

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting
Thursday, 13 November 2025 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 10:03am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Joseph Diddo
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Ralph McCoy
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Manager Finance	Imran Shajib
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson

GUESTS

Auditors	Noel Clifford – Nexia NT
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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.

SCM73/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the apology received from Cr Henry Yates and Cr Ralph Blyth;
2. Notes the late arrival of Cr Joseph Diddo; and
3. Determines Cr Henry Yates and Cr Ralph Blyth are absent with 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.

SCM74/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Council meeting held on 13 November 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.

Mayor Woods advised that he is no longer a member on the board of the Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation.

SCM75/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges there were no declarations of interest in relation to the items as listed for consideration during the Special Council meeting held on 13 November 2025.

CARRIED

6 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
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.

SCM76/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

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 10:07am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Council's Medium to Long Term Financial Position
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

SCM79/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Council's Medium to Long Term Financial Position*;
2. Support the previous Council's decision to return up to 20 Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town residential properties subject to a CEO review of council's Jabiru housing needs;
3. Require the CEO to provide an updated report on Council's medium to longer term financial position, with the 2025-26 budget review, between January and April 2026.
4. Approve a copy of this report and the minutes of the Council decisions be provided to the Northern Territory Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development Chief Executive Officer, Mr Tom Leeming.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	2024-25 Annual Report
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

SCM77/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *2024-25 Annual Report*;
2. Accept the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 and the CEO's Certification contained in the Report; and
3. Accept the 2024-2025 Annual Report.

CARRIED

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

The public was re-admitted at 12:04pm.

Local Government Association NT Conference - Attendance

SCM82/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT Council approves Cr Jermaine Namanurki and Cr Ralph McCoy attendance to the Local Government Association NT Conference in Darwin on Tuesday, 18 November 2025 and Wednesday, 19 November 2025.

CARRIED

9 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 12:17pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 13 November 2025.

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