

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Kakadu Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, 10 February 2026 at 10:00 am  
Council Chambers

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

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

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Councillor	Ralph Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Director Community and Council Services	Fiona Ainsworth
Director Finance	Jocelyn Nathanael Walters
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin

GUESTS

Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, Jabiru Project	Claire Joyce
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ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am and reconvened at 10:28am to conduct an on-site meeting at the Jabiru Childcare Centre.

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

SKWAC01/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Mickitja Onus  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Notes the apology received from Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips; and
2. Determines Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips is absent with permission of the Committee.

CARRIED

4 NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Nomination of Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Chairperson
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Committee considered a report on Nomination of Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Chairperson.

Cr Ralph Blyth nominated Cr Mickitja Onus as Chairperson, Cr Mickitja Onus accepted the nomination.

SKWAC02/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Nomination of Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Chairperson*; and
2. Recommends to Council that Cr Mickitja Onus be appointed Chairperson of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee and the appointment be reviewed post Kakadu Ward By-Election.

CARRIED

Cr Mickitja Onus assumed the Chair.

5 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Acceptance of Agenda
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Committee considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

SKWAC03/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026.

CARRIED

6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	6.1
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.

SKWAC04/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE acknowledges there were no declarations of interest in relation to the items as listed for consideration during the Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026.

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.

KWC05/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

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 10:38am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

*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.*

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Jabiru Childcare
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Jabiru Airport
Author:	James Woods, Mayor

*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)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.*

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Jabiru Lakeside Precinct Upgrade
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director of Finance

SKWAC08/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus  
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Jabiru Lakeside Precinct Upgrade*; and
2. Recommends to Council that approval be granted to the previous Council's allocated Jabiru dog park funding of \$30,000.00 in Council resolution OCM272/2024, be used as general co-contribution for the Jabiru Lakeside Precinct Upgrade 2025-26 capital project which includes the Council's original dog park plans.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Citizen of the Year Awards
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SKWAC10/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Citizen of the Year Awards*; and
2. Agrees that there will be no 2026 Citizen of the Year awards in Jabiru.

CARRIED

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

Agenda Reference:	9.14
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

SKWAC11/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Approves to disclose the following selected resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes:
  - Item 8.4 Jabiru Lakeside Precinct Upgrade
  - Item 8.5 Citizen of the Year Award; and
2. Opens the meeting to the public at 11:53am after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

10 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mickitja Onus declared the meeting closed at 11:53am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 10 February 2026.

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