



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

**MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY
MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2026**

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WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Local Authority Meeting of the West Arnhem Regional Council will be held in Maningrida on Monday 24 August 2026 at 10:00 am.



Katharine Clare Murray
Chief Executive Officer

Code of Conduct: The Local Government Act 2019

As stipulated in Schedule 1 of the Act, the Code of Conduct for Members is as follows:

1. *Honesty and Integrity:* A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.
2. *Care and diligence:* A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.
3. *Courtesy:* A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
4. *Prohibition on bullying:* A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.
5. *Conduct towards Council staff:* A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, council staff.
6. *Respect for cultural diversity and culture:* A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.
A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
7. *Conflict of interest:* A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.
If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.
8. *Respect for confidences:* A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.
A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.
9. *Gifts:* Members must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.
A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.'
10. *Accountability:* A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.
11. *Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount:* A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
12. *Training:* A member must undertake relevant training in good faith.

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Acknowledgement of Country

West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians, and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Caretakers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Region Wards.

West Arnhem Regional Council pays its respects and acknowledges Elders, past, present and rising.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for the Maningrida Local Authority record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Authority members, as well as record any absence without notice for the meeting held on 24 August 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from
3. Determines ... are an apology with permission of the Authority
4. Determines ... are absent without permission of the Authority.

COMMENT

Local Authorities can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by the Local Authority will be recorded as absent without notice.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Guideline 1: Local Authorities

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Local Authority Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration at the Local Authority meeting:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the meeting as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in a general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council meeting, disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of the Local Authority on whether they shall remain in the Chambers and/or take part in the vote on the issue. The Local Authority may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting them to leave the Chambers.

Staff Members of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time on which they are required to act or exercise their delegate authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure, the staff member is not to act or exercise their delegated authority unless Council expressly directs them to do so.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY acknowledges that there were no declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 24 August 2026.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 114 (Elected Members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Section 179 (staff members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.4 Risk Management

The monitoring and minimisation of risks associated with the operations of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Unconfirmed minutes from the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on Monday, 11 May 2026 are submitted to the Local Authority for confirmation that the minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopts the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday, 11 May 2026 as a true and correct record.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Sections 101(4) and 101(5) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Clause 13.1 *Guideline 1: Local Authorities 2021*.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026-05-11 Maningrida Local Authority Minutes - Unconfirmed [5.1.1 - 10 pages]



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Maningrida Local Authority
Monday, 11 May 2026 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting open at 10:13am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Member	Sharon Hayes
Member	Marlene Kernan (via audio)
Member	Garth Doolan
Member	Joyce Bohme

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Joseph Diddo

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell (via Teams)
Director Corporate Services	Jocelyn Nathanael Walters (via Teams)
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin (via Teams)

Communications and Public Relations Coordinator Heidi Walton

GUESTS

Mural Wall Artist Bryan Itch and Andrew Bourke

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

MAN1/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the apology received from Members Shane Namanurki and Monica Wilton; and
2. Determines Members Shane Namanurki and Monica Wilton are an apology with permission of the Authority

CARRIED

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

MAN2/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY acknowledges that there were no declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 11 May 2026.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 13 October 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 13 October 2026.

MAN3/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopts the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on Monday, 13 October 2025 as a true and correct record, correcting the Chairperson's spelling of his name.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	5.2
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Provisional Meeting Minutes - 2 March 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Provisional Meeting Minutes - 2 March 2026.

MAN4/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes
Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopts the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Monday, 2 March 2026 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned briefly to present a staff member with a service award.

6 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Invited Guest - Apex Security Group
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

This item was deferred due to the unavailability of the Apex Security Group.

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Invited Guest - Mural Wall Art
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

This item was deferred until the representative was scheduled to join.

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	2024-2025 Annual Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on 2024-2025 Annual Report.

MAN5/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *2024-2025 Annual Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Scott Page, Acting Manager Regional Council Services

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

Member Garth Doolan joined the meeting at 11:03am.

Discussion took place in regards to recruitment, training available and provided by Council, simplifying the vacancy job titles and agencies working together.

Weed control was raised as a concern, in particular to gamba grass the new subdivision and top camp.

MAN6/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Acceptance of the Concept Design of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of the Concept Design of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida.

Member Marlene Kernan joined the meeting at 11:36am.

MAN7/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Acceptance of the Concept Design of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida*;
2. Approves the Conceptual Design of a permanent electronic inbuilt Scoreboard – Maningrida Oval; and
3. Relocates the location to where the existing scoreboard is usually displayed near the water tanks.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm and reconvened at 12:40pm.

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

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

MAN8/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Garth Doolan

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report*; and
2. Requests a quote to include a shower in the new toilet block.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.5
Title:	Human Resources Report as of 24 April 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Human Resources Report as of 24 April 2026.

MAN9/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Human Resources Report as of 24 April 2026*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Invited Guest - Mural Wall Art
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Invited Guest - Mural Wall Art.

It was agreed that the Council would provide further information for the representatives to establish what preparation is required, the costings and how long the project would take to complete.

Andrew Bourke and Bryan Itch joined the meeting at 12:58pm and left at 1.40pm.

MAN10/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Member Joyce Bohme

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation by Bryan Itch, Mural Artist noting that the Local Authority has requested a collaborative project with a local artists and the project involving the youth in community.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.6
Title:	Finance Report to 31 March 2026
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to 31 March 2026.

MAN11/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Finance Report to 31 March 2026*.

CARRIED

8 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Strategic Plan Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Strategic Plan Review.

MAN12/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Strategic Plan Review*; and
2. Considers providing feedback in relation to the questions raised with the report as follows:
 - In relation to WARC activities only, what matters most for your community in the next five years?
 - Which current pillars and priorities feel right? Which need to change?
 - Where is Council doing well? Where does it need to improve?
 - How should we measure success by Council in your community?

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

MAN13/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Reviews the outstanding action items and gives approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Community Honour Board
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Community Honour Board.

MAN14/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Community Honour Board*; and
2. Determines the names of the West Arnhem Regional Council Elected Members who have passed be remain on the honour boards within the Maningrida community.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Community Benefit Fund
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Community Benefit Fund.

MAN15/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Community Benefit Fund*; and
2. Prioritises a list of projects from the Local Authority members for the Administration to pursue future grant applications.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Updated design works of the Water Bubbler for healthier drinking options at the MGD Basketball Court
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Updated design works of the Water Bubbler for healthier drinking options at the MGD Basketball Court.

MAN16/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Updated design works of the Water Bubbler for healthier drinking options at the MGD Basketball Court*; and
2. Approves the updated water bubbler design and water bottle filling station.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.6
Title:	Proposed Fencing of the Basketball Court - Maningrida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Proposed Fencing of the Basketball Court - Maningrida.

MAN17/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Member Joyce Bohme

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Proposed Fencing of the Basketball Court - Maningrida*; and
2. Approves the allocation of \$59,528.00 for the supply and installation of fencing from the Maningrida Local Authority utilising high black style pool fencing 2.1m high.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.7
Title:	Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Local Authority considered a report on Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works.

Member Joyce Bohme left the meeting at 2:57pm.

MAN18/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works* and includes an opening ceremony.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.8
Title:	Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2026-27
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Corporate Services

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

MAN19/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY approves financially supporting the Maningrida Local Primary School – Student Sponsorship – U12 Athletics up to a total of \$1,000 pending advice on the funding requirements.

CARRIED

MAN20/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY recorded for action questions from Members as follows:

- * Maningrida Lighting Home Town
- * Alleyway between Lot 684 and Lot 629 to be investigated and maintained.

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 14 July 2026.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting closed at 3:12pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 11 May 2026.

Click [here](#) to view the agenda for the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 11 May 2026.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Strategic Plan Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Local Authority as part of the review of the Strategic Pillars.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Strategic Plan Review*; and
2. Provides feedback in relation to the questions raised within the report.

BACKGROUND

In January 2026 consultation commenced with Council to review the strategic direction to ensure alignment with current priorities and values.

In March 2026 the review of the pillars was introduced to the Local Authorities and Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee with further consultation to follow.

The Council approved the following questions be put to the Local Authorities and Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee to commence a further review:

1. In relation to WARC activities only, what matters most for your community in the next five years?
2. Which current pillars and priorities feel right? Which need to change?
3. Where is Council doing well? Where does it need to lift?
4. How should we measure success by Council in your community?

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Pillars and Goals 2026-27 [6.1.1 - 3 pages]

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING	
Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.	
Goal 1.1	Community Engagement Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life
Goal 1.2	Economic Partnerships Secure increased income opportunities (grants and commercial) that create employment and/or improve community life
Goal 1.3	Communication Deliver dynamic communication which is culturally informed and appropriate, engaging and relevant to the interests of Council
Goal 1.4	Community Events Deliver cultural, civic and sporting events which engage and unite the community
Goal 1.5	Cultural Training Develop increased understanding and observation of cultural protocols
Goal 1.6	Youth Engagement Deliver diverse, targeted programs and events which actively empower and engage young people as valuable partners in decision-making which affects them

PILLAR 2 INCREASED LOCAL INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT	
We are committed to investing in and supporting local Indigenous employment. We recognise the instrumental value that Indigenous staff bring to our organisation and the social force that occurs with employment opportunities.	
Goal 2.1	Indigenous Employment Framework Create Council Indigenous employment framework including tailored pathways to employment
Goal 2.2	Traineeships and Apprenticeships Provide local residents opportunities to learn and obtain professional qualifications
Goal 2.3	Policy and Procedures Research, review and develop policy to underpin and inform Council's intent and strategy to increase local Indigenous employment

PILLAR 3 SAFETY AND WELLBEING	
As an 'Employer of Choice', we provide and promote a positive culture of safety, inclusion and respect. Our people are skilled, informed and have opportunities to grow and develop within our organisation. Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs.	
Goal 3.1	Cultural Safety Delivery of actions in the Council 'Innovate' Reconciliation Action Plan
Goal 3.2	Health and Safety Staff and public safety is achieved via planning, education and training
Goal 3.3	Learning and Development Deliver training and development which is effective, culturally appropriate, engaging and increases future employment opportunities and pathways
Goal 3.4	Community Service Delivery Provision of high quality, culturally informed programs that support and enhance the safety and wellbeing of community members

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT	
We provide high quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.	
Goal 4.1	Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure
Goal 4.2	Waste and Water Management Deliver environmentally and economically sound solid waste, water and sewerage services
Goal 4.3	Local Road Management and Maintenance Tactically monitor, maintain and manage Council gazetted roads and community safety via traffic management

PILLAR 5 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION	
Leading by example, we commit to developing a culture of sustainable practice. We recognise and champion the importance of safe guarding our environment for future generations by working collectively with community, private enterprises and all tiers of government.	
Goal 5.1	Recycling and Waste Develop recycling and waste initiatives which protect and preserve community natural resources and the local environment
Goal 5.2	Education Develop and deliver locally relevant education initiatives on sustainability and climate impacts across multiple mediums and platforms
Goal 5.3	Policy Devise and implement a Sustainability and Climate Action Policy

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE	
Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.	
Goal 6.1	Financial Management Provision of strong financial management and leadership which ensures long term sustainability and growth
Goal 6.2	Records Delivery of storage and retrieval of records processes which support efficient and transparent administration
Goal 6.3	Council and Local Authorities Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation
Goal 6.4	Risk Management The monitoring and minimisation of risks associated with the operations of Council
Goal 6.5	Planning and Reporting Robust planning and reporting that supports Council's decision-making processes
Goal 6.6	Information and Communication Technology Effective and innovative information technology solutions which maximise service delivery and support Council's operations

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 August 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Finance Report - Maningrida Local Authority
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

SUMMARY

This Financial Report covers the period 1 July 2026 to 31 May 2026 and is prepared specifically for the Maningrida Local Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Finance Report - Maningrida Local Authority*.

BACKGROUND

A local authority meeting agenda is to include a Finance Report.

COMMENT

The Local Authority's Finance Report covers the council activities and projects within the community. The reported activities include the council's Core Services funded by both tied and untied money, Commercial Services and Community Services.

The Finance Report also reports on the Local Authority's own projects and projects for Maningrida funded from the council's own money.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Clause 10 of the *Local Government Guideline 1: Local Authority* states what a local authority agenda must include. Sub-clause 10.1 says the report from the CEO is to include the progress and financial report on local authority projects and a report on current council services and projects in the local authority area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.1 Financial Management

Provision of strong financial management and leadership which ensures long term sustainability and growth.



Maningrida Local Authority Committee Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 May 2026

Actual v Budget – Operational – July 2025 to May 2026

Actual v Budget - Maningrida as at 31 May 2026						
Description	MANINGRIDA					
	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
Operational Revenue						
Income Rates and Charges	702,127	745,413	(43,286)	(6%)	745,413	94%
Income Council Fees and Charges	64,883	79,471	(14,588)	(18%)	82,942	78%
Income Operating Grants	1,209,445	1,256,908	(47,464)	(4%)	1,254,613	96%
Income Allocation	32,991	93,995	(61,004)	(65%)	106,221	31%
Other Income	102,386	18,142	84,244	100%+	20,000	100%+
Income Agency and Commercial Services	1,470,092	1,488,397	(18,305)	(1%)	1,632,866	90%
Charges - Waste	687,903	735,252	(47,349)	(6%)	735,252	94%
Total Operational Revenue	4,269,827	4,417,579	(147,752)	(3%)	4,577,307	93%
Operational Expenditure						
Employee Expenses	1,835,370	2,101,445	(266,075)	(13%)	2,307,736	80%
Contract and Material Expenses	760,639	1,074,065	(313,426)	(29%)	1,563,726	49%
Finance Expenses	697	998	(301)	(30%)	1,050	66%
Travel, Freight and Accom Expenses	201,183	190,974	10,209	5%	207,430	97%
Fuel, Utilities & Communication	384,045	346,134	37,911	11%	373,368	100%+
Other Expenses	805,160	785,962	19,197	2%	923,565	87%
Council Committee & LA Allowances	4,550	6,000	(1,450)	(24%)	6,000	76%
Council Committee & LA Expenses	5,884	8,000	(2,116)	(26%)	8,000	74%
Total Operational Expenditure	3,997,528	4,513,578	(516,051)	(11%)	5,390,875	74%
Total Operational Surplus / (Deficit)	272,299	(96,000)	368,299	100% +	(813,568)	0%

Actual v Budget – Operational – July 2025 to May 2026



Annual Budget Operating Position as at 31 May 2026						
Description	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	272,299	(96,000)	368,299	100% +	(813,568)	0%
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS						
Less Non-Cash Income	(32,991)	(93,995)	61,004	65%	(106,221)	31%
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	(1,102,596)	(1,135,029)	32,433	3%	(1,224,528)	90%
Total Non-Cash Items	1,069,604	1,041,034	28,571	3%	1,118,307	96%
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS						
Capital Expenditure	1,972,720	2,431,658	(458,938)	(19%)	2,668,758	74%
Total Additional Outflows	1,972,720	2,431,658	(458,938)	(19%)	2,668,758	74%
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS						
Capital Grants Income	11,227	-	11,227	100%	-	100%
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	2,744,678	2,744,678	-	-	2,744,678	100%
Total Additional Inflows	2,755,905	2,744,678	11,227	0%	2,744,678	100% +
Net Budgeted Operating Position	2,125,089	1,258,054	867,034	69%	380,659	100% +

Legend:

- Unfavourable variance over \$75,000
- Unfavourable variance under \$75,000
- Favourable variance
- ! Variance over \$300,000

Grant Funding – Community Projects and Programs – July 2025 to May 2026

Excludes LAP Funding



Grant Funding - Community Projects	Funding Body	Approved Budget (A)	Prior Year Expenditure (B)	Expenditure to date 2025-26 (C)	Commitments to Date (D)	Available Funds as at 31.05.2026 (A-B-C-D)
ABA - Maningrida Oval Changerooms	National Indigenous Australians Agency	4,581,700	(2,665,585)	(1,482,909)	(177,303)	255,903
Regional and Remote Burials Grant - MAN and WAR	NT - Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet	29,315	(535)	(28,780)	-	-
LRCI Phase 4 - Part B - Malabam Road - Maningrida	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts	311,638	(237,674)	(19,776)	-	54,189
West Arnhem Cemetery Establishment - Maningrida	NT - Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet	415,000	(1,409)	(247,737)	(16,685)	149,170
Upgrade for Maningrida Rd and airport road funeral	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics	500,000	(489,390)	(10,610)	-	-
R2R - Airport Road, Maningrida(Lot 438 to 739)	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts	250,000	(224,032)	-	-	25,968
Repair and Maintenance of Maningrida Basketball Court	Nja marléya Cultural Leaders and Justice Group ("Nja-marléya") and National Indigenous Australians Agency	62,730	(20,000)	(33,847)	-	8,883
4WD Buse - Sports & Recreation	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts	220,000	(628)	(75,758)	(12,864)	130,750
Repair the Maningrida Pool Eroded Footings	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	50,000	-	(46,901)	-	3,099
TOTAL GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES		6,420,383	(3,639,252)	(1,946,317)	(206,852)	627,962

Grant Funding - Community program / activities	Funding Body	Expenditure to date 2025-26 (A)	Commitments to Date (B)	Total Expenditure (A+B)
Deliver Indigenous Broadcasting Programs (RIBS)	National Indigenous Australians Agency	27,495	-	27,495
Australia Day Grant	Australia Day Council NT	214	-	214
Sports and Recreation	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	157,239	5,407	162,645
Active Regional and Remote Communities Program	Department of People, Sport and Culture	78,572	12,682	91,254
Remote Jobs for Economic Development – Job	National Indigenous Australians Agency	56,757	1,377	58,135
TOTAL GRANT FUNDED PRPGRAMS / ACTIVITIES		320,277	19,466	339,743

LAP Funding– Local Authority Projects (Money story to end of May 2026)

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects	Funding Amount \$	Fund received \$	Allocated \$	Balance Available for Allocation \$	Maningrida
LAP funding - 24-25	371,200	371,200	371,200	-	
LAP funding - 25-26	401,600	401,600	74,404	327,196	
Total Balance Available for Allocation				\$ 327,196	

Grant Funding - Local Authority Projects -Active Projects	Approved Budget \$	Meeting Date/ Resolution	Cash received to date (incl. Carried Forward) \$	Expenditure prior years \$	Expenditure to date 2025-26 \$	Commitments \$	Available Funds Active Projects as at 31.05.2026 \$	Status
Local Authority Projects (LAP)								
LAP Height of Airport Shelter	37,235	02/03/2026 MAN-P11/2026	37,235	-	(8,331)	(4,057)	24,847	Awaiting for the Development Consent Authority to sign off the proposed works.
LAP - Chilled Water Bubbler - Basketball Court	20,000	02/03/2026 MAN-P10/2026	20,000	-	-	(3,006)	16,994	Delivery to Darwin is anticipated for mid-July. After arrival, further modifications will be prepared in Darwin before being transported to Maningrida.
LAP - Community Initiatives and Events	50,000	13/10/2025 MAN63/2026	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	Funds have been quarantined by the Maningrida Local Authority for upcoming nominated community events.
LAP -Fencing Basketball Court Maningrida	59,528	11/05/2026 MAN17/2026	59,528	-	-	-	59,528	Procurement & Installation quotes to be finalised and Purchase Order to be raised to commence works.
LAP - Animal Management	39,173	28/11/2024 MAN55/2024	39,173	-	-	(39,173)	-	<u>Scheduled visits - 2026:</u> July 6, 2026 - July 10, 2026 : 3 vets and 3 students; August 10, 2026 - August 21, 2026: 3 vets and 2 vet nurses; September 14, 2026 - September 18, 2026 : 4 vets and 3 students.
LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS	205,936	-	205,936	-	(8,331)	(46,236)	151,369	

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is submitted for Maningrida Local Authority to review and discuss the progress on outstanding action items from meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Reviews the outstanding action items and gives approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

BACKGROUND

Action items arise out of resolutions of the Local Authority or questions asked by Members. The attached register provides the current status of the action items as provided by the administration. The administration recommends items as complete but it is for the Local Authority to determine whether the item remains active or is complete and can be removed.

COMMENT

The actions that Local Authority resolves to occur are to be acted upon by the administration. This report enables Local Authority to progressively discuss and acknowledge the status of items.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Actions Maningrida [6.3.1 - 1 page]

Attachment 6.3.1 Actions Maningrida

Maningrida Local Authority - Actions				
Meeting Date	Status	Action Required	Assignees	Action Taken
10/03/2025	Recommend complete	Hard Rubbish Collection MAN7/2025 RESOLVED: Request staff liaise with Malala and Stedmans for assistance with hard rubbish collection.	Kylie Gregson, Peter Mickelson	Maningrida Works have commenced removing car bodies.
10/03/2025	In Progress	Outside School Hours Care MAN18/2025 RESOLVED: Administration to liaise with NIAA for potential for Outside School hours care proposal.	Peter Mickelson	Funding options being investigated.
14/07/2025	In Progress	Shelters - Foreshores MAN55/2025 Once approved by Northern Land Council, the Local Authority will be provided with projected costs	Clem Beard	Correspondence received from the NLC July 2025. 'The Maningrida Foreshore development proposal went to the ECM in June and was carried. Lawyers will have a draft lease to WARC in the near future' Draft lease received pending legal advice.
2/03/2026	In Progress	Maningrida Change Rooms Plaque MAN-P16/2026 RESOLVED: Maningrida Change Rooms Plaque - Named Manbiyiya Oval Changerooms officially opened on 14 November 2025 to be discussed at the consultation with Dhukurrdji and Language Clan Leaders.	Kylie Gregson	Pending meeting request with Dhukurrdji Clan
11/05/2026	Recommend complete	Mural Art Project - Maningrida MAN10/2026 Requests a collaborative project with a local artist and the project involving the youth in community.	Grant Mckenzie	Referred to Council.
11/05/2026	Not yet started	Maningrida Lighting Home Town MAN20/2026 Lighting poor in areas, investigate and advise.	Grant Mckenzie	
11/05/2026	Recommend complete	Alleyway Lot 684 and Lot 629 Maningrida MAN20/2026 Investigate closing and maintenance as requested.	Grant Mckenzie	Alleyway in use.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.4
Title:	Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at the Office - MGD
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

SUMMARY

This report is to provide the Maningrida Local Authority with an indicative cost estimate to install showers at the newly renovated Ablution Block/Toilets at the Council Office.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and note the report titled *Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at the Office - MGD*; and
2. Approves the installation of showers at the Council Toilets at an indicative cost of \$8,804.40

BACKGROUND

At the previous Maningrida Local Authority meeting held Monday 11 May 2026 an update was provided on the progress of the projects currently in place. (Resolution MAN8/2026)

The Local Authority requested administration to explore the option of showers to be retrofitted after the current renovations to Public Toilets were completed.

COMMENT

Administration revisited plans and drawings to review the implications of installing requested showers once Occupancy Permits were approved and received.

Installation of showers for each male and female disabled toilet can be achieved with a moderate cost to the current Local Authority budget.

An indicative costs budget was formulated per below:

Shower installation x 2 - Maningrida Public Toilets			
Description	Qty	Per Item	Total
Shower/grab rail combo's AS 1428	2	\$ 968.00	\$ 1,936.00
Accessible folding seats AS 1428	2	\$ 770.00	\$ 1,540.00
Plumbing materials and miscellaneous items	1	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00
Assembly and installation of fixtures	1	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Sub Total			\$ 7,656.00
Contingency 15%			\$ 1,148.40
Total			\$ 8,804.40



LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government purchasing policy applies to this acquisition.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Authority has delegated approval to commit available funds from the annual funding allocation for Maningrida Local Authority projects

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.3 Communication

Deliver dynamic communication which is culturally informed and appropriate, engaging and relevant to the interests of Council.

Goal 1.4 Community Events

Deliver cultural, civic and sporting events which engage and unite the community.

Goal 1.5 Cultural Awareness Training

Develop increased understanding and observation of cultural protocols.

PILLAR 3 SAFETY AND WELLBEING

As an 'Employer of Choice', we provide and promote a positive culture of safety, inclusion and respect. Our people are skilled, informed and have opportunities to grow and develop within our organisation. Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs.

Goal 3.2 Health and Safety

Staff and public safety is achieved via planning, education and training.

Goal 3.4 Community Service Delivery

Provision of high quality, culturally informed programs that support and enhance the safety and wellbeing of community members.

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

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ATTACHMENTS

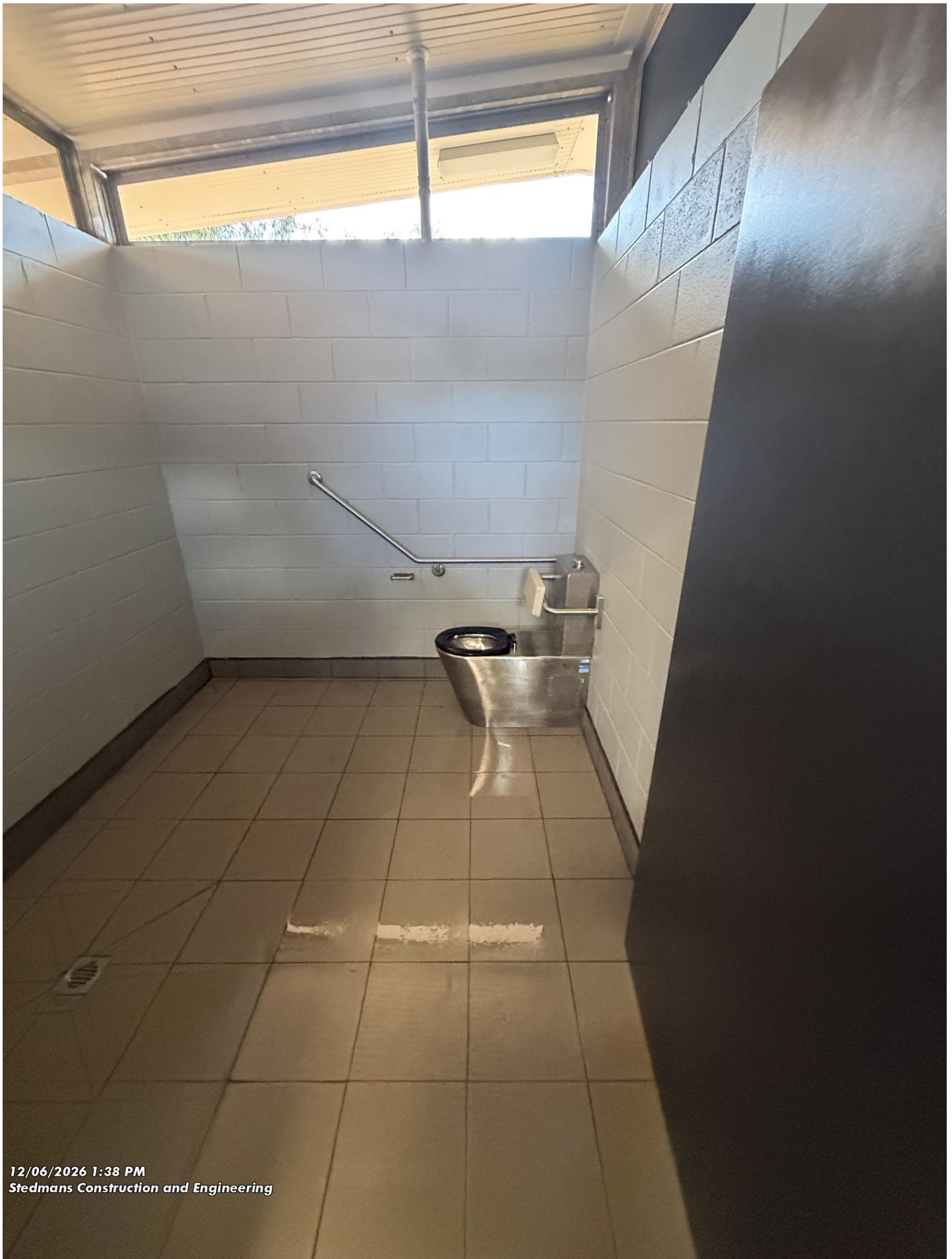
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Maningrida Local Authority
Monday 24 August 2026



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Stedmans Construction and Engineering

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.5
Title:	Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2026
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Maningrida Local Authority members with an update on a quote received for New Year's Eve (NYE) fireworks display 2026 due to escalating costs of barge freight from Darwin to Maningrida.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report entitled *Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2026*; and
2. Approves the allocation of circa \$99,475.00 from the Maningrida Local Authority funding for the New Year's Eve Celebrations 2026.

BACKGROUND

The administration is providing cost estimates for the Local Authority's consideration and budget purposes and to secure the services of interstate-based Pyrotechnics availability to be onsite in Maningrida NYE 2026. This is now an annual event, and the West Arnhem regional Council (WARC) team will be building on the success of the previous four (4) years in partnership with Fireworks Australia. The utilization of newly constructed changerooms will provide under cover seating and public ablution facilities at the Oval to increase the overall experience in celebrating a public event on New Years Eve for the Community of Maningrida.

COMMENT

Following the Local Authority's request, the administration has outlined the proposed project and prepared indicative cost estimates.

The administration has sourced a quote from the previous proven provider to put on a display at the Maningrida Oval for NYE 2026:

- Fireworks display duration is a 12-minute-high energy show.
- The show includes large aerial display shells and a broad variety of multi-layer packs.
- The listed prices are indicative only, and the supply of fireworks and Pyro technique display show will be released to the market for competitive quotes.

Suggested Project / Project Location	Project Description	Estimated Cost
New Year's Eve Celebrations – Maningrida Community.	Provide a cost estimate for fireworks displays for the New Year's Eve celebration for the Maningrida Community. The fireworks display to be held at: • 7.30pm family event. Price includes: • Labour cost; • Travel costs; • Freight of fireworks and equipment;	The cost estimate for the fireworks display is \$99,475.00.

	• Site security; • Safe storage of fireworks; • WARC Staff costs; • Perimeter oval security mobilization and demobilization costs; • Accommodation; and • Vehicle hire.	
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Item Description	Estimated Cost
Fireworks show including, pyrotechnics, flights, accommodation, freight, compliance, WHS, insurance, administration, truck hire, travel, meals, materials and barge freight.	\$75,000.00
Internal Staff Wages/Delineation barrier materials	\$10,000.00
Staff Travel – Flights and Accommodation	\$1,500.00
Sub Total	\$86,500.00
Contingencies 15%	\$12,975.00
Total	\$99,475.00

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

The storage, handling and use of fireworks is regulated under the Dangerous Goods Act 1998 and Regulations 1985. All permits and NT WorkSafe legislation must be pre-approved.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Allocate available funding from the Local Authority

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

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Goal 1.4 Community Events

Deliver cultural, civic and sporting events which engage and unite the community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Cover letter WARC [6.5.1 - 2 pages]



1st June 2026

West Arnhem Regional Council
Att: Clem Beard

Dear Clem,

Thank you for the opportunity to quote for the Maningrida NYE 2026/27 New Years Eve fireworks display. This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in a prominent and superbly managed fireworks event which has been well received by the community over the previous years of our involvement.

Based on 2025/26 pricing, we will be able to deliver the 2026/27 display for the same amount. One variant is Seaswift, who only forecast out 30 days on fuel surcharges/freight charges. Whilst we can keep our costs the same as 25/26 overall, a lot can happen within global fuel supplies/prices over the next 7 months, I'm sure you are managing this daily with the community. I have updated and improved the proposal and the pricing strategy we have applied is to maintain a level of quality and materials as previously delivered. Please keep in mind that fireworks are exposed to many well recognised cost increases such as fuel, insurance, labour and compliance. It would be our goal to at the very minimum maintain the show materials and even to hopefully build the show over time.

To make sure that we can offer a better value service than our competitors we focus strongly on the following:

- Fireworks Australia worked tirelessly to support Council in every aspect and ensure a safe and timely solution for each display over the last 4 years. I think it's fair to say we showed a full commitment to our client to get a great result.
- All projects are supervised from start to finish by the most experienced and key technicians in the company. Every show is custom designed and delivered with the most appropriate materials, design and safety features. You will not be a distant client for a company focused on bigger shows somewhere else.
- Fireworks Australia is the largest wholesaler of fireworks to the industry. We research, contract manufacture and test all our own material which includes more than 2400 different items. QA test reports and production test video is available to all agencies and designers.

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- Fireworks Australia is the only fireworks Registered Training Organisation in NSW. This is important because our technicians are trained and certified to the national units of competency (highest standard) as required now in most Australian States.
- Like West Arnhem Regional Council, we promote innovation in our show designs. Fireworks Australia now has a range of fully biodegradable fireworks that contain no plastic, solid metal and very little paper products. They are machine moulded from organic agricultural byproducts and earth minerals. They are inert and break down rapidly in water. This technology is exclusive to our company in Australia.

We are a very service focused company and will work hard to deliver you the best possible outcomes based on your requirements. The key features of our shows are the elevation of the effects, we can assure Council this quote includes big and high effects whilst ensuring public safety and regulatory compliance. The final shell size is determined by the exclusion zone provided and we plan to use the biggest possible shell.

The following quotation is of course adaptable to any additional requirements that you may have. It is our intention to provide the best show ever for the community and develop a long-term relationship with Council as a quality provider.

I look forward to being of service.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Guest'.

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WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.6
Title:	Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

SUMMARY

This report seeks the Maningrida Local Authority's consideration of remaining works required for completion of the establishment of the Manayingkarirra Cemetery.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works*; and
2. Approves the contribution of \$27,900.95 for remaining works for the Manayingkarirra Cemetery.

BACKGROUND

The Northern Territory Government enacted the *Burials and Cremations Act* in 2022 making Local Government the managers of cemetery facilities across the Northern Territory. West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) has worked with the community to provide a design that is both practical and culturally suitable.

The Traditional Owners were consulted on 14 July 2026 to finalise the design to enable the completion of works required to open the cemetery to the public. Modifications to the shelters and an additional vehicle gate were requested by the Traditional Owners to allow the passage of the hearse enabling cultural practices during the burial process.

Options for additional works were presented to the Maningrida Local Authority on 2 March 2026 with status of approved works detailed below.

COMMENT

Entry Sign - Design approved and sign has been completed and awaiting delivery to the community.

Seating - Seating options approved 2 March have been delivered to Maningrida and Stedmans Construction & Engineering has been engaged for the installation of the benches. The Traditional Owners have approved the placement of the seating and works are estimated to be completed end September.

Solar Lighting - Six pole-mounted solar lights with anti-climbing spikes have been installed by Stedmans Construction & Engineering and are now operational.



The remaining works – water connection, plants, water bubbler and tap, shelter installation and infrastructure modifications - are estimated to cost \$128,119.84. An application for funding for \$100,00.00 was submitted early April 2026 under the Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant. Council has been awarded \$59,500 (exc GST) towards these works under the grant. There are an additional \$40,718.89 unspent funds in the Cemetery Establishment Fund leaving a difference of \$27,900.95 to complete all works. The remaining works and budget are shown below.

BUDGET: \$100,218.89

Work Item	Supplier Name	Quote	Totals	Comments
Shelter Installation	Stedmans Construction and Engineering	\$27,246.78		Installation to code of 2 structures
TOTALS FOR SHELTER WORKS			\$27,246.78	
Shelter Modifications	AKS Welding and Fabrication	\$12,930		Raise height of original shelter design
Gate Modifications		\$10,000 (estimate)		Replace existing passenger gate with vehicle gate
TOTALS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MODIFICATIONS			\$22,930.00	
Water Connection Works	Stedmans Construction and Engineering	\$56,890.91		As per site servicing plan
Outdoor Tap	Exteria	\$5,318.00		
Outdoor Tap Installation		\$1,128.60		
TOTALS FOR WATER WORKS			\$63,337.51	
Landscaping	Territory Native Plants	\$2,805.55		40 x edible bush tucker 12L plants
Freight	Sea Swift	\$1,800.00		Estimate only
Installation	West Arnhem Regional Council			
TOTALS FOR LANDSCAPING WORKS			\$4,605.55	
Contingency			\$10,000.00	
TOTAL FOR ALL WORKS			\$128,119.84	

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2019

Burial and Cremation Act 2022

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Per funding agreement for 'Community Places for People Grant'

Per funding agreement for 'Regional and Remote Burial Areas Grant'

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

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Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

PILLAR 3 SAFETY AND WELLBEING

As an 'Employer of Choice', we provide and promote a positive culture of safety, inclusion and respect. Our people are skilled, informed and have opportunities to grow and develop within our organisation. Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs.

Goal 3.1 Cultural Safety

Delivery of actions in the WARC 'Innovate' Reconciliation Action Plan.

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.7
Title:	Acceptance of the new location of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

SUMMARY

This report provides the Maningrida Local Authority (LA) with an update on the concept design for the proposed new permanent electronic scoreboard at Maningrida Oval. The scoreboard is proposed to be relocated next to the irrigation tanks, in line with the request made at the LA meeting held in May 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Acceptance of the new location of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida*; and
2. Approves the relocation of the proposed new electronic permanent scoreboard – Maningrida Oval in front of existing irrigation tanks.

BACKGROUND

Funding and project timing: Administration has requested a variation to the funding agreement with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to use available surplus funds to construct a permanent scoreboard at Maningrida Oval. Works are proposed to commence once the changeroom construction and public toilet upgrade at the Maningrida Council Office have been completed.

Operational benefits: The permanent scoreboard will remove the need for Council staff to manually transport the trailer screen to and from the oval before and after scheduled games, which often occurs late in the evening. The existing trailer screen can remain available as a backup scoreboard if required, helping ensure scheduled competition games can continue as planned.

Asset protection and maintenance: Administration anticipates that damage, repair costs and ongoing maintenance expenses for the trailer screen will be significantly reduced. With less need to move the trailer screen across unsealed and uneven ground, it can remain at the swimming pool grounds for extended periods and avoid unnecessary transport-related wear and tear.

COMMENT

Supplier research and potential uses: Administration has consulted suppliers and reviewed existing electronic scoreboards currently used in Darwin for football and cricket games. The proposed scoreboard may also support broader community use, including movie nights, AFL and NRL grand finals, State of Origin games and other community events. The scope of works can also explore the requirements needed to facilitate live broadcasts.

Design and protection: To provide an enclosed, fit-for-purpose scoreboard screen, the concept design includes motorised steel roller doors at the front and rear of the structure. These doors are intended to protect the screen from potential damage and support ongoing maintenance. The roller door design will mirror the existing canteen window at the Maningrida Football Changerooms.

Recommended screen size: Supplier feedback indicates that a 6 metre x 4 metre scoreboard screen is required to provide suitable visibility from the newly constructed grandstand. By comparison, the existing trailer screen currently used is 3.84 metres x 2.24 metres. The larger screen size is expected to improve visibility for both sporting events and live entertainment.

Concept design: A draft 3D image of the proposed concept design for Maningrida Oval is provided below. The design includes motorised steel roller doors at the front for viewing and at the rear to support servicing and replacement of LED dot matrix panels.

Proposed location: Following discussion and review of the illustrated position, the Local Authority may decide to set the scoreboard back from the boundary fence line and locate it closer to the irrigation tanks. This position may provide improved viewing from key areas of the ground, including the grandstand.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government purchasing policy applies to the requested variation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been made available from NIAA from surplus funds per variation

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mockup of Scoreboard position at the MGD Oval [**6.7.1** - 1 page]



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 August 2026

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report will present the Local Authority (LA) with an update on the overview of all Local Authority and other Council projects delivered in the Maningrida Community, for the reporting period up to 7 August 2026. This report also includes an update on the Maningrida Landfill.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report*.

BACKGROUND

High level operational/project management reports are provided to ensure transparency, communication, and support are provided to elected members.

COMMENT

The table below provides a comprehensive snapshot of all projects currently being delivered to the Maningrida Community.

MANINGRIDA COUNCIL PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	TASK	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	31-12-2026	Initial construction works awarded to BV Constructions. Current approved works are installation of signage, seating and solar lighting. Remaining works is installation of shelter, water connection including tap and bubbler, and plants.	New Maningrida Cemetery.	80%

MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	STAGE	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	30-11-26	Alternative Water Bubbler requested 'Fit for Purpose' - Authorised at LA meeting in May 2026 to proceed with installation and fabrication. Procurement commenced for installation. Delays with site servicing plan PowerWater.	Installation of Chilled Water Bubbler, Basketball Court.	25%
In Progress	30-09-26	Procurement commenced - Awaiting on installation, target completion August 2026.	Installation of Internal Fencing Basketball Court.	25%
In Progress	30-09-26	Engineering and design works completed - awaiting revised Building Permit for variation approval.	Fabrication Variation, Raise Height of Airport Shelter - Cultural Entrance/Exit.	25%
In Progress	30-11-26	Tender awarded to the University of Melbourne. Maningrida scheduled remaining visits are 10th to 21st August 2026, 14th to 18th September 2026.	Vet Program - Animal Management.	50%

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

Goal 4.2 Fleet, Plant and Equipment

Provide a modern and well-maintained fleet of plant and vehicles capable of meeting service delivery requirements.

Goal 4.3 Waste and Water Management

Deliver environmentally and economically sound solid waste, water, and sewerage services.

Goal 4.4 Local Road Management and Maintenance

Tactically monitor, maintain, and manage Council gazetted roads and community safety via traffic management.

PILLAR 5 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION

Leading by example, we commit to developing a culture of sustainable practice. We recognise and champion the importance of safe-guarding our environment for future generations by working collectively with community, private enterprises and all tiers of government.

Goal 5.1 Recycling and Waste

Develop recycling and waste initiatives which protect and preserve community natural resources and the local environment.

Goal 5.2 Procurement

Develop and implement a leading-edge sustainability procurement strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Maningrida Landfill Update (1) [7.1.1 - 2 pages]

MANINGRIDA LANDFILL UPDATE

An inspection of the Maningrida Waste Management Facility was conducted on 30 October 2025 by the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA). The inspection report received by council in December 2025 raised several non-compliance issues present at the site, and these are being addressed.

Following the inspection, NT EPA issued a letter advising that this site does not currently hold an Environment Protection License and is in breach of the relevant legislation. Previously, a S19 Lease was required to apply for a license, but the NT EPA has stated this is no longer a requirement for an application to be made. Further clarification of the application process is being sought from the NT EPA.

Council staff is working hard to manage this site to ensure its operating to compliance as far as practicable. Recruitment of a dedicated Landfill Officer position will occur following the repair of facilities at the site.

To assist in enabling an onsite Landfill Officer to be stationed at the site, WARC has committed its 2024/2025 Waste and Resource Management (WARM) program funding to:

Commitment	Status
Replace the solar array at the Maningrida Landfill	• Ecospars have been engaged to undertake the installation • Works to commence when road access is available
Replace the damaged septic tank	• Stedmans Construction and Engineering have installed the system including protective bollards 
Install a new closed-circuit television (CCTV) system	• Cameras have been ordered • Quotes have been received to install the system

The 2024/2025 grant was scheduled to be expended by end June 2026 and an extension of time to end December 2026 has been submitted.

The 2025/2026 WaRM Grant funding has been committed to address the non-compliance issues identified by the NT EPA in October 2025. The following materials have been delivered to Maningrida under this grant:

- 1 x IBC bund with 1100 litre capacity for storage of non-commercial waste engine oil

- Frame and cover for waste oil bund
- 2 x purpose-built car battery storage containers

Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT (KAB NT) has been engaged with Maningrida identified as the priority for community education. KAB NT was in Maningrida 22 to 25 June 2026 and engaged with BAC; BAC Rangers, MPA; School, Police, Malala and the wider community.

Landfill operator training is being conducted for all communities. Staff involved in waste management will spend two days training in Jabiru 20 and 21 July 2026. Site specific training will be conducted in Maningrida 23 July 2026.

Three (3) containers of car batteries were sent to Darwin for processing by Sell & Parker.



Sell & Parker are keen to continue scrap metal removal in Maningrida once the road is reopened. In 2025 1,135 tonnes was removed from Maningrida and it is anticipated that this could be achieved again in 2026.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Pavement Defects
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report provides the Local Authority with information on road pavement defects identified within the Maningrida Township.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Pavement Defects*.

BACKGROUND

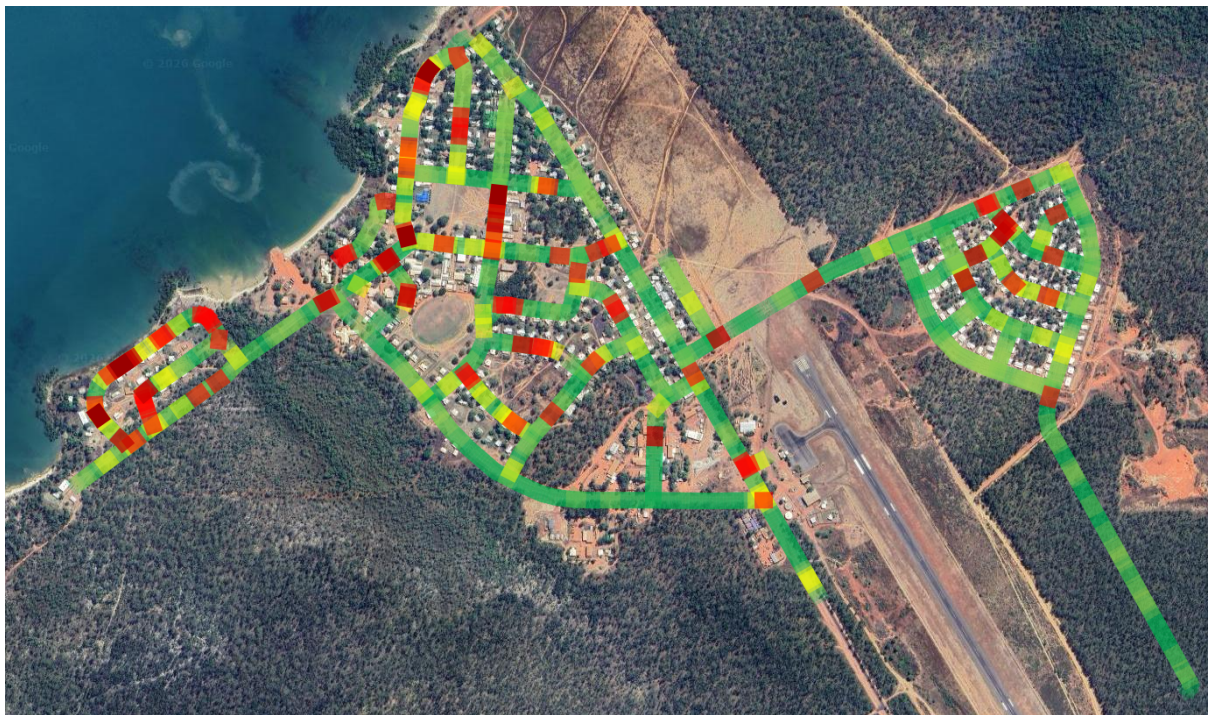
Council staff have engaged a local contractor to undertake specialised LiDAR data collection across road infrastructure in all five communities. This work will provide Council with more accurate and comprehensive information about its road-based assets.

The data will support improved planning for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades by giving operational staff a clearer understanding of road conditions and asset requirements. It will also strengthen future funding applications by providing evidence-based information on road infrastructure needs.

COMMENT

The photos below provide the Local Authority with a clear snapshot of road pavement defects across the Maningrida Township.

This information will assist Council to identify priority areas and develop an appropriate scope of works for repairing community roads.







LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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Goal 6.5 Planning and Reporting

Robust planning and reporting that supports Council's decision-making processes.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 August 2026

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services - Maningrida
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

SUMMARY

This report will present the Local Authority with an update on council services provided in the Maningrida community for the period 01 April 2026 – 30 July 2026, as prepared and presented by Council Services Manager (CSM), Ray Hocking.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services - Maningrida*.

BACKGROUND

All issues/matters raised are to be discussed by Local Authority members, as detailed in the report.

COMMENT

1. Community Recruitment

- Cleaner – Casual – open until filled.
- Youth, Sport & Recreation Assistants x 2 – Permanent – open until filled
- Bereavement Support Assistants x 2 – RJED – part time – open until filled
- Precinct Assistant – Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED)– part time – open until filled
- Pool & Safety Assistant x 2 – RJED part time – open until filled

2. Administration Services

2.1 Administration

The Maningrida Council administration office was open from 8:00am to 4:30pm on each business day during the report period except for the following periods:

- Open all operating hours

2.1 Post Office

Post Office services are provided by Maningrida Council administration staff during normal business hours. Mail was received, sorted, and dispatched each business day.

- May 11, 18 and 25 closed until 1pm to sort barge mail
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 closed until 1pm to sort barge mail
- June 23 – opening hours restricted to 1.30pm – 3.30pm due to staff availability
- July – continued restricted hours

Total postage received	13744.7kg
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2.2 Centrelink

N/A

2.2 Cleaning

Scheduled cleaning of council assets for reporting report has been completed as follows:

- Council office – twice a week – a total of 16 occasions.
- Playground amenities – once a week – total of 12 occasions
- Public toilets – twice a week – a total of 14 occasions.
- Common areas cleaned once a week – a total of 4 occasions.
- Visitor Accommodation rooms cleaned as required – total 40 room cleans.
- Cleaner is taking two days weekly annual leave as requested by HR to reduce excessive hours through reporting period.

4.1 Visitor Accommodation

The total number of current visitor accommodation available is thirteen (13). Bookings can be made through Little Hotelier, via the WARC website.

3. Wellbeing Services

3.1 Sport & Recreation

Dodgy Bros came to Maningrida June 11th – June 12th, 2026, to deliver programs

Flag football came to Maningrida May 20th – May 22nd May to deliver programs

AFL Grand Final resulted in a one point win to Saints

Territory Day Fireworks went off with a bang

3.2 Aquatic Centre

The Maningrida aquatic centre was open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 6:00am – 8:00am and 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Saturday and Sundays 8:00am – 12:00pm and 1:30pm – 5:00pm as per regular schedule. School holiday times are 12pm – 6pm

- School pool party held
- Pool team leader on leave 01st May – June 28th, 2026, then in Jabiru

Attendance totals	1137
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3.3 Broadcasting

In conjunction with Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA), broadcasting services were provided on 0 of the available days due to no staff being available.

4. Community Works

4.1 Parks and Open Space

The community is generally clean and tidy with rubbish collection occurring daily.

- Mowing, slashing, and whipper snipping is on-going in all areas of the Community.
- Weed spraying is being carried out in areas where needed on a regular basis. Works staff will be working alongside Rangers to conduct a weed spraying program.
- Hard rubbish is collected weekly as time and weather permits.
- Works staff regularly maintain yards in West Arnhem Regional Council vacant properties.

- Keep Australia Beautiful visit to Maningrida 22nd June – 25th June 2026
- Cemetery lights installed and operative

4.2 Roads

General minor road repairs and maintenance undertaken across the community.

- Potholes and roadside repairs are undertaken throughout the community.
- Power Station Road repaired

4.3 Waste

CSM attended training in Jabiru, with a further site visit by trainers

Landfill site operated between Mondays to Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm with no disruption to service.

- Firebreak around landfill cut
- 41 cars removed to landfill
- New septic installed for office

Total volume of waste on-charged	0
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5. Essential Services

5.1 Power

- 47 services requests from Indigenous Essential Services (IES)
- 10 engine services
- 14 power meter replacements
- 15 Power Coordinator and/or contractor onsite
- 8 fuel deliveries
- 0 scheduled power outage
- Firebreak around solar farm, bore field cut

5.2 Water

- Bore reads – 88
- Water samples taken - 17
- Residual Chlorine daily reads - 88

5.3 Sewage

- Sewerage pond inspections – 17
- Sewerage pumps daily reads - 88

5.4 Aerodrome

As per the contract, inspections, callouts and maintenance were undertaken by the Aerodrome Reporting Officer (ARO).

One Careflight not able to land due to runway lights inoperative

- Firebreaks cut

6. Community

6.1 Community meetings and events

- Keep Australia Beautiful attended, Malala opened new clinic Youth week
- AFL Finals
- Heads of Agency Meeting

Total number of meetings and events attended by the CSM	17
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6.2 Community key focus areas

Nil.

6.3 Good News Stories

- A new sports bus arrived June 2026
- First use of bus was by AFLNT to Gunbalanya

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATION

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 August 2026

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Human Resources Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Authority of Council employment statistics within the Local Government area and employment vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION

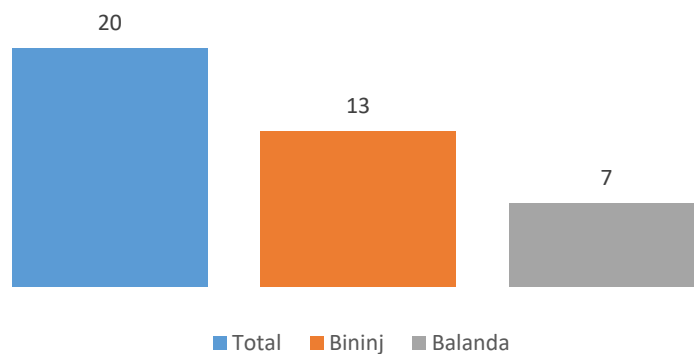
THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Human Resources Report*.

COMMENT

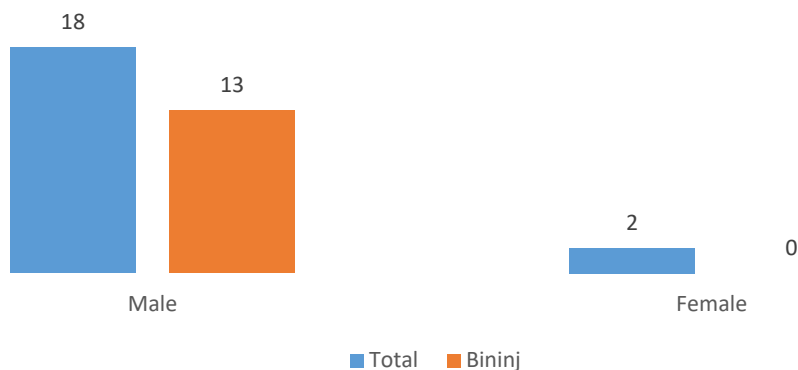
Workforce Report

As of 3 July 2026

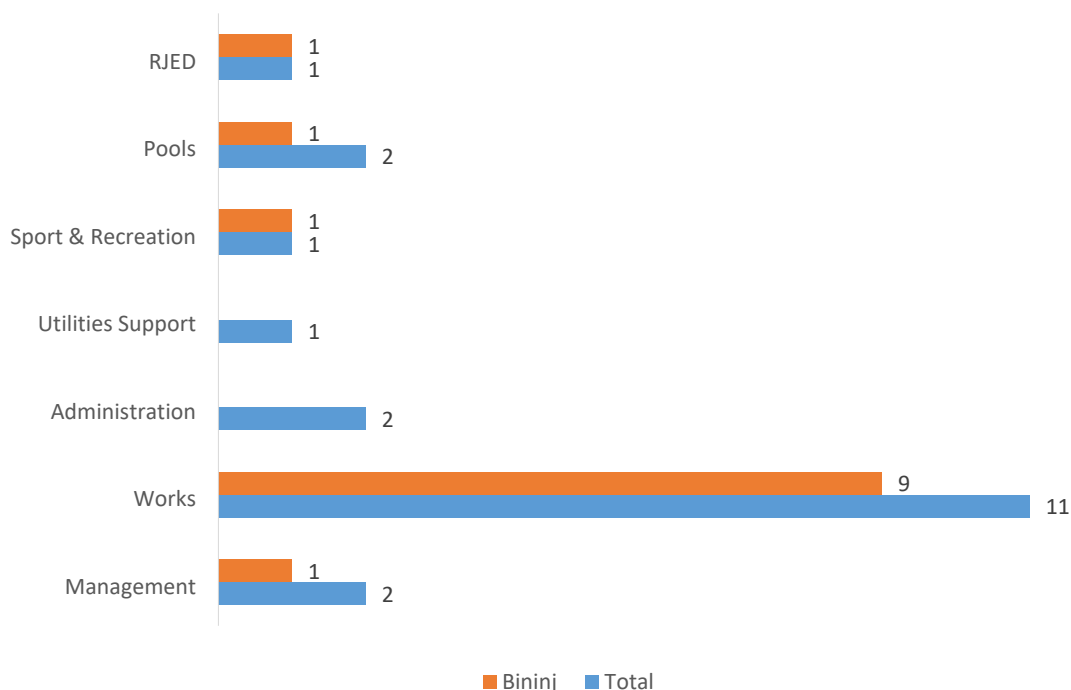
Employees by Number - Maningrida



Employees by Gender - Maningrida



Employees by Work Group - Maningrida



Vacancies by location as of 3 July 2026

Maningrida

- **Post and Administration Officer** - \$86k – Permanent, Fulltime, Accommodation provided. Open until filled.
- **Customer Services Officer** – \$35.64 per hour, Permanent, Full Time. No accommodation. Open until filled.
- **Bereavement Support Assistant (2 positions)** – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week, no accommodation, Open until filled*
- **Pool and Safety Assistant (2 positions)** – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week, no accommodation, Open until filled*

**Special Job seeker conditions apply*

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2019 (Act)

Council's Organisational Structure

Council's Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 2 INCREASED LOCAL INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT

We are committed to investing in and supporting local Indigenous employment. We recognise the instrumental value that Indigenous staff bring to our organisation and the social force that occurs with employment opportunities.

Goal 2.1 Indigenous Employment Framework

Create Council Indigenous employment framework including tailored pathways to employment.

Goal 2.2 Policy and Procedures

Research, review and develop policy to underpin and inform Council's intent and strategy to increase local Indigenous employment.

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Staff and public safety is achieved via planning, education and training.

Goal 3.3 Training and Development

Deliver training and development which is effective and culturally appropriate, engaging and increases future employment opportunities and pathways.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the NT Police and Local Authorities to discuss issues and concerns in their communities. These discussions are supported by the MoU between West Arnhem Regional Council and the NT Police.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

A police representative has been invited to attend the meeting at 1:30pm.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Presentation - Keep Australia Beautiful
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

KAB – Keep Australia Beautiful are requesting the Maningrida Local Authority's support and commitment to the New Way Maningrida Way – Bin Rubbish program.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY supports in principle the Keep Australia Beautiful – New Way Maningrida Way – Bin Rubbish program.

BACKGROUND

At various times, the Authority requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

KAB – Keep Australia Beautiful has requested to attend the Local Authority Meeting to seek in principal support and commitment to introducing the new norm to Maningrida 'no more rubbish on the ground'. New Way Maningrida Way – Bin Rubbish program will be for a 3-5 year period.

Heimo Schober, CEO Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT will be attending via teams at 2:30pm.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 24 AUGUST 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to give Local Authority Members a forum in which to table items they wish to be debated.

Local Authority Members are encouraged to raise any issues they wish to discuss during the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- 10 NEXT MEETING**
- 11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**