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**OPEN MINUTES for the Yirrkala Local Authority**  
**25 March 2026**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Djapirri Mununggirritj opened the meeting at 11:35 am.

### Members in Attendance:

Djapirri Mununggirritj (Chair)  
Adrian Gurruwiwi  
James Dhurrkay  
Dipilinga Marika  
Fabian Marika  
Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru  
Lirripiya Mununggurr

### East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)  
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)  
Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services) – Attended online  
Labhjeet Bhullar (Council Services Manager)  
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager) – Attended online

## MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

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### 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 2025/52 **RESOLVED** (Djapirri Mununggirritj/Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru)

#### That the Local Authority:

- (a) Notes the absence of Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika and Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu.
- (b) Notes the apology received from Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika and Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu.
- (c) Notes Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika and Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu are absent with permission of the Local Authority.

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## 1.4 Conflict of Interest

**SUMMARY:**

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

YIR 2025/53 **RESOLVED (Dipilinga Marika/Lirripiya Mununggurr)**

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

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1.5 Previous Local Authority Minutes

YIR 2025/54 **RESOLVED (Lirripiya Mununggurr/Adrian Gurruwiwi)**

**That the Local Authority approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 January 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

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 2.1 Local Authority Action Items

**SUMMARY:**

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

YIR 2025/55 **RESOLVED (Dipilinga Marika/Adrian Gurruwiwi)**

**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.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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## 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 2025/58 **RESOLVED (Adrian Gurruwiwi/James Dhurrkay)**

That the Local Authority :

(a) Notes the CEO report.

(b) Endorses the improved and expanded Advocacy issues as endorsed by Council.

#### **NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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##### 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 2025/59 **RESOLVED (Lirripiya Mununggurr/Dipilinga Marika)**

**That the Local Authority notes the Council Services Managers report.**

#### **NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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##### 2.4 Technical and Infrastructure Services Report

###### **SUMMARY:**

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

YIR 2025/56 **RESOLVED (Djapirri Mununggirritj/Dipilinga Marika)**

**That Local Authority note the Technical and Infrastructure Services Report.**

#### **NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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##### 2.5 Human Resources and Finance Report

###### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the financials plus employment statistics as of 28 February 2026 within the Local Authority area.

YIR 2025/60 **RESOLVED (Lirripiya Mununggurr/Graham Mungurrapin Maymuru)**

**That Local Authority receives the Human Resources and Employment information as of 28 February 2026.**

### 3 General Business and Date of Next Meeting

#### DISCUSSION WITH THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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3.1 Discussion with the Local Police Department

YIR 2025/57 **RESOLVED** (Djapirri Mununggirritj/Fabian Marika)

**That the Local Authority**

- (a) **Notes the updates provided by the local Police Department.**
- (b) **Calls for an official review to be conducted to determine the structural safety rating of all housing and other buildings across the local communities and homelands of East Arnhem land and beyond, to ensure the protection of the lives of all Yolnu and Balanda people, through all people being properly informed of where they can safely shelter, and provision of funding to construct new cyclone shelters / multi purpose halls where needed, in the event of cyclones up to a category level 5.**

#### YOUTH REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

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3.2 Youth Representation and Engagement

YIR 2025/61 **RESOLVED** (Djapirri Mununggirritj/James Dhurrkay)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Local Authority Endorses the appointment of at least one young woman and one young man (16 to 25 years of age) – to formalise the greater direct engagement of young people, and their voices on important issues, challenges and opportunities.**

The next meeting is to be held on 27 May 2026.

### 4 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 03:28 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Yirrkala Local Authority Ordinary Meeting held on 25 March 2026.