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**OPEN AGENDA for the Yirrkala Local
Authority
30 September 2026**

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

Djambarrpuyngu

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

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

Dhañu

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

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

Gumatj

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

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

Marrañu

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

- Dalimurr wurruku räi-manapanmirr djäk ganydjarrwu ñalimurrungalañaw
- Gangathinyamaranharaw wonḍañarrgunharaw,
- Ga djäga walñaw,
- Ga ñayanu-ḍapmaranhamirr ñalimurr wurruku bukmak bala-räli'yunmirr.

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

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Yirrkala Local Authority will be held at the Yirrkala Council Office offices on Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 11:30 am.

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

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

Members:

Cr.Lirrpiya Mununggurr
Cr Marrpalawuy Marika
Cr Priscilla Yunupingu
Adrian Gurruwiwi
Dipilinga Marika
Djapirri Mununggirritj
Fabian Marika
Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru
James Dhurrkay

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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 29 July 2026.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Yirrkala Local Authority Minutes 29 July 2026 [1.5.1 - 5 pages]



**OPEN MINUTES for the Yirrkala Local
Authority
29 July 2026**

YIRRKALA LOCAL AUTHORITY MINUTES

29 JULY 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Chair opened the meeting at 11:30 AM and welcomed all members and guests.

Members in Attendance:

James Dhurrkay
Adrian Gurruwiwi
Diplinga Marika
Fabian Marika
Graham Mungurrabin Maymuru
Lirrpiya Mununggurr

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)
Vivek Gummalla (Strategic Coordinator – Council Services)
Labhjeet Bhullar (Administration Manager)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/75 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Graham Mungurrabin Maymuru)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Djapirri Mununggirritj , Cr Priscilla Yunupingu and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika
- (b) Notes the apology received from Djapirri Mununggirritj , Cr Priscilla Yunupingu and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika
- (c) Notes Djapirri Mununggirritj , Cr Priscilla Yunupingu and Cr Marrpalawuy Marika 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.

YIR 2025/76 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Marika/Adrian Gurruwiwi)

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

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MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

YIR 2025/77 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Adrian Gurruwiwi)

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 May 2026.

2 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA NGUNIYI

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/82 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Fabian Marika)

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

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/78 **RESOLVED** (Dipilinga Marika/Fabian Marika)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Supports the call by Council to tackle domestic violence, predominantly against women, and violence against and neglect of children, which is not our culture, by:

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

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2. Working in close collaboration with and support of the NT Police and the Lia Finocchiaro led Northern Territory Government.
3. Engaging with and supporting other Aboriginal controlled organisations, particularly the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation in building a properly coordinated, resourced and effective strategy to support community members to recognise, challenge and prevent further abuse.
4. Supporting local Police officers to hold more sessions with children, boys and girls at the school and public events to raise awareness about the problem of domestic violence and violence against and neglect of children.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.3 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.

YIR 2025/79 **RESOLVED** (Adrian Gurruwiwi/Lirrpiya Mununggurr)

That the Local Authority:

- a) Notes the Council Services Manager report.
- b) Supports the holding of a community ceremony to mark the official reopening of the refurbished Yirrkala War Memorial, recognising the significance of the memorial to veterans, their families and the wider community.
- c) It is further recommended that Council Services Manager work with Local Authority members to determine an appropriate date, program and protocol for ceremony.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

SUMMARY:

This report is submitted for the Local Authorities consideration and provides program updates from the Technical and Infrastructure Directorate.

YIR 2025/81 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru)

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/84 **RESOLVED** (James Dhurrkay/Lirrpiya Mununggurr)

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

3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting**GENERAL BUSINESS**

3.1 Discussion with Local Police

YIR 2025/80 **RESOLVED** (Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru/Dipilinga Marika)

That the Local Authority:

a) Notes the updates from the Local Police Department.

b) Invite teachers from Yirrkala Bilingual School and parents on 30 September 2026 Local Authority meeting to discuss how to improve school attendance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

YIR 2025/83 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/James Dhurrkay)

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

The next meeting is to be held on 30 September 2026.

4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 2:32 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 29/07/2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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

LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

AUTHOR

Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

RECOMMENDATION

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

SUMMARY:

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

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:

At its meeting on 28 August 2026, Council endorsed consultation with all Local Authorities regarding the proposed inclusion of ward names in Local Authority names. Council also resolved to consider the outcomes of the consultation before determining whether to seek Ministerial approval for any name changes. Any proposed name changes may also be included as part of Council's input to the NT Local Government Representation Review being undertaken with representation from LGANT.

Council's Local Authorities are currently named using the community name only. The proposed change would incorporate both the community name and the corresponding ward name into the Local Authority name.

The intent of the proposal is to:

- Better align Local Authority names with Council's ward structure.
- Strengthen recognition of ward identity and representation.
- Maintain community recognition while acknowledging the broader ward area.

Example

Current Name:

Yirrkala Local Authority

Proposed Name:

Gumurr Miwatj- Yirrkala Local Authority

Council is seeking feedback from each Local Authority on whether this naming convention is supported and whether there are any alternative naming preferences that should be considered.

The feedback received from all Local Authorities will be presented to Council in a further report. Local Authority resolutions relating to the proposed name changes will also be included in Council's submission to the Local Government Representation Review. Council will then consider the feedback and determine whether to proceed with any proposed name changes and, if supported, seek approval from the Minister for Local Government as required under the Local Government Act.

The report 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

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 Yirrkala 2026 [3.1.1 - 8 pages]

YIRRKALA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
KAVA		That the Local Authority: a) Notes the report on the Kava Pilot: Allowing the commercial importation of kava. b) Supports comprehensive community consultation as highlighted in the Northern Territory Government's submission to the Australian Government's Kava Pilot Phase 2: Allowing the Commercial Importation of Kava consultation paper, and the call for Commonwealth funding to support either: 1) increased compliance and policing for the increase in the illicit kava trade, or 2) effective and informed local decision making about kava management to minimise potential harms. c) Supports the Northern Territory Government's request for funding to support research into the health and social impacts from increased kava availability.	12.05.2021 – Email was received, stating that there is no action regarding the Kava Pilot – Ongoing. 20.05.2021 – Still unsure when this will be happening, Update has been provided to LA, will update up at next LA meeting – Ongoing. 17.12.2021 – A separate report on this will be presented by the CEO in the meeting. 12.01.2022 – Ongoing. 17.03.2022 – Discussion on Kava will continue with the community. 19.05.2022 – 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 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. 21.07.2022 – Ongoing 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. 24.11.2022 as above – Progress being made with Government, letter written to Chief Minister. 21.07.23 - Dale to update in his report. 29.08.23 Told by Chief Minister about 6 weeks ago, that there is progress in this area. 21.09.23– Update in CEO report to be provided. 23.11.23 – Progress and discussions continue to be made. CEO unfortunately has been dismissed and we will continue to have discussions with his replacement in due course. 25.01.24 – Issue raised at last Council meeting – NIAA to attend next Council meeting and talks will progress. 21.02.24 – Discussion took place among the PFES and NTG regarding issues relating to Kava and Alcohol in the communities. PFES requested continuous support from communities to provide information so that these can be addressed. 28.03.24 – Continue to ask Council to progress discussion at the next Council Meeting in April with NIAA. 24.04.24 – CEO to write to Department requesting update. 23.05.24 – NTG and NIAA to update at next Council meeting

YIRRKALA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			25.06.24 – NIAA & NTG to attend June Council meeting to provide updates and discussions. 17.07.24 – No real progress. No action – ongoing. 19.09.24 – Ongoing 21.11.2024 – Ongoing to be covered in CEO Report. 23.01.24 – Ongoing – meeting with Jacinta Price office – as part of 8 Advocacy Items. 19.02.25 – Council is going to seek the support of Local Member Mark Yingiya Guyula MLA for Milka to raise this issue. 20.03.25 – Mr Guyula joined the meeting via TEAMS and spoke with the members about kava. Further updates in the CEO Report. 23.04.25 – No change – to be addressed with newly elected Government. 22.05.25 – No change – Ongoing as above. 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. 27 .10.25 – Police in Nhulnbuy have mentioned that they received a letter from Minister that NTG are willing to do community consultations. 25.05.26 - CEO, with Northern Land Council, has commenced discussions with senior officers of Chief Minister and Cabinet to secure support and develop the process to trial the regulation of kava in a community, for later expansion. 25.08.2026 – CEO and Councillors met with Chief Minister and her Department, Chief Minister expressed that she would like to work with Local Authorities on how to go forward regarding the distribution and sale of Kava in East Arnhem communities.
PA System		That the Local Authority: Requests the General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to have discussions with Rirratjingu on options to improve the public announcement system coverage in Yirrkala.	12.05.2021 – Ongoing. 25.11.2021 – Ongoing. Gained permission from Rirratjingu to place speaker on their office building. Quotation being sourced. 24.03.2022 – Permission has been granted, however obtaining trades to complete work. 26.05.2022 – Ongoing 02.12.2022 – New ICT is exploring options for installation with expectations of installation by Jan 2023. 03.02.23 – PA to be mounted on one of the new towers on the oval.

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ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			02.06.23 – Update needs to be obtained from Director Technical & Infrastructure services. 27.07.23 – Project is underway. 26.10.23 - tied in with lighting replacement which will occur next week with pa system to be put on one of the towers. 05.02.24 - Ongoing 08.04.24 – Ongoing. 24.04.24 – More work to be done electrically. 25.06.24 – No update. 25.07.24 – No update – meeting was cancelled with Rirratingu, to be rescheduled. 26.09.24 – Members to ask Rirratingu to attend next meeting. 28.11.24 – Ensure Rirratingu is invited to next Local Authority meeting for discussions. Manager of Building and Infrastructure team to meet with Rirratingu and gain a solution and provide follow up. 11.12.24 – Ongoing 10.02.25 – Ongoing – engage with talks to commence meeting (General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services) 27.03.25 – Have engaged with IT and coming up with a conclusion on how to get the PA system working throughout the community. 23.04.25 – Ongoing 28.05.25 – Rirratingu as advised they would like to have a joint PA system with EARC. Members have asked that this be a priority – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services will work with Regional Manager Council Services and Council Services Manager to ensure this is progressed as a matter of priority. 25.06.25 – To organise a meeting. 29.10.25 – GMTIS to organise a meeting with Rirratingu to explore the option of connecting PA to EARC system. 24.02.26 – IT department is working with Rirratingu. 25.03.26 – IT Manager waiting on information from Rirratingu. The Local Authority invites the Rirratingu Aboriginal Corporation Chair, CEO and other nominated board members to meet together at the next Local Authority meeting to discuss these and any other issues of importance of how we can work together. 27.05.26 – Paul to follow up.

YIRRKALA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			29.07.2026 – IT Manager to provide an update in the next Local Authority meeting. 25.08.26 – Council has expressed their view on the system to be on neutral ground (Council Office) and to get updates for next LA meeting.
Alter current application for community toilet block and Ceremony area to change Location from shady beach to ceremony ground.		28.05.25 – Action Item title changed to include Ceremony Area.	03.02.23 – Agreed location no problem. To potentially include a shower. Shane to update this item. 02.06.23 – WIP 26.10.23 – change to change rooms and toilet block at ceremony area. We have received funding for this. 22.02.24 – LAPF Project. Ongoing. 08.04.24 – Awaiting NLC approval. 24.04.24 – waiting on Land Trust approval 25.06.24 – As above. 27.07.24 – Still waiting on NLC approval. Two ceremony areas in Yirrkala. Members request one toilet block at each. Director Technical & Infrastructure Services to write an additional letter to follow up for the members. Also to investigate resources for cleaning the toilet and to have it open on Saturdays. 27.09.24 – As above 26.09.24 – Ongoing Director Technical and Infrastructure Services – toilets for Webb way and recreation area – a letter be written to the NLC from LA requesting a timeline for approval. 28.11.24 - Ongoing Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services – toilets for Webb way ceremony ground and recreation area – a letter be written to the NLC from LA requesting a timeline for approval. – Local Authority to invite the NLC East Arnhem Board Members Djawa Yunupingu , Yananymul Mununggurr and Craig Bonney to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss approval of the toilets for Webb Way ceremony ground and recreation area for Yirrkala. Building and Infrastructure Manager to consult and liaise with community members to develop a list of needs and map of locations. 11.12.24 – Writing a letter to the NLC requesting a timeline for approval – still in progress. 10.02.25 – Compile info to write letter for support. General Manager Technical and Infrastructure to engage with Rirratingu.

YIRRKALA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			27.03.25 – Have engaged with Rirrangu in regards to ceremony area and toilet block project. 23.04.25 – Plans have been drawn up and are currently in costing. 28.05.25 – Rirrangu to be asked to join next Local Authority meeting to discuss – General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to pass on the invitation. 25.06.25 – May need to seek new funding as previous funding was terminated. 29.10.25 – GMTIS to confirm the location and the stage of works for this project. Seek new funding revenue for this project. 24.02.26 – To apply for the grant funding to be able to complete the Ceremony area. 25.03.26 – The Local Authority confirm that the current location of the ceremony area on Webb Way, and the Infrastructure on it is the location that the GMTIS will apply for a Section 19 lease, following discussions to seek support from the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation. 29.07.2026 – Section 19 lease is being sought through Tenancy Manager from NLC.
New Cemetery		General manager to look into location for new cemetery.	23.04.25 – Ongoing there are three cemeteries in Yirrkala two of which Council have the lease on. General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services and Director Council Services will review after walk around and revise. 28.05.25 – The members have endorsed the new cemetery area as show in the Yirrkala Municipal map dated 12012015. 25.06.25 – No further updates as yet. 29.10.25 – GMTIS to follow up the progress of NLC submission for section 19 lease on the proposed new cemetery area and update in the next LA Meeting. 24.02.26 – Civil works to be completed current cemetery, new cemetery not required at this stage. 25.03.26 – Work to commence at the end of wet season including Rirritjingu Aboriginal Corporation indigenous training facility participants and using the earth works as a training opportunity. 27.05.26 – GMTIS to provide updates in the next meeting. 29.07.2026 – Tenancy Manager to seek section 19 lease boundary points and assess correct boundary position. After the boundary points have been confirmed Local Authority members with Technical and Infrastructure team members to survey if fits for purpose.

YIRRKALA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			25.08.26 – Boundary points are confirmed, and GPR being carried out to confirm the current capacity at current cemetery. Seeking section 19 lease for new cemetery.
<u>Yirrkala Future Actions/ Advocacy:</u>			
Children's Playground \$60,000			18.01.2021 – application lodged with the NLC for approval to construct – awaiting consultative forum. 12.05.2021 – Ongoing 25.11.2021 – Was not approved. Will be discussed again in six months' time. 24.03.2021 – purchasing the kit – to be installed undercover – waiting on approval. 26.05.2022 – Waiting on approval. 22.06.2022 – Unit has been purchased – will await consultation on location. 02.12.2022 – Consultation timeframes have not been provided by the NLC. 03.02.23 – waiting on consultation and approvals. 02.06.23 – waiting on consultation and approvals. 27.07.23 – has been raised with Chief Minister. 29.08.23 – ongoing waiting on outcomes. 26.10.23 – been purchased waiting on consultations. 05.02.24 – still waiting on approvals. 08.04.24 – Awaiting for approval from NLC. 24.04.24 – Waiting on Land Trust 25.06.24 – As above 27.07.24 – Still waiting on NLC approval for land usage. 26.09.24 – Update to be provided by Director Technical and Infrastructure Services waiting on NLC. A letter to be compiled to NLC to ask when this will be resolved. 31.10.24 – Council to raise its dissatisfaction in the lack of any progress in gaining approval from NLC regarding the approval use of land for children's playground and waste transfer station for Yirrkala.

YIRRKALA ACTIONS

ACTION ITEM	ACTION OWNER	ACTIONS	STATUS
			28.11.24 – Local Authority to invite the NLC East Arnhem Board Members Djawa, Yanawul and Craig Bonney to the next Local Authority meeting to discuss approval of the playground and waste transfer station for Yirrkala. 11.12.24 – Ongoing as above. 10.02.25 – Investigate and follow up with approval status. General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services to speak with NLC and write a letter to invite them to the next meeting. 27.03.25 – Ongoing as above. 23.04.25 – No change. 28.05.25 – An email was sent to NLC with no response. General Manager Technical and Infrastructure Services will attend the NLC office in person to progress this matter in a face to face discussion to gain traction. 25.06.25 – Report findings has been delivered and waiting for the necessary processes to go through. Technical and Infrastructure team to organise meeting with Craig Bonney as there are few projects that EARC has been waiting on . 29.10.25 – GMTIS to follow up with NLC Regional Manager Craig Bonney and to provide map of the planned playground site at the next LA Meeting. 22.11.25 – Ongoing 26.11.25 – Move to Advocacy till we obtain funding for the project.
Marine Navigation Lights at Yirrkala Ramp			1.06.2020 – The Council does not have jurisdiction for the boat ramp, and in turn, any marine navigation lights for it. The Local Authority agreed for the Council to advocate for this in the future, as proposed by the Director of Technical & Infrastructure Services and the CEO of Council. 18.01.2021 – Issue for Advocacy ongoing.
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YIRRKALA ACTIONS

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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:**Review of Some Organisational Positions**

I have consulted with our Darwin and Nhulunbuy staff and Council Services Managers in each community about some improvements in the way Council delivers services. The intention is to enhance coordination, improve accountability and reduce duplication of efforts to create a more effective and efficient integrated service delivery model, for the communities we serve.

This includes expanding the Community Services Directorate to include the executive management and support of People Services - that includes human resources, industrial relations, training and development, workplace health & safety, and Corporate Services - that includes finance, and information technology & communications, procurement, records, as well as Fleet from the previous Technical and Infrastructure Services.

The previous Council Services Directorate will now also have direct responsibility for the executive management and support of the remaining previous Technical and Infrastructure Services of public infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, tenancy and leasing, transport infrastructure and waste & environment.

Most affected staff will just have a different reporting line to one of the two new broader Directorates, and some staff have more specialist or more senior roles.

Engagement on Domestic and Family Violence

Following the strong statements in social and mainstream media against domestic violence and the abuse and neglect of children by President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji, Councillor Ganygulpa Dhurrkay and Councillor Marpalawuy Marika - I have sought to continue their, the Local Authorities' and broader Council's call for practical action on this extremely important issue.

This has included initiating discussions and meetings with the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, key managers in the Northern Territory Department of Children and Families, Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Prevention Division, the No More campaign organisers, attending the East Arnhem DFSV Regional Network, and continued ongoing work and collaboration with the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.

Effective Youth Justice and Engagement

I have continued to work closely with the Yalu Aboriginal Corporation and government to support the development of other ways of engaging with the young people which provide proper and effective consequences and support to the youth and their families.

Support of the development of an extended camp at a homeland off the main island of Galiwinku, with genuine engagement with young people and their families is one specific and clear initiative.

Post De-amalgamation Funding

I have continued to pursue formal engagement with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to pursue the proper funding of Council to the commitment of the previous and current NT Government is honoured, to ensure no reduction in service delivery levels as a result of the de-amalgamation of Council.

I will be able to provide an update to the Local Authority of the outcome of a meeting with the Minister and discuss next steps.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Services Manager Report

AUTHOR

Labhjeet Kaur Bhullar (Council Services Manager)

RECOMMENDATION**That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.****SUMMARY:**

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

BACKGROUND:

In line with Guideline 1: Local Authorities, it is a requirement for a report to be included on service delivery issues in the Local Authority area.

GENERAL:Council Support Services

Over the past couple of months, the East Arnhem Regional Council in Yirrkala has continued to strengthen existing relationships with stakeholders and support local events and celebrations across the region.

Council recently farewelled Signe Balodis, Director of Council Services. We thank her for her contribution and wish her well in her future endeavors. We are pleased to welcome Shannon Cervini as the new Director of Council Services, following his transition from the Regional Manager of Council Services role. His existing knowledge within Council will provide valuable continuity and support across Council Services.

We also farewelled Larry Gurruwiwi, Community Media Officer, and thank him for his contributions. The vacant position has been advertised. Recruitment is also underway for an additional Customer Services Officer.

We supported community awareness initiatives by providing the LED Screen to display important Census information to Yirrkala residents.



LED Screen displaying Census Information

Council also extends its appreciation to Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika for providing access to the Yirrkala Church, which enabled the venue to be prepared for the Mulka Ward By-Election held this month.

Municipal Services (MS)

The Municipal Services team has continued working diligently across the community, undertaking general clean-ups, hard rubbish removal and recycling initiatives. The team has also carried out regular maintenance in and around Yirrkala Oval to ensure it remains in excellent condition throughout the dry season.

The Municipal Services team has undertaken drainage maintenance and clearing works to improve water flow and reduce the risk of localised flooding during the upcoming wet season.

The team has also established and maintained firebreaks around residential areas to reduce bush fire-related risks and help protect homes and the wider community from bushfires

The Municipal Services and Council Services support team has also provided opportunities for collaboration and support to many organisations both within Yirrkala and surrounding areas by providing our civic equipment in-kind for them to use at their events. Items include the BBQ trailer, gazebos, folding tables, chairs, bins, and LED Screen, etc.



Yirrkala Oval



Cleaning to Prevent Bushfires



Drainage cleaning works

Community Night Patrol (CNP)

On 28 July 2026, at approximately 10:00 pm, the Community Night Patrol team was among the first to arrive at the scene of a vehicle accident on Melville Bay Road. The vehicle had collided with a buffalo and rolled over. Community Night Patrol officers immediately provided

first aid to an injured passenger who had sustained a deep cut to her arm. Other team members checked that all occupants were safely out of the vehicle and that the vehicle's ignition had been switched off. An officer contacted emergency services and warned approaching traffic of the hazard. As no ambulance was available and the team awaited the arrival of the Police, they continued to assist at the scene. The team then supported Police in securing the area safely. The team's calm, responsible, and professional response during this challenging incident is highly commended.

Yirrkala Community Night Patrol currently has an Indigenous employment rate of 83%. Current Yirrkala staff members include Lee-Anne Tawhi, Kasey Buckley, Sid Yunupingu, Alicia Marika and Lilani Dhurrkay. Additional team members include Emily Perry (Team Leader), Lavalani Gumbula, Heather Yunupingu, Janet Gurruwiwi, Jamie Wunungmurra and Renee Blythe. Renee Blythe and Jamie Wunungmurra also provide support to the Yirrkala Community Night Patrol service when additional staff are required.



Community Night Patrol engagement in Yirrkala



Community Night Patrol Engagement Activities



Community Night Patrol Engagement Activities



Community Night Patrol at East Arnhem Live

On Saturday 29 August, CNP attended the East Arnhem Live concert in collaboration with Nhulunbuy Corporation to ensure there was a transport option for community members to safely get home after the concert.

CNP team recently introduced the CNP Chill Zone, a stationary patrol initiative operating every second Thursday. The program alternates between Yirrkala and Gunyangara and runs until 10:00 pm.

CNP officers are based at the Sport and Recreation Centre for several hours, providing young people with a safe, welcoming and friendly place to spend time. Children can enjoy snacks, homemade food, Milo or water while talking with officers or participating in activities such as drawing, colouring and reading.

Although the team has experienced some challenges, the overall response from young people has been positive. The initiative is helping to strengthen relationships and build trust between

local young people and the Night Patrol team.

A positive example involves a boy in Yirrkala, approximately 13 years old, who previously displayed challenging behaviour towards the patrol team, including sniffing substances and throwing rocks at patrol vehicles. Since the Chill Zone commenced, he has begun stopping for food and talking with officers. This represents encouraging progress in his engagement with the team.

The Chill Zone has experienced some challenging behaviour from children who attend with the intention of disrupting other participants or CNP officers. In these circumstances, some children have been asked to leave to maintain a safe and peaceful environment where everyone can relax and enjoy the activities.



CNP staff playing basketball with children.

When parental or caregiver support is required, officers are sometimes unable to locate a responsible adult. Caregivers may be unavailable or participating in activities such as drinking or gambling. Community Night Patrol regularly transports children home; however, some homes are unattended. This requires officers to spend additional time locating a responsible adult who can safely care for the child.

Despite these efforts, some children are again observed roaming around the community, increasing their exposure to unsafe situations and the risk of engaging in harmful or unlawful activities, including substance misuse.

Another ongoing challenge is the community's perception of CNP as a taxi service. In a recent incident, officers advised a group at approximately 11:30 pm that it was their final opportunity to receive transport home. The individuals chose to remain until after 1:00 am, by which time the Night Patrol service had finished operating. Some individuals later expressed

dissatisfaction toward the officers. This highlights the need for greater community awareness of Night Patrol's operating hours, responsibilities, and service limitations.

Aged Care and Disability Services (ACDS)

Construction of the new Yirrkala Aged Care Centre is currently underway. In early July, Aged Care staff packed up the existing centre and temporarily relocated their services to the Active Communities Drop-In Centre. By the end of August, staff and clients had settled well into the temporary location and adjusted to the new arrangements.

Aged Care staff and clients sincerely thank the Active Communities Coordinator and team for sharing their facilities and supporting the continuation of Aged Care services while construction of the new centre is in progress.



Old Aged Care Building



New Aged Care building under construction.

Chole Munungurritj has resigned from her position as an Aged Care Support Worker. We thank Chole for her contribution to the service and wish her well in the future.

The following positions are currently vacant: Two Aged Care Support Worker, Disability Support Worker and NDIS Care Coordinator.



Aged Care clients at GARMA Festival.

Recruitment for the Aged Care Supervisor position has been successful, with the new employee scheduled to commence in early September. During the reporting period, Lloyd and Bradley from the Galiwinku Aged Care Service provided valuable assistance to the Yirrkala Aged Care Centre while visiting the community. Their support was greatly appreciated.

Aged Care staff and clients participated in the 2026 NAIDOC Week and Garma Festival activities. These events provided valuable opportunities for clients to connect with community, celebrate culture and participate in meaningful social activities.



Manpreet Singh (Support Coordination Manager) with his clients.



Aged Care Clients Enjoying GARMA Festival



Bungul at NAIDOC Day Event.



EARC Team collaborating at the NAIDOC Day Event.

Certificate III in individual support training is ongoing. Staff continue to develop their skills and knowledge to enhance the quality of care and support provided to clients.

Child Care Services

The Yirrkala Child Care Service remains temporarily closed while recruitment is underway for the Child Care Team Leader and the Child Care Services Manager positions.

The Child Care Services Manager play an essential role in ensuring the service operates safely, effectively and in compliance with all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements. Local recruitment also remains ongoing for the Child Care Educator and Child Care Worker positions.

Active Communities and Youth Services (ACYS)

The Active Communities team consists of Rob Kestle, Active Communities Coordinator; Jada Cowdrey, Active Communities Team Leader; and Denzel Marika, Sharee Yunupingu and

Rosie Mununggurr, Active Communities Workers. Jada Cowdrey was appointed as the Active Communities Team Leader in June. Her reliable and energetic contribution has played an important role in delivering engaging evening programs throughout July and August.

Yirrkala hosted a successful Under-17 Basketball Gala Day on Saturday, 22 August 2026. The event was attended by local teams and a visiting team from Gapuwiyak, who stayed overnight in Yirrkala. The Gala Day was well attended and provided a valuable opportunity for young people from different communities to participate in sport and build positive connections.



Under 17 Basketball Gala Day

The Wednesday evening basketball games continue to attract strong community participation, with teams from Yirrkala, Gunyangara and Nhulunbuy regularly attending.



Wednesday Night Basketball

During the school holidays, Rhythm Village delivered a week-long music program in Yirrkala. The facilitator, Pat, engaged positively with participants, and the program was generously supported by Rirratjingu through the provision of musical instruments.



Jada at the Rhythm Village workshops.



Denzel at the Rhythm Village workshops.



The Rhythm Village facilitator, Pat leading the School Holiday Program.



Kids having fun at the Yirrkala Disco.

The next scheduled event is the Regional Wellbeing Camp, which will be held at Gulkula from 29 September to 2 October 2026.

Activities delivered during the reporting period included basketball, arts and crafts, movie nights, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, soccer, discos and other recreational programs.



Art and Craft Activities.



Children playing indoor soccer.

Waste and Environmental Update

Monthly Litter Rating Index (LRI)

Yirrkala and Gapuwiyak lead the communities in litter control, with Yirrkala average litter rating of 95%. Well done to all involved in this motivated community.

	July	Aug
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Yirrkala	95	95
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Bulk Waste Clean Up Poster - Yirrkala

Bulk Waste Clean Up

A scheduled bulk waste clean-up event was held in Yirrkala on the week of 10-14 August 2026. This event forms a part of our four scheduled clean up events for Yirrkala over the year. Bulk waste clean ups ensure that that road verges are free from waste and limit the build-up of items coming into the wet season.

FY 2027 Wheelie Bin Audit

Yirrkala was audited in late July. The audit observed additional and damaged wheelie bins across the community. Damaged bins reduce visual appeal and attract animals seeking food. This also significantly drains the community's Municipal Services time and budget. Waste has initiated a works drive to correct this situation; the process could take several months to complete.

Animal Management Program (AMP)

Overall comments:

- The AMP team was very busy in homelands and other communities across this period, so the team visited in July twice. Dr Celia and Dr Maddy serviced Yirrkala in July and then Dr Celia and Sarah in early August. It was quiet in Yirrkala across this period as many dogs had gone out to homelands with their families. We were able to reunite a kitten with her owners after she had run away and been found by another community member, she had a significant dog bite wound which is now healing well after surgical repair. The family was very pleased to see her, and she continues to grow well and be happy back home. We amputated the hind leg of a dog that was hit by a car, the family was very thankful for our care and upon check-ups was doing very well. We are pleased that the dog is able to go swimming again with his owner. We conducted some successful cat trapping in Yirrkala community during this period.
- Remote consultations: The AMP team performed four remote consultations in Yirrkala when they were not in community, improving consistency of care in the region. These were mostly sick, injured animals or for parasite control.
- Upcoming visits to the Yirrkala community:
 - Veterinary visit: 15-17 September 2026 by Dr Mon and Sarah

Service Delivery Table:

Yirrkalā	Jul/Aug 26	FY 26-27 to date	FY 25-26
Dogs Desexed	2	2	27
Cats Desexed	12	12	24
Community consultations	6	6	63
Remote/Phone consultations	5	5	38
EARC Veterinary Cabinet medication dispensed	0	0	18
Minor procedures/other surgeries	2	2	5
Parasite Treatments	57	57	305
Euthanasia	0	0	9
Private practice consultations (Mainland)	1	1	3
Total Engagements	85	85	489

Staff Education/training activities:

- Dr Maddy has won an Outstanding Alumni Award for her decade-long veterinary and animal services and dedication to the remote East Arnhem communities. The award particularly acknowledged her innovative idea to set up remote EARC Veterinary cabinets to provide ongoing consistency of veterinary care to our region and improve animal welfare outcomes. Our team would like to congratulate Dr Maddy!



Dr Maddy accepting the Spirit of JCU award for Outstanding Alumni in Townsville. Dr Maddy mentioned the strength and resilience of Yolngu people and animals in her acceptance speech.

Additional Collaborations:

- Laynhapuy homelands: The AMP team had a very busy month of August provided contracted veterinary services to the following homelands: Baniyala, Gurrumurru, Dhalinybuy, Wandawuy, Garrthalala. The team that attended these homelands included Dr Kathleen, Dr Celia, Saraya and Dr Maddy. Across the period the AMP team managed to perform 37 surgeries, dispense 162 parasite treatments across those homelands. Thanks to the Yirralka Rangers and Laynhapuy Homelands staff for their assistance with this work.

Animal welfare concerns/cases:

- We are still seeing some cases of parvovirus – presenting as persistent vomiting and lethargy in young dogs. It is invariably fatal in community dogs given the intensive hospital care required to treat the disease. Disease can be prevented through

vaccination of young dogs, which is done free of charge to young animals that get desexed with us.

- One dog was seen for significant hot water burns on his back. We successfully managed the burns with the very helpful and caring family.

Photos:



Scorpion the dog and his best friend. Scorpion was burnt with hot water but is now doing well after some treatments.



L - Mango the kitten's dog bite wound one month ago.



R – Mango the kitten and her owner now, a month later doing well and happy to be home!



Some kittens and their mum waiting to be desexed.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

AUTHOR Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND:

As part of Council's Annual Plan, a range of projects and initiatives were tabled and subsequently approved by the Local Authorities and Council for the 2025-2026 financial year. Ongoing updates on these projects will be provided at each meeting. In addition, any new initiatives or emerging matters of relevance to the community will also be discussed.

The information within this report covers actions associated with the below Technical Services areas and report owners:

Transport and Infrastructure Department**Transport and Infrastructure Manager**

116 - Lighting for Public Safety

118 - Local Road Maintenance & Traffic Management

119 - Local Road Upgrade and Construction

Building and Infrastructure Department – Capital Projects**Bruce Hall – Project Manager**

122 - Building and Public Infrastructure Services

LAPF Projects**Aaron Mc Kenna – Senior Project Manager**

Milingimbi and Galiwinku Toilet Block Construction

Gapuwiyak Communications Tower Deconstruction

REPORT STORY:**122 – Building Infrastructure Services (Report Owner – Bruce Hall)**

Lot 143 Aged Care Centre Replacement. Demolition has been completed and the building pad has been prepared. Under slab plumbing and electrical has commenced with expected slab pour date of the 5/10/2026. External fence works are almost completed and finishes for fitout have been finalized.



Following the pouring of the building slab, wall framing and cladding will commence followed by roof installation.

Lot 267 Disability Service Upgrade. The scope for works required to make the building access compliant has been completed and is ready to go out to Tender once approved. These works include compliant ramps, door openings and throughfares..

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

AUTHOR Ritesh Parikh (Finance Manager)**RECOMMENDATION**

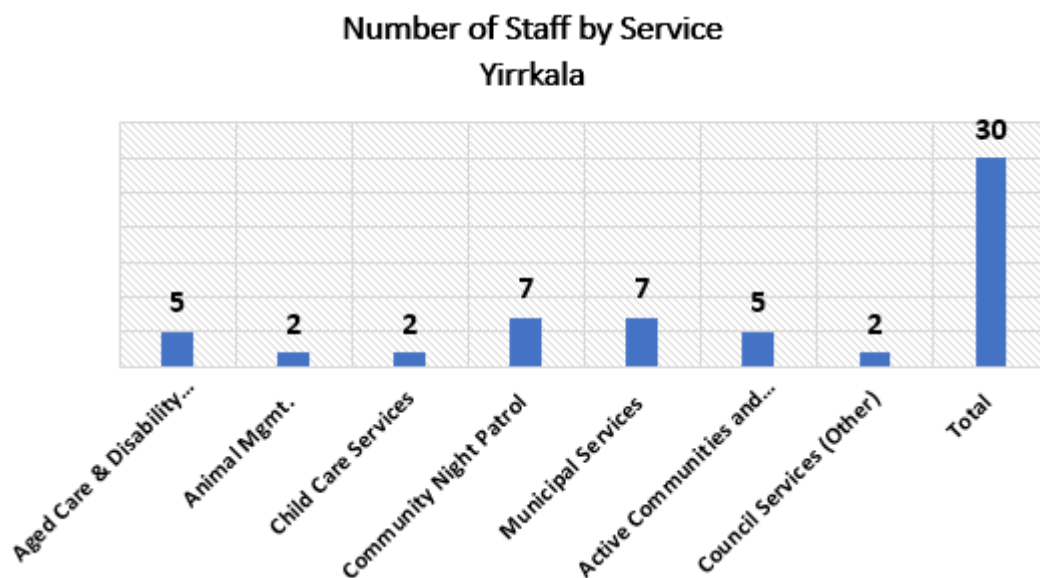
That Local Authority receives the Finance, Human Resources and Employment information as of 31 August 2026.

SUMMARY:

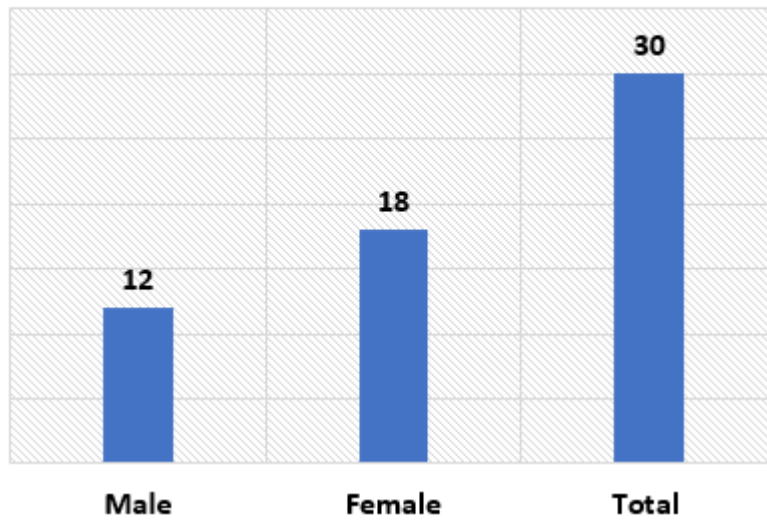
This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 31 August 2026 within the Local Authority area.

BACKGROUND:

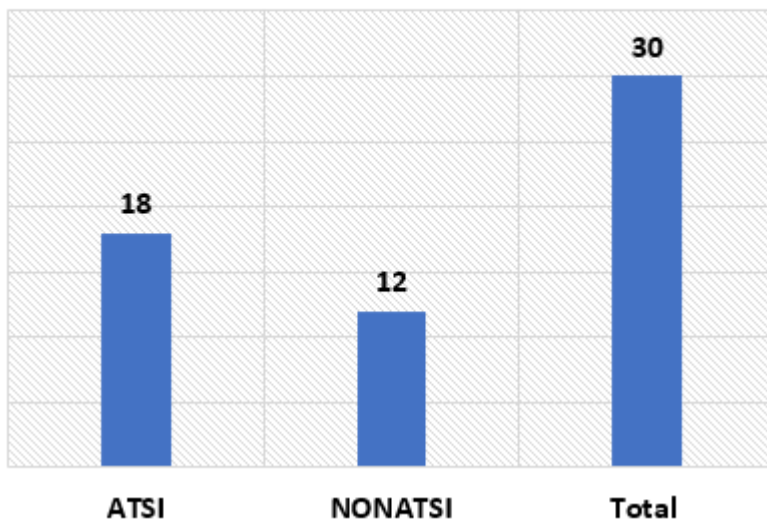
Local Authorities need to consider the Finance Report carefully as it details the current actual figures against the budget for the Local Authority area. Also, the report details the number of staff against the different service areas.

GENERAL:

Number of Staff by Gender
Yirrkala



Number of ATSI & Non-ATSI Staff
Yirrkala



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

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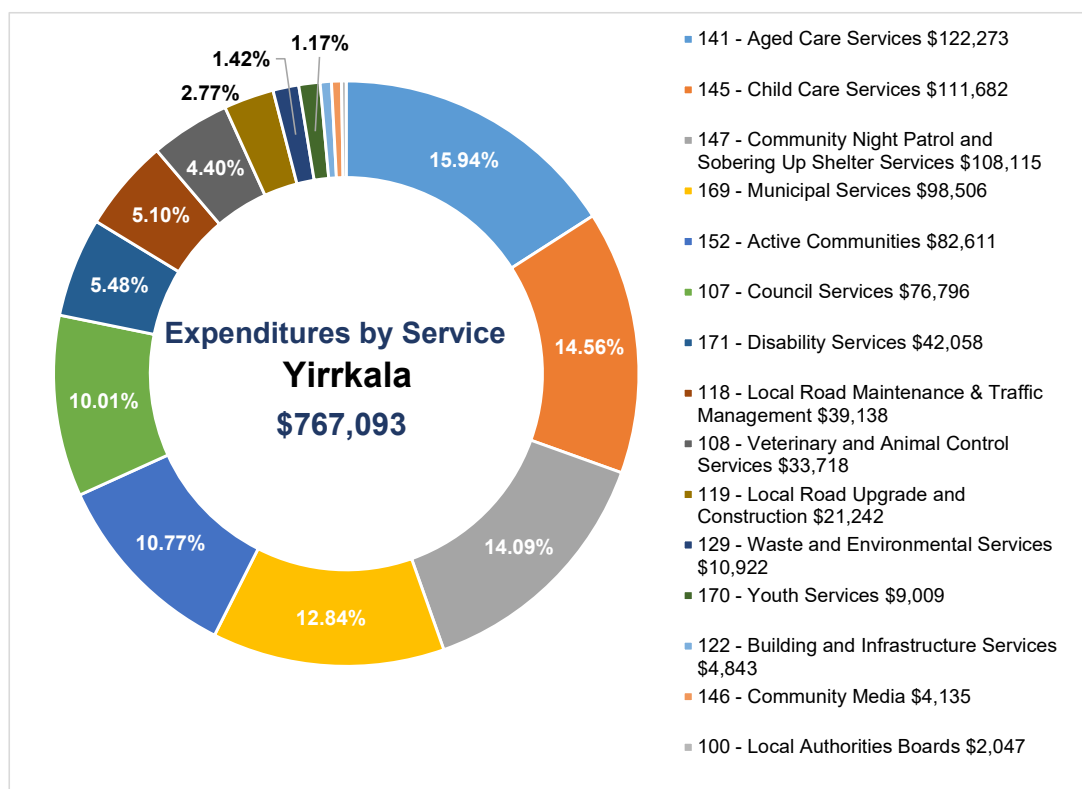
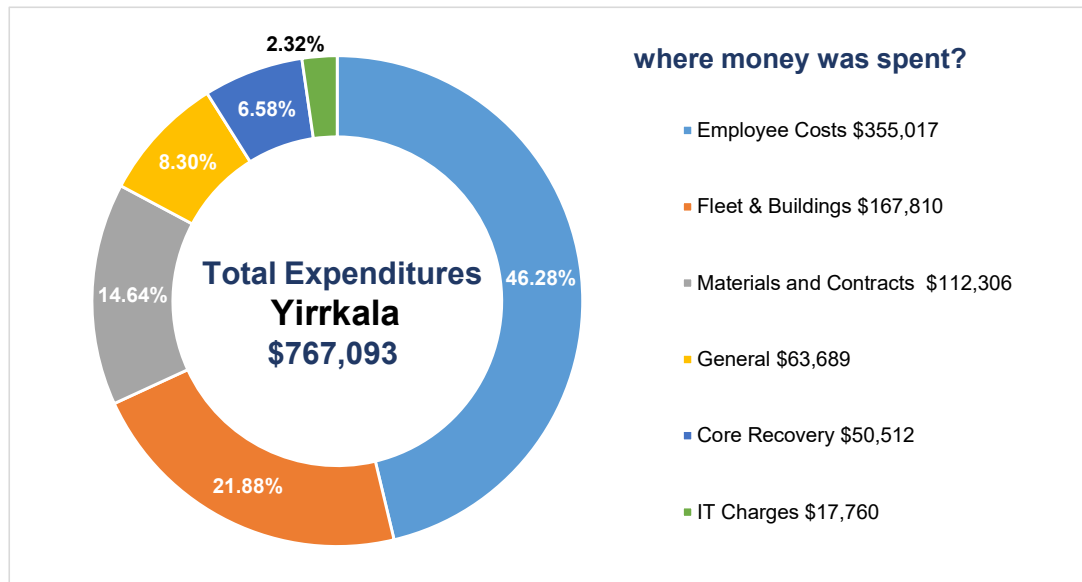
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LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECT FUNDING (LAPF) - YIRRKALA**FUNDS LEFT**

As at 31st August 2026

	YTD ACTUAL	COMMITMENTS	ACTUAL + COMMITMENTS	FULL YEAR BUDGET	PROGRESS % (ACTUAL vs BUDGET)
CARRIED FORWARD LAPF FROM PRIOR YEAR*	286,295	-	286,295	272,109	
LAPF RECEIVED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	-	-	-	(272,109)	
TOTAL AVAILABLE LAPF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR	286,295	-	286,295	-	
LESS LAPF PROJECTS					
277218 - Unallocated LAPF 2017-2018, Yirrkala	-	(13,440)	(13,440)	-	0%
307718 - LAPF - Yirrkala Aged Care Upgrade Contribution	-	(55,690)	(55,690)	-	0%
TOTAL PROJECTS	-	(69,130)	(69,130)	-	0%
ESTIMATED LAPF - LEFT (OVERSPEND) / UNDERSPEND			217,165	-	

*Unaudited amount from FY2025- 2026



4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

4.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

PRESENTATION

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Presentation form



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Request to Present at a Local Authority Meeting

EARC have requested that **ALL ORGANISATIONS** provide the following information as part of any request to present at a local authority meeting. This info must be provided at least 10 days prior to Local Authority meeting.

Please complete this form and return it to paulhyde.kaduru@eastarnhem.nt.gov.au. Prior to submitting a request, please review the NT Government **Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy** at www.dlgcs.nt.gov.au.

We respectfully request that all presentations be kept to 30 Minutes (15 minute presentation time and 15 minutes of question time).

Please enter your contact details below	
Name:	Anna Kreij
Organisation:	NTG
Position:	Community Development Officer
Department:	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
Contact number:	0437647596
Email:	Anna.kreij@nt.gov.au

Agenda Item	
1. Which Local Authorities do you wish to attend?	
☒ Galiwinku ☒ Ramingining	☒ Gapuwiyak ☒ Yirrkala
☒ Gunyangara	
☒ Mililingimbi	
2. What is the purpose of the presentation?	
Provide a brief overview of NTG Community Development projects and answer questions raised in previous meetings.	
3. For the agenda item, do you expect to: <i>(please complete the option/s that are relevant)</i>	
☒ Provide information to the local authority about: The NTG Community Development team and previous questions raised ☐ Seek information from the local authority about: ☐ Seek a decision from the local authority about:	



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Other Information (where applicable)		
When is attendance at a local authority meeting required? <i>(Please indicate any time sensitivities)</i>		
☒ Next Available Meeting _____ (date)	☐ Before _____ (date)	☐ After _____ (date)
What communication materials are expected to be used? <i>(Please indicate and attach copies where possible, and consider whether interpreter services are needed)</i>		
Do you require use of any of the following:		
☐ Laptop	☐ Projector	☒ Video Teleconference
☐ Documents Printed (Charges apply)		☐ Whiteboard
If a scheduled local authority meeting does not meet your requirements, a special meeting may be called at a cost of \$1,710 per meeting, <i>Subject to availability of members.</i>		
Do you require a special meeting to be called?		Yes ☐ No ☒
Proposed Dates: _____ or _____ or _____ (1st Choice) (2nd Choice) (3rd Choice)		

Official use Only

Date Received _____

4.3 General Business

5 Meeting Close