



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting  
Monday, 30 September 2024 at 1:00 pm  
Council Chambers

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING**

**Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 1:15pm, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F. Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Monica Wilton
Councillor	Jermaine Namnurki
Councillor	James Marrawal

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer	Andrew Walsh
Director Council and Community Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
General Manager Technical Services (Acting)	Clem Beard
Operations Support Administration Assiatnt	Pania Withnall

**GUESTS**

Consultant	Cathryn Hutton
Office of The Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP	Patrick Heenan
Office of The Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP	Ebony Williams-Costa

### 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

The Council considered a report on Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice.

**OCM254/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Cr Onus**  
**Seconded Cr Namanurki**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the absence of Cr Dann, Cr, Phillips, Cr Guwiyul, Cr Nadjamerrek, and Cr Gumurdul;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Dann, Cr Phillips, Cr Guwiyul, Cr Nadjamerrek and Cr Gumurdul;
3. Determines Cr Dann and Cr Nadjamerrek are absent with permission of the Council; and
4. Determines Cr Phillips, Cr Guwiyul and Cr Gumurdul are absent without permission of the Council.

**CARRIED**

### 4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Acceptance of Agenda</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

**OCM255/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams**  
**Seconded Cr Blyth**

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 30 September 2024.

**CARRIED**

### 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

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

**OCM256/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams**  
**Seconded Cr Wilton**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the declarations of interest for Cr Blyth on agenda item 6.2 as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 30 September 2024; and
2. Mayor Woods requests amendments for declaration register to reflect Acting Unit Officer for Maningrida Emergency Response Group.

**CARRIED**

## 6 ACTION REPORTS

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>LGANT Call for Motions</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer</b>

Deputy Mayor Williams left the meeting at 1:38pm and returned to the meeting at 1:49 pm.  
Cr Marrawal left the meeting at 1:53 pm and returned to the meeting at 1:55 pm.

The Council considered a report on LGANT Call for Motions.

**OCM257/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Cr Blyth**  
**Seconded Cr Wilton**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *LGANT Call for Motions*;
2. Submit a motion on cost associated with funding the Governance requirements of Council including allowance; and
3. Final draft motion is approved by the Mayor prior to the submission date.

**CARRIED**

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Remote Jobs &amp; Economic Development Program</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer</b>

The Council deferred a report on Remote Jobs & Economic Development Program due to loss of quorum.

Meeting broke at 1:58pm on 30 September 2024 and recommenced in the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda item 9.6.

## 7 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

The Council considered a report on Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items.

**OCM259/2024 RESOLVED:**  
**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams**  
**Seconded Mayor Woods**

That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 52 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

## 8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The information in this section of the Agenda is classed as confidential under Section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>West Arnhem Regional Council Organisational Structure and Budget Revision</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Andrew Walsh, Chief Executive Officer</b>

*The Report will remain confidential with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(e). It contains information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest.*

Cr Onus left the meeting at 3:26 pm and returned to the meeting at 3:28 pm.

Cr Blyth left the meeting at 3:33 pm and returned to the meeting at 3:234 pm.

Cr Marrawal left the meeting at 5:18 pm.

meeting closed at 5:20pm on 30 September 2024 and recommenced at 8:39am on Tuesday 1 October 2024.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Review of Council's Organisational Structure</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance</b>

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Apology received at 9:44 am on 1 October 2024 from Cr Gumurdul.

Cr Wilton left the meeting at 9:43 am and returned to the meeting at 9:47 am.

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor</b>

Cr Blyth left the meeting at 8:50am and returned to the meeting at 8:53am.

Cr Wilton left the meeting at 9:43am and returned to the meeting at 9:47am.

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public.

#### **OCM262/2024 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams**

**Seconded Cr Onus**

THAT COUNCIL open the meeting to the public after the discussion of confidential items and approve to disclose no resolutions and reports from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes.

**CARRIED**

The public was re-admitted at 10:22am on Tuesday 1 October 2024.

#### **10 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 10:25am on Tuesday 1 October 2024.

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