

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee
Friday, 6 March 2026 at 9:00 pm
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus declared the meeting open at 9:02am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Mickitja Onus
Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Council Services Manager	Kevin Voisey
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin
Manager Technical Services	Kylie Gregson (via Teams)
Waste and Resource Co-ordinator	Meredith Newall (via Teams)

GUESTS

Northern Territory Police	Acting Sergeant Keshia Clarke
Northern Territory Police	Constable Ryan Ruf
Red Lily Health Clinic	Mark DiFrancesco (via Teams)

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.

KWAC1/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE acknowledges all members of the Committee were present.

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.

KWAC2/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE COMMITTEE accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 March 2026.

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.

KWAC3/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE acknowledges no declarations of interest relating to the items listed for the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 March 2026.

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.

KWAC4/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE confirms the minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Friday, 18 July 2025 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Confirmation of Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

KWAC5/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE confirms the minutes of the Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 as a true and correct record noting Council's resolution as follows:

OCM71/2026 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. Notes the confidential minutes of Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee confidential meeting held on Tuesday, 10 February 2026; and*
- 2. Requests that the item relating to Jabiru Airport be deferred until GAC provides further information.*

CARRIED

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Item 7.1 – Invited Guest NT Police and Item 7.2 – Invited Guest Red Lily Health Clinic Update were deferred until the representatives were available.

8 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Jabiru Waste Report
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Committee considered a report on Jabiru Waste Report.

KWAC6/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Jabiru Waste Report*;
2. Requests an update regarding the remediation of the green waste area; and
3. Requests that options are explored to manage wild dogs at the Jabiru landfill.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Committee considered a report on Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report.

KWAC7/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Kevin Voisey, Council Services Manager, Jabiru

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

KWAC8/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*; and
2. Requests an option to euthanize wild dogs be explored.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Human Resources Report up to 13 February 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Committee considered a report on Human Resources Report up to 13 February 2026.

KWAC9/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Human Resources Report up to 13 February 2026*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	2024-2025 Annual Report
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Committee considered a report on 2024-2025 Annual Report.

KWAC12/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *2024-2025 Annual Report*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.6
Title:	Jabiru Town By-laws 2024
Author:	Rick Mitchell, Acting Director Council and Community Services

The Committee considered a report on Jabiru Town By-laws 2024.

KWAC13/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Jabiru Town By-laws 2024*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	KWAC Terms of Reference - Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Committee considered a report on KWAC Terms of Reference - Review.

KWAC14/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *KWAC Terms of Reference - Review*; and
2. Submits the reviewed Terms of Reference to Council for adoption.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

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

KWAC15/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

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

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 9.3 – Community Benefit Fund was deferred.

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.

Acting Sergeant Keisha Clarke and Constable Ryan Ruf joined the meeting at 10:08am and left at 10:33am.

KWAC16/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Red Lily Health Clinic Update
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Committee considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Red Lily Health Clinic Update.

Mark DiFrancesco joined the meeting at 10:33am and left the meeting at 10:51am.

KWAC17/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE notes the presentation from Red Lily Health Clinic.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Community Benefit Fund
Author:	Grant Mckenzie, Director Technical Services

The Committee considered a report on Community Benefit Fund.

KWAC18/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Community Benefit Fund*;
2. Prioritises a list of projects from the Local Authority members for the Administration to pursue future grant applications; and
3. Advises that a proposed list of projects will be provided at the next Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	Kakadu Triathlon 2025/26
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Committee considered a report on Kakadu Triathlon 2025/26.

KWAC19/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives, notes and accepts the late report titled Kakadu Triathlon 2025/26;
2. Requests that further sponsorship from other communities be sought;
3. Recommends to Council to continue to support this event in 2026 but to advise CareFlight and Darwin Triathlon that in future years the Council's capacity to provide this support may be reduced; and
4. Recommends to Council to support the Kakadu Triathlon 2025/26 for a financial contribution of approximately \$36,000 and provide in-kind support to cover staffing, plant, equipment and facilities to co-ordinate the 2026 event.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am and reconvened at 11:32am.

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.

KWAC17/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE recorded for action the following questions from Members.

Australian Bureau of Statistics to provide a presentation on the upcoming 2026 Census at the next Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED

11 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	11.1
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.

KWAC18/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus
Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

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 11:39am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	12.1
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

KWAC19/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE confirms the confidential minutes of the Confidential Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.2
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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.

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

Agenda Reference:	13.1
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

KWAC21/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE

1. Approves to disclose the selected resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes;
 - 12.1 Confirmation of Confidential Special Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Minutes to be moved to open; and
2. Opens the meeting to the public at 11:57am after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

13 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Cr Mickitja Onus declared the meeting closed at 11:58am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Friday 6 March 2026.

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14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 15 May 2026.