



**MINUTES OF THE PIRLANGIMPI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD IN THE
PIRLANGIMPI COUNCIL BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

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1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

1.1 Welcome and Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 10:24 am.

The Chair welcomed members and guests.

1.2 Present

Chair	Andrew Warrior	In Person
Member	Bernard Pangiraminni	In Person
Member	Carol Puruntatameri	In Person
Member	Thecla Puruntatameri	In Person
Member	Gareth Puruntatameri	In Person
Member	Andrew Orsto	In Person
Member	Margaret Tipunggwuti	In Person
Councillor	Deanne Rioli	Teleconference
Councillor	Joseph (Gideon) Pangiraminni	Teleconference
Staff		
Acting Chief Executive Officer	Heidi Dorn	In Person
Chief Financial Officer	Jayesh Vasandani	Teleconference
Acting Governance Coordinator	Lauren Davidson	In Person
Community Engagement Manager	Bill Toy	Teleconference

1.3 Apologies

Apologies from members who were absent from the meeting

PLA/61 RESOLUTION

Moved: Thecla Puruntatameri

Seconded: Carol Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority receives and notes the apologies from Rebekah Yunupingu, Mayor Lynette De Santis and Councillor Daniel Costa.

CARRIED

1.4 Leave of Absence

Nil

1.5 Declaration of Interest of Members or Staff

PLA/62 RESOLUTION

Moved: Carol Puruntatameri

Seconded: Thecla Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority receives and notes the Declaration of Interest of Members and Staff.

Andrew Warrior declared a conflict of interest on the basis that he is employed by Tiwi Islands Regional Council and is also the Chair of the Pirlangimpi Local Authority.

CARRIED

1.6 Pirlangimpi Local Authority Meeting held on 9 December 2025

PLA/63 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bernard Pangiraminni

Seconded: Margaret Tipungwuti

That the minutes of the Pirlangimpi Local Authority Meeting held on 9 December 2025 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1.1 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

PLA/64 RESOLUTION

Moved: Margaret Tipungwuti

Seconded: Carol Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority:

- 1. Receives and notes the Business Arising – Action Tracker Update report; and**
- 2. Reviews and updates the attached Action Tracker.**

CARRIED

2.1.2 Business Arising from Previous Meeting – Formally close completed items

PLA/65 RESOLUTION

Moved: Andrew Orsto

Seconded: Carol Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority formally closes all completed items in the Action Tracker as endorsed at this meeting.

CARRIED

2.1.3 Business Arising from Previous Meeting – Allocate Funds for Member Lockers

PLA/66 RESOLUTION

Moved: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

Seconded: Margaret Tipungwuti

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority allocates \$2,000 from the Local Authority Project Fund (LAPF) for the purchase of lockers for members.

CARRIED

3 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Governance Training for Local Authority Members

PLA/67 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bernard Pangiraminni

Seconded: Andrew Orsto

That the Local Authority accepts Karen Hocking from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development to deliver Governance Training to Members.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20 pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:06 pm.

3.2 Australian Bureau of Statistics – 2026 Census Presentation

PLA/68 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bernard Pangiraminni

Seconded: Andrew Warrior

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority receives and notes the presentation regarding the 2026 Census, including the information provided on Census processes and employment opportunities.

CARRIED

3.3 Presentation – Dani Eveleigh (DNA People & Culture / Charles Darwin University Research Project)

PLA/69 RESOLUTION

Moved: Thecla Puruntatameri

Seconded: Andrew Orsto

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority receives and notes the presentation from Ms Dani Eveleigh regarding the respectful relationships research project being undertaken with Charles Darwin University, and provides feedback on community engagement for the project within the Tiwi Islands.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 Local Authority Finance Report to Pirlangimpi Local Authority as of 28th February 2026

PLA/70 RESOLUTION

Moved: Andrew Warrior

Seconded: Carol Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority notes the Local Authority Finance Report to Pirlangimpi Local Authority as of 28th February 2026 report for information.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1.1 Pirlangimpi Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 28th February 2026

PLA/71 RESOLUTION

Moved: Thecla Puruntatameri

Seconded: Margaret Tipungwuti

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority

- 1. Reviews and updates the Approved Projects Summary as on 28 February 2026.**
- 2. Notes the funding allocations.**

CARRIED

5.1.2 Pirlangimpi Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 28th February 2026

PLA/72 RESOLUTION

Moved: Andrew Warrior

Seconded: Margaret Tipungwuti

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority notes and accepts that the final expenditure for PLA-25/26-6 – Contribution to TITFB Christmas Toy Run exceeded the approved budget, with a total expenditure of \$2,276, resulting in an overspend of \$276.

CARRIED

5.1.3 Pirlangimpi Local Authority Community Project Funding Report as on 28th February 2026

PLA/73 RESOLUTION

Moved: Andrew Warrior

Seconded: Thecla Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority formally closes the following Local Authority Project Fund (LAPF) projects:

- **PLA-25/26-4 – Pularumpi School Swimming Lesson**
 - **PLA-25/26-5 – Community Barbeque – New Year 2026**
 - **PLA-25/26-6 – Contribution to TITFB Christmas Toy Run**
- as they have been completed or finalised, and notes and accepts the final expenditure outcomes.**

CARRIED

5.2 ANZAC Day 2026 – Local Authority Responsibility for Hosting and Funding Community Ceremonies

PLA/74 RESOLUTION

Moved: Andrew Orsto

Seconded: Gareth Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority:

- 1. Endorses responsibility for hosting, coordinating and funding ANZAC Day 2026 ceremony and associated community activities.**
- 2. Approves the use of up to \$2,000 of Local Authority discretionary funds for this purpose.**

CARRIED

5.3 Tiwi Cultural Festival 2026 – Financial Contribution

PLA/75 RESOLUTION

Moved: Andrew Warrior

Seconded: Margaret Tipungwuti

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority approves a financial contribution of \$5,000 from the Local Authority Project Fund (LAPF) towards the 2026 Tiwi Cultural Festival.

CARRIED

5.4 Readvertisement of Pirlangimpi Local Authority Vacancy - Miyartuwi (Male) Skin Group

PLA/76 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bernard Pangiraminni

Seconded: Gareth Puruntatameri

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority:

- 1. Notes that no nominations were received for the Miyartuwi (Male) skin group vacancy.**
- 2. Approves the re-advertisement of the Miyartuwi (Male) vacancy from 17 March 2026 until 5 June 2026; and**
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to arrange advertising of the vacancy through standard Council communication channels.**

CARRIED

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1.1 Other Business

PLA/77 RESOLUTION

Moved: Bernard Pangiraminni

Seconded: Gareth Puruntatameri

That Pirlangimpi Local Authority notes the items raised under Other Business.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Other Business – PLA Uniforms

PLA/78 RESOLUTION

Moved: Thecla Puruntatameri

Seconded: Bernard Pangiraminni

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority allocates \$1,000 from the Local Authority Project Fund (LAPF) for uniforms for Local Authority members.

CARRIED

6.1 Other Business – Financial Contribution to Pularumpi School

PLA/79 RESOLUTION

Moved: Andrew Warrior

Seconded: Joseph Gideon Pangiraminni

That the Pirlangimpi Local Authority notes the request for financial assistance for the Turtle Dreaming Camp received from Pularumpi School and approves a financial contribution of \$2,000 from the Local Authority Project Fund (LAPF) towards the camp.

CARRIED

7 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 16 June 2026

8 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3:01 pm.