



Minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority Meeting  
Thursday, 23 February 2023 at 10:00

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**Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting open at 10:12, welcomed all in attendance and did a Welcome to Country.**

**APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Chairperson | Andy Garnarradj    |
| Member      | Henry Yates        |
| Member      | Evonne Gumurdul    |
| Member      | Maxwell Garnarradj |

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Deputy Mayor | Elizabeth Williams |
| Councillor   | Otto Dann          |
| Councillor   | Donna Nadjamerrek  |

**STAFF PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive Officer                  | Paul Hockings                       |
| Chief Operating Officer (Acting)         | Fiona Ainsworth (video conference)  |
| Chief Corporate Officer                  | David Glover (video conference)     |
| Executive Manager, Advocacy and Strategy | Brooke Darmanin                     |
| Council Services Manager                 | Tim Hema                            |
| Governance and Risk Advisor              | Jessie Schaecken (video conference) |

**VISITORS**

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| Chief Minister & Cabinet Regional Project Officer | Colvin Crowe       |
| Chief Minister & Cabinet                          | Claire             |
| Injalak Arts Architect & Urban Designer           | Cristina Aranzubia |
| Injalak Arts CEO                                  | Michael Stitfold   |
| Drug and Alcohol program                          | Leon James         |

Michael and Cristina from Injalak Arts entered the meeting at 10:15 to discuss the Stone Country Festival. They are seeking a letter of support from Council for grant funding applications for both a shade shelter at their Arts Centre for their women artists and festival funding. They both left the meeting at 10:35.

### 1.1 INJALAK ARTS LETTER OF SUPPORT

#### GUN145/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Cr Donna Nadjamerrek

That Gunbalayna Local Authority requested the administration provide a letter of support to the Injalak Arts for the 2023 Stone Country Festival grant funding application.

CARRIED

### 1.2 INJALAK ARTS LETTER OF SUPPORT

#### GUN146/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Henry Yates

Seconded Member Maxwell Garnarradj

The Gunbalayna Local Authority requested the administration provide a letter of support to Injalak Arts for their shade shelter grant funding application

CARRIED

## APOLOGIES

### 3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Committee considered Apologies and Leave of Absence.

#### GUN147/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Cr Otto Dann

That Gunbalayna Local Authority noted members apologies from Connie Nayinggul and Kenneth Mangiru for the meeting held on 23 February 2023.

CARRIED

## ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

### 4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Committee considered Absent Without Notice.

#### RESOLVED:

That the Gunbalayna Local Authority noted nil members absences without notice for the meeting held on 23 February 2023.

## ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

### 6.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Committee considered Acceptance of Agenda.

#### GUN148/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mr Maxwell Garnarradj

Seconded Ms Evonne Gumurdul

That the agenda for the Gunbalayna Local Authority meeting of 23 February 2023 as circulated be accepted.

CARRIED

## DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

### 7.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

The Committee considered Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

#### RESOLVED:

That Gunbalayna Local Authority received and recorded nil declarations of interest for the meeting held on 23 February 2023.

## CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - 10 JANUARY 2023

The Committee considered Confirmation of Previous Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 10 January 2023.

**GUN149/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj  
Seconded Cr Otto Dann**

**That the minutes of the 10 January 2023 Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

### 10.1 REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

The Committee considered Review of Local Authority Action Items.

**GUN150/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj  
Seconded Cr Donna Nadjamerrek**

**That Gunbalanya Local Authority reviewed the action items list and approved to remove any completed actions and;**

- 1. requested the football oval surface and installation of football oval lights be added to the Action Items noting that NT Sport, Recreation & Strategic Infrastructure are looking into funding for the oval lights,**
- 2. Invite Sam Gibson Head of NTAFL to visit Gunbalanya Community with the view to assisting Council source funding for the above projects; and**
- 3. Mayor Ryan and Paul Hockings Chief Executive Officer meet with NTAFL on 24 February 2023 to raise the oval concerns.**

**CARRIED**

**Minute note:** Local Authority broke from the meeting at 11:09 and returned at 11:25.

Maryanne Walley from Australian Electoral Commission presented to the Local Authority about enrolment drives from 11:41 to 11:48.

## CEO / CSM REPORT ON REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICES

### 11.1 CSM OPERATIONS REPORT ON CURRENT COUNCIL SERVICES

The Committee considered CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services.

**GUN151/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj  
Seconded Cr Otto Dann**

**That Gunbalanya Local Authority received and noted the report entitled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.**

**CARRIED**

### 15.1 WATER USAGE PRESENTATION

Cail Rayment from Power and Water Corporation presented on Gunbalanya Water Security at 12:26 and left the meeting at 12:57.

**GUN152/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj  
Seconded Cr Otto Dann**

1. Chairperson Garnarradj mentioned that Essential Services Officers have been fixing leaks and doing lots of good work in this space.
2. Chairperson Garnarradj was running a Power and Water Corporation (PWC) leaks project in 2010/2011 that had thanksgiving gifts including sprinklers, hoses and buckets for water awareness.
3. Cr Dann raised that water samples are sent off weekly and the community would like to see the results and this data could be displayed on the new electronic notice board at Gunbalayna Office.
4. Member Gumurdul raised ageing and bad pipes is part of the reason for the number of leaks in the community.
5. Cr Nadjamerrek raised more community education could help.
6. Jessie Schaecken to connect Tim Hema Council Services Manager Gunbalayna with Cail Rayment PWC.
7. Cail Rayment PWC to present to the next Gunbalayna Local Authority meeting.

**CARRIED**

**Minute Note:** Local Authority broke for lunch at 12:58 and resumed at 13:41.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

### **14.1 FINANCIAL REPORT TO DECEMBER 2022**

The Committee considered Financial Report to December 2022.

**GUN153/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj**

**Seconded Mr Henry Yates**

**That Gunbalayna Local Authority received and noted the Financial Report for the year to date period, July to December 2022.**

**CARRIED**

### **15.2 GUNBALAYNA MENS SHED FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Colvin Crowe presented to the Local Authority at 14:11.

A Gunbalayna Service Delivery meeting met on 22 February 2023 and topics discussed included:

- Pigs causing property damage, spreading disease and frightening staff and people. Police advised they cannot act unless there is a Gunbalayna by-law on animal management and that people can visit the clinic for an Japanese Encephalitis Virus Vaccine.
- Mens shed is approved with funding from Demed Aboriginal Corporation and will be built and functional very soon but there is no funding for fencing, \$20,000 requested for fencing around the new area.

Chairperson Garnarradj thanked Colvin for his presentation and requested time for the Local Authority to discuss the funding request. Colvin Crowe and Claire and left the meeting at 14:23.

**GUN154/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj**

**Seconded Cr Otto Dann**

**That Gunbalayna Local Authority:**

1. requested a formal proposal from Colvin Crowe Regional Liaison Officer DCM&C however,
2. approved in principle Local Authority Funding of \$20,000 for fencing materials for the Gunbalayna Mens Shed provided:
  - a. the proposal is received; and
  - b. the project meets the NT Local Authority Funding Guidelines,
3. further advised should the project not meet these guidelines the funding will not be allocated.

**CARRIED**

## 14.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING

The Committee considered Local Authority Funding.

### **GUN155/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Otto Dann**

**Seconded Mr Henry Yates**

**That the Local Authority received and noted the report entitled *Local Authority Funding*.**

**CARRIED**

## VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### 15.1 PRESENTATIONS TO GUNBALANYA LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Committee considered Presentations to Gunbalanya Local Authority.

**Minute note:** all presentations were considered sporadically throughout the meeting.

## GENERAL ITEMS

### 16.1 GUNBALANYA CHURCH LOT 394 - INSTALL BOUNDARY FENCE

The Committee considered Gunbalanya Church Lot 394 - Install Boundary Fence.

### **GUN156/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj**

**Seconded Cr Donna Nadjamerrek**

**That Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

- 1. Requested Council to direct the administration to try and source funding through the Church administration to reimburse some funds towards construction costs.**
- 2. Discussed the use of project funding, and recommended the allocation of Local Authority funding to upgrade the fence as scoped and install 30 x Bollards for \$9,614 subject to the project meeting the Local Authority Guidelines.**

**CARRIED**

### 16.2 GUNBALANYA PARK - PROPOSED PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE EXTENSION

The Committee considered Gunbalanya Park - Proposed Playground Structure Extension.

### **GUN157/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mr Henry Yates**

**Seconded Mr Maxwell Garnarradj**

**That Gunbalayna Local Authority:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Gunbalanya Park - Proposed Playground Structure Extension*' ,**
- 2. Considered the appetite from the Local Authority to improve facility functionality; and**
- 3. Approved \$93,600 circa from the Gunbalanya Local Authority funding to complete the variation to the playground.**

**CARRIED**

### 16.3 SOLAR LIGHTS - GUNBALANYA ENTRANCE ROAD - AIRPORT T/O TO NEW SUBDIVISION

The Committee considered Solar Lights - Gunbalanya Entrance Road - Airport T/O to New Subdivision.

### **GUN158/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Donna Nadjamerrek**

**Seconded Cr Otto Dann**

**That Gunbalayna Local Authority:**

1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Solar Lights - Gunbalanya Entrance Road - Airport Turn Off to New Subdivision*',
2. Approved the allocation of \$74,285.17 from Gunbalanya Local Authority funding for the Solar Lights - Gunbalanya Entrance Road - Airport Turn Off to New Subdivision project.

**CARRIED**

#### 16.4 ADDITIONAL PARK BENCH SEATING FOR PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE

The Committee considered additional park bench seating for playground structure.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Gunbalayna Local Authority:**

1. Received and noted the report; and
2. Approved \$9,900 from Gunbalanya Local Authority funding to complete additional park bench seating to the playground.

**Minute note:** During the meeting this report was not considered on advice these seats will be supplied and completed from unspent money from a previous Local Authority decision.

Following completion of the meeting it was found this advice to be incorrect and that these are additional park benches required a decision. This report will be resubmitted to a future meeting.

#### 16.5 GUNBALANYA SUBDIVISION HANDOVER REPORT

The Committee considered Gunbalanya Subdivision Handover Report.

**GUN159/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Ms Evonne Gumurdul**

**Seconded Cr Donna Nadjamerrek**

**That Gunbalayna Local Authority:**

1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Gunbalanya Subdivision Handover Report*'; and
2. Directed the administration to:
  - a. Instruct NT Government to complete the civil remedial works for New Subdivision to the required Australian Standards per the independent consultant recommendations.
  - b. Delay handover for another wet season to ensure the roads, drains, road furniture and culverts are sufficiently designed and constructed to accommodate wet season run off and to mitigate any potential areas of flooding.

**CARRIED**

#### 16.6 CONSULTATION - WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL PLAN STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 -2024

The Committee considered Consultation - West Arnhem Regional Council Regional Plan Strategic Plan 2023 -2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Consultation - West Arnhem Regional Council Regional Plan Strategic Plan 2023 -2024*,
2. Nominated projects and priorities of local significance which will inform the West Arnhem Regional Plan;
  - a. Football Oval lights and playing surface,

- b. New Gunbalayna Clinic,
  - c. Funeral car,
  - d. Billabong eradication of weeds including Para grass and Salvinia,
  - e. Road at Banyan subdivision near Lami Lami
  - f. Road in front of the Depot from Injalak Arts Centre to the Floodway
  - g. Road towards the Power Station needs to get an upgrade - culvert sitting in the Council Depot
  - h. Youth facility with basketball court out of the back - protective padding to H Beams on shed, upgrade wooden seats and improve fencing
  - i. 2 more playgrounds for Banyan Area and Middle Camp need shelter Arrguluk
  - j. BMX track for kids
3. Provided feedback on the current organisational values and suggests alternative values for consideration by the administration.
- a. Cultural inductions are becoming more important

#### 16.7 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Committee considered Northern Territory Government Review of Local Authorities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Gunbalanya Local Authority received and noted the submission made by West Arnhem Regional Council to the Northern Territory Review of Local Authorities.

#### 16.8 NT ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Committee considered NT Electoral Boundary Review.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Gunbalanya Local Authority noted and received the report entitled *NT Electoral Boundary Review*.

#### 16.9 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS QUESTIONS

The Committee considered Local Authority Members Questions.

**GUN160/2023 RESOLVED:**

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj  
Seconded Cr Donna Nadjamerrek

That the Chairperson invited questions from Local Authority Members:

1. Member Yvonne Gumurdul raised safety concerns of large and dangerous mahogany tree in yards. Tim Hema CSM Gunbalayna undertook to have his team take photographs and submit a report to Department of Infrastructure and Planning and copy in Territory Housing.
2. Chairperson Garnarradj requested Council correspond with ALPA as the CDP provider in Gunbalayna requesting and suggesting ways to assist young people in community get 'job ready', including obtaining a Tax File Number and enrolling to vote.

**CARRIED**

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Gunbalanya Local Authority will be held on 25 May 2023 at the Gunbalanya Council Building.

#### MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting closed at 15:48.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 23 February 2023.

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Chairperson

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Date Confirmed