



**OPEN AGENDA for the Special Meeting  
of Council  
15 March 2024**

**Dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity.**

### Djambarrpuyŋu

Dhuwandja dhäwu dhipunŋur EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw mala nhämunha limurr ga nhina wäŋakurr malaŋuwurr buku-liw'maram:

- limurr dhu räal-manapanmirr ganydjarrwu limurrŋgalaŋaw rur'maranharaw,
- ga dharray walŋaw,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

### Dhaŋu

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

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

### Anindilyakwa

Warna East Arnhem Shire narringandena-ma wurrarrubuda warnamalya, karridirrakina-ma ababurna-langwa community akwa kuwerrukwulina-yada ngakwurri-langwa culture.

### Gumatj

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

- ŋilimurru yurru räal-manapanmirri ganydjarrwu gaŋga'thinyarawu ŋilimurrŋgalaŋawu,
- ga dharray walŋawu,
- ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapthunmaranhamirri bukmak bala-lili'yunmirri.

### Marraŋu

Dhuwanydji dhäwu barraŋga'yun EARC-ŋur bukmakku yolŋuw yukurr buku-liw'maram wäŋa mittji malanyha:

- Dalimurr wurruku räal-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ŋalimurrŋgalaŋaw
- Gaŋgathinyamaranharaw woŋdaŋarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walŋaw,
- Ga ŋayaŋu-ŋapmaranhamirr ŋalimurr wurruku bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha or Anindilyakwan.

**EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the Nhulunbuy offices on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 10:00 am.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website [www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](http://www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au) and can be viewed at the Councils public office.

Dale Keehne  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Anindilyakwa Ward**

- Constantine MAMARIKA
- Lionel JARAGBA

**Birr Rawarrang Ward**

- Jason MIRRITJAWUY
- David WARRAYA

**Gumurr Gattjirrk Ward**

- Lapulung DHAMARRANDJI

**Gumurr Marthakal Ward**

- Evelynna DHAMARRANDJI
- Kaye THURLOW
- Stephen DHAMARRANDJI

**Gumurr Miwatj Ward**

- Banambi WUNUNGMURRA
- Marrpalawuy MARIKA

**Gummurr Miyarrka Ward**

- Bandi Bandi WUNUNGMURRA
- Bobby WUNUNGMURRA

**Dial-in Details:****DARWIN CONFERENCE ROOM 1**

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**Or call in (audio only)**

Dial the Conference# 02 8318 0005

Meeting ID: 369 931 290#

**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**

## 1.2 Attendance

**RECOMMENDATION:****That Council:**

- (a) Notes the absence of <>**
- (b) Notes the apology received from <>**
- (c) Notes <> are absent with permission of the Council.**
- (d) Determines <> are absent without permission of the Council under Section 47(1) (0) of the Act.**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to table, for the Councils record, any absences or apologies. Council need to make a decision on whether absences are granted permission. Any request for a leave of absence received can be considered.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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1.3 Declarations of Interest

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register**

**SUMMARY:**

Elected members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council.

**GENERAL:**

Sections 114 and 115 of the Local Government Act.

**REGISTER:**

The Declaration of Interest is attached within this report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil



**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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1.4 Previous Council Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approves the minutes of the following Local Authority meetings**

- (a) <enter local authority name here> <meeting date here>
- (b) <enter local authority name here> <meeting date here>
- (c) <enter local authority name here> <meeting date here>
- (d)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

## **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 LGANT - General Meeting and Call for Motions

**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak (Procurement Officer)**RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- (a) Notes the invitation from LGANT for the next General Meeting and Conference to be held in Darwin on 19 April 2024.**
- (b) Approves attendance of < > with voting rights and < > as observer to attend the LGANT General Meeting and Conference with use of professional development and extra meeting allowances where appropriate, supported by Senior Officers of Council nominated by the Chief Executive Officer.**
- (c) Endorses the following motions to be prepared for the Councillor’s review:**
  - (1)**
  - (2)**
- (d) Will consider and decide on the motion/s to be submitted to LGANT General Meeting and Conference at Finance Committee Meeting on 20 March 2024 before submissions are due on 28 March 2024.**

**OR****Does not submit any motions to LGANT’s next General Meeting and Conference.****SUMMARY:**

This report is to advise Council that the call for motions and attendees has been made for the General Meeting and Conference of the Local Government Association of Northern Territory (LGANT) to be held in Darwin on 19 April 2024.

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year, LGANT holds two General Meetings and Conferences that bring together key decisions makers including Mayors, Presidents, Elected Members, CEOs and senior managers.

The program includes training, an exhibition area and guest speakers designed to both inform and inspire the Local Government sector. The events also explore policy challenges and advocacy mechanisms through the LGANT General Meetings and Annual General Meetings.

These meetings are Council’s opportunity to contribute to the development of Local Government policy and receive updates on the top policy issues facing Local Government in the Northern Territory.

**REPORT STORY:**

LGANT's purpose, as per the Strategic Plan 2021-2024, is to support and represent member councils to drive economic and social development for NT communities by providing:

- Advocacy and representation
- Capacity building
- Promotion of the sector
- Governance development
- Service delivery and infrastructure

Council has two votes at the General Meeting, and can appoint one or two delegates.

Council also has the opportunity to propose motions to the meeting, and two possible motions have been developed for consideration by Council.

The attached paper is a call for councils to submit motions for debate at the next General Meeting and Conference of LGANT to be held in Darwin on 19 April 2024.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2024-02-04 Notice of G M, Constitution changes and call for motions EARC [2.1.1 - 1 page]
2. LGANT Calls for Motions [2.1.2 - 4 pages]



4 March 2024

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji  
East Arnhem Regional Council  
[Lapulung.Dhamarrandji@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:Lapulung.Dhamarrandji@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au)

Dear President Dhamarrandji,

**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING, CONSTITUTION CHANGES, AND CALL FOR MOTIONS**

In accordance with the LGANT Constitution, I am writing to provide notice of LGANT's next General Meeting. It will be held in Darwin on 19 April 2024.

I am also writing to provide the necessary six weeks' written notice of proposed amendments to LGANT's Constitution. The main proposed amendment is to enable an allowance (or sitting fee) for LGANT Board members as per agenda item 7.12 of the 10 November 2023 General Meeting. The Board cannot be paid an allowance until the amendments are approved by members.

Other proposed amendments to the Constitution include:

- removing reference to LGANT being a charity. Advice received is that LGANT does not meet the criteria;
- providing clarity on the winding up of the company; and
- adding a section on the order of voting of Board positions as, until now, this has somewhat been corporate knowledge.

The proposed changes will be emailed to member councils for feedback once endorsed by the Board at its 20 March 2024 meeting. LGANT can receive feedback via email but will also hold an online discussion and Q&A for members before the General Meeting to talk through the changes.

I also call for motions for the 19 April 2024 General Meeting and have attached the template that must be used. As you would be aware, motions are proposals for action so are important for setting the direction of LGANT. The closing date for the submission of motions is 28 March 2024.

In closing, we plan to have registrations open for the April conference and General Meeting soon. I'll let you know when ready via email.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Watson', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mary Watson  
A/CEO



# LGANT CALL FOR MOTIONS

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**We are local. We connect.**



## CALL FOR MOTIONS

### About this document

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- Advocacy and representation
- Capacity building
- Promotion of the sector
- Governance development
- Service delivery and infrastructure

The purpose of *this* document is to provide a template for member councils to submit motions to LGANT on issues for consideration, such as governance, policy positions and advocacy efforts, at either the April or November General Meetings.

Policy positions are a statement or declaration of an organisation's stance on a particular topic(s). Further, LGANT seeks to influence public policy which is laws, guidelines and actions decided and taken by governments. Motions from councils help LGANT form its policy positions and statements that in turn, assist with advocacy efforts. LGANT's current policy statements can be found [here](#).

Advocacy is a broad term encompassing endeavours to achieve change. For LGANT, advocacy is activity undertaken to promote and influence issues that collectively effect local government.

### Timeframes

This 'call for motion' template will usually accompany LGANT's notice of a General Meeting, but motions can be submitted at any time.

To make the Agenda of a General Meeting, motions must be submitted in advance. Late motions will not be accepted (unless urgent) and will instead be referred to the next General Meeting.

If the motion is urgent, councils may consider calling a Special General Meeting or request the Board address through their monthly meetings.

### Other important information

There should only be ONE issue per motion. It is suggested that the council submitting the motion first discuss it with LGANT so they can outline existing activity, if any, in the topic area and assist with developing the business case.

Motions need to be approved by resolution of the local government council prior to submission to LGANT.

LGANT will assess the motion for completeness and appropriateness and if necessary, discuss it with the submitting member council and request more information or redrafting before including in the General Meeting Agenda. This process may require the council to re-endorse its motion.

LGANT will draft a cover business paper for each motion and may present the final motions to the Board for review, before distribution to members via the final General Meeting Agenda.

By submitting a motion, your council has the opportunity to move and speak to the motion at the General Meeting it is going to.

The better your council's argument or case, the more likely it is to be resolved by members. Resolved motions are minuted following the General Meeting, allocated to LGANT staff for action, and reported on at monthly Board meetings.



## TEMPLATE CALL FOR MOTIONS

*Councils are invited to submit motions for debate to be included at General Meetings using this template.*

**Name of Council:**

Click or tap here to enter council name.

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**Contact person and title:**

Click or tap here to enter your full name and position.

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**Phone:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Date of Council resolution on the motion:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Motion to be presented at:**

**LGANT General Meeting date** - Click or tap to enter a date.

**Motion title:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Resolution sought (Motion):**

- Motions should be clear and concise and limited to one subject matter/ issue.
- Consider the action your council wants LGANT to do for your council or the members as a collective e.g.,
  - "...Council calls on LGANT to advocate...."
  - "...Council calls on LGANT to assist with...."
  - "...Council calls on LGANT to develop a policy position on...."
  - "...Council calls on LGANT to review its policy position on...."
  - "...Council calls on LGANT to change the Constitution to...."

Click or tap here to enter council name. **calls on LGANT to** Click or tap here to enter text.





**Background and supporting information:**

Include here:

- Background to the issue e.g. how this issue came to light and how your council has tried to deal with it to date?
- If the subject matter or issue is strategic in nature e.g. housing supply or planning legislation?
- Is the motion relevant to your council solely or local government sector more broadly e.g. a collection of, or all LGANT members?
- If your council has tested the issue and proposed motion with other member councils e.g. through the relevant LGANT Strategic Priority Working Group?
- Has your council reviewed LGANT's Constitution, Governance Charter and Policy Statements in preparing this motion?
- Evidence, research, and data to support the motion and to provide members with enough information for a considered discussion, response and/or decision.

Maximum 600 words. If additional information is required, provide as attachment/s.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

## 2.2 Northern Territory Treaty Symposium - 8 April 2024

**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak (Procurement Officer)**RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

- (a) Notes the invitation from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs for the Northern Territory Treaty Symposium to be held in Darwin on 8 April 2024.**
- (b) Nominates < > to attend the Northern Territory Treaty Symposium supported by Senior Officers of Council nominated by the Chief Executive Officer.**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to advise Council that the call attendees has been made for the Northern Territory Treaty Symposium by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs to be held in Darwin on 19 April 2024.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Northern Territory Treaty Symposium will bring together Aboriginal organisations, leaders and community representatives to learn about the treaty process in the NT and to share and discuss views on Treaty and truth-telling in the Northern Territory.

**REPORT STORY:**

The Symposium will provide delegates a forum for open dialogue about treaty and related matters in the NT, to be informed through the exploration of the treaty-making framework and recommendations proposed in the Northern Territory Treaty Commission's Final Report.

For the Council, this is an ideal opportunity to be inspired, learn, celebrate and provide valuable feedback for progressing Treaty in the NT.

Council may wish to nominate a Councillor/s or a Local Authority Member/s.

The Treaty Symposium Flyer from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs is attached.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2024 TS Flyer Garramilla Darwin [2.2.1 - 1 page]



# Northern Territory Treaty Symposium

Garramilla,  
Darwin  
8 April 2024

You're invited to a premiere event that will bring together Aboriginal organisations, leaders and community representatives to learn about the treaty process in the NT and to share and discuss views on treaty and truth-telling in the Northern Territory.

The Symposium will provide delegates a forum for open dialogue about treaty and related matters in the NT, to be informed through the exploration of the treaty-making framework and recommendations proposed in the Northern Territory Treaty Commission's Final Report.

This is an ideal opportunity to be inspired, learn, celebrate and provide valuable feedback for progressing Treaty in the NT.

## Who should attend?

- Aboriginal Leaders and Elders
- Community Representatives
- Aspiring and Future Leaders
- Aboriginal Organisations
- Academics and Researchers
- Land Councils
- All levels of Government including regional councils
- Anyone with an interest in Aboriginal leadership, governance, Treaty and truth-telling in the NT.

## Registration

General Admission is free, however registration is essential.

Tickets will provide admission to the NT Treaty Symposium in Darwin on Monday April 8, 2024.

To find out more contact:  
**The Office of Aboriginal Affairs**  
08 8999 8905 or [oa@nt.gov.au](mailto:oa@nt.gov.au)

SCAN ME

Registration closes  
Thursday 21 March 2024  
Unless sold out prior



**LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

2.3 Reception for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak (Procurement Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) **Notes the invitation to President Lapulung Dhamarrandji from His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones to be held in Darwin on 17 April 2024.**
- b) **Supports the attendance of the President to the event.**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to advise Council of the invitation to President Lapulung Dhamarrandji of the reception for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on Wednesday 17 April 2024.

**BACKGROUND:**

An invitation has been sent to President Lapulung Dhamarrandji to attend the reception for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory in Darwin.

**REPORT STORY:**

His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones has invited President Lapulung Dhamarrandji and CEO Dale Keehne to a reception at Government House for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory on Wednesday 17 April 2024 from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.

Entry to the Government House is by invitation only and this invitation is not transferrable. Council officers are seeking approval for another Councillor to attend if needed.

Attached is a copy of the invitation that needs to be presented on arrival.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Reception for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory [2.3.1 - 2 pages]

**From:** Government House  
**Sent:** Thu, 7 Mar 2024 09:08:56 +0930  
**To:** Lapulung Dhamarrandji  
**Subject:** Reception for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

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His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM  
Administrator of the Northern Territory  
and Ms Ruth Jones

have pleasure in inviting

***Mr Lapulung Dhamarrandji***

to a reception at Government House  
for the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory  
on Wednesday 17 April 2024 from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

**RSVP: Please advise whether or not you will be attending by Wednesday 3 April 2024**  
Telephone 08 8999 7101 or email [rsvp.govhouse@nt.gov.au](mailto:rsvp.govhouse@nt.gov.au)

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**Entry to Government House is by invitation only and you will be required to  
present a copy of your invitation e-mail on arrival**

This invitation is not transferable  
Please arrive promptly for a 5.30 pm start

**Dress: Territory Rig**

Long sleeve shirt, tie and trouser  
Business Attire/after five

**PLEASE NOTE**

Parking is not available within the grounds of Government House,

if assisted access is required please notify our office

If you are feeling unwell on the day please do not attend

Entry to Government House is restricted to invited guests only

**LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

2.4 Casual Vacancies - Gumurr Gattjirrk and Gumurr Miwatj wards

**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak (Procurement Officer)

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

- a) Notes the casual vacancies in the Gumurr Gattjirrk and Gumur Miwatj wards.**
- b) Notes to fill these vacancies Section 54 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act (NT) applies. Therefore the Council may, by vote of existing members, appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next general election.**
- c) Advises to present a report to the next Ramingining and Galiwinku Local Authority Meetings to be held later this month notifying of the vacancies and to request their nomination to fill the respective Councillor vacancy.**

**SUMMARY:**

This report is to advise Council of the casual vacancies in the Gumurr Gattjirrk and Gumur Miwatj wards.

**BACKGROUND:**

Mr Joe Djakala and Mr Wesley Dhamarrandji from Gumurr Gattjirrk Ward and Gumurr Miwatj Ward have resigned from the Council. Therefore, two vacancies now exist in these two wards.

**REPORT STORY:**

In line with Section 54 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act (NT), where a casual vacancy occurs less than 18 months but not less than 6 months, before the next general election, the Council may, by vote of existing members, appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next general election. The next general election will take place in August 2025 and therefore, Section 54 (2) (a) applies for the filling of these two vacancies.

Attached is a copy of the notification letter received from Norther Territory Electoral Commission.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Signed reply [2.4.1 - 1 page]



**Northern Territory**  
**Electoral Commission**  
*EVERY vote counts!*

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Dale Keehne  
Chief Executive Officer  
East Arnhem Regional Council  
PO BOX 1060  
Nhulunbuy NT 0881

Via Email: [Dale.keehne@eastarnhem@nt.gov.au](mailto:Dale.keehne@eastarnhem@nt.gov.au)

Dear Dale

***Notification of casual vacancies – East Arnhem Regional Council***


Thank you for your letter of 06 March 2024 advising of a casual vacancy in the Gumurr Gattjirrk ward effective 4 March 2024 and a casual vacancy in the Gumurr Miwatj ward effective 5 March 2024.

Section 54(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act (NT)* requires a by-election to be held where a casual vacancy occurs 18 months or more before the next general election.

Section 54(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act (NT)* states that where a casual vacancy occurs less than 18 months, but not less than 6 months, before the next general election – the Council may, by vote of existing members, appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next general election.

Section 54(2)(a) applies for the filling of these two vacancies as the casual vacancies occurred less than 18 months before the next periodic general election in August 2025.

Yours sincerely

 Iain Loganathan

Electoral Commissioner

08 March 2024

Copy:

Maree De Lacey, Executive Director, Local Government and Regional Development



## LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

### 2.5 Staff Housing Capital Purchase

**AUTHOR** Nawshaba Razzak (Procurement Officer)

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Council reaffirms its resolution from 2021/22, for the allocation of part of Aged and Disability Care reserve funding towards the purchase of residential property within Nhulunbuy for up to \$800,000.00 excluding GST.**

#### SUMMARY:

This report is tabled for the Council to reaffirm its resolution from 2021, the allocation of Aged and Disability Care reserve funding towards the purchase of residential property for Aged Care staff in Nhulunbuy.

#### BACKGROUND:

In the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2021, the following resolution was made:

#### 6.4 REVISED BUDGET 2021/22 - REVISION ONE

##### SUMMARY:

This report presents a draft Revised Budget for consideration.

*072/2021* **RESOLVED** (Jason Mirritjawuy/Robert Yawarngu)

**That the Council:**

- a) **Makes the following allocations from equity to:**
  - \$80,000 be used for Gravesite Identification project in Angurugu.
  - The remaining \$1,560,343 be allocated to road projects, with a report to be presented on the particular projects.
  - \$800,000 be allocated to the Building Reserve for the purchase of accommodation in Nhulunbuy.
- b) **Requests the Aged and Disability Reserve drawdown be detailed in a further report on specific projects.**
- c) **Approves capital purchase of housing in Nhulunbuy up to the value of \$800,000 from the Aged and Disability Reserve drawdown, to be detailed in a further report.**
- d) **Approves the 2021/22 Budget Revision.**

#### REPORT STORY:

With the recent Council restructuring, and changes in non-Council accommodation for some key Nhulunbuy based staff, it has become apparent that Council will need some additional housing to accommodate key positions within its staffing plan.

Housing rental availability within the Peninsula are at an all-time low, with no listings currently available. EARC has had applications with local real estate agents and DEAL for multiple houses for the best part of 2 years.

As we do not see the rental market freeing up in the short or medium term, Council has been left with little choice but to start looking at purchase options currently in the market to accommodate the key positions to assure Councils effective program delivery.

With the purchase of the previously approved Aged and Disability Care house from reserves, this will free up one current leased option and allow this to be reallocated towards one of the key new positions.

### Current balance of the reserve.

The current balance of the Aged and Disability Care reserve is \$4,917,502.00 with an unallocated balance (not including additional funds to reserves for surpluses in the current financial year) of \$2,953,546.00 - which will still leave a healthy surplus even after the property allocation for residential purchases.

RESERVES	FY2024 AUDITED	FY2024 BUDGETED TRANSFERS		FY2024 PREDICTED
	Beg Bal	From Reserve	To Reserves	End Bal
<b>Aged &amp; Disability Reserves from Carried Forward Revenue</b>	4,917,502	-	-	4,917,502
208911 - Mungkadinamanja Flexible Aged Care		(22,446)	-	(22,446)
209011 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Angurugu		(5,425)	-	(5,425)
209012 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Umbakumba		(56,983)	-	(56,983)
209014 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Ramingining		(91,235)	-	(91,235)
209015 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Mililingimbi		-	154,270	154,270
209016 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Gapuwiyak		-	161,271	161,271
209017 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Galiwinku		-	228,694	228,694
209018 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Yirrkala		(71,579)	-	(71,579)
209020 - Commonwealth Home Care Package Program, Nhulunbuy		-	-	-
256911 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Angurugu		(26,652)	-	(26,652)
256912 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Umbakumba		(36,660)	-	(36,660)
256914 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Ramingining		(16,832)	-	(16,832)
256915 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Mililingimbi		-	2,343	2,343
256916 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Gapuwiyak		-	46,672	46,672
256917 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Galiwinku		-	7,354	7,354
256918 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Yirrkala		(44,161)	-	(44,161)
256920 - Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Nhulunbuy		-	-	-
275411 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Angurugu		(1,525)	-	(1,525)
275412 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Umbakumba		(2,672)	-	(2,672)
275414 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Ramingining		(48,372)	-	(48,372)
275415 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Mililingimbi		-	56,593	56,593
275416 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Gapuwiyak		-	120,322	120,322
275417 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Galiwinku		-	137,104	137,104
275418 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Yirrkala		(54,038)	-	(54,038)
275420 - National Disability Insurance Scheme, Nhulunbuy		-	-	-
296320 - Aged & Disability - Capital ST		(2,400,000)	-	(2,400,000)
<b>Aged &amp; Disability Reserves</b>	<b>4,917,502</b>	<b>(2,878,579)</b>	<b>914,623</b>	<b>2,953,546</b>

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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

### **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

## 4 Confidential Reports

### 4.1 Council Position on Proposed Archipelago Regional Council

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

### 4.2 Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra - Explanation for absence from February Council Meeting

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

### 4.3 RFT11306-2401 Lot 306 Angurugu (Shed D) – External Refurbishment Works

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### 4.4 FT2425.01 Supply of Garbage Trucks

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### 4.5 RFTMCML04 Groote Eylandt Jetty Project - Variation to Contract

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### 4.6 RFT1496-2311 Lot 96 RAM MS Shed - New Internal Office Staff Room

*The report will be dealt with under Section 99 of the Local Government Act and Section 51(1)(c)(i) of the Local Government (General) Regulations. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

### 4.7 WS 2023-13 Ramingining WMF Fencing

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### 4.8 RFT18195-2309 - Lot 195 Yirrkala – Refurbishment Works to 1x Staff House

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**4.9 Procurement Processes and Templates**

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**5 General Business and Date of Next Meeting**

**6 Meeting Close**