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OPEN AGENDA for the Milingimbi
Local Authority
24 October 2025

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-liwmaram:

- limurr dhu rä-l-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrungalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharay walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ḍapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhaŋu

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

- ŋalma ŋarru rä-l-manapanmi ganydjarrwu ŋakanhaminyarawu ŋalmaliŋguwaywuru,
- ga dharay walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ḍapthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

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

- ŋilimurru yurru rä-l-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurrungalaŋawu,
- ga dharay walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ḍapthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marraŋu

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

- Dalimurr wurruku rä-l-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurrungalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw wonḍaŋarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-ḍapmaranhamirr 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 Friday 24 October 2025 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

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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 27 May 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Milingimbi Local Authority Meeting 27052025 Minutes [1.5.1 - 8 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Milingimbi
Local Authority
27 May 2025

MINUTES OF MILINGIMBI LOCAL AUTHORITY

27 MAY 2025

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

MEMBERS

In the Chair President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Cr Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, Local Authority Members - Joe Djakala, Arthur Murrupuy and Joanne Baker.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Dale Keehne – Chief Executive Officer (via video).
Shannon Cervini - Regional Manager Council Services.
Jamie Clarke - Communications Advisor.

Minute Taker – Craig Sutton, Strategic Coordinator (Minute Taker).

Chair opened the meeting at 11.40AM and welcomed all members and guests.

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 2025/20 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority:

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

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/21 **RESOLVED** (Arthur Murrupu/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)

RECOMMENDATION

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

MIL 2025/22 **RESOLVED** (Joanne Baker/Arthur Murrupu)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous quorum meeting held on 18 March 2025.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Guest Speaker - Northern Territory Police

SUMMARY:

The Northern Territory Police will provide a current update on the community to the Local Authority members.

This presentation was unable to proceed.

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LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Presentation - NT Electoral Commission

SUMMARY:

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission will provide a current update on the upcoming elections to the Local Authority members.

MIL 2025/23 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)

That Local Authority:

- (a) Thanks the Northern Territory Electoral Commission for their presentation.
- (b) Recommends to the Northern Territory Electoral Commission that the upcoming Local Government Election be held at the Milingimbi East Arnhem Regional Council Office as a central and accessible area to maximise participation.
- (c) Requests the use of social media messaging - including the fact that voting is compulsory.
- (d) Provide further information to community members through social media messaging detailing the legal implications regarding compulsory voting.

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.3 Buffalo Removal from Milingimbi Community

SUMMARY:

The buffalo known as BJ has become a significant concern for the Milingimbi community. Several complaints have been received about the animal's size, behaviour, and risk to safety, especially around children. The Animal Management team has made multiple attempts to resolve the issue, including contacting police, owners, and other relevant stakeholders. A recommendation is now sought from the Local Authority.

MIL 2025/24 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Arthur Murrupu)

Recommendation:**The Local Authority:**

- (a) Would like to understand who the Traditional Owner is that owns BJ the Buffalo.
- (b) Request that BJ the Buffalo is removed from Milingimbi community and taken to the fishing lodge via barge with support of the Local Authority.

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(c) Request this removal of BJ the Buffalo be actioned as a matter of priority to avoid any potential injury to community, in particular children.

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 2025/25 **RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joanne Baker)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings for the Council to endorse and approves the location of the Cultural Centre.

(b) Approves the location of the Cultural Centre.

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings for the Council to endorse and approves the location of the Cultural Centre.

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 2025/29 **RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joe Djakala)**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Services Manager Report

SUMMARY:

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

MIL 2025/26 **RESOLVED (Arthur Murrupu/Joanne Baker)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Local Authority notes the Council Services Report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Service 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 2024-2025 Annual Plan.

MIL 2025/27 **RESOLVED** (Joe Djakala/Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2025 within the Local Authority area.

MIL 2025/28 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay/Joe Djakala)

That the Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 April 2025.

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4 Confidential Reports

There were no confidential reports presented this round.

5 Date of Next Meeting

To be advised.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business was discussed at today's meeting.

6 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 3.07pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 27 May 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

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 Milingimbi [3.1.1 - 10 pages]

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Kava	That the Local Authority: a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava. 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: 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. c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.	12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing 18.05.2021 – Update provided to LA, EARC will be provided update from government once received. 12.01.2022 – A separate report was presented on this by the CEO – ongoing. 15.03.2022 – A detail discussion took place with the members, President and the CEO. 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'. 19.07.2022 – Ongoing 20.09.2022 covered in CEO Report 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. 22.11.2022 – As above. 17.01.2023 – Deferred until return of CEO from leave. 21.03.23 – to be discussed in CEO Report. Good progress being made with the Government. 26.10.23 – to be discussed and covered in the CEO Report.

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		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. 14.12.23 – As above. 23.01.24 – Further discussions to be held ongoing with NIAA at the next Council meeting. 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. 26.03.24 – Ongoing 24.04.24 – CEO to write to Department for an update. 21.05.24 – NTG and NIAA to be invited to next Pre-Agenda day of Council 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. 16.07.24 – No progress since last discussion. 21.01.25 – CEO has raised this issue with Jacinta Price’s office as one of 8 Advocacy Items. 19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. 18.03.25 – Mr. Guyula spoke to the members via TEAMS and had a discussion regarding kava. Further update in the CEO Report. 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. 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.

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Improved Access – footpaths located along the Church Road.	LA would like to see improvement here due to the flooding and damage caused out of LAPF.	23.01.24 – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services has been on leave and will look into this and provide update at next meeting. 22.02.24 – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services will take this back to LA after costing has been done. 26.03.24 - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to update members at next meeting. 24.04.24 – Director Technical Services to follow up and provide update. 25.06.24 No quotations received as yet, Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to follow up. 16.07.24 – No update now. Still organising quotations. 11.12.2024 – Last LA meeting it was discussed not enough quorum for decision. Quotes have been received decision will be made at the next Local Authority meeting. Confirm with Local Authority if they want an upgrade to the church road also. 19.02.25 – A new footpath that goes behind the church and down past the houses need to be gazetted. GM has been speaking with the Roads Mgr. to put in a footpath or a rock road. – Worried about walking down there without tripping hazards. Church footpath was approved. 23.04.25 – Ongoing has been awarded to NTM for a start date of mid-May. 27.05.25 – Central Arnhem highway currently closed unable to move machinery equipment to Raminingining. 25.06.25 – No update as yet, waiting on highway to open.

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Makarata Field – This action is now aligned with Jesse Smith Park action below. 27.05.25		27.01.2021 - NLC consultations were held the week of the 2nd of November – awaiting formal advice on the consultation outcome from the NLC, NLC leasing staff still on holidays and set to return at the end of January. We are awaiting an official response from NLC. 18.01.2021 – Director Technical & Infrastructure Services to follow up for potential for historical listing (and as bombing site) and options for funding, DTSI looking into options and will report back in future meeting, noting this project was listed on the community priority listing for a co- funding contribution. 12.05.2021 – Has trust approval, have the paperwork to be signed off. Awaiting for licence and approval for land. Ongoing. 12.10.2021 – Ongoing final concept to be agreed and grant funding sought in 2022. 12.01.2022 – Ongoing with concept workshop to be conducted in relation to the layout in readiness for Grant funding opportunity, basic layout developed but to be refined as final draft direction. 15.03.2022 – Pending 17.05.2022 – Ongoing and pending design meeting to take place. 30.06.2022 – Ongoing. 19.07.2022 – Meeting was arranged with President for an overview of the basic requirement in Milingimbi – flights not available – to be rescheduled. 12.09.2022 – Solar lighting on order with cyclonic foundation blocks – area cleared ready for sand once approved locally by TO's. 19.10.22 – Update from Manufacturer below Morning Shane, Apologies for delay with update on ETA.
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		I am having difficulty with our block manufacturer (HO'S Hire Katherine) team have been out on remote site installations. We know the last 6 concrete blocks were poured last week we are waiting cure times and ETAs to Darwin from Julie at the block supplier. We understand they have been servery delayed due to bad weather and concrete plan in Katherine had to shut down for a week or so for maintenance. We have following POs: <table><tr><td>PO:</td><td>Location:</td><td>QTY</td><td>Item:</td></tr><tr><td>PO091271</td><td>Gunyangara</td><td>1x</td><td>Block</td></tr><tr><td>PO091635</td><td>Gunyangara</td><td>1x</td><td>Block</td></tr><tr><td>PO091636</td><td>Millinginbi</td><td>4x</td><td>GFS-200 Solar Lights & Blocks **</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>6x</td><td></td></tr></table> **Solar Lights have been packed at our warehouse ready to ship ex-Adelaide, they will leave met up with blocks at Sea Swift Darwin We are chasing further update will let you know when more information comes to hand. Again sorry for any impact these delays in blocks for your projects. 22.11.2022 – As above. To update further at next meeting. 17.01.2023 – In progress, update to be provided. 21.03.23 – Engineers currently looking at how to build successfully on the field. 27.04.23 – Application submitted last week. 29.08.23 – project that will be moving ahead. 19.09.23 Engineer has been engaged as has a new staff member. 21.11.23 – Monies allocated – submissions are out to market and project management assessments are currently taking place.	PO:	Location:	QTY	Item:	PO091271	Gunyangara	1x	Block	PO091635	Gunyangara	1x	Block	PO091636	Millinginbi	4x	GFS-200 Solar Lights & Blocks **			6x	
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		14.12.23 – Ongoing. 23.01.24 – Update to be provided at next LA Meeting. 22.02.24 – Waiting on finalising design. 26.03.24 - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to update members at next meeting. 24.04.24 _ Waiting on approvals. Local Authority to discuss lights, layout etc., 25.06.24 – Surveyed and contractors lay foundation work – work in progress. 16.07.24 – Project Manager is putting together tender documentation at the moment for the design and construct and gravel road. Work should start after the wet season and ideally would target to finish work by March/April next year. 11.12.2024 – Another meeting with the President tomorrow and the Manager of Building Services – to lock in the finer details of what is required. 19.02.25 – Moving forward – discussion if it needs to be moved. Ongoing. 23.04.25 – Ongoing in consultation with President Lapulung. 27.05.25 – Makarata field action has been closed, as it was not a suitable location, and it will now be at Jesse Smith Park. Concept drawing has been presented as a result.
Jesse Smith Park (in conjunction Makarata Field action above)	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.	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.

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BJ The Buffalo	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.	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.
<u>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD:</u> <u>Advocacy Items</u> Water to be installed at the oval		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

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		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.
Community Barge Landing	Requests urgent upgrades and proper infrastructure for the community barge landing	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
Priority footpaths		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.

MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

		15.03.2022 – Tender will be re-released by the end of April 2022 17.05.2022 – Tender will be re-released by end of May 2022. 22.06.2022 – Tender currently out to the market and will await any submission when closed to consider. 30.06.2022 – Out to tender – closes in 1 week. 19.07.2022 – Tender has closed but has not been evaluated as yet. 12.09.2022 - Tender evaluated to go to council as a reduced scope in the October meeting dependant on funding extension for LAPF 19.10.22 – report to be tabled at the December meeting and funds adjustments have been made in the budget revision 17.01.2023 – Tenders have gone out and work is progressing. 22.11.2022 - Report to be put forward to Council at December meeting and Tender being put forward. 21.03.2023 – Asks the Local Authority to defer any progress on the footpaths until waterpark and other project tenders have been received. 29.08.23 MOVED TO ADVOCACY 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. 19.02.25 – Ongoing – Access to field etc., to be taken into consideration of this action.
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MILINGIMBI ACTIONS

Sealing of Bodia Road	Supports and approves any application for funding for Bodia Road to be sealed	21.03.23 – Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to advise. 29.06.23 – Waiting on possibility of grant becoming available. 29.08.23 MOVED TO ADVOCACY 25.06.24 in talks with DIPL want link path from subdivision to basketball court – won't sign off unless part of design.
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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 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:

It is with great pleasure to report today to our newly elected Council for the next four year Council term.

I believe the return of ten of our Councillors who stood for election, demonstrates clear satisfaction from the people of the six Yolngu communities and many homelands of your strong representation of them.

The election of two new Councillors, following the retirement of former Presidents Banambi Wunungumurra and Kaye Thurlow, also represents a significant 'passing of the baton' of their long and tireless service to the people, from the very creation of the East Arnhem 'Shire' Regional Council over 17 years ago in July 2008.

New Councillor Murphy Yunupingu has been an active member of the Gunyangara Local Authority for many years, and strong Gumatj leader working directly to establish and develop the Dhupuma-Barker College, working in collaboration with Flinders University and Miwatj Health, and other initiatives to support our Yolngu youth.

New Councillor Cyril Bukulatjpi has been endorsed by Council over its last term ranging from hosting former Chief Minister Natasha Fyles in his home community of Galiwin'ku, chairing a meeting of the Secretaries and CEOs of 15 of the nation's Federal Agencies, to join significant delegations and taking an active role in discussions with the CEO of the National Indigenous Australians Agency, Federal Minister Malarndirri McCarthy, the Governor-General and Prime Minister.

Our new Councillors join an experienced and dedicated Council, with clear commitment and action to support and represent the people of your community, homelands across your cultural wards and whole Yolngu region.

I look forward to working to support our elected Council leaders over the coming years, to address significant issues and opportunities to improve the lives of the Yolngu people, from

the jamikuli (children) to elders – in Council's engagement and advocacy with the other two levels of Government.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Services Report

AUTHOR Ullas Raman (Council Services Manager)**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers 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

Despite challenges such as limited workforce capacity, East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) has consistently demonstrated its commitment to efficient service delivery in Milingimbi. Through proactive collaboration with a diverse range of stakeholders both within the community and externally. We have achieved several positive outcomes that reflect our responsiveness to local needs.



Another successful stakeholder meeting in Milingimbi

These partnerships have enabled the us to maintain high standards of service delivery, even under constrained operational conditions. The ability to adapt and coordinate effectively has been key to sustaining essential services and supporting community wellbeing.

Our efforts continue to strengthen stakeholder relationships, build trust, and resilience within the community, ensuring that service delivery remains both effective and inclusive.

In August and September, we proactively facilitated stakeholder meetings to address pressing environmental concerns within the community. During these sessions, we strongly advocated for a coordinated and large-scale

community clean-up initiative, highlighting the importance of collective responsibility and sustained actions.



Milingimbi phone tower, upgraded to 5G

East Arnhem Regional Council - Milingimbi played an important role in resolving a longstanding network issue that had affected the Milingimbi community for almost two years. Through persistent engagement and coordination with Telstra's Darwin office, we ensured that the matter remained a priority and advocated strongly on behalf of the community.

We successfully facilitated the Local Government election process in Milingimbi, marked by a record number of community nominations - five in total. This strong level

of engagement reflects growing interest in local governance.

Following the election, Lapulung Dhamarrandji and Elizabeth Ganygulpa were re-elected as Councillors, reaffirming the community's confidence in their leadership. We would like to congratulate both on their appointment.



Community messaging for nominations and election process in Milingimbi.

EARC proudly joined the Milingimbi community and key stakeholders in celebrating NAIDOC Day, celebrating a spirit of unity and cultural recognition. In conjunction with the event, a community consultation was held to provide residents with an open platform to share their views, raise concerns, and make enquiries regarding Council service delivery.



Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay and President Lapulung Dhamarrandji at the community consultation in Milingimbi.

President Keith Lapulung and Councillor Elizabeth Ganygulpa played vital roles throughout the day, actively engaging with community members and reinforcing the EARC's commitment to inclusive governance and transparent communication. Their presence and participation helped strengthen trust and encouraged meaningful conversations between the Council and the community.



Community BBQ and EARC Merchandise stall

The recent 'Tidy Town' community clean-up initiative was a great success, with strong participation from all stakeholders. This collaborative effort not only enhanced the physical appearance of the township but also reinforced community pride, ownership, and collective responsibility for maintaining a clean and healthy environment.



Kids loading the truck with the collected rubbish during the 'Tidy Town' event.



CDP Team in action and the "Hydration Zone"



Milingimbi School students with their teachers collect rubbish around the community.



Team DURACK with their rubbish collected



Team WTD in action.



Team RANGERS in action.



Milingimbi School, CDP and Community Night Patrol staff helping provide a BBQ and light snacks.

On Friday, 3 October 2025, President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay, CEO Dale Keehne, Director of Council Services Signe Balodis, and Council staff proudly attended the Traditional Credit Union's (TCU) 30-year anniversary celebration held in Milingimbi.



Traditional Credit Union 30th Anniversary celebration

The event was further honoured by the presence of Special Envoy for Remote Communities, Marion Scrymgour, and Northern Land Council Chairman, Mathew Ryan, who joined the community in marking this important milestone.

East Arnhem Regional Council was pleased to support the celebration by providing civic event equipment and logistical assistance, contributing to the success of this significant occasion for the region and its people.

Municipal Services



New speed bump installation.

The Municipal Services team has delivered outstanding results through a series of targeted infrastructure improvements across the Milingimbi community. Key initiatives include the installation of new speed bumps to enhance road safety, the repair and maintenance of local roads to improve accessibility, and the addition of protective netting around the landfill site to prevent windblown rubbish from polluting surrounding bushland.

These efforts reflect the team's dedication to maintaining a clean, safe, and functional environment for residents. Their proactive approach and commitment to continuous improvement have significantly contributed to the overall wellbeing and sustainability of the community.



New netting installed at the landfill.



Municipal Services (MS) team repairing potholes on Airport Road



MS team and External stakeholders working together in grading the barge landing area.

Community Night Patrol

Sheryl M. has recently joined the Community Night Patrol (CNP) team and is already making a strong impression through her dedication and performance. She has expressed genuine enthusiasm for the role and is excited to be part of the team. Her positive attitude and proactive approach are contributing to the program's success and influence in the community.



New employee Sheryl about to commence her first shift with the team.

For the first time in quite sometime we now have a full team within the Community Night Patrol service.



Milingimbi Community Night Patrol Team – September 2025

Aged Care Services and Disability Services

Milingimbi Aged Care & Disability Services (ACDS) is delighted to see a significant increase in morning attendance, with nearly 25 clients now regularly visiting the centre for breakfast. The growth in engagement reflects the community's trust in the centre's services and the welcoming environment created by the team.

To accommodate the rising number of clients, the centre continues to make every effort to ensure that everyone receives high-quality care and support. In the absence of the Operations Coordinator, Relief Coordinator Gregory Bryan has provided valuable assistance to the Care Coordinator, ensuring that services continued smoothly and without interruption.

The team also welcomed a new Support Worker, Nathan, who joined on 22 September 2025. Nathan brings great enthusiasm to the role and is excited to contribute to the team's efforts in delivering meaningful support to the elders and the disabled in the community.



Milingimbi ACDS team on the left and another usual morning at the center on the right.

The team also joined the community clean up 'Tidy towns' along with other stakeholders.



ACDS team members taking part in 'Tidy Town' event.

The Centre continues to deliver a diverse range of structured indoor and outdoor programs aimed at enhancing client engagement and wellbeing. Activities include literacy and numeracy development, arts and crafts sessions, bingo games, movie screenings, recreational fishing, community picnics, and cultural workshops such as spear making.



Clients engaged in their indoor activities.



Clients at their outdoor activities like bark collection and traditional outdoor cooking.

Active Communities and Youth Services (AC&YS)

The Active Communities and Youth Services program has been actively involved in delivering a range of engaging activities for the youth of Milingimbi, encouraging participation, wellbeing, and community pride.

A recent highlight for the program saw the program coordinators accompany the girls' AFLX team to the regional AFL X event held in Yirrkala. The team performed exceptionally well, securing second place overall. There is another AFL X event coming later this month.

The men's basketball team also represented Milingimbi at the Eastern Cup regional event held in Galiwin'ku. This event showcased great sportsmanship and community spirit.



Men's Basketball team – Eastern Cup 2025.



Milingimbi Girl's AFLX team – AFLX Tournament Yirrkala 2025

Additionally, a group of young boys enjoyed a recreational fishing trip to Rocky Point, offering them a chance to connect with nature and each other in a positive and relaxed setting.





**Active Communities
& Youth Services**
Milingimbi



October Activities 2025

Connection to Body, Mind, Kinship and Culture

Images: Milingimbi, NT, 2025



School Holiday Program

Wednesday 1		Thursday 2		Friday 3 / Saturday 4	
Monday 6th Chillout Space 2:30 - 5PM AC&YS Hall		Wednesday 8th Drawing Activities 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall 3x3 Community Hustle 6pm-8:30pm AC&YS Court		Friday 10th / Saturday 11th Chillout Space 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall AFL Match 6pm-8:30pm Community Oval	
Tuesday 7th Volleyball 2:30-4:30PM AC&YS Hall 5x5 Basketball 6pm - 8:30PM AC&YS Court		Thursday 9th No Activities			
Monday 13th Chillout Space 2:30pm-5pm AC&YS Hall		Wednesday 15th Drawing Activities 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall Aussie Hoops Kids Basketball AC&YS Court		Friday 17th / Saturday 18th Crafting 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall Movies Night 6pm-8:30pm AC&YS Hall	
Tuesday 14th Dodgeball 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall Basketball 5x5 6pm-8:30pm AC&YS Court		Thursday 16th No after School Activities Young Men's Space (Night Program) 6p-8:30pm AC&YS Hall			

Youth enjoying their fishing trip out at Rocky Point.

River fishing at Rocky Point.

Monday 27th Chillout Space 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall		Tuesday 28th Tag Game 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall 5x5 Basketball 6pm-8:30pm AC&YS Court		Wednesday 29th Drawing Activities 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall Aussie Hoops Kids Basketball 6-8:30 AC&YS Court	
		Thursday 30th No after School Activities Young Women's Space (Night Program) 6pm-8:30pm AC&YS Hall		Friday 31st Tag Game 2:30pm-4:30pm AC&YS Hall Aussie Kicks 6pm-8:30pm Community Oval	

Active Communities and Youth Services – Activity Calendar October 2025.

The AC&YS team are currently seeking a dedicated officer to join the team. This role presents an excellent opportunity for someone passionate about community service and eager to contribute to meaningful outcomes for the youth. The successful candidate will play a key role in supporting program delivery and enhancing the wellbeing of youth in Milingimbi.

Waste and Environmental Update



Hamish Brace (EARC Regional Manager – Waste & Environment)

Hamish Brace has recently joined as the Regional Manager - Waste & Environment (RWEM). Hamish brings over 20 years of hands-on experience in environmental management, sustainable agriculture, and community engagement, working across local government, Aboriginal organisations, and private enterprise. Hamish has previously led operations and compliance at Coastal Feeds, coordinated large-scale conservation and traditional fire projects in the Kimberley, and managed composting, waste reduction, and carbon farming programs.

Hamish is known for his strategic program delivery, building strong relationships, securing funding, and leading diverse teams. He is passionate about sustainability and making a positive impact—skills and energy that will be a great addition to East Arnhem Regional Council and will help us to continue to achieve great outcomes in the Waste and

Environment space.

"I visited the community of Milingimbi in the third week of August and my second week in this new exciting position. Meeting the EARC team and viewing the works depot and assessing the Waste Management Facility (landfill)."

Landfill Operations

The Waste & Environment team are reviewing the landfill for compliance with its Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority (NTEPA) annual inspection due before the end of this year.

The Municipal Services (MS) team have struggled with attendance issues that have limited our works capacity. We are engaging with Community Development Program (CDP) to collect windblown waste and brush cut standing dead weeds at this site. The dead weeds in the listed wastes area present a fire risk as identified in our Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The windblown netting that was affected by a wildfire earlier in the year was replaced at the end of September 2025.

RWEM Hamish Brace was required to notify NTEPA regarding an uncontrolled fire at the WMF on 1 October 2025. The Waste and Environment team are working with EARC's communications team to develop a public statement via EARC social media and small posters advising of the dangers to community and the environment of uncontrolled fires across all our Waste Management Facilities.

EARC are engaging with contractors to redefine the fire break around the landfill which has been encroached on by surrounding bush. The fire break will be reinstated to become a 10metre wide fire break.

The Close Circuit Television (CCTV) camera has become barely functional at Milingimbi. A new camera installation will be installed in November this year. This camera will match the system recently installed in Galiwin'ku. These new CCTV cameras are an improvement on the older systems that are in place in Milingimbi and will increase the revenue capture from commercial users of the landfill.

WS 2244-01 - Manage Landfill Milingimbi

Table 1 below illustrates whether the landfill has complied with Council's Environmental Management Plan requirements for the month.

Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance

	FY 2025-26 Monthly Environmental Compliance											
	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>
<i>Milingimbi WMF</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>R</i>									

Training

The Waste & Environment team is commencing drone certificate training at the end of October. This training allows us to present real time mapping of the landfill and environmental issues. Creating increased level reporting and planning ability. Camera-based drone imagery is a vital tool in monitoring landfills in real time. Monitoring both issues and opportunities.

Animal Management Program UpdateReporting month/period: July – September 2025Any issues or concerns that need to be addressed at LA or council meeting:

Reports of aggressive dogs at bush camp that have attacked people, suspect dogs at either lot 285 or 286. Attempts were made during August visits to speak with owners at these houses, however the team was unsuccessful. Upwards of 10 dogs observed in vicinity with several large dogs showing signs of fear and aggression.

Overall comments:

- Returning locum veterinarian Dr Cassandra will be covering Dr Kelso's maternity leave until December.
- Dr Cassandra solo visit 4 – 8 August, nurse on sick leave for period.
- Visit with Melbourne University veterinary students Sylvia and Fiona had to be delayed by two days due to accommodation needed for Telstra team, 20 – 22 August
- High engagement including 472 parasite treatments and 22 surgeries despite nurse being on sick leave and reduced visit days with students.
 - 19 community consultations, including treatments for several limping dogs, dog fight wounds, skin issues such as ringworm, cancers/tumours, respiratory infections, and an ear infection.
- BJ the buffalo was briefly relocated to the mainland at Ramininging boat ramp, but after a short period was taken back to Milingimbi island via barge.
- Pet Eum down in bottom camp got attacked by dogs, received treatment, recovered well.
- Upcoming visit: 6 – 10 October by Dr Cassandra and nurse Sarah

Service Delivery Table:

MILINGIMBI	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	TOTAL	2024 Total
Dogs Desexed	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10	0	15	72
Cats Desexed	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	9	0	11	22
Community consultations	0	0	2	0	1	13	0	19	0	35	67
Remote/Phone consultations	2	0	3	2	1	5	2	2	3	20	23
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	9	12
Minor procedures/other surgeries	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	9
Parasite Treatments	0	0	251	0	0	157	0	472	0	880	917
Euthanasia	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	10
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	5	0	11	23
Total Engagements	4	0	259	2	2	191	2	522	5	987	1155

Additional Collaborations:

Melbourne University continues to collaborate with the EARC Animal Management Program, sending both qualified veterinarians and students for training with the AMP team on working in remote communities. Final year students Fiona and Sylvia completed 2 weeks of training under the supervision of veterinarian Dr Cassandra, including a 3-day trip to Milingimbi.

Community education activities /Stakeholder engagements:

- SERP study. Dr Maddy continues to be in discussions with Miwatj and QIMR team with regards to the large scale Strongyloides research project in Gapuwiyak and Milingimbi in 2026-2027.

Staff Education/training activities:

- Dr Maddy is continuing the AVA Essential Veterinary Skills course to ensure she meets essential CPD criteria to maintain her NT veterinary registration and upskill as the Regional Manager.
- Saraya is continuing her Cert III in veterinary nursing, and the AMP team is supporting her by providing any opportunities to practice her veterinary nursing skills in community work.

Photographs:

Cats and kittens from lot 309 coming home after their desexing operations.



Dog from lot 18 with suspected ringworm, medicated shampoo dispensed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

AUTHOR Merianne Bretag (General Manager People and Corporate Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 September 2025.

SUMMARY

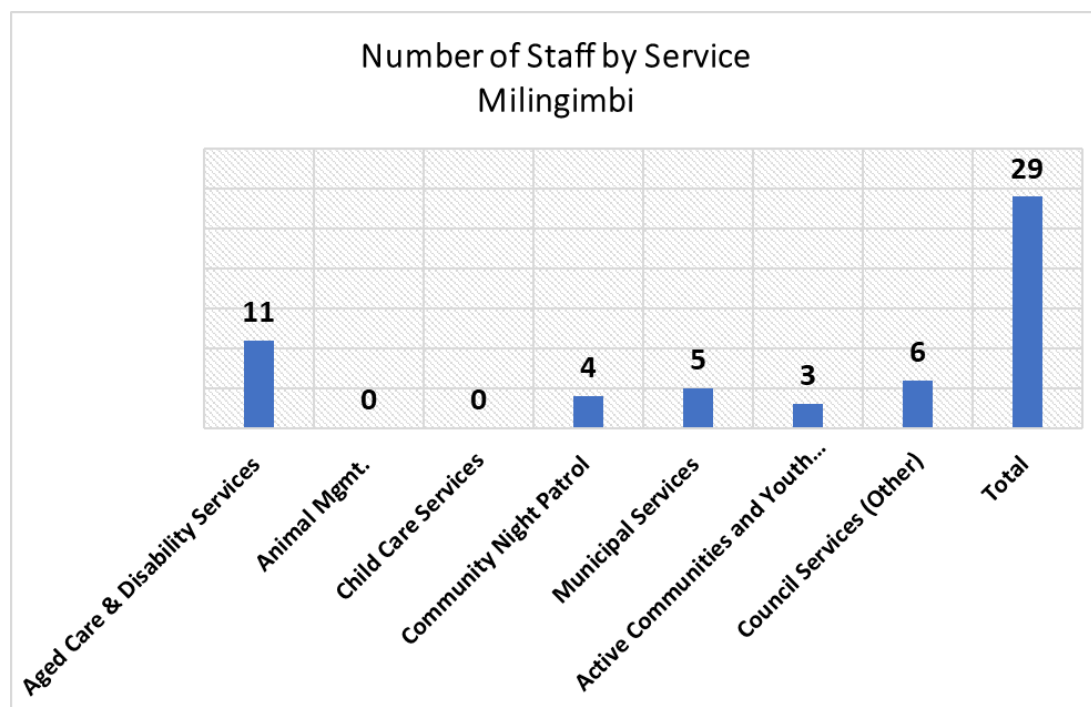
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 September 2025 within the Local Authority area.

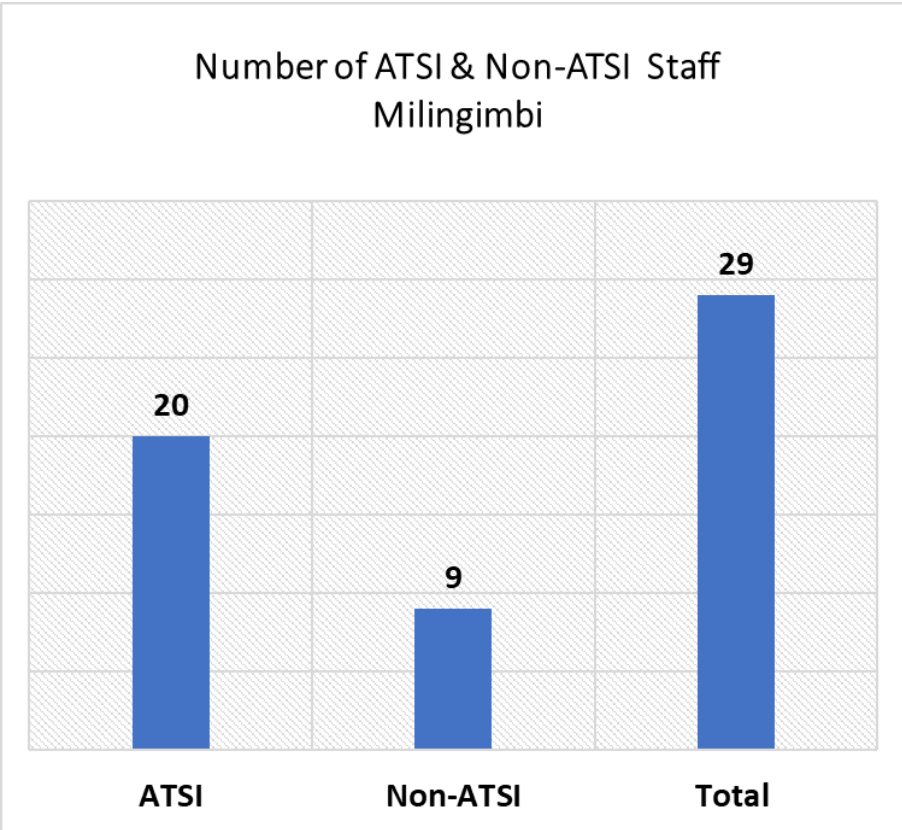
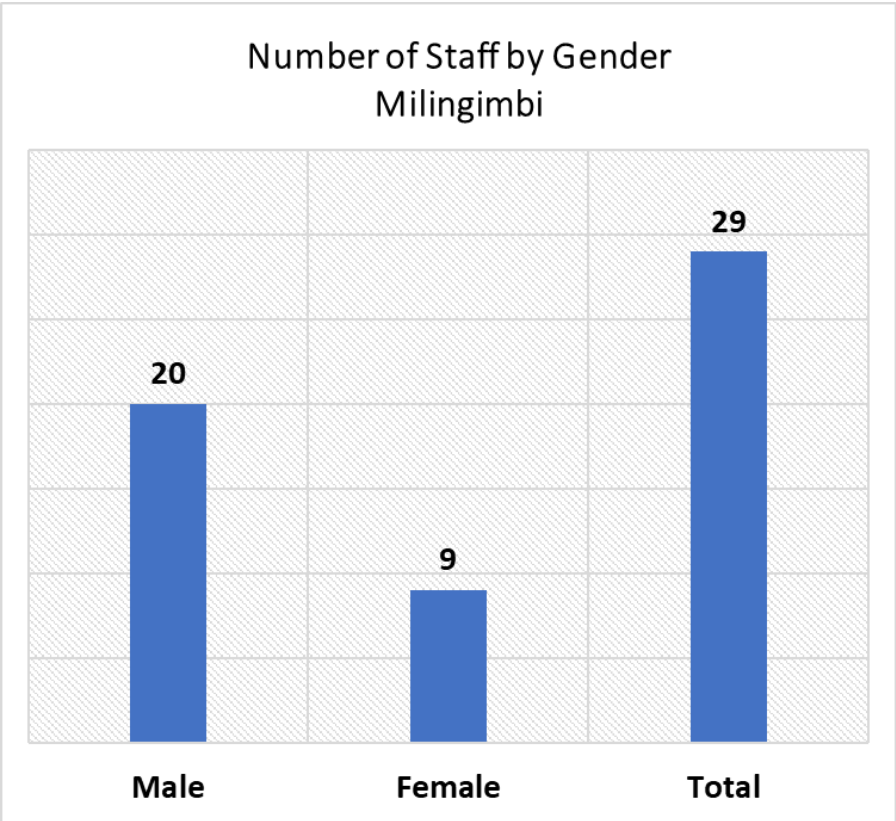
BACKGROUND

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 September 2025:

Position	Community	Type of Employment	Level	No. of Vacancies
Community Night Patrol Officer	Milingimbi	Community	Level 1	1

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

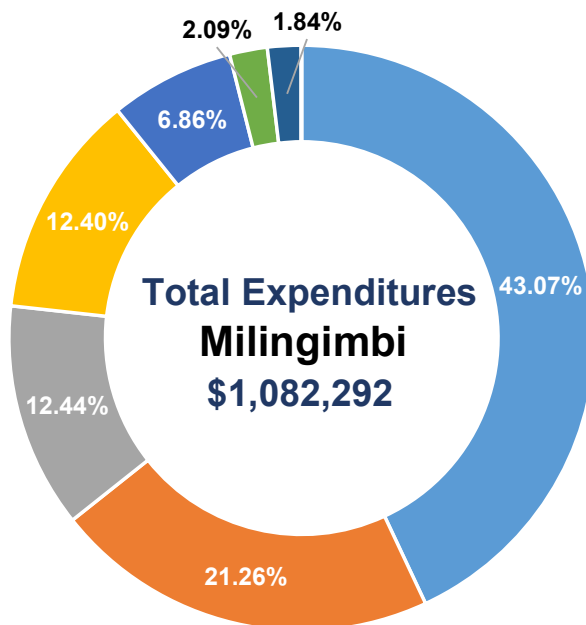
ATTACHMENTS:

1. 03. September 2025 Milingimbi LAPF Funds Left [**3.4.1** - 1 page]
2. 03. September 2025 Milingimbi Chart LA Report [**3.4.2** - 1 page]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - MILINGIMBI FUNDS LEFT

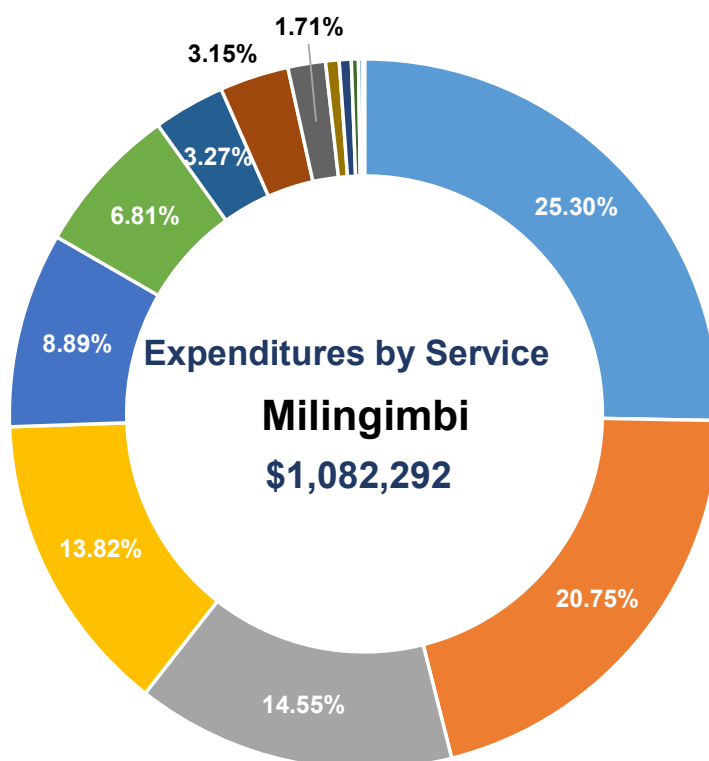
As at 30th September 2025

	\$ AMOUNT
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	723,488
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	723,488
LESS: PROJECTS BUDGETED	
299715 - LAPF - Milingimbi - Ceremony area contribution	(900,000)
299515 - LAPF - Milingimbi - Public toilets near the foreshore	(400,000)
TOTAL PROJECTS BUDGETED	(1,300,000)
LESS: PROJECTS (ACTUAL COMMITTED FUNDS)	
293415 - LAPF - Milingimbi Instal of Footpaths	(86,120)
299515 - LAPF - Milingimbi - Public toilets near the foreshore	(578,126)
TOTAL PROJECTS (COMMITTED FUNDS)	(664,246)
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND)	(1,240,758)
COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS	706,646
ESTIMATED TOTAL FUNDING LEFT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS	-



where money was spent?

- Employee Costs \$466,089
- Fleet & Buildings \$230,105
- Core Recovery \$134,634
- General \$134,209
- Materials and Contracts \$74,269
- Insurance & Finance \$22,571
- IT Charges \$19,936
- Allocations \$480



- 141 - Aged Care Services \$273,789
- 169 - Municipal Services \$224,575
- 107 - Council Services \$157,466
- 129 - Waste and Environmental Services \$149,615
- 152 - Active Communities \$96,199
- 147 - Community Patrol and SUS Services \$73,701
- 170 - Youth Services \$35,384
- 171 - Disability Services \$34,039
- 108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services \$18,520
- 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management \$6,712
- 122 - Building and Infrastructure Services \$5,801
- 146 - Community Media \$3,504
- 115 - Library Services \$2,125
- 157 - Local Commercial Opportunities \$694
- 156 - Community Events \$102
- 139 - Visitor Accommodation \$66

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Technical and Infrastructure Service Report

AUTHOR Sonia Campbell (General Manager - Technical and Infrastructure Services)

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services report.
- (b) Endorsement of allocation of Local Authority Project Funds (LAPF) to complete the critical access footpath works related to Madumungun Road – Pedestrian Footpath Extension and Easement Access Improvement.
- (c) Approval required to formalise the Jesse Smith Park location for the Ceremony grounds project that will be scoped for construction.

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.

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.

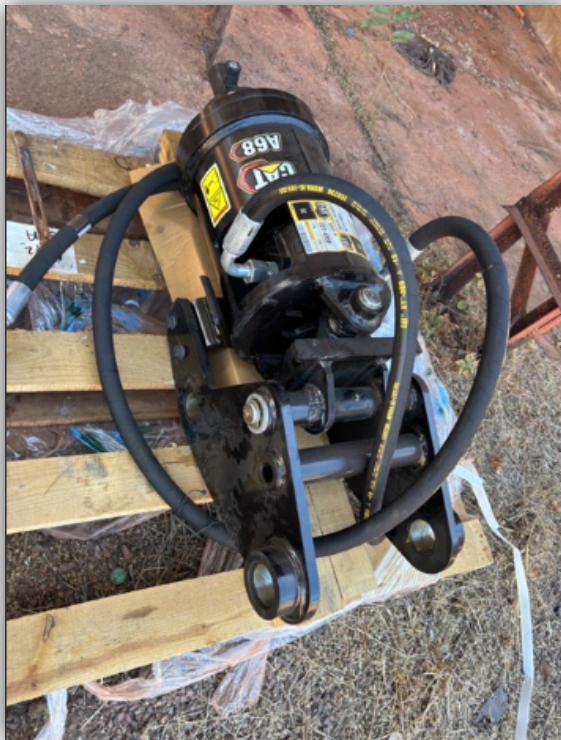
The information within this report covers actions associated with the below Technical Services areas:

- 112 – Fleet Management
- 116 – Lighting for Public Safety
- 118 – Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management
- 119 – Local Road Upgrades and Construction
- 122 – Building Infrastructure Services

GENERAL:**112 – Fleet Management**Scheduled Servicing

In June, all East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) vehicles based in Milingimbi completed their scheduled six-monthly servicing in line with the EARC Maintenance Policy, ensuring continued compliance, safety, and operational efficiency.

Additionally, a new broom attachment and auger, supplied by Hastings Deering, has been delivered to the community to enhance local civil and maintenance capabilities within the Municipal Services team.



116 – Lighting for Public Safety

Milingimbi Public Streetlights.

- The replacement LED street lighting luminaires have been procured and received on site at the Municipal Services Depot.

- BJH Electrical & Air have been awarded the contract to undertake the repair and maintenance of the public streetlights
- Tentative mobilisation & commencement date: Saturday, 8 November 2025
- Expected completion date: Friday, 14 November 2025

Community	LED Public Street Light out of service based on night-time audit inspection
Milingimbi	6 – Public LED Street lights 6- GFS Solar Street Lights

118 – Local Road Maintenance and Traffic Management

Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage Program – East Arnhem Region

Australian and Niugini Services has recently been awarded the tender to undertake the Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage Program for a 12-month period across the six communities within the East Arnhem Region, including Ramingining, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak, Galiwin'ku, Yirrkala, and Gunyangara.

The scope of works for the 12 month period includes:

- Two (2) rounds of maintenance grading of unsealed roads
- Two (2) rounds of maintenance grading of road shoulders

This program aims to ensure continued accessibility and safety of the regional road network through regular, scheduled maintenance activities. The contractor will be mobilising plant and equipment on the following dates (pending weather).

Mobilisation dates 2025	
Gapuwiyak	October 28th
Milingimbi	Nov 19th
Galiwinku	November 27th
Yirrkala	November 30th
Gunyangara	December 14th
Ramingining	December 19th
Mobilisation dates 2026	
Gapuwiyak	May 1st
Milingimbi	May 1st
Galiwinku	May 11th
Ramingining	June 1st
Yirrkala	June 24th
Gunyangara	July 6th

119 – Local Road Upgrades and Construction**Madumungun Road – Pedestrian Footpath Extension and Easement Access Improvement**

Phase 1 of the concrete pedestrian footpath installation from the ALPA Store to the Community Church is currently in progress.

Following a recent site review, EARC identified that Lots 191 and 43 on Madumungun Road lack a formalised easement and have no wet season access to the front-facing gazetted road (Madumungun Rd). Residents are currently using an unsealed, non-gazetted back track, which is often impassable during the wet season, posing significant access and safety concerns—particularly for those with limited mobility, including wheelchair and mobility aid users.

In response, an urgent extension to the existing pedestrian footpath has been approved to provide all-weather access from Lot 191 through to the ALPA Store. Completion of this critical work will also require constructing the pathway to the easement access for Lot 42.

Currently, driveway and easement access to Lots 191 and 43 is informal, overgrown, and non-trafficable, making access unreliable. As the responsibility for formalising easement access does not fall under the East Arnhem Regional Council, EARC Technical Services has engaged with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development. The Department is happy to work collaboratively with Council to develop and implement a long-term solution that ensures safe and reliable access for affected residents.

Below indicates the footpath scope of works illustrating the original scope of works plus the extension areas:

Red Line Phase 1 – Original scope of works

Yellow Line Phase 2 – Council is seeking Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) to cover the urgent extension of works. These works were approved due to proximity of the wet season and mobility travel concerns raised by residents. The contractor is currently onsite which would reduce additional mobilisation costs. \$38,747.50 Inc GST

Blue Line Phase 3 – Council is seeking Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) to undertake this portion of footpath works, in order to address and resolve the identified safe access issues for community residents. \$79,809.40 Inc GST

White Polygon shape – Dept Housing easement access



Ceremony Grounds Location confirmation

Approval required to formalise the Jesse Smith Park location for the Ceremony grounds project that will be scoped for construction.

Further consultation will be required to define scope relevant to budget.



ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

5 Meeting Close