



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Gunbalanya Local Authority
Wednesday, 27 November 2024 at 10:00 am
Gunbalanya Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Garnarradj declared the meeting open at 10:29 am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Andy Garnarradj
Member	Henry Yates
Member	Evonne Gumurdul
Member	Maxwell Garnarradj
Member	Grant Nayinggul
Member	Nicodemus Nayilibidj

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Otto Dann

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Director of Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Governance Advisor	Jasmine Mortimore
Council Services Manager, Gunbalanya	Vicki Mccoy
General Manager Technical Services	Garth Borgelt
Senior Council Service Manager	Rick Mitchell

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

GUN45/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member G Nayinggul
Seconded Member Gumurdul

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the absence of Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Connie Nayinggul, Kenneth Mangiru and Henry Yates
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Connie Nayinggul, and Kenneth Mangiru
3. Determines Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Connie Nayinggul, and Kenneth Mangiru are absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

GUN46/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj
Seconded Member Nayilibidj

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 27 November 2024.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

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

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

GUN47/2024 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Garnarradj
Seconded Cr Dann

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received no declarations of interest as listed for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 27 November 2024.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor
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The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

GUN48/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Garnarradj
Seconded Member Nayilibidj**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopted the minutes of the 11 September 2024 Gunbalanya Local Authority as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference: 7.1
Title: NT Police - Law and Order Update
Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority deferred a report on NT Police Law and Order Update

8 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference: 8.1
Title: Finance Report to October 2024
Author: Corey White, Management Accountant

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to October 2024.

GUN49/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj
Seconded Member Nayilibidj**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Receive and note the report titled *Finance Report to October 2024*; and
2. Receive and note the Gunbalanya Local Authority Certification of the 2023-24 Local Authority Project Funding.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference: 8.2
Title: Review of Action Items
Author: Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

Henry Yates joined the meeting at 10:58am

Meeting took a break at 11:07am and recommenced at 11:15am

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

GUN50/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Yates
Seconded Member G Nayinggul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Review the outstanding action items and give approval for completed items to be removed from the register, including item 3 and item 6.

CARRIED

Minute Note: Gunbalanya School students who participated in the West Arnhem Youth Summit joined the meeting at 11:15am and raised with the Local Authority members upgrading the basketball court, alcohol concerns and lack of school attendance. Actions from this discussion were recorded in section 10 - Local Authority questions with or without notice.

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Animal Management Program
Author:	Clem Beard, Projects Manager Technical Services

The Local Authority considered a report on Animal Management Program.

GUN51/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj
Seconded Member Gumurdul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Animal Management Program*; and
2. Approves a total of \$57,823.97 from future Gunbalanya Local Authority funding for the next three (3) years towards the animal management program as per breakdown below:
 - \$17,986.24 from 2025/26 Gunbalanya Local Authority funding;
 - \$19,245.28 from 2026/27 Gunbalanya Local Authority funding; and
 - \$20,592.45 from 2027/28 Gunbalanya Local Authority funding.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Proposal to Develop By-Laws for Gunbalanya Community
Author:	Ben Heaslip, Information Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Proposal to Develop By-Laws for Gunbalanya Community.

GUN52/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Yates
Seconded Member G Nayinggul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Receive and note the report titled *Proposal to Develop By-Laws for Gunbalanya Community*; and
2. Request the Administration table report at the next Local Authority meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Australia Day Event 2025
Author:	Vicki McCoy, Council Services Manager, Gunbalanya

The Local Authority considered a report on Australia Day Event 2025.

GUN53/2024 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj
Seconded Member Nayilibidj**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Australia Day Event 2025*;

2. Nominate preferred grant The National Australia Day Council event name as Gunbalanya Community Day and date as 26 January 2025; and
3. Nominate preferred celebration activities as footy, inviting AFL NT to host request line marking to be completed on the oval and movies on the basketball court.

CARRIED

9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Vicki McCoy, CSM Gunbalanya

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

GUN54/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj

Seconded Member Gumurdul

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

CARRIED

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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

GUN55/2024 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj

Seconded Member G Nayinggul

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

1. Request a Special meeting to invite Red Lily to discuss communication about transition, service expectations and current concerns around services provided.
2. Send invitation to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to raise concerns about process to have modification done to houses, specifically with air condition installation, fences, pathways for houses and house refurbishments (room to breath program).
3. Investigate upgrades to the Basketball court, including fixing or replacing toilets, change rooms, water fountain and fence; and
4. Investigate Awning for shop car park.

CARRIED

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:24pm and recommenced at 1:57pm

Grant Nayinggul left the meeting at 12:24pm

Minute note: National Library of Australia joined the meeting at 1:57pm to discuss archives for the Gunbalanya community.

11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12 March 2024.

12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Garnarradj declared the meeting closed at 2:33pm.

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