



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.**

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)**

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.