



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 17 June 2025 at 9:00 am  
Council Chambers

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 9:15am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F. Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Tamar Nawirridj
Councillor	Monica Wilton
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	James Marrawal
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Director Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson ( <i>Item 11.2 only</i> )
Infrastructure Coordinator	Sam Fazzolari ( <i>Item 11.2 only</i> )
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO	Gina Carrascalao
GUESTS	Nil

### 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

SCM54/2025 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Wilton  
Seconded Cr Namanurki

#### THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the absence of Cr Phillips;
2. Notes the apology received from Crs Dann and Nadjamerrek;
3. Determine Crs Dann and Nadjamerrek are absent with permission of the Council; and
4. Determine Cr Phillips was absent without permission of the Council.

CARRIED

### 4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

SCM55/2025 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Blyth  
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 17 June 2025.

CARRIED

### 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

The Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict in Item 10.1 - CEO Employment Contract Compassionate Leave Entitlements.

SCM56/2025 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor Woods  
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL receive the declarations of interest as listed for the Special Council meeting held on 17 June 2025.

CARRIED

6 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS  
Nil.

7 ACTION REPORTS  
Nil.

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Council's 2025-2026 Regional Plan, Budget and Rates Declaration
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance

The Council considered a report on Council 2025-2026 Regional Plan, Budget and Rates Declaration.

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer expressed their gratitude to the Director of Finance and her team for their work in preparing the annual Regional Plan, Budget, and Rates Declaration, acknowledging the significant effort involved.

SCM57/2025 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Onus  
Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled Council's Regional Plan and Budget 2025-2026;
2. Approve the elected member allowances payable for 2025-26 as determined by the NT Government's Remuneration Tribunal;
3. Receive and note the CEO's certification that all rateable land is recorded in the Council's assessment records;
4. Declare the General Rates and Charges for 2025-26;
5. Declare the Special Rate for Animal Management for 2025-26;
6. Declare the Special Rate for Public Lighting for 2025-26;
7. Approve the Annual Budget for 2025-26; and
8. Approve the Regional Plan and Budget 2025-2026.

CARRIED

8 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS  
Nil.

9 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS  
Nil.

## 10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	CEO Employment Contract - Compassionate Leave Entitlements
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

*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.*

Agenda Reference:	10.2
Title:	Tender Evaluation - Jabiru Housing Upgrades
Author:	Sam Fazzolari, Project Coordinator Infrastructure

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The meeting was closed to the public at 9:57am.

## 11 DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS AND RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Reference:	11.1
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Jasmine Mortimore, Governance Advisor

No items were approved to be disclosed from the confidential section of the meeting.

The public was re-admitted at 10:53am.

## 12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 10:53am.

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