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OPEN MINUTES for the Yirrkala Local Authority
30 September 2026

1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:45 am.

Members in Attendance:

Adrian Gurruwiwi
Fabian Marika
Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru
James Dhurrkay
Lirrpiya Mununggurr

East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)
Shannon Cervini (Director – Council Services)
Labhjeet Bhullar (Council Services Manager)
Vivek Gummalla (Acting Regional Manager)
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.3 Attendance

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/85 **RESOLVED** (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/James Dhurrkay)

That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Dipilinga Marika.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Marrpalawuy, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Dipilinga Marika.
- (c) Notes Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu, Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika, Djapirri Mununggirritj and Dipilinga Mari 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 2025/86 **RESOLVED (Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru/Fabian Marika)**

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

MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

YIR 2025/87 **RESOLVED (Fabian Marika/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 July 2026.

2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions

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LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

2.1 Inclusion of Ward Names in Local Authority Titles

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.

YIR 2025/88 **RESOLVED (Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Fabian Marika)**

That the Yirrkala Local Authority supports the Local Authority's name to be changed to the Yirrkala Dhanbul - Gumurr Miwatj Local Authority, to properly reflect the language of the cultural Ward name, subject to consultation with and approval of the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation and the Gumatj Corporation.

3 Noting Progress and Achievement

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA
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NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.1 Local Authority Action Items

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/89 **RESOLVED** (James Dhurrkay/Fabian Marika)

That the Local Authority notes the progress of actions from the previous meetings for the Council to endorse.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.2 CEO Report

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/90 **RESOLVED** (Fabian Marika/James Dhurrkay)

That the Local Authority:

(a) Notes the CEO Report.

(b) Calls for real action to address the high level of crime including:

- 1. Tackle the illegal sale of Kava and other substances that is having a devastating affect on our people.**
- 2. Family Responsibility Agreements and Parental Responsibility Orders to be developed and implemented to have real consequences.**
- 3. All community members to call out any domestic or family violence, which is not part of our culture.**
- 4. Support council, the NT Police, and other organisations to coordinate camps for deep and genuine engagement with young offenders and their parents / key family members, and other activities and engagement with young offenders.**
- 5. The collection of clear data to demonstrate the effect of all these actions.**

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.3 Council Services Manager Report

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/91 **RESOLVED** (James Dhurrkay/Adrian Gurruwiwi)

That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.4 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.

YIR 2025/92 **RESOLVED** (Lirripiya Mununggurr/Adrian Gurruwiwi)

That Local Authority notes the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.

NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

3.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

SUMMARY:

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

YIR 2025/93 **RESOLVED** (Adrian Gurruwiwi/Fabian Marika)

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

4 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

PRESENTATION

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

YIR 2025/94 **RESOLVED** (Adrian Gurruwiwi/James Dhurrkay)

That the Local Authority notes:

- (a) The presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.
- (b) That the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation and Gumatj Corporation be consulted directly on what names they approve for the new streets in the new housing development in Yirrkala.
- (c) East Arnhem Real Estate, who have the formal delegated role from the Northern Territory Government to manage tenancies, to inspect and ensure the approved tenants are living in different tenancies.

5 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:15 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Yirrkala Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 30 September 2026.