



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council a Local Authority Meeting
Thursday, 24 August 2023 At 10:00 am

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting open at 10:26 , welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Andy Garnarradj
Member	Henry Yates
Member	Maxwell Garnarradj

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Matthew Ryan
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer (acting)	Jessie Schaecken
Chief Operating Officer (acting)	Fiona Ainsworth (via video conference)
Chief Corporate Officer	Deirdre Osullivan (via video conference)
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
Council Services Manager	Tim Hema
Finance Manager	James Stockdale (via video conference)
General Manager Technical Services	Clem Beard

GUEST PRESENT

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet	Linda Weatherhead
Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet	Jacob Leonard
Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet	Phoenix Brown
Member of Arafura	Manuel Brown

WARC Youth sport and recreation team leader presented the YouTube video from youth in Gunbalanya, this was approved for distribution by the Local Authority members.

APOLOGIES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Committee considered Apologies and Leave of Absence.

GUN177/2023 RESOLVED:

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

That the Gunbalanya Local Authority noted Member's apologies for Evonne Gumurdul, Kenneth Mangiru, Connie Nayinggul and nil requests for leave of absence for the meeting held on 24 August 2023.

CARRIED

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Committee considered Absent Without Notice.

GUN178/2023 RESOLVED:

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

That the Gunbalanya Local Authority noted member's absences without notice for the meeting held on 24 August 2023.

CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

6.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Committee considered Acceptance of Agenda.

GUN179/2023 RESOLVED:

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

That the agenda for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting of 24 August 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.

GUN180/2023 RESOLVED:

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

That Gunbalanya Local Authority received and recorded declarations of interest for the meeting held on 24 August 2023.

CARRIED

Patrick, Ebony and Manuel Brown joined meeting at 10:48

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES - 25 MAY 2023

The Committee considered Confirmation of Previous Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 25 May 2023.

GUN181/2023 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj
Seconded Mr Henry Yates**

That the minutes of the 25 May 2023 Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- **Admin update to correct elected members present in meeting (mayor not in attendance).**

CARRIED

Maryanne Walley joined at 10:46 and left at 11:00

Linda Weatherhead presented at 11:05 and finished at 11:25.

Chairperson Garnarradj raised standing invitation for other local organisations to be involved in local authority meeting.

Colvin Crowe and Owen joined the meeting at 11:21

Meeting broke at 11:25 and recommenced at 11:49

Manuel Brown presented at 11:50 and finished at 12:17

Chairperson Garnarradj raised to Mr Brown the bus service in Gunbalanya and the prices of this service for kids and pensioners, expansion of Gunbalanya Oval to improve surface quality lack of funding for AFL NT for representative in Gunbalanya.

Heimo Schober joined at 11:19 and finished at 12:33

Raised the need for an educational video to inform community on keeping community clean.

8.2 PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

The Committee considered Presentations and Visitors.

GUN182/2023 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek
Seconded Mr Maxwell Garnarradj**

That Members noted the:

- **Presentation by Maryanne Walley and her team from the Australian Electoral Commission on information on the referendum and enrolling to vote.**
- **Presentation by Linda Weatherhead from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet on changes to the local authority guidelines.**
- **Presentation by Mr Brown MLA on increasing indigenous employment for houses being built, Gunbalanya clinic is awaiting NLC consultation, footy lights waiting on WARC, talks about establishing a LDM meeting in Gunbalanya, RPT in West Arnhem from Jabiru to cut cost of transport.**
- **Presentation by Heimo Schober from Keep Australia Beautiful on community support on cleaning the community together.**

CARRIED

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

10.1 REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION ITEMS

The Committee considered Review of Local Authority Action Items.

GUN183/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mr Henry Yates

Seconded Mr Maxwell Garnarradj

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

- **LA agreed that the pavers at the depot will first be investigated for the elders homes first in line with Council motion on 23 August 2023 before exploring donation to men's shed, Elders come first.**
- **Raised LA members uniform, moved to members questions**

CARRIED

Meeting broke for lunch at 13:30 and recommenced at 13:52

Mayor Ryan, Linda Weatherhead and Jacob left the meeting at 13:52

10.2 PURCHASE OF MENS SHED FENCING MATERIALS

The Committee Considered Purchase Of Men's Shed Fencing Materials.

GUN184/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Otto Dann

Seconded Mr Henry Yates

That the Gunbalanya Local Authority:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled 'Purchase of Men's Shed Fencing Materials'**
- 2. Approved the Purchase of Men's Shed Fencing Materials only**
- 3. Approved the allocation of \$13,310.00 from the LA Project Funding subject to the release of 2022/2023 LA Funding.**

CARRIED

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.

GUN185/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Councillor Otto Dann

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

CARRIED

FINANCE REPORT

14.1 FINANCIAL REPORT TO JULY 2023

The Committee considered Financial Report to July 2023.

GUN186/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek

Seconded Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

That Gunbalanya Local Authority received and noted the Financial Report to July 2023.

CARRIED

GENERAL ITEMS

16.1 INSTALLATION OF HARD STRUCTURE AT THE GUNBALANYA OFFICE - STAFF REST AREA

The Committee considered Installation of hard structure at the Gunbalanya Office - Staff Rest area.

GUN187/2023 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj
Seconded Mr Henry Yates**

That the Gunbalanya Local Authority:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled *'Installation of hard structure at the Gunbalanya Office - Staff Rest area'***
- 2. Approved the construction and installation of hard structure at the Gunbalanya Office - Staff Rest area**
- 3. Approved the allocation of \$42,816 from the available LA Project Funding subject to the release of 2022/2023 LA Funding.**

CARRIED

16.2 SOLAR LIGHTS - GUNBALANYA BACK ROAD - VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

The Committee considered Solar Lights - Gunbalanya Back Road - Various Locations.

GUN188/2023 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mr Henry Yates
Seconded Chairperson Andy Garnarradj**

That Gunbalanya Local Authority received and noted the report entitled *'Solar Lights – Gunbalanya Back Road – Various Locations'*.

CARRIED

16.3 UPDATES AND OPTIONS TO THE GUNBALANYA NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

The Committee considered Updates and options to the Gunbalanya New Year's Eve Fireworks Display..

GUN189/2023 RESOLVED:

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

That the Gunbalanya Local Authority:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled *'Updates and options to the 'Gunbalanya New Year's Eve Fireworks Display'*.**
- 2. Investigate having a firework display for the stone country festival in 2024.**

CARRIED

16.4 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS QUESTIONS

The Committee considered Local Authority Members Questions.

GUN190/2023 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mr Maxwell Garnarradj
Seconded Mr Henry Yates**

**That the Chairperson invited questions from Gunbalanya Local Authority Members.
- All Local Authority members express a need for LA member shirts and hats**

- Cr Nadjamerrek raised invite senior students to attend the upcoming local authority meeting – Council to send letter to school to invite.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Garnarradj declared the meeting closed at 14:55

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting
Gunbalanya Local Authority Meeting held on Thursday, 24 August 2023.

Chairperson

Date Confirmed