



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 28 January 2026 at 9:00 am  
Council Chambers

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 9:04am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Chairperson | James Woods (Mayor) |
| Councillor  | Ralph Blyth         |
| Councillor  | Mickitja Onus       |
| Councillor  | Joseph Diddo        |
| Councillor  | Jermaine Namanurki  |
| Councillor  | Henry Yates         |
| Councillor  | Ralph McCoy         |
| Councillor  | Steven Nabalmarda   |
| Councillor  | Daniel Siebert      |

STAFF PRESENT

|                                         |                           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chief Executive Officer                 | Katharine Clare Murray    |
| Director Community and Council Services | Fiona Ainsworth           |
| Director Finance                        | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters |
| Director Technical Services             | Grant McKenzie            |
| Manager Technical Services              | Kylie Gregson             |
| Manager Finance                         | Imran Shajib              |
| Governance Advisor                      | Debbie Branson            |
| Executive Assistant                     | Violette Stehlin          |

GUESTS

|              |                                                                      |
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| Chris Moore  | Department of Housing, Local Government and<br>Community Development |
| Claire Joyce | Department of Housing, Local Government and<br>Community Development |

### 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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| 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.

OCM001/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the late arrival of Cr Nabalmarda
2. Notes the apology received from Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips; and
3. Determines Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips is absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

### 4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM002/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 January 2026.

CARRIED

### 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

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| 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.

OCM003/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges there were no declarations of interest in relation to the items as listed for consideration during the Council meeting held on 28 January 2026.

CARRIED

## 6 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Cr Daniel Siebert made his Statement of Commitment as a newly Elected Member of West Arnhem Regional Council.

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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| Agenda Reference: | 7.0                                |
| Title:            | Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes   |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes.

OCM004/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Thursday, 20 November 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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| Agenda Reference: | 7.2                                |
| Title:            | Special Council Meeting Minutes    |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Special Council Meeting Minutes.

OCM005/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy  
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Thursday, 11 December 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

## 8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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| Agenda Reference: | 8.1                                                           |
| Title:            | Presentations and Visitors - Apex Security Group              |
| Author:           | Violette Stehlin, Acting Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO |

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Apex Security Group.

The matter was adjourned to the following Ordinary Council Meeting.

Representatives from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development were present as observers.

## MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am and reconvened at 9:33am.

### 9 ACTION REPORTS

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.1                                |
| Title:            | Review of Action Items             |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

OCM006/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Cr Henry Yates

#### THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Reviews the outstanding action items and gives approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.2                                |
| Title:            | Filling Casual Vacancies Policy    |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Filling Casual Vacancies Policy.

OCM007/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

#### THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Filling Casual Vacancies Policy*; and
2. Endorses the updated Filling Casual Vacancies Policy as attached to the report.

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.3                                                                    |
| Title:            | Australian Local Government Association 2026 National General Assembly |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                              |

The Council considered a report on Australian Local Government Association 2026 National General Assembly.

With the attendance of the Mayor, a Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer it was considered the meeting be postponed until their return.

OCM008/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Australian Local Government Association 2026 National General Assembly*;
2. Nominates Cr Jermaine Namanurki together with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2026 National General Assembly in Canberra;
3. Approves costs associated to travel, accommodation and registration for each delegate attending;
4. Does not submit a motion to the 2026 National General Assembly; and
5. Reschedules the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 24 June 2026 to Wednesday 1 July 2026.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.4                                       |
| Title:            | Warruwi and Kakadu By-Election            |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer |

The Council considered a report on Warruwi and Kakadu By-Election.

OCM009/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Warruwi and Kakadu By-Election*;
2. Determines a date for the Warruwi By-Election be set in June 2026; and
3. Advises that Kakadu By-Election be held at the latest in April 2026.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.5                                       |
| Title:            | Strategic Plan - Review of Pillars        |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer |

The Council considered a report on Strategic Plan - Review of Pillars.

OCM010/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Strategic Plan - Review of Pillars*; and
2. Endorses the proposal by the CEO to commence consultation with the elected members, local authorities and senior management to review the strategic direction to ensure alignment with current priorities and values.

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.6                                               |
| Title:            | Malbak Aboriginal Corporation - Letter of Support |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer         |

The Council considered a report on Malbak Aboriginal Corporation - Letter of Support.

OCM011/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Malbak Aboriginal Corporation - Letter of Support*;
2. Endorses a letter from West Arnhem Regional Council in support of Malbak Aboriginal Corporation's Expression of Interest to the Barossa Aboriginal Future Fund; and
3. Approves the Mayor and CEO to provide letters of support to stakeholders which align with the Council's Strategic Pillars with letters being brought to Council for endorsement at the following Council meeting.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.7                                                                                              |
| Title:            | Local Government Association of the NT April 2026 Conference and General Meeting - Alice Springs |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                                                        |

The Council considered a report on Local Government Association of the NT April 2026 Conference and General Meeting - Alice Springs.

OCM012/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Local Government Association of the NT April 2026 Conference and General Meeting - Alice Springs*; and
2. Approves the costs associated with registration, accommodation and travel expenses for Mayor James Woods, Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips, Cr Henry Yates and Chief Executive Officer, Katharine Murray to attend the Local Government Association of the NT 2026 April Conference and General Meeting which will be held in Alice Springs.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.8                                |
| Title:            | Vacancy - Finance Committee        |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Vacancy - Finance Committee.

OCM013/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Vacancy - Finance Committee*; and
2. Appoints Cr Daniel Siebert as a Council Committee Member of the Finance Committee replacing Cr Ralph F Blyth as temporary member.

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.9                                                 |
| Title:            | Financial report for period ending 31 December 2025 |
| Author:           | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Finance         |

The Council considered a report on Financial report for period ending 31 December 2025.

Cr Steven Nabalmarda joined the meeting at 10:21am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58am and reconvened, with the absence of Cr Steven Nabalmarda at 11:25am.

OCM014/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Financial report for period ending 31 December 2025*;
2. Approve \$41,000 be allocated from the unallocated capital reserve to a capital project titled Rectification Works for Jabiru Town Water; and
3. Approve \$70,000 be allocated from the unallocated capital reserve to a capital project titled Rectification Works for the Jabiru Sewer Pond and Irrigation System.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.10                                           |
| Title:            | Sponsorship Policy                             |
| Author:           | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance |

The Council considered a report on Sponsorship Policy.

Mayor James Woods left the meeting at 11:42am and returned at 11:43am.

OCM015/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Sponsorship Policy*; and
2. Approves the Sponsorship Policy, as amended to include the organisation or the individual needs to be resides in the Council Local Government area and application to be considered by Council in April, for the Council to apply going forward.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.11                                                   |
| Title:            | Proposed 4WD Bus for Sporting Events - Usage Agreement |
| Author:           | Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services              |

The Council considered a report on Proposed 4WD Bus for Sporting Events - Usage Agreement.

OCM016/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Proposed 4WD Bus for Sporting Events - Usage Agreement*; and
2. Endorses draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), with the Council Service Manager's approval required only, for the use of the Council 4WD Bus for Sporting Events.

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.12                                        |
| Title:            | West Arnhem Region - Community Flag Poles   |
| Author:           | Grant Mckenzie, Director Technical Services |

The Council considered a report on West Arnhem Region - Community Flag Poles.

OCM017/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Henry Yates

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *West Arnhem Region - Community Flag Poles*;
2. Provides the Local Authority the opportunity to review the flag poles within their community, consider the cost to repair, upgrade, installation of poles and the purchase of additional flags; and
3. Continues to maintain the poles, replace the flags when required and provide the resources to comply with the relevant protocols.

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.13                                            |
| Title:            | Expenditure of WaRM Grant Funding               |
| Author:           | Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator |

The Council considered a report on Expenditure of WaRM Grant Funding.

OCM018/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled Expenditure of WaRM Grant 2025/2026 period; and
2. Approves the expenditure of up to \$148,800 from WaRM Grant Funding as follows:
  - Landfill Operator Training
  - Waste data software licences and tablets
  - Purchase of materials for each Waste Management Facility
  - Engagement of Keep Australia Beautiful Council
  - Purchase of a woodchipper for the Jabiru Waste Management Facility.

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| Agenda Reference: | 9.14                                                              |
| Title:            | Nomination – Minister’s Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                         |

The Council considered a report on Nomination – Minister’s Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs.

OCM019/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives, notes and accepts the late report titled *Nomination – Minister’s Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs; and*
2. Nominates Cr Daniel Siebert as West Arnhem Regional Council's representative as a member of the Minister’s Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.1                                                          |
| Title:            | Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence                          |
| Author:           | Violette Stehlin, Acting Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO |

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM020/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.2                                                          |
| Title:            | Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor                     |
| Author:           | Violette Stehlin, Acting Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO |

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

OCM021/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.3                                                          |
| Title:            | Meetings and Events attended by the CEO                       |
| Author:           | Violette Stehlin, Acting Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO |

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

OCM022/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the CEO*.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm and reconvened at 1:07pm with the absence of Cr Jermaine Namanurki and Cr Steven Nabalmarda.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.4                                                              |
| Title:            | Local Government Association NT - Local Government Act Amendments |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                         |

The Council considered a report on Local Government Association NT - Local Government Act Amendments.

OCM023/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Local Government Association NT - Local Government Act Amendments*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.5                                                           |
| Title:            | LGANT Draft Submission - Senate Inquiry into Regional Aviation |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                      |

The Council considered a report on LGANT Draft Submission - Senate Inquiry into Regional Aviation.

OCM024/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *LGANT Draft Submission - Senate Inquiry into Regional Aviation*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.6                                                                   |
| Title:            | LGANT - Gamba Eradication and Biodiversity Conservation (GEBC) Project |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                              |

The Council considered a report on LGANT - Gamba Eradication and Biodiversity Conservation (GEBC) Project.

OCM025/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *LGANT - Gamba Eradication and Biodiversity Conservation (GEBC) Project*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.7                                      |
| Title:            | Technical Services Projects Report        |
| Author:           | Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services |

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Projects Report.

Cr Steven Nabalmarda joined the meeting at 1:20pm.

OCM026/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Projects Report*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.8                                            |
| Title:            | Regional Waste Update                           |
| Author:           | Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator |

The Council considered a report on Regional Waste Update.

OCM027/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Regional Waste Update*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.9                                            |
| Title:            | Regional Cemetery Update                        |
| Author:           | Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator |

The Council considered a report on Regional Cemetery Update.

OCM028/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Regional Cemetery Update*.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.10                              |
| Title:            | Finance Committee Minutes          |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor |

The Council considered a report on Finance Committee Minutes.

OCM029/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL notes the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, 18 December 2025 and reviews the decisions made by the Committee.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.11                                 |
| Title:            | Human Resource Monthly Report         |
| Author:           | Luisa Arango, Human Resources Manager |

The Council considered a report on Human Resource Monthly Report.

OCM030/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy  
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Human Resource Monthly Report*.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.12                                                    |
| Title:            | Community and Council Services Report                    |
| Author:           | Fiona Ainsworth, Director Community and Council Services |

The Council considered a report on Community and Council Services Report.

Cr Jermaine Namanurki joined the meeting at 1:35pm.

OCM031/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report entitled Community and Council Services Report.

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| Agenda Reference: | 10.13                                                                                  |
| Title:            | Northern Territory Electoral Commission - West Arnhem Regional Council Election Report |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                                              |

The Council considered a report on Northern Territory Electoral Commission - West Arnhem Regional Council Election Report.

OCM032/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Northern Territory Electoral Commission - West Arnhem Regional Council Election Report*; and
2. Extend their appreciation to staff involved in the Local Government Elections including Heidi Walton, Rick Mitchell and Marnie Mitchell.

CARRIED

#### 11 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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| Agenda Reference: | 11.1                                            |
| 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.

OCM033/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL raised the following questions:

- Power Outages – Jabiru – Further feedback at the Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2026.
- Barossa Future Fund- Further feedback at the Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2026.
- GACJT By-laws and Regulations – Correspondence received – to be referred to Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

## 12 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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| Agenda Reference: | 12.1                                                           |
| 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.

OCM034/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth

Seconded Mayor James Woods

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 2:07pm to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

## 13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.1                                                          |
| Title:            | Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor                            |

OCM035/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of Confidential Ordinary Council meeting held on Thursday, 20 November 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.2                                            |
| Title:            | Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor              |

OCM036/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of Confidential Special Council meeting held on Thursday, 11 November 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.3                                   |
| Title:            | Confidential Finance Committee Minutes |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor     |

OCM037/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL notes the minutes of the Confidential Finance Committee and reviews the decisions made by the Committee.

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.4                               |
| Title:            | Confidential Action Report         |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor |

OCM038/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Confidential Action Report*; and
2. Reviews the outstanding action items and given approval for completed items to be removed from the register.

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.5                                                                                      |
| Title:            | Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council |
| Author:           | Clem Beard, Project Manager                                                               |

OCM039/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

3. Receives and notes the report titled Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council and Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town;
4. Notes the status of outstanding Land Use Agreements; and
5. Notes to proceed with proposed Land Use agreement for Lot 2368 Jabiru – Spray Irrigation.

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.6                                      |
| Title:            | Warruwi Local Authority Appointment       |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer |

OCM041/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Warruwi Local Authority Appointment*; and
2. Appoints Ida Waianga to the Warruwi Local Authority as a community member.

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.7                                           |
| Title:            | 2025-26 Rates and Charges Payment Plans        |
| Author:           | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance |

OCM042/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *2025-26 Rates and Charges Payment Plans*;
2. Approves a payment plan of 2025-26 Rates and Charges for Property Number 800690 on condition the 2025-26 Notice of Rates and Charges amount is paid in full by 30 June 2026;
3. Approves a payment plan of 2025-26 Rates and Charges for Properties Numbers 800028, 800133, 800465, 800676, 800761 and 802187 on condition the respective 2025-26 Notice of Rates and Charges are paid in full by 30 June 2026; and
4. Approves remission of interest if the Council approved payment plans' minimum payment instalments, as set out in this report, are paid.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.8                                                      |
| Title:            | Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Councils |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                 |

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.9                                   |
| Title:            | Minjilang Lot 175 - Land Use Agreement |
| Author:           | Clem Beard, Project Manager            |

OCM040/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Minjilang Lot 175 - Land Use Agreement*; and
2. Refers the matter to the Minjilang Local Authority Meeting in March 2026.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.10                                          |
| Title:            | Council Issued Credit Cards                    |
| Author:           | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance |

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.11                                          |
| Title:            | Grants Update                                  |
| Author:           | Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance |

OCM045/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Grants Update*.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.12                                     |
| Title:            | Jabiru Child Care                         |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer |

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.13                                     |
| Title:            | Chief Executive Officer's Report          |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer |

This item was withdrawn.

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| Agenda Reference: | 13.14              |
| Title:            | Jabiru Airport     |
| Author:           | James Woods, Mayor |

OCM047/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Jabiru Airport* and refer to the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee and the next Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED

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

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| Agenda Reference: | 14.1                                                                   |
| Title:            | Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public |
| Author:           | Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor                                     |

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The public was re-admitted at 4:14pm.

#### 15 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 24 February 2026.

#### 16 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 4:14pm.

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