



# **WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA**

**MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2024  
10:00AM**



## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Local Authority Meeting of the West Arnhem Regional Council will be held in Maningrida on Thursday 12 September 2024 at 10:00 am.

Andrew Walsh  
Chief Executive Officer

### Code of Conduct: The Local Government Act 2019

As stipulated in Schedule 1 of the Act, the Code of Conduct for Members is as follows:

1. *Honesty and Integrity:* A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.
2. *Care and diligence:* A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.
3. *Courtesy:* A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
4. *Prohibition on bullying:* A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.
5. *Conduct towards Council staff:* A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, council staff.
6. *Respect for cultural diversity and culture:* A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.  
A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
7. *Conflict of interest:* A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.  
If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.
8. *Respect for confidences:* A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.  
A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.
9. *Gifts:* Members must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.  
A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.'
10. *Accountability:* A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.
11. *Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount:* A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.  
In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
12. *Training:* A member must undertake relevant training in good faith.

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## **Acknowledgement of Country**

West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians, and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Caretakers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Region Wards.

West Arnhem Regional Council pays its respects and acknowledges Elders, past, present and rising.



## WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

This report is to table, for the Maningrida Local Authority record, any apologies, requests for leave of absence and absence without notice received from Authority members for the meeting held on 12 September 2024.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from ...
3. Determines ... are absent with permission of the Authority.
4. Determines ... are absent without permission of the Authority.

#### COMMENT

Local Authorities can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by the Local Authority will be recorded as absent without notice.

#### LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Clauses 7.1(f) and 9 *Guideline 1: Local Authorities 2021*

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

##### PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

##### Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation

#### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Acceptance of Agenda</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

Agenda papers are presented for acceptance at the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 12 September 2024.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 12 September 2024.

#### LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 92(1) *Local Government Act 2019*.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

##### PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

##### **Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities**

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation

##### **Goal 6.5 Planning and Reporting**

Robust planning and reporting that supports Council's decision-making processes

#### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

**Local Authority Members** are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration at the Local Authority meeting:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the meeting as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in a general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council meeting, disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of the Local Authority on whether they shall remain in the Chambers and/or take part in the vote on the issue. The Local Authority may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting them to leave the Chambers.

**Staff Members** of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time on which they are required to act or exercise their delegate authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure, the staff member is not to act or exercise their delegated authority unless Council expressly directs them to do so.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received the declarations of interest as listed for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 12 September 2024.

#### LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 114 (Elected Members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Section 179 (staff members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

##### PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

##### Goal 6.4 Risk Management

The monitoring and minimisation of risks associated with the operations of Council.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

Unconfirmed minutes from the 12 June 2024 Maningrida Local Authority meeting are submitted to the Local Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopted the minutes of the 12 June 2024 Maningrida Local Authority as a true and correct record.

#### LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Sections 101(4) and 101(5) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Clause 13.1 *Guideline 1: Local Authorities 2021*.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

##### PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

##### Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. unconfirmed maningrida local authority meeting minutes\_-\_12 june 2024 [6.1.1 - 6 pages]



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Maningrida Local Authority  
Wednesday, 12 June 2024 at 10:00 am  
Council Chambers

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING**

Chairperson Sharon Hayes declared the meeting open at 10:13, as a Provisional meeting under section 11 of Guideline 1 – Local Authorities and welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

**APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	Sharon Hayes
Member	Shane Namanurki

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
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**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
General Manager Technical Services (acting)	Clem Beard
Council Services Manager Maningrida (acting)	Debbie Gough
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
Waste and Resource Coordinator	Sara Fitzgerald
Manager Community Services Support	Marnie Mitchell

**GUESTS**

Community Member	Garth Doolan
Community Member	Marlene Kernan

### 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice.

**MAN21/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes**  
**Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Notes the apology received from Mayor James Woods, Cr Jacqueline Phillips, Member Jessica Phillips and Member Joyce Bohme for meeting held on 12 June 2024.
2. Determines Mayor James Woods, Cr Jacqueline Phillips, Member Jessica Phillips and Member Joyce Bohme are absent with permission of the Authority.

**CARRIED**

### 4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Acceptance of Agenda</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

**MAN22/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes**  
**Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 12 June 2024.

**CARRIED**

### 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

**MAN23/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes**  
**Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received no declarations of interest as listed for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 12 June 2024.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Local Authority Membership</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Local Authority Membership.

**MAN24/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Received and noted the report titled *Local Authority Membership*; and
2. Approved nomination for Marlene Kernan and Garth Doolan to join the Maningrida Local Authority.

**CARRIED**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY deferred the minutes of the 14 March 2024 Maningrida Local Authority to next scheduled meeting.

**7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Presentations and Visitors - Northern Territory Electoral Commission</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

**MAN25/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on 2024 Territory Election; and
2. Thanks presenter Greg Hibble from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

**CARRIED**

**8 ACTION REPORTS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Finance Report for the period ended 31 May 2024</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Corey White, Acting Finance Manager</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 31 May 2024.

**MAN26/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report titled *Finance Report for the period ended 31 May 2024*.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Review of Action Items</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Ben Heaslip, Information Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Review of Action Items.

**MAN27/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report titled *Review of Action Items*.
2. Reviewed the outstanding action items and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the register; and
3. Request further training from PowerWater Corporation for the new 4G power metres to include interpreters and local employment.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Supply and Install Bollards for Perimeter Soccer/Cricket Oval - Maningrida</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Supply and Install Bollards for Perimeter Soccer/Cricket Oval - Maningrida.

**MAN28/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Namanurki  
Seconded Member Hayes**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report titled *Supply and Install Bollards for Perimeter Soccer/Cricket Oval - Maningrida*; and
2. Approved the provisional decision to allocate \$91,676.00 for the supply and installation of bollards from the Maningrida Local Authority.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Maningrida NYE Fireworks Display 2025</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Maningrida NYE Fireworks Display 2025.

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY deferred the report titled *Maningrida NYE Fireworks Display 2025* until next scheduled Local Authority meeting.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Location of Outdoor Gym Equipment - Lot 468 - Cricket Oval</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Location of Outdoor Gym Equipment - Lot 468 - Cricket Oval.

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY deferred the report titled *Location of Outdoor Gym Equipment - Lot 468 - Cricket Oval* to the next scheduled Local Authority meeting.



<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2205</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer</b>

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:17 and recommenced at 12:31

The Local Authority considered a report on Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025.

**MAN31/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Receive and note the report titled *Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025*.

**CARRIED**

**9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Marnie Mitchell, Manager Community Services Support</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024.

**MAN32/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report titled *Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024*.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Debbie Gough, Acting Council Services Manager - Maningrida</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services.

**MAN33/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.

**CARRIED**

**10 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice.

**MAN34/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Hayes  
Seconded Member Namanurki**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY recorded for action the following questions from Members.

1. Member Garth Doolan raised scholarship support from Council for school students and sponsorship for sporting teams for festivals; and
2. Requested invitation to be sent to United Church to discuss conditions of church in Maningrida.

**CARRIED**

**11 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 13 September 2024.

**12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**

Chairperson Sharon Hayes declared the meeting closed at 12:55 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2024.

[Click here](#) to view agenda for Maningrida Local Authority Meeting held on 12 June 2024.

## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Aboriginal Peak Organisation Northern Territory - Aboriginal Education Steering Committee</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Maningrida Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY noted the presentations on the Aboriginal Education Peak Body by Aboriginal Peak Organisation of the NT.

#### BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

#### COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations will be in attendance at today's meeting.

Maningrida Local Authority Meeting – Presentations / Visitors			
Topic	Presenter/Visitor	Organisation	Invited by
Information of the Aboriginal Education Peak Body	Rheannon Vea Ve	Aboriginal Peak Organisation of the NT (APONT)	At their request to attend.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

#### PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

##### Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. APO NT ED Terms of Reference [7.1.1 - 5 pages]
2. Ed Forum report October 2023 FINAL [7.1.2 - 18 pages]



**Aboriginal Peak  
Organisations**  
NORTHERN TERRITORY

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE 2023

Terms of Reference

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**PURPOSE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

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**SPEAK UP STRONG** – advocate for key priorities and drive change.

**CHANGE THE EXPERIENCE FOR OTHERS** coming through the system.

**CHANGE THE STORY** – raise the expectations of children, young people, and their families.

Work towards **BALANCING OPPORTUNITIES** and resourcing between urban and remote schools.

Works towards **COMMUNITY CONTROL**.

**SYSTEM CHANGE** – support education to be meaningful and relevant.

**SHIFT THE BALANCE OF POWER.**

**HOLD GOVERNMENTS TO ACCOUNT.**

**VALUING ABORIGINAL WAYS AND WESTERN WAYS EQUALLY.**

**BE PREPARED AND PURPOSEFUL** – setting clear standards and vision that governments can support.

**SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECONNECT TO SONG LINES** – knowing who we are, where we come from and where we are going.

In addition to this, the committee will:

Explore options of establishing an independent, Aboriginal Education peak body including, providing direction on the governance structures, purpose, objectives, membership, terms of reference that will determine the peak body.

Establish a communications and engagement strategy.

Identify key priorities and develop an education advocacy campaign.

Advocate for Aboriginal children and young people in the NT that relate to the key priorities set by the committee, and that are informed by APO NT Aboriginal community engagement.



## Aboriginal Peak Organisations

NORTHERN TERRITORY

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### WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER

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**Our committee agree to work together in the following ways:**

**RESPECT** – show respect for each other, our history, our knowledge, and experiences within the group, as well as with the communities, families, and everyone that we work with.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** – we will be accountable to each other and to Aboriginal people and communities of the NT.

**SELF-DETERMINATION** – We honour the leadership within the committee and within APONT. We recognise the rights of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be informed and determine our own futures and make our own decisions about what is right for our people.

**CULTURE AND LANGUAGES** – In all our conduct, actions and decisions, the acknowledgement and valuing of culture and languages is essential.

**VOICE OF COMMUNITY, STAFF AND MEMBERS** – It is important that all our work is community controlled. We value the expertise and experiences of committee members, APONT members, community, and staff.

**HONESTY** – if we are to make any great progress, there must be honest conversations, within the committee, with APONT and particularly with the government.

**TRUST** – There needs to be trust within the group, with APONT and with the government.

**UNITY AND COLLABORATION** – We will prioritise relationships and connections that support better educational outcomes for children, families, and communities. We will work together as one for the benefit of all Aboriginal children and young people. We will work in partnership the government and other partners.

**CONFIDENTIALITY** – The committees' meetings and interactions are conducted in a safe, confidential, and supported environment. Personal experiences and information shared in this group stay within the group. Any information shared by APO NT will be deidentified unless agreed to.

\*Our committee will work in ways that reflect the practices that will be asked of schools and governments.



## Aboriginal Peak Organisations

NORTHERN TERRITORY

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### WHO WE ARE WORKING FOR

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We are looking forward to future generations. Our work is to improve the education systems for generations to come. Our view is that education starts at birth and continues through to the elderly. That is our scope.

It is important that members can represent a range of people and make decisions based on the greater good of all Aboriginal people in the NT. Accountability is ultimately to the children, young people and adults who are recipients of the work that will be undertaken by this committee.

#### Steering committee meetings

Members will commit to meeting:

- 3 times per year in person for a maximum of 2 days.
- Members will also attend virtual meetings 3 times per year for a half day via video link.

APO NT will fund members attendance at meetings including travel allowance, sitting Fees, travel and accommodation.

Meeting venues will vary throughout the year. Members will determine the most appropriate meeting places.

Where relevant, APO NT will ensure interpreters are engaged to support the group. Resources and presentations will be delivered in a way that is relevant and culturally appropriate to all members.

Minutes and other papers will be forwarded to members in a timely manner. The following will apply:

- Minutes of the meetings will go out 10 business days post the meeting date.
- Papers for consideration, discussion or information will be sent to members at least 1 week in advance where possible. The Senior Project Officer will be available to engage with members 1:1 as is required.

#### Roles and Responsibilities

##### Membership

Members will be in a unique position that enables them to represent their communities and/or organisations, as well as offer their expertise and knowledge of the education sector for the purpose of enhancing education experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people. In particular, the membership will:

- Be committed to positive change in Aboriginal education.



## Aboriginal Peak Organisations

NORTHERN TERRITORY

- Be committed to supporting the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector, families, children and young people to have a voice.
- Experience working in or participating in Aboriginal education.
- Be, or have been a leader in education in one or more of the following areas of education: early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary including VET, higher education, and other adult education.
- Have advocacy experience and skills.
- Ability to provide strategic and sound advice on the development of the NT Independent Aboriginal Education Peak Body
- Ability to commit to the responsibilities of the role i.e., attendance, represent the committee at forums/meetings, share knowledge with others about what is happening in Aboriginal education and what the committee are doing.

### Representation

Where practical, the entire membership will represent the following:

- 12-16 members maximum
- 1 APO NT member representative (this should be an Aboriginal representative)
- Ideally there will be a mix of senior and younger Aboriginal educators.
- 2 young people
- A balance of genders
- 100% membership will be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Regional representation where practical = East Arnhem, West Arnhem, Top End, Top end West, Katherine, Barkly, Central Australia, Anindilyakwa.
- Where possible = remote communities, town camps, urban, regional, homelands and outstations.

### Member responsibilities

Steering committee members will provide expert strategic advice, be able to advocate on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the NT, with regards to education and relevant external factors that impact a child and young person's ability to learn. As a steering committee member, you will also:

- As a steering committee member, you will bring passion and commitment to reforming the current education system.
- Agree to support the above stated purpose.
- Actively participate in committee activities to improve education that benefits all Aboriginal people and communities across the NT.
- Be a committee member for 18-24 months.
- Attend 3 meetings in person every year = maximum 2 days each.
- Attend 3 video meetings every year = 2-3 hour's each meeting.

In addition to this, you might be asked to:

- Attend special meetings that are relevant to the education priorities.

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## Aboriginal Peak Organisations

NORTHERN TERRITORY

- Attend and/or present at APO NT organised conferences or forums where relevant.
- Provide advice to APO NT about new government programs, services, policies, and legislation.
- Support the Senior Project Officer to engage with communities, organisation, or individuals where relevant.

### Chairperson

The committee have agreed there will be no Chairperson at this stage.

Committee members have equal roles and responsibilities.

### APO NT'S ROLE

Due to their being no Chairperson at the moment, the committee have agreed for the Senior Project Officer to facilitate the meetings.

APO NT is committed to doing everything it can to support the leadership within the steering committee to achieve its purpose. As such, APO NT will provide secretariat support such as:

- Organise meetings.
- preparing agendas
- prepare briefing papers.
- organise travel and accommodation.
- manage sitting fees if eligible.

We also commit to:

- Provide relevant and up to date information about session topics so that the committee can have informed discussions and decision-making processes.
- Provide regular updates out of session.
- Advice and/or recommendations where appropriate, based on the latest research and knowledges within the sector.
- Provide staff to support the establishment of the peak body.

### Decision making

Our committee value and respect each other as equal members. When making decisions, this must be done all together to reach a consensus.





## PASSING THE MESSAGE STICK

Education Forum - October 2023



### Mulka Jarrama

*"This message stick is about hope, peace and coming together. Starting a new journey, having the wisdom and knowledge together, to connect with Yolngu world and the western culture. This is what this message stick represents.*

*If we can build a bridge, our ancestors have done it before, it has been broken, so if we can build that bridge again, we can make things better.*

*The government need to understand, to listen to us, and listen to our voices.*

*Hopefully in the future, there will be changes for us and for the young ones as well"<sup>1</sup>.*



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<sup>1</sup> Spoken by Garth Doolan – Aboriginal Education Steering Committee member, gifted the forum with Mulka Jarrama message stick.



### Summary of forum key points:

Throughout the forum, there were several significant points raised that require immediate attention, including:

- Systemic racism is a significant issue experienced by many people on a day-to-day basis. This needs to be acknowledged and addressed as a matter of urgency.
- People feel voiceless. The concept of the peak body offers people hope.
- Less talking, more action.
- The current NT crisis in education can change, if government are willing to make this happen.
- Aboriginal people want a two-way system – Aboriginal education and western education to work together.
- The issues being experienced in education, are a human rights issue and should be approached from this perspective.

***“We move forward together, in a spirit of hope and unity. One team, one voice. We will carry on the work of our ancestors, stand strong for our community, our people and our children”<sup>2</sup>.***



Graphic recording above – Where to from here?

<sup>2</sup> Participant quote



## **CALL TO ACTION**

### **INVESTIGATION INTO THE INVESTMENT IN ABSTUDY (BOARDING SCHOOL SUPPORT).**

The call to action is for the purpose of reviewing the investment into supporting students to leave communities to access boarding schools. The forum participants believe that some of this should be redirected to communities to assist students to remain on country, access secondary school there and graduate there.

### **ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

For too long people have been speaking out about their experiences of discrimination and racism.

### **EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH.**

Participants request human rights re: education and self-determination be recognised and implemented according to the relevant UN conventions and declarations.

### **EXPOSE THE FAILURES RE: LACK OF INVESTMENT IN HOMELANDS SCHOOLS.**

For too long children and young people living on homelands have been neglected. Their rights to education have been violated. This has not always been the case. There was a time when homelands were thriving, and students were getting their educational needs met. This has been taken away. Infrastructure is left to degrade, and children and young people are forgotten.

### **EFFECTIVE ENROLMENT BE IMMEDIATELY ABOLISHED AND REPLACED WITH NEEDS-BASED FUNDING.**

### **CREATE A MECHANISM THAT EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES TO HAVE A VOICE AND PROMOTES ACCOUNTABILITY WITH SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS.**

This call to action is in relation to the consistent issue of principals having too much power and autonomy with managing schools.

### **RAISE THE EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS**

This came from discussion about students finishing secondary school, but they can't read and write. This includes students who have attended boarding school.

### **IMPLEMENT CULTURALLY SAFE STANDARDS WITHIN ALL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE NT**

These standards are being developed by the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee within APONT.



## SETTING THE SCENE

The scene was set for an aspirational 2 days by Jerome Cubillo, Deputy Convenor for APONT and CEO of NT Indigenous Business Network. His opening speech acknowledged the voices of people at the forum:

***“are integral to the formation of an Aboriginal Education Peak Body and to lead the change we envision for our children and young people. This forum represents a beacon of hope, a gathering of minds committed to transforming the landscape of Aboriginal education in the Territory”.***

Mr Cubillo reminded us that;

***“For Aboriginal communities, education holds even greater significance. It is the pathway to self-determination, cultural preservation, and social equity. It is the tool that empowers us to break the cycle of disadvantage, to bridge the gap that has persisted for far too long”.***

***“It is the foundation upon which we build our dreams, nurture our aspirations, and shape our destinies”.***

***“Education is not merely about acquiring knowledge or skills. It is about igniting the spark of curiosity, fostering a love for learning, and empowering individuals to become agents of change within their communities”.***

We heard that genuine, meaningful partnerships with government, schools, families and students need to be collaborative, however guided by Aboriginal peoples’ terms and priorities. It cannot be done in isolation, however the significance of Aboriginal people’s place in transforming this system needs to be recognised and embedded in any reform. As we move forward throughout the transformative journey, Mr Cubillo stated;

***“I am proud to stand alongside the exceptional educators and trailblazers in this room who are leading the way towards a better education system. Your dedication and innovative approaches inspire me, and I am honoured to be working alongside you”.***

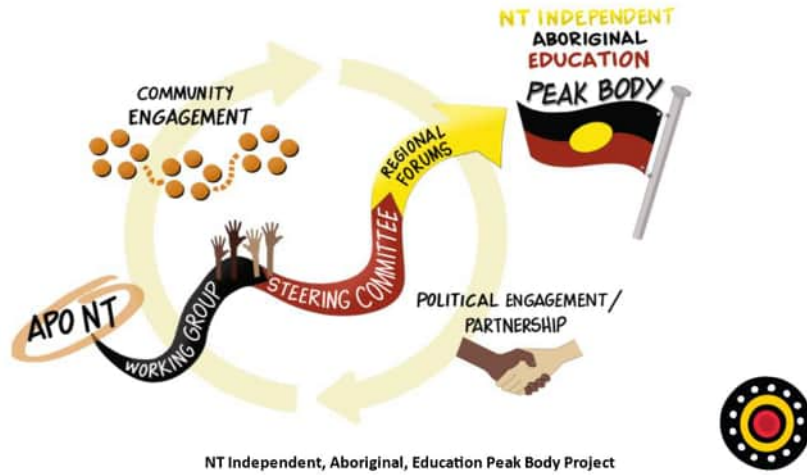


Photo – Jerome Cubillo



**INDEPENDENT, ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PEAK BODY PROJECT TO DATE**

Presentation by Christine Williamson



The forum heard about the APO NT advocacy that led to a commitment from the NTG Department of Education, including the recent commitment of 3 years of funding to establish a peak body. Initially a working group of APONT members was formed to guide and support APONT in developing the project. Through community engagement, a steering committee was formed (see below photo of committee members). APONT has also been participating in Territory and National groups, which include other State and Territory Aboriginal Education Peak Bodies. This initial forum is part of the regional forum stage, which will continue throughout the Territory at the request of the participants of this forum.



**Aboriginal Education Steering Committee members**

Tameka McMasters, Dale Hillen, Jocelyn Uibo, Fiona Gibson, Sharon Anderson, Angela Ross, APO NT Convenor Dr John Paterson, Hamilton Morris, Garth Doolan, Joseph Diddo





## SETTING THE AGENDA

Facilitated by Christine Williamson

Our forum worked together to set the agenda for education across the NT. There were many priority areas identified for reforming and maintaining education; however, the key priorities are as follows:

- Appropriate funding for schools (abolish effective enrolment)
- Investment in local educators
- Investment in homelands schools
- Mandating culturally responsive learnings
- Accountability – government and community
- Community support
- Education appropriate for unique contexts
- Kids graduating on country
- Education being relevant
- Education being approached from a human rights perspective
- Practical future pathways / development of life skills in schools, learning on country



Graphic recording (L) Setting the Agenda & (R) Nwarddeken Academy



## NAWARDDEKEN ACADEMY

Presentation by Conrad Maralngurra, Michelle Bangarr and Olga Scholes



Photo above – Speaker, Olga Scholes, CEO

Photo below – Speaker – (L) Conrad Maralngurra Chairperson

<https://www.nawarddeken.org.au/>



### Our Story

The Nawarddeken Academy story begins in 2002 when professor Bardayal Lofty Nadjamerrek OAM established the Manwurrk Rangers at Kabulwarnamyo - a forerunner of the company today known as Warddeken Land Management Limited (WLML). This ranger program pioneered Australia's first carbon abatement project, allowing Traditional Owners to live and work on their country.

### Our Vision

Our Academy and community will work together to make our kids strong

in both Bininj (Indigenous) and Balanda (non-Indigenous) learning, so that when they leave the Academy they have the knowledge, skills and confidence that they need to make good life choices.



**NSW ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG)**

Presenters – Leigh Ridgeway and Emeritus Professor Dr John Lester



**Graphic recording – NSW AECG presentation**

The forum heard from the NSW AECG who have been operational for more than 40 years. The AECG have a sophisticated structure which reflects representatives from local, regional and state levels, including young people at the Junior AECG. We heard that their partnership agreement was key to working in collaboration with the NSW State Government. Other key learnings for the NT, are to consider accountability mechanisms, membership, governance and code of conduct.

Website link <https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/>







**HOW TO SET UP A PEAK BODY – TO INCORPORATE OR NOT TO INCORPORATE.**

Facilitated by Sasha Kiessling - Aboriginal Governance and Management Program

Sasha presented to the group re: purpose of a peak, pros, and cons of incorporation. This session built on day 1 – membership and representation. We learnt about informal and formal organisations, as pictured below, as well as what a peak organisation looks like.



Photo – Facilitator, Sasha Kiessling, AGMP



Currently the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee are an informal group, supported by APONT.



If the Aboriginal Education Steering committee were to become an incorporation, they could have a mix of memberships, and the members would elect the board to represent them.





Aboriginal participants respectfully called for a closed session to discuss the peak body structure and purpose. This created a culturally safe space for participants to discuss their views on what an independent, education peak body should look like. A summary of this discussion was fed back to the larger group. Participants want:

- An incorporated body
- All Aboriginal board
- Diverse funding streams – government, philanthropic etc.
- Members to be nominated by their community
- Membership will be Aboriginal people, however associate membership was considered for friends / advisors / academics.



**(L) Dale Hillen – Member of the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee summarising the key points from the closed session & (R) Robbie Hale – APONT Project Officer & emcee.**





## CULTURALLY SAFE STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS

Facilitated by Christine Williamson

### ***“We want education, but not at the expense of our culture”<sup>3</sup>***

For too long, many families have been forced to choose between culture and education. Whilst there are many initiatives happening across the NT from independent Aboriginal education expert groups, the Aboriginal Education Steering Committee within APO NT believe it is important to develop a set of standards across all institutes, when considering culturally safe learning spaces.

- ❖ Consideration for male and females roles working alongside each other
- ❖ Community member to be involved in the recruitment & review of teachers and principals
- ❖ Cultural inductions should be mandatory in every community & at university within the teaching degrees for all school staff
- ❖ All aspects of school should involve elders, from each language group
- ❖ Have culturally safe & quiet spaces for students, families & Aboriginal educators
- ❖ Consent for activities needs to be culturally appropriate
- ❖ Schools should express children’s identity throughout the environment i.e. art work, language information, skin names etc.
- ❖ Education staff to have built into their contracts – growth of Aboriginal staff, teachers & principal numbers.



**Photo – Speaker, Gemma Nganbe, Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team speaking about how education is lifelong, we never stop learning.**

<sup>3</sup> Quote from forum participant



This was a significant discussion, as forum participants were able to speak to best practice re: ensuring that schools were culturally safe spaces, but also, that they were designed for children and young people to thrive. We also heard, the importance of having grandmothers and aunts in schools to create safety for students and for communities to take some ownership of disturbances that upset school attendance and learning.



(L) Graphic recording of Culturally Safe Schools  
 (R) – Graphic recording of Yirralka Education Committee – Mapuru School.





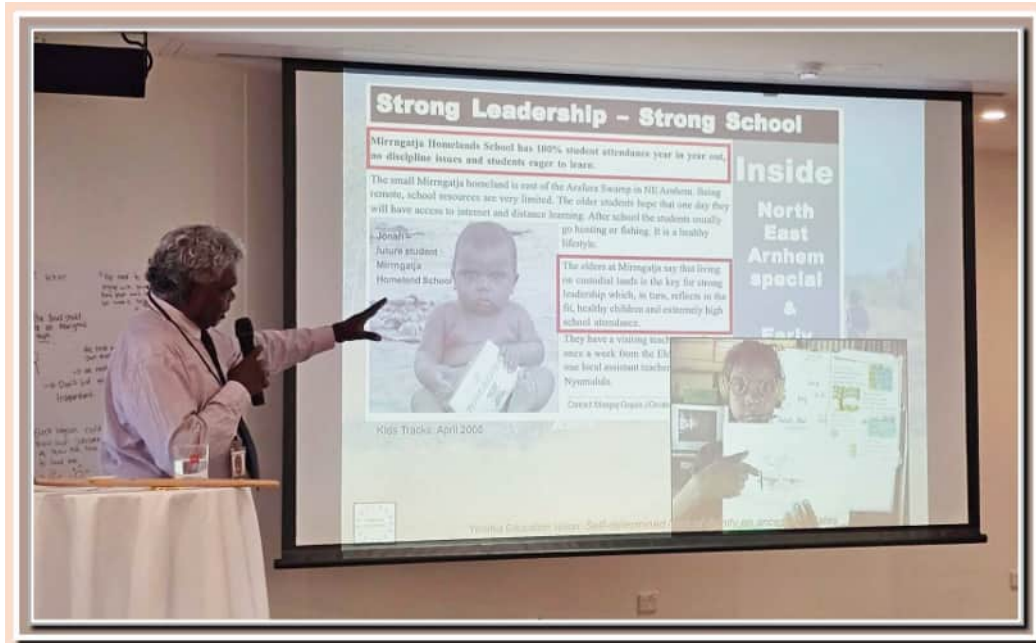


**YIRRALKA EDUCATION COMMITTEE - ARE SCHOOLS FIT FOR PURPOSE?**

Presentation by Yingiya Guyula and John Greatorex

***“We need to send kids to school, but what school you talking about?”***

Mr Yingiya Guyula



**Photo of John Greatorex and Yingiya Guyula – Yirralka Education Committee**

A powerful presentation about the importance of challenging western perspectives on *whose* education are we talking about when we refer to learning. In the community of Mapuru, students have their educational rights and responsibilities placed at the forefront on their learning. Learning in their own language, receiving that learning by local educators and the curriculum content being determined by the community, are all significant achievements that the Yirralka Education Committee have achieved.

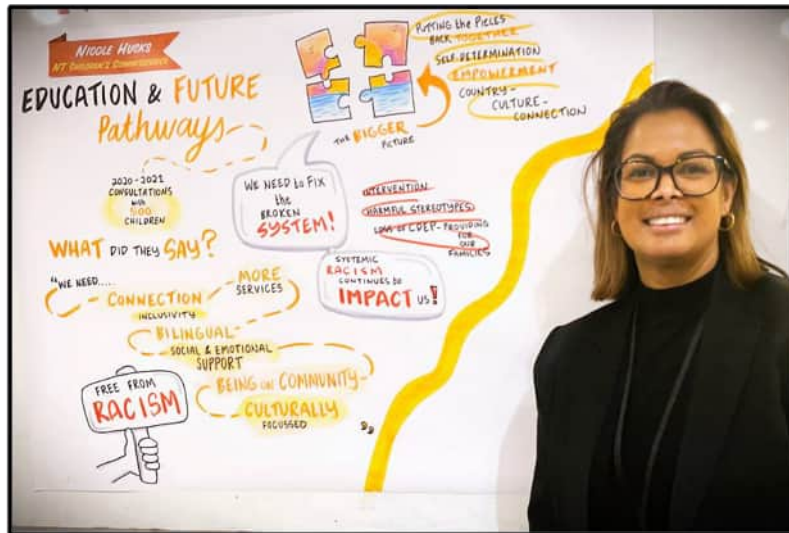
However these achievements are not a deliberate outcome of a mandated culturally appropriate system, rather they are in spite of a mainstream system that would otherwise have students learning just western education content. These successes are built off courageous and committed Yolngu who have paved the way for an inclusive education system that privileges Aboriginal knowledge’s, ways of being and knowing, whilst valuing western education.





## OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION (OCC) – EDUCATION AND FUTURE PATHWAYS

Presentation by the Acting Children's Commissioner, Nicole Hucks (photo below)



The OCC talked to 540 children & young people about their experiences of education (51% = Aboriginal). Children and Young people told OCC that positive learning environments need to include:

- ❖ Bilingual learning
- ❖ Culturally relevant content
- ❖ Support social & emotional wellbeing
- ❖ Be individualised & inclusive

In response to the presentation, forum participants talked about the impacts of life events outside education such as harmful policies and practices that have a major impact i.e., child protection, the NT Intervention, CDP, and systemic racism to name a few. These have significant implications for children's access and success with the education system.



Photo – Speaker, Matthew Ryan



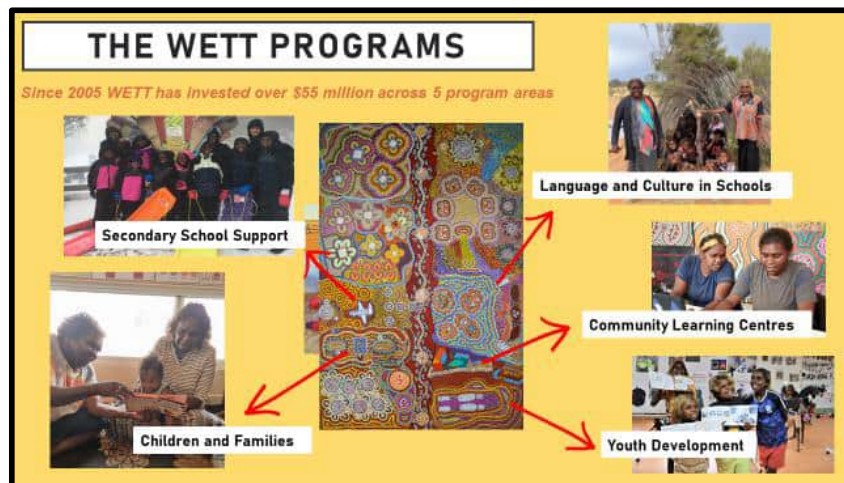


**‘Yapa kuja kalu wangkami pirrijirdi jintangka - Warlpiri speaking up strongly together’ – Walpiri Education & Training trust (WETT)**

Presenters: Annette Patrick, Sharon Anderson WETT Advisory Council Members (Photo below)



WETT has been meeting for 18 years. They support 4 remote communities including Lajamanu, Yuendumu, Nyirripi and Willowra through the Walpiri Theme Cycle curriculum.



**WETT VISION**

Our vision is for our children's children to be strong in their knowledge of culture, country and language, to be strong role models for future generations and to stand up for our communities. Our language, culture and decisions will be respected. Our voices will be heard. We will have the same opportunities as everyone else. Our children will be confident, knowledgeable, disciplined, healthy and respected. They will have good roles and jobs, as will the generations to come.

<https://www.clc.org.au/wett/>





## NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL – LEARNING ON COUNTRY PROGRAM

Presentation by Shane Bailey and Hugh Kneebone

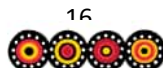
The Learning on Country Program is a partnership with communities, schools and the NLC. There are strong foundational values and practices that ensure the program is grounded in Indigenous Governance, recognising two way learning, intergenerational learning and setting up students for success in western and Bininj ways of life.

These program has been very success, recently expanding to include addition remote communities.

<https://www.nlc.org.au/building-the-bush/learning-on-country>



Graphic recording – Learning on Country presentation







Unfortunately, Wuyagiba Bush University were unable to present, however participated throughout the forum. For information click this link <https://www.wuyagibastudyhub.org/>

**A total of 16 organisations and groups were represented at the forum, including:**

- Nawarddeken Academy
- Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team (CALT)
- Central Land Council, Walpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT)
- Northern Land Council, Learning on Country (LoC)
- Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT)
- Yirralka Education Committee – Mapuru School
- Maningrida Homelands School Company
- Pertame Language Centre
- NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)
- Wuyagiba Bush University
- Children’s Ground
- Charles Darwin University
- AFL NT – Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre (MLLLC)
- DoE Transition Support Unit (TSU)
- DoE – Strategic Engagement & Partnerships
- Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APO NT)



**Group photo of forum participants and APO NT staff**




**Aboriginal Education NT**


Education is a human right

Learning in your own language is a human right

Making decisions about what your kids learn and how they learn is a human right



Learn more about your rights



UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

A black rectangular graphic with yellow and white text. On the left is a stylized Aboriginal flag with a yellow sun on a black upper half and a red lower half. Below the text "Learn more about your rights" is a white curved arrow pointing to a QR code. At the bottom right, in small red text, is "UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples".

Report written by: Christine Williamson  
For APO NT  
November, 2023



## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>NT Police - Law and Order Update</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Maningrida Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Noted the presentations on Law and Order Update by NT Police.

#### BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

#### COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations will be in attendance at today's meeting.

Maningrida Local Authority Meeting – Presentations / Visitors			
Topic	Presenter/Visitor	Organisation	Invited by
Community Law and Order Update	Christopher Harden	NT Police	Council

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

#### PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

##### Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Nil

## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Finance Report for the period ended 31 August 2024</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Corey White, Management Accountant</b>

#### SUMMARY

This Local Authority Finance Report is for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2024 (the first two months of the 2024-25 financial year) for Maningrida.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Finance Report for the period ended 31 August 2024*.

#### BACKGROUND

This Local Authority Finance Report includes a graphical presentation with reports on:

- Revenue and expenses that relate to the community as compared to the budget;
- The Local Authority Project Funds (LAPF) balance not yet allocated to a project;
- The progress of Local Authority projects from the last LA meeting report to now; and
- Council grant funding activities and community projects happening in the community.

#### COMMENT

The Local Authority Finance Report covers the Council's activities and projects within the community. There are activities that relate to Council's Core Services funded by both Tied and Untied, Commercial Services, and Community Services activities. From time-to-time there are some projects that are funded from Council's own money.

A summary of the total Maningrida income and expenditure is shown below.

## Actuals v Budget - Maningrida

as at 31 Aug 2024

MANINGRIDA						
Description	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
<b>Operational Revenue</b>						
Income Rates and Charges	54,523	109,046	(54,523)	(50%)	654,275	8%
Charges - Sewerage	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Charges - Water	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Charges - Waste	61,271	122,542	(61,271)	(50%)	735,252	8%
Income Council Fees and Charges	7,893	9,100	(1,207)	(13%)	54,600	14%
Income Operating Grants	263,006	61,867	201,139	100%+	371,200	71%
Income Allocation	-	13,698	(13,698)	(100%)	82,188	0%
Other Income	632	33,255	(32,623)	(98%)	133,020	0%
Income Agency and Commercial Services	139,206	212,558	(73,352)	(35%)	1,274,187	11%
<b>Total Operational Revenue</b>	<b>526,530</b>	<b>562,065</b>	<b>(35,535)</b>	<b>(6%)</b>	<b>3,304,722</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Operational Expenditure</b>						
Employee Expenses	265,563	381,862	(116,299)	(30%)	2,291,169	12%
Contract and Material Expenses	847,018	244,777	602,241	(100%)+	1,392,613	61%
Finance Expenses	489	188	302	(100%)+	1,125	43%
Travel, Freight and Accom Expenses	40,993	36,859	4,134	11%	202,556	20%
Fuel, Utilities & Communication	(25,339)	72,802	(98,141)	100%+	431,206	0%
Other Expenses	34,695	111,115	(76,420)	(69%)	651,382	5%
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Elected Member Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Council Committee & LA Allowances	-	2,000	(2,000)	(100%)	8,000	0%
Council Committee & LA Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Operational Expenditure</b>	<b>1,163,419</b>	<b>849,603</b>	<b>313,816</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>4,978,051</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Total Operational Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(636,889)</b>	<b>(287,538)</b>	<b>(349,351)</b>	<b>(100%)+</b>	<b>(1,673,329)</b>	<b>38%</b>

## Annual Budget Operating Position

as at 31 Aug 2024

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<b>Remove NON-CASH ITEMS</b>						
Less Non-Cash Income	-	(13,698)	13,698	100%	(82,188)	0%
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	53,101	163,444	(110,342)	(68%)	971,342	5%
<b>Total Non-Cash Items</b>	<b>53,101</b>	<b>149,746</b>	<b>(96,644)</b>	<b>(65%)</b>	<b>889,154</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>						
Capital Expenditure	(5,575)	(20,000)	14,425	72%	(80,000)	7%
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Additional Outflows</b>	<b>(5,575)</b>	<b>(20,000)</b>	<b>14,425</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>(80,000)</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>						
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Additional Inflows</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Net Budgeted Operating Position</b>	<b>(589,363)</b>	<b>(157,792)</b>	<b>(431,570)</b>	<b>(100%)+</b>	<b>(864,175)</b>	<b>68%</b>

## **LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

Clause 10 of the *Local Government Guideline 1: Local Authority* states what a local authority agenda must include. Sub-clause 10.1 says the report from the CEO is to include the progress and financial report on local authority projects and a report on current council services and projects in the local authority area.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

### **PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE**

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

#### **Goal 6.1 Financial Management**

Provision of strong financial management and leadership which ensures long term sustainability and growth.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Graphical Finance Presentation Maningrida - August 2024 [8.1.1 - 8 pages]



**Maningrida Local Authority Committee  
Financial Management Report for the  
period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**



# Actual v Budget – Operational – July 2024 to August 2024



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Income Council Fees and Charges	7,893	9,100	(1,207)	(13%)	54,600	14%
Income Operating Grants	263,006	61,867	201,139	100%+	371,200	71%
Income Allocation	-	13,698	(13,698)	(100%)	82,188	0%
Other Income	632	33,255	(32,623)	(98%)	133,020	0%
Income Agency and Commercial Services	139,206	212,558	(73,352)	(35%)	1,274,187	11%
<b>Total Operational Revenue</b>	<b>526,530</b>	<b>562,065</b>	<b>(35,535)</b>	<b>(6%)</b>	<b>3,304,722</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Operational Expenditure</b>						
Employee Expenses	265,563	381,862	(116,299)	(30%)	2,291,169	12%
Contract and Material Expenses	847,018	244,777	602,241	(100%)+	1,392,613	61%
Finance Expenses	489	188	302	(100%)+	1,125	43%
Travel, Freight and Accom Expenses	40,993	36,859	4,134	11%	202,556	20%
Fuel, Utilities & Communication	(25,339)	72,802	(98,141)	100%+	431,206	0%
Other Expenses	34,695	111,115	(76,420)	(69%)	651,382	5%
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Elected Member Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Council Committee & LA Allowances	-	2,000	(2,000)	(100%)	8,000	0%
Council Committee & LA Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Operational Expenditure</b>	<b>1,163,419</b>	<b>849,603</b>	<b>313,816</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>4,978,051</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Total Operational Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(636,889)</b>	<b>(287,538)</b>	<b>(349,351)</b>	<b>(100%)+</b>	<b>(1,673,329)</b>	<b>38%</b>





# Actual v Budget – Operational – July 2024 to August 2024



## Annual Budget Operating Position as at 31 Aug 2024

Description	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(636,889)</b>	<b>(287,538)</b>	<b>(349,351)</b>	<b>(100%)+</b>	<b>(1,673,329)</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Remove NON-CASH ITEMS</b>						
Less Non-Cash Income	-	(13,698)	13,698	100%	(82,188)	0%
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	53,101	163,444	(110,342)	(68%)	971,342	5%
<b>Total Non-Cash Items</b>	<b>53,101</b>	<b>149,746</b>	<b>(96,644)</b>	<b>(65%)</b>	<b>889,154</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS</b>						
Capital Expenditure	(5,575)	(20,000)	14,425	72%	(80,000)	7%
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Transfer to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Outflows	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Additional Outflows</b>	<b>(5,575)</b>	<b>(20,000)</b>	<b>14,425</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>(80,000)</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS</b>						
Capital Grants Income	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Other Inflow of Funds	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Transfers from Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Total Additional Inflows</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Net Budgeted Operating Position</b>	<b>(589,363)</b>	<b>(157,792)</b>	<b>(431,570)</b>	<b>(100%)+</b>	<b>(864,175)</b>	<b>68%</b>

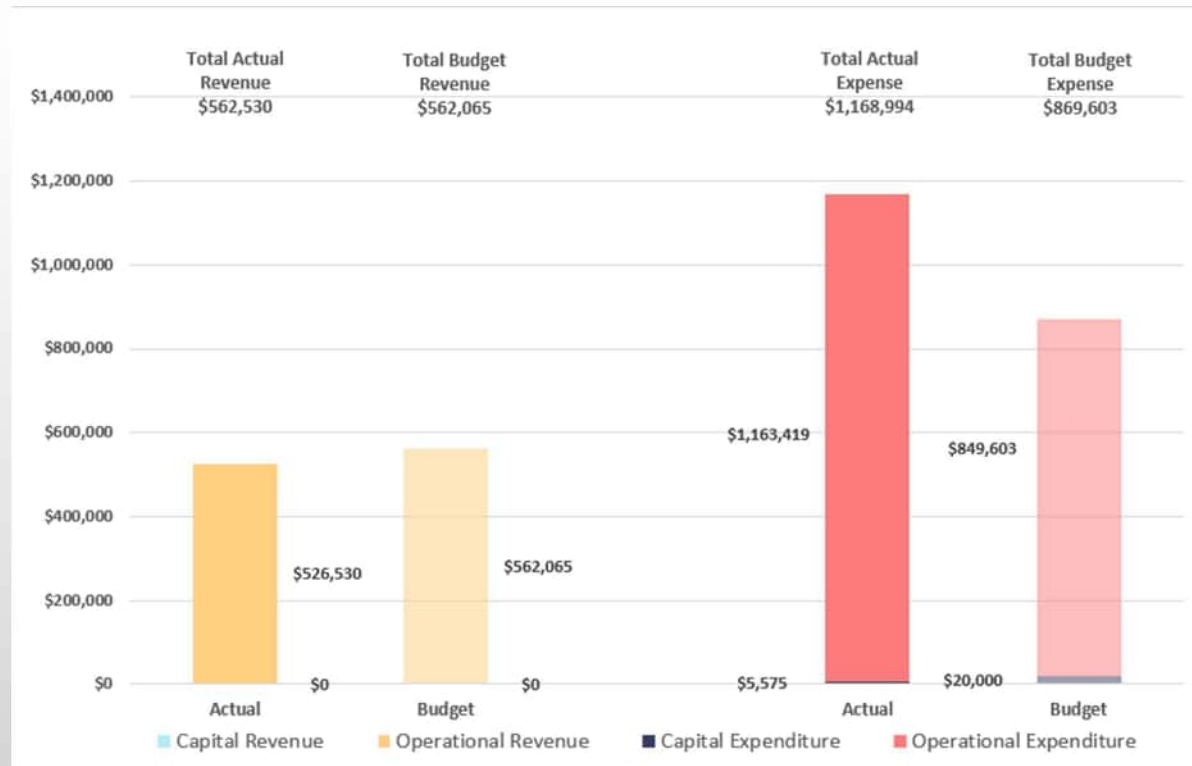
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- Unfavourable variance over \$75,000
- Unfavourable variance under \$75,000
- Favourable variance
- ! Variance over \$300,000





# Actual v Budget – Maningrida – July 2024 to August 2024



## Council Funded Projects – August 2024



Reserve Activity	Approved Budget	Date of Approval	Expenditure Prior Financial Years	Expenditure this Financial Year	Commitments	Balance as at 31.08.2024	Status
5293.03 - Mobilisation and Demobilisation Maningrida Oval Contractors	47,800	FY 22/23	(39,065)	-		8,735	Completed
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47,800</b>		<b>(39,065)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,735</b>	



## Grant Funding – Local Authority Projects – August 2024

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Funding Amount	Funding Year	Funds Received	Funds not yet Received	Allocated	Balance Available for Allocation
LAP - funding available 22/23	371,200	FY 22/23	371,200	-	(371,200)	-
LAP - funding available 23/24	371,200	FY 23/24	371,200	-	(371,200)	-
	<b>742,400</b>		<b>742,400</b>	-	<b>(742,400)</b>	-

Less funds available from Projects completed under budget	-
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<b>Total available for Allocation</b>	-
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An overallocation of Local Authority funds has occurred in the 2023/2024 Financial Year. \$14,649 of the upcoming 2024/2025 LA Funding has already been allocated.



## Progress of Local Authority Projects – August 2024

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects - Active Projects	Approved Budget	Meeting Date/ Resolution	Cash received to date (incl. Carried Forward)	Expenditure prior years	Expenditure to date 2024-25	Commitments	Available Funds as at 31.08.2024	Status
Local Authority Projects (LAP)								
LAP - Construct Half Basketball Court No.1 (Lot 895) - Commissioned	270,000	14.10.2020 OCM196/2020	270,000	(250,383)	(4,200)	-	15,417	Works completed
LAP - Construct Half Basketball Court No.2	270,000	14.10.2020 OCM196/2020	270,000	-	-	-	270,000	Land Tenure received from NLC in error - Nominated Lot 782 allocated to Territory Housing for new construction.
LAP - Support Basketball Competitions in Maningrida	10,000	12.05.2021 OCM22/2021	10,000	(1,999)	-	-	8,001	Allocated funds for Grandstands - Basketball Competition.
LAP - Community Initiatives and events	50,000	12.05.2021 OCM22/2021	50,000	(29,038)	-	-	20,962	Allocated funds for Grandstands - Basketball Competition.
LAP - Animal Management Program - 2024	31,977	04.08.2022 OCM76/2022	31,977	-	-	(29,070)	2,907	Completed - Invoice now received for processing
LAP - Animal Management Program - 2025	34,215	04.08.2022 OCM76/2022	19,566	-	-	-	19,566	Vetinary services currently in progress.
LAP - Purchase of Grandstands and Additional Pedestrian Gates for Football Oval	85,520	01.06.2023 MAN197/2023	85,520	(70,523)	-	-	14,997	Construction of footings/back supports can now commence as nominated areas at the Oval have been
LAP - Hard Structure at Clinic for Ceremonial Purposes	43,450	04.08.2022 MAN200/2023	43,450	(27,566)	(8,600)	(6,300)	984	Construction of footings/back supports can now commence as nominated areas at the Oval have been
LAP - Modifications to Health Clinic Hard Structures	28,403	01.06.2023 MAN200/2023	28,403	-	(28,460)	(160)	(217)	Completed
LAP - Purchase of Additional Grandstands for Maningrida Football Oval	59,473	14.03.2024 MAN12/2024	59,473	(41,001)	-	-	18,472	Construction of footings can now commence as nominated areas have been selected.
LAP - Installation of Outdoor Gym Equipment at Pool	75,000	14.03.2024 MAN15/2024	75,000	-	-	(57,081)	17,919	Construction commencing week of the 09/09/2024
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS</b>	<b>958,038</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>943,389</b>	<b>(420,510)</b>	<b>(41,260)</b>	<b>(92,611)</b>	<b>389,009</b>	
Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects - Completed Projects	Approved Budget	Meeting Date/ Resolution	Cash received to date (incl. Carried Forward)	Expenditure prior years	Expenditure to date 2024-25	Commitments	Available Funds as at 31.08.2024	Status
Local Authority Projects (LAP)								
LAP - Additional Solar Lights - New Subdivision	38,433	04.08.2022 MAN10/2024	38,433	(26,120)	(15,300)	2,987	-	Completed
<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS</b>	<b>38,433</b>		<b>38,433</b>	<b>(26,120)</b>	<b>(15,300)</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>-</b>	



## Grant Funding – Community Projects – July 2023 to August 2024



Grant Funding - Community Projects	Approved Budget (A)	Prior Year Expenditure (B)	Expenditure to date 2024-25 (C)	Commitments to Date (D)	Available Funds as at 31.08.2024 (A-B-C-D)
LRCI Phase 3 - Malabam Road - Maningrida	1,077,668	(1,066,047)	-	(9,555)	2,066
R2R - Malala Road (non gazetted) Maningrida - From Lot 736	540,269	(539,200)	-	-	1,069
ABA - Maningrida Oval Changerooms	4,581,700	(145,270)	(6,063)	(3,740,268)	690,099
LRCI Phase 4 - Part B - Malabam Road - Maningrida	311,638	-	(490)	(226,971)	84,177
West Arnhem Cemetery Establishment	415,000	-	-	-	415,000
Upgrade for Maningrida Rd and airport road funeral access	500,000	-	(446,262)	(7,098)	46,639
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>7,426,275</b>	<b>(1,750,517)</b>	<b>(452,816)</b>	<b>(3,983,892)</b>	<b>1,239,050</b>

Grant Funding - Community Projects	Expenditure to date 2024-25 (A)	Commitments to Date (B)	Total Expenditure (A+B)
Remote Sport Program	(870)	-	(870)
Deliver Indigenous Broadcasting Programs (RIBS)	(4,283)	-	(4,283)
NAIDOC Week	(1,473)	(97)	(1,570)
Sports and Recreation	(40,378)	(4,293)	(44,670)
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(6,626)</b>		<b>(6,724)</b>





## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Review of Action Items</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

This report is submitted for Maningrida Local Authority to review and discuss the progress on outstanding action items from meetings.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Reviewed the outstanding action items and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

#### BACKGROUND

Action items arise out of resolutions of the Local Authority or questions asked by Members. The attached register provides the current status of the action items as provided by the administration. The administration recommends items as complete but it is for the Local Authority to determine whether the item remains active or is complete and can be removed.

#### COMMENT

The actions that Local Authority resolves to occur are to be acted upon by the administration. This report enables Local Authority to progressively discuss and acknowledge the status of items.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

##### PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

##### Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Maningrida Local Authority Action Items 12 September 2024 [8.2.1 - 6 pages]

Item Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
1	In Progress	<b>OCM190/2023</b> Cr Phillips raised new basketball facility / location as current one is dangerous and not fit for purpose.	Andrew Walsh	<b>03/05/2024 Jasmine Mortimore</b>  <b>05 December 2023 – Clem Beard:</b> Investigate previous workings on the proposal/Grant application for a multipurpose building in Maningrida in partnership with MPA and Building Better Regions Fund per below updates. A report has been included in the December meeting providing background to the proposal and correspondence received in December 2023 from LGANT.  <b>12 March 2024 – Clem Beard:</b> Administration will work with Grants to seek funding streams for a multipurpose centre in Maningrida Community  <b>29 May 2024 - Clem Beard</b> Discussions are ongoing with Territory and Federal Governments representatives on future Capital Infrastructure for Maningrida Community.
2	In Progress	<b>MAN6/2024</b> Request Maningrida CSM to work with Local Authority member to encourage youth membership by engaging the Youth Centre. Invites students from the Maningrida school to attend the next scheduled local authority meeting.	Rick Mitchell	<b>03/06/2024 Debbie Gough</b>  Will carry over to the LA meeting in August  <b>04/09/2024 Ben Heaslip</b>  04 September 2024 - Liaising with Maningrida School to invite students and advise dates of meeting.
3	In Progress	<b>MAN228/2023</b> Member Jessica Phillips raised WARC assisting with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• counting burial sites</li> <li>• talk to department for funding opportunity</li> <li>• form a working group.</li> </ul>	Sara Fitzgerald	<b>27/03/2024 Ben Heaslip</b>  <b>7th March 2024 – Sara Fitzgerald</b> Have spoken with the department and there is no scheduled funding for this application at this stage. They have advised next year's round of burials grants may be an option however this is a very limited pool and Maningrida has received some funding this year towards Cemetery establishment costs.  <b>29/05/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b>  Project waiting for appropriate funding stream to be identified  <b>27/08/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b>

Item Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
				Maningrida Funerals and Cemeteries Working Group established by Chief Minister & Cabinet. WARC operations are active members in this group to ensure best community outcome for all funerals, burials and cemeteries work. Recommend this item complete
4	In Progress	<b>OCM10.10.2023 OCM175/2023</b> Cr Woods raised shelters in Maningrida at bottom camp foreshore to be put on Maningrida LA wish list.	Clem Beard	<p><b>27/03/2024 Ben Heaslip</b></p> <p><b>02 November 2023 – Clem Beard:</b> The administration has lodged an 'Expression of Interest' for land tenure at the Maningrida Foreshore locations supplied by Cr Woods. Awaiting NLC to advise scheduling of consultations with Traditional Owners of Maningrida for next year 2024.</p> <p><b>05 December 2023 – Clem Beard:</b> Due to recent passing of Chairman at the NLC – no updated consultations dates have been progress to provide any further updates.</p> <p><b>10 January 2024 – Clem Beard:</b> Administration scheduled meetings with NLC in late January to source updates on planned community consultations for land tenure requests.</p> <p><b>09 February 2024 – Clem Beard:</b> Awaiting community consultation dates for WARC region for 2024 to commence discussions with Landowners for possible Land Use Agreements.</p> <p><b>29 May 2024 – Clem Beard:</b> Awaiting additional feedback from NLC to commence discussions with Landowners for possible Land Use Agreements - NLC taking to next consult 1st August in Maningrida</p> <p><b>26/08/2024 Clem Beard</b></p> <p>Updated correspondence from NLC - received 12/08/2024 Foreshore shelters to be taken to the next consult in Maningrida - scheduled October 2024</p>
5	In Progress	<b>8.06.2022 - Elected Member Questions With or Without Notice</b> Pollution of Waterways in Maningrida It was noted that the administration would assist Councillor Kernan to liaise with other stakeholders in the	Sara Fitzgerald	<p><b>27/03/2024 Ben Heaslip</b></p> <p><b>10 February 2023 – Fiona Ainsworth</b> WARC have recruited a Waste and Resource Coordinator to work with the Cultural advisory team.</p> <p><b>22 May 2023 – Clem Beard</b></p>

Item Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
		community to discuss the pollution of waterways in Maningrida.		<p>Waste and Resource Coordinator will present a comprehensive report in this meeting regarding alternatives to the pollution of waterways in Maningrida</p> <p><b>14 July 2023 – Sara Fitzgerald</b> New Maningrida Waste Team Leader recruited due to start Mid- August and commence work on cultural waste section and existing Landfill. Keep Australia Beautiful completing action plan for litter in Maningrida.</p> <p><b>23 November 2023 – Sara Fitzgerald</b> New Maningrida Landfill Officer has been recruited currently planning with Officer and Team Leader Cultural waste section of Landfill for burning/burying purposes. Water cleansing option we are awaiting factory producing bags to be back in stock to order then will start community information campaign.</p> <p><b>7th March 2024 – Sara Fitzgerald</b> We are continuing to work on facilitating cultural cleansing options to avoid waterway pollution and work on more signage and education on how council can assist with excess rubbish – skip bin report in March Agenda</p> <p><b>29/05/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b> No dumping signage to be reviewed for all of Maningrida to limit waterway pollution</p> <p><b>27/08/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b> Work ongoing in this area. further actions to be taken once permanent CSM is in role for in community support</p>
6	In Progress	<p><b>30.11.2023 MAN228/2023</b> Member Jessica Phillips raised trailer for rubbish runs for excess rubbish and the need for new wheelie bins.</p> <p><b>14.03.2024 MAN9/2024</b> Request further information on community skip bins and a report to be presented at a future meeting for consideration.</p>	Fiona Ainsworth, Pania Withnall, Sara Fitzgerald	<p><b>27/03/2024 Ben Heaslip</b></p> <p><b>07th March 2024 – Debbie Gough</b> Bin audit will be completed in March to identify houses needing replacement bins due to being damaged. Housing provides bins when</p> <p><b>7th March 2024 – Sara Fitzgerald</b> Skip bin report included in this agenda.</p>

Item Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
				<p><b>29/05/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b></p> <p>Bin replacement program has been enacted for whole of WARC to ensure that a quarter of all rubbish bins are replaced annually. Waste and Resource Coordinator is investigating skip bin alternatives for presentation at next LA Meeting.</p> <p><b>28/08/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b></p> <p>New wheelie bins are on order from supplier for operations distribution when arrive in community. Recommend item complete.</p>
7	In Progress	<p><b>MAN10/2024</b></p> <p>The Local Authority request an update on status of community streetlights.</p>	Clem Beard	<p><b>30/05/2024 Clem Beard</b></p> <p><b>30 May 2024 - Clem Beard</b></p> <p>No budget available this financial year - will review budget for 24/25 and approach contractors for next scheduled visit to Maningrida to continue ongoing streetlight maintenance for Maningrida.</p> <p><b>26/08/2024 Clem Beard</b></p> <p>CSM is working with contractor on carrying out repairs with available funds from new budget whilst contractor is presently working in Maningrida in the new subdivision on streetlights.</p>
8	In Progress	<p><b>30.11.2023 MAN228/2023</b></p> <p>Member Jessica Phillips raised modifications to the health clinic hard structure to make it weatherproof.</p>	Clem Beard	<p><b>27/03/2024 Ben Heaslip</b></p> <p><b>7th March 2024 – Clem Beard</b></p> <p>Report in March Agenda into modifications.</p> <p><b>29th May 2024 – Clem Beard</b></p> <p>Modification materials are in production anticipating Z purlins will be sent to Maningrida Community in late June for retrofitting to shelters.</p> <p><b>26/08/2024 Clem Beard</b></p> <p>The insulation of final purlins will be completed by the end of September at the Clinic.</p>
9	In Progress	<p><b>23.06.2023 OCM109/2023</b> (Moved from OCM Action Items)</p> <p>Cr Phillips suggested outdoor gym equipment be installed in the</p>	Clem Beard	<p><b>27/03/2024 Ben Heaslip</b></p>

Item Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
		parks/recreation areas along the foreshore in Maningrida as part of an overall improvement in the beautification of this area.		<p><b>06 February 2024– Clem Beard:</b> Report on installation of gym equipment at Pool presented to March 14 LA meeting. Administration has requested Land Use Agreements from the NLC for foreshore designated areas.</p> <p><b>29 May 2024 – Clem Beard:</b> Gym equipment ordered. Production delivery expected to approximately (8) eight weeks.</p> <p><b>26/08/2024 Clem Beard</b></p> <p>Hardy Landscaping have advised the installation of gym equipment will be completed end of September - materials are in Maningrida awaiting collection by contractor.</p>
10	In Progress	<b>MAN13/2024</b> Requests Waste and Resource Coordinator revise cemetery plans and bring report back to a future meeting.	Sara Fitzgerald	<p><b>29/05/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b></p> <p>Awaiting grant result - new plans will be submitted at next LA meeting for approval.</p> <p><b>27/08/2024 Sara Fitzgerald</b></p> <p>Grant funding has been allocated to complete Maningrida cemetery extension. Report in this agenda.</p>
11	In Progress	<b>MAN34/2024 RESOLVED:</b> Member Garth raised scholarship support from Council for school students and sponsorship for sporting teams for festivals.	Andrew Walsh	<p><b>10/09/2024 Jasmine Mortimore</b></p> <p>WARC does not have any records of sponsorship for school students, will liaise with Maningrida school for further background.</p>
12	In Progress	<b>MAN34/2024 RESOLVED:</b> Requested invitation to be sent to United Church to attend next scheduled Local Authority meeting to discuss conditions of church.	Debbie Gough, Jasmine Mortimore, Rick Mitchell	<p><b>04/09/2024 Fiona Ainsworth</b></p> <p>04/09/2024 Rick Mitchell Contact details for Church provided to administration for invitation.</p> <p><b>10/09/2024 Jasmine Mortimore</b></p> <p>United Church representative attending meeting on 12 September 2024</p>
13	Recommend Complete	<b>MAN228/2023</b> Cr Phillips raised solar light brightness at top camp ceremony area.	Debbie Gough	<p><b>27/03/2024 Ben Heaslip</b></p> <p><b>7th March 2024 – Debbie Gough</b> Obtaining quote for larger solar lights like near the office which stay bright.</p>



Item Reference	Status	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken
				<p><b>03/06/2024 Debbie Gough</b>                      Tech Services have ordered additional light for outside of the Women's Safe House to increase safety after hours.                      Solar light heads have been replaced at Ceremonial Grounds - Works in progress</p> <p><b>23/08/2024 Clem Beard</b>                      Installation of Solar Lights complete</p>

## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Maningrida NYE Fireworks Display 2024</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Acting General Manager Technical Services</b>

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Maningrida Local Authority members with an update on a quote received for New Year's Eve (NYE) fireworks display 2024 due to escalating costs of barge freight from Darwin to Maningrida.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Maningrida NYE Fireworks Display 2024*; and
2. Approved the allocation of \$105,539.50 from the Maningrida Local Authority funding for the New Year's Eve Celebrations 2024.

#### BACKGROUND

The Local Authority has requested the administration to explore future community project opportunities in anticipation of future Local Authority funding.

The administration is providing cost estimates for the Local Authority's consideration and budget purposes and to secure the services of interstate-based Pyrotechnics availability to be onsite in Maningrida NYE 2024.

#### COMMENT

Following the Local Authority's request, the administration has outlined the proposed project and prepared indicative cost estimates.

The administration has sourced a quote from the previous provider to put on a display at the Maningrida Oval for NYE 2024:

- **Fireworks Australia** indicative costs below:
- Fireworks display duration is a 12-minute-high energy show.
- The show includes large aerial display shells and a broad variety of multi-layer packs.

Suggested Project/ Project Location	Project Description	Estimated Cost
Fireworks New Year's Eve Celebrations	Provide a cost estimate for fireworks display for the New Year's Eve celebration for the Maningrida community. The fireworks display to be held at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8.00pm family event.</li></ul> Price includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Labour cost</li><li>• Travel costs</li><li>• Freight of fireworks and equipment</li><li>• Site security</li><li>• Safe storage of fireworks</li><li>• Accommodation</li><li>• Vehicle hire</li></ul>	Cost estimate for the fireworks display. <b>\$105,539.50</b>

<b>Maningrida Fireworks High Impact Display 2024</b>		
<b>Permits</b>	<b>Pyro and local permits</b>	<b>\$ 625.00</b>
<b>Flights</b>	<b>equivalent to 4 return flights</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Darwin Accommodation</b>	<b>6 nights equivalent</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>Maningrida Accommodation</b>	<b>6 nights equivalent</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>
<b>Freight to Maningrida</b>	<b>10/20ft container</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>
<b>Freight back from Maningrida</b>	<b>10/20ft container</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>
<b>Hire Truck Darwin</b>	<b>2 days</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>Insurance Levy</b>		<b>\$ 1,590.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>		<b>\$ 1,980.00</b>
<b>Pyro Freight from Sydney</b>		<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>Pyro Freight to Sydney</b>		<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Wages inc Travel &amp; Meal Allowances</b>	<b>2 x Technicians</b>	<b>\$ 7,300.00</b>
<b>Pyro</b>		<b>\$ 29,950.00</b>
<b>Staff Wages</b>		<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
<b>Staff Flights/Accommodation/Travel</b>		<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>Contingencies 10%</b>		<b>\$ 9,594.50</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 105,539.50</b>

#### **LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

The storage, handling and use of fireworks is regulated under the Dangerous Goods Act 1998 and Regulations 1985. All permits and NT WorkSafe legislation must be preapproved.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Allocate available funding from the Local Authority

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

### **PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING**

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

#### **Goal 1.4 Community Events**

Deliver cultural, civic and sporting events which engage and unite the community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Supply and install bollards for perimeter Soccer/Cricket Oval - Maningrida</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Acting General Manager Technical Services</b>

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Maningrida Local Authority members to consider the supply and installation of bollards around the perimeter of Lot 468 Park/Cricket Oval.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Received and noted the report entitled *Supply and install bollards for perimeter Soccer/Cricket Oval - Maningrida*; and
2. Approved the allocation of \$91,676.00 for the supply and installation of bollards from the Maningrida Local Authority.

#### BACKGROUND

The administration has received the request to install bollards at the cricket oval with (2) two entrance gates. This project will support the site's future planning and development to allow for additional infrastructure to be built. The bollards will eliminate vehicles traversing over the park area and increase safety for all users and community members.

#### COMMENT

The administration has researched options and liaised with local contractors to formulate some indicative pricing to proceed with the project as requested.

<b>Supply and install bollards for perimeter Soccer/Cricket Oval - Maningrida</b>				
<b>Resource</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Est Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
Materials/Transport/Installation	Only	350	\$ 225.00	\$ 78,750.00
Vehicle access entries	Only	2	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00
Accommodation	Only	2	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 3,792.00
Contingencies 10%	Only	1	\$ 8,334.00	\$ 8,334.00
<b>Total Estimated/Indicative Costs</b>				<b>\$ 91,676.00</b>

#### LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Per approved annual budget 23/24

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding is available from the annual Maningrida Local Authority allocation for projects.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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### **Goal 1.1 Community Engagement**

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

## **PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

We provide high quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

### **Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management**

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Manayingkarirra Cemetery Design Approval</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Sara Fitzgerald, Waste and Resource Coordinator</b>

#### SUMMARY

This report is to inform the Local Authority on current progress in the Manayingkarirra cemetery extension and request approval on the final design to proceed with construction.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report entitled *Manayingkarirra Cemetery Design Approval*; and
2. Approve the final design for Manayingkarirra Cemetery.

#### BACKGROUND

The Council has been working towards delivering a culturally appropriate declared cemetery for the Maningrida Community. In 2020 WARC erected a cemetery in Maningrida in case of emergency and need during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Northern Territory Government updated the Burials and Cremations Act in 2022 making Local Government the owners of cemetery facilities across the Northern Territory. West Arnhem Regional Council has been successful in having Maningrida Cemetery a declared cemetery under the new Act.

During the process of declaring the cemetery West Arnhem Regional Council has been working with the community to provide a design that is both practical and culturally suitable. Administration staff applied for and were successful applying for the 'Community Places and Spaces Grant' to fund the extension works at the cemetery.

#### COMMENT

The site layout for consideration and discussion is attached.

Extensive work is being undertaken with Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to ensure there is clear community communication on funeral, cemetery, and exhumation process in Maningrida and to ensure community have access to community stakeholders that can provide assistance during this time.

#### LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2019  
Burials and Cremations Act 2022

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Per funding agreement for 'Community Places and Spaces Grant'

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

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##### **Goal 1.1 Community Engagement**

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

### **PILLAR 3 SAFETY AND WELLBEING**

As an 'Employer of Choice', we provide and promote a positive culture of safety, inclusion and respect. Our people are skilled, informed and have opportunities to grow and develop within our organisation. Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs.

#### **Goal 3.1 Cultural Safety**

Delivery of actions in the WARC 'Innovate' Reconciliation Action Plan.

### **PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

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#### **Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management**

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Manayingkarirra Cemetery Design [8.5.1 - 2 pages]

# MANAYINGKARRIRRA CEMETERY

Overhead Current Site

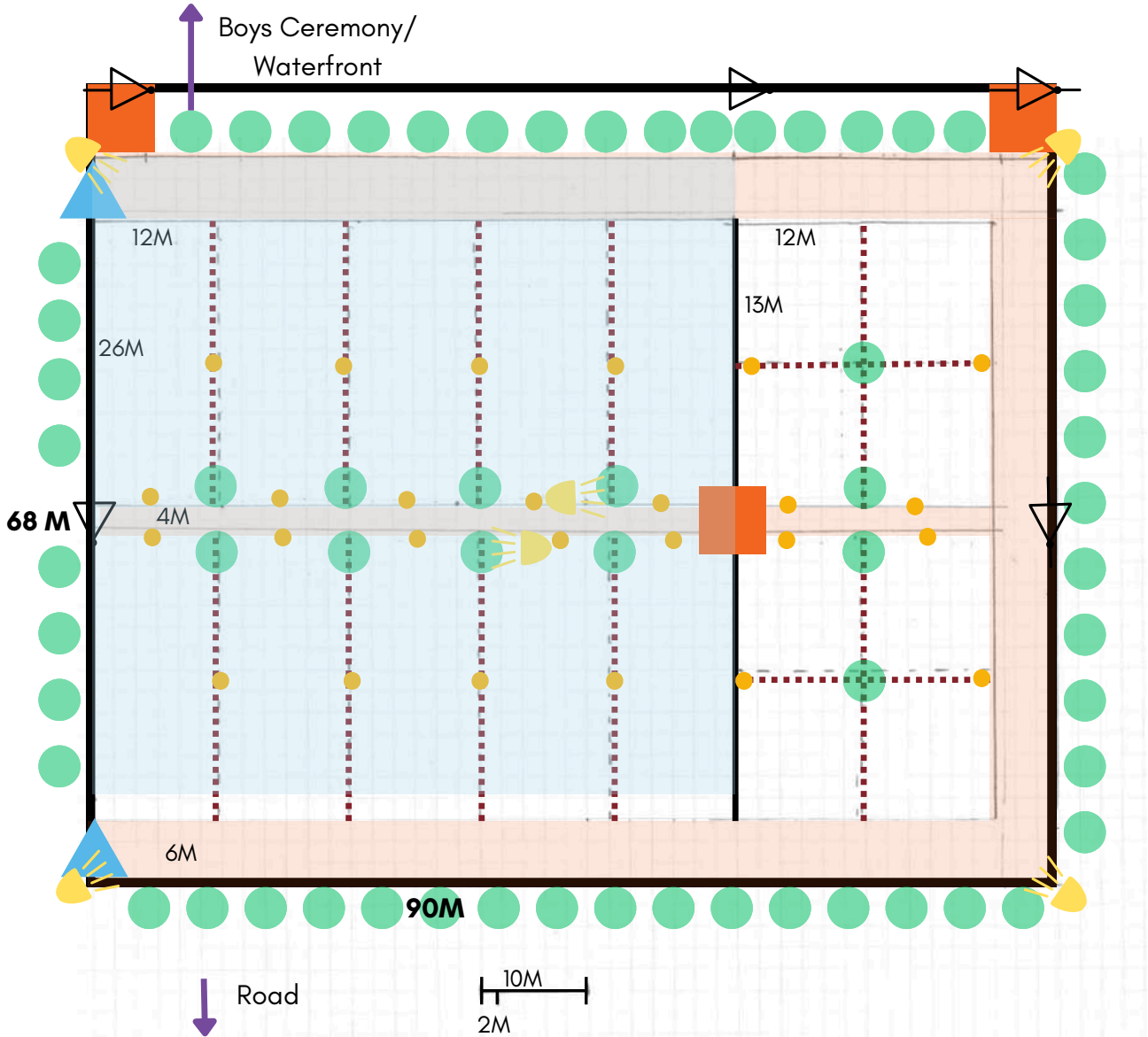


Overlay Extension





# MANAYINGKARRIRRA CEMETERY



- Pathway
- Vehicle road
- New Boundary
- Old Boundary
- Clan sections

- Concrete Seating
- Trees
- Solar Lights
- 6x6 shelter
- Vehicle Gate
- Pedestrian Gate

## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Potential LA Project - 4x4 Hearse</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for members to consider the purchase of a 4x4 hearse to assist the community with sorry business.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Potential LA Project - 4x4 Hearse*; and
2. Approve / Do not approve the allocation of \$92,000.00 of Maningrida Local Authority funding for the purchase of a 4x4 Hearse.

#### BACKGROUND

Members raised the lack of an appropriate vehicle to transfer bodies within community. The purchase of this vehicle will allow the residents of Maningrida to access this vehicle to assist with sorry business.

#### COMMENT

The features of the 4x4 Hearse include:

- Easy access for moving a coffin in and out of the vehicle to enable cultural protocol to be followed.
- Seating for at least 4 people in the back of the vehicle, again to enable proper cultural protocol to be followed in accompanying the body of the deceased while in transit.
- 4WD to enable the vehicle to be driven on unsealed and homelands roads.
- Special attachments to permit flags to be carried on the vehicle.
- Special attachments to enable the vehicle to be decorated with flowers or other decorations.
- Painted a special colour identified by the community.
- Two way radio in case of emergencies, especially when travel to homeland Communities.
- Driven by direct family not Council staff

Pictures of the 4x4 hearse attached to this report for members consideration.

#### LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Authority Project Funding Guidelines

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

### ESTIMATED HEARSE COSTS

Purchase of vehicle	78,000.00
Painting	21,342.52
4x4 Conversion and Fit out	84,500
TOTAL	183,842.52
Freight Darwin	1,899.91
Registration	762.10
Insurance	2,477.36
Service	1,300.00
Maintenance	700.00
TOTAL	7,139.37

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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#### PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

#### Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. 4x4 Hearse [8.6.1 - 6 pages]



## 4x4 HEARSE



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Gunbalanya  
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Maningrida  
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Warruwi  
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Minjilang  
☎ 08 8970 3500





Coffin Assembly

Family Seating

Airconditioning







Access

Internal Seating

Flower attachments





Flower Attachments

Paint Features





Front Flower attachments





Side view



# WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

## FOR THE MEETING 12 September 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rick Mitchell, Senior Council Services Manager</b>

### SUMMARY

This report will present the Local Authority with an update on council services provided in the community for the period –01 June – 25 August 2024, as prepared and presented by Senior Council Services Manager (S/CSM) Rick Mitchell.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received and noted the report entitled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.

### BACKGROUND

All issues / matters raised are to be discussed by Local Authority members, as detailed in the report.

### COMMENT

#### 1. Attendance Rates

##### 1.1. Staffing

Currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Council Services Manger – Re-advertise, applications close on 25 September 2024.
- Utilities Support Contract (USC) Operator – Re-advertise, applications close on 19 September 2024.

Total number of vacancies	2
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#### 2. Administration Services

##### 2.1. Administration

The Maningrida Council administration office was open from 8:00am to 4:30pm on each business day during the report period except for the below periods:

- 25 June 2024 – 0930 am – 1300 pm due to mandatory training
- 8 July 2024 – Due to Sorry Business
- 25 July 2024 – All services closed due to Sorry business

##### 2.2. Post Office

Post Office services are provided by Maningrida Council administration staff during normal business hours. Mail was received, sorted and dispatched each business day.

- Maningrida Licensed Post Office (LPO) continually has 4-6 cages arriving each week full of parcels
- When airfreight is delayed, large volumes of parcels are received, and Post Office closure is required until sorting is completed

Total postage received	13,384 kg
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##### 2.3. Cleaning

Scheduled cleaning of council assets has been completed as follows:

- Council office – daily – total of 58 occasions;
- Public toilets – daily – total of 58 occasions;
- The work shed and mechanic workshop cleaned daily – total of 58 occasions; and
- Visitor Accommodation rooms cleaned as required – total 10 room cleans.



#### 2.4. Visitor Accommodation

The total number of current visitor accommodation available is 13 beds, and bookings can be made through Little Hotelier.

- Average occupancy is due to cultural restriction on women's access to location

### 3. Wellbeing Services

#### 3.1. Sport & Recreation

Sport and Recreation delivered activities after school, school holidays and young adults included:

- Basketball;
- Dodge ball;
- ALF (Youth, Women and Men ages);
- Arts and crafts;
- Skateboarding; and
- NRL.

Attendance totals	
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#### 3.2. Aquatic Centre

The aquatic centre was open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 6:00 am – 8:00 am and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Saturday and Sundays 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm as per regular schedule.

- Aquatic Centre was non-operational 04 August 2024 – 25 August 2024
- Extended operations hours on Wednesdays to 7:30 pm, for night swimming evening and Thursdays for Kids Swim Club
- Adults' skill and drills on Friday afternoons
- NAIDOC event held at the Aquatic Centre 10 July 2024

Attendance totals	1984
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#### 3.3. K9 Security Pilot Program

Over the reporting period there were fifteen (15) minor incidents with no property damage or goods stolen. There were three (3) reportable incidents on the following nights, which were reported to the police:

- 15 June 2024 – Break-in at Barlmarrk supermarket
- 28 June 2024 – Break-in Lot 475, Womens shop
- 01 July 2024 – Fire reported on roof of Lot 564

#### 3.4. Broadcasting

In conjunction with Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA), broadcasting services are provided on Monday to Friday, between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

- There has been limited broadcasting hours due to staff being unavailable

Total number of On-Air hours	128
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### 4. Community Works

#### 4.1. Parks and Open Space

The community is generally clean and tidy

- Works crew continue to pick up rubbish around the WARC Office daily, including Wildfoods precinct, 168 store, Football oval and Airport
- The AFL oval irrigation is operating on an automatic program
- Regular light audits conducted

#### 4.2. Roads

Road repairs have commenced across the community

- Airport road resurfacing commenced on 12 August 2024 and has been completed

- Top camp road has had significant surface repairs completed
- WARC is regularly skimming the corrugation between Maningrida township to the landfill site. This is being completed twice per week as an increase in traffic and will see a reduction in wear and tear on plant and machinery.

#### 4.3. Waste

Landfill site operated between Monday to Friday, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm with no disruption to service.

- Rubbish truck runs continue to operate Monday to Friday
- Hard rubbish pickups continue, 2-3 times a week
- There have been an additional 7 car removals from community
- Excess vehicles to be considered for removal from Landfill

Total amount of waste removed from landfill	0
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#### 4.4. Plant and equipment

Servicing, washing and cleaning of all works equipment continues to be completed every Friday afternoon. Over the reporting period, we have had to provide maintenance on the following vehicles, mowers and plant:

- CE69BN Toyota Hilux – Carried out full service
- Kubota Front-end Loader – Repairs water pump and drive belts
- SV3638 Skid Steer Loader – Replaced water pump and cooling fan. Repair hydraulic cylinders on lift assembly.
- CC93KV Toyota Hilux – Replaced ignition barrel, key assembly and lock set. Carried out complete service.
- SV3991 Front-end Loader – Replaced 2 X tyres
- Garbage truck – hydraulic issues repaired, leaking hydraulic components replaced and full service completed
- Kubota Mowers – Continual maintenance required due to mowers hitting hard rubbish

### 5. Essential Services

#### 5.1. Power

- 74 service requests
- 9 engine services
- 2 power meter replacements
- 4 fuel deliveries

#### 5.2. Water

- 63 bore reads
- 13 water samples taken
- 63 residual chlorine daily reads

#### 5.3. Sewerage

- SPS 1, 2 and 3 cleaned out 44 times
- 63 sewer pond inspections
- 63 Daily hours reading on sewer pumps

#### 5.4. Airfield

Daily inspections were undertaken by the Aerodrome Reporting Officer (ARO)

- 86 Daily inspections
- 6 light audits were conducted during the reporting period
- 06 August 2024 – Airfield Surveillance report conducted by Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

## 6. Community

### 6.1. Local Authority projects

- Current
  - Animal Management Program (Vet) recent visit outcome report attached

### 6.2. Community meetings and events

CSM has coordinated a community event between relevant stakeholders and attended numerous further meetings including:

- 06 June 2024 – Maningrida Service Delivery Meeting
- 01 July 2024 – Territory Day community celebrations
- 10 July 2024 – 12 July 2024 NAIDOC celebrations
- 29 July 2024 – Maningrida College work experience information session
- 01 August 2024 – Maningrida Service Delivery Meeting
- 06 August 2024 – Sydney Swans Football carnival project meeting
- 20 August 2024 - Staff First Aid and CPR training
- 21 August 2024 – Staff Fire Warden training

Total number of meetings and events attended by the CSM	25
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### 6.3. Community key focus areas

- Cemetery planning
- Maintenance on Airport fence



**Territory Day Celebrations 01 July 2024**

## LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Not applicable.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS



Not applicable.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Maningrida August Vet report [9.1.1 - 11 pages]

# Report to WARC on August vet visit to Maningrida

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Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday  
August 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dr Liz Tudor BVSc

West Arnhem Land Dog Health  
Project (WALDHeP)







## Maningrida August Visit

- This was the second 2024 WALDHeP vet visit to Maningrida.
- The team was led by Drs Lucy Davies and Arielle Giles (pictured)
- Lucy and Arielle, along with partners Eddy and Nik, were members of the June visit- providing continuity of care and great opportunity for follow up with residents and their pets.
- Lucy and Arielle were assisted by
  - Dr Charlotte Killeen
  - Dr Ruth Brophy
  - Nurse Tracey Healand

# How we worked

The clinic was established in the garden of Lot 405.

Some people dropped in to see us to ask for treatment for their dogs and cats.

Lucy or Arielle, assisted by Eddy and Nik, drove around town to visit houses and offer treatment and operations for dogs and cats.

Dogs and cats were picked up and carried in secure cages to the surgery site.

Once animals had woken up from their surgery they were returned home by car.



Dr Charli at work desexing a dog

Maningrida Local Authority  
Thursday 12 September 2024



One hundred and nine (109) surgical procedures were performed under general anaesthetic!

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- Twenty-five dog spays
- Twenty dog castrations
- Forty-one cat spays
- Twenty-three cat castrations
- Nineteen other surgeries to remove lumps, stitch up wounds etc



Nurse Tracy caring for a sleeping cat!



## Other veterinary work in Maningrida

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- We made more than 70 home visits in Maningrida to offer worm and scabies treatment to dogs.
- We had thirty people call by for consultations about their dogs or cats and to have vaccinations or pick up medicine.
- At owners' requests we conducted 9 euthanasias (finishing gentle way) for dogs and cats that were old or sick.



Dr Ruth caring for a sick puppy

## How are the dogs in Maningrida?

- We were very impressed with the general health of the dogs in Maningrida
- Most dogs have really good skin (with no scabies) and are in good body condition (not too fat and not too thin!)
- Even more dogs were coughing than in the June visit – this is due to a germ called Kennel Cough- it has spread very rapidly from dog to dog
- Kennel Cough makes people worry about their dogs- but it is never fatal.
- There were fifteen dogs that were looking sick and had stopped eating. We gave these dogs an antibiotic injection to speed their recovery .
- Once they have recovered, they should not get the disease again- they will have immunity
- There is a vaccine for kennel cough and next time we will bring some to give to dogs, if their owners request it.

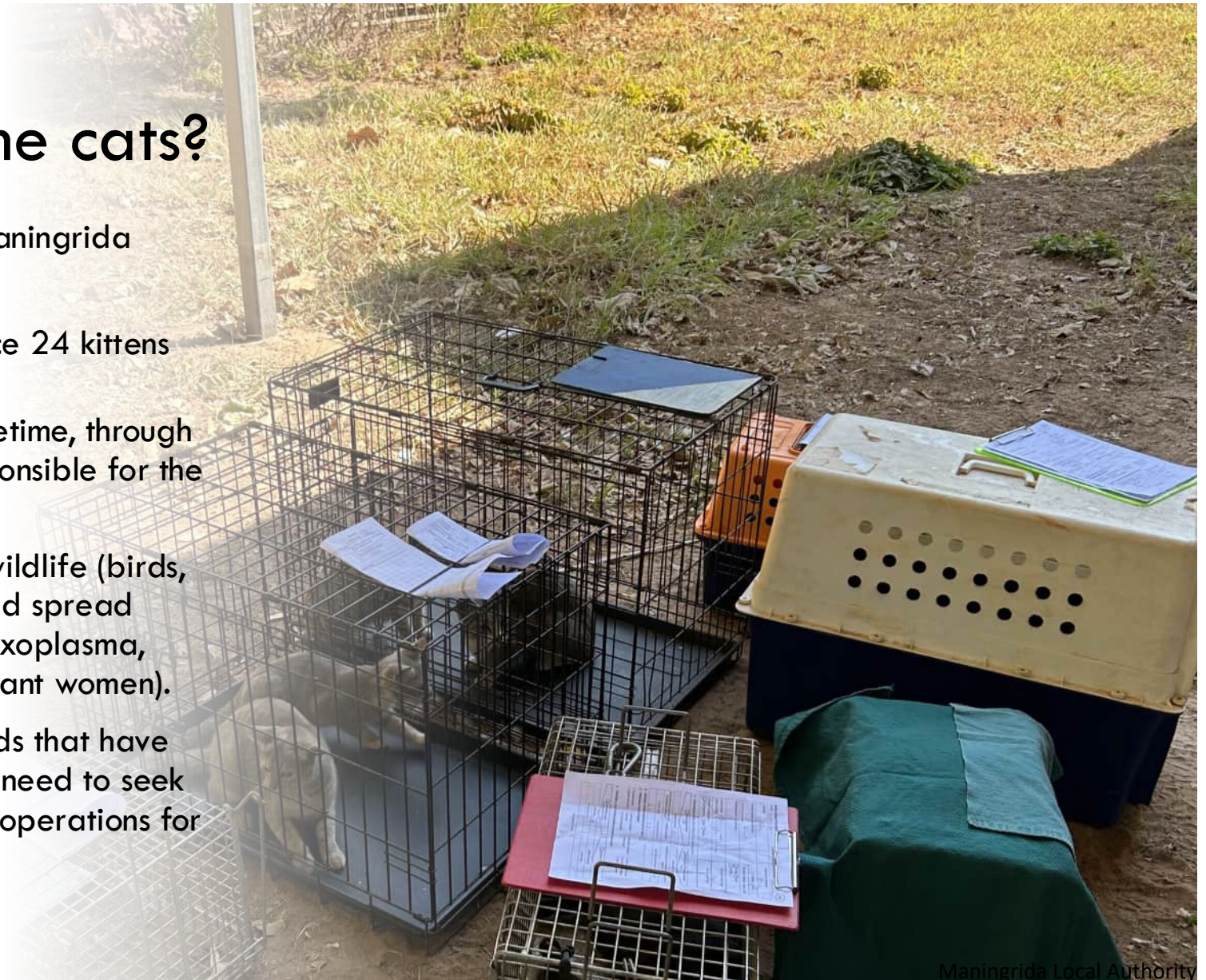
# Good reasons for dogs to have operations

- We know from all the data we have collected over twenty years that desexed dogs have:
  - Healthier skin
  - Better body condition
  - Fewer worms in their stomachs
- Also desexed dogs are less cheeky and stay closer to home
- There is a cancer that is spread between male and female dogs when they have sex . It is called TVT.
- Desexing dogs means they don't spread this nasty cancer



# What about the cats?

- There are still a lot of cats in Maningrida
- Cats breed very fast and often:
  - One female cat can produce 24 kittens in one year!
  - One pair of cats in their lifetime, through their offspring, can be responsible for the birth of 420,000 kittens
- Too many cats leads to loss of wildlife (birds, small mammals and lizards) , and spread disease in homes (worms and Toxoplasma, which is really serious for pregnant women).
- There are still several households that have 15 or more breeding cats. We need to seek permission to provide desexing operations for these animals.



## Recommendations: Ongoing veterinary care in Maningrida

- We will have another visit to Maningrida this year in September
- We will visit some houses that still have lots of dogs and puppies, and others that have lots of cats, and talk with them to offer them operations
- During the August visit we made a list of homes that we want to revisit to provide follow up treatment. There were also some puppies and kittens that were too young for operations last month, that owners have asked us to have operations in September.
- We will hope to visit every home again to offer veterinary care and parasite treatment.



## Next visit to Maningrida

Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>- Saturday  
September 14<sup>th</sup>

- Dr Liz Tudor
- Dr Erica Shaw
- Dr Lucy White
- Dr Matthew Taylor
- And five veterinary students





# Thankyou!

Our thanks to the West Arnhem Regional Council, the Traditional Owners and the residents of Maningrida for allowing us to visit Maningrida and to provide veterinary care for dogs and cats.



## WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to give Local Authority Members a forum in which to table items they wish to be debated.

Local Authority Members are encouraged to raise any issues they wish to discuss during the meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY recorded for action the following questions from Members.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

- 11 NEXT MEETING**
- 12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**