



**OPEN AGENDA for the Milingimbi**  
**Local Authority**  
**18 March 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-ŋiw̄maram:

- limurr dhu räal-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-ŋiw̄yuman:

- ŋalma ŋarru räal-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-ŋiw̄yunmarama:

- ŋilimurru yurru räal-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-ŋiw̄maram wäŋa mittji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räal-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 18 March 2026 at 11:30 am.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website [www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](http://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

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

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#### 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

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#### 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**

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1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Milingimbi Local Authority- Minutes 23 Jan 2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]



**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

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### 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.**

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 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**

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## 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  
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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 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.**

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## 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**

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## 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**

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## 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.**

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## 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.

## 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 Milingimbi Action Register [2.1.1 - 6 pages]

**MILINGIMBI ACTIONS**

ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
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> <p>1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or</p> <p>2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms.</p> <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><b>12.05.2021</b> – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p><b>18.05.2021</b> – Update provided to LA, EARC will be provided update from government once received.</p> <p><b>12.01.2022</b> – A separate report was presented on this by the CEO – ongoing.</p> <p><b>15.03.2022</b> – A detail discussion took place with the members, President and the CEO.</p> <p><b>17.05.2022</b> - 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><b>19.07.2022</b> – Ongoing</p> <p><b>20.09.2022</b> - covered in CEO Report</p> <p><b>19.10.22</b> - 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><b>22.11.2022</b> – As above.</p> <p><b>17.01.2023</b> – Deferred until return of CEO from leave.</p> <p><b>21.03.23</b> – to be discussed in CEO Report. Good progress being made with the Government.</p> <p><b>26.10.23</b> – to be discussed and covered in the CEO Report.</p> <p><b>21.11.23</b> – 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><b>14.12.23</b> – As above.</p> <p><b>23.01.24</b> – Further discussions to be held ongoing with NIAA at the next Council meeting.</p> <p><b>21.02.24</b> – 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><b>26.03.24</b> – Ongoing</p> <p><b>24.04.24</b> – CEO to write to Department for an update.</p> <p><b>21.05.24</b> – NTG and NIAA to be invited to next Pre-Agenda day of Council</p> <p><b>25.06.24</b> - Response from Linda Burney received 23 May 2024 to CEO correspondence of September 2023 advising further discussion with Gerrit Wanganeen from NIAA. NIAA &amp; NTG attending June 2024 Council meeting.</p> <p><b>16.07.24</b> – No progress since last discussion.</p>

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ACTION ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p><b>21.01.25</b> – CEO has raised this issue with Jacinta Price’s office as one of 8 Advocacy Items.</p> <p><b>19.02.25</b> – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue.</p> <p><b>18.03.25</b> – Mr. Guyula spoke to the members via TEAMS and had a discussion regarding kava. Further update in the CEO Report.</p> <p><b>27.05.25</b> – 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><b>25.06.25</b> – 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><b>24.10.25</b> – 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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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 LAPP.	<p><b>23.01.24</b> – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services has been on leave and will look into this and provide update at next meeting.</p> <p><b>22.02.24</b> – Director Technical and Infrastructure Services will take this back to LA after costing has been done.</p> <p><b>26.03.24</b> - Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to update members at next meeting.</p> <p><b>24.04.24</b> – Director Technical Services to follow up and provide update.</p> <p><b>25.06.24</b> - No quotations received as yet, Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to follow up.</p> <p><b>16.07.24</b> – No update now. Still organising quotations.</p> <p><b>11.12.2024</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>19.02.25</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>23.04.25</b> – Ongoing has been awarded to NTM for a start date of mid-May.</p> <p><b>27.05.25</b> – Central Arnhem highway currently closed unable to move machinery equipment to Ramingining.</p> <p><b>25.06.25</b> – No update as yet, waiting on highway to open.</p> <p><b>24.10.25</b> – LA members endorse the extension of footpath by utilising the Local Authority Project Funding and to leave the church pavers intact.</p> <p><b>22.11.25</b> – Project nearing completion.</p> <p><b>24.02.25</b> – Completed.</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><b>11.12.2024</b> – Manager Building services to raise this tomorrow and look at plan to see what is required. Further consultation with Local Authority required.  <b>19.02.25</b> – Mgr. Building services – want communities’ involvement – with rocks etc., and garden beds. Looking at how best to do that.  <b>23.04.25</b> – 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.  <b>25.06.25</b> – Waiting on concept drawing to make a final drawing and come up with final plan.  <b>24.10.25</b> –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.  <b>22.11.25</b> – Concepts of design currently being created for circulation in Feb LAMP meetings. This will be a design that can be utilized in other communities and will be based off available funds.  <b>24.02.25</b> – Shared the concept designs at LA Meeting, Work in progress.</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><b>27.05.25</b> - 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.  <b>25.06.25</b> – In progress.  <b>24.10.25</b>- 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>
<p><b>FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD:</b>  <b>Advocacy Items</b>                  Water to be installed at the oval</p>		<p><b>19.05.2020</b> – Director of Technical &amp; Infrastructure Services to follow up with Power &amp; 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.  <b>18.01.2021</b> - 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.  <b>12.05.2021</b> – Ongoing – Awaiting response from Power and Water.  <b>12.10.2021</b> – Ongoing – Still waiting for response from Power and Water.  <b>12.01.2022</b> – Ongoing with no approval from power and water obtained to date.  <b>15.03.2022</b> – no update after previous report.</p>

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		<p><b>17.05.2022</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>19.07.2022</b> – Water availability for the oval yet to be confirmed – EARC Tech Services to follow up.</p> <p><b>12.09.2022</b> – no change to the above.</p> <p><b>19.10.22</b> – Move to advocacy – as water will be an ongoing consideration noting the completion of the head works and proposed sub-division</p> <p><b>22.11.2022</b> – Question to be asked to PAW</p> <p><b>21.03.23</b> – potentially another presentation on water story in next round.</p> <p><b>14.12.23</b> – Ongoing.</p> <p><b>19.12.25</b> – With Power and Water.</p>
Community Barge Landing	Requests urgent upgrades and proper infrastructure for the community barge landing	<p><b>21.03.23</b> - Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to advise.</p> <p><b>27.04.23</b> – Discussions continue on ownership etc.,</p> <p><b>14.12.23</b> – Some movement here &gt; submission to Deloitte report regarding Federal announcement of Funding.</p> <p><b>25.06.24</b> – No money for Milingimbi Barge Landing</p> <p><b>19.02.25</b> – this is NTG not EARC. Further discussion with LGANT</p>
Priority footpaths		<p><b>10.11.2020</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>27.01.2021</b> – ongoing at this stage – CDP and Contractors still to recommence respective services in Community at this stage.</p> <p><b>12.05.2021</b> – Ongoing – Will bring information to next LA meeting.</p> <p><b>18.05.2021</b> – Will update at next LA meeting.</p> <p><b>16.11.2021</b> – Update progress in January/late January about the project.</p> <p><b>12.01.2022</b> - 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> <p><b>15.03.2022</b> – Tender will be re-released by the end of April 2022</p> <p><b>17.05.2022</b> – Tender will be re-released by end of May 2022.</p> <p><b>22.06.2022</b> – Tender currently out to the market and will await any submission when closed to consider.</p> <p><b>30.06.2022</b> – Out to tender – closes in 1 week.</p>

**MILINGIMBI ACTIONS**

		<p><b>19.07.2022</b> – Tender has closed but has not been evaluated as yet.  <b>12.09.2022</b> - Tender evaluated to go to council as a reduced scope in the October meeting dependant on funding extension for LAPF  <b>19.10.22</b> – report to be tabled at the December meeting and funds adjustments have been made in the budget revision  <b>17.01.2023</b> – Tenders have gone out and work is progressing.  <b>22.11.2022</b> - Report to be put forward to Council at December meeting and Tender being put forward.  <b>21.03.2023</b> – Asks the Local Authority to defer any progress on the footpaths until waterpark and other project tenders have been received.  <b>29.08.23</b> MOVED TO ADVOCACY  <b>11.12.2024</b> – 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.  <b>19.02.25</b> – Ongoing – Access to field etc., to be taken into consideration of this action.</p>
<p>Sealing of Bodia Road</p>	<p>Supports and approves any application for funding for Bodia Road to be sealed</p>	<p><b>21.03.23</b> – Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to advise.  <b>29.06.23</b> – Waiting on possibility of grant becoming available.  <b>29.08.23</b> MOVED TO ADVOCACY  <b>25.06.24</b> - 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**

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## 2.2 CEO Report

**AUTHOR** Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority:****(a) Notes the CEO report.****(b) Endorses the improved and expanded Advocacy issues as endorsed by Council.****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:**Advocacy

Council and the Local Authorities have formally considered and endorsed a growing number of important issues to advocate for action from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments, for the social well-being of the communities and homelands of East Arnhem Land.

The Local Authority is asked to consider and endorse the following improved and expanded Key Advocacy Issues.

1. Youth Justice and new ways of addressing a high and growing level of youth crime focused on community based facilities, where young offenders are required to stay but be provided support from Council and other relevant service providers – for alcohol and other substance mis-use, trauma and family neglect, and engage the offenders in genuine and effective learning on country of traditional culture, identity and respect, community service, sport and recreation, vocational training, and a clear pathway to jobs – and if anyone fails to do this, they will be sent away to the standard prison system.
2. Shift from dependency on government payments and programs like the previous Community Development Program (CDP), and the new Remote Australia Employment Service (RAES), to include the genuine mutual obligation of community members to participate in work or training to continue to receive payments, to support genuine personal and family responsibility and accountability.
3. Real Local Decision Making - a shift from ignoring and excluding our Indigenous controlled Local Authorities and Council to facilitate open, legitimate, and transparent engagement with all communities and homelands to hear the voices of all people, and support genuine engagement, collaboration, and partnership with the other two levels of government, to gain meaningful and practical outcomes.

4. The ongoing and unaddressed problem of the illegal sale of kava, alcohol and other drugs, illegal card games and the damaging effect they have on communities and homelands.
5. The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.
6. The provision of government housing and other infrastructure necessary for the effective delivery of essential services including Police, Education, Health, Local Government and Community Services.
7. The use of a reasonable percentage of the \$4 billion of committed funds to Indigenous housing in the Northern Territory to be provided for units, duplexes, and houses for local Indigenous workers and vulnerable aged and disabled people, as well as residents of small to large homelands.
8. The de-registration of providers or related companies of disability services that are involved in exploitation and abuse of clients, and other illegal activities.
9. Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.
10. The need for effective consultation, engagement, planning and the commitment of required funding from Rio Tinto, the Northern Territory Government, Federal Government, and other relevant stakeholders, to secure the future of Gove as a regional centre.

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 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

After starting the year with a positive Local Authority meeting in January, the community was looking forward to the next meeting to see new project works begin across Milingimbi. One significant example is the public toilet project at Jesse Smith Park. Construction officially commenced on 6 March, marking an important step toward improving essential community amenities.



*A beautiful day at the Milingimbi Barge Landing and War Memorial area.*

Despite facing heavy wet-season weather and ongoing staff absences, Council Services has remained committed to meeting its obligations to the community. We have worked hard to

ensure essential services continued without interruption, recognising that maintaining public spaces and community infrastructure is critical to the wellbeing of all residents.



*Initial stages have commenced on the public toilet project.*

East Arnhem Regional Council has continued to collaborate closely with key stakeholders on multiple occasions to support a safer, cleaner, and more welcoming Milingimbi. These partnerships reflect our responsibility to deliver reliable local services and to uphold the community's expectations for a safe and thriving environment.

To further strengthen our workforce capability, First Aid and CPR training has been scheduled for all Council staff throughout the month of March. Ensuring our team is equipped with essential emergency

response skills reflects our ongoing commitment to a safe and skilled workforce.

In addition to the above, the Municipal Services team has undertaken specialised machinery training delivered by Kullaru Training and Assessing team. This included practical training on operating two large JCB machineries, being the Loader and Backhoe. The Municipal Services Supervisor completed a refresher course, while two Municipal Officers and the Council Services Manager undertook full training. All staff who participated and passed the training will soon receive their accredited tickets, formally recognising them as licensed operators.



*Training and assessor team from Kullaru with EARC Staff.*

These initiatives help demonstrate the strong skill-development and culture within the Council Services Department, ensuring our staff continue to build their capabilities and deliver services to a high standard for the Milingimbi community.

The Council Office staff continue to work collaboratively as a team, ensuring that day-to-day operations run smoothly and

efficiently. Their strong communication, shared responsibility, and willingness to support one another play a vital role in maintaining high-quality service delivery to the Milingimbi community. By demonstrating flexibility, mutual respect, and a commitment to collective problem-solving, the team consistently upholds the Council's standards and contributes to a positive, productive workplace environment.



East Arnhem Regional Council – Milingimbi Office team. Led by Council Services Manager, Ullas Raman.



The team enjoying breakfast together on a Friday morning.

The Council Services Manager, Ullas Raman had the honour of accompanying EARC Deputy President Mr. Stephen Dhamarrandji to represent the East Arnhem Regional Council at the Darwin Bombing Memorial Ceremony in Darwin. This was a meaningful and memorable occasion, providing an opportunity to pay respects to those who lost their lives during the tragic events of the Bombing of Darwin. Together, the Deputy President and the Council Services Manager laid a wreath on behalf of East Arnhem Regional Council, acknowledging the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of the men and women who served. Their participation reflected the Council’s commitment to remembering and honouring this significant part of Australia’s history.



Deputy President Mr. Stephen Dhamarrandji and Council Services Manager Ullas Raman at the ceremony.

Municipal Services (MS)

The Municipal staff were highly enthusiastic about the recent plant machinery training, viewing it as a valuable opportunity to build their skills and strengthen service delivery across Milingimbi. While two team members were unable to attend due to being away from community for sorry business, an important cultural obligation that Council fully respects, the remaining staff carried forward with strong dedication.

Despite challenging wet-season conditions and reduced capacity, the available team continued to demonstrate their commitment to supporting the community. They worked alongside stakeholders and local residents to remove large amounts of hard rubbish from public areas, helping to maintain clean and safe public spaces.



*Hard rubbish removal from Milingimbi School.*



*MS Supervisor Brad Lena tidying up the street.*



*MS Team taking it in turns on the equipment.*



*MS Officer Daniel in action.*



*Backhoe bucket training along with Backhoe training out at the gravel pit.*



Municipal Services Officers, Daniel and James displayed exceptional enthusiasm toward obtaining their machinery operation tickets, attending all five days of training. Their reliability, motivation, and eagerness to learn were commendable, reflecting the positive attitude and strong work ethic within the Municipal Services team.

### Community Night Patrol (CNP)

During February and continuing into March, the community has experienced a significant influx of money linked to the Stolen Generations Wages Compensation court case. This increase in available cash has contributed to noticeably higher levels of gambling activity, both within camp areas and through online platforms.

Night Patrol teams have also observed an increase in children remaining out late at night, often staying near camp areas while waiting for family members who are engaged in extended card games. This has raised concerns regarding child safety, supervision, and overall wellbeing during late-night hours.

Additionally, the number of takeaway food outlets operating in the community has expanded, with several businesses now trading late into the night. This has created more movement around the community during evening hours and increased foot traffic near these outlets. Wet-season conditions, combined with the increased activity around takeaway locations, have contributed to a rise in pickup numbers for Night Patrol. Staff have been required to safely transport more individuals, including vulnerable community members, to and from these areas to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Overall, the Community Night Patrol team continues to closely monitor these trends and remains committed to providing safe, culturally-appropriate support to all community members during this period of increased late-night activity.

### Aged Care Services and Disability Services (ACDS)



*NDIS Clients in action at the basketball court.*

The Aged Care program has experienced significant operational improvements following the recent transfer of staff from other East Arnhem Regional Council communities. These staff movements have strengthened our team and helped address previously reported shortages, resulting in more prompt and seamless service delivery for our clients.

We are pleased to welcome Sylvia Malanarri and Jeremy Dhunbarr, who have transferred from Ramingining, as well as Stephanie Dhamarrandji, who has temporarily transferred from Galiwin'ku to support the team while attending upcoming family ceremonies in Milingimbi. Their combined experience and commitment have greatly enhanced our daily operations and improved staff capacity across the program.

Despite this progress, Aged Care continues to await the recruitment of a dedicated Care Coordinator. This position remains essential to supporting the day-to-day activities of the centre and working alongside the Operations Coordinator to ensure consistent, high-quality care.

In positive news, NDIS clients have been actively attending basketball sessions at the Recreation Hall with the support of their workers. This activity has been beneficial for social engagement, physical wellbeing, and community participation.

To further strengthen skills within the workforce, most Aged Care staff have now enrolled in the Certificate III in Individual Support, with training scheduled to commence on 11 March 2026. This qualification will help formalise the valuable experience staff already possess, while sharpening their skills and supporting long-term professional development.

### Active Communities and Youth Services

During the recent school holidays, the Milingimbi community was pleased to welcome Atnas from Next 9 Sports Academy, who facilitated a series of well-received basketball workshops. Over five afternoons and evenings, Atnas delivered a structured program featuring a range of drills and games. Participation was consistently strong, with 20–40 community members attending each session. The high level of engagement highlights the community's strong interest in regular basketball programs, and Atnas's professional approach contributed greatly to the success of these workshops.

The Drop-In Space at the Milingimbi ACYS Hall continued to be well utilised, providing a safe and active environment for young people. Afternoon activities such as Basketball, Auskick, and Disco Night all recorded excellent attendance, reinforcing the value of offering engaging and structured recreational options for youth.

Recruitment efforts are progressing, with two applicants currently being considered for the available Active Communities Worker positions to further strengthen the ACYS team.

Looking ahead, preparations are underway for Gala Day, with Milingimbi set to host the Under 17 Ultimate Frisbee Competition on 18 April 2026. This event is expected to draw strong community participation and showcase local talent.

Regular programs continue to run successfully, including boxing training sessions, indoor activities, and evening sports programs, all contributing to consistent youth engagement and a healthy, active community environment.



*Footy time at Milingimbi Oval.*



*Atnas from Next 9, with kids at Basketball training.*



Boxing training program at the Rec Hall



**Active Communities & Youth Services**  
Milingimbi



### March Activities 2026

<b>Monday 2</b> Drop in Center 2:30PM- 5:00PM HALL	<b>Tuesday 3</b> Skateboarding   Hall 2:30PM - 5PM Basketball U16 6PM - 8:30PM	<b>Wednesday 4</b> Games & Puzzles   Hall 2:30 - 5PM Outdoor Activities   Oval 6:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>Thursday 5</b> Drop in Center 2:30PM- 5:00PM HALL	<b>Friday 6</b> Footy U16 6:00PM - 7:00pm Footy (Open age) 7:00-8:30pm
<b>Monday 9</b> Drop in Center 2:30PM- 5:00PM HALL	<b>Tuesday 10</b> Skateboarding   Hall 2:30PM - 5PM Basketball U16 6PM - 8:30PM	<b>Wednesday 11</b> Outdoor Activities   Oval 6:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>Thursday 12</b> No Activities	<b>Friday 13</b> Footy U16 6:00PM - 7:00pm Footy (Open age) 7:00-8:30pm
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<b>Monday 23</b> Drop in Center 2:30PM- 5:00PM HALL	<b>Tuesday 24</b> Skateboarding   Hall 2:30PM - 5PM Basketball U16 6PM - 8:30PM	<b>Wednesday 25</b> Games & Puzzles   Hall 2:30 - 5PM Outdoor Activities   Oval 6:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>Thursday 26</b> No Activities	<b>Friday 27</b> Footy U16 6:00PM - 7:00pm Footy (Open age) 7:00-8:30pm
<b>Monday 30</b> Drop in Center 2:30PM- 5:00PM HALL	<b>Monday 31</b> Skateboarding   Hall 2:30PM - 5PM Basketball U16 6PM - 8:30PM	Connection to Body, Mind, Kinship and Culture Images: Milingimbi, NT, 2026.		



Active Communities & Youth Services Activities – March 2026

Waste and Environmental Update

Core Services

WS 2244-01 - Manage Landfill Milingimbi.

Table 1 below illustrates whether the landfill has complied with Council’s Environmental Management Plan requirements for the months

Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance

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

Goal 2



Bulk Waste Clean Up poster - Milingimbi

2.2 Collaborate with community and stakeholder for safer communities.

2.2.1 Facilitate and advocate for community safety, improved safety, improved health and other services.

Community bulk waste clean ups were held across the region with the Milingimbi Bulk Waste Clean Up Week event running from 9 – 13 February 2026. These clean-up initiatives are scheduled to take place quarterly.

Goal 4

4.1.3 Monitor and report on approved Management plans for waste facilities.

Hamish Brace, Regional Manager Waste & Environment, is a trained and qualified Vocational Education Trainer (VET) and has trained many remote students in Conservation Land Management and Agriculture. Hamish delivered this non-certified training while on a visit to Milingimbi.

Municipal Services Supervisor, Damien Lumsden and the Municipal Services team were trained in the following:

- ‘Environmental Management Plan (EMP) Milingimbi Waste Management Facility’
- Milingimbi ‘Listed Waste Management Emergency Response Plan’

One of the current focuses of the NTEPA is on ‘Listed Wastes’ and EARC waste teams’ management of these materials

- Tyres
- Batteries
- Oil



*Hamish Brace, Regional Manager Waste & Environment, Damien Lumsden, Municipal Services Supervisor along with Municipal Services Officers Daniel Garrawurra & James Nankuta, Training in Listed Waste handling.*

WS 4.1.5 Ensure landfills at each community are licensed and operate in accordance with NT Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

An unannounced Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority (NTEPA) inspection of Milingimbi Landfill was conducted on 15 January 2026.

EARC Waste Management team received a letter dated 5 February 2026 on the findings of the visit and submitted a reply to the NT EPA on 18 February 2026.

Due to the heightened rainfall and low worker attendance over the Christmas period. There was standing surface water at the landfill outside our EPL377 licence. The EARC Waste Management team was asked to reply to four observations.

1. Poor cover-up of collected wheely bin wastes (general waste).
2. Standing water in the general waste bay.
3. Used batteries not stored correctly.
4. End of life batteries not stored correctly.

The landfill is not draining well due to a wetter-than-normal onset of the wet season

Bureau of Meteorology Data 2025/26	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
BOM Mean mm	9.6	57.7	187	294
BOM Actual mm	30	119.6	274.6	279.2

\*'Statistics; rainfall for Milingimbi Airport station calculated over the years of data.'

In response to the four observations, the Waste Management team have

1. EARC Waste Management team has engaged environmental consultants to get a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP). Which will be installed in the coming dry season.
  - a. Substantial earthworks will commence after the wet season.
2. Over the festive season, 50% of the available workdays were lost to Public Holidays, staff leave and unscheduled leave.
  - a. Council Services Manager has been authorised to hire up to three additional casual staff.
  - b. To assist with coverup of the Friday bin collection.
    - i. Council Services Manager can allocate two hours overtime to ensure the best coverage of waste is achieved.

3 & 4 Batteries are classed as listed waste. They have specific handling requirements.

Training was supplied to the Municipal Services team in January. This training happened after the unannounced inspection and before the review letter was received. The reply to the EPA included pictures of the batteries and other listed wastes stored correctly.

#### Animal Management Program (AMP) Update

Reporting month/period: Jan - March 2026

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

#### Overall comments:

- There have been no physical veterinary visits to Milingimbi during this period as it is our quiet time of year during the wet season when we organise and plan for the coming year.
- Remote consultations: The AMP team has performed 7 remote consultations, however, mostly sick animals or animals with ticks. This has improved the consistency of veterinary care across the region.
- The team has also responded to an inquiry about the poor condition of some dogs; the AMP team will follow up when visiting next.
- The team will continue to monitor the BJ the buffalo situation on the island, continuing to endorse for his safe removal from community to protect the safety of the community members.

- Upcoming visit: The first veterinary visit for 2026 is 10-12 March 2026 by Dr. Vic Wheeler and Sarah Carrall

Service Delivery Table:

Milingimbi	Jan/Feb 26	FY 25-26 to date	FY 24-25
Dogs Desexed	0	49	36
Cats Desexed	0	16	10
Community consultations	0	41	55
Remote/Phone consultations	7	14	27
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	1	5	14
Minor procedures/other surgeries	0	10	8
Parasite Treatments	0	790	899
Euthanasia	0	1	9
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	0	11	17
<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1075</b>

Community education activities /Stakeholder engagements:

- SERP study. Dr Maddy continues to be in discussions with Miwatj and QIMR team regarding the large scale Strongyloides research project in Gapuwiyak and Milingimbi in 2026-2027.
- The AMP team will be contacting the local community school soon to book in education visits throughout the 2026 school year.

Staff Education/training activities:

- Sarah Carrall and Saraya Aston attended the CDU First Aid and CPR training course in February. They are now up to date on all first aid training.
- Dr Maddy attended the NT AVA veterinary conference in Darwin in February and learnt new surgical techniques and updated medication regimes that can now be used by our veterinary program this year.
- Dr Maddy is going to perform EARC Veterinary Cabinet training with all CSMs and ancillary staff coming up in March 2026.

Photographs:



*The AMP team will follow up on the welfare of this dog during our first visit to Milingimbi.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

**AUTHOR** Sonia Campbell (General Manager - Technical and Infrastructure Services)**RECOMMENDATION****That Local Authority note the Technical and Infrastructure 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.

**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 Services
- 116 - Lighting for Public Safety
- 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management
- 119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction
- 122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

**REPORT STORY:****112 – Fleet Services**

Fleet wise, there had been no reported incidents involving vehicles since the last LA meeting until 11 March 2026. On that occasion, an EARC vehicle was tracked accelerating to 111KPH along the road leading to the airport. Investigations are continuing. The same perpetrator later smashed the glass in the back door of a Hilux in which he was a passenger. Action to replace the glass has commenced.

**116 – Lighting for Public Safety****Repair and maintenance of public streetlights**

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

**118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management****T25-203320.1 Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage for a Period of 12 Months**

<b>Round 1 Mobilisation Dates 2025/26</b>		<b>Project Status</b>
<b>Gapuwiyak</b>	<b>28 October 2025 (mobilised)</b>  <b>Expected to re-mobilise on 20 May 2026</b>	<b>57% completed, demobilised due to wet season late December 2025</b>
<b>Ramingining</b>	<b>20 April 2026</b>	<b>Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)</b>
<b>Milingimbi</b>	<b>4 May 2026</b>	<b>Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)</b>
<b>Galiwin'ku</b>	<b>25 May 2026</b>	<b>Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)</b>
<b>Yirrkala</b>	<b>19 June 2026</b>	<b>Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)</b>
<b>Gunyangara</b>	<b>9 July 2026</b>	<b>Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access)</b>
<b>Round 2 Mobilisation Dates 2025/2026</b>		<b>Project Status</b>
<b>Milingimbi</b>	<b>17 May 2026</b>	<b>Scheduled</b>
<b>Gapuwiyak</b>	<b>30 May 2026</b>	<b>Scheduled</b>
<b>Galiwin'ku</b>	<b>17 June 2026</b>	<b>Scheduled</b>
<b>Yirrkala</b>	<b>31 July 2026</b>	<b>Scheduled</b>
<b>Gunyangara</b>	<b>11 August 2026</b>	<b>Scheduled</b>
<b>Ramingining</b>	<b>3 September 2026</b>	<b>Scheduled</b>

The ongoing monsoonal weather and resulting access issues have delayed any further scheduled works across our remote communities for the Transport and Infrastructure and Building and Infrastructure Areas. If conditions change closer to the meeting date, we will provide the most up-to-date information during the meeting.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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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 28 February 2026.**

**SUMMARY:**

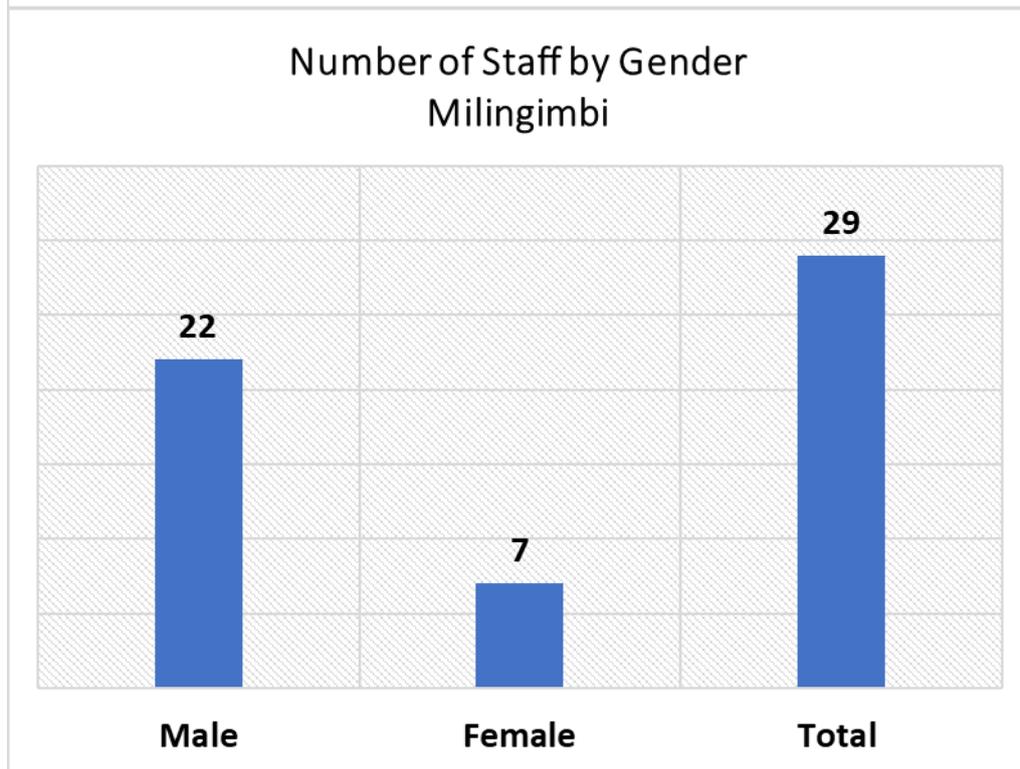
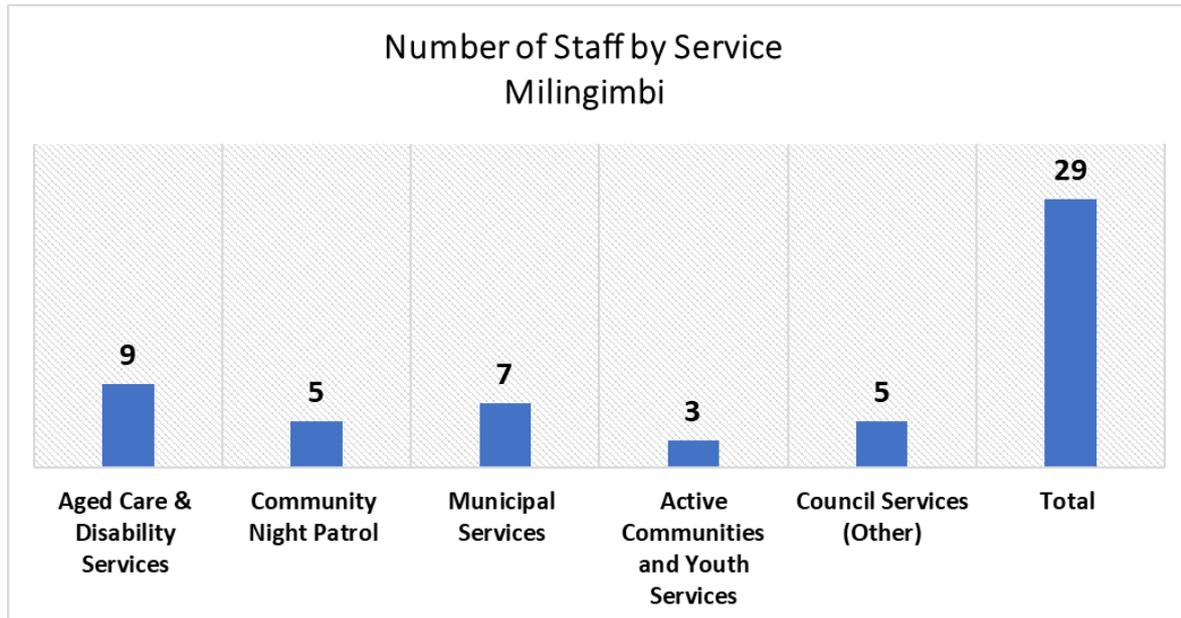
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2026 within the Local Authority area.

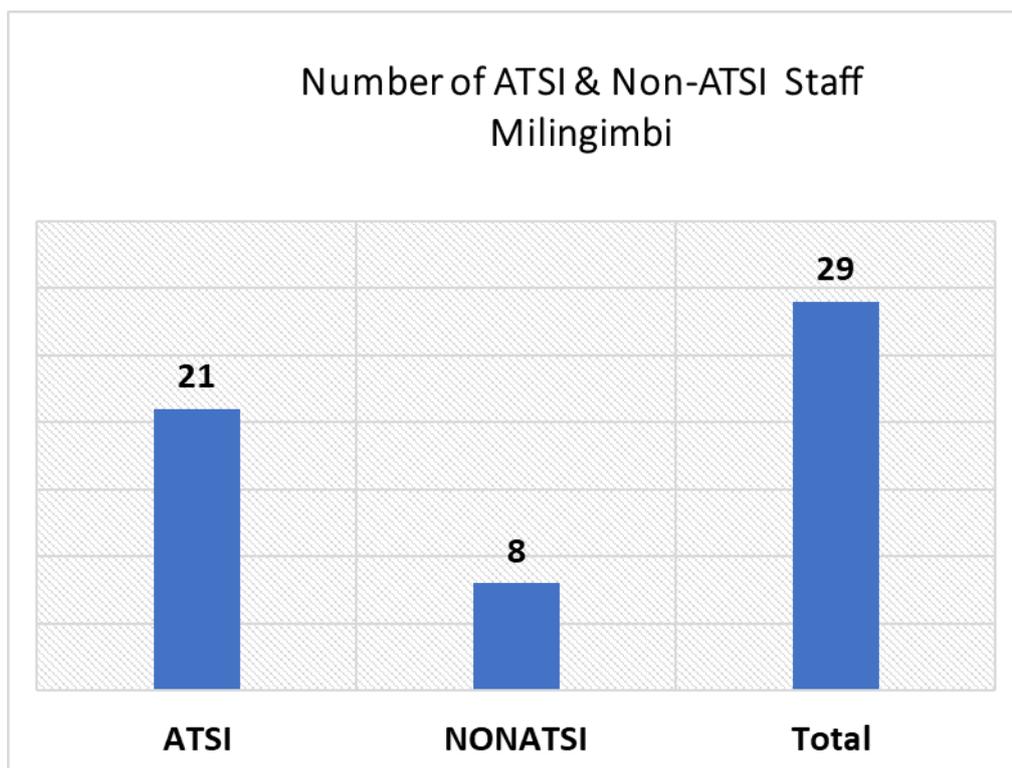
**BACKGROUND:**

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 28 February 2026:

Job Title	Location	Employment Type	Recruitment Type	No. of Vacancies
Community Night Patrol Officer	Milingimbi	Casual	Community	1
Aged Care and Disability Services Support Worker	Milingimbi	Casual	Community	1
Aged Care and Disability Services Support Worker	Milingimbi	Casual	Community	1
Municipal Services Officer	Milingimbi	Casual	Community	1
ACDS Service Coodriantor	Milingimbi	Full Time Permanent	External	1
Active Communities Worker	Milingimbi	Casual	Community	1
Library and Cultural Heritage Worker	Milingimbi	Community	Community	1
Library and Cultural Heritage Worker	Milingimbi	Community	Community	1
Active Community Worker	Milingimbi	Fixed Term	Community	1
Municipal Services Officer	Milingimbi	Casual	Community	1
Disability Support Worker	Milingimbi	Casual	Community	1

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

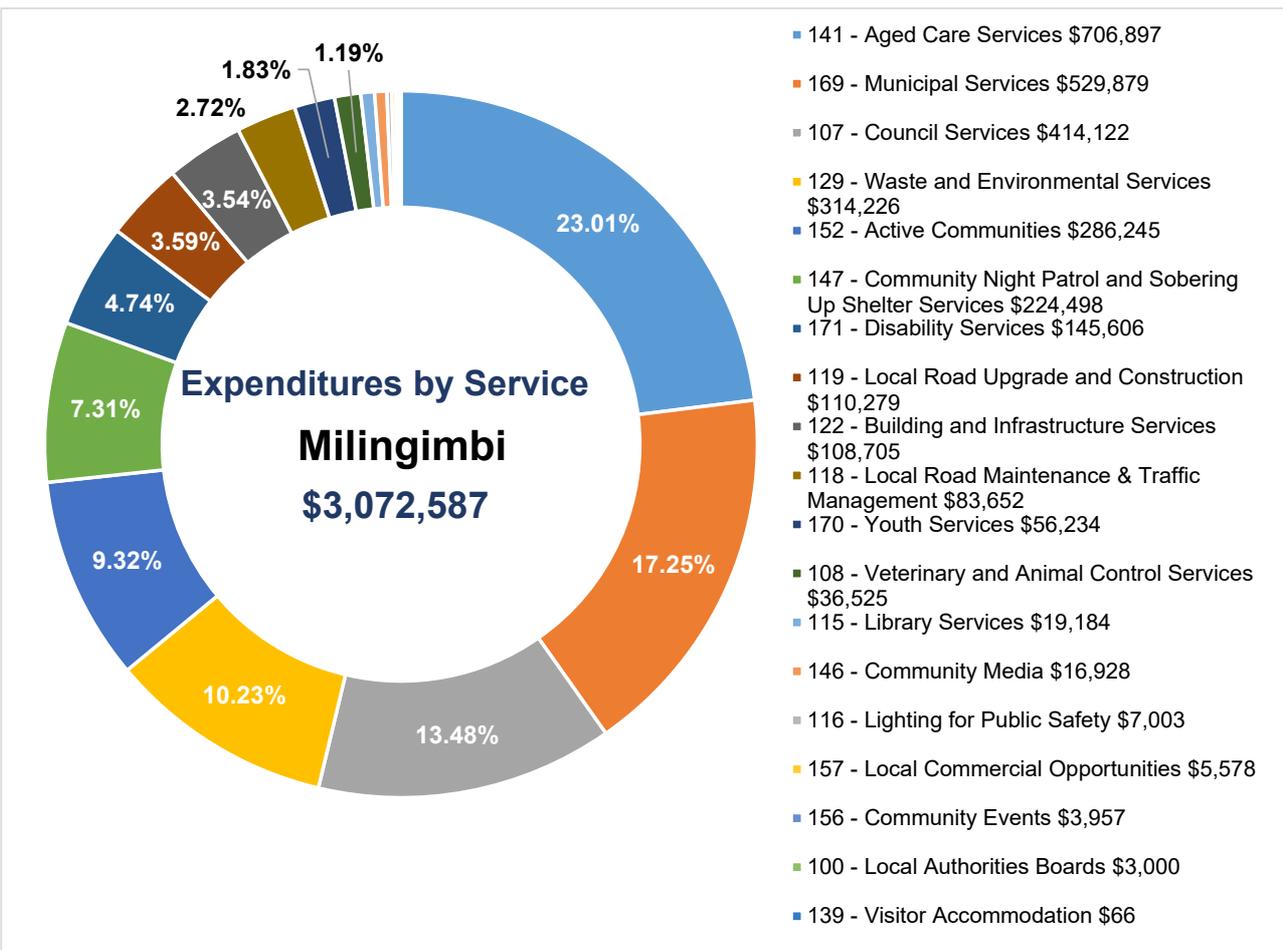
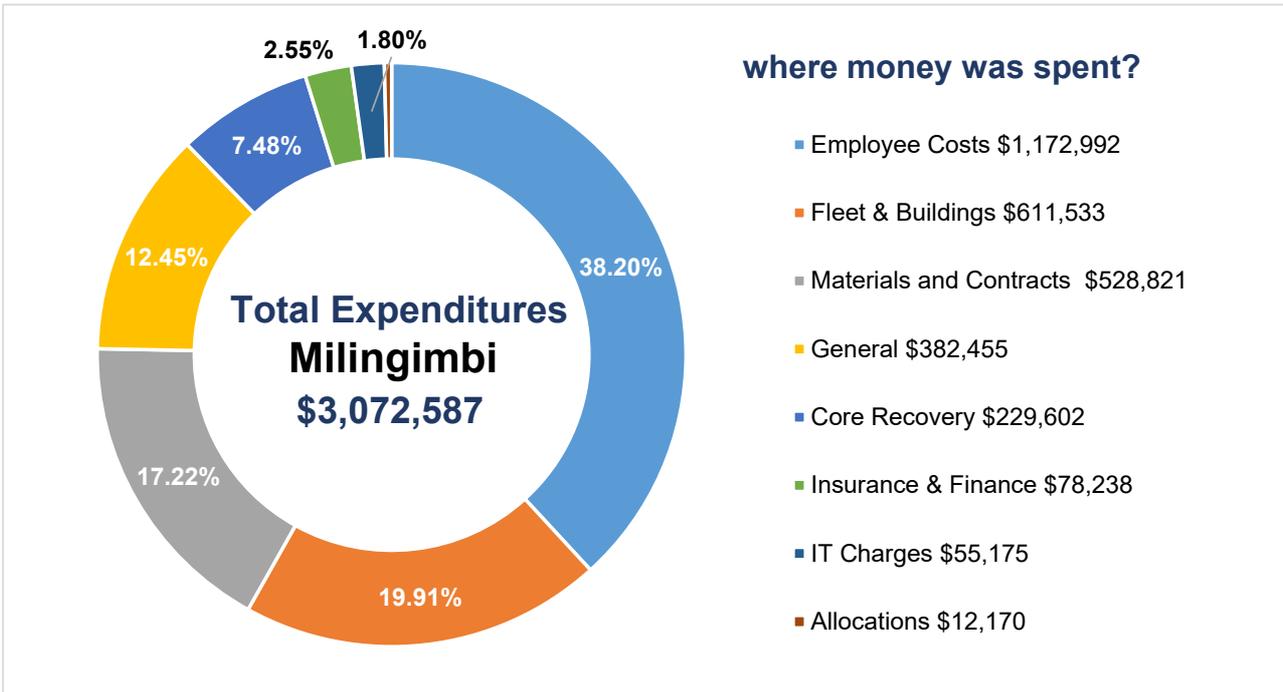
**ATTACHMENTS:**

08. February 2026 Milingimbi LAF Funds Left [2.5.1 - 1 page]
08. February 2026 Milingimbi Chart LA Report [2.5.2 - 1 page]

### LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - MILINGIMBI FUNDS LEFT

As at 28th February 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
<b>CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR</b>	<b>723,488</b>	-	<b>723,488</b>	<b>723,488</b>	
<b>LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	-	-	-	<b>178,500</b>	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>723,488</b>	-	<b>723,488</b>	<b>901,988</b>	
<b>LESS LAPF PROJECTS</b>					
293415 - LAPF - Milingimbi Instal of Footpaths	(86,120)	-	(86,120)	(193,899)	44%
299515 - LAPF - Milingimbi - Public toilets near the foreshore	(1,600)	(593,589)	(595,189)	(581,276)	0%
310915 - LAPF - Milingimbi Ceremony Area	(4,545)	(4,580)	(9,125)	(269,125)	2%
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>(92,265)</b>	<b>(598,169)</b>	<b>(690,435)</b>	<b>(1,044,300)</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND</b>			<b>33,053</b>	<b>(142,313)</b>	



### 3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

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3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Local Police.**

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

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3.2 Discussion with the Australian Border Force

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Australian Border Force.**

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

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3.3 Presentation from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries – Stacey Bulluss

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.**

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request to Present.



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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](mailto: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](http://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:	Stacey Bulluss
Organisation:	Fisheries NT
Position:	Engagement Officer
Department:	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.
Contact number:	0408459037
Email:	Stacey.bulluss@nt.gov.au

Agenda Item
<p>1. Which Local Authorities do you wish to attend?</p> <p>X Angurugu      <input type="checkbox"/> Galiwinku      x Gapuwiyak      <input type="checkbox"/> Gunyangara      x Milingimbi  x Milyakburra      <input type="checkbox"/> Ramingining      x Umbakumba      x Yirrkala</p>
<p>2. What is the purpose of the presentation?</p> <p>To inform on the Barramundi Fishery Reform.</p> <p>The Government will stop fishing businesses from using Gill nets to catch Barramundi.</p> <p>The Government is asking people from the NT to tell us what they think about the barramundi fishing industry</p>
<p>3. For the agenda item, do you expect to: <i>(please complete the option/s that are relevant)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide information to the local authority about: Barramundi Fishery Reform  <input type="checkbox"/> Seek information from the local authority about: What they think about the Barramundi fishery  <input type="checkbox"/> Seek a decision from the local authority about: would they like more information from Fisheries NT</p>



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Other Information (where applicable)	
When is attendance at a local authority meeting required? <i>(Please indicate any time sensitivities)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Next Available Meeting _____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/> Before _____ July ____ (date) <input type="checkbox"/> After
What communication materials are expected to be used? <i>(Please indicate and attach copies where possible, and consider whether interpreter services are needed)</i>	
Do you require use of any of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Laptop <input type="checkbox"/> Documents Printed (Charges apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Projector <input type="checkbox"/> Video X 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 _____ (1st Choice) (2nd Choice) (3rd Choice)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**4 Meeting Close**