

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday, 30 June 2025 at 9:00 am
Council Chambers

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

Mayor Woods declared the meeting open at 9:03am, 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	Donna Nadjamerrek (<i>1 July 2025 only</i>)
Councillor	Monica Wilton
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	James Marrawal (<i>30 June 2025 only</i>)
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
Manager Commercial Businesses	Leanne Johansson
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Communications and Public Relations Coordinator	Heidi Walton

GUESTS	
General Counsel, ICAC	Tiarni McNamee
Acting Director for Prevention and Engagement ICAC	Mandy Azzi
Senior Prevention and Engagement Officer ICAC	Yananai Chitura
Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town	Dr Emma Young
Executive Assistant, Red Lily Health Clinic	Shirley Spicer

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.

Council was advised that Cr Nadjamerrek was expected to join the meeting on Tuesday, 1 July 2025.

OCM147/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the apology received from Crs Dann, Phillips and Nadjamerrek;
2. Determines Crs Dann, Phillips and Nadjamerrek are absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

MOVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

OCM148/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Woods

Seconded Cr Namanurki

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 moved to the confidential section. The item discussed was dealt with under Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 section 51(1)(a) as it contained 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.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:04am.

The Director of Council and Community Services and Governance Advisor left the meeting at 9:04am.

MOVE TO OPEN

OCM149/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Wilton

THAT the meeting be opened to the public at 9:12am.

CARRIED

The Director Council and Community Services, the Governance Advisor returned to the meeting at 9:12am.

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.

OCM150/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Cr Onus

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

Cr Tamara Nawirridj joined the meeting at 9:13am.

OCM151/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL receive the declarations of interest as listed for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 30 June 2025.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes.

OCM152/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 3 June 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Special Council Meeting Minutes.

OCM153/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Namanurki
Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 17 June 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes.

OCM154/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL noted the minutes of the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held on Thursday 19 June 2025, and reviewed decisions made by the Committee.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following items were deferred until the representatives were in attendance:

Item 7.1 – Presentation – Independent Commission Against Corruption

Item 7.2 – Red Lily Health Clinics – Update

8 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

OCM155/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams

Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Review the outstanding action items and give approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Caretaker Policy - Review
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Caretaker Policy - Review.

OCM156/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Woods

Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Caretaker Policy - Review*; and
2. Approve the revised version of Council's Caretaker Policy.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Cultural Awareness Training within Community
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Cultural Awareness Training within Community.

OMC157/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Cultural Awareness Training within Community*; and
2. Request a draft policy be prepared to be considered further at a future workshop which will include consultation with the local authorities.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Presentation - Independent Commission Against Corruption
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Presentation - Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Representatives from the Independent Commission Against Corruption joined the meeting at 10:03am and left the meeting at 11:33am.

OCM158/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Williams
Seconded Cr Onus

THAT COUNCIL notes the presentation from the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34am and reconvened at 12:18pm.

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	LGANT - Code of Conduct Panel - Call for Nominations
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on LGANT - Code of Conduct Panel - Call for Nominations.

OCM159/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *LGANT - Code of Conduct Panel - Call for Nominations*; and
2. Request that the matter be deferred post 2025 Local Government Elections and advise the Local Government Association of the NT accordingly.

CARRIED

9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Gina Carrascalao, Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

Cr Onus declared an interest in the request from Jabiru Bombers as a member of the club. Cr Onus removed himself from voting on the resolution.

OCM160/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Blyth

Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence;
2. Defers the request regarding sponsorship from the Jabiru Bombers to the July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting; and
3. Request a correspondence folder with the Mayor's correspondence be made available for Councillors to view at each meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Gina Carrascalao, Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO

The Council considered a report on Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor.

OCM161/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor*;
2. Acknowledge receipt of the 2025 National Award for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Recognition Youth Leadership Summit.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the CEO
Author:	Gina Carrascalao, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Meetings and Events attended by the CEO.

Cr Jermaine Namanurki left the meeting at 12:47pm and returned at 12:50pm.

Cr Tamar Nawirridj left the meeting at 12:53pm.

OCM162/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Wilton
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the CEO*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	2025 Local Government Elections
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on 2025 Local Government Elections.

Cr Tamar Nawirridj returned to the meeting at 12:57pm.

OCM163/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Marrawal

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *2025 Local Government Elections*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	Technical Services Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Projects Report.

OCM164/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Blyth

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Technical Services Projects Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.6
Title:	Community Places for People Grant Program - Grant Funding Acquittal
Author:	Leanne Johansson, Business Development Manager

The Council considered a report on Community Places for People Grant Program - Grant Funding Acquittal.

OCM165/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Community Places for People Grant Program - Grant Funding Acquittal* – noting Grant Application CPP2300010 for the Warruwi Community Hall Upgrade.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.7
Title:	Jabiru Lake - Catch and Release Program
Author:	Fiona Ainsworth, Director of Community and Council Services

The Council considered a report on Jabiru Lake - Catch and Release Program.

OCM166/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Blyth

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Jabiru Lake - Catch and Release Program*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.8
Title:	Community and Council Services Report - May 2025
Author:	Fiona Ainsworth, Director of Community and Council Services

The Council considered a report on Community and Council Services Report - May 2025.

OCM167/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Blyth

THAT COUNCIL received and noted the report entitled *Community and Council Services Report - May 2025*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.9
Title:	Human Resources Monthly Report 17 May to 13 June 2025
Author:	Luisa Arango, Human Resources Manager (Acting)

The Council considered a report on Human Resources Monthly Report 17 May to 13 June 2025.

OCM168/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Nawirridj

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Human Resources Monthly Report 17 May to 13 June 2025*.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:47pm and reconvened at 2:06pm.

Agenda Reference:	9.10
Title:	Financial Report for the period ended 31 May 2025
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance

The Council considered a report on Financial Report for the period ended 31 May 2025.

OCM169/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Marrawal
Seconded Cr Nawirridj

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Financial Report for the period ended 31 May 2025*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Presentation - Red Lily Health Clinics - Update
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Presentation – Red Lily Health Clinics - Update.

Shirley Spicer, Executive Assistant Red Lily Health Clinics attended the meeting at 2:49pm and left at 3:11pm.

Cr Blyth left the meeting at 2:51pm.

OCM170/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Nawirridj

THAT COUNCIL noted the presentation from Red Lily regarding the update on the community health clinics.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned on Monday 30 June 2025 at 3:12pm and reconvened at 9:07am on Tuesday 1 July 2025.

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

The Council were advised that Cr Marrawal has advised he will be an apology for Tuesday, 1 July 2025 and Cr Blyth will be a late arrival.

OCM171/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the apology received from Cr Marrawal; and
2. Determines Cr Marrawal is absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

Cr Blyth joined the meeting at 9:08am.

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Elected Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Questions with or without Notice.

OCM172/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT Council requested an on-line form be investigated and made available for complaints regarding aggressive dogs in communities and for staff to promote the responsibilities to pet owners and the consequences of stray dogs, impounding and penalties associated with dog attacks on Council's social media.

CARRIED

11. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	11.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

OCM173/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Woods

Seconded Cr Nawirridj

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 9:24am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	12.1
Title:	Presentation - Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

OCM181/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Nabalmarda

Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL notes the verbal presentation from the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town in response to the Council's questions in relation to the sub lease housing agreement.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.2
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

OCM174/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Blyth

THAT COUNCIL confirm the confidential minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.3
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

OCM175/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Blyth
Seconded Mayor Woods

THAT COUNCIL confirm the confidential minutes of Special Council meeting held Tuesday 17 June 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.4
Title:	Confidential Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

OCM176/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Williams

THAT COUNCIL notes the confidential minutes of the Risk Management and Audit Committee meeting held Thursday 19 June 202, and review decisions made by the Committee.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.5
Title:	Review of Confidential Action Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

OCM177/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Woods
Seconded Cr Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Review of Confidential Action Items*; and
2. Review the outstanding action items and give approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.6
Title:	Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

OCM178/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Onus
Seconded Cr Nawirridj

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council; and
2. Note the status of outstanding Land Use Agreements.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.7
Title:	Interim Compliance Review Report 2023-2024
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM180/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Wilton
Seconded Cr Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL receive and considered the report titled *Final Compliance Review Report 2023-2024* and West Arnhem Regional Council's response.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.8
Title:	Maningrida K9 Security Program
Author:	Fiona Ainsworth, Director of Community and Council Services

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)(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.

13 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC AND DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

Agenda Reference:	13.1
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-Admittance of the Public
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

OCM183/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Onus

Seconded Cr Blyth

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approve to disclose the following confidential resolutions to open, as follows:
 - Item 12.1 Presentation – Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town
 - Item 12.2 Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
 - Item 12.3 Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
 - Item 12.4 Confirmation of Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes
 - Item 12.5 Review of Confidential Action Items
 - Item 12.6 Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council
 - Item 12.7 Interim Compliance Review Report 2023-2024
2. Open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

The public was re-admitted at 10:39am.

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 30 July 2025.

15 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor Woods declared the meeting closed at 10:40am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday 30 June 2025.

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