



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Local Authority Meeting  
Thursday, 26 May 2022 at 10:00 am  
Council Chambers, Gunbalanya

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**Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting open at 10:08 am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.**

**LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	Andy Garnarradj
Member	Kenneth Mangiru
Member	Henry Yates
Member	Maxwell Garnarradj

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Matthew Ryan (video conference)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams (video conference)
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Daniel Findley (video conference)
Chief Operating Officer	Rick Mulvey
Operational Support Administration Assistant	Pania Withnall
Council Services Manager	Paul Avery
Chief Corporate Officer	David Glover (video conference)
Governance and Risk Advisor	Doreen Alusa (video conference)
Project Coordinator Local Authorities	Loukas Gikopoulos (video conference)
Finance Manager	Andrew Shaw (video conference)
Executive Manager, Advocacy and Strategy	Brooke Darmanin (video conference)

**VISITORS**

Injalak Arts	Michael Stitsold
NT Correctional Services	Anthony Jones
Stronger Communities for Children	Lachlan McKenzie
NT Health	Wendy Pech
Charles Darwin University	Vanya Bosiocic
Charles Darwin University	Professor Hamish Campbell
Charles Darwin University	Rebecca Ludgate
NT Health	Katherine O'Connor

## VISITORS

Gunbalanya Clinic  
Gunbalanya Air  
The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation  
The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation  
National Indigenous Australian Agency  
Department of Local Government, Housing  
and Community Development

Maxine Cowen  
Mitchell Cook  
Hayley Torsney  
Janet Lodge  
Francine Chinn  
Colvin Crowe

## APOLOGIES

### 3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Local Authority considered apologies and leave of absence.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority noted apologies from appointed members Evonne Gumurdul and Connie Nayinggul for the meeting held on 26 May 2022.**

## ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

### 4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Local Authority considered absences without notice.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority noted that no members were absent without notice for the meeting held on 26 May 2022.**

## ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

### 6.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Local Authority considered acceptance of the agenda.

**GUN124/2022 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj  
Seconded Members Henry Yates**

**The agenda for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting of 26 May 2022 as circulated was accepted.**

**CARRIED**

## DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

### 7.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

The Local Authority considered disclosure of interest of members or staff.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority received no declarations of interest for the meeting held on 26 May 2022.**

## CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - 24 FEBRUARY 2022

The Local Authority considered the confirmation of previous Local Authority meeting minutes - 24 February 2022.

**GUN125/2022 RESOLVED:**  
On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj  
Seconded Members Henry Yates

The minutes of the 24 February 2022 Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting were adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 8.2 RE-SUBMISSION: CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - 29 JULY 2021

The Local Authority considered the resubmission of previous Local Authority minutes for the meeting held on 29 July 2021. The minutes were re-submitted for consideration as the previous meetings were provisional meeting.

**GUN126/2022 RESOLVED:**  
On the motion of Mr Maxwell Garnarradj  
Seconded Members Henry Yates

The minutes of the 29 July 2021 Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting were adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**Minute note:** The meeting broke off for morning tea at 10:55 am and resumed at 11:15 am.

## COUNCIL'S RESPONSES - LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES

### 9.1 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO LOCAL AUTHORITY ISSUES RAISED

The Local Authority considered Council's response to Local Authority issues raised.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority noted the report.**

## LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

### 10.1 REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

The Local Authority reviewed the action items list.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

1. Noted the progress made on the projects on the action items list; and
2. Noted that corrections would be made to the names that had been incorrectly listed on the board of recognition before it is installed.

## COUNCIL SERVICES MANAGER (CSM) REPORT ON REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICES

### 11.1 CSM REPORT ON CURRENT REGIONAL COUNCIL SERVICES

The Local Authority considered the CSM report on current regional council services.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority noted the report.**

## FINANCE REPORT

### 14.1 FINANCIAL REPORT TO MARCH 2022

The Local Authority considered the Financial report to March 2022.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority noted and received the Financial Management report for the nine months, July 2021 to March 2022.**

### 14.2 LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING

The Local Authority considered a report on Local Authority funding.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

- **Noted the report.**
- **Noted that Local Authority members would have a meeting with local stakeholders to discuss potential Local Authority funded projects. Thereafter, scopes and budgets of the potential projects would be prepared and presented at the next Local Authority meeting.**

## VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

### 15.1 PRESENTATION - DRONES FOR LIFE

The Local Authority considered a presentation on drones for life.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority noted the presentation.**

**Minute note:** Wendy Pech, Vanya Bosiocic and Professor Hamish Campbell left the meeting at 10:53 am after the presentation on drones for life.

## GENERAL ITEMS

### 16.1 PROCESS FOR NAMING NEW SUBDIVISION

The Local Authority considered a report on the process for naming the new subdivision.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

- **Received and noted the report on the process for naming a location in the Northern Territory; and**
- **Noted that Dr Samantha Wells, the Chairperson of the Place Names Committee, will attend the July 2022 Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting.**

### 16.2 CONSULTATION –WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAFT PLAN 2022 - 2023

The Local Authority considered a report on consultation on the draft West Arnhem Regional Council plan 2022 - 2023.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

- **Noted the report;**
- **Reviewed the draft West Arnhem Regional Council 2022 – 2023 plan; and**
- **Noted that feedback on the plan should be submitted by Monday, 30 May 2022.**

### 16.3 CONSULTATION - WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2022-2023

The Local Authority considered a report on consultation on the draft West Arnhem Regional Council budget 2022 - 2023.

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

- Noted the report;
- Reviewed the draft West Arnhem Regional Council 2022 – 2023 budget; and
- Noted that feedback on the budget should be submitted by Monday, 30 May 2022.

### 16.4 GUNBALANYA AIRPORT ABLUTION BLOCK

The Local Authority considered a report on the Gunbalanya Airport ablution block.

**GUN127/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj**

**Seconded Councillor Gabby Gumurdul**

**The Gunbalanya Local Authority:**

- Noted the report;
- Noted that Local Authority members would spend time with the Chief Operating Officer after the meeting to view the location and discuss the design of the proposed ablution block;
- Recommended the allocation of \$20,000 of Local Authority funding to meet costs for the architectural and structural drawings for the ablution block designs; and
- Requested Council to direct the administration:
  - To contact the Power and Water Corporation to investigate options for repairing pipes that supply water to the airport.
  - To investigate additional options for supplying water to the airport and present a report at the 28 July 2022 Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 16.5 GUNBALANYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP

The Local Authority considered a report on Gunbalanya Local Authority membership.

**GUN128/2022 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Seconded Mr Maxwell Garnarradj**

**The Local Authority:**

- Received and noted the report;
- Nominated the following to the Gunbalanya Local Authority members nomination committee:
  1. Chairperson Andy Garnarradj
  2. Mr Henry Yates
  3. Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek
  4. Mr Paul Avery (providing administrative support)

**CARRIED**

**16.6 GUNBALANYA LOCAL AUTHORITY SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROJECTS**

The Local Authority considered a report on the Gunbalanya Local Authority summary of current projects.

**The Local Authority noted the report.**

**16.7 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

The Local Authority considered Local Authority members questions.

**The Chairperson did not receive additional questions from Local Authority members for the meeting held on 26 May 2022.**


**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 28 July 2022.

**MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting closed at 12:05 pm.

This page and the preceding five (5) pages are the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on Thursday, 26 May 2022.

  
Chairperson

27-10-22  
Date Confirmed