

# Ngukurr Local Authority Meeting Minutes

Held at Ngukurr Council Office  
Conference Room

11 May 2016

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This meeting was opened at 10:42 by Chair, Councillor Eric Roberts and the Roper Gulf Regional Council pledge was read.

## 1. Present:

### **Elected Members:**

Councillor Eric Roberts  
Mayor Tony Jack

### **Local Authority Members:**

Tanya Joshua  
Bobby Nungumajbarr  
Walter Rogers  
Jerry Ashley  
Robin Rogers  
Ian Gumbula

### **Staff:**

Michael Berto – Chief Executive Officer  
Jo Nicol – Local Authority Coordination Officer  
Sharon Hillen – Director of Council Services and Infrastructure  
Paul Amarant - Council Service Manager, Ngukurr  
Janelle Iszlaub – Regional Manager, Community Development Program  
Joanne Morrison – Senior Administration Support Officer, Ngukurr  
Martin Cooke – Night Patrol Regional Coordinator

### **Visitors/Guests:**

Kallum Peckham – Department of Local Government & Community Services (Homelands)  
Rose Peckham - Department of Local Government & Community Services  
Nic Sarah - Department of Local Government & Community Services  
Kevin Fisher - Territory Housing  
Tom Girdler – Territory Housing  
Michael Tennant – Community Champion, CEO, Department of Business.  
Samson Ponto – Traditional Owner  
Jeanie Govan – Community Champion Liaison, Office of Aboriginal Affairs  
Surinder Creighton – Department of Business  
Mark Rounsevell – ECB training  
Evelyn Clarke – ECB Training  
Trevor Bates – Northern Territory Police

## 2. Apologies:

Olga Daniels, Cr Daphne Daniels

**Moved:** Jerry Ashley      **Seconded:** Bobby Nungumajbarr  
All agreed by way of consensus

### 3. Conflict of Interest-Members & Staff:

Nil

### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

**Motion:** That Ngukurr Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Eric Roberts      **Seconded:** Jerry Ashley  
Carried

**Motion:** That Ngukurr Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Bobby Nungumajbarr      **Seconded:** Ian Gumbla  
Carried.

**Motion:** That Ngukurr Local Authority accepts the Minutes from the previous Local Authority Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Eric Roberts      **Seconded:** Jerry Ashley  
Carried

### 5. Business Arising/Action List;

#### 5.1. Previous minutes action List

Date action initiated	Action	Responsible Person	Status	Comments
06.04.2016	Form a community Safety Committee and update community safety Action plan	CSM/LA	Ongoing	11.05.2016: No Action. LA members and Police to work together to make a meeting date.
06.04.2016	Sharon Hillen to write a letter to Ngukurr School Council asking for funding support for the use of the pool	DCSI	Ongoing	11.05.2016: Investigation underway on making a Business Action Plan to seek funding for the cost of the operation for the pool
06.04.2016	Director Council Services to bring "David Daniels' sign back to Ngukurr Local Authority when the drafts has been done	DCSI	Ongoing	11.5.2016 draft was present and changes were made. New draft to be presented 13.07.2016

**Note:** Please note update on Action list at the meeting and update the table.

## 6. Correspondence

### 6.1. Outgoing Correspondence:

02.02.2016- **NT Development Consent Authority**, re: Enterprise for Shop at Ngukurr Community Pool Complex

10.02.2016, **Yugul Mangi Board**,re: Proposed Store at Ngukurr

### 6.2. Incoming Correspondence:

01.03.2016- Lot 381 Ngukurr

10.05.2016- Email from GEC, Joyce Torrens.-Tabled

2016 Ngukurr Festival- Yugul Mangi was unsuccessful in their Application to ABA for Festival Funding so this puts the Community at a huge disadvantage with Festival time coming up. Michael Tennant discussed a range of options for Community organisations to ensure the festival goes ahead.

**Motion:** That the Ngukurr Local Authority supports the 2016 Ngukurr Festival as a priority to reduce Alcohol harm and engage Youth by supporting the application of Grant Funding through the Department of Business.

**Moved:** Ian Gumbula      **Seconded:** Jerry Ashley  
**Carried**

**Action:** Michael Tennant will work with Yugul Mangi to apply for funding for the 2016 Ngukurr Festival on behalf of Ngukurr Local Authority

**ACTION:** Actions will appear under each point like this

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 \*Elected Member Report:

Councillor Roberts spoke to the LA about organisations playing a better role in working together with Council to get the best for Ngukurr.

Discussion on Ngukurr as part of a Region

Discussed School attendance and the need for mentoring Youth.

Milwarpara and Yugul Mangi to work closely together.

Full Council Meeting will be held in Ngukurr on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Guluman Centre. Meeting is open to the public and Local Authority Members are encouraged to attend.

Mayor Jack informed LA that he was currently doing the rounds of visiting all communities and attending LA meetings, he is a Local Authority member on all Local Authorities.

**Motion:** That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the elected members report.

**Moved:** Bobby Nungumajbarr      **Seconded:** Ian Gumbula  
**Carried**

## 7.2 \*Council Services Managers Report:

CSM noted the huge amount of vandalism especially disheartening to see the new park furniture getting vandalised when it has just been erected and paid for by the Local Authority.

Local Authority named the Parks; Clinic Park, Youth park and Central Park.

Sharon Hillen discussed the Multi-Purpose Centre, Traffic Management at the School, Clinic and Crèche , foot paths and the barge Landing.

**Motion:** That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Council Services Managers report.

**Moved:** Bobby Nungumajbarr                      **Seconded:** Tanya Joshua  
Carried

## 7.3 \*Council Financial Reports: Third Quarter Financial Report

**Action:** CSM to give Yugul Mangi and Milwarpara Representatives complete breakdown of Pool costs after all saving measures have been factored in as soon as possible also table at next LA meeting.

**Motion:** That the **Ngukurr** Local Authority receive and note the Council Financial report.

**Moved:** Bobby Nungumajbarr                      **Seconded:** Jerry Ashley  
Carried

## 7.4 \*Governance Updates:

- \*Town Priorities

David Daniels sign to be streamlined, dot points done for Co-operation section of poster, picture of 2 men to just show just hands signing.

**Motion:** That the **Ngukurr** Local Authority receive and note the updates from Governance.

**Moved:** Bobby Nungumajbarr                      **Seconded:** Eric Roberts  
**Carried**

## 7.5 \*CDP- Community Development Program:

Janelle Iszlaub, CDP Regional Manager gave an update that included issues with lack of attendance, there is no site for the women participants to meet and that Lot 394 was being investigated as a possible site.

**Motion:** That the **Ngukurr** Local Authority receive and note the Community Development Program report.

**Moved:** Jerry Ashley                      **Seconded:** Tanya Joshua                      **Carried**  
**Carried**

## 7.6 \*Alcohol Management Plan:

Surinda Creighton gave a brief update on the status of the AMP;

Federal Government is now looking to use a one page Alcohol Management Plan. The Area to be included in the AMP looking at a Regional Plan. The context of the plan and Alcohol Action initiatives including the Ngukurr Festival.

Councillor Roberts commented that people are not children and it was important that as part of any AMP to factor in a Club where residents can attend and have meal, a drink and watch sport just like anyone else in Australia. LA members agreed.

**Motion:** That the Ngukurr Local Authority receive and note the Alcohol Management Plan update,

**Moved:** Councillor Roberts      **Second:** Ian Gumbula  
**Carried**

### 7.7 Community Services Update:

There are some issues with Aged Care that RGRC are currently trying to resolve. Staff are not coming to work regularly, this lack of staff makes it hard to deliver the program and outsourcing the meals component of the program may alleviate this. CEO, noted that a recent review undertaken by representatives from Canberra were not satisfied the service was as good as it should be. There is little time being spent with the recipients of the Aged Care Program, LA members agreed there should be more community support for Aged care.

**Motion:** That the **Ngukurr** Local Authority receive and note update on Community Services.

**Moved:** Ian Gumbula      **Seconded:** Bobby Nungumajbarr  
**Carried**

### 7.8 Night Patrol:

Many Night Patrol staff have taken up employment on the new Bridge.

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1 Outstations: Municipal Essential Services – Special Purpose Grants LA Members requested if Grant could focus on funding a generator?

**Motion:** That the Ngukurr Local Authority provides in principle support for the projects listed in the report 'Outstations: Municipal Essential Services – Special Purpose Grants'.

**Moved:** Bobby Nungumajbarr      **Seconded:** Jerry Ashley  
**Carried**

## 9. Meeting Closed at 2:26pm

Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016