



**OPEN AGENDA for the Ramingining**  
**Local Authority**  
**17 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-ŋiwŋaram:

- 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-ŋiw'yuman:

- 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-ŋiw'yunmarama:

- 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-ŋiw'maram 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 Ramingining Local Authority will be held at the Ramingining Council Office offices on Tuesday 17 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:**

Daphne Malibirr  
John Djoma  
Gilbert Walkuli  
Lizzy Mindhili  
Fabian Garawirtja  
Shirley Balalnydju  
Robert Yawarnu  
Leigh Malibirr  
Norman Daymirringu  
Cr Jason Mirritjawuy  
Cr David Warraya

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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**

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1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meetings held on 22 January 2026 and 23 October 2025.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ramingining Local Authority - Minutes 22 Jan 2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]
2. Ramingining Local Authority - Minutes 23 Oct 2025 [1.5.2 - 6 pages]



**OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining  
Local Authority (Provisional)  
22 January 2026**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:50 AM.

### Members in Attendance:

Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy (Chair)  
Cr. David Warraya (left meeting at 03:53 pm)  
Daphne Malibirr  
Fabian Garawirtja  
Gilbert Walkuli  
Leigh Malbirr

### 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.

RAM 2025/57 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirtja/Gilbert Walkuli)

### That the Local Authority:

- (a) **Notes the absence of John Djoma, Shirley Balalnydju, Norman Daymirringu, Lizzy Mindhili and Robert Yawarnu.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Robert Yawarnu and Lizzy Mindhili.**
- (c) **Notes Johnn Djoma, Shirley Balalnydju, Lizzy Mindhili, Robert Yawarnu and Norman Daymirringu are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

## RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

22 JANUARY 2026

**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

1.4 Conflict of Interest

**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2025/51 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirtja/Cr. David Warraya)**

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

**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

The meeting was provisional due to lack of quorum. As a result, the proposed resolution to approve the minutes of 23 October 2025 did not pass and will be considered at the next meeting.

**2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions**

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

**3 Noting Progress and Achievement**

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA  
NGUNIYI

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

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2025/53 **RESOLVED (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Daphne Malibirr)**

**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.**

## RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

22 JANUARY 2026

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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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.

RAM 2025/54 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

**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.

RAM 2025/55 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager 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.

RAM 2025/52 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

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

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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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.

RAM 2025/56 **RESOLVED (Daphne Malibirr/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

**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

RAM 2025/58 **RESOLVED (Gilbert Walkuli/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

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

##### 4.2 Discussion with Police

Police Officer Melissa Ferras attended the meeting and discussed ongoing issues with the Local Authority members. She highlighted concerns about the recent increase in domestic violence cases, which members also discussed. Members further raised concerns regarding ongoing Kava-related issues, and a discussion was held on this matter.

##### 4.3 Discussion with NIAA representatives

Tara Craige and Winston Yunupingu from NIAA attended the meeting and explained NIAA's role in the community, including how funding is provided to various organisations through different programs. Members discussed the ongoing programs and also raised concerns regarding the recent increase in crime within the community.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 March 2026

#### 5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:53 PM

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ramingining Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on 22 January 2026.



**OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining**  
**Local Authority**  
**23 October 2025**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

### **In Attendance:**

Cr. David Warraya (Chair)

Daphne Malibirr

Fabian Garawirtja

Gilbert Walkuli

Lizzy Mindhili

Norman Daymirringu

Shirley Balalnydju

Robert Yawarnu

### **East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:**

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)

Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services)

Adam Johnson (Council Services Manager)

Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

Cr. David Warraya opened the meeting at 11:30 AM

## RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

23 OCTOBER 2025

**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.

RAM 2025/42 **RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Gilbert Walkuli)**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) **Notes the absence of Cr. Jason Mirrijauuy, John Djoma and Leigh Malibirr.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy and John Djoma.**
- (c) **Notes Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy, John Djoma and Leigh Malibirr are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

**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.

RAM 2025/43 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirttja/Norman Daymirringu)**

**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

RAM 2025/44 **RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Daphne Malibirr)**

**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 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

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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.

RAM 2025/45 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirtja/Norman Daymirringu)

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) 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.**
- (b) Requests Council write a letter to Northern Land Council and ask that there be more consultation with community members in relation to matters of concern within the community prior to action being taken.**

### NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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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.

RAM 2025/46 **RESOLVED** (Robert Yawarngu/Shirley Balalnydju)

**That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.**

## RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

23 OCTOBER 2025

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**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.

RAM 2025/48 **RESOLVED (Norman Daymirringu/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.**

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Service 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.

RAM 2025/47 **RESOLVED (Shirley Balalnydju/Lizzy Mindhili)**

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

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

**SUMMARY**

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

RAM 2025/49 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Robert Yawarngu)**

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

**4 Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting: 28 January 2026

**5 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 03:04 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Meeting held on 23 October 2025.

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## 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 Ramingining [3.1.1 - 9 pages]

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON 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>25.01.21</b> – The Local Authorities resolution has been shared with the Department of Chief Minister.</p> <p><b>12.05.2021</b> – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p><b>19.05.2021</b> – Updated has been provided to the Local Authority Members, with further updates to come.</p> <p><b>15.11.2021</b> – A separate report was presented by the CEO in the meeting.</p> <p><b>17.01.2022</b> – The CEO will provide further updates in the next meeting. The LA will continue to discuss Kava with the community.</p> <p><b>02.06.2022</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 and understanding of 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 and support the leadership of the President on this issue</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>21.11.2022</b> – As above.</p> <p><b>16.1.2022</b> – CEO to provide update next round.</p> <p><b>20.03.2023</b> – This is progressing with letters written to the Chief Minister – further updates to be provided.</p> <p><b>26.05.23</b> – Ongoing</p> <p><b>26.10.23</b> – CEO providing an update in his report.</p> <p><b>20.11.23</b> – Issue has been raised with CEO of Chief Minister and Cabinet at a meeting with Council. Unfortunately, new connections need to be made in the Chief Minister Office as he was removed from office. They are looking how to connect with Communities and find a way forward.</p> <p><b>14.12.23</b> – As above – ongoing.</p> <p><b>22.01.24</b> – Continue to meet with NIAA to progress discussions.</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</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>continuous support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed.</p> <p><b>25.03.2024</b>- Ongoing.</p> <p><b>24.04.2024</b> – CEO to write to NTG requesting update.</p> <p><b>20.05.24</b> – NIAA &amp; NTG to be invited to June Council meeting to provide update.</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>15.07.24</b> – No further action from NTG.</p> <p><b>18.11.2024</b> – Ongoing</p> <p><b>20.01.2025</b> – Written to Jacinta Price – regarding the above as one of the 8 items raised with her office. Looking to meet with her in the near future.</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>17.03.25</b> – Mr Guyula spoke to the members via TEAMS at the meeting and discussed the issue of kava. Further update in the CEO Report.</p> <p><b>23.04.25</b> - No further action included in Advocacy Points and will be raised with new Government.</p> <p><b>26.05.25</b> - Ongoing – Superintendent Jody Nobbs has had some traction with 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>23.10.25</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>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>New Cemetery.</p>	<p>General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate the establishment of a new cemetery within the tank camp area.</p>	<p><b>25.06.24</b> - emails sent, waiting on confirmation from Council Services Manager. Location to be confirmed with Traditional Owner.  <b>17.07.24</b> – Ongoing – waiting on confirmation with Traditional Owners, Council Services Manager will provide update at next meeting.  <b>12.11.2024</b>- CSM has met with Daphne Malibirr and a location in Tank area was proposed. A map with the proposed site will be available during the Local Authority meeting.  <b>18.11.2024</b> – Members have reviewed the map and proposed location of cemetery and are happy with the location.  <b>11.12.2024</b> – Moving forward. Approved and going back to Project Manager.  <b>20.01.25</b> – Application has been sent to NLC regarding the lease on Lot 292. Trying to get the permit through and then it can proceed. Additional lighting and solar etc.,  <b>17.03.25</b> – Waiting on approval from NLC for the lease to proceed.  <b>23.04.25</b> – Ongoing email received and NLC have expressed it could take up to 12 months. A letter to be written from President and CEO to the NLC Chair and CEO raising concerns with the delays in section 19 approvals for this and a range of other projects, and request to attend the next Northern Land Council East Arnhem meeting in June.  <b>26.05.25</b> – Ongoing engagement with NLC to expedite the section 19 lease process.  <b>25.06.25</b> – Waiting on NLC – no further updates.  <b>23.10.25</b> - Pending NLC Section 19 lease approval.  <b>22.11.25</b> – as above.  <b>22.01.26</b> - Still working through land use and lease establishment. Most recent communications from NLC regarding the lease, verbatim email extract from NLC below: <i>‘Lot 292, Ramingining was consulted on and Traditional Owners have consented to the proposal. An Agenda paper will now be put forward to the next Executive Council (which will be in 2026) and provided that they give their approval NLC will then provide a Licence Agreement for EARC to sign’.</i></p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>Additional Lighting and power (solar) at the current cemetery</p>	<p>Director Council Services to investigate with Council Services Manager.</p>	<p><b>18.11.2024</b> – To provide update at next LA meeting. Update to be provided in Tech Services report. – documents have been completed for lighting, waiting on power and water. Tender docs have been prepared and will go out soon, once approval has been granted from P&amp;W.</p> <p><b>11.12.2025</b> – Unable to get in on the road due to early wet, it will now be after the wet until road is accessible again.</p> <p><b>20.01.24</b> - Works to commence early April due to the wet season.</p> <p><b>19.02.25</b> – Heavy machinery to fit the lighting, waiting on the wet.</p> <p><b>17.03.25</b> – Ongoing as above waiting for road to become accessible.</p> <p><b>23.04.25</b> – Ongoing waiting on the wet to finish for access.</p> <p><b>26.05.25</b> – Currently awaiting the road to re-open.</p> <p><b>25.06.25</b> – Waiting on road to be opened.</p> <p><b>23.10.25</b> - The Contract has been awarded to KMJ Electrical but due to the KMJ business being sold the project has now been handed over to the new owners. This has caused delays in the actioning of works. New mobilisation date tentatively scheduled for mobilisation early November 2025. To confirm the power access to grid and to investigate electricity access to site.</p> <p><b>22.11.25</b> – Due for mobilisation to site 3rd December – delays due to issues related to the business being sold and new entities capacity.</p> <p><b>22.01.26</b> - Contractor mobilised to site 8 December 2025 to complete works. Once onsite it was determined that there were issues with the PWC owned infrastructure that prevented any work to begin. EARC are now waiting further details regarding PWC intentions and timelines to rectify the situation.</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>Requests that additional lighting be installed in locations that are poorly lit to increase community safety.</p>	<p>Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate and advise.</p>	<p><b>22.02.24</b> – Update on this has been provided in the new format of Action Register.  <b>24.04.2024</b> – Plan that meets Australian Standards in the budget for that is required.  <b>20.05.24</b> – Consultant to come in to look at lighting and see that we are meeting Australian Standards (Lux Audit) plus street safety Audit.  <b>25.06.25</b> – Budgeted for in Annual Plan. Will potentially start in July.  <b>17.07.24</b> – Update to be provided at next Local Authority meeting.  <b>18.11.2024</b> – currently at tender review process, works still underway.  <b>11.12.2024</b> – Report in confidential agenda for council to approve the consultants starting the work on the lighting and internal roads.  <b>20.01.25</b> – There is a report in the Finance committee for approval.  <b>19.02.25</b> – Audit has been approved through tender, waiting on a commencement date. All the communities will be audited.  <b>17.03.25</b> – Consultant that has been awarded the contract has been engaged, waiting on a suitable time – weather dependant.  <b>23.04.25</b> – Tender has been awarded and audit will begin in mid May.  <b>26.05.25</b> – Transportwise has completed the audit, awaiting their report to understand where the better lighting is required.  <b>25.06.25</b> – No further update from Transport wise. A/g GM Technical and Infrastructure Services to follow up timeline for response.  <b>23.10.25</b> - Audit completed of Lux levels across community, a recommendation will be put forward in regards to new installation.  <b>22.11.25</b> – Electrical contractor currently circulating all communities to repair and replace damaged lighting. Vandalism and Power surges make up the majority of damages to lighting infrastructure.</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>The members raised about the building in centre of town that has <b>the stage</b>, there is an interest by the church to use it.</p>	<p>The Council Operations Manager to contact the Uniting Church, about Church providing a formal request for us to follow up.</p>	<p><b>22.02.24</b> – No update at this point.  <b>25.03.24</b> - Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to look into handing building back to the Land Trust.  <b>24.04.24</b>- Handing building back to the Land Trust.  <b>20.05.24</b> – DTSI met with NLC, surrender of lease is underway.  <b>25.06.24</b> – Application for handback has been actioned. Awaiting consultation by the NLC.  <b>17.07.24</b> – Ongoing.  <b>18.11.2024</b> – Infrastructure Services to follow up and provide update.  <b>11.12.2025</b> – Met with NLC unfortunately they have a backlog of applications – ongoing.  <b>20.01.25</b> – Inspection of existing building required, need to establish if it’s sound to hand over lease. It needs to be deemed as a useable building. Ongoing.  <b>19.02.25</b> – GM will be inspecting next week if it’s in a useable condition, part of the NLC agreement, is that we can hand over the lease, so it is up and running.  <b>17.03.25</b> – After reviewing the building further works are required and have been assigned to the maintenance team for completion.  <b>23.04.25</b> – Ongoing waiting on quotes.  <b>26.05.25</b> – Coordinating with the contractor to review works.  <b>25.06.25</b> – Update to be provided at Local Authority meeting -works are required at the church.  <b>23.10.25</b> – To identify Section 19 lease status, to identify the need and condition of the property.  <b>24.02.25</b> – To confirm the Section 19 and repairs and maintenance report on stage to ascertain costings for repair.</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p>Requests General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate installation of a footbridge over the drains in certain areas of town.</p>	<p>General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate and advise.</p>	<p><b>22.02.24</b> – Update will be provided to LA in next meeting.  <b>24.04.24</b> – Pricing and standard design in play. Look to include in next year’s budget.  <b>20.05.24</b> – to be covered in Technical Services report. – Ongoing  <b>25.06.24</b> – Email sent for updates in relation to this action, which is from February with no reply. Will update Local Authority at next meeting and have costings tabled.  <b>17.07.24</b> – Ongoing. Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to update at next meeting.  <b>18.11.2024</b> – Discussions ongoing for location of footbridge and location of solar lighting. Local contractor has confirmed capacity and provided quotes. In progress and waiting approval of the LA members. Weather dependant.  <b>11.12.2024</b> – Been approved by local members, Due to weather will be on hold until after wet. Quotes obtained from a local contractor, and they have already been engaged.  <b>20.01.25</b> – BV Contractors to start site preparation works on 20.01.25.  <b>19.02.25</b> – Work has commenced on footbridge has begun and also looking at drainage.  <b>17.03.25</b> – Works are still ongoing – delay due to ongoing wet season.  <b>23.04.25</b> – Ongoing to the wet season.  <b>26.05.25</b> Waiting for the area to dry out – ongoing.  <b>25.06.25</b> – Waiting on the road to open. BV Contracting is waiting to commence works.  <b>23.10.25</b> – BV contracting commenced works, 50 percent works have completed. Expected completion by end of October 2025.  <b>22.11.25</b> – Works still ongoing. Contractors capacity is low, we are working towards getting these works complete.  <b>24.02.25</b> – Solar lights to be completed damaged railing replaced.</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Signs and speed humps	Further signs and potential speed humps are required to reduce speeding	<p><b>20.01.25</b> - General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to work with the Roads Manager to establish a traffic management plan.</p> <p><b>19.02.25</b> – Specific speed humps have been ordered for Raminging. A couple of issues with drainage have been identified which need further investigation first.</p> <p><b>17.03.25</b> – Waiting on the roads consultant to be mobilised and this will form part of their assessment.</p> <p><b>23.04.25</b> – Ongoing and is incorporated into audit.</p> <p><b>26.05.25</b> – Awaiting Transportwise report which will support the request for signage and speed humps.</p> <p><b>25.06.25</b> – Waiting to hear back from Transportwise to provide update.</p> <p><b>23.10.25</b> – Audit has been completed, recommendations have been provided in report and will be in actioned in the New Year.</p> <p><b>22.11.25</b> – Community signage maps currently being created to become a template for reporting damaged/missing signs into the future.</p> <p><b>24.02.25</b> – The signs are currently being procured.</p>
Local Authority Logos	The members supported the General Business comment made by Galiwin'ku in relation to individual logos for Local Authorities, and noted they would like to reintroduce the logos from the old Local Government days.	<p><b>26.05.25</b> -The members also ask for the Communications Advisor to liaise with the communities to this end, noting this is to show a link between the past and the present.</p> <p><b>25.06.25</b>- Comms Advisor is working with Councillors to establish what they require in the logos.</p> <p><b>23.10.25</b> – LA members will discuss and come up with the decision in next LA meeting.</p> <p><b>24.02.25</b> – Discussed in previous LA, to be followed up in March LA round.</p>
Access to the community from Central Arnhem Road.	The members have raised the issue of access to the community from Central Arnhem Road. There is an issue relating to 48ks of road which Rangers state the turnoff is the only road to the community for 7 months per year. This is a main public road. The onus of maintenance of this road falls with DIPL, however they are asking for advocacy from EARC to find a solution with DIPL to have this matter rectified.	<p><b>26.05.25</b> – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to take this matter forward on the members behalf.</p> <p><b>25.06.25</b> – Ongoing.</p> <p><b>23.10.25</b> – EARC to advocate the issue by writing a letter to DLI and LA members to sign on letter.</p> <p><b>22.11.25</b> – Letter being drafted</p> <p><b>24.02.25</b> – Made contact with DLI representative, work in progress.</p>

**RAMINGINING ACTIONS**

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p><b>FUTURE ACTION</b>  <b>ITEM/ACTION ON</b>  <b>HOLD:</b>  <b>Stage/Advocacy</b></p> <p>Community Oval</p>	<p>Extend the Community Oval Stage and construct a stage at the Church grounds. \$200,000</p>	<p><b>18.01.2021</b> Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021</p> <p><b>12.05.2021</b> – Ongoing</p> <p><b>19.05.2021</b> – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting, Design stage is currently in the process.</p> <p><b>15.11.2021</b> – Construction of lights will begin in January. Ongoing. Quotation will go out in a few weeks. Local authority to put LA money of \$138,934.00 to the community oval stage project.</p> <p><b>17.01.2022</b> - Request for Tender (RFT) for Lighting to be released in two weeks due to capacity and staff leave over the Christmas period. Request For Tender (RFT) documents for the stage to be released to market end of February.</p> <p><b>14.03.2022</b> – will go to the market this Friday</p> <p><b>02.06.2022</b> – To be dealt with in a separate pool</p> <p><b>22.06.2022</b> – tender evaluated – pricing beyond available funds – report in this Council meeting.</p> <p><b>12.09.2022</b> – Remove from Action and move to Advocacy items.</p> <p><b>16.01.2023</b> – No change at this stage.</p> <p><b>20.03.2023</b> – Oval stage – looking for future grant funding - no change at this stage.</p> <p><b>18.09.23</b> – Look for funding for lights at the Church also. Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to write to the church to request funding.</p> <p><b>22.02.25</b> – Council will keep an eye for funding.</p> <p><b>17.03.25</b> – As above.</p>

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

## 3.2 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**

## 3.3 Council Services Report

**AUTHOR** Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)**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

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) in Ramingining has been actively cooperating to build and maintain partnerships with community stakeholders, encouraging service providers to collaborate effectively.

We would like to thank Brad Lena, who has maintained the operations of Council Services and community relationships over many months in the absence of a permanent Council Services Manager. Brad has also shared his valued knowledge and experience to our newly appointed Council Services Manager, Vicki Wassens who joined the EARC Ramingining team in early February 2026. Vicki has embraced the Council Services Manager role and is enjoying working with our services and developing relationships with stakeholders and community members.

Lakisha Garawirritja joined EARC in mid-February as a Customer Service Officer. Lakisha has been committed to her position by attending work every day to ensure the Post Office is open to the community. In the absence of the other Customer Service Officer, Lakisha and Vicki have managed to work through some functionality issues that have impeded slightly in the delivery of this service, but this is in the process of being resolved by Australia Post.

Currently there is only one vacancy for Council Services Support and that is for the position of Senior Administration Officer.



*Customer Service Officer, Lakisha Garawiritja sorting out incoming mail.*

### Municipal Services (MS)

The Municipal Services team has performed exceptionally well in maintaining community lawns and public areas during the rapid foliage growth of the wet season. Despite challenging conditions, grass mowing in general grounds maintenance remain consistent and up to standard.

Significant progress has been made on verge remediation works. The team has successfully filled and levelled numerous water damaged road verges as part of an ongoing improvement programme to reduce standing water and improve pedestrian and vehicle access.

A large volume of hard rubbish has been collected from across the community and safely transported to landfill, contributing to improve environmental health and community presentation. Also waste collection is operating efficiently with a new garbage truck now fully integrated into service. Collection reliability has improved, in the team has adapted well to the upgraded equipment.

Barge collection is going well even though there are very challenging road conditions during this wet season.

The team is currently developing a practical solution to improve bin distribution and prevent bins from being tipped over during windy conditions or by animals. This includes trialling the fitting of securing cables to fences to reduce litter and environmental impact.

Continued support for wet season infrastructure repairs (particularly verge restoration and drainage) would assist in maintaining long-term improvements to community access and presentation.

The MS team attended training with Kullaru Pty Ltd in February where they successfully attained their licence to operate Front Loaders and Skid Steers. They were joined by Bill (MS Supervisor) and Vicki (Council Services Manager), the week-long training was enjoyable and

informative resulting in seven qualified operators of our large machinery. A team barbeque was held to celebrate this successful result and the 100% attendance, providing an opportunity to acknowledge staff achievements and strengthen team morale.

Luke Dhamarandji commenced employment in early February as a Municipal Services Officer. Luke has settled in well and is contributing positively to daily operations.



Spreading and back blading driveways.



CSM, Vicki, learning Skid Steer operations.



Spreading and back blading driveways.



MS Officer, Marty driving a heavy vehicle.



Municipal Services team with Kullaru trainers Ged & Willy.



MS Team Member, Russell learning to back blade smoothly.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Our Community Night Patrol team of Fabian Garawirritja & Christina Daymirringu have continued to deliver this service to the Ramingining Community to a high standard, reporting their observations with detail. Both Fabian and Christina welcome the support of Council Services Manager (CSM) Vicki and look forward to strengthening the service by meeting together regularly and discussing new ideas of engaging with the community.

Two flat tyres to the Night Patrol Van saw it out of action for a week while waiting on new tyres to be delivered on the barge. We thank Bill Kathagen for the use of his vehicle (MS Hilux) to ensure the service was able to operate in the meantime.

Fabian has been actively promoting the vacancies for Community Night Patrol Officers, to which there is a position for one female and one male. Applications have been received and interviews undertaken. We hope to announce the successful applicants soon and have them strengthen and support our Community Night Patrol service.

Aged Care and Disability Services (ACDS)

Aged Care and Disability Services have been focusing on strengthening relationships with Miwatj Aboriginal Health, CarersNT, Sal Consulting (SEWB), National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Allied Health (Wamut physiotherapy) and NT Health (CAHT team) which compliments the delivery of our services to community.

The Aged Care and Disability Services team continues to offer their popular Centre based activities of a monthly BBQ, damper making, bingo, arts and crafts, walking group, pancake bar, scent guessing game and knock 'em down.

There has also been On Country visits to Ngangala (Riny), participation with the Strong Connections Strong Heart program, which is therapeutic wellbeing through art, and Men's wood working activities.

The team are looking forward to upskilling with Certificate III Individual Support training to commence on 11 March 2026.

Currently there are four Aged Care & Disability Support Worker vacancies to join the team.



*Activities at the Ramingining Aged Care and Disability Centre.*



*A group bingo game at the Raminging Aged Care and Centre.*



*Male clients looking sharp after having haircuts and beard trims.*



*Phillip Dhamarrandji – participating in the Sal Consulting activity at Bula Bula Arts centre.*



*Clients enjoying the fresh air in the shade.*

Active Communities and Youth Services (ACYS) & Libraries and Cultural Heritage (LCH)

ACYS staff continue to deliver effective and meaningful activities within the Ramingining community to ensure positive engagement with the Djamarrkuli (Children) and community.

Ongoing meetings and positive relationships with key stakeholders in community including Miwatj Health and East Arnhem Youth Model (EAYM), have paved the way for some very exciting, larger scale collaborations in the future, particularly over the school holiday periods.

Cooking program collaboration with Miwatj is now a permanent part of the program at 4.00pm every Wednesday, with high attendance from community enjoying the ngatha (food) and a yarn. Guest speakers such as a dietitian will join the program each week to engage and educate attendees.

ACYS staff are running multiple activities every week in the library space with the support of Library and Cultural Heritage worker Rachel. This has led to positive engagement with our young people. In the ACYS fortnightly meetings, the staff are discussing ideas to improve the library space, including utilising the library for future collaborations with the school and other key stakeholders.



*Cooking Program – Miwatj Collaboration.*



*Reading activity at the Library.*



*Basketball competition in full swing.*

Activities that are currently being held in Ramingining include: Basketball, Bat Bat, Soccer, Touch Rugby, Skateboarding, Community Discos, Movie Nights, Art & Craft, Reading, AFL, Edor, Excursions on Country, Sound Ed Music, Cooking programs, Volleyball and various Library Activities

Notable events held over the past couple of months included a visit from Wayne from Sound Ed, who visited Ramingining on 12 – 16 January 2026, to work with the youth and production of a new Ramingining Music Video. 19 – 23 January 2026, Skateboarding Workshops were held with Eugene from Build Up Skateboarding and 27 February 2026, saw the debut of the new Ramingining Music Video.

Currently the ACYS program has one vacancy for an Active Communities Worker.



Planning of the new Ramingining Music Video.



ACYS Worker, Jarica after a colour run.

Waste and Environmental Update

Welcome to Vicki Wassens, as Council Services Manager, Ramingining. Vicky is working closely with the EARC waste team, and I am looking forward to working alongside her and the team in Ramingining – *Hamish Brace, Regional Manager Waste & Environment.*

Core Services

WS 2244-01 - Manage Landfill Ramingining.

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

*Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance*

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

Goal 22.2 Collaborate with community and stakeholder for safer communities.

Bulk Waste Clean Up Week poster - Ramingining

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 Ramingining Bulk Waste Clean Up Week event running from 9 – 13 February 2026. These clean-up initiatives are scheduled to take place quarterly.

Goal 4WS 4.1.5 Ensure landfills at each community are licensed and operate in accordance with NT Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

The reply to NTEPA's observations made in October 2025 was provided by Council at the end of January 2026. EARC is awaiting a formal reply.

Animal Management Program (AMP) Update

Reporting month/period: Jan-Feb 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 Ramingining 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 10 remote consultations across the period, including sick and injured animals as well as parasite control. This improves the consistency of veterinary services across the region.
- Upcoming vet visit: The first veterinary visit to Ramingining for 2026 is from 17 – 20 March by Dr Vic Wheeler and Saraya Aston.

Service Delivery Table:

Ramingining	Jan/Feb 26	FY 25-26 to date	FY 24-25
Dogs Desexed	0	42	51
Cats Desexed	0	10	22
Community consultations	0	19	93
Remote/Phone consultations	10	15	28
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	8	16	13
Minor procedures/other surgeries	0	4	3
Parasite Treatments	0	718	1068
Euthanasia	0	2	5

Private practice consultations (Mainland)	1	5	25
<b>Total Engagements</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1308</b>

Community education activities:

- The AMP team will be contacting the local community school soon to book in education visits throughout the 2026 school year.

Staff training:

- 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

Photographs:



*A skinny hairless dog treated by concerned community members using medication dispensed from our EARC Veterinary cabinets.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

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

**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:

**REPORT STORY:**112 – Fleet Services

It is great to say that there have been no reported Fleet related incidents in Raminging since the last report to LA meeting. For information of the community. Darkys Mechanical Service have recently had a mechanic in Raminging to do his induction and make contacts in the community. He is soon going to move back with his family to be the full time Raminging mechanic and expects to be ready to work from early April. Of course that is weather permitting.

As per Addendum 1, further up to date information will be provided on the day.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

3.5 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:**

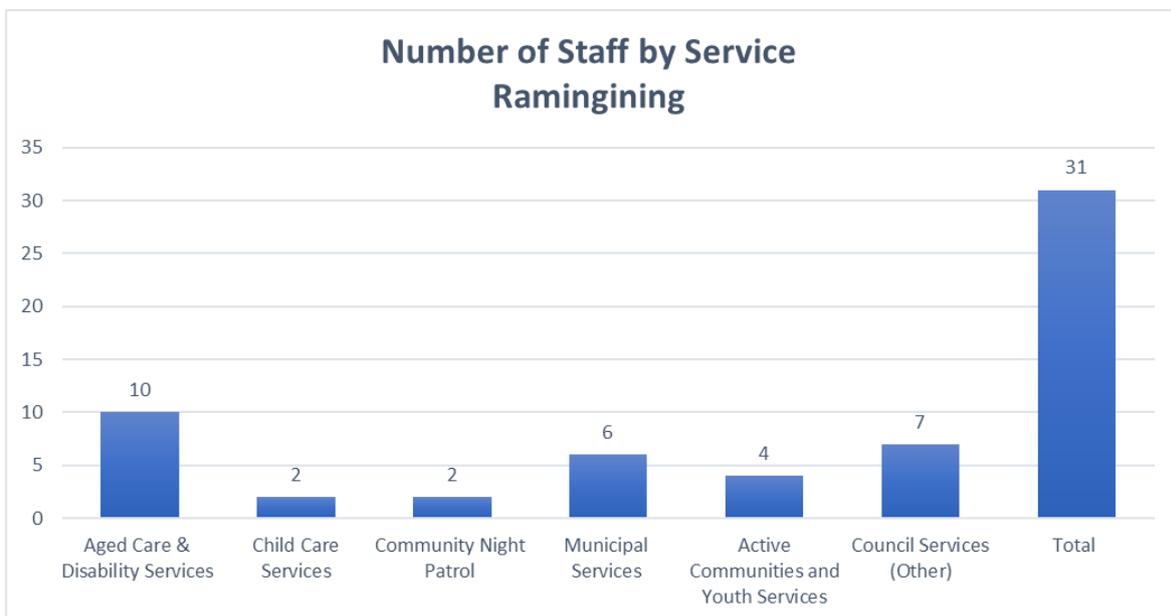
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2026 within the Local Authority area.

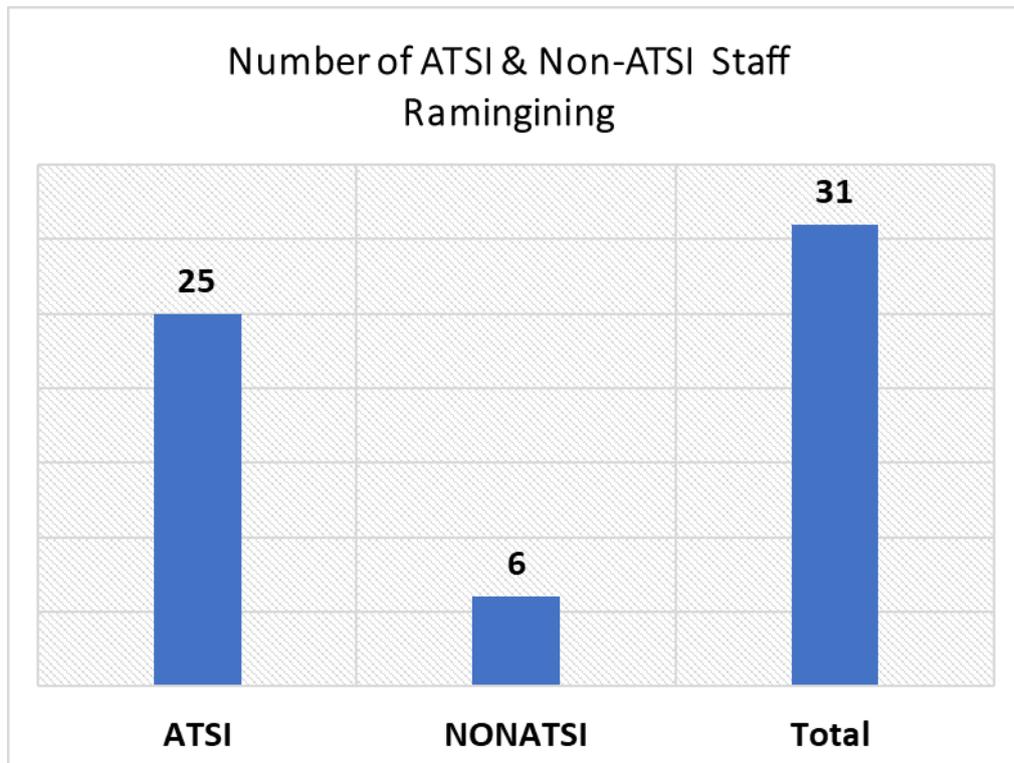
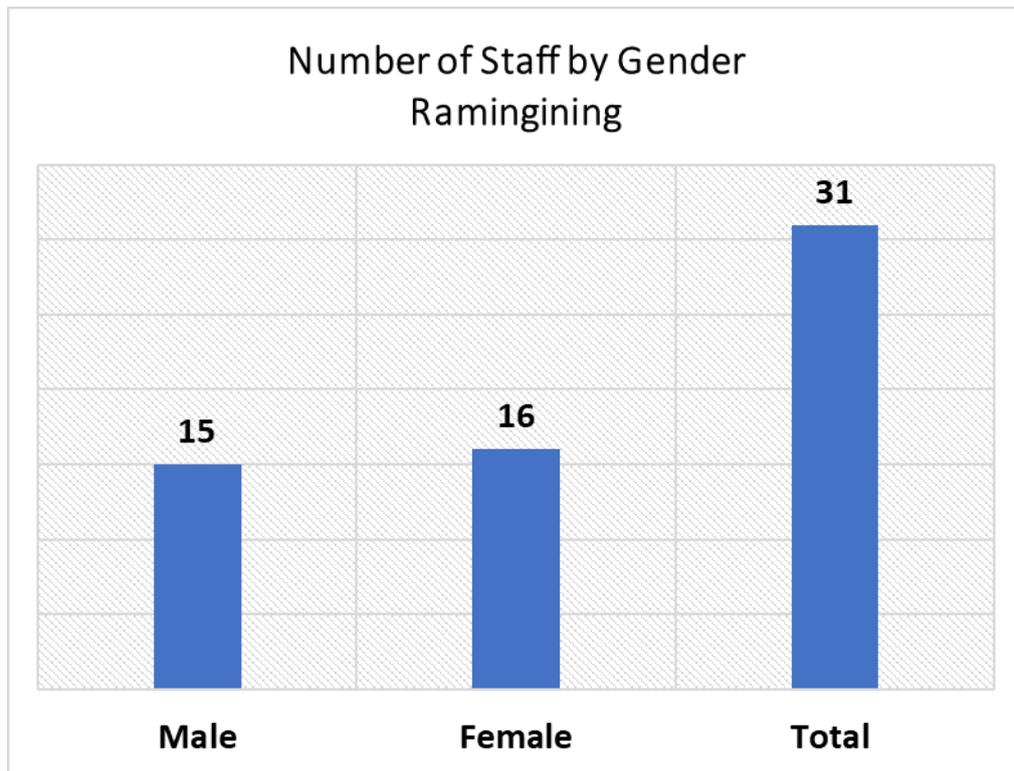
**BACKGROUND:**

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
Customer Service Officer	Ramingining	Casual	Community	1
Active Community Worker	Ramingining	Fixed Term	Community	1
ACDS Support Worker - Aged Care	Ramingining	Casual	Community	1
Senior Administration Officer	Ramingining	Full Time	External	1

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

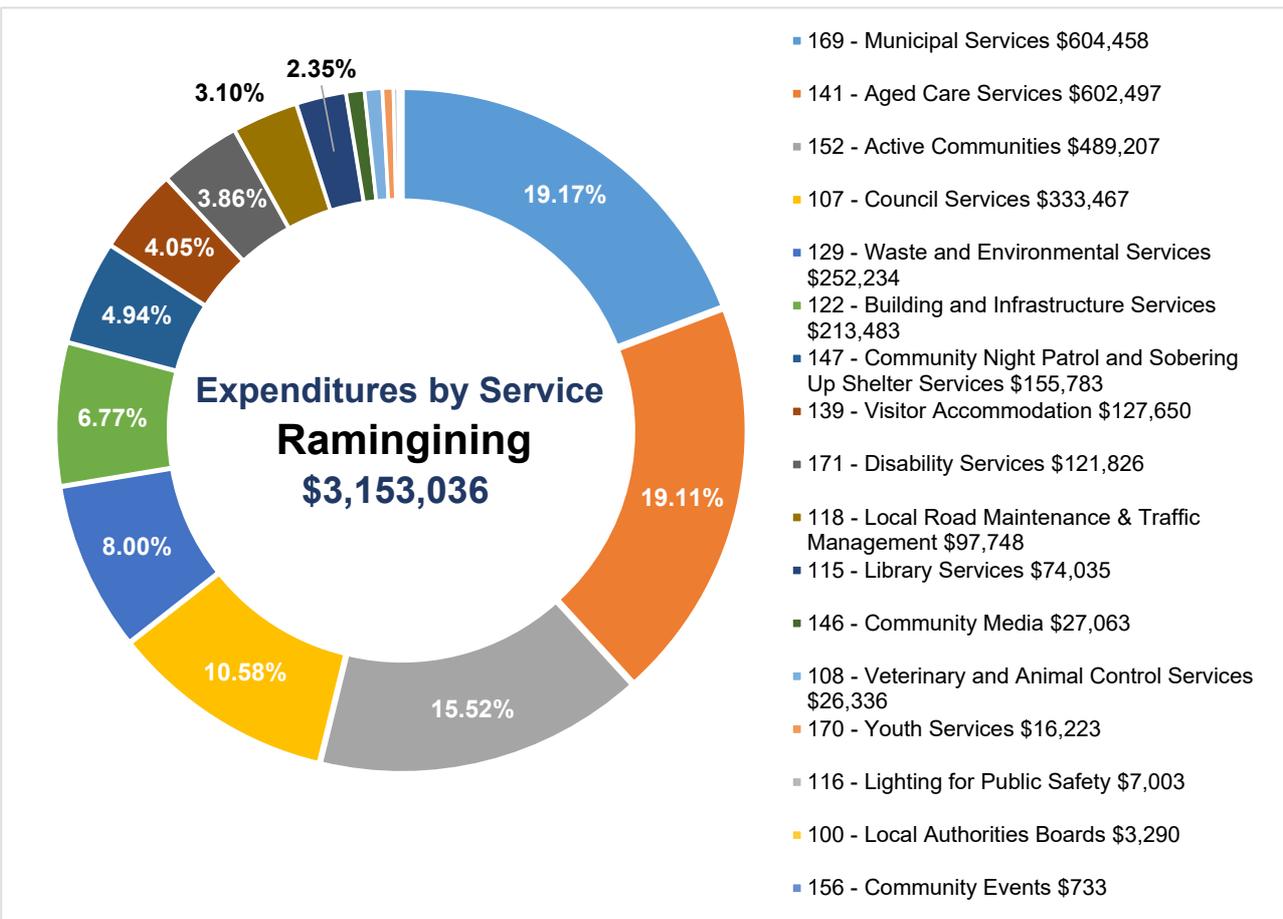
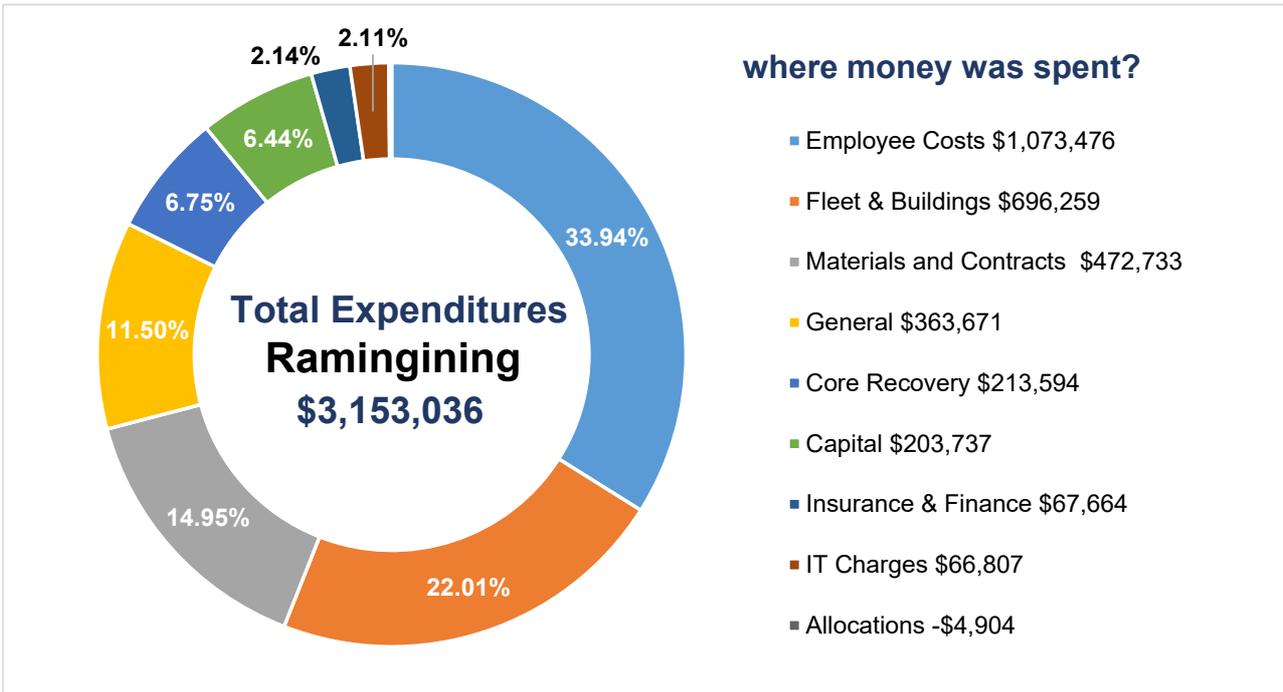
**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 08. February 2026 Ramingining LAPF Funds Left [3.5.1 - 1 page]
2. 08. February 2026 Ramingining Chart LA Report [3.5.2 - 1 page]

**LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - RAMINGINING 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>	135,400	-	135,400	135,400	
<b>LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	-	-	-	135,400	
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	135,400	-	135,400	270,800	
<b>LESS LAPF PROJECTS</b>					
299314 - LAPF - Ramingining - Oval Lights	-	(2,850)	(2,850)	-	0%
304914 - Local Authority Project Funding Ramingining - Revenue	(36,562)	(41,416)	(77,978)	(77,978)	47%
310414 - LAPF - Ramingining New Cemetery	-	-	-	(92,822)	0%
310514 - LAPF - Ramingining Cemetery Lighting	-	(85,221)	(85,221)	(100,000)	0%
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>(36,562)</b>	<b>(129,488)</b>	<b>(166,050)</b>	<b>(270,800)</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND</b>			<b>(30,650)</b>	-	



## **4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting**

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### 4.1 Discussion with Local Police

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

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### 4.2 Discussion with Australian Border Force

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## **5 Meeting Close**