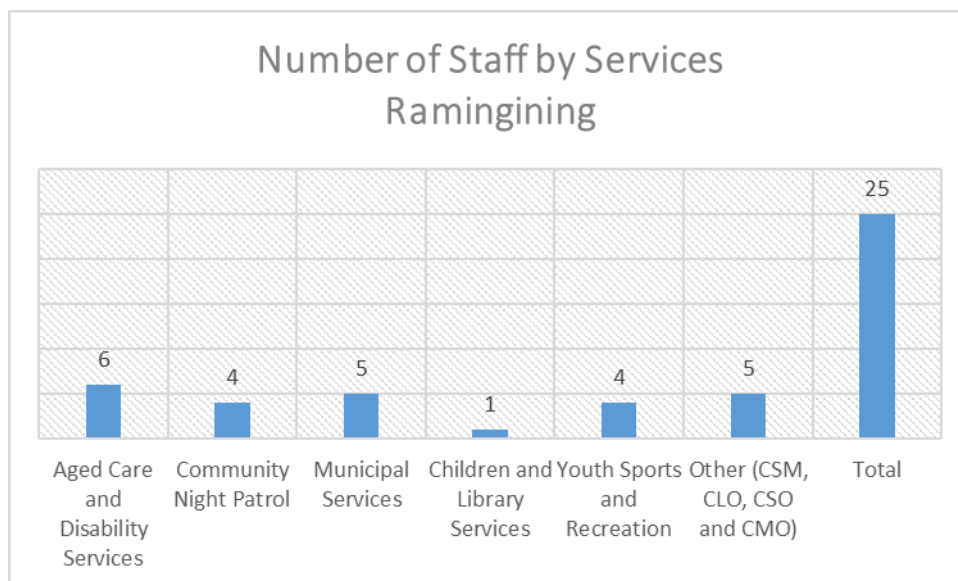
This report presents the financials and employment statistics as of 29 February 2024 within the Local Authority area.

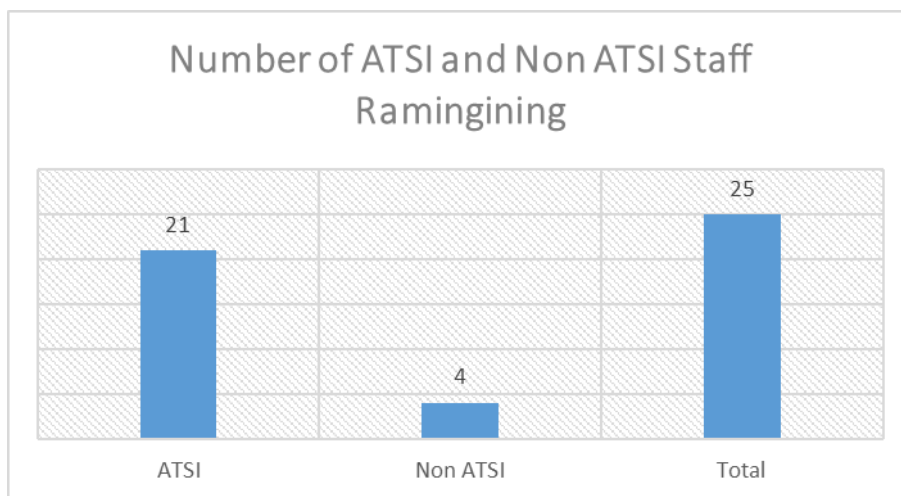
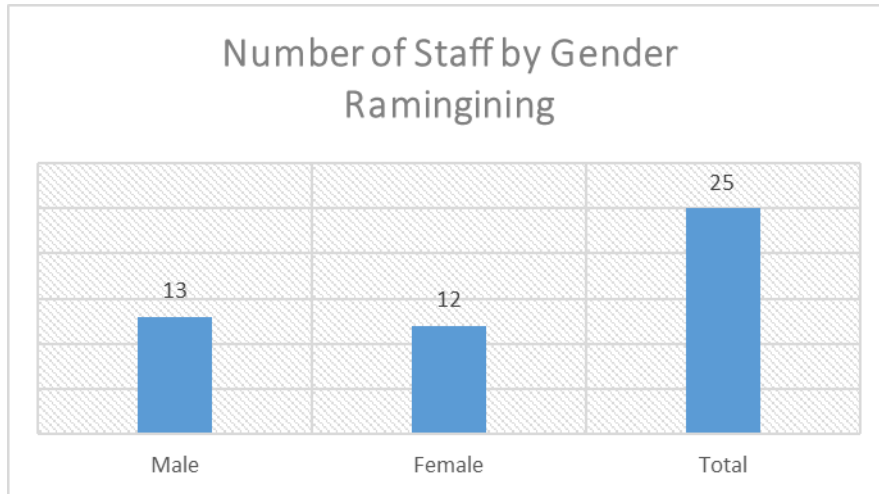
**BACKGROUND**

Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also, the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

**GENERAL**

Employee Statistics:





Vacancies as of 29 February 2024:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Level</u>
Municipal Services Officer	Level 1
Municipal Services Officer	Level 1

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Income and Expense Statement – Each Reporting Location Ramingining [3.4.1 - 1 page]

EACH REPORTING LOCATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT YEAR TO DATE 29 FEBRUARY 2024	Ramingining		
	ACTUALS YTD	BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE YTD
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
Grants	990,140	1,209,911	(219,771)
User Charges and Fees	416,549	719,695	(303,146)
Rates and Annual Charges	1,039,450	795,313	244,137
Interest Income	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	113,023	28,447	84,576
Council Internal Allocations	(6,292)	(6,292)	-
Untied Revenue Allocation	1,064,161	1,064,161	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>3,617,030</b>	<b>3,811,234</b>	<b>(194,205)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Expenses	1,153,711	1,449,987	(296,276)
Materials and Contracts	1,343,332	917,306	426,026
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-
Elected Member Expenses	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	6,500	23,200	(16,700)
Depreciation and Amortisation	333	-	333
Other Operating Expenses	560,390	418,780	141,610
Council Internal Allocations	905,340	889,563	15,777
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,969,605</b>	<b>3,698,836</b>	<b>270,770</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(352,576)</b>	<b>112,398</b>	<b>(464,974)</b>
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(352,576)</b>	<b>112,398</b>	<b>(464,974)</b>
<b>Remove Non-Cash Item</b>			
Add Back Depreciation Expense	333	-	333
<b>Less Additional Outflows</b>			
Capital Expenses	-	-	-
Carried Forward Revenue for FY2025	-	(135,400)	135,400
Transfer to Reserves	(37,212)	(60,855)	23,643
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>(37,212)</b>	<b>(196,255)</b>	<b>159,043</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(389,454)</b>	<b>(83,856)</b>	<b>(305,598)</b>
<b>Add Additional Inflows</b>			
Carried Forward Grants Revenue	357,335	6,350	350,985
Transfer from General Equity	-	-	-
Transfer from Reserves	632,769	697,533	(64,764)
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>990,104</b>	<b>703,883</b>	<b>286,221</b>
<b>NET OPERATING POSITION</b>	<b>600,650</b>	<b>620,027</b>	<b>(19,377)</b>
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## 4 Confidential Reports

### 4.2 Previous Local Authority Minutes

*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.*

## 5 Date of Next Meeting

### GENERAL BUSINESS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

20 May 2024.

## 6 Meeting Close