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OPEN AGENDA for the Ramingining
Local Authority
21 July 2026

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Djambarrpuyngu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipunur EARC-nur bukmakku yolñuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wänjakurr malañuwurr buku-liwmaram:

- limurr dhu räl-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrungalañaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walñaw,
- ga ñayanu-ḍapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhañu

Dhañum dhäwu EARC-nur bukmakku yolñuwu warrawu nhämunha ñalma yaka nyena ñayambalmurru buku-liw'yuman:

- ñalma ñarru räl-manapanmi ganydjarrwu ñakanhaminyarawu ñalmalinguwaywuru,
- ga dharray walñawu,
- ga ñayanu-ḍapthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

Dhuwalanydja dhäwu EARC-nuru bukmakku yolñuwu mala nhämunha ñilimurru yukurra nhina wänjakurru buku-liw'yunmarama:

- ñilimurru yurru räl-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu ganga'thinyarawu ñilimurrungalañawu,
- ga dharray walñawu,
- ga ñayanu-ḍapthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marrañu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barrañga'yun EARC-nur bukmakku yolñuw yukurr buku-liw'maram wäña mittji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räl-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ñalimurrungalañaw
- Gangathinyamaranharaw wonḍañarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walñaw,
- Ga ñayanu-ḍapmaranhamirr ñalimurr 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 21 July 2026 at 11:30 am.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au and can be viewed at the Councils public office.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

Members:

Daphne Malibirr
John Djoma
Gilbert Walkuli
Lizzy Mindhili
Fabian Garawirrtja
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

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 May 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ramingining Local Authority Minutes 19 May 2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining
Local Authority
19 May 2026

RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

19 MAY 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:40 am.

Members in Attendance:

Daphne Malibirr
John Djoma
Gilbert Walkuli
Lizzy Mindhili
Fabian Garawirrtja
Cr Jason Mirritjawuy (Chair)
Cr David Warraya

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services) – Attended online
Vivek Gummalla (Strategic Coordinator – Council Services)
Vicki Wassens (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) – Attended online

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

This report is also to table, for the Councils record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

RAM 2025/70 **RESOLVED** (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) **Notes the absence of Shirley Balalnydju, Robert Yawarnu, Norman Daymirringu and Leigh Malibirr.**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Norman Daymirringu.**
- (c) **Notes Shirley Balanydju, Robert Yawarnu, Norman Daymirringu and Leigh Malibirr are absent with permission of the Local Authority.**

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/71 **RESOLVED** (Lizzy Mindhili/Cr. David Warraya)

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RAM 2025/73 **RESOLVED** (John Djoma/Gilbert Walkuli)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 March 2026.

2 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/74 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

RAM 2025/77 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

Lunch break was taken from 12:26 pm to 1:15 pm.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/75 **RESOLVED** (Lizzy Mindhili/Fabian Garawirtja)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Council'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 2025/78 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirtja/John Djoma)

That Council:

(a) Notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

(b) Endorses Council advocate to Northern Territory Government for the repair and upgrades of the Ramingining link road (Goat track) from Central Arnhem Road.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 April 2026 within the Local Authority area.

RAM 2025/76 **RESOLVED** (John Djoma/Fabian Garawirtja)

That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 April 2026.

RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

19 MAY 2026

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting**PRESENTATION**

3.1 Presentation by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

RAM 2025/72 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

PRESENTATION

3.2 Presentation by the Australian Border Force

RAM 2025/72 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)

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

ENDORSEMENT OF DESIGN

3.3 Endorsement of Red Kangaroo Design and Signage Development

RAM 2025/72 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)

The Local Authority members have endorsed the design of Red Kangaroo and Communications Advisor to develop draft signs for all Local Authority to review and approve.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21 July 2026.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 04:03 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ramingining Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 19 May 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 Raminging 2026 4 [2.1.1 - 9 pages]

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
Kava		That the Local Authority: a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava. b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either: 1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or 2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms. c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.	25.01.21 – The Local Authorities resolution has been shared with the Department of Chief Minister. 12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing 19.05.2021 – Updated has been provided to the Local Authority Members, with further updates to come. 15.11.2021 – A separate report was presented by the CEO in the meeting. 17.01.2022 – The CEO will provide further updates in the next meeting. The LA will continue to discuss Kava with the community. 02.06.2022 - Call on the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to work with the Local Authorities and Regional Council to ensure genuine and thorough consultation and engagement with 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 19.10.22 President and CEO to follow up a positive discussion on this issue at a meeting with the Chief Minister to the region, with the Executive Director of the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, on gaining action on the Local Authority and Council resolutions. 21.11.2022 – As above. 16.1.2022 – CEO to provide update next round. 20.03.2023 – This is progressing with letters written to the Chief Minister – further updates to be provided. 26.05.23 – Ongoing 26.10.23 – CEO providing an update in his report. 20.11.23 – 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. 14.12.23 – As above – ongoing. 22.01.24 – Continue to meet with NIAA to progress discussions. 21.02.24 – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities. PFES requested continuous support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			25.03.2024- Ongoing. 24.04.2024 – CEO to write to NTG requesting update. 20.05.24 – NIAA & NTG to be invited to June Council meeting to provide update. 25.06.24 – Response from Linda Burney received 23 May 2024 to CEO correspondence of September 2023 advising further discussion with Gerrit Wanganeen from NIAA. NIAA & NTG attending June 2024 Council meeting. 15.07.24 – No further action from NTG. 18.11.2024 – Ongoing 20.01.2025 – 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. 19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. 17.03.25 – Mr Guyula spoke to the members via TEAMS at the meeting and discussed the issue of kava. Further update in the CEO Report. 23.04.25 - No further action included in Advocacy Points and will be raised with new Government. 26.05.25 - Ongoing – Superintendent Jody Nobbs has had some traction with NTG with a support-based consultation with community to occur in next financial year. 25.06.25 – Councillors want to form a committee and travel to Darwin to raise their concerns and get some action. They are tired of no action and are especially worried about the harm the illegal sale of kava is causing in the community, particularly to children. 23.10.25 - Police in Nhulunbuy informed that they received a letter from the Minister stating that the NT Government is willing to conduct community consultations. 19.05.25 - CEO, with Northern Land Council, has commenced discussions with senior officers of Chief Minister and Cabinet to secure support and develop the process to trial the regulation of kava in a community, for later expansion.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
New Cemetery.		General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate the establishment of a new cemetery within the tank camp area.	25.06.24 - emails sent, waiting on confirmation from Council Services Manager. Location to be confirmed with Traditional Owner. 17.07.24 – Ongoing – waiting on confirmation with Traditional Owners, Council Services Manager will provide update at next meeting. 12.11.2024- 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. 18.11.2024 – Members have reviewed the map and proposed location of cemetery and are happy with the location. 11.12.2024 – Moving forward. Approved and going back to Project Manager. 20.01.25 – 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., 17.03.25 – Waiting on approval from NLC for the lease to proceed. 23.04.25 – 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. 26.05.25 – Ongoing engagement with NLC to expedite the section 19 lease process. 25.06.25 – Waiting on NLC – no further updates. 23.10.25 - Pending NLC Section 19 lease approval. 22.11.25 – as above. 22.01.26 - 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> 19.05.26- Waiting on correspondence from NLC.

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ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
Additional Lighting and power (solar) at the current cemetery		Director Council Services to investigate with Council Services Manager.	18.11.2024 – 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&W. 11.12.2025 – Unable to get in on the road due to early wet, it will now be after the wet until road is accessible again. 20.01.24 - Works to commence early April due to the wet season. 19.02.25 – Heavy machinery to fit the lighting, waiting on the wet. 17.03.25 – Ongoing as above waiting for road to become accessible. 23.04.25 – Ongoing waiting on the wet to finish for access. 26.05.25 – Currently awaiting the road to re-open. 25.06.25 – Waiting on road to be opened. 23.10.25 - 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. 22.11.25 – Due for mobilisation to site 3rd December – delays due to issues related to the business being sold and new entities capacity. 22.01.26 - 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.

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ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
Requests that additional lighting be installed in locations that are poorly lit to increase community safety.		Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate and advise.	22.02.24 – Update on this has been provided in the new format of Action Register. 24.04.2024 – Plan that meets Australian Standards in the budget for that is required. 20.05.24 – Consultant to come in to look at lighting and see that we are meeting Australian Standards (Lux Audit) plus street safety Audit. 25.06.25 – Budgeted for in Annual Plan. Will potentially start in July. 17.07.24 – Update to be provided at next Local Authority meeting. 18.11.2024 – currently at tender review process, works still underway. 11.12.2024 – Report in confidential agenda for council to approve the consultants starting the work on the lighting and internal roads. 20.01.25 – There is a report in the Finance committee for approval. 19.02.25 – Audit has been approved through tender, waiting on a commencement date. All the communities will be audited. 17.03.25 – Consultant that has been awarded the contract has been engaged, waiting on a suitable time – weather dependant. 23.04.25 – Tender has been awarded and audit will begin in mid May. 26.05.25 – Transportwise has completed the audit, awaiting their report to understand where the better lighting is required. 25.06.25 – No further update from Transport wise. A/g GM Technical and Infrastructure Services to follow up timeline for response. 23.10.25 - Audit completed of Lux levels across community, a recommendation will be put forward in regards to new installation. 22.11.25 – 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. 17.03.25 – LA members to identify the locations and pass that to CSM and Technical team. 19.05.26 – Waiting on LA members feedback on positions of the solar lighting as mentioned above and the option of accessing main stream grid power at this location has been paused with other options such as battery packs provided. Include repainting of Cemetery entrance sign to ensure it is clearly visible.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
The members raised about the building in centre of town that has the stage , there is an interest by the church to use it.		The Council Operations Manager to contact the Uniting Church, about Church providing a formal request for us to follow up.	22.02.24 – No update at this point. 25.03.24 – Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to look into handing building back to the Land Trust. 24.04.24 – Handing building back to the Land Trust. 20.05.24 – DTSI met with NLC, surrender of lease is underway. 25.06.24 – Application for handback has been actioned. Awaiting consultation by the NLC. 17.07.24 – Ongoing. 18.11.2024 – Infrastructure Services to follow up and provide update. 11.12.2025 – Met with NLC unfortunately they have a backlog of applications – ongoing. 20.01.25 – 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. 19.02.25 – 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. 17.03.25 – After reviewing the building further works are required and have been assigned to the maintenance team for completion. 23.04.25 – Ongoing waiting on quotes. 26.05.25 – Coordinating with the contractor to review works. 25.06.25 – Update to be provided at Local Authority meeting -works are required at the church. 23.10.25 – To identify Section 19 lease status, to identify the need and condition of the property. 24.02.25 – To confirm the Section 19 and repairs and maintenance report on stage to ascertain costings for repair. 17.03.25 – Community inspection rounds are ongoing. 19.05.26 – Ongoing regarding Section 19.
Signs and speed humps		Further signs and potential speed humps are required to reduce speeding	20.01.25 - General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to work with the Roads Manager to establish a traffic management plan. 19.02.25 – Specific speed humps have been ordered for Raminging. A couple of issues with drainage have been identified which need further investigation first. 17.03.25 – Waiting on the roads consultant to be mobilised and this will form part of their assessment.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			23.04.25 – Ongoing and is incorporated into audit. 26.05.25 – Awaiting Transportwise report which will support the request for signage and speed humps. 25.06.25 – Waiting to hear back from Transportwise to provide update. 23.10.25 – Audit has been completed, recommendations have been provided in report and will be in actioned in the New Year. 22.11.25 – Community signage maps currently being created to become a template for reporting damaged/missing signs into the future. 24.02.25 – The signs are currently being procured. 19.05.25 - Ongoing
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.	26.05.25 -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. 25.06.25- Comms Advisor is working with Councillors to establish what they require in the logos. 23.10.25 – LA members will discuss and come up with the decision in next LA meeting. 24.02.25 – Discussed in previous LA, to be followed up in March LA round. 17.03.25 - LA members to provide the information.
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.	26.05.25 – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to take this matter forward on the members behalf. 25.06.25 – Ongoing. 23.10.25 – EARC to advocate the issue by writing a letter to DLI and LA members to sign on letter. 22.11.25 – Letter being drafted 24.02.25 – Made contact with DLI representative, work in progress. 19.05.26 – In progress, in contact with DLI representative.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
Lighting for kids to play Basketball	Council Services Manager	Council Services Manager to speak with the School Principal about possibility of opening the new Basketball court on Friday and Saturday from 6pm to 9pm, with support from Active Communities and Youth Staff.	
FUTURE ACTION ITEM/ACTION ON HOLD: Stage/Advocacy Community Oval		Extend the Community Oval Stage and construct a stage at the Church grounds. \$200,000	18.01.2021 Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021 12.05.2021 – Ongoing 19.05.2021 – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting, Design stage is currently in the process. 15.11.2021 – 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. 17.01.2022 - 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. 14.03.2022 – will go to the market this Friday 02.06.2022 – To be dealt with in a separate pool 22.06.2022 – tender evaluated – pricing beyond available funds – report in this Council meeting. 12.09.2022 – Remove from Action and move to Advocacy items. 16.01.2023 – No change at this stage. 20.03.2023 – Oval stage – looking for future grant funding - no change at this stage.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			18.09.23 – Look for funding for lights at the Church also. Director Technical and Infrastructure Services to write to the church to request funding. 22.02.25 – Council will keep an eye for funding. 17.03.25 – As above.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report**AUTHOR**

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.****SUMMARY:**

This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

GENERAL:

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Councillor Murphy Yunupingu who resigned as one of our Gumurr Miwatj Councillors earlier this year. Murphy continues to provide leadership as a key member of the Gunyangara Local Authority.

I am also very pleased to note the election of the new Councillor for the Gumurr Miwatj Ward, Mr. Lirripiya Mununggurr. Lirripiya has been a long serving member of the Yirrkala Local Authority and well respected community leader for Yirrkala and beyond.

I would also like to congratulate our Director of Council Services Signe Balodis on securing a CEO position with a rural Council south of Perth in Western Australia. Signe has brought so much to Council, regularly reviewing and improving our service delivery and outcomes for community members, over the last two years as Director and as Regional Manager of Council Services for the two years before that.

I have continued to advocate on national post Cyclone Narelle forums with the Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians and senior officials of the Australian Government and Northern Territory Governments for a significant improvement in preparation for future cyclones. Specifically seeking confirmation of funding for a formal engineering assessment of the cyclone rating of the range of houses and other buildings across all coastal communities of the Northern Territory to allow for clear advice to community and homeland members on where to shelter.

The other key point is to confirm the level of remaining need for cyclone shelters to protect all people, and the commitment of funding to the building of Cyclone Shelters / Multipurpose Halls, that can be operated everyday in multiple ways for community benefit and be 'stood up' as shelters when needed.

The last major issue I have been involved with is engagement with President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay following the death of a 17 year old girl in Galiwin'ku.

The NT News, National Indigenous Times, ABC and a number of other media outlets responded to Council's Media Release - Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyal'ku – No More Violence to Women, publishing a number of news articles in print and online. Some examples are attached, and the full print copies that will be distributed to Local Authority Members on the day for your reference and review.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyalk'ku - No More Violence to Women [**2.2.1** - 2 pages]
2. Media N T- News 09072026 [**2.2.2** - 4 pages]
3. Media National- Indigenous- Times 09072026 [**2.2.3** - 3 pages]



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Media Release

9 July 2026

Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyalk'ku - No More Violence to Women

Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay have met about the tragic loss of a 17-year-old Yolŋu girl in Galiwin'ku as reported by ABC News on 6 July 2026.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, clan and community of this young woman.

Our Council representatives are strong and united in making clear this violence does not reflect traditional Yolŋu culture and is completely unacceptable.

"Domestic violence is not our way. In our culture women are sacred. They need to be nurtured."

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

"It's not Yolŋu culture. This issue can't go any further. We can't turn a blind eye. There are bāyŋu (no) consequences."

Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

Our 100% Aboriginal elected Council and its Local Authorities in each community are committed to work in close collaboration with the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiario led Northern Territory Government to tackle domestic violence and other crime.

"We value the role of the Police. We support there being more Police Officers, based in community."

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

"It is also important to engage with other Aboriginal organisations (including Yalu, Rirratjingu, Gumatj and Laynhapuy) and community members to stop domestic violence across the remote communities of East Arnhem Land."

Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji

"We have created fit for purpose community education on family violence in Yolŋu Matha (language) ranging from understanding all forms of violence, coercive control, lateral violence and sexual violence."

Yalu Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson Jasmine Yunupingu and CEO, Anahita Tonkin

"We need to get more support for Yalu to train our people on domestic violence."

Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika

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Additional Quotes:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji

"Women are the bearers of life, they need to be honoured and respected."

Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

"People are not getting consequences, and it happens again and again."

"Families need to love and care for each other."

Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika

"Domestic violence is a crime."

"We have Aboriginal Corporations, Rirratjingu, Gumatj, Laynhapuy, Yalu and others who we can work with on this big problem."

Yalu Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson, Jasmine Yunupingu and CEO, Anahita Tonkin

"We need real action."

"This type of violence doesn't belong anywhere in the world. It's a global problem and we all need to stand up."

"It's time men, elders and leaders step up with us against family violence."

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NT News

East Arnhem Regional Council demands action on violence after death of 17-year-old girl

[Camden Smith](#)

July 9, 2026 - 6:29PM

East Arnhem Regional Council leaders have united to condemn domestic violence across society after the death of a teenage Galiwinku girl, declaring any violence “not our way.”



The senior leaders of a Top End regional council have united to condemn domestic violence across society after the tragic death of a 17-year-old Galiwinku woman this week and domestic violence in remote communities.

Their in-language message, Yaka Bulu Mari' Miyalk'ku, translates as No More Violence to Women.

[NT Police on Thursday charged a 34-year-old man with murder following the discovery](#) of the girl's body on Monday.

Police received a report shortly after 11am Monday a 17-year-old girl had been found unconscious in a home in Galiwinku.

Police, assisted by staff from the health clinic, attended the scene, where she was declared dead.

Source: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/northern-territory/east-arnhem-regional-council-demands-action-on-violence-after-death-of-17yearold-girl/news-story/d041f31d8f071fdbcf65905386c2bd2>



Regional community leaders met this week following the tragedy, issuing a statement mourning the loss, condemning all forms of domestic violence, and calling for the violence to end.

East Arnhem Regional Council president Lapulung Dhamarrandji, deputy president Stephen Dhamarrandji, councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay also issued statements mourning the child.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, clan and community of this young woman,” East Arnhem Regional Council said in the joint statement.

“Our council representatives are strong and united in making clear this (alleged) violence does not reflect traditional Yolŋu culture and is completely unacceptable.

“Council has stated that our 100 per cent Aboriginal elected council and its local authorities in each community are committed to work in close collaboration with the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiaro-led Northern Territory Government to tackle domestic violence and other crime.”

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President Lapulung Dhamarrandji condemned domestic violence across the board and affirmed the status of women in Aboriginal culture.

“We value the role of the police,” he said.

“We support there being more police officers, based in community. Women are the bearers of life, they need to be honoured and respected.”

Cr Ganygulpa Dhurrkay said any violence was not reflective of Yolŋu people and culture.



“It’s not Yolŋu culture. This issue can’t go any further. We can’t turn a blind eye. There are bāyŋu (no) consequences,” she said.

“People, family and community members need to call out violence when they see it. People need to be responsible for their actions. People are not getting consequences and it happens again and again. Families need to love and care for each other.”

Deputy president Stephen Dhamarrandji raised the importance of involvement by Aboriginal organisations including Yalu, Rirratjingu, Gumatj and Laynhapuy.

Source: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/northern-territory/east-arnhem-regional-council-demands-action-on-violence-after-death-of-17-year-old-girl/news-story/d041f31d8f071fdbdcf65905386c2bd2>

"It's also important to engage with Aboriginal organisations and community members to stop domestic violence across remote communities of East Arnhem Land."



Yalu Aboriginal Corporation chairperson Jasmine Yunupingu said programs existed within the communities to help combat domestic violence.

"We have created fit for purpose community education on family violence in Yolnu Matha (language) ranging from understanding all forms of violence, coercive control, lateral violence and sexual violence," she said.

"We need real action. This type of violence doesn't belong anywhere in the world. It's a global problem and we all need to stand up.

"It's time men, elders and leaders step up with us against family violence."

Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika called for more support for organisations working in this area. "We need to get more support for Yalu to train our people in domestic violence," she said. "Domestic violence is a crime."

National Indigenous Times

Yolŋu leaders condemn violence after teenage girl's death in Galiwin'ku

[Dechlan Brennan](#)

Published July 9, 2026 at 12.24pm (AWST)



The alleged murder of a Yolŋu girl in East Arnhem Land in a suspected domestic violence incident has prompted community leaders to speak out against the "completely unacceptable" issue of violence.

On Monday, [Northern Territory Police said a 17-year-old girl had been found dead in Galiwin'ku](#) — a Yolŋu community on Elcho Island — after receiving a report shortly after 11 am that she was unconscious.

A 34-year-old man was arrested, with police alleging the two knew each other. They are treating the death as a domestic violence incident.

After an autopsy was completed this week, NT Police charged the man on Thursday with one count of murder. He is expected to appear before Darwin Local Court on Friday.

"This has been a complex investigation, and our investigations indicate the deceased has died of blunt forced injuries," Detective Acting Superintendent Paul Lawson said.

"A young woman has lost her life, and our thoughts are with her family and community. Our local members remain in the community and are working closely

Source: <https://nit.com.au/09-07-2026/25280/yolnu-leaders-condemn-violence-after-teenage-girls-death-in-galiwinku>

with those affected. Police would like to thank the community for their assistance during this period.

"A file will also be prepared for the Coroner."



East Arnhem Regional Council President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Marrpalawuy Marika and Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay met in the wake of the girl's death, releasing a statement condemning the violence and offering condolences to the girl's family, community and clan.

"Our Council representatives are strong and united in making clear this violence does not reflect traditional Yolŋu culture and is completely unacceptable," Lapulung Dhamarrandji said.

"Domestic violence is not our way. In our culture, women are sacred. They need to be nurtured. Women are the bearers of life, they need to be honoured and respected."

He said the council and local communities were "committed" to working with NT Police, Premier Lia Finocchiaro and the CLP Government to "tackle domestic violence and other crime".

"We value the role of the Police. We support there being more Police Officers, based in community," he added.



Ganygulpa Dhurrkay said the acts of violence are not a part of Yolŋu culture. She said family and community members needed to "call out violence when they see it".

"This issue can't go any further. We can't turn a blind eye. There are bāyŋu (no) consequences," she said.

"People are not getting consequences, and it happens again and again. Families need to love and care for each other."

In a joint statement, Yalu Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson Jasmine Yunupingu and CEO Anahita Tonkin said real action is needed.

"This type of violence doesn't belong anywhere in the world. It's a global problem and we all need to stand up," they said.

"It's time men, elders and leaders step up with us against family violence."

1800 Respect (1800 737 732)

Lifeline (13 11 14)

13YARN (13 92 76)

Yarning Safe'N'Strong (1800 959 563)

Beyond Blue (1300 22 46 36)

Source: <https://nit.com.au/09-07-2026/25280/yolnu-leaders-condemn-violence-after-teenage-girls-death-in-galiwinku>

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Report

AUTHOR

Vicki Wassens (Council Services Manager)

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority notes the 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.

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

This reporting period has been a busy time for Council Services Manager (CSM), Vicki Wassens with travel to Galiwinku as Relief Council Services Manager for a fortnight, followed by annual leave and attending leadership workshops in Darwin.

Vicki was pleased to spend time with fellow CSM's and Council Services Leadership team and found the workshops in writing skills and leadership of high value to her role.

Vicki would like to thank Hamish Brace and Brad Lena, who both relieved as CSM during this time.

Staffing issues continue to be an issue within Council Services, with the post office being closed numerous times due to staff shortages.

Lily Watson joined the Council Services team as Casual Senior Administration Officer (SAO), working half days until lunch. Lily has been a great addition to the office, supporting the needs of the CSM and allowing the Post Office to open.

The Council Quarters accommodation was broken into, with TV's and furniture broken, and vandalism of each room within the building. Resulting in a closure of the business for a period.

Vicki attending a meeting with Active Communities & Youth Services (ACYS) team member, Kevin Garrawurra and the Miyalk from East Arnhem Land Youth Model (EALYM) to plan

NAIDOC celebrations. We look forward to the collaboration for a successful day of 50 years Deadly.



Customer Services Officer, Lakisha Garawirritja delivering a parcel to customer.



CSM Vicki Wassens and ACYS Kevin Garrawurra meeting with EALYM's Lizzy, Veronica and Judy to plan NAIDOC celebrations.

Municipal Services (MS)

The Municipal Services team continued their work in community to a high standard in the absence of Municipal Services Supervisor, Bill Kathagen. Council Services Manager, Vicki Wassens has supported the team, and commends Municipal Services Officers Tyrone, Marty, Frank and Russell for their great teamwork and support of each other.



Frank Durrurrnga presenting Tyrone Gurralpa a Certificate of Achievement and an engraved gold pen on behalf of Kullaru Pty Ltd

Litter within the community is prevalent, including areas where bins are located. This results in added work for MS to clean up before being able to maintain the lawns, verges, parks and ovals.

Following direction from Waste and Environmental Regional Manager, Hamish Brace, the MS team have been working at the landfill. The landfill cells have signage to identify where items are to be discarded; white goods, batteries, green waste etc. Unfortunately, there are some community members that are not following these directions, resulting in MS having to spend additional time sorting items into correct cells.

Tyrone Gurualpa was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a gold pen from the Director of training provider Kullaru Pty Ltd, in recognition of his high level of commitment and performance during recent plant and machinery training.



Municipal Services Team busy sorting and upkeeping the Landfill site.

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Our Community Night Patrol team members of Fabian Garawirritja & Christina Daymirringu have continued performing their roles well in the absence of Gabriel Lilipiyana. With many ceremonies and funerals in community, it can be difficult for our CNP team to achieve their djama (work) and community obligations.

We have faced challenges with staff absences, and with recruitment of the other vacant positions as we need to ensure we recruit team members who are licensed to drive a vehicle to provide additional coverage.

Community Engagement hours of our Community Night Patrol have continued, including participation in Active Communities activities and transportation of community members to ceremonies and funerals on homelands and outstations.

Aged Care Services and Disability Services (ACDS)

The Aged Care and Disability Respite Centre in Ramingining has continued to provide essential services and support to aged care participants, people living with disabilities, and vulnerable community members. The Centre remained focused on promoting wellbeing, independence, social inclusion, and quality of life through a range of centre-based and community-based activities.

Home and Community Support Services

A significant component of service delivery during the past two months involved the provision of nutritious meals to community members. Meals were delivered to more than 45 households across Ramingining, ensuring participants had access to regular, healthy, and culturally appropriate food. This service continued to support individuals who may experience challenges with meal preparation due to age, disability, health conditions, or mobility limitations.

The Centre also provided ongoing domestic assistance and laundry services to eligible participants. These supports helped maintain safe, clean, and healthy living environments while enabling participants to remain living independently in their homes for longer.

Centre Based Activities

The Respite Centre facilitated a variety of engaging activities designed to promote social connection, mental stimulation, physical wellbeing, and community participation. Activities included:

- Regular Bingo sessions, encouraging social interaction and cognitive engagement.
- BBQ gatherings that brought participants together in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.
- Daily medication prompts and support to assist participants in maintaining their health and wellbeing.
- Provision of hot breakfasts for participants attending the Centre.
- Recreational and social activities tailored to participant interests and abilities.
- Organised picnics that provided opportunities for outdoor recreation and social engagement.

These activities contributed to reducing social isolation while fostering a sense of belonging and community participation among participants.

Community and Outreach Activities

In addition to centre-based programs, the service continued to support participants through a range of community outreach activities. The women's walking group remained a popular initiative, encouraging physical activity, healthy lifestyles, and social connection. Participants benefited from regular opportunities to exercise in a supportive group environment while strengthening community relationships.

Other out-of-centre activities were delivered throughout the month, providing participants with opportunities to remain active, connected, and engaged within the broader community.

Overall Outcomes

The services delivered during this reporting period contributed positively to participant wellbeing by supporting independence, improving social connectedness, encouraging healthy lifestyles, and ensuring access to essential daily living support. The continued collaboration between staff, participants, families, and community members helped create a welcoming and supportive environment that promotes dignity, respect, and quality of life for all participants accessing the service.

The Aged Care and Disability Respite Centre remains committed to delivering high-quality, person-centered, and culturally responsive services that meet the diverse needs of the Ramingining community.



Sylvester Durrurrnga doing Aged Care and NDIS participants laundry.



Tony Gunanganywuy delivering meals to Aged Care and NDIS participants – Patrick and Richard.



Aged Care Cook, Benjamus creating lovely meals.



Aaron Warraya and Jennifer Gyuthulul taking participants to an on-country trip.



Participant, Esther relaxing in the garden.



On country trip cooking traditional ngatha (food).

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

ACYS programs have been ongoing throughout the reporting period with ACYS Coordinator, Darran Wyatt, currently on leave. ACYS Relief Coordinator will commence in Ramingining on 8th July, enabling consistency in delivering activities for community. The service is currently fully staffed.

ACYS workers Jericha Dhamarrandji and Kevin Garrawurra travelled with the Ramingining men's and women's basketball teams to this year's Eastern Cup Basketball Championship in Galiwinku. This is a popular annual event where great skills are always on show. Congratulations Kevin Garrawurra and Natasha Wanybarrnga on their All-Star's selection for the best players overall in the competition.

2026 East Arnhem All Stars – Men's	Team	2026 East Arnhem All Stars – Women's	Team
Aris You	Galiwin'ku Magic	Ally Dhamarrandji	Galiwin'ku
Jack Macale	Galiwin'ku Ratjpa	Carolyn Burarrwanga	Galiwin'ku
Jerome Lacey	Galiwin'ku Magic	Deanna Darwin	Milingimbi
Kevin Jia	Galiwin'ku Ratjpa	Caitlin	Milingimbi
Kevin Garrawurra	Ramingining	Louis Wirrpanda	Gunyangara
Lachlan Gurruwiwi	Milingimbi	Lynette Garrawurra	Galiwin'ku
Leon Wunungmurra	Gapuwiyak	Mediline Wunungmurra	Gapuwiyak
Maxwell Wunungmurra	Gapuwiyak	Miliy Wanambi	Galiwin'ku
Nickolas Munungurr	Gapuwiyak	Natasha Wanybarrnga	Ramingining
Steven Marawili	Yirrkala	Roman Wunungmurra	Gapuwiyak



Ramingining Women's Basketball Team.



Kevin Garrawurra with his Ramingining teammates.



ACYS worker, Jericha showing her skills at Eastern Cup



Kevin with Library and Cultural Heritage workers Rachel and Methuselah.



ACYS Coordinator, Darran Wyatt leading the ACYS team meeting.



Darran Wyatt, Kevin Gurrawurra, Dave Baker, Florence Malibirr and Jericha Dhamarrandji with the ACYS Values Signage.

Waste and Environmental Update

At the start of June, Regional Manager Waste & Environment, Hamish Brace, spent a week in Ramingining. While acting in the position of Council Services Manager. Hamish invested some of this time with Municipal Services revisiting 'List Waste' handling and its vital importance to waste services compliance with NTEPA guidelines.

Monthly Litter Rating Index – July 2025 – June 2026

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Ramingining	NO DATA	70%	70%	NO DATA	60%	65%	50%	55%	65%	60%	60%	65%

The rating has averaged a score of 65%

Score 51 - 75 (*good, getting better, cleaner, tidier, commenced resource recovery*)

Monthly litter index monitoring in use. Small amount of litter on ground only every now and again in 'Hot Spots'. Regular Community Clean-up planned and conducted with good level of support

To build capacity within Ramingining, East Arnhem Regional Council, has invested in a 'Litter Master" 9000.

LitterMasterTM 9000



Figure 1 photo includes optional boom

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This device will be delivered to Ramingingin; estimated delivery date is 7 July 2026. The Littermaster has proven itself to be an effective option across other EARC communities in litter hotspots.

WS 2244-02 – Recycling Services

Listed Waste

Municipal Services have a 10-foot container of used tyres that is due to be transported to Tyre Cycle in Darwin. This is to ensure that recyclable materials are constantly shipped out of the community to limit holdings in community and manage environmental risks.

Landfill Environmental Compliance

Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance

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

Animal Management Program Update

Reporting month/period: May-June 2026

Overall comments:

- The veterinary visit to Ramingingin during this period was from 9-12 June 2026 by Dr Celia and Saraya. It was a very successful visit performing 19 desexing and 131 parasite treatments were given across the period.
 - There seems to have been a puppy boom as of late in Ramingingin, with at least six households visited this trip having or soon to have puppies –we will revisit these for desexing at July’s visit when they should be of an appropriate size for surgery. Any puppies present were given worming and four female dogs that were recently or currently pregnant were speyed upon owner’s request.
 - The community was highly receptive to animal management, with most requests for desexing taken by the owners flagging down the car as it was moving around the town. We are pleased to see that people are wanting to desex their animals for many good reasons – including keeping dogs dumborro (fat) and avoiding having lots of puppies. Most animals we saw were healthy and friendly.
 - We saw a few ticks and fleas on dogs, potentially due to the transition into the dry season and a gap between program visits. With another soon visit in July we should be able to ensure that a majority of dogs in the community have received parasite treatments at least once if not twice.
- Remote consultations: The team had no requests for remote consultations during this period. Any requests were followed up on when we were visiting community.

- The next veterinary visit to Raminging is:
 - Dr Celia and Saraya from 27 – 31 July 2026
 - Dr Kathleen and Saraya from 17 – 20 August 2026 – also servicing Dinybulu homelands on 18 - 19 August 2026 during this visit (see below).

Service Delivery Table:

Ramingining	May/Jun 26	FY 25-26 to date	FY 24-25
Dogs Desexed	17	77	51
Cats Desexed	2	15	22
Community consultations	3	27	93
Remote/Phone consultations	0	22	28
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	0	19	13
Minor procedures/other surgeries	1	6	3
Parasite Treatments	131	895	1068
Euthanasia	0	3	5
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	2	12	25
Total Engagements	156	1076	1308

Community education activities: None this period

Staff Education/training activities:

- Although informal, we spoke to a few council office staff about cheeky dogs and that if they or anyone they know has an interaction with a cheeky dog, they can report it to Animal Management so that we can talk to owners and keep everyone safe.

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements:

- Dr Celia spoke with Matt from the local police department about cheeky dogs and reiterated that if they have concerns in Raminging with dogs or animal welfare that we can assist and to keep open communication
- Dr Maddy has organised for the Dinybulu homelands to be serviced during the August veterinary visit on the 18 to 19 August 2026. Dinybulu will decide which homelands will be serviced however it will most likely be Ngangalala and Wulka homelands.

Concerns/Challenges:

- Animal welfare concerns/cases:
 - Tank camp is still home to three bulls, one being a very large adult with horns and then two younger bullocks. These animals pose a massive risk to the community, and although the homeowner described them as his pets, they do not appear to be friendly or very tame.
 - One home reported that one of their dogs had just sustained a bad broken leg however this dog never visited its home during our visit despite us checking with the owner multiple times. Suspect the animal is now deceased.
 - During our visit a dog was attacked by other dogs in-front of the council office, and we were only informed later that day. The dog somehow got into the front waiting room where it bled profusely and defecated/urinated on the floor. It was

then released where it ran off. We did not see the dog or receive any requests for help. We spoke with office staff about calling us or emailing if they need help or if similar incidents happen, we were in town at the time and could have provided some care or assistance.

- Dangerous Dog incidents:
 - A Carers NT worker was bitten by a dog when carrying food into a community house a few weeks ago. The workers flagged down Animal Management on this visit to discuss their concerns about cheeky dogs. We advised that incidents should be promptly reported to council and passed on to us so that we can continue to liaise with the owners and keep people safe. Where the dog belonged to was hard to identify as it was in town with its owners for a funeral ceremony but originally came from tank camp. We will follow up with the home where the incident happened at next visit, we stayed away to allow the ceremony proceedings to conclude.
 - One home was noted to have approximately 11 dogs in the yard behind a fence with an open gate, with at least six entire males we could see and some cheeky behaviour including chasing our vehicle. When visiting a neighbour for veterinary care she warned us about a large particular Bull-mastiff type male dog from there and was very fearful when it came near us, advising us to get back into the car. The dog we saw at the neighbour's house had a large bite wound on its face. We attempted to speak with the owners of these dogs three times as well as visited another home where an owner spends time (as reported by his sister) but no one would come to the door. We will continue to follow up with this property as not only is the number of dogs residing here a welfare concern but there is concern for people moving around the street safely.
- Other:
 - One male dog was noted during surgery to have testicular abnormalities consistent with Brucellosis. The Emergency Animal Disease Hotline was consulted who advised sending the sample to Berrimah Vet Lab in Darwin for exclusion testing. Luckily vet nurse Saraya was headed to Darwin the next day so has delivered it there, results are still pending. *Brucella suis* is a bacterium with zoonotic potential found in pigs in northern Australia and is sometimes found in people and dogs that hunt feral pigs.

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

- Three bulls at tank camp – these animals pose a threat to human life (see explanation above). Our team would highly recommend their prompt removal from Ramingining to ensure the safety of community.

Photos:



Saraya handing out some parasite treatments to a family of cats in Raminginining.



Ginger kittens in hospital with their mum for treatment by our AMP team.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

AUTHOR	Sonia Campbell (General Manager – Technical and Infrastructure Services)
RECOMMENDATION That Local Authority notes 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 2026-2027 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Ongoing updates on the projects within this financial year 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 contained within this report covers actions associated with the below Technical Services areas by the respective report owners:

Fleet Services

Imogen Weighill – Acting Regional Manager - Fleet

112 - Fleet Services

Transport and Infrastructure Department

Arvin Roping – Transport and Infrastructure Manager

116 - Lighting for Public Safety

118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management

119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Building and Infrastructure Department – Capital Projects

Bruce Hall – Regional Manager Building Infrastructure

122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

REPORT STORY:**112 - Fleet Services (Report Owner –Imogen Weighill)**New Vehicles

- A new Kubota SSV75 Skid Steer, was delivered to Ramingining in June 2026.
- Fleet Number: F0734



- F0400 Hino tipper truck is being replaced by an Isuzu FVR 170-300 Tipper Truck. This is estimated to arrive in Ramingining on the 18 July 2026

New GPS tracker software

All EARC fleet Vehicles and plant have been fitted with a new GPS tracking system. Fleet are now utilizing the Navman TN360 platform for vehicle tracking and monitoring.

Scheduled Servicing

In May 2026, all EARC vehicles based in Ramingining completed their scheduled six-monthly servicing in line with the EARC Maintenance Policy, ensuring continued compliance, safety, and operational efficiency.

116 – Lighting for Public Safety (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)**Repair and maintenance of public streetlights**

Community	LED Public Streetlights out of service	Tentative mobilisation,	Progress update
Ramingining	15 - LED street lights	20 – 27 July 2026	Scheduled (pending Sea Swift and/or MOPRA barge schedule) and road conditions (Ramingining link road “goat track”)

118 – Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

T25-203320.1 Civil Maintenance of Pavements and Drainage for a Period of 12 Months

Revised Round 2 2025/26	Mobilisation Date	Expected Completion Date	Project Status
Ramingining	22 July 2026	31 July 2026	Note: To be confirmed, pending wet season and road conditions (truck access). Road accessibility is expected to be available from late July 2026

Notes:

- Ramingining dates are indicative and based on current production rates (grading maintenance underway at Gapuwiyak), access constraints.



119 – Local Road Upgrade and Construction (Report Owner – Arvin Roping)

Proposed Ramingining Barge Access Road Upgrade

- The Ramingining Barge Access Road has sustained significant damage from sustained wet season damage including at least two cyclone events, significant rainfall, and prolonged saturation of road formations. (November 2025 – June 2026). This has also resulted in significant trafficability risk for barge logistics and local community access vehicles.
- A recent detailed on-site inspection was undertaken to assess the extent of wet season damage. The inspection identified multiple road sections requiring works beyond routine maintenance grading.scoping ad
- Several road sections have been prioritised for remediation and upgrade works to restore the long-term functionality, safety and road network resilience of Ramingining Barge Access Road.
- The proposed future upgrade works will include the following, while subject to funding availability and prioritisation.
 - Reconstruction of severely damaged road sections

- Gravel re-sheeting of eroded pavement areas
- Remediation of washouts, rutting and pavement failures
- Drainage improvements, including reshaping table drains and turnout drain establishments

Ramingining Cemetery Solar Lighting

Planning and budget development for the Ramingining Cemetery Solar Lighting project has progressed.

Progress

- Preliminary planning advice indicates a Development Application is not currently required, subject to final design.
- Review of Section 19 lease and Landowner Consent requirements completed.
- Supply quotation received for modified 45W solar lighting units.
- Geotechnical quotation received.
- Freight quotation received.
- Quotation requested for underground investigation to identify suitable installation locations and avoid disturbance of existing graves.
- Installation quotation currently being obtained, including repainting of the cemetery entrance sign.
- Preparation of the project budget estimate and delivery pathway report is progressing.

Next Steps

- Complete project budget estimate and delivery pathway report for LA consideration.



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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report****AUTHOR**

Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

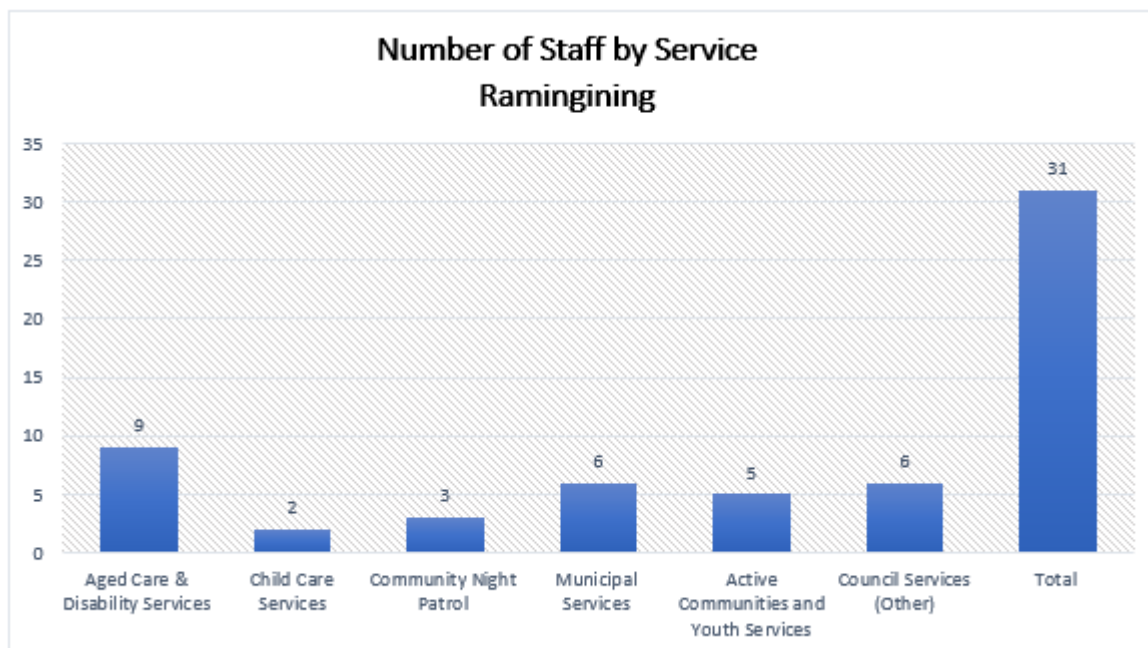
That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 30 June 2026.

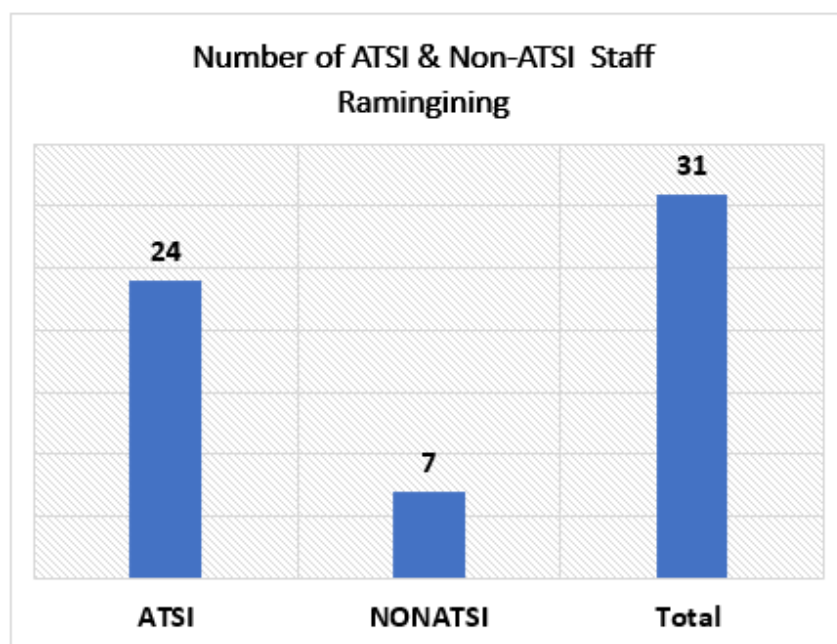
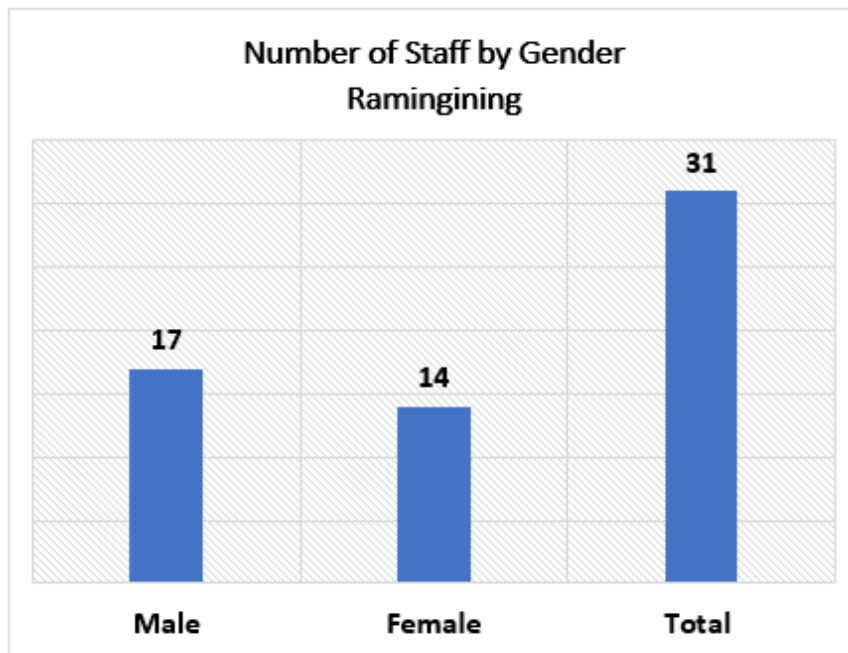
SUMMARY:

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 30 June 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 30 June 2026:

Job Title	Location	Recruitment Type	Employment Type	Number of Vacancies
Senior Administration Officer	Ramingining	External	FullTime	1
Senior Cleaner	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1
CNP Officer	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1
ACDS Support Worker x2	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1

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

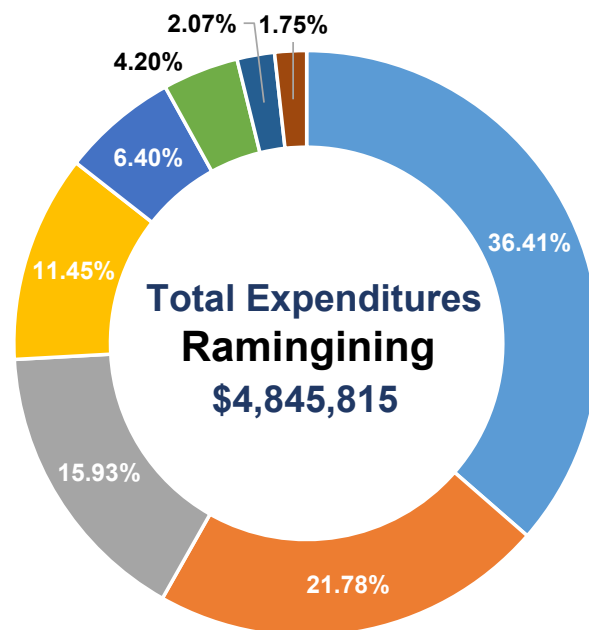
ATTACHMENTS:

12. June 2026 Ramingining LAPF and Chart Reports [2.5.1 - 2 pages]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - RAMINGINING FUNDS LEFT

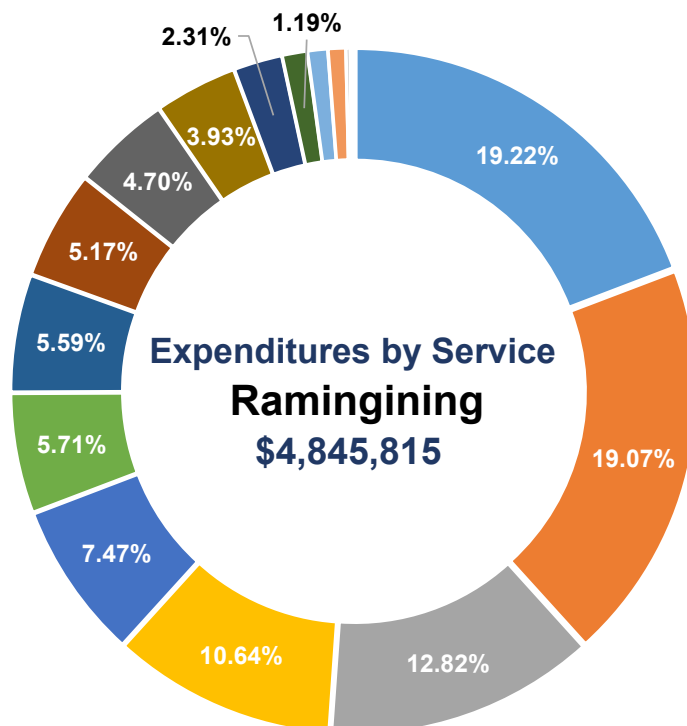
As at 30th June 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	135,400	-	135,400	135,400	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	135,400	-	135,400	135,400	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	270,800	-	270,800	270,800	
LESS LAPF PROJECTS					
304914 - Local Authority Project Funding Raminging - Revenue	(78,572)	-	(78,572)	(77,978)	101%
310414 - LAPF - Raminging New Cemetery	(594)	-	(594)	(92,822)	1%
310514 - LAPF - Raminging Cemetery Lighting	(594)	(85,221)	(85,815)	(100,000)	1%
TOTAL PROJECTS	(79,760)	(85,221)	(164,981)	(270,800)	29%
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			105,819	-	



where money was spent?

- Employee Costs \$1,765,993
- Fleet & Buildings \$1,056,544
- Materials and Contracts \$772,707
- General \$555,463
- Core Recovery \$310,557
- Capital \$203,737
- IT Charges \$100,210
- Insurance & Finance \$85,045



- 141 - Aged Care Services \$931,460
- 169 - Municipal Services \$924,166
- 152 - Active Communities \$621,120
- 107 - Council Services \$515,381
- 129 - Waste and Environmental Services \$362,027
- 122 - Building and Infrastructure Services \$276,542
- 171 - Disability Services \$270,836
- 147 - Community Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter Services \$250,558
- 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management \$227,917
- 139 - Visitor Accommodation \$190,578
- 115 - Library Services \$112,122
- 170 - Youth Services \$57,642
- 108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services \$46,605
- 146 - Community Media \$40,801
- 100 - Local Authorities Boards \$9,909
- 116 - Lighting for Public Safety \$7,003
- 156 - Community Events \$1,150

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.6 Local Authority Ramingining - Logo & Signage**AUTHOR** Jamie Clarke (Communications Advisor)**RECOMMENDATION****That the Local Authority approves the Local Authority Logo and Signage design.****SUMMARY:**

A logo lockup for the Local Authority (Ramingining) has been developed using the Red Kangaroo artwork. A signage design has also been developed. These are aligned with the East Arnhem Regional Council brand guidelines and are provided for review and approval.

BACKGROUND:

At the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 19 May 2026, the Local Authority members endorsed the design of Red Kangaroo and for the Communications Advisor to develop draft signs for all Local Authority to review and approve.

GENERAL:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 20260714 EAR C- L A- Logo- Signage Ramingining [2.6.1 - 2 pages]

Local Authority Logo Lockup



**Local
Authority
Ramingining**

Local Authority Signage Template



3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

3.1 Discussion with Local Police

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the updates from the Local Police Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

3.2 Presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the updates provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil



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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. Prior to submitting a request, please review the NT Government **Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy** at 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:	Kirstie Hutchinson
Organisation:	NTG
Position:	Community Development Manager
Department:	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Contact number:	0417 055 649
Email:	Kirstie.Hutchinson@nt.gov.au

Agenda Item	
1. Which Local Authorities do you wish to attend?	
☒ Galiwinku ☒ Ramingining	☒ Gapuwiyak ☒ Yirrkala
☐ Gunyangara	
☒ Mililingimbi	
2. What is the purpose of the presentation?	
Introduce the NTG Community Development team and the newly developed NTG framework <i>Empowering the Bush</i> .	
3. For the agenda item, do you expect to: <i>(please complete the option/s that are relevant)</i>	
☒ Provide information to the local authority about: The NTG Community Development team. Close the loop on queries and questions raised at the last LA Meetings. Take note of any questions / queries raised during these LA Meetings that the Community Development team could support in future.	
☐ Seek information from the local authority about:	
☐ Seek a decision from the local authority about:	



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Other Information (where applicable)		
When is attendance at a local authority meeting required? <i>(Please indicate any time sensitivities)</i>		
☒ Next Available Meeting _____ (date)	☐ Before _____ (date)	☐ After _____ (date)
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:		
☐ Laptop	☒ Projector	☐ Video Teleconference
☐ Documents Printed (Charges apply)		☐ 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?		Yes ☐ No ☒
Proposed Dates: _____ or _____ or _____ (1st Choice) (2nd Choice) (3rd Choice)		

Official use Only

Date Received _____

4 Meeting Close