

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Gunbalanya Local Authority  
Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 10:00 am  
Council Chambers

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**Chairperson Nayinggul declared the meeting open at 10:30am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.**

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

**Member C Nayinggul declared the meeting open at 10:30am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.**

Council Nadjamerrek joined the meeting at 10:45am

**2 PERSONS PRESENT**

**APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Member (Chairperson)	Grant Nayinggul
Member	Henry Yates
Member	Evonne Gumurdul
Member	Connie Nayinggul
Member	Maxwell Garnarradj
Member	Kenneth Mangiru

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Project Officer	Ben Waugh
Director of Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth (via video)
Communication & PR	Heidi Walton
Council Services Manager	Vicki Mccoy
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson

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Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO  
Project Manager  
Information Advisor

Gina Carrascalao (via video)  
Clem Beard  
Ben Heaslip (via video)

### 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, Governance Advisor</b>

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

**GUN24/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Yates**  
**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the absence of Cr. Otto Dann, Chairperson Andy Garnarradj, Councilor Tamar Nawirridj & Member Nicodemus Nayilibidj;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr. Otto Dann, Chairperson Andy Garnarradj, Councilor Tamar Nawirridj & Member Nicodemus Nayilibidj; and
3. Determines nil 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, Governance Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

**GUN25/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Gumurdul**  
**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 14 May 2025.

**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, Governance Advisor</b>

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

**GUN26/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Garnarradj**  
**Seconded Member Yates**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received the declarations of interest as listed for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 14 May 2025.

**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, Governance Advisor</b>

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

**GUN28/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Yates**  
**Seconded Member Garnarradj**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopted the minutes of the 12 March 2025 Gunbalanya Local Authority as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## **7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Presentations Gunbalanya Sports &amp; Social Club</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations Gunbalanya Sports & Social Club.

**GUN27/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Gumurdul**  
**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the discussions by Gunbalanya Sports & Social Club.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Presentations - Red Lily Health Board</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations - Red Lily Health Board.

**GUN28/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Yates**  
**Seconded Member Garnarradj**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentations on update on services by Red Lily Health Board.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Presentations - Department of Housing</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations - Department of Housing.

**GUN29/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek**  
**Seconded Member Yates**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Notes the presentations on Housing matters by Department of Housing.
2. Request that NTG Housing facilitates an informal meeting with Local Authority members and Gunbalanya Housing Reference Group for the 28 May 2025.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Invited Guest - NT Police</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Gina Carrascalao, Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO</b>

This item was deferred.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Review of Action Items</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

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

**GUN30/2025 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Member Mangiru**

**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. Members requested to follow up with National Library of Australia regarding presentation on last meeting

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>By-Laws for Gunbalanya Community</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Ben Heaslip, Information Advisor</b>

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

**GUN31/2025 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek**

**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *By-Laws for Gunbalanya Community*; and
2. Provide feedback on the by-laws listed in this report; and
3. Approve/Do not approve the Administration to continue the process of developing by-laws by preparing a draft for community consultation and discussion.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2025-26</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2025-26.

**GUN32/2025 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Member G Nayinggul**

**Seconded Member Gumurdul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and note the report titled *Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2025-26*.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Finance Report for the month of February 2025</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report for the month of February 2025.

**GUN33/2025 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek**

**Seconded Member Gumurdul**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note the report titled *Finance Report for the month of February 2025*.

**CARRIED**

**9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

**GUN34/2025 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Member Gumurdul**

**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and note the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Human Resources Report as at 30 April 2025</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Linda Veugen-Yong, Human Resources Manager (Acting)</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Human Resources Report as at 30 April 2025.

**GUN35/2025 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Cr Nadjamerrek**

**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note the report titled *Human Resources Report as at 30 April 2025*.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.3</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.

**GUN36/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member Yates**  
**Seconded Member Mangiru**

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

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Technical Services Gunbalanya Projects Report</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Technical Services Gunbalanya Projects Report.

**GUN37/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Member G Nayinggul**  
**Seconded Member Gumurdul**

THAT LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Gunbalanya Projects Report*.

**CARRIED**

Council will review options for the billabong.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Gunbalanya Cemetery Progress Report</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Sara Fitzgerald, Waste and Resource Coordinator</b>

The Local Authority considered a report on Gunbalanya Cemetery Progress Report.

**GUN38/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Mayor Woods**  
**Seconded Member Mangiru**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note the report titled *Gunbalanya Cemetery Progress Report*.

**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, Governance Advisor</b>

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

**GUN39/2025 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Mayor Woods**  
**Seconded Member Mangiru**

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

**CARRIED**

### 11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 16 July 2025.

### 12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 3:06pm.

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