

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Gunbalanya Local Authority
Wednesday, 16 July 2025 at 9:15am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Garnarradj declared the meeting open at 9:50am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Director of Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth (via video)
Director of Finance	Joycelyn Nathanael-Walters (via video)
Council Services Manager	Vicki Mccoy
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson (via video)
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
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:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

GAR40/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Member Henry Yates

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the apology received from Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Cr Tamar Nawirridj, Cr Otto Dann, Members Grant Nayinggul and Nicodemus Nayilibidj; and
2. Determines Cr Tamar Nawirridj, Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Cr Otto Dann, Members Grant Nayinggul and Nicodemus Nayilibidj are absent with permission of the Authority.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

GAR41/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Henry Yates

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 16 July 2025.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

GAR42/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY received nil declarations of interest for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 16 July 2025.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

GAR43/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Evonne Gumurdul

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopted the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Item 7.1 – Presentations and Visitors was deferred and Item 7.2 – Invited Guests – NT Police was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Invited Guest - NT Police.

Remote Sergeant Chan'e Mienie, NT Police joined the meeting at 9:55am.

GAR44/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY noted the update on Law and Order by the NT Police.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Presentations and Visitors
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

Representatives from Red Lily Health Clinic, Brad Palmer and Jarrad Giles joined the meeting at 10:11am.

The Local Authority held a minute silence to acknowledge the loss of the Red Lily Health Clinic's former Chair.

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj left the meeting at 10:21am and returned at 10:23am.

Representatives from Red Lily Health Clinic, Brad Palmer and Jarrad Giles left the meeting at 10:42am.

GAR45/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Connie Nayinggul

Seconded Member Henry Yates

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation by Red Lily Health Clinic.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

Members Kenneth Mangiru and Grant Nayinggul as members of the Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation left the meeting at 10:49am and returned at 10:52am while the Local Authority members discussed the upgrade of the basketball courts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am and reconvened at 11:24am.

GAR46/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Henry Yates

Seconded Member Maxwell Garnarradj

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.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Presentations and Visitors
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

Kiarna Collinson and Sarah Jane, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development joined the meeting at 11:27am and left at 11:56am.

GAR47/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Henry Yates

Seconded Member Grant Nayinggul

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

CARRIED

8 ACTION REPORTS (Continued)

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.

GAR48/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Member Evonne Gumurdul

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *By-Laws for Gunbalanya Community*; and
2. Request draft By-laws for Commercial Waste, Removal of Commercial Waste and Traffic for consideration.

CARRIED

9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Technical Services Gunbalanya Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

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

GAR49/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Henry Yates

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
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.

GAR50/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receive and note the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*; and
2. Approve the allocation of \$200.00 from the Gunbalanya Local Authority funding for the purchase of a farewell gift or to contribute to a farewell for the Sport and Recreation Officer who has resigned.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Human Resources Report as at 30 June 2025
Author:	Linda Veugen-Yong, Human Resources Manager (Acting)

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

GAR51/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Evonne Gumurdul

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	2025 Local Government General Elections
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on 2025 Local Government General Elections.

Chairperson Andy Garnarradj left the meeting at 12:43pm and returned at 12:50pm.

GAR52/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Henry Yates

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note the report titled *2025 Local Government General Elections*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	Finance Report to May 2025
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to May 2025.

Chairperson left the meeting at 12:43pm and returned at 12:50pm.

GAR53/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Evonne Gumurdul

Seconded Member Connie Nayinggul

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receive and note the report titled *entitled Finance Report to May 2025*.

CARRIED

10 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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

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

GAR54/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Member Henry Yates

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

1. The Community needs a funeral 4wd motor vehicle; and
2. The Gunbalanya morgue requires maintenance.

CARRIED

11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2025.

12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Garnarradj declared the meeting closed at 1:02pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority held on Wednesday 16 July 2025.

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