

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Gunbalanya Local Authority  
Tuesday, 9 July 2024 at 10:00 am  
Council Chambers

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

**Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting open at 10:35am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.**

**APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	Andy Garnarradj
Member	Grant Nayinggul
Member	Evonne Gumurdul
Member	Maxwell Garnarradj
Member	Kenneth Mangiru

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams (via video)
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Director Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Senior Projects Manager	Hilal Ahmad
General Manager Technical Services	Sara Fitzgerald (via video)
Information Advisor	Ben Heaslip (via video)
Manager Community Services	Marnie Mitchell (via video)
Project Co-ordinator Infrastructure	Sam Fazzolari (via video)
Manager Business Development	Leanne Johansson (via video)

**GUESTS**

Lachlan McKenzie	Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation
Aneurin Townsend	Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet
Jermaine Namanurki	Member of the Public

### 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Apologies and Leave of Absence</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Apologies and Leave of Absence.

#### **GUN16/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj**

**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note Member's apologies for Members Henry Yates, Connie Nayinggul, Cr Otto Dann and Cr Gabby Gumurdul for the Local Authority meeting held on 9 July 2024.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Absent without Notice</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Acting Governance and Risk Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Absent without Notice.

#### **GUN17/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Member Garnarradj**

**Seconded Member G Nayinggul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and notes no Member's absences without notice for the Local Authority meeting held on 9 July 2024.

**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.

#### **GUN18/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Member Mangiru**

**Seconded Member G Nayinggul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 9 July 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.

#### **GUN19/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj**

**Seconded Member Gumurdul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives no declarations of interest for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 9 July 2024.

**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.

### **GUN20/2024 RESOLVED:**

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

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopts the minutes of the 7 March 2024 Gunbalanya Local Authority as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## **7 ACTION REPORTS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.1</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.

### **GUN21/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj  
Seconded Member G Nayinggul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report entitled *Review of Action Items*.
2. Review the outstanding action items and give approval for completed items to be removed from the register, with the exception of the water leak in oval irrigation system item.
3. Agree to withdraw the financial contribution towards fireworks and remove it from the action register.
4. Raise concerns about power meters being damaged and request PowerWater attend the next LA meeting to discuss.
5. Request Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to take action on tree removal on Lot 586.
6. Invite TFHC to next meeting to discuss further actions on tree removal including the rate at which repairs are carried out.
7. Invite William Costigan, Director Health to next meeting to discuss service standards and delays on after hours service.
8. Agree to remove Gravel Pits from action items and not to discuss them at LA meetings.
9. Send a letter to NT Police and MVR requesting regular services for the community and raise the issue of time it takes to process licences.
10. Request the CEO to investigate tax returns for community members.
11. Confirm if NLA employee visited Gunbalanya and showed community members the items from the Uranium Proposal document list.
12. Remove the Soil Testing item from Action Items; and
13. Follow up PowerWater on access roads

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Gunbalanya Oval Lighting</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Hilal Ahmad, Senior Project Manager</b>

Cr Nadjamerrek entered the meeting at 11:35 am  
Deputy Mayor Williams left the meeting at 11:44 am.  
The Local Authority considered a report on Gunbalanya Oval Lighting.

**GUN22/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Chairperson Garnarradj**  
**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report entitled *Gunbalanya Oval Lighting*.
2. Approve continuation of construction on the Gunbalanya Oval Lights Project.
3. Contribute \$100,000 of LAPF Funding for further expenditure; and
4. Request opening ceremony for lights once complete.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Finance Report to May 2024</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Corey White, Acting Finance Manager</b>

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

**GUN23/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Gumurdul**  
**Seconded Member Garnarradj**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Receive and note the report entitled *Finance Report to May 2024*.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Assessment report for the Gunbalanya Oval</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Assessment report for the Gunbalanya Oval.

**GUN24/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Mayor Woods**  
**Seconded Chairperson Garnarradj**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report entitled *Assessment report for the Gunbalanya Oval*; and
2. Approve the allocation of \$5,000.00 from LA Funding to produce a comprehensive report for the Sports Oval to seek funding for enhancements to footy oval.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Modifications to staff and visitors rest area at the office</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Modifications to staff and visitors rest area at the office.

**GUN25/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek  
Seconded Member Gumurdul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report entitled *Modifications to staff and visitors rest area at the office*.
2. Do not approve \$22,429.00 for additional seating and purlin installation at the office rest area; and
3. Request Administration to bring seating proposal to next meeting with photos.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Installation of pavers for Aged Care Clients - Gunbalanya</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Clem Beard, Project Manager Technical Services</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Installation of pavers for Aged Care Clients - Gunbalanya.

**GUN26/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Member G Nayinggul  
Seconded Cr Nadjamerrek**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report entitled *Installation of pavers for Aged Care Clients – Gunbalanya*.
2. Approve the allocation of \$52,800.00 from Gunbalanya Local Authority funding for the installation of pavers including Lot 562; and
3. Request the Administration send a letter to NT Dept Aged Care and NDIS to make them aware of this project.

**CARRIED**

**8 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.1</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.

**GUN27/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek  
Seconded Mayor Woods**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note the report entitled *Top End Youth Leadership Summit April 2024*.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Council's Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer</b>

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

**GUN28/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Member Mangiru  
Seconded Cr Nadjamerrek**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note the report entitled Council's Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2205.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Vicki McCoy, Council Services Manager, Gunbalanya</b>

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

**GUN29/2024 RESOLVED:**

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

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

**CARRIED**

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

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.1</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 consider a report on Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice.

**GUN30/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek  
Seconded Member Gumurdul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY record for action the following questions from Members:

1. Administration invite DEMED Chair and CEO to next Local Authority meeting; LA to voice concerns over level of service to homeland members and feel that DEMED are forgetting people.

**CARRIED**

**10 NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting of the Gunbalanya Local Authority is scheduled for Wednesday 11 September 2024

**11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj declared the meeting closed at 2:30 pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority held on Tuesday 9 July 2024.

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