

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Gunbalanya Local Authority
Tuesday, 6 October 2026 at 10:30 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Member Andy Garnarradj, Chairperson declared the meeting open at 10:29 am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Andy Garnarradj
Member	Evonne Gumurdul
Member	Kenneth Mangiru
Member	Maxwell Garnarradj
Member	Ishmael Wurramara
Member	Kerry Mangiru
Member	Tamar Nawirridj
Member	Connie Nayinggul

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Councillor	Henry Yates
Councillor	Ralph McCoy

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray (via Teams)
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Peter Mickleson
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Finance Manager	Imram Shajib
Council Service Manager	Vicki McCoy
Technical Services Manager	Kylie Gregson
Acting Governance Advisor	Joy Mickleson
Executive Assistant	Ashlee Denyer
Project Manager	Rajeev Devaraj

Communications and Public Relations
Coordinator

Heidi Walton

Human Resources Manager

Luisa Arango

GUESTS

NT Health

Anthony Clements (Via Teams)

Project Manager DHLGCD

Steve Teece (via Teams)

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.

GUN36/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Evonne Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Henry Yates

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the apology received from Cr Daniel Siebert, Member Connie Nayinggul and Member Tamar Nawirridj
2. Determines Cr Daniel Siebert, Member Connie Nayinggul and Member Tamar Nawirridj 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.

GUN37/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Member Andy Garnarradj

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY acknowledges that there were no declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 6 October 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 Council considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

GUN38/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Henry Yates

Seconded Member Ishmael Wurramara

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Adopts the minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on Tuesday, 12 May 2026 as a true and correct record, noting Council's resolution as follows:

OCM163/2026 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the minutes of the following Local Authority meetings and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority; and
2. Provides in-kind and in-principal support to the upgrade of the Gunbalanya Community Shelter Arrkuluk and Kakbi together with external stakeholders such as Gunbalanya Nominees, Emmanuel Church and Wurdwurd Foundation.

AND

2. Invites the Representatives of the above groups to present to the next Gunbalanya Local Authority Meeting to update on the project.

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

GUN39/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Andy Garnarradj

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

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.

3. Write to the Minister for Territory Housing and the MLA about the strong concerns of the Local Authority regarding home maintenance, long grass and fire danger on Territory Housing properties.
4. Recommend that Council consider taking over the ongoing maintenance of Territory Housing properties in Gunbalanya.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Strategic Plan Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 11:29am and resumed at 11:57am

The Local Authority considered a report on Strategic Plan Review.

GUN40/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Andy Garnarradj
Seconded Member Ishmael Wurramara**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Cultural Training
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Cultural Training.

GUN41/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Andy Garnarradj
Seconded Member Kerry Manakgu**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Cultural Training*; and
2. Provides recommendations on cultural training that best meet the needs of the community, staff, contractors and visitors.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.4
Title:	Finance Report Gunbalanya Local Authority
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report Gunbalanya Local Authority.

GUN42/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Kerry Manakgu
Seconded Cr Henry Yates

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.5
Title:	Gunbalanya Cemetery Progress Report
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

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

GUN43/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Maxwell Garnarradj
Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Gunbalanya Cemetery Progress Report; and*
2. Endorses support for the proposed new location of the cemetery and approves NLC consultation with the Traditional Owners to secure this site for a s19 lease

CARRIED

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

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

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

GUN44/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Member Andy Garnarradj

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Technical Services Gunbalanya Projects Report
Author:	Grant McKenzie, Director Technical Services

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:49am and resumed at 1:21pm.

Member Andy Garnarradj and Mayor James Woods apologised and left the meeting at 12:49 pm.

Member Kerry Manakgu resumed as Chairperson.

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

GUN45/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Evonne Gumurdul

Seconded Cr Henry Yates

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Pavement Defects
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Local Authority considered a report on Pavement Defects.

GUN46/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Henry Yates

Seconded Member Maxwell Garnarradj

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services - Gunbalanya
Author:	Vicki McCoy, Council Services Manager, Gunbalanya

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

GUN47/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Kerry Manakgu

Seconded Member Evonne Gumurdul

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.5
Title:	Human Resources Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Human Resources Report.

GUN48/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Ishmael Wurramara

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

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

CARRIED

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

GUN49/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Henry Yates

Seconded Member Evonne Gumurdul

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 2:00pm)

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

GUN50/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Kerry Manakgu

Seconded Member Kenneth Mangiru

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

CARRIED

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentation - Community Alcohol Plan (CAP).

GUN51/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Kenneth Mangiru

Seconded Member Ishmael Wurramara

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.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Presentation - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development - New Homes Construction Lot 440
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

Cr Henry Yates left the meeting at 2:13 pm and returned to the meeting at 2:18 pm.

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 2.22pm and resumed at 2.33pm.

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentation - Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development - New Homes Construction Lot 440.

GUN52/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Kerry Manakgu
Seconded Member Ishmael Wurramara**

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation provided by the NT Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development regarding the new housing development proposed on Lot 440, Gunbalanya.

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.

GUN53/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Member Kerry Manakgu
Seconded Cr Henry Yates**

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

- Street and place names - update
- Street names - outstations
- Trees for removal/lopping - staff to identify and get quotes
- Pot holes - pending staff availability

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Gunbalanya Local Authority will be held in 2027 at a date to be determined.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Member Kerry Manakgu declared the meeting closed at 2:55 pm.

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