



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

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Members in Attendance:

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

East Arnhem Council Officers:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Sonia Campbell (General Manager – Infrastructure and Technical Services) – Attended online
Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager) - Attended online
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) - Attended online
Ben Waugh (External)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

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

That the Local Authority:

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.4 Conflict of Interest

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

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

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

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

That the Local Authority notes the CEO Report.

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

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Manager report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

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

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

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

4 General Business

4.1 Five Year Strategic Plan

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

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

4.2 Discussion with Police

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

4.3 Discussion with NIAA representatives

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 March 2026

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:53 PM

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