



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

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson 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
Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO	Gina Carrascalao (via video)
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Information Advisor	Ben Heaslip (via video)

### 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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Presentations Gunbalanya Sports & Social Club
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

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

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

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

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

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

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

This item was deferred.

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

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

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

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 the Administration to continue the process of developing by-laws by preparing a draft for community consultation and discussion.

CARRIED

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

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

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

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

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

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

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

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

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Vicki McCoy, Council Services Manager, Gunbalanya

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

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	Technical Services Gunbalanya Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

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.

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

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

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.

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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