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OPEN MINUTES for the Milingimbi
Local Authority
23 January 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with prayer at 11:04 AM.

Members attended:

President Lapulung (Chair)
Jacinta Burukumalawuy
Joanne Baker
Robert Yirapawanga
Karina Wunungmurra
Arthur Murrupu (Joined at 11:51 AM)

East Arnhem Council Officers:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Sonia Campbell (General Manager – Infrastructure and Technical Services) – Attended online
Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager) - Attended online
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) - Attended online
Ben Waugh (External)

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 2025/43 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, Joe Djakala, Rosetta Wayaja, and Arthur Murrupu.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay.
- (c) Notes Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, Joe Djakala, Rosetta Wayatja and Arthur Murrupu are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest**SUMMARY:**

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

MIL 2025/44 **RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Jacinta Burukumalawuy)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

MIL 2025/45 **RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Jacinta Burukumalawuy)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 October 2025.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN DHUWAL DHARUK

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING GU

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items**SUMMARY:**

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

MIL 2025/50 **RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)**

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

3.2 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 2025/46 **RESOLVED (Robert Yirapawanga/Joanne Baker)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 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 2025/47 **RESOLVED (Jacinta Burukumalawuy/Robert Yirapawanga)**

That Local Authority notes the Council Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 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 2025/49 **RESOLVED (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)**

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.**
- (b) Endorse the Phase 1 concept design and approve moving forward to collate official cost estimates.**
- (c) Requests to arrange community consultations for Phase 1.**

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 December 2025 within the Local Authority area.

MIL 2025/48 **RESOLVED** (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)

That the Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 December 2025.

4 General Business

4.1 Five Year Strategic Plan

MIL 2025/51 **RESOLVED** (Joanne Baker/Robert Yirapawanga)

That the Local Authority endorses the community consultation report for the five year strategic plan.

4.2 Discussion with Police

Police Officer Michael Meranda attended the meeting and discussed ongoing community issues, including domestic violence, property crime, Kava use, and fuel sniffing. Members raised concerns regarding these matters, and a discussion was held around their impact in the community.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 20 March 2026.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 01:55 PM

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Milingimbi Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 23 January 2026.