



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2025**



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the West Arnhem Regional Council will be held in Council Chambers Jabiru on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 4:15 pm.

Ben Waugh
Interim 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.

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

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received by Council's Chief Executive Officer from Elected Members, as well as record any absence without notice for the Special Council meeting held on 20 March 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from

COMMENT

Council 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 Council will be recorded as absent without notice.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 47(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

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

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

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Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

Agenda papers are presented for acceptance at the Special Council meeting held on 20 March 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 20 March 2025.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 92(1) *Local Government Act 2019*.

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
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				
Goal	6.5	Planning	and	Reporting
Robust planning and reporting that supports Council's decision-making processes				

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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

SUMMARY

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration at an Special Council 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 Council on whether they shall remain in the Chambers and/or take part in the vote on the issue. The Council 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 COUNCIL receive the declarations of interest as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 20 March 2025.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY/STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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.

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 **6.4** **Risk** **Management**
The monitoring and minimisation of risks associated with the operations of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Declaration of Interest Register Elected Members [5.1.1 - 2 pages]



Declaration of Interest Register		
Elected Members	Declared Interest	Connection
Mayor James Woods	Local Government Association Northern Territory (LGANT)	Board Member
	Malala Health Clinic	Staff Member, Board Member
	Maningrida AFL Committee	Committee member
	Maningrida Emergency Response Group	Unit Officer
	Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation	Deputy Chair
	Maningrida Housing Reference Group	Member
	Traditional Credit Union	Director
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams		
Cr Ralph F Blyth	Warnbi Aboriginal Corporation	Executive Officer
	Wark Aboriginal Corporation	Director
	Red Lily Health Board	Alternative Director / Board Member
Cr Micketja Onus	Energy Resources Australia (ERA)	Staff Member
Cr Donna Nadjamerrek	National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)	Indigenous Engagement Officer for Gunbalanya, Minjilang and Warruwi.
	Injalak Aboriginal Corporation	Member
	Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation	Member
Cr Otto Dann	Northern Land Council (NLC)	Board Member
	Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation	Member
Cr James Marrawal		
Cr Jacqueline Phillips	JP Cultural Solutions	Director
	Northern Land Council (NLC)	Board Member
	Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation	Chair
	Maningrida Housing Reference Group	Member
	Maningrida Homelands School Company	Board Member
Cr Jermaine Namanurki	Malala Health Centre	Staff Member
Cr Monica Wilton	Maningrida Homelands School Company	Deputy Chair
	Maningrida School	Teacher / Language and Cultural Team
Cr Tamar Nawirridj	Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation	Member

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	Gunbalanya School Board	Member
	Department of Education and Training	Staff Member
Cr Steven Nabalmarda		

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Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*
Regulations 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*

RECOMMENDATION

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 at {time} to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The information in this section of the agenda is classed as confidential under section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

The Report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulation 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 Section 51(1)(a). It contains information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.

**8 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC
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RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

9 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED