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OPEN MINUTES for the Milingimbi
Local Authority
22 July 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Chair opened the meeting at 11:52AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji
Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay
Jacinta Burukumalawuy
Karina Wunungmurra
Joe Djakala
Arthur Murrupu
Joanne Baker

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Vivek Gummalla (Strategic Coordinator)
Jamie Clarke (Communications Advisor)
Ullas Raman (Council Services Manager)
Ashleigh Waldron (Governance Support Officer) – Attended via Teams
Arvin Roping (Regional Manager) – Attended via Teams

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 2025/73 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Robert Yirapawanga and Rosetta Wayatja
- (b) No apologies provided
- (c) Notes Robert Yirapawanga 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.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/74 **RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/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 2025/75 **RESOLVED (Thomas Gaykamangu/Arthur Murrupu)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 May 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 2025/78 **RESOLVED (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/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 2025/77 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Supports the call by Council to tackle domestic violence, predominantly against women, and violence against and neglect of children by:

- 1. Family, community members and all people calling out and reporting domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children when they see it.**
- 2. Working in close collaboration with and support of the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiaro led Northern Territory Government.**
- 3. Engaging with and supporting other Aboriginal controlled organisations, particularly the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation in building a properly coordinated, resourced and effective strategy to support community members to recognise, challenge and prevent further abuse.**
- 4. The Council Services Manager to support Local Councillors and Authority Members to promote No More Violence to Women and Children at local sporting and other events.**
- 5. Supports local Police officers to hold more sessions with children, boys and girls at the school to raise awareness about the problem of domestic violence.**

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/80 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Joanne Baker)

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 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

MIL 2025/79 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Jacinta Burukumalawuy)

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/81 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)

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

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

MIL 2025/76 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Thomas Gaykamangu)

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

23 September 2026.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 3:54pm.

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