



OPEN AGENDA for the Ramingining Local Authority 22 January 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-ŋiwmaran:

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

Dhaŋu

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

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

Gumatj

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

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

Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barraŋga'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurru buku-ŋiw'maram wäŋa mittji malanyinha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räl-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurrungalaŋjaw
- Gangathinyamaranharaw wondanarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-dapmaranhamirr 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, Yolŋu 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 Thursday 22 January 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

LA 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 23 October 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ramingining Local Authority- _minutes+23+ Oct+2025 [1.5.1 - 6 pages]



OPEN MINUTES for the Ramingining
Local Authority
23 October 2025

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

In Attendance:

Cr. David Warraya (Chair)

Daphne Malibirr

Fabian Garawirrtja

Gilbert Walkuli

Lizzy Mindhili

Norman Daymirringu

Shirley Balalnydju

Robert Yawarnu

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)

Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services)

Adam Johnson (Council Services Manager)

Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

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

RAMINGINING LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

23 OCTOBER 2025

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/42 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Gilbert Walkuli)**That the Local Authority:**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

RAM 2025/43 RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Norman Daymirringu)**That the Local Authority notes no conflicts of interest declared at today's meeting.****MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

RAM 2025/44 RESOLVED (Lizzy Mindhili/Daphne Malibirr)**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 May 2025.**

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2025/45 RESOLVED (Fabian Garawirrtja/Norman Daymirringu)

RECOMMENDATION:**That the Local Authority:**

- (a) Notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings, new actions and request that completed items be removed from the Action Register for the Council to endorse.
- (b) Requests Council write a letter to Northern Land Council and ask that there be more consultation with community members in relation to matters of concern within the community prior to action being taken.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 CEO Report**SUMMARY:**

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

RAM 2025/46 RESOLVED (Robert Yawarngu/Shirley Balalnydjju)

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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23 OCTOBER 2025

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

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

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Service Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authority's consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2025–2026 Annual Plan.

RAM 2025/47 RESOLVED (Shirley Balalnydj/Lizzy Mindhili)

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY

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

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

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

4 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting: 28 January 2026

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:04 pm.

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

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2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA
NGUNIYI

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND:

The current Local Authority Action Items List, and updates on progress to complete them, is attached.

GENERAL:

The attached report gives the Local Authority an opportunity to check that actions from previous meetings are being implemented. New actions will be added to the Action Register.

If an action is completed the Local Authority need to request the item to be removed from the Action Register, for the Council to endorse.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Local Authority Ramingining May 2025 1 [3.1.1 - 9 pages]

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
Kava	<p>That the Local Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>25.01.21 – The Local Authorities resolution has been shared with the Department of Chief Minister.</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Updated has been provided to the Local Authority Members, with further updates to come.</p> <p>15.11.2021 – A separate report was presented by the CEO in the meeting.</p> <p>17.01.2022 – The CEO will provide further updates in the next meeting. The LA will continue to discuss Kava with the community.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>21.11.2022 – As above.</p> <p>16.1.2022 – CEO to provide update next round.</p> <p>20.03.2023 – This is progressing with letters written to the Chief Minister – further updates to be provided.</p> <p>26.05.23 – Ongoing</p> <p>26.10.23 – CEO providing an update in his report.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14.12.23 – As above – ongoing.</p> <p>22.01.24 – Continue to meet with NIAA to progress discussions.</p> <p>21.02.24 – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities. PFES requested</p>

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ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>continuous support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed.</p> <p>25.03.2024 - Ongoing.</p> <p>24.04.2024 – CEO to write to NTG requesting update.</p> <p>20.05.24 – NIAA & NTG to be invited to June Council meeting to provide update.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>15.07.24 – No further action from NTG.</p> <p>18.11.2024 – Ongoing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>23.04.25 - No further action included in Advocacy Points and will be raised with new Government.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
New Cemetery.	General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate the establishment of a new cemetery within the tank camp area.	<p>25.06.24 - emails sent, waiting on confirmation from Council Services Manager. Location to be confirmed with Traditional Owner.</p> <p>17.07.24 – Ongoing – waiting on confirmation with Traditional Owners, Council Services Manager will provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>18.11.2024 – Members have reviewed the map and proposed location of cemetery and are happy with the location.</p> <p>11.12.2024 – Moving forward. Approved and going back to Project Manager.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Additional lighting and solar etc.,</p> <p>17.03.25 – Waiting on approval from NLC for the lease to proceed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>26.05.25 – Ongoing engagement with NLC to expedite the section 19 lease process.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Waiting on NLC – no further updates.</p> <p>23.10.25 - Pending NLC Section 19 lease approval.</p> <p>22.11.25 – as above.</p>
Additional Lighting and power (solar) at the current cemetery	Director Council Services to investigate with Council Services Manager.	<p>18.11.2024 – To provide update at next LA meeting.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>20.01.24 - Works to commence early April due to the wet season.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Heavy machinery to fit the lighting, waiting on the wet.</p> <p>17.03.25 – Ongoing as above waiting for road to become accessible.</p>

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ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>23.04.25 – Ongoing waiting on the wet to finish for access.</p> <p>26.05.25 – Currently awaiting the road to re-open.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Waiting on road to be opened.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This has caused delays in the actioning of works.</p> <p>New mobilisation date tentatively scheduled for mobilisation early November 2025.</p> <p>To confirm the power access to grid and to investigate electricity access to site.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Due for mobilisation to site 3rd Decemeber – delays due to issues related to the business being sold and new entities capacity.</p>
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.	<p>22.02.24 – Update on this has been provided in the new format of Action Register.</p> <p>24.04.2024 – Plan that meets Australian Standards in the budget for that is required.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Budgeted for in Annual Plan. Will potentially start in July.</p> <p>17.07.24 – Update to be provided at next Local Authority meeting.</p> <p>18.11.2024 – currently at tender review process, works still underway.</p> <p>11.12.2024 – Report in confidential agenda for council to approve the consultants starting the work on the lighting and internal roads.</p> <p>20.01.25 – There is a report in the Finance committee for approval.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Audit has been approved through tender, waiting on a commencement date. All the communities will be audited.</p> <p>17.03.25 – Consultant that has been awarded the contract has been engaged, waiting on a suitable time – weather dependant.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Tender has been awarded and audit will begin in mid May.</p> <p>26.05.25 – Transportwise has completed the audit, awaiting their report to understand where the better lighting is required.</p> <p>25.06.25 – No further update from Transport wise. A/g GM Technical and Infrastructure Services to follow up timeline for response.</p>

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		<p>23.10.25 - Audit completed of Lux levels across community, a recommendation will be put forward in regards to new installation.</p> <p>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.</p>
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.	<p>22.02.24 – No update at this point.</p> <p>25.03.24 - Director of Technical and Infrastructure Services to look into handing building back to the Land Trust.</p> <p>24.04.24 - Handing building back to the Land Trust.</p> <p>20.05.24 – DTSI met with NLC, surrender of lease is underway.</p> <p>25.06.24 – Application for handback has been actioned. Awaiting consultation by the NLC.</p> <p>17.07.24 – Ongoing.</p> <p>18.11.2024 – Infrastructure Services to follow up and provide update.</p> <p>11.12.2025 – Met with NLC unfortunately they have a backlog of applications – ongoing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>17.03.25 – After reviewing the building further works are required and have been assigned to the maintenance team for completion.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Ongoing waiting on quotes.</p> <p>26.05.25 – Coordinating with the contractor to review works.</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>25.06.25 – Update to be provided at Local Authority meeting -works are required at the church.</p> <p>23.10.25 – To identify Section 19 lease status, to identify the need and condition of the property.</p>
Requests General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate installation of a footbridge over the drains in certain areas of town.	General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to investigate and advise.	<p>22.02.24 – Update will be provided to LA in next meeting.</p> <p>24.04.24 – Pricing and standard design in play. Look to include in next year's budget.</p> <p>20.05.24 – to be covered in Technical Services report. – Ongoing</p> <p>25.06.24 – Email sent for updates in relation to this action, which is from February with no reply. Will update Local Authority at next meeting and have costings tabled.</p> <p>17.07.24 – Ongoing. Director Technical Services and Infrastructure to update at next meeting.</p> <p>18.11.2024 – Discussions ongoing for location of footbridge and location of solar lighting. Local contractor has confirmed capacity and provided quotes. In progress and waiting approval of the LA members. Weather dependant.</p> <p>11.12.2024 – Been approved by local members, Due to weather will be on hold until after wet. Quotes obtained from a local contractor, and they have already been engaged.</p> <p>20.01.25 – BV Contractors to start site preparation works on 20.01.25.</p> <p>19.02.25 – Work has commenced on footbridge has begun and also looking at drainage.</p> <p>17.03.25 – Works are still ongoing – delay due to ongoing wet season.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Ongoing to the wet season.</p> <p>26.05.25 Waiting for the area to dry out – ongoing.</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>25.06.25 – Waiting on the road to open. BV Contracting is waiting to commence works.</p> <p>23.10.25 – BV contracting commenced works, 50 percent works have completed. Expected completion by end of October 2025.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Works still ongoing. Contractors capacity is low, we are working towards getting these works complete.</p>
Signs and speed humps	Further signs and potential speed humps are required to reduce speeding	<p>20.01.25 - General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to work with the Roads Manager to establish a traffic management plan.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>17.03.25 – Waiting on the roads consultant to be mobilised and this will form part of their assessment.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Ongoing and is incorporated into audit.</p> <p>26.05.25 – Awaiting Transportwise report which will support the request for signage and speed humps.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Waiting to hear back from Transportwise to provide update.</p> <p>23.10.25 – Audit has been completed, recommendations have been provided in report and will be in actioned in the New Year.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Community signage maps currently being created to become a template for reporting damaged/missing signs into the future.</p>
Drainage on roads	The members are particularly concerned about the drainage on the roads and additionally the dips on the road.	<p>17.03.25 – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services is currently looking into this on behalf of the members.</p> <p>23.04.25 – Ongoing and engaging with BV Contractors and reviewing levels.</p> <p>26.05.25 – Design is currently being drafted and will be submitted to the civil engineer for review.</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>25.06.25 – This is with the engineers for review – update to be provided at next LA meeting.</p> <p>23.10.25 – BV contracting has been engaged to undertake the repair and establishment of drainage and dips on Lungurma street especially around the flood prone area adjacent to Lot 101.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Works ongoing.</p>
Local Authority Logos	The members supported the General Business comment made by Galiwin'ku in relation to individual logos for Local Authorities, and noted they would like to reintroduce the logos from the old Local Government days.	<p>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.</p> <p>25.06.25 - Comms Advisor is working with Councillors to establish what they require in the logos.</p> <p>23.10.25 – LA members will discuss and come up with the decision in next LA meeting.</p>
Access to the community from Central Arnhem Road.	The members have raised the issue of access to the community from Central Arnhem Road. There is an issue relating to 48ks of road which Rangers state the turnoff is the only road to the community for 7 months per year. This is a main public road. The onus of maintenance of this road falls with DIPL, however they are asking for advocacy from EARC to find a solution with DIPL to have this matter rectified.	<p>26.05.25 – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to take this matter forward on the members behalf.</p> <p>25.06.25 – Ongoing.</p> <p>23.10.25 – EARC to advocate the issue by writing a letter to DLI and LA members to sign on letter.</p> <p>22.11.25 – Letter being drafted</p>
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	<p>18.01.2021 Design and engineering being finalised for market release – release due end of November with Construction anticipated February – March 2021</p> <p>12.05.2021 – Ongoing</p> <p>19.05.2021 – Project update will be provided at next Local Authority Meeting, Design stage is currently in the process.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14.03.2022 – will go to the market this Friday</p>

RAMINGINING ACTIONS

ON ITEM	ACTIONS	STATUS
		<p>02.06.2022 – To be dealt with in a separate pool</p> <p>22.06.2022 – tender evaluated – pricing beyond available funds – report in this Council meeting.</p> <p>12.09.2022 – Remove from Action and move to Advocacy items.</p> <p>16.01.2023 – No change at this stage.</p> <p>20.03.2023 – Oval stage – looking for future grant funding - no change at this stage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>22.02.25 – Council will keep an eye for funding.</p> <p>17.03.25 – As above.</p>

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 CEO Report

AUTHOR Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

SUMMARY:

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

GENERAL:

Happy New Year to all Local Authority Members, your families, communities and homelands. I have been spending time with family like you all over the end of year.

I look forward to another strong year of working with you, local leaders and members of our six Yolngu communities related homelands.

There are many issues, challenges and opportunities to help shape a better life for all, with our strong local Indigenous leaders at the heart of it all.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Services Report

AUTHOR

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager 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) in Ramingining has been actively cooperating to build and maintain partnerships with community stakeholders, encouraging service providers to collaborate effectively.

We would like to acknowledge Brad Lena, who came across from EARC Yirrkala to assist as the Relief Council Services Manager along Hamish Brace our Regional Manager – Waste and Environment who covered Ramingining Council Services Manager role for six weeks throughout the Christmas and New Year period. The dedication and commitment from both ensured that operations in Ramingining continued to build and strengthen in the absence of a permanent Council Services Manager.

In February we will see the commencement of our newly appointed Council Services Manager, Vicki Wassens. Vicki joins us having been internally recruited and will be moving on from her current role as Recreation Hall Manager in Galiwin'ku. We look forward to Vicki's arrival in Ramingining and working with our teams on the ground.

On Friday 05 December 2025, we held our staff Christmas party at Ganinydja Lodge which saw all of our teams come together for an afternoon of food, fun and laughter while also allowing us to spend some quality time together as a wider team and reflect on another year passed and look forward into future. The preparation for the event saw everyone work together as a team to ensure there was equal contribution across the board.

Please see below for some photos from our Christmas Party.



Ramingining Staff Christmas Party 2025.



Ramingining Staff Christmas Party 2025.



Active Communities & Youth Services team.



Aged Care & Disability Services team.



Community Night Patrol team.



Council Services (Office) team.

Current vacancies for Council Services Support are the Council Services Manager and Senior Administration Officer positions.

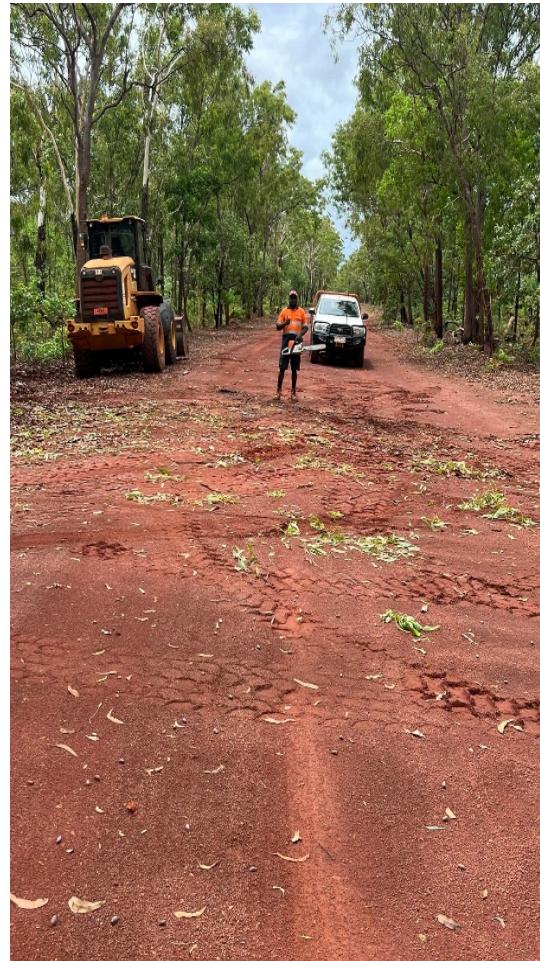
Municipal Services:

The Municipal Services team as expected has been kept busy keeping on top of the grass growth on the road verges and throughout the community. Wet season often means that this becomes the primary focus for the Municipal Services team along with litter pickups and kerbside collections.

In November, Municipal Services Supervisor, Bill and two of his team were called into action to clear a large tree that had fallen across the barge access road. It was a collaborative effort requiring the loader and some handy chainsaw skills to get the road cleared and back opened to the public. The team had received some positive recognition of their efforts from community members.



Tree obstructing the Barge Access Road.



Municipal Services Team Member, Tyronne after completing his chainsaw work.



Loader being used to lift large logs.



Municipal Services team cooked the Christmas Party BBQ

Over the Christmas/New Year period, Municipal Services Supervisor, Bill Kathagen took some well-earned rest. Throughout this time Frank Durrurrnga stepped up into the Municipal Services Supervisor role while Tyronne (Muluwurrwuy) Gurralpa moved into Frank's Team Leader position. Both have done an exceptional job with their increased responsibilities. Lastly, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Municipal Services team who were on BBQ cooking duties for the staff Christmas party. Bill and team were kept busy on the tongs, working through a nice selection of meat that was ordered from a butcher in Darwin.



Ramingining Municipal Services team on barge day.



Ramingining Municipal Services team with their replacement Skid Steer.

Community Night Patrol:

Fabian Garawirritja & Christina Daymirringu have continued performing their roles well and have remained the two core members of the Ramingining Community Night Patrol team. We have faced challenges 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.

In the absence of a permanent Council Services Manager, Team Leader Fabian has been working closely with Data and Compliance Officer, Valentina Weber each day to ensure that all the reporting and compliance is up to date. Fabian has shown a real will/willingness to learn and understand the back of house requirements of the nightly reporting system, further demonstrating the key role that Fabian plays within the team.

In the lead up to Christmas there was unrest in the community which did cause social distress amongst the Community and Stakeholders. Regrettably Fabian was assaulted while off duty. He has since recovered well. The violence did lead to media attention and police intervention, and it looked as if it was escalating. Community elders and traditional owners intervened with talks that have resulted in a de-escalation of unrest. Throughout this time, the decision was made to pause the service until the tensions in Community had settled.

Currently we have one vacancy for a Community Night Patrol Officer to join the team.

Aged Care Services and Disability Services:

Aged Care has maintained all primary services throughout this period. Christmas hampers were again prepared and delivered to all clients this year.

Tracy Brown, Aged Care & Disability Services Operations Coordinator, had a short break over Christmas; she was well supported by her staff at the facility.

We are also pleased to announce the arrival of our new Aged Care & Disability Services Care Coordinator, Baraka Emmy. Baraka commenced with us on Monday 05 January 2026 and

spent his first week in the Nhulunbuy office working with the team before commencing his role in the Community.

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

The Active Communities and Youth Services (ACYS) program has been going well in Ramingining, with great engagement from the community, in particular the Young People (YP). ACYS staff have managed to help support a lot of our Youth Diversion clients in community to help them complete their set conditions and close their files with the police which has been positive.

Collaborating and building positive relationships with stakeholders has enabled ACYS staff to maintain the program to a good standard. Referrals made to the psychologist from Miwatj by ACYS Coordinator Wyatt have been effective. These referrals have enabled ACYS staff to flag a YP as at risk, so they can receive the appropriate support and care from Miwatj health staff.

It has also been a very busy time for Events with the program being involved with the events listed below.

- 11 – 13 November 2025 – Sydney Swans visit Ramingining.
- 14 – 16 November 2025 – Maningrida Footy Festival.
- 28 November 2025 – Community Disco collaboration with DJ Jack from Music NT.
- 05 December 2025 – EARC Ramingining Staff Christmas Party 2025.
- 06 December 2025 – ACYS Gala Day & 3x3 Community Hustle in Galiwin'ku.
- 16 December 2025 – Christmas gifting collaboration with Wendy from Carers NT and Ramingining Police.



Maningrida Footy Festival.



Sydney Swans visit @ Ramingining Oval.

Activities that have been held in Ramingining include basketball, bat bat, outdoor soccer, touch rugby, skateboarding, arts & craft, football, edor, volleyball, cooking and excursions on country. These range of activities have been facilitated in both inside and outdoors environments.

Staffing within the ACYS program is almost at capacity. We have three Active Communities Workers and two Library and Cultural Heritage Workers employed in Ramingining. LCH Worker

Rachel Wanyarrnga is always reliable and very rarely misses a shift, allowing the library to deliver services to the community daily.

Active Communities (AC) Workers Kevin Garrawurra and Florence Malibirr have both been great additions to the ACYS team and provide reliability and commitment to attend work on a regular basis. AC Worker Jarica Narul has recently converted from Casual to Part Time employee. Jarica has been with ACYS program in Ramingining for over 12 months of continuous attendance. ACYS Coordinator, Wyatt, continues to work with Jarica to upskill her so when Wyatt goes on leave in January 2026 after the school holidays Jarica can lead activities and manage staff.

Currently the ACYS program has one vacancy for an AC Worker in Ramingining.

Waste and Environmental Update:

WS 2244-01 - Manage Landfill Ramingining.

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

Table 1. Landfill Environmental Compliance

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

2.2.1 Facilitate and Advocate for Community Safety, Improved Safety, Improved Health and other Services.

Pre-Cyclone Clean-Up Weeks had been moved forward across the EARC footprint in accordance with Bureau of Meteorology modelling, which indicates that the cyclone/wet season will commence earlier in the year.

This saw us carry out a Pre Cyclone Clean Up week in Ramingining between 27 – 31 October 2025.



4.1.3 Monitor and Report on Approved Management Plans for Waste Facilities

Hamish Brace, Regional Manager Waste & Environment, is a trained and qualified Vocational Education Trainer (VET) and has trained many remote students in Conservation Land Management and Agriculture.

Hamish delivered the following non-certified training to Municipal Services Supervisor, Bill Kathagen and rest of the Ramingining team.

- 'Environmental Management Plan (EMP) Ramingining Waste Management Facility.'

- Ramingining 'Listed Waste Management Emergency Response Plan'

One of the current focuses of the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Agency (NTEPA) is on 'Listed Wastes' and our EARC waste teams' management of these materials.

- Tyres
- Batteries
- Oil



Hamish Brace, Regional Manager Waste & Environment, Frank Durrurrnga, Acting Municipal Service Supervisor, Donald (Marty) Rarrkalmuma, Russell Djordia, & Tyronne (Muluwurrwuy) Gurralpa, Acting leading hand. Training in Listed Waste handling.

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



NTEPA Bryan Bake, Telishia Laegel, Senior Environment Officers & Hamish Brace - Regional Manager Waste and Environment inspect Ramingining landfill 31 October 2025.

On 31 October the NT EPA visited the Ramingining Landfill to carry out an inspection of the facility, looking at the cleanliness of the site, identify any improvements and inspect overall practises related to waste handling.

A report of the observation made by NTEPA was supplied to council in December. The waste team has until 30 January 2026 to reply to the EPA observations.

Hamish was proud to display this well-run landfill. Thanks, Bill Kathagen, Municipal Services Supervisor and the whole MS team.

Animal Management Program Update:

Reporting Month/Period: October to December 2025.

Any Issues or Concerns that need to be addressed at Local Authority or Council Meeting:
NIL.

Overall Comments:

- Locum veterinarian Dr Cassandra Ng covered Dr Maddy Kelso's maternity leave till December 2025.
- Dr Cassandra and Vet nurses Sarah Carrell and Saraya Aston visited between 20 – 24 October 2025.
- Reduced time in Ramingining community with time spent at Yathalamarra homelands.
- Overall good engagement, with 391 engagements across the period.
- Teachers at the school helpful in tracking down dogs with injuries in community.
- Large pig and bulls still present at Tank camp, no new human incidents to report.
- NT health staff member had reported a piglet in community. Visit to the lot in November has revealed that the pig no longer resides there.
- Upcoming vet visit: 2026 dates to be confirmed.

Service Delivery Table:

Ramingining	October	November	December	25-26 FY	24-25 FY
Dogs Desexed	22	0	0	42	51
Cats Desexed	4	0	0	10	22
Community consultations	9	0	0	19	93
Remote/Phone consultations	0	2	0	5	28
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	0	2	0	8	13
Minor procedures/other surgeries	2	0	0	4	3
Parasite Treatments	350	0	0	718	1068
Euthanasia	0	0	0	2	5
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	0	0	0	4	25
Total Engagements	387	4	0	812	1308

Community Education Activities:

Not Applicable.

Staff Training:

- Dr Maddy is continuing the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) Essential Veterinary Skills course to ensure she meets essential CPD criteria to maintain her NT veterinary registration and upskill as the Regional Manager.
- Saraya is continuing her Cert III in veterinary nursing, and the AMP team is supporting her by providing any opportunities to practice her veterinary nursing skills in community work. Saraya continues her training with multiple successful independent administrations of intramuscular injections and independent parasite treatments at houses.

Stakeholder Engagements:

- Dinybulu collaboration: Catherine and Trevor from ALPA/Dinybulu rangers have been in discussions with Dr Maddy about the homelands surrounding Ramingining. Nangalala was serviced on the 9th of September, and Yathalamarra on the 21st of October. Wulka was also serviced on the same day as Yathalamarra.
- ASRAC Collaboration:
 - Helen from the ASRAC rangers has been in discussions with Dr Maddy for the past few months to plan a contracted visit to Doyndji homelands. The initial veterinary nurse visit including census and parasite treatments was completed on 29 September 2025 by nurses Sarah and Saraya. Recommendations have been made for a two-day surgical trip to keep population numbers stable.

Photographs

Teachers at the school called about Cinamon from Lot 135. He had a stab wound so was sedated, wound flushed, and given medications.



Pumba the pug from Yathalamarra was castrated.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authority's consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate. The updates pertain to capital projects and initiatives aligned with the 2025-2026 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 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.

GENERAL:**Local Authority Projects:**Ramingining New Cemetery – Lot 292

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'.

In preparation for anticipated works a modular project Scope of Works has been developed and is intended to be selectable and separable for staging or partial procurement. Staged SoW sections include:

COMPONENT 1 – Site preparation and access works.

COMPONENT 2 – Perimeter fencing and gates.

COMPONENT 3 – Electrical infrastructure (optional/separate RFT).

COMPONENT 4 – Temporary works, logistics and general requirements. (General requirements applies to all components).

Ramingining Cemetery Lighting:

Mains supply Lighting - 2 x service poles - 1 x at boundary 140m underground trench to service pole inside the boundary. GPO and light on pole. Mobilisation date - approximately four days to complete.

- 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.
- Contractor advised the following (Verbatim email from Ken – KMJ Electrical – 11 December 2025):

'Hi Aaron

As discussed on Monday, the boys attended Ramingining to make a start with these works.

Once on site it was discovered the signed SSP from PWC was different to what was at site.

As it stands, the current pole that the transformer was to be connected to is not the type of pole that can withstand the weight of the transformer.

Essentially what is required is for PWC to have a contractor attend to rectify the pole so your works can be carried out.

We have spoken to PWC and are awaiting their action to the matter.

Regards Mel and Ken'.

- EARC are now waiting further details regarding PWC intentions and timelines to rectify the situation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

AUTHOR Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager)**RECOMMENDATION**

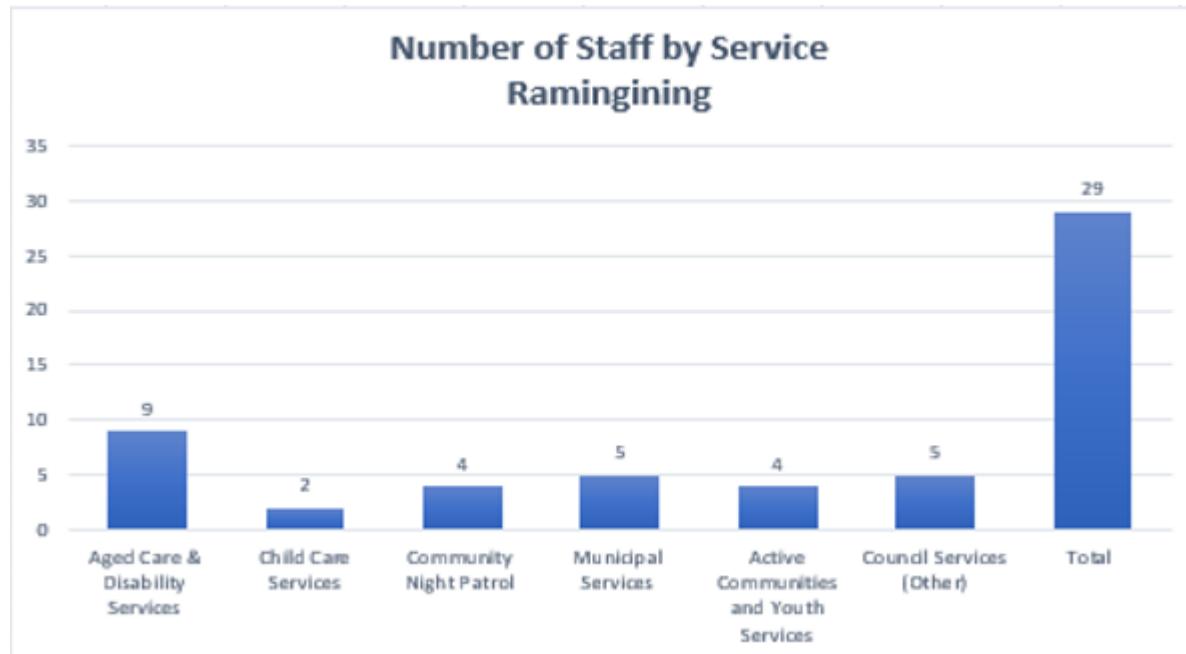
That the Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 December 2025.

SUMMARY:

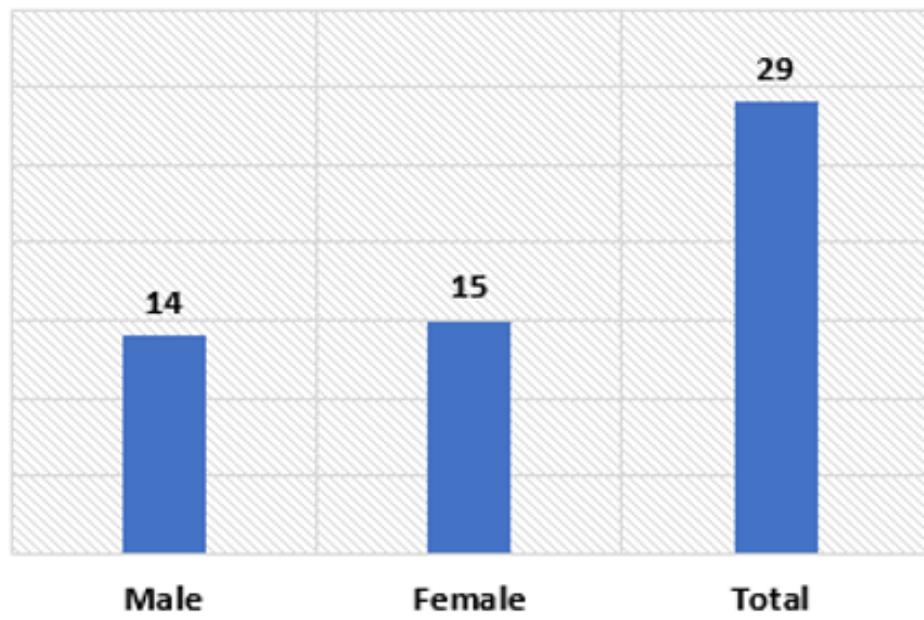
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 December 2025 within the Local Authority area.

BACKGROUND:

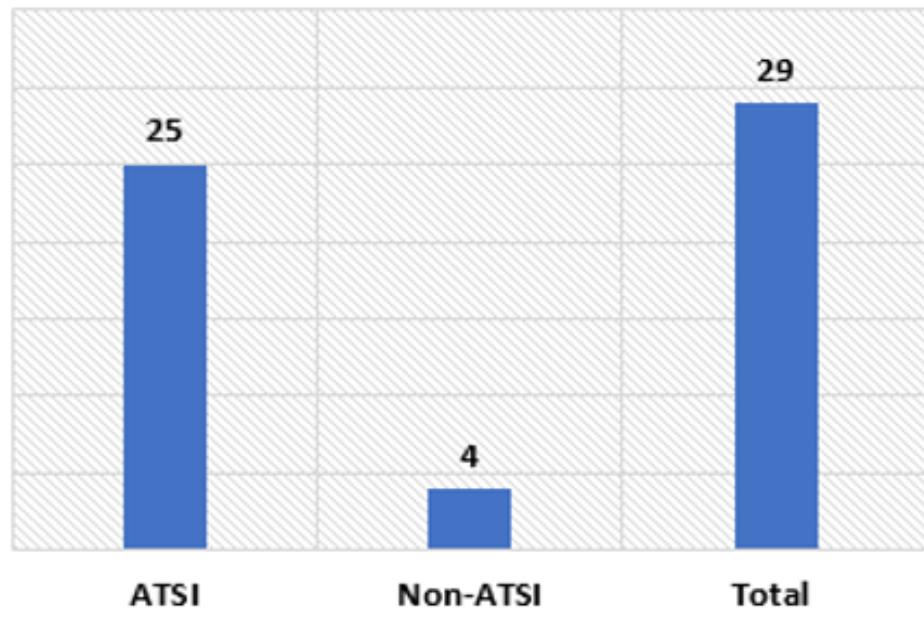
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also, the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL:Employee Statistics:

**Number of Staff by Gender
Ramingining**



**Number of ATSI & Non-ATSI Staff
Ramingining**



Vacancies as of 31 December 2025

Job Title	Location	Employment Type	Recruitment Type	No. of Vacancies
Customer Service Officer	Ramingining	Casual	Community	1
Active Community Worker	Ramingining	Fixed Term	Community	1
Senior Admin Officer	Ramingining	Full Time Permanent	External	1
Council Services Manager	Ramingining	Full Time Permanent	External	1

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

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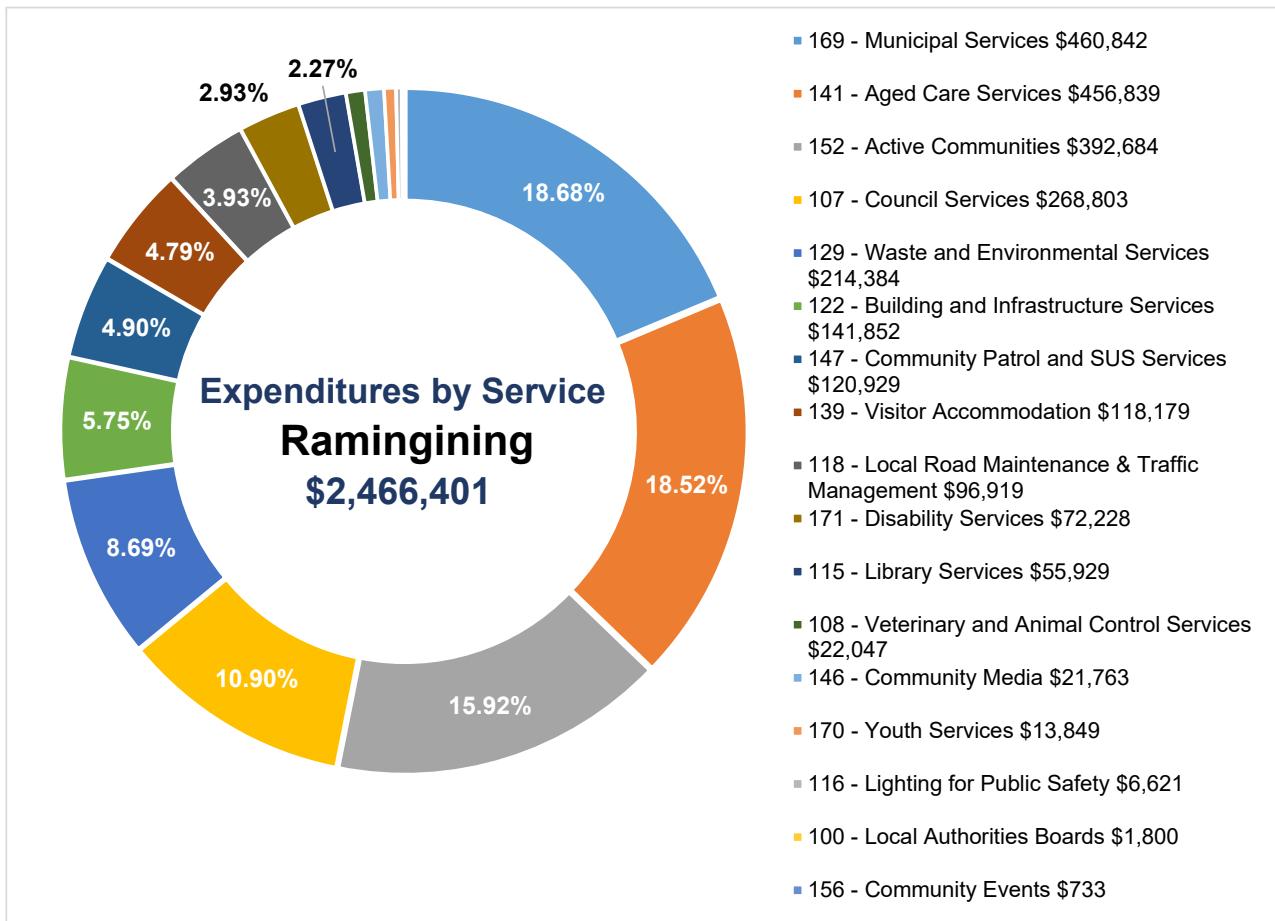
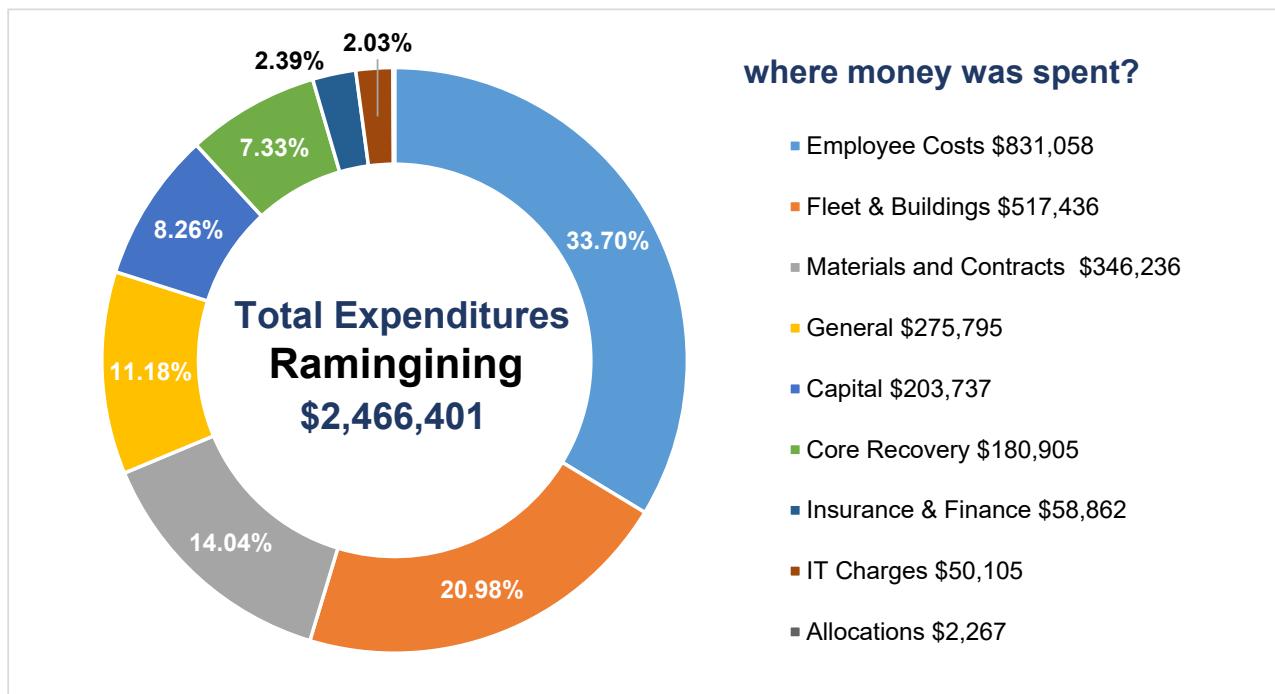
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2. 06. December 2025 Ramingining Chart LA Report [3.5.2 - 1 page]

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - RAMINGINING

FUNDS LEFT

As at 31st December 2025

	Actual YTD	Commitments	Actuals + Commitments	Budget Revision FY26	Progress % (Actuals vs Budget)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR	135,400	-	135,400	135,400	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	-	-	-	135,400	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	135,400	-	135,400	270,800	
LESS PROJECTS					
299314 - LAPF - Ramingining - Oval Lights	-	(2,850)	(2,850)	-	0%
304914 - Local Authority Project Funding Ramingining - Revenue	(36,562)	(41,416)	(77,978)	(77,978)	47%
310414 - LAPF - Ramingining New Cemetery	-	-	-	(92,822)	0%
310514 - LAPF - Ramingining Cemetery Lighting	-	(85,221)	(85,221)	(100,000)	0%
TOTAL PROJECTS	(36,562)	(129,488)	(166,050)	(270,800)	14%
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND)/UNDERSPEND			(30,650)		



4 Confidential Reports

5 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 March 2026.

6 Meeting Close