



Minutes of Maningrida Local Authority Meeting  
Thursday, 12 January 2023 at 10:00  
Council Chambers, Maningrida

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**Mayor Matthew Ryan declared the meeting open at 10:20, welcomed all in attendance and acknowledged the Traditional Owners.**

**APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson (Acting)	Shane Namanurki
Member	Jessica Phillips (video conference)
Member	Manual Brown (video conference)
Member	Joyce Bohme

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	Matthew Ryan
Councillor	James Woods
Councillor	Julius Kernan

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Paul Hockings
Executive Manager, Advocacy and Strategy	Brooke Darmanin
Acting Council Services Manager Maningrida	Kevin Voisey
First Nations Cultural Advisor	Yanja Thompson
Technical Services Project Manager	Clem Beard (video conference)

**VISITOR**

Regional Director, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet	Nic Sarah
Volunteer run community event as an independent volunteer	Jarrah Aleman-Abellana

**Minute Notes:** In the absence of Chairperson Sharon Hayes the Maningrida Local Authority appointed Shane Namanurki to act as chairperson for this meeting.

Mayor Matthew Ryan brought to members' attention that the West Arnhem Regional Council Code of Conduct is applicable to Local Authority members as well as Councillors and Council staff. He asked that members make themselves aware of the contents of this document.

**APOLOGIES**

**1.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Committee considered Apologies and Leave of Absence.

**MAN166/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Seconded Cr James Woods**

**The Maningrida Local Authority noted members apologies by Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams and Sharon Hayes for the meeting held on 12 January 2023.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

**2.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Committee considered Absent Without Notice.

**MAN167/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Ms Joyce Bohme**

**Seconded Cr Julius Kernan**

**The Maningrida Local Authority note member absence without notice by Sophia Brian for the meeting held on 12 January 2023.**

**CARRIED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**3.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The Committee considered Acceptance of Agenda.

**MAN168/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Seconded Cr James Woods**

**The agenda for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting of 12 January 2023 as circulated is accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - 3 NOVEMBER 2022**

The Committee considered Confirmation of Previous Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 3 November 2022.

**MAN169/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Seconded Mr Shane Namanurki**

**The minutes of the 3 November 2022 Maningrida Local Authority meeting are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL ITEMS**

**5.1 IN-PRINCIPLE SUPPORT TO ARTS PROGRAMMES FOR NAIDOC POSTER COMPETITION**

The chair asked the Community Member Jarrah Aleman-Abellana present to talk about the National NAIDOC Poster Competition project she is keen to pursue:

1. Jarrah used to work at the Creche as a Team Leader.

2. She noticed that there is a gap in supporting artists in Maningrida to be filled.
3. National NAIDOC Poster Competition has opened and suggested if we can work together to get nomination and entrants from the community.
4. She asked what funding can we get to support the male and female artist in the community over 16 years of age.
5. She suggested \$250 per week which would cost \$1,000 for a 4 week programme

**MAN170/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Seconded Cr Julius Kernan**

**The Maningrida Local Authority provide in principle support of \$1,000 for the National NAIDOC poster competition by a voucher to the Balmark Store on the basis that a:**

1. **written proposal including the Local Authority application form is provided which meets the Local Authority Project Funding Guidelines,**
2. **report is brought back to a future Local Authority Meeting by the Administration; and**
3. **report to be provided by the proponents acquitting the project including costings and photographs of the artwork.**

**CARRIED**

**10.1 NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

The Committee considered Northern Territory Government Review of Local Authorities.

**The Maningrida Local Authority provided feedback on ways in which the Local Authority can be strengthened and improved. The Administration committed to providing a summary of recommendations and feedback to the local Authority through the Council Services Manager Maningrida.**

**11.1 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM**

A general discussion on communication methodologies and it was decided to move a motion from the floor to investigate a PA system for Maningrida.

**MAN171/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**Seconded Mr Shane Namanurki**

**The Maningrida Local Authority ask the Administration to investigate a PA (public announcement) system for the Maningrida Community for emergency management and to provide general information.**

**CARRIED**

**GENERAL ITEMS CONTINUED.**

The CEO provided an update on the Maningrida Council Service Manager (CSM) interviews which are scheduled for 15 February 2023. Further, the First Nations Cultural Advisor Yanja Thompson provided an overview of the recent Gunbalanya CSM selection process which involved consulting with Gunbalanya Traditional Owners and Ward Councillors to get their thoughts on a culturally appropriate and community endorsed selection panel member to participate on the interview panel.

Mayor Ryan commented positively on the New Year's Eve fireworks saying it was well done and he would like to see 2 events in 2023 with a family friendly earlier display and another at midnight. Further, he would also like to see a similar event in all of our communities.

**MINUTE NOTE:** Nic Sarah, Regional Director West Arnhem Region Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet joined the meeting and provided an overview of the proposed Maningrida Local

Decision Making Framework which is being tabled at the upcoming January 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Brooke Darmanin noted a Senate hearing was proposed for Maningrida last year has been rescheduled as a video conference on 31 January 2023. She summarised that concerns had been raised in Maningrida particularly around housing, health and education and the Federal Government have suggested a hearing to understand the issues. She advised that the senate hearing links with the Stronger Futures legislation and any person can make a submission. The authority suggested the following topics for discussion:

1. School funding in Maningrida is getting smaller and we need to do our own thing through an independent school for the homelands.
2. Maningrida homelessness and overcrowding houses continues to be an issue and looking to the future for the new subdivision. It was noted that Maningrida will continue to grow and a lack of housing in Maningrida will happen again.
3. Homeland movements are not supported by government and need flexibility of funding as government only supports community.

Following a question about Northern Territory Community Cabinet meeting in Maningrida, Nic Sarah noted this has been talked about for 1.5 years. The new Chief Minister has changed the way they do community cabinets and he is trying to get all of the ministers to attend for the Local Decision Making Agreement sign off. In the past Community Cabinet has occurred in Tiwi Islands and he is hopeful this might happen in April 2023, but needs to await a cabinet decision to set the date.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 3 March 2023 at 10:00.

#### **MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**

Chairperson Shane Namanurki declared the meeting closed at 13:08.

This page and the preceding 3 pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 12 January 2023.

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Chairperson

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Date Confirmed