

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Finance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, 26 August 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 9:03am, 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	Mickitja Onus

STAFF PRESENT

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

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

FC1/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Note the apology received from Cr James Marrawal and Cr Donna Nadjamerrek;
2. Determine Cr James Marrawal and Cr Donna Nadjamerrek are absent with permission of the Committee.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

The Committee considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

FC2/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

THAT THE COMMITTEE accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Finance Committee Meeting 26 August 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 Committee considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

FC3/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE acknowledge there were declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for consideration in the Finance Committee meeting held on 26 August 2025.

CARRIED

6 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Financial Report for the period ending 31 July 2025
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance

The Committee considered a report on Financial Report for the period ending 31 July 2025.

FC4/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

THAT THE COMMITTEE receive and note the report titled *Financial Report for the period ending 31 July 2025*.

CARRIED

7 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

FC5/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

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 9:40am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	CouncilBIZ Update
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

FC6/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE receive and note the report titled *CouncilBIZ Update*.

CARRIED

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

FC7/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Approve to disclose the following confidential resolutions to open, as follows:  
Item 8.1 CouncilBIZ Update; and
2. Open the meeting to the public at 10.01am after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 18 December 2025.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 10:02am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 26 August 2025.

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