



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

**MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY
MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 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 5 October 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 ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 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 5 October 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

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Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 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 5 October 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.

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Goal 6.4 Risk Management

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 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 24 August 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 meeting held on 24 August 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.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026.08.24 Maningrida Local Authority Minutes - Unconfirmed [5.1.1 - 8 pages]



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Maningrida Local Authority
Monday, 24 August 2026 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Acknowledgement of Country

Chair Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting open at 10:08am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Member	Sharon Hayes
Member	Monica Wilton
Member	Garth Doolan
Member	Marlene Kernan

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	Peter Mickleson
Council Services Manager	Scott Page
Technical Services Manager	Kylie Gregson
Finance Manager	Imran Shajib
Acting Governance Advisor	Joy Mickleson
Executive Assistant	Ashlee Denyer

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.

MAN21/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Member Monica Wilton

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from Members Joyce Bohme, Shane Namanurki
3. Determines Members Joyce Bohme and Shane Namanurki are an apology with permission of the Authority
4. Determines ... are absent without 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.

MAN22/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Mayor James Woods

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.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

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

MAN23/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Monica Wilton

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

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Strategic Plan Review.

MAN24/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

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.

CARRIED

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*.

MAN25/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

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

CARRIED

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

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

MAN26/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Member Monica Wilton

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at the Office - MGD.

MAN27/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Defers the report titled *Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at the Office - MGD* to the next Maningrida Local Authority Meeting scheduled for Monday 5 October 2026 at 10am.

CARRIED

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2026.

MAN28/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

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.

CARRIED

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works.

MAN29/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

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.

CARRIED

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

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

MAN30/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Seconded Member Sharon Hayes**

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.

CARRIED

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:03pm and resumed at 12:48pm. Member Garth Doolan rejoined the meeting at 1:14pm.

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

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

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

MAN31/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes
Seconded Member Monica Wilton**

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

CARRIED

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Pavement Defects.

MAN32/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki**

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

CARRIED

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

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

MAN33/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo**

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

CARRIED

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Human Resources Report.

MAN34/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki**

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

CARRIED

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

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

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Maningrida Local Authority.

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentation - Keep Australia Beautiful.

MAN35/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

1. THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY supports in principle the Keep Australia Beautiful – New Way Maningrida Way – Bin Rubbish program.
2. Keep Australia beautiful Council NT Chief Executive Officer Heimo Schober be invited to make a further presentation at the Maningrida Local Authority Meeting to be held Monday 5 October 2026.

CARRIED

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.

MAN36/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY purchase two 10 X 5 model Off Road caged Trailers including delivery and on road costs within a budget of \$25,000.00.

And raised the following items:

- Grass cutting - Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips to provide maps/details to identify sites
- Solar lights - Establish land ownership before reporting on maintenance/purchase/installation

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Maningrida Local Authority will be held on Monday, 5 October 2026 at 10:00am.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting closed at 2:32pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 24 August 2026.

[Click here to view the agenda for the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 24 August 2026.](#)

Unconfirmed

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.1
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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Actions Maningrida October 2026 [6.1.1 - 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, sitting with CSM, recommend complete
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 Mickleson	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	Kylie Gregson	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	Recommend complete	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	Meeting had with Dhukurrdji Clan, approval of plaque received by TO's, awaiting installation
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	Report within agenda
11/05/2026	Recommend complete	Maningrida Lighting Home Town MAN20/2026 Lighting poor in areas, investigate and advise.	Grant Mckenzie	Street light audit completed, awaiting quote on repairs. Resolution at Sept OCM is for TS team to investigate, scope & apply for Active Transport Grant Fund in 2027
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, cannot close due to underground services.

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Election of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Local Authority to consider electing a new Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Election of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson*; and
2. Elects Local Authority Member ... to the position of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson for a period of 12 months.

BACKGROUND

The Maningrida Local Authority currently comprises of the following members:

Elected Members

- Mayor James Woods
- Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
- Cr Joseph Diddo
- Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Appointed Members

- Sharon Hayes
- Monica Wilton
- Shane Namanurki
- Joyce Bohme
- Garth Doolan
- Marlene Kernan

COMMENT

At the first meeting of the Committee following the 2025 Local Government General Election in August 2025, members elected Cr Jermaine Namanurki as Chairperson for a term of one year (MAN57/2025). This term has now expired and it is time for the Committee to select a new chair.

All members of the Local Authority (Appointed and Elected) can vote for the Chairperson. However, it is recommended only appointed members of the Maningrida Local Authority can nominate for the Chairperson position. The successful candidate will be appointed for a period of 12 months.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 78 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Clause 67 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Clause 9.1 of *Guideline 1: Local Authorities*.

The Local Authority Appointments, Resignations and Terminations Policy applies to this matter.

Reasonable Expenses and Benefit for Council, Local Authority and Council Committee Members Policy

Code of Conduct (Elected, Local Authority and Committee Members) Policy.

Conflict of Interest (Elected, Local Authority and Committee Members) Policy.

Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality (Elected, Local Authority and Committee Members) Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The following allowance will be paid for each meeting of a Local Authority:

The Chair of a Local Authority will be paid as follows:

If the meeting is held up to 2 hours	\$300
If the meeting is held between 2 to 4 hours	\$450
If the meeting is held more than 4 hours	\$600

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at Council Office
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report is to provide the Maningrida Local Authority to consider the installation of showers at the newly renovated ablution block at the Council Office, Maningrida.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and note the report titled *Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at Council Office*; and
2. Approves the installation of showers in the external ablution block at the Maningrida Council Office; the installation of external privacy screening; the allocation of \$18,804.40 from the Maningrida Local Authority Project Funding for these works.

BACKGROUND

Staff were requested at the previous Local Authority meeting to explore options and source quotes for the installation of showers & privacy screening at the newly renovated ablution block near the Council office.

COMMENT

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

The review identified the following key outcomes:

- **Shower installation:** Showers can be installed in both the male and female accessible toilets at a moderate cost to the current Local Authority budget.
- **Internal screening:** The proposed internal cubicle screening would not comply with building requirements.
- **Recommended privacy treatment:** Install Surfmist Custom Orb sheeting over the mesh infill panels of the accessible toilets only.

Estimate/Indicative pricing only.

Shower installation x 2 with privacy screening			
Description	Qty	Per Item	Total
Shower installation			
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
Contingency 15%			\$ 1,148.40
Total			\$ 8,804.40

Privacy screening			
Install Surfmist custom orb over all mesh infills to disable toilet's only	2	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Shower installation as per above	2	\$4,402.20	\$8,804.40
Total			\$18,804.40

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

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 1.3 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.

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.

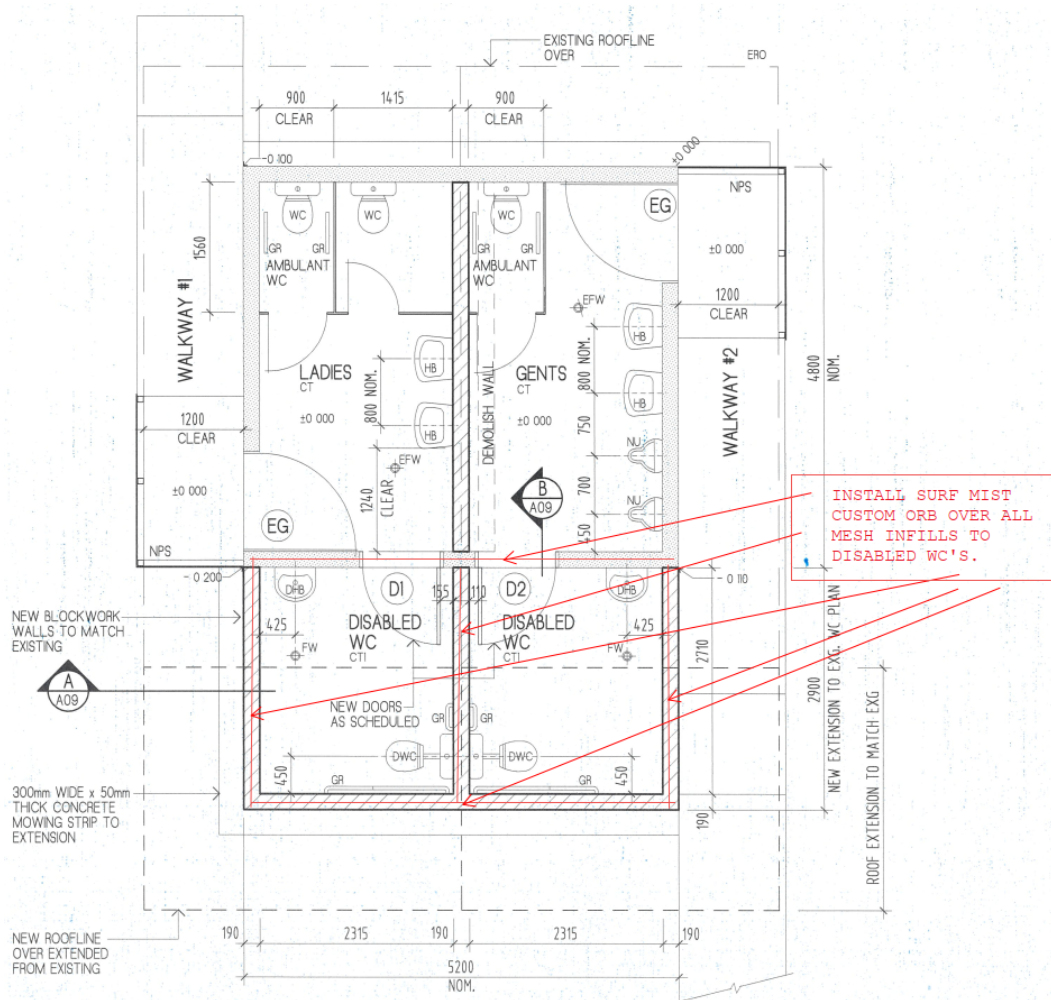
ATTACHMENTS

1. Shower installation examples [6.3.1 - 2 pages]

Shower installation



Install surfmist custom orb to top of wall to cover mesh infill



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 October 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.4
Title:	Installation of Four Solar Lights
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report is to provide the Maningrida Local Authority to consider the installation of additional four solar lights on the corner of Kune Street and Barlmarrk Street, Maningrida to enhance community safety.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Receive and note the report titled *Installation of Four Solar Lights*; and
2. Approve the allocation of \$31,522.00 from the Maningrida Local Authority Project Funding to: Install four solar lights at the corner of Kune Street and Barlmarrk Street, Maningrida; and confirm the exact installation locations at the meeting.

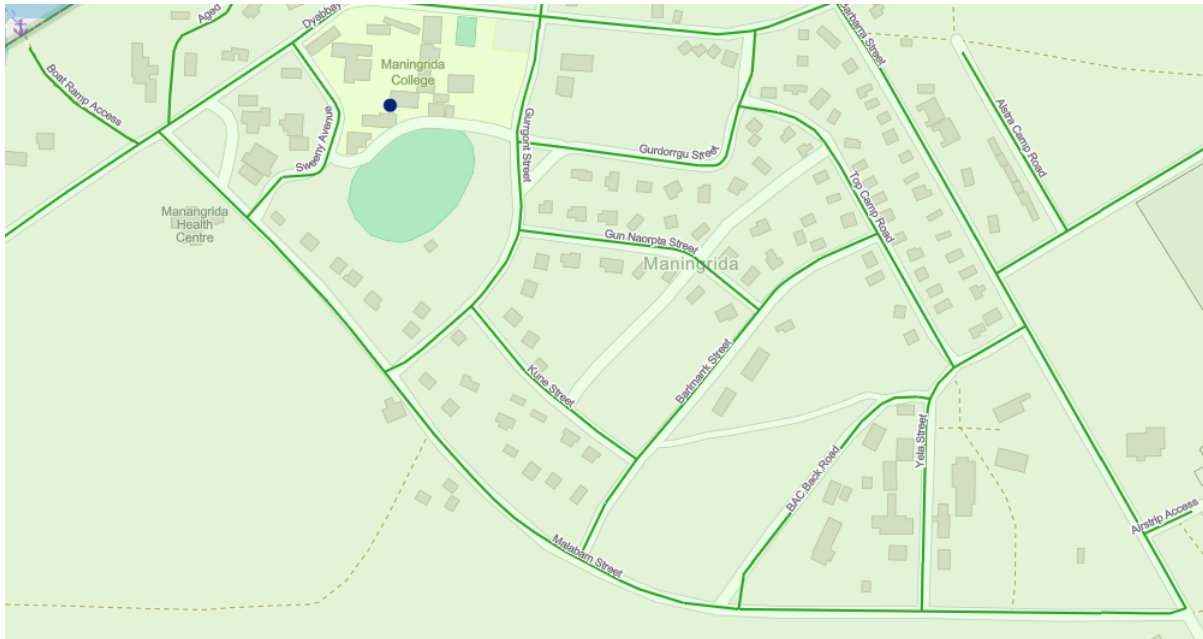
BACKGROUND

Staff were requested at the previous Local Authority meeting to explore options and source quotes for the installation of four solar lights at the corner of Kune Street and Barlmarrk Street, Maningrida. The design and model of lights to be purchased will match the existing solar lighting installed throughout the community. This will help with installation guidelines and reduce the amounts of spare parts on hand for future repairs and the ongoing community lighting maintenance.

COMMENT

Staff have sourced indicative quotes from suppliers to fulfil the ongoing improvements requested for public lighting and enhancing community safety.

Additional Solar Lights			
Description	Quantity	Price	Total
Supply of solar lights, incl. tilt pole, anti-climb spike, guard to fit over LED, delivery to Darwin	4	\$5,404.50	\$21,618.00
Installation of solar lights	4	\$6,604.00	\$6,604.00
Freight to Maningrida (Seaswift barge)	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Contingencies 10% (barge)	1	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total			\$31,522.00



LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Council Purchasing Policy to be adhered to during procurement and installation phases.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Annual project funding available from the Local Authority per financial report provided in the agenda papers.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

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.

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 4.4 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 5.2 Procurement

Develop and implement a leading-edge sustainability procurement strategy.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 October 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.5
Title:	Proposed Mural to Maningrida Changerooms
Author:	Grant McKenzie, Director Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report seeks the Maningrida Local Authority's consideration of the proposed mural project for the Maningrida changerooms.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Proposed Mural to Maningrida Changerooms*.
2. Approves the mural project for the Maningrida changerooms of \$65,000.00, from the Maningrida Local Authority Project Funding.

BACKGROUND

In December 2023, Council received notification that grant funding of \$4.6 million had been approved by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). The funding supported the construction of changeroom facilities at the Maningrida oval. The changerooms were officially opened on 14 November 2025.

At the previous Local Authority meeting, staff were asked to explore options and obtain quotes for a community-led mural project. The proposed project includes pre-design workshops and would cover all four sides of the changerooms.

COMMENT

Estimate/Indicative pricing only.

Mural Project Maningrida Changerooms		
Description	Per Item	Total
Flights, accommodation, travel expenses	1	\$12,000.00
Community consultation and project design workshop	1	\$6,000.00
Labour x 2 artist	1	\$40,000.00
Materials (aerosol, acrylics, clear coat)	1	\$7,000.00
Total		\$65,000.00

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

External painting costs are included in the tender awarded to Stedman's Construction and Engineering.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in 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.

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 1.6 Youth Engagement

Deliver diverse, targeted programs and events which actively empower and engage young people as valuable partners in decision-making which effects them.

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 5 October 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.6
Title:	Finance Report - Maningrida Local Authority
Author:	Ralph Reddy, Director Corporate Services

SUMMARY

This Financial Report covers the period 1 July 2026 to 31 August 2026 and is prepared specifically for the Maningrida Local Authority. In addition, the Maningrida Local Authority Certification of the Local Authority Project Funding is prepared for the 2025-26 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Finance Report - Maningrida Local Authority*; and
2. *Receives and notes the Maningrida Local Authority Certification of the 2025-26 Local Authority Project Funding.*

BACKGROUND

A local authority meeting agenda is to include a Finance Report. In addition, each year a certification of the Local Authority Project Funding (LAPF) income and expenditure, and project report for the preceding year ending 30 June must be included in the local authority meeting agenda papers.

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 August 2026

Actual v Budget – Operational – July 2026 to August 2026



Actual v Budget - Maningrida as at 31 Aug 2026						
Description	MANINGRIDA					
	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
Operational Revenue						
Income Rates and Charges	-	5,175	(5,175)	(100%)	814,063	0%
Income Council Fees and Charges	7,170	17,168	(9,998)	(58%)	100,422	7%
Income Operating Grants	693,466	9,793	683,672	100%+	755,121	92%
Income Allocation	-	15,516	(15,516)	(100%)	93,095	0%
Other Income	2,254	1,460	794	54%	15,000	15%
Income Agency and Commercial Services	221,322	170,181	51,141	30%	1,065,505	21%
Charges - Waste	-	3,390	(3,390)	(100%)	750,568	0%
Total Operational Revenue	924,213	222,683	701,529	100%+	3,593,774	26%
Operational Expenditure						
Employee Expenses	319,625	421,715	(102,090)	(24%)	2,530,205	13%
Contract and Material Expenses	81,694	236,545	(154,851)	(65%)	1,075,229	8%
Finance Expenses	30	175	(145)	(83%)	1,050	3%
Travel, Freight and Accom Expenses	44,921	34,052	10,868	32%	188,079	24%
Fuel, Utilities & Communication	50,565	61,960	(11,395)	(18%)	366,849	14%
Other Expenses	103,198	103,019	178	0%	590,343	17%
Council Committee & LA Allowances	2,000	1,000	1,000	100%	6,000	33%
Council Committee & LA Expenses	888	2,000	(1,112)	(56%)	8,000	11%
Total Operational Expenditure	602,921	860,467	(257,546)	(30%)	4,765,755	13%
Total Operational Surplus / (Deficit)	321,291	(637,784)	959,076	100%+	(1,171,980)	0%

Actual v Budget – Operational – July 2026 to August 2026

Annual Budget Operating Position as at 31 Aug 2026						
Description	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	Variance	%	Annual Budget	Progress
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	321,291	(637,784)	959,075	100% +	(1,171,980)	0%
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS						
Less Non-Cash Income	-	(15,516)	15,516	100%	(93,095)	0%
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	(142,011)	(164,360)	22,349	14%	(986,159)	14%
Total Non-Cash Items	142,011	148,844	(6,833)	(5%)	893,064	16%
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS						
Capital Expenditure	34,993	150,000	(115,007)	(77%)	306,560	11%
Total Additional Outflows	34,993	150,000	(115,007)	(77%)	306,560	11%
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS						
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	380,999	-	380,999	100%	-	100%
Transfers from Reserves	320,000	-	320,000	100%	-	100%
Total Additional Inflows	700,999	-	700,999	100%	-	100%
Net Budgeted Operating Position	1,129,309	(638,940)	1,768,249	100% +	(585,476)	0%

Legend:

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

Grant Funding – Community Projects and Programs – July 2026 to August 2026

Excludes LAP Funding



Grant Funding - Community Projects	Funding Body	Approved Budget (A)	Prior Year Expenditure (B)	Expenditure to date 2026-27 (C)	Commitments to Date (D)	Available Funds as at 31.08.2026 (A-B-C-D)
ABA - Maningrida Oval Changerooms	National Indigenous Australians Agency	4,581,700	4,266,280	25,508	38,160	251,752
LRCI Phase 4 - Part B - Malabam Road - Maningrida	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts	311,638	257,450	-		54,188
West Arnhem Cemetery Establishment - Maningrida	NT - Department of The Chief Minister and Cabinet	415,000	285,288	9,485	7,200	113,027
Repair and Maintenance of Maningrida Basketball Court	Nja marléya Cultural Leaders and Justice Group ("Nja-marléya") and National Indigenous Australians Agency	62,730	53,847	3,387	-	5,496
4WD Buse - Sports & Recreation	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts	160,000	145,932	-	-	14,068
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		5,581,068	5,055,697	38,381	45,360	441,630

Grant Funding - Community program / activities	Funding Body	Expenditure to date 2026-27 (A)	Commitments to Date (B)	Total Expenditure (A+B)
Deliver Indigenous Broadcasting Programs (RIBS)	National Indigenous Australians Agency	4,401	-	4,401
NAIDOC Week	National Indigenous Australians Agency	856	-	856
Sports and Recreation	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	15,344	4,018	19,362
Active Regional and Remote Communities Program	Department of People, Sport and Culture	3,201	-	3,201
Remote Jobs for Economic Development – Job	National Indigenous Australians Agency	5,938	-	5,938
TOTAL GRANT FUNDED PRPGRAMS / ACTIVITIES		29,740	4,018	33,759

LAP Funding– Local Authority Projects (Money story to end of August 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	266,560	135,040	
Total Balance Available for Allocation				\$ 135,040	

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 2026-27 \$	Commitments \$	Available Funds Active Projects as at 31.08.2026 \$	Status
Local Authority Projects (LAP)								
LAP Height of Airport Shelter	37,235	02/03/2026 MAN-P11/2026	37,235	(8,331)	(1,407)	(1,335)	26,162	Awaiting Development Consent Authority to sign off proposed works.
LAP - Chilled Water Bubbler - Basketball Court	20,000	02/03/2026 MAN-P10/2026	20,000	-	(560)	(6,556)	12,884	works pending, delivery to Darwin expected mid July. Once received additional modifications will be fabricated in Darwin in preparation for transport to Maningrida.
LAP - Community Initiatives and Events	50,000	13/10/2025 MAN63/2026	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	Allocation/quarantined of funds by the Maningrida Local Authority for upcoming nominated Community Events
LAP -Fencing Basketball Court Maningrida	59,528	11/05/2026 MAN17/2026	59,528	-	-	(43,279)	16,249	Works pending
LAP - Animal Management	39,173	28/11/2024 MAN55/2024	39,173	-	(28,100)	-	11,073	Scheduled Vet Visits - 2026: September 14, 2026 - September 18, 2026 : 4 vets and 3 students.
LAP - Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2026	99,475	24/08/2026 MAN28/2026	99,475	-	-	(70,900)	28,575	Display pending NYE
LAP - Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works	27,901	24/08/2026 MAN29/2026	27,901	-	-	-	27,901	Works are yet to be engaged
LAP -Purchase Two Off Road Caged Trailers	25,000	24/08/2026 MAN36/2026	25,000	-	-	(19,073)	5,927	Trailers have been purchased, barge freight & Regos pending
LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS	358,312	-	358,312	(8,331)	(30,067)	(141,143)	178,771	

Local Authority Project Funding 2025-26 Certification

Council Name: West Arnhem Regional Council
Local Authority Name: Maningrida

Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 June

Total Grant Income:	\$	<u>759,871.64</u>
Total Project Expenditure:	\$	<u>274,849.91</u>
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$	<u>485,021.73</u>

Answering 'No' to any question requires a written explanation with this certification

We certify, in accordance with all the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in

- the projects submitted by the Local Authority;	Yes	No
- the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan;	Yes	No
- the LAPF funding guidelines; and	Yes	No
- the <i>Local Government Act</i> and the <i>Local Government (Accounting) Regulation</i>	Yes	No

Certification and Project Report prepared by : Chalana Hansani 18/09/2026

The local authority projects reported formed part of the agenda and minutes of:

- Council's ordinary council meeting; and	Yes	No
- Local Authority meeting	Yes	No

Laid before the Council at a meeting (held/ to be held on) <dd/mm/yyyy>

Copy of minutes attached to this certification Yes TBA

Laid before the Local Authority at a meeting (held/ to be held on) <dd/mm/yyyy>

Copy of minutes attached to this certification Yes TBA

Project Report completed and attached Yes No

Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer: <sign> <dd/mm/yyyy>

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

CERTIFICATION ACCEPTED & RECONCILED Yes No

Comments: _____

Grants Officer sign/date: _____

Manager, Grants Management sign/date: _____

Local Authority Project Funding 2025-26 Project Report

Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30 June

Enter into the shaded areas only

Council Name:

West Arnhem Regional Council

Local Authority Name:

Maningrida

Local Authority Project Funding	Grant Income	Other Income	Total Funding
2025-26	401,600.00	-	\$ 401,600.00
2024-25	358,271.64	-	\$ 358,271.64
2023-24		-	\$ -
2022-23		-	\$ -
2021-22	-	-	\$ -
2020-21 and older	-	-	\$ -
Total Funding	\$ 759,871.64	\$ -	\$ 759,871.64

Total Funding Available	\$	759,871.64
Total Actual Expenditure	\$	274,849.91
Balance of LAPF at 30 June	\$	485,021.73

LAPF project allocation *	Approved Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance	Status of project at 30 June	Project start	Project end	Comments
Purchase of 4x4 Hearse	210,000.00	93,685.07	\$ 116,314.93	Completed	15/03/2024	30/10/2025	Total Expenditure \$161,302.68
Public Toilet proposal - Maningrida	9,625.00	5,600.00	\$ 4,025.00	Completed	28/11/2024	31/01/2026	Total Expenditure \$5,600.00
Pebble Ice Machine - Community Use - Maningrida	42,825.00	19,352.59	\$ 23,472.41	Completed	3/01/2024	31/08/2025	Total Expenditure \$37,136.29
Installation Speed Bump - Top Camp Road - Maningrida	15,466.00	9,929.00	\$ 9,537.00	Completed	2/02/2022	31/08/2025	Total Expenditure \$14,338.23
New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2025 - Maningrida	93,725.00	80,168.28	\$ 13,556.72	Completed	14/07/2025	31/12/2025	Total Expenditure \$80,168.28
Opening Ceremony- Maningrida Change Room	20,962.55	14,686.22	\$ 6,276.33	Completed	13/10/2025	30/11/2025	Total Expenditure \$14,079.78
Installation of outdoor gym equipment at the pool	75,000.00	10,487.70	\$ 64,512.30	Completed	14/03/2024	30/11/2025	Total Expenditure \$75,000.00
Height of Airport Shelter - Maningrida	37,235.00	8,330.52	\$ 28,904.48	Ongoing	2/03/2026	31/12/2026	
Animal Management	36,610.53	36,610.53	\$ -	Ongoing	1/07/2024	30/06/2028	
Chilled Water Bubbler - Basketball Court	20,000.00	0.00	\$ 20,000.00	Ongoing	2/03/2026	30/06/2027	
Community Initiatives and Events	50,000.00	0.00	\$ 50,000.00	Ongoing	13/10/2025	30/06/2027	
Fencing Basketball Court - Maningrida	59,528.00	0.00	\$ 59,528.00	Ongoing	11/05/2026	31/12/2026	
Total project budget and expense	\$ 670,977.08	\$ 274,849.91	\$ 396,127.17				

Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer:

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WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is to table items of correspondence received and sent since the last Maningrida Local Authority meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Correspondence addressed to the Principal Member and Council, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer, is included in this report.

COMMENT

There are no items of correspondence.

LEGISLATION AN POLICY

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars of the *Regional Plan and Budget 2023-2024*:

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 5 October 2026

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report provides the Local Authority with a clear update on current Local Authority projects and other Council delivered projects in the Maningrida Community:

- Progress on Local Authority projects
- Progress on Council delivered projects
- Service updates relating to waste management and cemeteries

The information in this report reflects project and service activity up to 25 September 2026.

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	Remaining works are; installation of shelter, water connection including tap and bubbler, and plants. Layout design was presented to TO's and approved.	New Maningrida Cemetery.	80%
In Progress	31-12-2026	Replacement of pool fencing for the Maningrida Pool complex, procurement engaged, awaiting delivery of materials ready for installation. Target completion October 2026.	New Pool Fencing.	40%

MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	STAGE	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	31-12-26	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 Power Water.	Installation of Chilled Water Bubbler, Basketball Court.	50%
In Progress	31-10-26	Procurement commenced - Awaiting on installation, target completion October 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.	50%
In Progress	30-11-26	Tender awarded to the University of Melbourne. Maningrida scheduled remaining visit 14th to 18th September 2026.	Vet Program - Animal Management.	75%
In Progress	31-10-26	Local Authority members requested and approved purchase of two off road caged trailers for community use.	Purchase of Two Off Road Caged Trailers.	80%
In Progress	31-12-26	Procurement commenced, administration works pending (permits, travel, NT WorkSafe), delivery of fire works pre-Christmas.	New Years Eve Fire Works Display.	50%

WASTE UPDATE

- Lease Status: Awaiting lease from Northern Land Council (NLC)
- License Status: Requires licensing and NT EPA have advised in writing that a s19 lease is not required to apply and continuing to operate without a licence is in breach of the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998*

- Rubbish Collections: No change to schedule
- Landfill: Operational from Monday to Friday 7.30am–3.00pm and currently unstaffed

CEMETERY UPDATE

The following remaining works will be funded by the *Regional and Remote Burials Grant*, Local Authority and remaining funds under the *Community Places for People Grant*:

- Water connection
- Supply and install bush tucker plants
- Tap and fountain
- Shelter installation

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

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 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

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 October 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 1 July – 30 September 2026, as prepared and presented by Council Services Manager (CSM), Krys Burge.

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 – Filled
- Youth, Sport & Recreation Assistants x 2 –
- Permanent
- Bereavement Support Assistants x 2 – RJED – part time.
- Precinct Assistant – Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED)– part time.
- Pool & Safety Assistant x 2 – Interviews completed and application submitted -In Progress.

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.

- July – restricted hours
- August – normal hours
- September – normal 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 48 occasions.
- Playground amenities – once a week – total of 36 occasions
- Public toilets – twice a week – a total of 42 occasions.
- Common areas cleaned once a week – a total of 12 occasions.
- Visitor Accommodation rooms cleaned as required – total 120 room cleans.
- Cleaner is taking December January 2027 leave to reduce excessive balance and training new cleaner up.

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

School holiday program advertised with activities each day of School holidays.

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

- AFL Grand Final on the big screen at the pool over the weekend
- Royal Life Saving conducted a swimming pool safety audit on 24th September.

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).

- Firebreaks cut.

6. Community

6.1 Community meetings and events

- Keep Australia Beautiful attended August LA Meeting

- Malala opened new clinic during 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

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.

Goal 1.4 Community Events

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

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 effects them.

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 3.4 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 4.3 Waste and Water Management

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 October 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

The Human Resources Team continues to support First Nations employment initiatives and the effective delivery of Council services. The attached report details employment and vacancy statistics for this location.

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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Goal 3.2 Health and Safety

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.

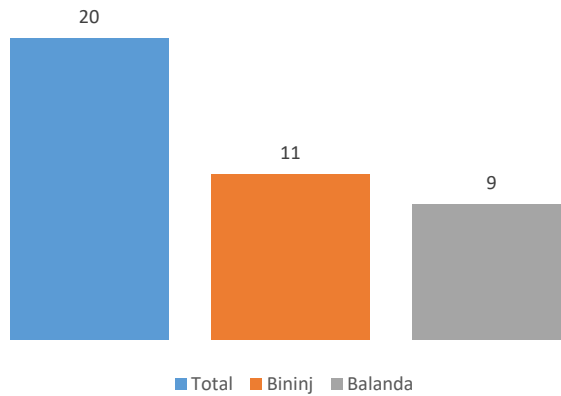
ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026.09 - HR Report - LA Maningrida as at 18.09.2026 [**7.4.1** - 2 pages]

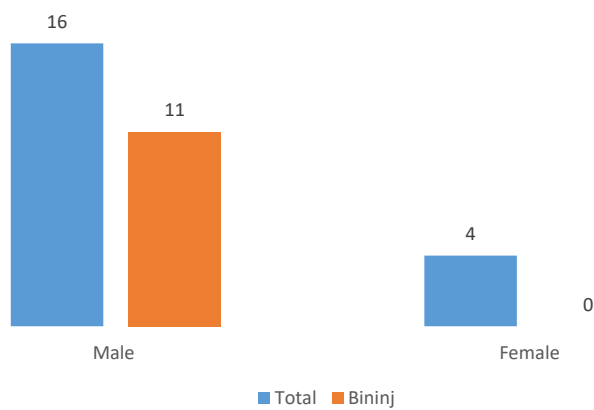
Workforce Report

As of 18 September 2026

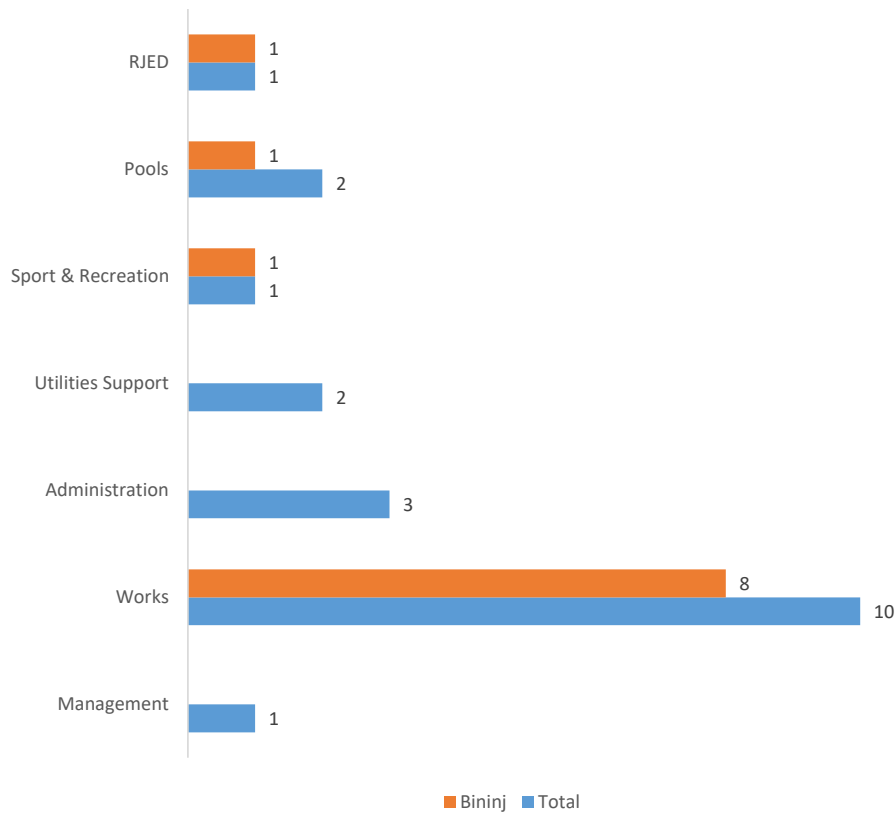
Employees by Number - Maningrida



Employees by Gender - Maningrida



Employees by Work Group - Maningrida



Vacancies by location as of 18 September 2026

Maningrida

- **RJED - Bereavement Support Assistant (2 positions)** – \$27.33 per hr | Fixed Term | Part Time 20 hrs per week | No accommodation | 30 Sep 2026 (Jobseeker conditions apply – contact your case manager).
- **RJED - Pool and Safety Assistant (2 positions)** – \$27.33 per hr | Fixed Term | Part Time 20 hrs per week | No accommodation | 30 Sep 2026 (Jobseeker conditions apply – contact your case manager).
- **RJED - Precinct Assistant (Sports Grounds Keeper)** – \$27.33 per hr | Fixed Term | Part Time 20 hrs per week | No accommodation | 30 Sep 2026 (Jobseeker conditions apply – contact your case manager).

*Special Job seeker conditions apply

WEST ARNHem REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Presentations and Visitors
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Maningrida Local Authority with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the following presentations:

- NT Police – local issues and concerns
- NT Health – Community Alcohol Plan by Anthony Clements Principle Alcohol Action Officer (via Teams at 1:30pm)
- Keep Australia Beautiful NT - 'Keep Maningrida Beautiful' Proposal – Heimo Schober CEO KABCNT (via Teams at 2:00pm)

BACKGROUND

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

COMMENT

The following visitors/presentations have been invited to attend today's meeting:

- NT Police – local issues and concerns
- NT Health – Community Alcohol Plan by Anthony Clements Principle Alcohol Action Officer (via Teams at 1:30pm)
- Keep Australia Beautiful NT - 'Keep Maningrida Beautiful' Proposal – Heimo Schober CEO KABCNT (via Teams at 2:00pm)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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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.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026**

Agenda Reference:	8.2
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.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Presentation - Community Alcohol Plan (CAP)
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for to brief the Local Authority in Maningrida on the work of the unit and how it supports community to develop community-led solutions aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation provided by the Community Led Harm Reduction Unit (CLHRU) of Northern Territory Health regarding community led solutions to reduce alcohol-related harm.

BACKGROUND

At various times, stakeholder request to present to the Authority so that issues can be raised and information shared.

The CLHRU of Northern Territory Health have requested to present to the Maningrida Local Authority in relation to community-led solutions aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm.

It will include details about the development of a Community Alcohol Plan (CAP), a community-led initiative aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm and promoting safety and wellbeing in Aboriginal communities across the Northern Territory (NT).

The plan is developed and led by Traditional Owners, Leaders, Elders, and interested community members, with support from the CLHRU, consultants, other Northern Territory Government agencies, service providers, and other stakeholders.

Key focus areas include:

- Deciding whether alcohol will be available in the community and/or managing the amount of alcohol available (supply).
- Strengthening holistic social and emotional wellbeing to help reduce unhealthy alcohol use (demand).
- Supporting people who are using alcohol in unhealthy ways to ensure their safety and the safety of their families (harm reduction).
- Building education and awareness about the impacts of alcohol to promote healthy, safe, and strong communities (prevention).

Each community will identify its own solutions, initiatives, projects, and activities aimed at reducing alcohol-related harm. These will be included in the plan and funded through Community Led Solutions grants.

COMMENT

Anthony Clements, Principle Alcohol Action Officer from the CLHRU will be in attendance via Teams at 1:30pm.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Invited Guest - Keep Australia Beautiful Council Northern Territory
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Local Authorities with a presentation by one of the various stakeholders within the region.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation by Keep Australia Beautiful Council Northern Territory (KABCNT) Chief Executive Officer Heimo Schober.

BACKGROUND

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

Keep Australia Beautiful Council Northern Territory (KABCNT) Chief Executive Officer Heimo Schober has been invited by the Local Authority to provide an overview of a proposal to develop a 'Keep Maningrida Beautiful' Plan.

The plan, involving key community stakeholders including council, would align with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals for Remote Communities.

Heimo Schober will be in attendance via Teams at 2:00pm.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 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**