

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee
Friday, 18 July 2025 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Blyth declared the meeting open at 10:00am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Ralph F. Blyth
Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Mickitja Onus (via video)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Director of Finance	Jocelyn Nathanel-Walters (via video)
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant to Mayor and CEO	Gina Carrascalao (via video)
Community Well Being Senior Project Officer	Gemma Loyer (item 7.3 only)

GUESTS

NT Police	Senior Sergeant Chris Harden
Red Lily Health Clinics	Mark DiFrancesco and Fiona Brooks

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

KWAC23/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE notes that there are nil apologies received.

CARRIED

4 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

KWAC24/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Ralph Blyth
Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE accept the agenda papers as circulated for the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 July 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 Local Authority considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

KWAC25/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE received nil declarations of interest for the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 July 2025.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

KWAC26/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE adopted the minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 16 May 2025 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Item 7.1 – Invited Guest – NT Police was deferred and Item 7.2 – Presentations and Guest Speakers was brought forward.

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Invited Guest – Red Lilly Health Clinic
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

Mark DiFrancesco and Fiona Brooks from Red Lily Health Clinics joined the meeting at 10:00am and left the meeting at 10:26am.

KWAC27/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Ralph Blyth
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE noted the update from Red Lilly Health Clinic.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Invited Guest - NT Police.

Senior Sergeant Chris Harden joined the meeting at 10:00am and left at 10:49am.

KWAC28/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE noted the update on Law and Order by the NT Police.

CARRIED

Item 7.3 – NAIDOC Week Celebrations was deferred and Item 8.1 – Review of Action Items was brought forward.

8 ACTION REPORTS

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Review of Action Items.

KWAC29/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Chairperson Cr Ralph Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Received and noted the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Request that the BMX track action be removed as completed and grants be sourced for the Splash Park.

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Community Well Being Senior Project Officer, Gemma Loyer addressed the Committee to formally invite the committee members to attend, and if interested, speak at the upcoming West Arnhem Regional Council NAIDOC event.

Gemma Loyer joined the meeting at 10:58am and left the meeting at 11:04am.

KWAC30/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Ralph Blyth
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE noted the invitation to attend West Arnhem Regional Council NAIDOC event.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:04am and reconvened at 11:22am.

9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Local Authority considered a report on Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report.

KWAC31/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT KAKADU WARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Kevin Voisey, Seniors Works Officer

The Committee considered a report on CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services.

KWAC32/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT KAKADU WARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*; and
2. Acknowledge the improvements with street lighting around Jabiru.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Human Resources Report as at 30 June 2025
Author:	Linda Veugen-Yong, Human Resources Manager (Acting)

The Committee considered a report on Human Resources Report as at 30 June 2025.

KWAC33/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE receive and note the report titled *Human Resources Report as at 30 June 2025*.

CARRIED

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

The Committee considered a report on 2025 Local Government General Elections.

KWAC34/2025 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Chairperson Cr Ralph Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE receive and note the report title *2025 Local Government General Elections*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	Jabiru Lake - Catch and Release Program
Author:	Fiona Ainsworth, Director of Community and Council Services

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

KWAC35/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

Seconded Chairperson Cr Ralph Blyth

THAT KAKADU WARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE agree to close the item and no further action required.

CARRIED

10 COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Member Questions
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Committee considered a report on Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Member Questions.

KWAC36/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

THAT THE COMMITTEE record the following questions from Members for action:

- Dog By-laws

CARRIED

Chairperson Blyth acknowledged the work carried out by staff and extended the committee's appreciation.

11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 17 October 2025.

12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Cr Blyth declared the meeting closed at 12:13pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Friday 18 July 2025.

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