



OPEN AGENDA for the Milingimbi
Local Authority
20 May 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-ŋiwŋaram:

- limurr dhu räŋ-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-ŋiw'yuman:

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

Gumatj

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

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

Marraŋu

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

- Dalimurr wurruku räŋ-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurrŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw woŋdanŋarrgunharaw,
- 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.

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Milingimbi Local Authority will be held at the Milingimbi Council Office offices on Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 11:30 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

Members:

Joanne Baker
Robert Yirapawanga
Rosetta Wayatja
Arthur Murrupu
Joe Djakala
Jacinta Burukumalawuy
Karina Wunungmurra T
Thomas Gaykamangu
President Lapulung Dhamarrandji
Cr Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

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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

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

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.

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 themselves 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

- 1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Milingimbi Local Authority- Minutes 18 March 2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]



**OPEN MINUTES for the Milingimbi
Local Authority
18 March 2026**

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:42 am.

Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

Jacinta Burukumalawuy

Joe Djakala

Arthur Murrupu

Joanne Baker

Robert Yirapawanga

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)

Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services) – Attended online

Ullas Raman (Council Services Manager)

Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) – Attended online

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

MIL 2025/52 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Rosetta Wayatja and Thomas Gaykamangu.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Thomas Gaykamangu.
- (c) Notes Thomas Gaykamangu is absent with permission of the Local Authority.
- (d) Determines Rosetta Wayatja is absent without permission of the Local Authority under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.

MILINGIMBI LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

18 MARCH 2026

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/53 **RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

MIL 2025/54 **RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Jacinta Burukumalawuy)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 January 2026.

2 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

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/55 **RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Arthur Murrupu)**

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

2.2 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 2025/62 **RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)**

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That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO report.

(b) Endorses the improved and expanded Advocacy issues as endorsed by Council.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 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 2025/61 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Arthur Murrupu)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authority'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.

MIL 2025/57 **RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Jacinta Burukumalawuy)**

That Local Authority note the Technical and Infrastructure Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2026 within the Local Authority area.

MIL 2025/60 **RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)**

That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 28 February 2026.

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

DISCUSSION WITH THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

MIL 2025/58 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Joanne Baker)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the updates provided by Local Police.

(b) Thanks Sergeant Micheal Merenda for his many years of dedication and service to community.

PRESENTATION FROM THE STRONGYLOIDIASIS PROJECT TEAM

3.2 Presentation from Strongyloidiasis Project Team

MIL 2025/59 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Joanne Baker)

The Local Authority:

(a) Thanks Miwatj Health and specialist researchers for their presentation on Strongyloidiasis.

(b) Endorses and requests Council to provide practical support of more community and stakeholder consultation, engagement and meetings, to build community awareness and action to address it.

(c) Endorses providing awards for the best artwork/picture to build awareness of the issue Strongyloidiasis.

YOUTH REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

3.3 Youth Representation and Engagement

MIL 2025/59 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Joanne Baker)

That the Local Authority Endorses the appointment of at least one young woman and one young man (16 to 25 years of age) – to formalise the greater direct engagement of young people, and their voices on important issues, challenges and opportunities.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 04.25 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Milingimbi Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 18 March 2026.

2 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

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

RECOMMENDATION

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.

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 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 Action Tracker Milingimbi 2026 [2.1.1 - 7 pages]

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

| ACTION ITEM | ACTION OWNER | ACTIONS | STATUS |
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| Kava | | <p>That the Local Authority:</p> <p>a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava.</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or 2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms. <p>c) Supports the Northern Territory Government’s request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.</p> | <p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p>18.05.2021 – Update provided to LA, EARC will be provided update from government once received.</p> <p>12.01.2022 – A separate report was presented on this by the CEO – ongoing.</p> <p>15.03.2022 – A detail discussion took place with the members, President and the CEO.</p> <p>17.05.2022 - 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 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’.</p> <p>19.07.2022 – Ongoing</p> <p>20.09.2022 - covered in CEO Report</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>22.11.2022 – As above.</p> <p>17.01.2023 – Deferred until return of CEO from leave.</p> <p>21.03.23 – to be discussed in CEO Report. Good progress being made with the Government.</p> <p>26.10.23 – to be discussed and covered in the CEO Report.</p> <p>21.11.23 – Progress being made with discussions with Chief Ministers Office Dr Frank Daly. However, Dr Daly has since left NTG so further discussions to be had with his replacement.</p> <p>14.12.23 – As above.</p> <p>23.01.24 – Further discussions to be held ongoing with NIAA at the next Council meeting.</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> <p>26.03.24 – Ongoing</p> |

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| | | | <p>24.04.24 – CEO to write to Department for an update.</p> <p>21.05.24 – NTG and NIAA to be invited to next Pre-Agenda day of Council</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16.07.24 – No progress since last discussion.</p> <p>21.01.25 – CEO has raised this issue with Jacinta Price’s office as one of 8 Advocacy Items.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue.</p> <p>18.03.25 – Mr. Guyula spoke to the members via TEAMS and had a discussion regarding kava. Further update in the CEO Report.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |

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| <p>Jesse Smith Park (in conjunction Makarata Field action above)</p> | | <p>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.</p> | <p>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 LAPP 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.</p> |
| <p>BJ The Buffalo</p> | | <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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| | | | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD:</p> <p>Advocacy Items</p> <p>Water to be installed at the oval</p> | | | <p>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. 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</p> |

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| | | | <p>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.</p> |
| Community Barge Landing | | Requests urgent upgrades and proper infrastructure for the community barge landing | <p>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</p> |
| Priority footpaths | | | <p>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 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.</p> |

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| | | | <p>15.03.2022 – Tender will be re-released by the end of April 2022</p> <p>17.05.2022 – Tender will be re-released by end of May 2022.</p> <p>22.06.2022 – Tender currently out to the market and will await any submission when closed to consider.</p> <p>30.06.2022 – Out to tender – closes in 1 week.</p> <p>19.07.2022 – Tender has closed but has not been evaluated as yet.</p> <p>12.09.2022 - Tender evaluated to go to council as a reduced scope in the October meeting dependant on funding extension for LAPF</p> <p>19.10.22 – report to be tabled at the December meeting and funds adjustments have been made in the budget revision</p> <p>17.01.2023 – Tenders have gone out and work is progressing.</p> <p>22.11.2022 - Report to be put forward to Council at December meeting and Tender being put forward.</p> <p>21.03.2023 – Asks the Local Authority to defer any progress on the footpaths until waterpark and other project tenders have been received.</p> <p>29.08.23 MOVED TO ADVOCACY</p> <p>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.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Ongoing – Access to field etc., to be taken into consideration of this action.</p> |
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| Sealing of Bodia Road | | Supports and approves any application for funding for Bodia Road to be sealed | <p>21.03.23 – Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to advise.</p> <p>29.06.23 – Waiting on possibility of grant becoming available.</p> <p>29.08.23 MOVED TO ADVOCACY</p> <p>25.06.24 - in talks with DIPL want link path from subdivision to basketball court – won't sign off unless part of design.</p> |
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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report

AUTHOR Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)**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:

The latest issue that the Council and Local Authorities have added to the Council's Advocacy Agenda is:

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

As CEO I have provided direct input from Council to the NT News / news.com.au on the nature and extent of the exploitation of community members with a disability, and a call for action by the Federal Government to address it.

These points were included in the published news article, that I will talk through with Local Authority Members.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

AUTHOR

Ullas Raman (Council Services Manager)

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.****SUMMARY:**

This report is provided by the Council Operations 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:Council Support Services

Milingimbi experienced significant wet season conditions over the past three months. As anticipated, the severity of the wet season impacted service delivery across all stakeholders, including East Arnhem Regional Council. Despite these challenges and operating within available capacity, staff demonstrated resilience and commitment by ensuring that services continued to be delivered to the expected standard



Figure 1 A beautiful day in Milingimbi, Milingimbi flags and Plaque area.



Figure 2 A tidy Milingimbi town.

The Council Office Milingimbi hosted another periodic stakeholder meeting in April, with strong participation and highly positive engagement. The meeting once again demonstrated the value



Figure 3 Stakeholders in Milingimbi attending another stakeholder meeting.

of this meeting as an effective platform for collaboration and communication, particularly within the context of an island community where coordinated service delivery and information sharing are critical. Stakeholders used the opportunity to provide service updates, raise concerns, share ideas, and discuss initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for Milingimbi.

Council Office Milingimbi organised an ANZAC Day Dawn Service, followed by a community breakfast and barbecue. The event was conducted with respect and reflection, providing an important opportunity for the community to come together to honour and remember the service and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand defence personnel.

The collective effort demonstrated the strength of partnership within the Milingimbi community and highlighted the importance of working together to deliver meaningful and respectful events, particularly on occasions of national significance such as ANZAC Day.

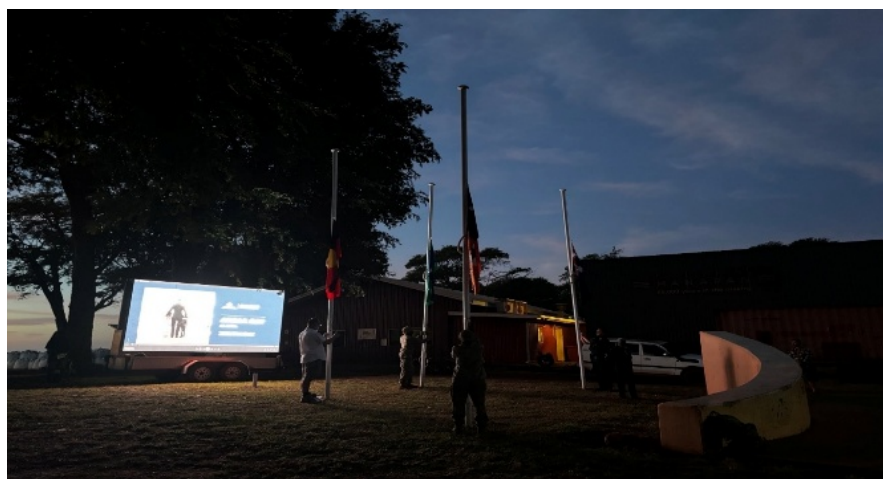


Figure 4 Flag Marshals performing their duties.



Figure 5 Display unit in use during the services.



Figure 6 Community enjoying breakfast and BBQ after the services next to the Council Office.



Figure 7 CSM Ullas Raman is busy washing dishes and Mr. Lyle Janke helping.



Figure 8 CSM is proud of the event and everyone efforts.

Municipal Services

There were significant changes within the Municipal Services team during this reporting period, marked by the departure of Supervisor Damien Lumsden. EARC acknowledges and thanks Mr Lumsden for his service and contributions. Following this change, Mr Nathan Gaykamangu joined the team as Municipal Services Officer and has already proven to be a valuable addition through his positive attitude, commitment, and strong work ethic.

Throughout a period of particularly challenging weather conditions, the Municipal Services team worked diligently to ensure the township remained safe, clean, and well maintained. Despite limited capacity and wet season constraints, the team demonstrated resilience and dedication to maintaining service standards for the community.

In late April, team members Joshus Nhungutj and Nathan Gaykamangu will be completing MR licence training in Nhulunbuy. This training will strengthen the team's operational capability, particularly in supporting truck operations including the rubbish collection service.

Council Milingimbi office continues recruitment efforts to strengthen the Municipal Services team and is currently seeking two additional Municipal Services Officers, along with a suitably skilled and community-focused individual to take on the Supervisor role. This position requires the right mindset, leadership capability, and commitment to supporting the needs of the Milingimbi community.

During the transition period, periodical relief support from Yirrkala Supervisor Mr Brad Lena and intermittent support from Mr Callan Collins played a critical role in ensuring service delivery continued uninterrupted. Their assistance, leadership, and willingness to support the Milingimbi team were invaluable, and Council Milingimbi office extends its sincere gratitude for their efforts.



Figure 9 A tidy community airport road.



Figure 10 A tidy Community oval area.



Figure 11 Well maintained Council Property surroundings.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

In the face of persistent and challenging weather conditions, the team demonstrated unwavering commitment to both the department and the broader community by maintaining uninterrupted service delivery. Their efforts highlight a strong work ethic, resilience, and dedication to serving Milingimbi.

The department is experiencing increasingly positive engagement from the community, reflecting the effectiveness of ongoing relationship-building efforts. Initiatives such as pizza and movie nights, as well as community barbecues, have provided informal and welcoming

spaces for interaction, helping to strengthen connections between the department and community members.



Figure 12 A picture of a Happy Milingimbi Community Night Patrol team.

These engagements have contributed to building trust and confidence, encouraging open communication and participation. The growing willingness of community members to attend and engage demonstrates increased faith in the department's intentions and commitment to working collaboratively for the benefit of Milingimbi. Such initiatives continue to play a vital role in fostering mutual respect, understanding, and long-term partnerships within the community.



Figure 13 CNP officer Marcus is busy cleaning fleet before duty.

Aged Care and Disability Services (ACDS)

During the reporting period, Aged Care and Disability Services maintained continuous service delivery despite several operational challenges. Through effective planning, staff commitment, and flexible service arrangements, essential supports were delivered with minimal disruption, demonstrating a continued focus on client wellbeing and service continuity.

Staffing changes occurred during this period, including the resignation of Mr Mathew Dharrgar, ACDS Support Worker Supervisor, effective 23 April 2026, and the conclusion of employment of Ms Sylvia Rrawukang, ACDS Support Worker. While these changes impacted staffing capacity, services were sustained through adaptive rostering and strong team collaboration.

Although limited capacity restricted larger events, the service continued to prioritise client engagement through smaller-scale activities, with positive participation and feedback. Regular movie mornings and midday arts and crafts sessions supported routine, social interaction, and emotional wellbeing during this period.

Staff are currently undertaking Certificate III in Individual Support training, strengthening skills in person-centred care and enhancing overall service quality and client outcomes. Ongoing support from the Aged Care Regional Manager, including regular guidance and check-ins, played a key role in assisting staff to manage operational pressures and maintain service delivery and morale.

Active Communities & Youth Services (ACYS)

Over the last two months, ACYS has been running regular programs for young people in Milingimbi. During the school holidays and Youth Week, we worked with the Milingimbi art bark painting program. This gave young people a chance to take part in cultural and creative activities.



Figure 14 Kids enjoying the chill-out space



Figure 15 Kids enjoying an activity at the art centre.

We also continued

- Afternoon drop-in activities at the ACYS Hall
- Night-time sports and activities

Sports included

- Volleyball
- AFL
- Basketball

Team also started a new activity called Ultimate Frisbee, which young people enjoyed.

The team will soon welcome two new staff members to the ACYS team. These staff will support youth programs and activities in the community.

- Catherine Dhamarrandji
- Freddy Marawuyma

Milingimbi hosted an Under-17 Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day.

- The event was first planned for 18 March
- Due to a community incident, it was moved to 23 March
- The event went ahead successfully on the new date

Regular activities

During this period, ACYS ran activities that helped keep young people active and engaged.

- After-school activities
- Drop-in space sessions
- Night football and basketball

ACYS coordinators shall attend Youth Vulnerabilities training in Galiwinku from 2 - 5 June provided by Sand Palm Consulting. This training delivers staff necessary tools to work with ongoing issues on Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) and Volatile Substance Use (VSU).



Figure 16 Kids enjoying the footy practice at the Milingimbi oval.

Waste and Environmental Services

Earth Works

Milingimbi landfill has experienced drainage issues during the current wet season, with low areas on internal roads requiring repair.

- Drone survey completed to capture site topography.
- Consultants engaged to develop a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP).
- Earthmoving works to implement the SWMP scheduled for the dry season.
- Access road re-cambering by EARC Roads also planned for the dry season.

New General Waste Bays

Two new general waste bays have been approved by the NTEPA.

- Quotes currently being sourced.
- Two quotes received to date.
- Construction planned for the dry season.

Listed Waste

| Community | Waste Stream | No. of Pallets/Bags | Quantity | Estimated Weight (t) |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Milingimbi | Batteries | 2 Cases | 80 approx. | 1.92 |
| | Fire Extinguishers | 1 Stillage cage | 80 | .4 |
| | Damaged Bins | 4 Pallets | 100 | 1.5 |
| | Gas Bottles | 1 Stillage cage | 60 | .2 |
| TOTAL | | | | 4.02 |



A second bunded 10' container has been delivered to Milingimbi to ensure correct storage of waste oil while the primary 10' container is in transit to Darwin.



Batteries and fire extinguishers in dedicated transport containers, preparing to leave Milingimbi.



As Listed Waste, tires need to be stored in containers to prevent fires and leaching into the environment. When full, this will be sent to Darwin for recycling.



CDS containers are stored at the depot, awaiting compaction to minimize transportation costs.

Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance

| | FY 2025-26 Monthly Environmental Compliance | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
| Milingimbi WMF | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | 🚚 | | |

Animal Management Program

- Veterinary visit to Milingimbi from 10 - 12 March by Dr Vic and Sarah. Reduced time as middle of wet season.

- Animals overall in excellent condition from a parasite aspect, elected against treating many animals examined for this reason. Recheck again next visit. Few litters of pups that are too small for desexing at present, reassess next visit.
- Remote consultations: The team performed 3 remote consultations across this period outside of veterinary visits.
- Unfortunately, our next veterinary visit has had to be reduced in time due to staffing issues.
 - The next visit will be Tuesday 5 May by veterinary nurses Sarah and Saraya and will be a veterinary nurse ONLY visit. They will follow up on any urgent cases. Dr Maddy will perform remote consults while the team is in community.
 - The next full veterinary visit will be by Dr Celia Peters and Sarah from 2 -5 June.

Service Delivery Table:

| Milingimbi | Mar/Apr 26 | FY 25-26 to | FY 24-25 |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | date | |
| Dogs Desexed | 10 | 59 | 36 |
| Cats Desexed | 1 | 17 | 10 |
| Community consultations | 9 | 50 | 55 |
| Remote/Phone consultations | 3 | 17 | 27 |
| EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed | 3 | 8 | 14 |
| Minor procedures/other surgeries | 3 | 13 | 8 |
| Parasite Treatments | 30 | 820 | 899 |
| Euthanasia | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Private practice consultations (Mainland) | 3 | 14 | 17 |
| Total Engagements | 62 | 999 | 1075 |

Community education activities:

- Reached out to Milingimbi School prior to visit with no response.

Staff Education/training activities:

- Dr Maddy completed the AVA Chartered Veterinary Practitioner Course – Wellbeing Science for Veterinarians – promoting mental health awareness for the profession and particularly important to our team during the difficulties that arise during our work.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- Laynhapuy homelands: The veterinary nursing team has been busy providing veterinary nurse visits to Laynhapuy homelands as part of our contracted fee for service arrangements. These have been day trips by Sarah and Saraya. We will be providing veterinary surgical visits later this year in August.

Concerns/Challenges:

- Dangerous Dog incidents: 0. Previously reported dangerous dog now seems friendly post desexing, no further incidents have been reported in relation to this dog.

- Other: BJ the Buffalo, 1 pet emu.
- Cat trapping undertaken in Council yard, no cats trapped.

Any issues or concerns that need to be addressed at LA or Council meeting:

- Ongoing issues reported by BJ the buffalo – temperament becoming questionable. Our AMP team is still concerned he may injury or kill community member either deliberately or accidentally.



Dr Vic at Milingimbi treating some dogs with parasite treatments. The dogs at Mili were in fantastic condition during this visit.



A very healthy family of cats at Milingimbi all desexed and treated for parasites



Puppy for desexing at Mili, Puppy is asleep and waiting to wake up and be taken home.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

| | |
|---|--|
| AUTHOR | Sonia Campbell (General Manager - Technical and Infrastructure Services) |
| RECOMMENDATION | |
| That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure 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.

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 2025-2026 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 within this report covers actions associated with the below Technical Services areas and report owners:

Fleet Services

Errol Weber – Regional Manager - Fleet

112 - Fleet Services

Transport and Infrastructure Department

Arvin Roping – Transport and Infrastructure Manager

116 - Lighting for Public Safety

118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management

119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Building and Infrastructure Department – Capital Projects

John Shrethra – Project Manager

122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

LAPF Projects

Aaron Mc Kenna – Senior Project Manager

REPORT STORY:**112 - Fleet Services (Report Owner –Errol Weber)**

Fleet Report

The scheduled replacement of fleet assets ensures the EARC fleet is renewed at optimal intervals, providing users with access to a modern and reliable fleet. The 2027 budget includes the replacement of the items listed below, along with additional fleet acquisitions identified to meet emerging operational requirements.

| | Ramingining | Milingimbi | Gapuwiyak | Galiwinku | Yirrkala | Gunyangara |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Loader | Yes | | Yes | | | |
| Tractor | Yes | Yes | | | | |
| MR Truck | | | Yes | | | |
| Dual Cab Tipper | | | | Yes | Yes | |
| Toyota Hiace | Yes | | Yes | Yes x 2 | Yes | |
| MS Hilux | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | |
| NP Hilux | | | | | Yes | |
| Troopies | | Yes | | Yes | | |
| Toyota BZ4X (electric vehicle) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes x 2 | |
| Trailer 10 x 5 Tipping | | | Yes | | | Yes |
| Mower Trailer | | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| Barge Trailer | Yes | | Yes | | Yes | |

116 – Lighting for Public Safety (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)**Repair and maintenance of public streetlights**

| Community | LED Public Streetlights out of service based on night-time audit inspection | Tentative mobilisation, commencement & expected completion date | Progress update |
|-------------------|--|--|---|
| Milingimbi | 6 – LED street lights 6 – GFS200 solar street lights | 1 June 2026 | Scheduled (pending Sea Swift and/or MOPRA barge schedule) |

118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

T25-203320.1 Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage for a Period of 12 Months – Access Grade Contract

| Revised Round 2 Mobilisation Dates 2025/26 | | Project Status |
|--|--------------|---|
| Ramingining | 18 May 2026 | Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access) |
| Gapuwiyak | 25 May 2026 | Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access) |
| Yirrkala | 28 June 2026 | Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access) |
| Gunyangara | 6 July 2026 | Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access) |
| Galiwin'ku | 9 July 2026 | Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season, road conditions (truck access) and sea freight via Sea Swift |
| Milingimbi | 21 July 2026 | Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season, road conditions (truck access) and sea freight via Sea Swift |

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

Capital upgrade works will be presented once the 2027 Budget is endorsed and approved.

122 – Building Infrastructure Services (Report Owner – John Shrestha)

Capital upgrade works will be presented once the 2027 Budget is endorsed and approved.

LAPF Projects (Report Owner – Aaron McKenna)

Update – as per Action Item list

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

AUTHOR Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 April 2026.

SUMMARY:

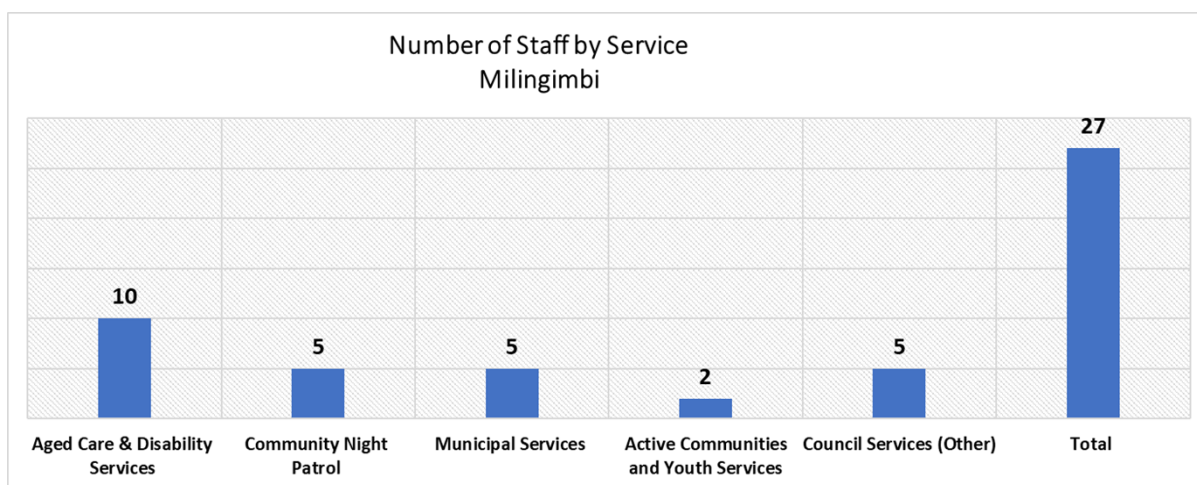
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2026 within the Local Authority area.

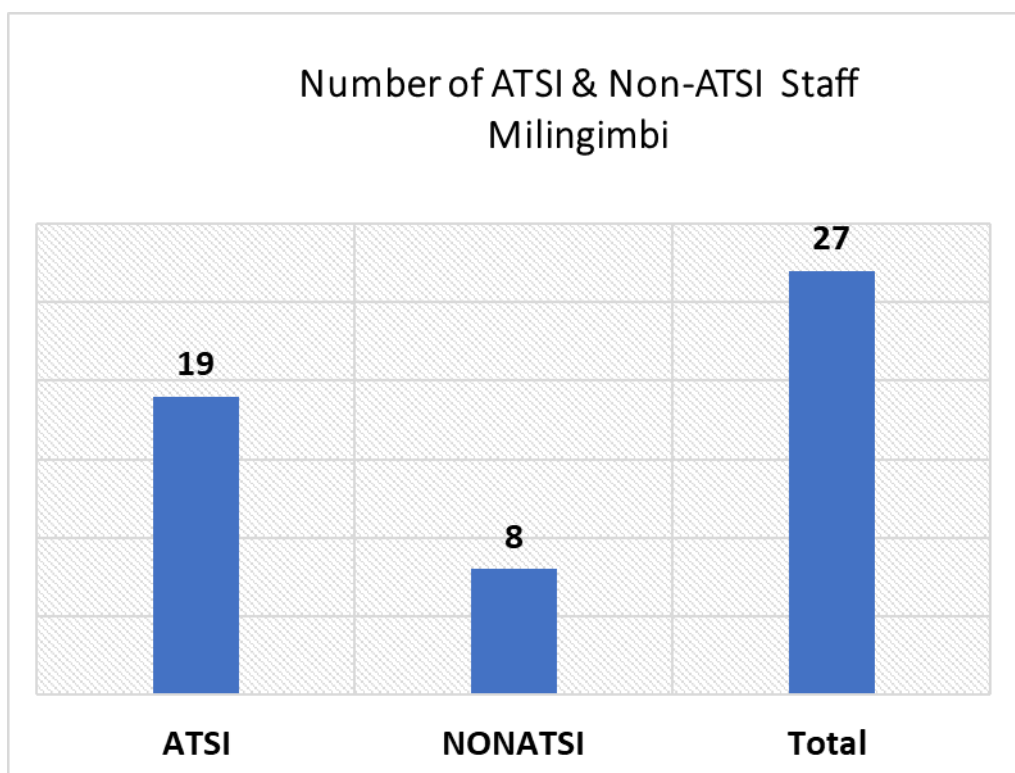
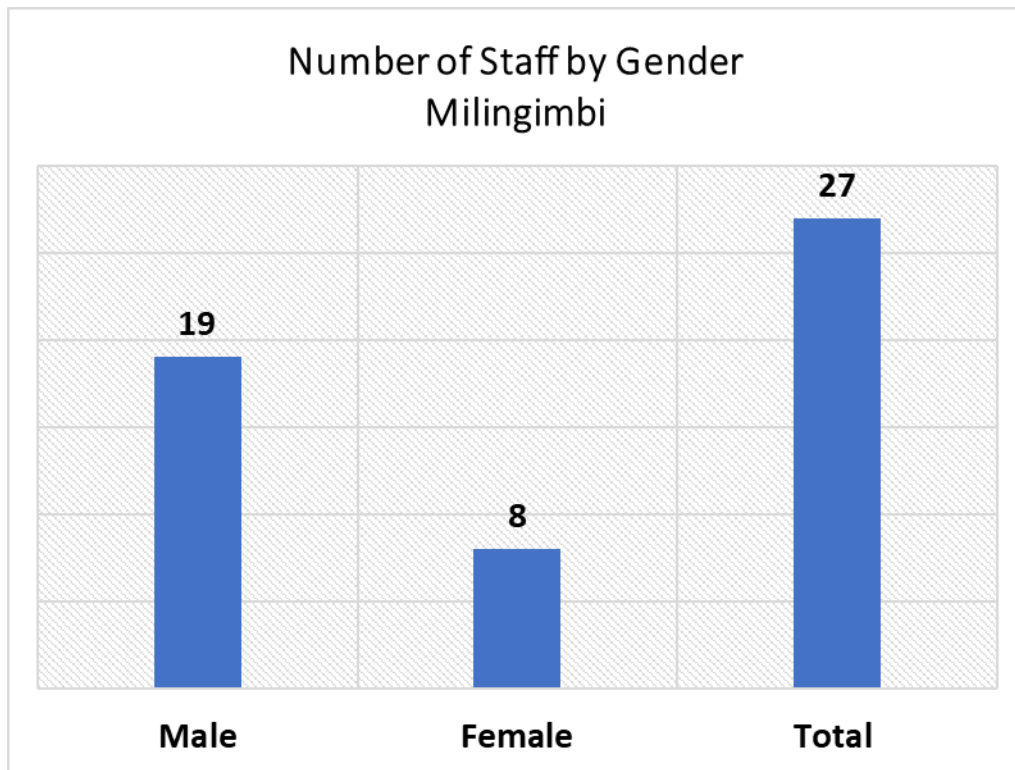
BACKGROUND:

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 30 April 2026:

| Job Title | Location | Employment Type | Recruitment Type | No. of Vacancies |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Community Night Patrol Officer | Milingimbi | Community | Casual | 1 |
| Aged Care and Disability Services Su | Milingimbi | Community | Casual | 1 |
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| Municipal Services Officer | Milingimbi | Community | Casual | 1 |
| Active Communities Worker | Milingimbi | Community | Casual | 2 |
| Library and Cultural Heritage Worker | Milingimbi | Community | Community | 2 |
| Active Community Worker | Milingimbi | Community | Fixed Term | 1 |
| Aged Care & Disability Services Car | Milingimbi | External | Full Time | 1 |
| Disability Support Worker | Milingimbi | Community | Casual | 1 |
| Municipal Service Supervisor | Milingimbi | External | Full time | 1 |

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

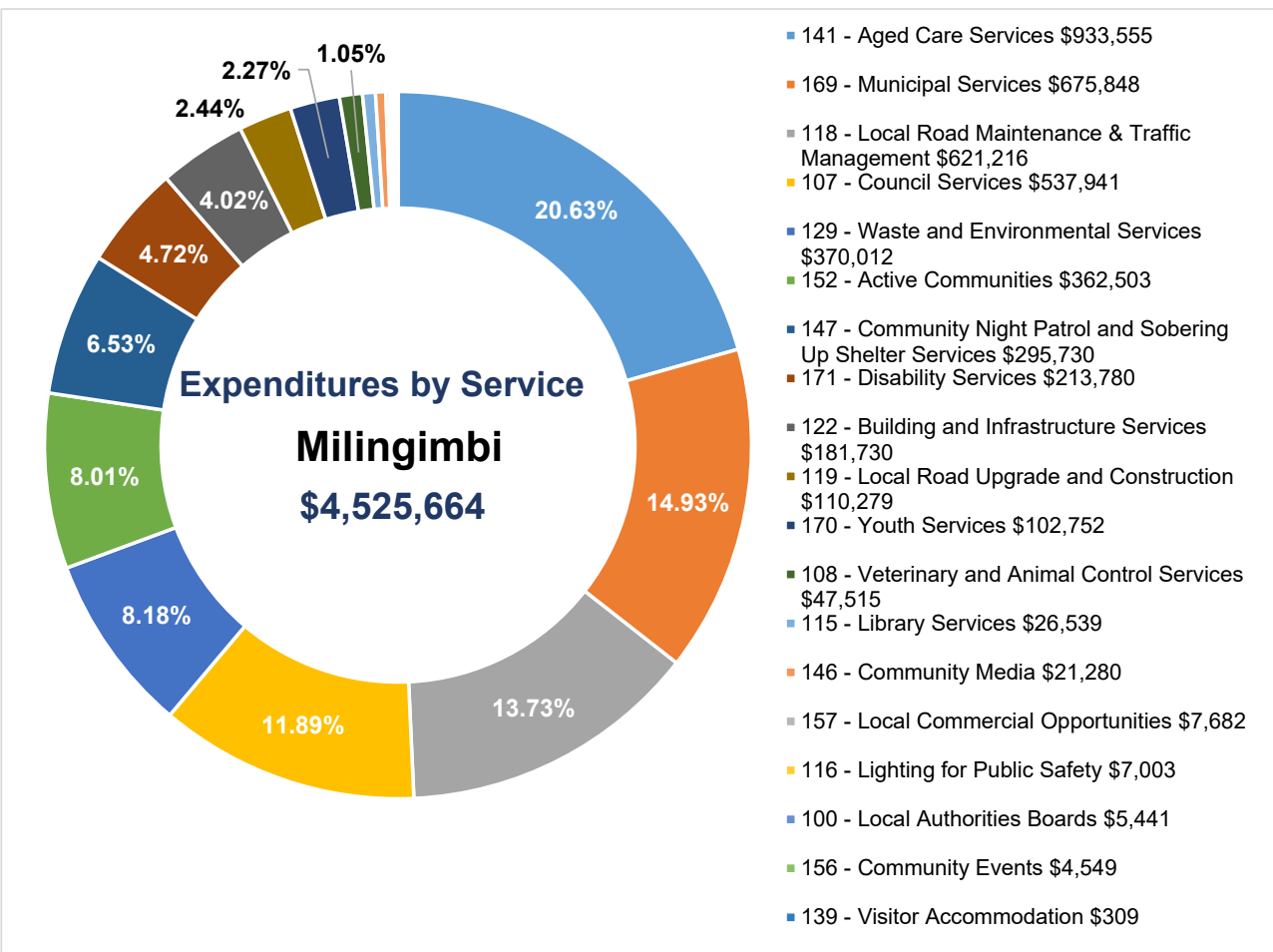
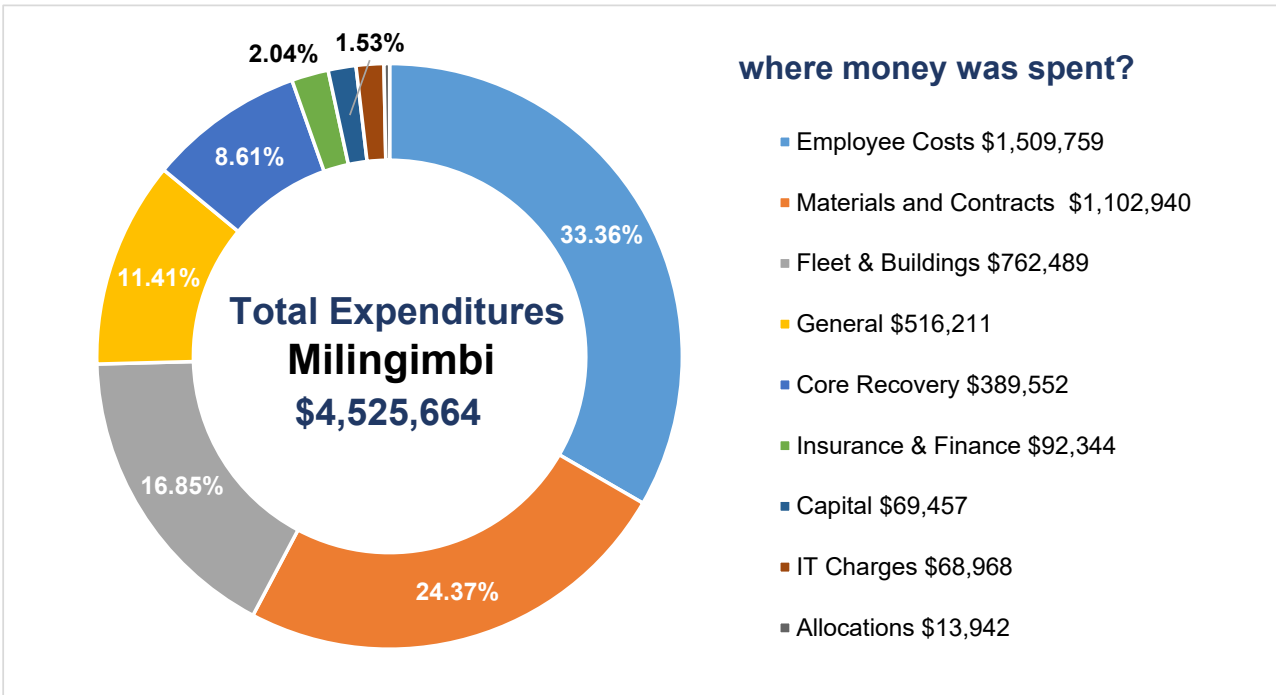
ATTACHMENTS:

10. April 2026 Milingimbi LAPF and Chart Reports [2.5.1 - 2 pages]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - MILINGIMBI FUNDS LEFT

As at 30th April 2026

| | YTD ACTUAL | COMMITMENTS | ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS | FULL YEAR BUDGET | PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET) |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR | 723,488 | - | 723,488 | 723,488 | |
| LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR | 178,500 | - | 178,500 | 178,500 | |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR | 901,988 | - | 901,988 | 901,988 | |
| LESS LAPF PROJECTS | | | | | |
| 293415 - LAPF - Milingimbi Instal of Footpaths | (86,714) | - | (86,714) | (193,899) | 45% |
| 299515 - LAPF - Milingimbi - Public toilets near the foreshore | (70,051) | (660,488) | (730,540) | (581,276) | 12% |
| 304915 - Local Authority Project Funding Milingimbi - Revenue | (594) | - | (594) | - | 0% |
| 310915 - LAPF - Milingimbi Ceremony Area | (5,139) | - | (5,139) | (269,125) | 2% |
| TOTAL PROJECTS | (162,498) | (660,488) | (822,986) | (1,044,300) | 16% |
| ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND | | | 79,001 | (142,313) | |



3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil



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Request to Present at a Local Authority Meeting

EARC have requested that **ALL ORGANISATIONS** provide the following information as part of any request to present at a local authority meeting. This info must be provided at least 10 days prior to Local Authority meeting.

Please complete this form and return it to paulhyde.kaduru@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au. Prior to submitting a request, please review the NT Government **Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy** at www.dlgcs.nt.gov.au.

We respectfully request that all presentations be kept to 30 Minutes (15 minute presentation time and 15 minutes of question time).

| Please enter your contact details below | |
|---|---|
| Name: | Anna Kreij |
| Organisation: | NTG |
| Position: | Community Development Officer |
| Department: | Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development |
| Contact number: | 0437647596 |
| Email: | Anna.kreij@nt.gov.au |

| Agenda Item |
|--|
| 1. Which Local Authorities do you wish to attend? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Galiwinku <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gapuwiyak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gunyangara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milingimbi <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramingining <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yirrkala |
| 2. What is the purpose of the presentation? Introduce the NTG Community Development team and the newly developed NTG framework <i>Empowering the Bush</i> . |
| 3. For the agenda item, do you expect to: <i>(please complete the option/s that are relevant)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide information to the local authority about: The NTG Community Development team and Empowering the Bush framework <input type="checkbox"/> Seek information from the local authority about: <input type="checkbox"/> Seek a decision from the local authority about: |



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| Other Information (where applicable) | |
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| What communication materials are expected to be used? <i>(Please indicate and attach copies where possible, and consider whether interpreter services are needed)</i> | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop <input type="checkbox"/> Documents Printed (Charges apply) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Projector <input type="checkbox"/> Video Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> Whiteboard |
| If a scheduled local authority meeting does not meet your requirements, a special meeting may be called at a cost of \$1,710 per meeting, <i>Subject to availability of members.</i> | |
| Do you require a special meeting to be called? | |
| Proposed Dates: _____ or _____ or _____ <i>(1st Choice) (2nd Choice) (3rd Choice)</i> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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4 Meeting Close