

OPEN AGENDA for the Ramingining Local Authority 17 November 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-l̲iwmaram:

- limurr dhu räl-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurruŋgalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Dhaŋu

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

- ŋalma ŋarru räal-manapanmi ganydjarrwu n̲akanhaminyarawu ŋalmaliŋguwaywuru,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apthumanmi bukmak bala-räli'yunmi.

Gumatj

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

- ŋilimurru yurru räl-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurruŋgalaŋawu,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barraŋga'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurr buku-l̲iw'maram wäŋa mi̲tji malanynha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räl-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurruŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw wo̲n̲d̲aŋarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-d̲apmaranhamirr 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 Office offices on Tuesday 17 November 2026 at 10:00 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:

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

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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 form 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 following meetings:

(a) Ramingining Local Authority meeting held on 22 September 2026.

(b) Ramingining Special Local Authority meeting held on 21 October 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Ramingining Local Authority- Minutes 22 Sep 2026 [**1.5.1** - 6 pages]
2. Ramingining Local Authority- Minutes 21 Oct 2026 [**1.5.2** - 3 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining Local Authority 22 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:37 am.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy (Chair)
Daphne Malibirr
Fabian Garawirrtja
Gilbert Walkuli
John Djoma
Norman Daymirringu

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Vicki Wassens (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

RAM 2025/92 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Norman Daymirringu)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Cr. David Warraya, Lizzy Mindhili, Robert Yawarnu, Shirley Balalnydju and Leigh Malibirr.

(b) Notes the apology received from Cr. David Warraya, Lizzy Mindhili and Robert Yawarnu.

(c) Notes Shirley Balalnydju, Robert Yawarnu, Lizzy Mindhili, Leigh Malibirr and Cr. David Warraya are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

(d) Determines that Leigh Malibirr absent without permission.

(e) Letter to be sent to Shirley Balalnydju seeking her to attend the following meetings.

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/93 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RAM 2025/94 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Daphne Malibirr)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 July 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Lithium Battery Pack

SUMMARY:

The Cemetery currently relies on a portable generator to provide power during funeral services. While functional, the generator produces noise that can be disruptive during ceremonies and requires ongoing fuel and maintenance.
It is proposed that a lithium battery power pack be purchased for use at the Cemetery during funeral services. The battery pack would provide a quieter, cleaner, and more suitable power source for public address equipment and other small electrical devices required during services.
Details of the suitable model, specifications, and pricing are provided in the attached quotation for the Local Authority's consideration.

RAM 2025/98 **RESOLVED (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Norman Daymirringu)**

That the Local Authority approves the procurement of a lithium battery pack for use at the Cemetery during funeral services, as detailed in the attached information.

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LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.2 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

SUMMARY:

To seek feedback from the Ramingining Local Authority regarding a proposed naming convention that incorporates both the community name and ward name in Local Authority names.

RAM 2025/96 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That the Ramingining Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to be changed to the Rawarrang - Ramingining Local Authority, to properly reflect the language of the cultural Ward name.

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 U

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 2025/101 **RESOLVED (Gilbert Walkuli/John Djoma)**

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/99 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 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 2025/102 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/John Djoma)**

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

Lunch break was taken from 12:26 PM to 1:00 PM.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authorities 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.

RAM 2025/97 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That the Ramingining Local Authority resolves to:

(a) Confirm Locations 1 and 2, as identified on the attached location plan, as its selected locations for installation of two solar lights;

(b) Requests to progress final design, approvals and delivery of the lights using those locations, subject to confirmation of technical suitability and required approvals; and

(c) Authorises use of the second highest ranked alternative locations of 3 and 4 shown on the plan if the first selected location is determined to be technically unsuitable.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

RAM 2025/100 **RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

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4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

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

RAM 2025/103 **RESOLVED (Daphne Malibirr/John Djoma)**

That the Local Authority notes the presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

PRESENTATION

4.2 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RAM 2025/95 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Gilbert Walkuli)**

That the Local Authority notes the discussion with the Local Police Department.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:54 pm

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

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OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining Local Authority 21 October 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 02:00 pm.

Members in Attendance:

Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy (Chair)
Daphne Malibirr
Fabian Garawirrtja
Gilbert Walkuli
John Djoma
Norman Daymirringu

East Arnhem Regional Council Officers:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Vicki Wassens (Council Services Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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 form the Council members and what absences that the Council given permission for.

RAM 2025/105 **RESOLVED (Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the absence of Lizzy Mindhili, Shirley Balalnydju, Robert Yawarnu, Leigh Malibirr and Cr. David Warraya
(b) Notes the apology received from Lizzy Mindhili and Robert Yawarnu.
(c) Notes Lizzy Mindhili,Shirley Balanydju, Robert Yawarnu, Leigh Malibirr and Cr. David Warraya 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 2025/106 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Gilbert Walkuli)**

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

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Allocation of expiring LAPF Funding to Ramingining Aged Care Building

SUMMARY:

This report seeks recommendation from the Ramingining Local Authority to allocate expiring Local Authority Project Funding, including carried forward funds toward the Ramingining Aged Care building. The proposal commits an estimated total of $192,821.64 to support the refurbishment of Aged Care centre in Ramingining.

RAM 2025/104 **RESOLVED (John Djoma/Fabian Garawirrtja)**

That Local Authority recommends the allocation of $192,821.64 expiring Ramingining Local Authority Project Funding towards the refurbishment of the Aged and Disability Care Centre in Ramingining and further LAP funds if needed.

3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 02:25 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Special Meeting held on 21 October 2026.

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2 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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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 Ramingining 2026 [**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. **25.08.2026** – CEO and Councillors met with Chief Minister and her Department, Chief Minister expressed that she would like to work with Local Authorities on how to go forward regarding the distribution and sale of Kava in East Arnhem communities.

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: *'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'.* **19.05.26-** Waiting on correspondence from NLC. **25.09.26** – Still Waiting on correspondence from NLC.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
Additional Lighting and power (solar) at the current cemetery		GM – Infrastructure Team	**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. **21.07.26** – Costing have been received for installation of 2 Solar lights and refurbishment of Ramingining entry sign. **25.08.26 –** Lights have been procured and tender for completion of works to be released within a week.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

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. **21.07.26** – Wait for lighting repairs to be completed before assessing dimly lit areas.

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			25.08.26 – Waiting on Lighting contractor to complete repair works before assessment can begin.
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. **21.07.26** – Confirming section 19 Lease holder

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			25.08.26 – Council is the current lease holder, a detailed engineer report need to be completed to consider.
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 Ramingining. 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. **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 **21.07.26** – Engaged TransportWise to revise Local Area Traffic Management plan based on current Austroads guidelines. Procurement of new materials, signs and traffic calming devises to follow based on revised LATM plan.
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. **21.07.26** – Being considered in todays meeting.

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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. **21.07.26** – The 46km portion named GOAT track is hindering access to Ramingining
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.	**21.07.26 –** Council Services manager to follow up on lighting now school has returned. **25.08.26 –** Waiting for formal response from School Principal.
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

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ON ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			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. **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:

Engagement on Allocation of Social Housing:

I have reached out to and met with the Northern Land Council to seek to work with them to advance some of Council's Key Advocacy Points calling for:

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.

Other closely related Key Advocacy Positions of Council are the call for:

Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

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, and;

The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

A letter from President Lapulung Dhamarrandji (as attached) has been sent to the Northern Land Council Chair Matthew Ryan seeking support to engage with Council and its Local Authorities to help progress and gain real outcomes on these important issues.

The Northern Land Council has confirmed it will raise the recommendations of the Council and its Local Authorities at the December meeting of the Joint Steering Committee Housing NT.

Council’s advocacy position was also raised at a meeting with Marion Scrymgour Special Envoy for Remote Communities and Northern Territory Member of Parliament Chansey Paech, at the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on 11 November in Alice Springs.

I also raised Council’s commitment to the need for the new CDP / Remote Australia Employment Service to bring back genuine mutual obligation as a real incentive to shift to

training and employment. Marion Scrymgour and Chansey Paech were receptive to these key advocacy points and committed to talk further with Council about them.

Engagement on Domestic and Family Violence and Young Offenders & Their Families:

Congratulations to the Ramingining Councillors, Local Authority Members, staff and a range of stakeholders for recently holding a very successful No More Violence Community Day, with Vicki Wassens, our Ramingining Council Services Manager playing a key role bringing it all together. The event was promoted on social media and in a media release, as attached.

Each Local Authority can consider what sort of event or events it may want held to call out and challenge domestic and family violence.

Council reviewed and endorsed the resolutions from the last round of Local Authority meetings to tackle domestic and family violence, and achieve genuine engagement with young offenders and their families, and genuine outcomes.

Based on the range of resolutions, and following a meeting with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Council endorsed the following resolution.

That Council:

Calls for real action to address domestic and family violence, and achieve genuine engagement with young offenders and their families and genuine outcomes, including:

1. **Tackle the illegal sale of kava and other substances that are having a devastating affect on our people.**

2. **All community members to call out any domestic violence, which is not part of our culture.**

3. **Support community events to call out Domestic and Family violence.**

4. **Coordination with the NT Police and local stakeholders of community events to call out and challenge domestic and family violence.**

5. **Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences, and additional necessary funding to be provided.**

6. **Support Council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders, and the provision of effective funding from the Northern Territory and Australian Governments.**

7. **The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

Another key development for Council to be aware of is the release of the Report of the Independent Review into the Conduct of the Department of Children and Families, which was tabled in the Northern Territory Parliament on 20 October. The NT Government and Opposition have supported the implementation of the 45 recommendations of the Independent Review. The Executive Summary and Summary of Recommendations are attached.

Creation of New Youth Centres and Disability Support Centres

Council also endorsed the decision by the Galiwinku, Yirrkala and Gapuwiyak Local Authorities to close the Childcare Centres in their communities due to ongoing challenges to staff and operate them. The Galiwinku and Yirrkala Local Authorities approved the use Local Authority Project Funds to convert the centres into Youth Centres, to support better, targeted engagement with young people and their families.

The Gapuwiyak Local Authority approved use of its Local Authority Project Funds for the conversion of their Council office building into a new Disability Services Centre, as the Galiwinku, Yirrkala and Milingimbi Local Authorities also decided.

As Gapuwiyak has a major Recreation Hall and newly built Youth Centre, the old Child Care Centre will be used for other purposes.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter to NLC Chairman Matthew Ryan Re Engagement on Social Housing 21 Oct 26 [**2.2.1** - 2 pages]
2. Media Release - Leading The Way - No More Violence [**2.2.2** - 2 pages]
3. Social Media Post on No More Voilence - Ramingining [**2.2.3** - 1 page]
4. Executive Summary and Recommendations Pages 9-11 [**2.2.4** - 3 pages]

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21 October 2026

Matthew Ryan
Chair
Northern Land Council
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Re: Engagement on Allocation of Social Housing

Dear Matthew,

I write following a very productive meeting on 16 October of EARC CEO Dale Keehne with the Northern Land Council Engagement Officer, Remote Housing Reforms Mia Christophersen and Policy & Advocacy Officer Ged Shearer, as recommended by Regional Manager East Arnhem Craig Bonney. As requested by your officers, I am writing to you to formally raise a key advocacy position of our elected Council calling for:

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.

The Council's Local Authorities across the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn Council, have considered and formally endorsed this and the other Key Advocacy Positions, as attached.

A delegation of our Councilors raised this advocacy point regarding housing for Yolngu workers, and aged and disabled people, directly with the former NIAA CEO Jody Braun in Canberra back in July 2024, who made a general statement that they have a similar view and this would be developed.

Two plus years later Federal Minister Malarndirri McCarthy has expressed that the priority is to maximize the number of people who can have a 'roof over their head', and there is no provision for the allocation of housing to local Aboriginal workers in their communities. This view has been reiterated to me on a number of occasions by high ranking NT Government officials.

Our Council recognises the highly important role of the Northern Land Council in the Joint Steering Committee Housing NT, with the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government, the other NT Land Councils and Aboriginal Housing NT, to oversee the $4 billion Northern Territory Remote Housing Package.

We would like to seek the NLC's support as such an important party to the joint arrangement to use this historic opportunity over the remaining eight years of the $4 billion program, to shift to greater empowerment of Aboriginal people, by actively supporting local Indigenous people to gain and keep employment, through the provision of part of the total new social housing.

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This would also involve the re-design of planned housing to allow for one and two bedroom units that provide the opportunity for local workers to escape the burden of overcrowding, including maintaining food, and being able to sleep and be ready for work.

Council sees these as fundamental human rights that are met through public housing allocations 'down south' but continue to not be provided in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. We see this is linked to the false, harmful and patronising generalisation that 'all Indigenous people want to live together'.

Through Council's support of aged and disabled community members we have also raised the need for them to live in their own housing, as is also the case 'down south' or in metropolitan Darwin, and so they are included in Council's advocacy point on housing.

Homelands are included as a key part of Council's advocacy position, as Council recognises the great value of Yolngu to live and work in their homelands across the region. All our Local Government, like all Northern Land Council Councillors for East Arnhem, are inherently linked to our respective homelands and call for the proper funding of social, worker and aged / disability housing across the homelands from the $4 billion NT Remote Housing Package, and other funding sources.

Other closely related Key Advocacy Positions of Council are the call for:

Effective funding of essential and other support services to residents of small to large homelands, across East Arnhem Land.

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, and;

The need for genuine co-design of new housing developments, that Council assess and approve, to comply with National Standards.

In order to progress these important shared objectives for our joint communities and homelands, I would like to propose as EARC President to you as the NLC Chair, that a formal connection and role be established between the Housing Reference Group's in each community, and the Local Authorities in the five respective cultural based wards across East Arnhem Land, and in turn the East Arnhem Regional Council, to provide a broader and formally elected and endorsed representative structure than currently exists through the Housing Reference Group structure.

This formal connection and role would form an important part of broader engagement with the Northern Land Council's East Arnhem Regional Council, your East Arnhem Executive Members of the Full Council Yananymul Mununggurr, and Djawa Yunupingu, the Housing and Homelands Committee, and the Joint Steering Committee Remote Housing NT.

Yours sincerely,

Lapulung Dhamarrandji
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Media Release 20 October 2026

Leading The Way - No More Violence

East Arnhem Regional Council's Local Authority Members for Ramingining proactively supported the call by Council to tackle domestic violence through the 'No More Violence' community event held on 17 October 2026 in Ramingining.

Driven by East Arnhem Regional Council and the Council's Local Authority Members, the event engaged multiple stakeholders throughout the region to deliver an important message – No More Violence.

East Arnhem Regional Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy and Local Authority Members Gilbert Walkuli, John Djoma, Jason Mirritjawuy, Fabian Garawirrtja and Lizzy Mindhili spoke throughout the day with community members about violence, calling back to their Local Authority resolution on 21 July 2026 for:

> Family, community members and all people calling out and reporting domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children when they see it.

Council was proud to see strong support from many stakeholders who were involved including: Biṉipiliŋmirriŋ Djägaginin Mala (BDM), Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation, Ramingining School, NT Police, NO MORE AU, Durack Civil, Deltareef (Gumatj Group), AFL Northern Territory, Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation, ALPA Store, ALPA RAES and the Defence Force.

Daman Ryan reflected on Norman Daymirringu's speech saying, "Norman Daymirringu is a powerful community leader, he got everyone in a huge circle with arms linked [#linkup] and spoke in the middle of the circle about violence, social behaviours and social media and his words and passion was infectious."

Vicki Wassens (Ramingining Council Services Manager) reflected on the day saying, "We achieved our goal of spreading the message and education of 'No More Violence' and we gave the community an opportunity to come together for a fun and social afternoon."

East Arnhem Regional Council's 100% Aboriginal elected Council and its Local Authorities in each community remain committed to work in close collaboration with the NT Police and the Northern Territory Government to tackle domestic violence and other crime.

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Additional Quotes:

"No more violence. Ramingining need to stand together. Yaka Mari. Stand together."
Norman Daymirringu

"Glad we could be a part of an important message to Ramingining."
Cameron Baker, Operations Manager – Ramingining, Gumatj Construction

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

"People, family and community members need to call out violence when they see it. People need to be responsible for their actions."
Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay

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Ramingining – No More Violence

A big thank you to everyone who came along and took part in the No More Violence community event held in Ramingining over the weekend.

Together, our Local Authority Members, stakeholders and community members helped create a fun-filled and educational day with plenty of food, prizes, stalls, activities and footy games.

We're excited to share some photos from the event and celebrate everyone who helped make the day such a success.

Learn More: https://eastarnhem.nt.gov.au/leading-the-way-no-more...

#workingtogether #nomoreviolence #linkup #ramingining #strongertogether #localgovernment

Thank you: Bi̱nipili̱mirri̱ Djägaginin Mala (BDM), Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation , Bula'bula Arts Aboriginal Corporation , Ramingining School, Northern Territory Police Force , NO MORE AU , Durack Civil, Deltareef (Gumatj Group), AFL Northern Territory , Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation, ALPA Store, ALPA RAES and the Defence Force. See less











Executive Summary

The Review examined the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) management of the circumstances concerning Kumanjayi Little Baby (KLB), including the Department's response to notifications, reports and concerns about the child's safety and wellbeing. The Review considered the adequacy, timeliness and appropriateness of DCF's response; compliance with legislative and policy requirements; the effectiveness of its systems, policies, procedures and operational practices; and broader systemic issues that may affect DCF's capacity to meet its statutory child protection responsibilities.

The Review found that the circumstances concerning KLB cannot be considered solely as an individual case management failure. They highlight interconnected shortcomings across the child protection system, including statutory practice, the assessment and management of risk where domestic and family violence (DFV) is present, information sharing, workforce capacity and capability, organisational and operating arrangements, timeliness, governance and leadership.

A central finding is the DCF requires a clearer, more consistent and effective child protection practice framework, grounded in the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007*. Practitioners need clear guidance on statutory intervention, the assessment of significant and cumulative harm, escalating risk, safety planning, decision-making and case closure. Where DFV is identified, its nature, pattern, severity and impact on children must be explicitly assessed, including the risks posed by perpetrators and the protective capacity of the non-offending parent. Safety arrangements must be appropriate to the child's circumstances, with the suitability and capacity of those relied upon to protect the child properly assessed and reviewed as risks change.

The Review also identified the need for more effective information sharing and interagency collaboration, alongside significant workforce pressures arising from increasing demand, case complexity, vacancies, turnover, varying practitioner experience and growing backlogs. These pressures affect the timeliness and quality of assessment, continuity of case management and effective supervision. Addressing them requires a sustained commitment to workforce capability, professional development, recruitment and retention, as well as operating arrangements that make effective use of existing capacity and direct organisational effort towards frontline child protection.

Improving timeliness requires systemic action rather than simply expecting practitioners to complete work more quickly. DCF needs clearer performance expectations, reliable reporting, active monitoring of delays and backlogs, and stronger management oversight to ensure that risks and outstanding actions are identified and addressed promptly. These improvements must be supported by effective governance, clear accountability, visible leadership and a sustained, coordinated approach to reform.

Taken together, the findings point to the need for a system-wide reset of DCF's child protection function. The recommendations address immediate practice and operational weaknesses while establishing the foundations for longer-term reform. Their implementation will require executive ownership, clear priorities, accountability for delivery and active assurance that changes are translating into improved practice and outcomes for children and families.

Summary of Recommendations

The Review makes recommendations directed at strengthening the child protection system across DCF, with a focus on improving the safety and wellbeing of children, strengthening statutory practice and ensuring that identified risks are recognised, assessed and acted upon in a timely and effective manner.

The recommendations are directed towards the following priority areas:

1. Statutory child protection practice and risk assessment: Establish a clear practice framework grounded in DCF's legislative responsibilities, evaluate the effectiveness of Signs of Safety, introduce evidence-informed risk assessment tools and consolidate policies, procedures and practice guidance to support consistent, defensible decision-making.
2. Domestic and family violence and safety planning: Integrate DFV risk assessment into child protection practice, strengthen practitioner capability to identify cumulative and escalating harm, and ensure that safety plans are appropriate, effective and regularly reviewed. This includes an immediate audit of current Safety Plans and stronger requirements for assessing the suitability of adults nominated to a child's safety network.
3. Information sharing and interagency collaboration: Strengthen the proactive and systemic sharing of information between DCF and partner agencies, including police, corrections, health, education and housing, and ensure that relevant information is integrated into risk assessment, safety planning and decisions about protective intervention.
4. Workforce capability, capacity and sustainability: Develop a comprehensive workforce strategy addressing recruitment, retention, professional development, supervision and competency, supported by a robust assessment of workforce demand, case complexity and the distribution of experienced practitioners across the Territory.
5. Organisational structure and operating model: Review the allocation of functions, resources and decision-making authority to ensure that DCF's operating arrangements support its statutory responsibilities, reduce unnecessary administrative burden and strengthen frontline child protection capacity.
6. Timeliness, early intervention and service responsiveness: Establish an end-to-end framework for monitoring and managing timeliness, cumulative delay and escalating risk. Strengthen management oversight, escalation processes and improve prevention and early intervention pathways so that children and families receive the support earlier and statutory resources can be prioritised according to risk and need.
7. Governance, performance, assurance and leadership: Establish a comprehensive Child Protection Performance and Accountability Framework, supported by reliable performance information, clear accountability, regular executive oversight and effective monitoring of improvement actions. Strengthen business continuity arrangements and visible leadership, including direct engagement with regional and remote frontline operations.

Taken together, these recommendations are intended to support a sustained and coordinated reform of the child protection system. Implementation should be guided by DCF's statutory responsibilities and focused

on whether changes improve the quality, timeliness and effectiveness of practice and, ultimately, the safety and wellbeing of children.

Background and Context

1. Overview of the case

KLB's family was known to DCF prior to her birth through notifications concerning her older sibling, including a notification received while KLB's mother was pregnant with her. These earlier notifications provide important context to the Review's consideration of the information available to DCF and its understanding of the family's circumstances before and after KLB's birth. The Review has considered the history of DCF involvement as a whole, while distinguishing the circumstances and allegations relating to KLB from those concerning her older sibling.

KLB was 5 years old when it is alleged she was abducted from the Old Timers town camp, Alice Springs and later murdered in April 2026. The matter is currently before the court.

2. Notification and intervention history

The notification history provides important context for understanding the nature and progression of DCF's involvement with KLB and her family. Over the period reviewed, DCF received repeated notifications concerning the child's exposure to domestic and family violence (DFV), predominantly involving her father, RG. The notifications span a number of years and include reports of verbal and physical violence, breaches of domestic violence orders, coercive and controlling behaviour and, on some occasions, the child's direct or potential exposure to incidents of violence.

The publicly reported court proceedings concerning RG have also referred to an ongoing pattern of DFV against the same complainant and repeated breaches of domestic violence orders. These reports provide additional context to the concerns recorded in DCF's notification history, although the Review's assessment is based on the departmental records and evidence examined.

The history is significant not only because of the number of notifications, but because of the recurring nature of the concerns and the increasing recognition of DFV-related risk over time. In the 7 August 2021 notification, for example, DCF identified exposure to DFV and a breach of a DVO as concerns and recorded a safety goal and safety scale of 2/10. The assessment also identified the need to obtain the DVO history and a custody/corrections chronology for the father. The matter was subsequently finalised on 4 October 2021 when DCF closed the case.

A further notification was received on 4 August 2022 concerning exposure to DFV, a breach of a DVO and an assault, including a concern about the child's involvement. The Signs of Safety assessment again recorded a safety scale of 2/10 and identified no signs of safety. The assessment described dangerous behaviour involving a child and recorded that the father had been arrested. The notification was ultimately closed on 21 March 2023, with reference to a Strengthening Families case.

By January 2023, DCF's assessment of the circumstances reflected an increasing level of concern. The 20 January 2023 notification was assessed as a three-day response, with a safety scale of 3/10. The assessment specifically noted the frequency of DFV incidents, the vulnerability of the child because of her young age and that there appeared to be an escalating pattern.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 Council Services Manager Report

AUTHOR Shannon Cervini (Director - Council Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers 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

East Arnhem Regional Council (EARC) Councillor Jason Mirritjawuy, Local Authority Member Fabian Garawirrtja and Council Services Manager Vicki Wasasens continued the idea from Ramingining LA members of a community march against violence by having further meetings together. In wanting to have as many community members attend the event, a march evolved into our No More Violence Community Day and AFL gala day.

The day was a great success due to the collaboration from community stakeholders, organisations and contractors. The message of No More Violence was supported by a community march around the oval finishing with community members linking arms to stand together against violence.

EARC would like to thank everyone involved in creating a successful event and delivering an important message to community.

The photos reflect the support of Durack Civil, Miwatj Health, Bula Bula Arts, No More, BDM, Ramingining Police, Ramingining School and Gumatj Corporation.
















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Joining EARC as Customer Services Officer is Sheralyn O'Ryan, who has been a great addition to the Council and Post Office.



New CSO Sheralyn O'Ryan helping post office client.



Lakisha Garawirritja taking community surveys.

Municipal Services (MS)

The Municipal Services team has performed well in maintaining Ramingining community despite challenges of hot working conditions, issues with vehicles and machinery, and a damaged garbage truck.

We received a garbage trailer from Milingimbi to help with bin lifts while we await the repair to the garbage truck. Unfortunately, the process is significantly slower, resulting in the MS team having to roster bin lifts into their daily routine as opposed to twice a week.

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. Hard rubbish collection will continue as community prepares for cyclone season.

Senior Administration Officer Lily Watson is working with the MS and Waste and Environment teams on bins audits, repairing or replacing damaged bins in community.

Municipal Services Supervisor, Bill Kathagen, will be finishing in his role on the 10th of December. We thank Bill for his leadership of the MS team and wish him well with his health and time ahead with family.

Positions vacant:

1 x Municipal Services Supervisor

1x Municipal Services Officer

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

Our Community Night Patrol (CNP) team of Fabian Garawirritja & Christina Daymirringu have continued to deliver this service to the Ramingining Community to a high standard, aided by previous CNP members Lloyd Garrawurra and Megan Malibirr joining the team.

Team leader Fabian has increased the CNP teams' community engagement, being present at community events and activities.

The result of a higher visual presence as well as continuing patrol of community during the evenings is evident in the reporting of a quieter community.





Left: Fabian Garawirritja and Christina Daymirringu supporting No More Violence Community Day.
Above: Fabian involved with community engagement in the men's program.

Aged Care and Disability Services

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

Tracey Brown left her role as Operations Coordinator, and this role remains vacant. We thank Baraka Emmy for overseeing both his role and the Operations Coordinator, maintaining the high quality of service provided to the clients.
Glenda Mackay recently joined the team as the Services Cook. Glenda has years of experience in this field and working remotely and has strengthened the Aged Care and Disability Service with her cooking of over 50 nutritional meals per day, as well as breakfasts for the clients

The Aged Care and Disability Services continues to offer their popular Centre based activities of monthly BBQ, colouring, miyalk groups, and on country trips for hunting and picnics.

In advocating for the wellbeing of their clients, a disability client was flown to Darwin for medical attention. This was an urgent situation that could have resulted in death if nothing was actioned by the service as family had previously refused to consent for his operation.

There are three positions available:
1 x Aged Care Services Operations Coordinator
1 x Disability Support Worker
1 x Aged Care Worker



Monthly BBQ



Disability client being flown to Darwin for medical treatment



Damper making and enjoying together



Art and craft



Miyalk heading to picnic



Miyalk picnic

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

Active Community and Youth Services (ACYS) coordinator Darran Wyatt has returned from leave, enabling consistent delivery of programs and activities to community.

ACYS staff are running multiple activities every week in the library space with the support of Library and Cultural Heritage workers Rachel and Methuselah. This has led to positive engagement with people of all ages as they enjoy the aircon and respite provided by the library.

Library staff from Galiwinku visited Ramingining Library staff in October. Verity and her team provided ideas to Ramingining library staff around what was working well and some of the challenges they faced in Galiwinku. All library staff did a thorough cleaning of the library space in preparation for the renovations scheduled for completion at the end of 2026.

No More Violence Community Day led by Council Services was successful and gave the opportunity for some of the young people, both boys and girls, to participate in some AFL matches umpired by Josh from AFL NT.

The ACYS program attended the annual Girls Under 15's inter-community AFL event in Gunyangara, where there were great matches played and our Ramingining girls enjoyed their trip and socialising with other community teams.

Positions available:
1 x Active Communities Worker – recruiting and interviews are organized for this week.



Edor on the oval



Art and Craft at the Youth Centre



Visiting Galiwinku staff



Collaboration with Miwatj Health for cooking program



Darran Wyatt with the AFLX girls in Gunyangara.

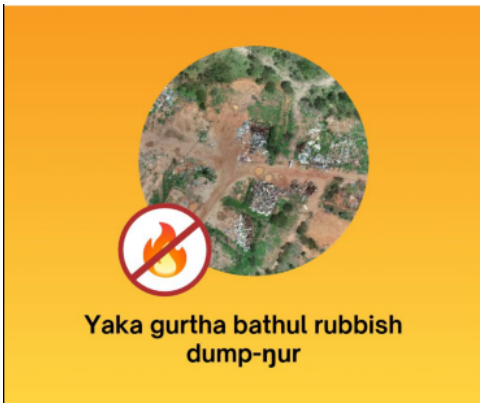


Raminginging community gathering for No More Violence March.

Waste and Environmental Update

We're currently preparing new signage for the landfill. We'll install these and update the EARC website mapping. This is to update the sites as new waste bays are added and old bays are closed.

Uncontrolled fires are a risk factor in our remote landfills. To help reduce these fires, we created this communication with Yolngu Matha and published it on Facebook.



Yaka gurtha bathul rubbish dump-ŋur.

Wiripu gurtha rubbish dump-ŋurdja yaka nhakun ḏiltjipuy gurtha.

Ŋunhi ŋanapurr ŋuli bathan gurtha ŋayi ŋuli botjin watay gäma garrwarkum.

Yaka dhuŋguryurr gurtha rubbish dump-ŋur marr ga djamarrkuḻi', ŋaḻapaḻmirr ga gurruṯumirr mala limurruŋ manymak ga nhina ga yaka walal dhu rerrikthun yätjkurryu ŋawululyu.

Ŋunhi nhe dhu nhäma gurtha rubbish dump-ŋur, riŋimap East Arnhem Regional Council dhipal number-lil 08 8986 8986

Gandjuḻ djämamirr mala ŋunhi walalaŋ ga gakal ŋorra walal ŋuli ga djäma rubbish dump-ŋur ga dharray ŋurikiyi wäŋaw. Walalaŋ ga ŋorra yoranhawuy walalwuy dhu yan ga gurtha bathan rubbish dump-ŋur

East Arnhem Regional Council walal ŋuli ga dharray rubbish dump-guny mala Miliŋinbi, Ramangiŋiŋ, Galiwin'ku ga Gapuwiyak.

No fires at the rubbish dump.

Fires at the rubbish dump are different from fires in the bush.

When we burn rubbish, poisonous smoke can go into the air.

Do not light fires at the landfill, so that you are helping to keep everyone safe. Our children, our Elders, our family members, everyone.

If you see a fire at the rubbish dump, ring the East Arnhem Regional Council on this number: 08 8986 8986

Sometimes Council workers with the right skills are using fires to look after the rubbish dump. The workers have asked for permission and they know how to use the fires in a safe way.

The East Arnhem Regional Council looks after the rubbish dumps in Miliŋinbi, Raminginiŋ, Galiwin'ku and Gapuwiyak.

English translation of Facebook post.

Recycling & Listed Wastes

Ramingining Municipal Services team sent these Listed Wastes to Darwin for recycling.

Waste Stream	Device	Units
Tyres	2x Container	~120

Removing end-of-life vehicles (ELVs) using backloads on road trains.

Vehicles are taken to a car wrecker in Darwin, which accepts the vehicles, including tyres, oil, batteries and air conditioning gases. Removing these listed wastes from our regional landfills.

Because this option is only available in the dry season, the ELVs may be stockpiled during the wet season. Waste would like to store vehicles in the old gravel pit close to the community.



Animal Management Program (AMP)

Community: Ramingining

Reporting month/period: October/November 2026

Overall comments:

- Dr Vic and nurse Saraya spent the 4-6 November in Ramingining. Overall, the dogs appear in good condition, though we did hear reports of five separate deceased dogs from various owners over the few days of our visit. The weather is exceptionally hot and only a couple of lots were observed with water available for the dogs, so it is likely dehydration and heat stress maybe behind these reported deaths, though no deceased dogs were presented for examination. No other signs of potential causes were observed in the wider population, though Canine Cough is still circulating.
- A few dogs were observed with high tick burdens but overall, the parasite burden was less than observed in other communities recently – and probably in part due to the high parasite treatment numbers last month – as such treatment this month has focused more on those requiring it.
- We also managed to desex a group of five adult dogs from one house that has been a focus of the program for some time. Hopefully this will settle some of the concerns reported by their neighbours, including some cheeky behaviour.
- The next veterinary visit to Ramingining will be by Dr Celia and Saraya in Feb/March 2027.

Service Delivery Table:

Ramingining	Sept/Oct 26	FY 26-27 to date	FY 25-26
Dogs Desexed	10	56	77
Cats Desexed	2	3	15
Community consultations	1	20	27
Remote/Phone consultations	2	20	22
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	2	17	19
Minor procedures/other surgeries	1	2	6
Parasite Treatments	35	559	895
Euthanasia	0	0	3
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	2	5	12
Total Engagements	**54**	**681**	**1076**

Community education activities: Importance of clean water availability, especially during hot and dry weather conditions.

Staff Education/training activities: N/A

Additional Collaborations/Stakeholder engagements: N/A

Concerns/Challenges:

- Lack of fresh water available for animals to drink within the community – discussed placement of large water container near council office to provide one source.
- Previous concern of dog with a tumour near its penis that required likely euthanasia, but owners couldn't catch the dog for treatment. Dog was observed only once during this visit but not at its house – will require follow up next year.

Any issues or concerns that need to be addressed at LA or council meeting: Reminder for community about the important of fresh water being available for all animals during hot and dry weather conditions.

Photographs:



Junior waiting for treatment after injuring himself on a walk in the bush.



5 watu's (dogs) arriving for operation.



Nurse Saraya caring for one of our surgery patients.



Kitten enjoying some early morning sun post desexing.

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

AUTHOR Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the 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.

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 and report owners:

GENERAL:

116 – *Lighting for Public Safety*

BJH Electrical contractors are undertaking additional lighting maintenance works identified in Milingimbi. Following these works, the contractors will mobilise to Ramingining to carry out streetlight repairs and maintenance. Ramingining will be the next location in the contractors' lighting maintenance program, with works to follow the current activities in Milingimbi.

118 – *Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management*

The Road Maintenance Contractor returned to Ramingining to complete the local and rural road repairs, some shoulder repairs were also completed in town. The Contractor will now move on to Milingimbi.

119 – *Local Road Upgrade and Construction*

As we are coming into the Wet Season, road works have ceased for the year. We are identifying priority works for next year.

122 – *Building Infrastructure Services*

Two Solar Lights will be installed at the Cemetery and should be operational before Christmas.
The upgrade to the Old and New Accommodation blocks will be going out to Tender next week with works to commence in February.

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 Neil Moores (Finance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 October 2026.

SUMMARY:

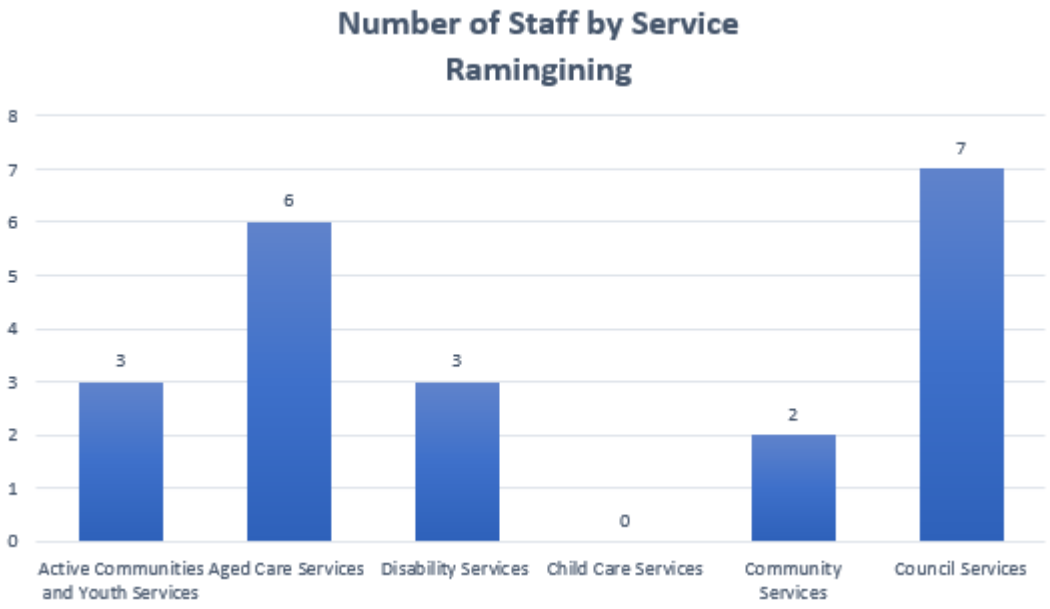
This is a report of the key broad issues since the last report to the Local Authority, in addition to those covered in other parts of the agenda.

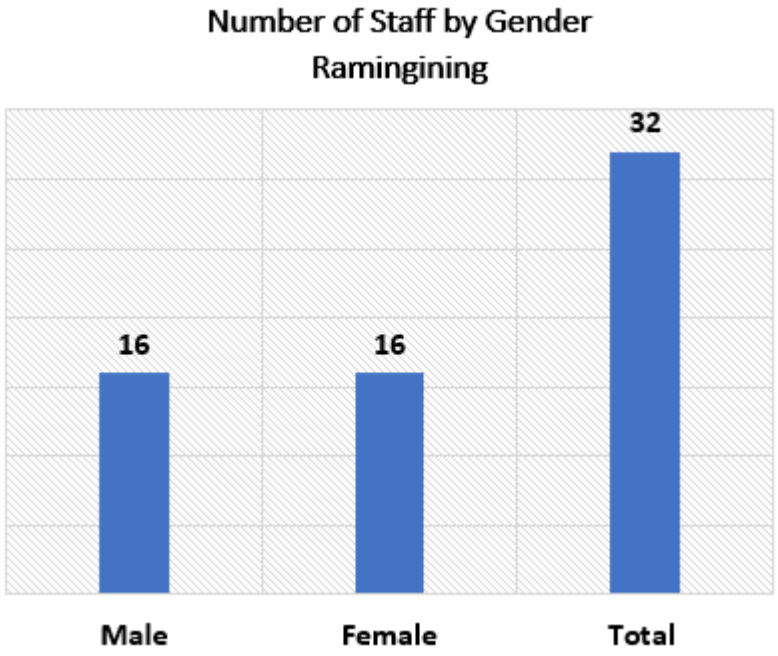
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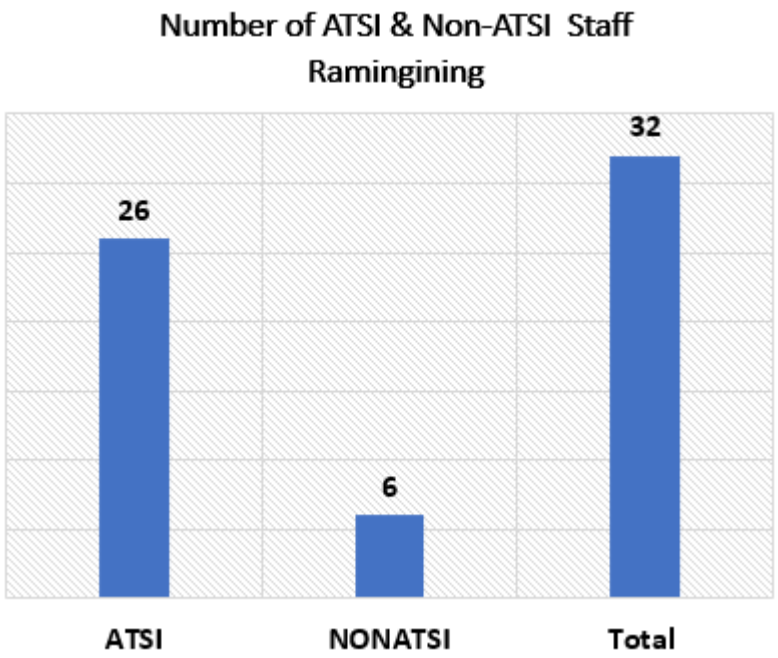
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also, the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL:

Employee Statistics:







VACANCIES AS AT 31.10.2026

Job Title	Location	Recruitment Type	Employment Type	Number of Vacancies
Active Communities Worker	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1
Aged Care Services - Operations Coordinator	Ramingining	External	Full Time	1
Aged Care Services - Support Worker	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1
Municipal Services supervisor	Ramingining	External	Full Time	1
Disability Services Support Worker	Ramingining	Community	Casual	1

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

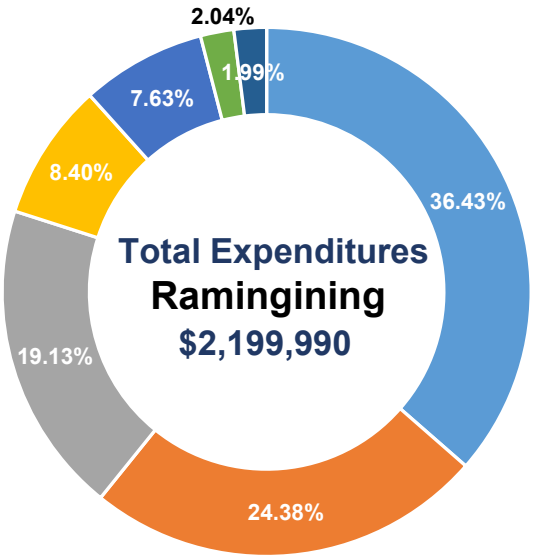
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1. Ramingining [**2.5.1** - 2 pages]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - RAMINGINING

FUNDS LEFT

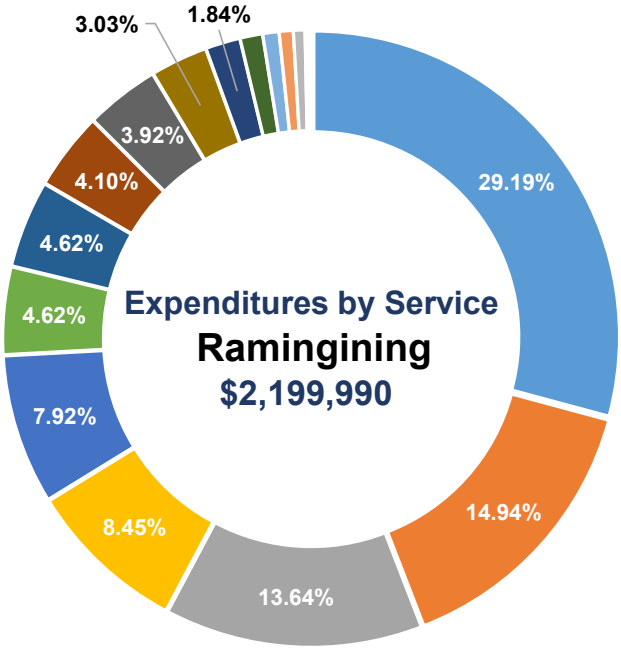
As at 31st October 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	**192,822**	**-**	**192,822**	**142,190**	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	**-**	**-**	**-**	**110,631**	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	**192,822**	**-**	**192,822**	**252,822**	
LESS LAPF PROJECTS					
310414 - LAPF - Ramingining New Cemetery	-	-	-	(92,822)	0%
310514 - LAPF - Ramingining Cemetery Lighting	(8,061)	(107,306)	(115,368)	(160,000)	5%
TOTAL PROJECTS	**(8,061)**	**(107,306)**	**(115,368)**	**(252,822)**	**3%**
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			**77,454**	**-**	



where money was spent?

- Materials and Contracts $801,475
- Employee Costs $536,280
- Fleet & Buildings $420,924
- General $184,791
- Core Recovery $167,919
- Insurance & Finance $44,928
- IT Charges $43,673



- 119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction $642,160
- 169 - Municipal Services $328,741
- 141 - Aged Care Services $300,144
- 107 - Council Services $185,935
- 129 - Waste and Environmental Services $174,149
- 147 - Community Night Patrol and Sobering Up Shelter Services $101,733
- 171 - Disability Services $101,636
- 118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management $90,298
- 152 - Active Communities $86,327
- 139 - Visitor Accommodation $66,631
- 115 - Library Services $40,370
- 108 - Veterinary and Animal Control Services $26,196
- 122 - Building and Infrastructure Services $18,832
- 146 - Community Media $16,217
- 100 - Local Authorities Boards $13,438
- 116 - Lighting for Public Safety $3,481
- 170 - Youth Services $3,404
- 156 - Community Events 296

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS:
Nil

4 Meeting Close