

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Maningrida Local Authority
Monday, 13 October 2025 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 10:21am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Member	Sharon Hayes
Member	Shane Namanurki
Member	Garth Doolan
Member	Marlene Kernan

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Joseph Diddo

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell (via teams)
Council Services Manger	Scott Page
Finance Manager	Imran Shajib
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson

GUESTS

Menzies School of Health Research

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22am and reconvened at 10:31am.

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.

MAN56/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the apology received from Deputy Mayor Phillips, Member Monica Wilton, Member Shane Namanurki and Member Joyce Bohme; and
2. Determines Deputy Mayor Phillips, Member Monica Wilton, Member Shane Namanurki and Member Joyce Bohme are absent with permission of the Authority.

CARRIED

4 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Election of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Election of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson.

Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips nominated Member Garth Doolan. Member Garth Doolan did not accept the nomination.

Member Monica Wilton nominated Member Joyce Bohme. Member Joyce Bohme accepted the nomination.

Member Garth Doolan nominated Cr Jermaine Namanurki. Cr Jermaine Namanurki accepted the nomination.

Member Marlene Kernan nominated Member Sharon Hayes. Member Sharon Hayes accepted the nomination.

Cr Diddo nominated Member Marlene Kernan. Member Marlene Kernan accepted the nomination.

Member Shane Namanurki joined the meeting at 10:42am.

Item 4.1 – Election of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson Cont/.

MAN57/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Garth Doolan

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Election of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson*; and
2. Elects Cr Jermaine Namanurki to the position of Maningrida Local Authority Chairperson for a period of 12 months.

CARRIED

Cr Jermaine Namnurki assumed the position of Chairperson.

5 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

MAN58/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY accepts the agenda papers as circulated for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 13 October 2025.

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 Local Authority considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

MAN59/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Jeremain Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY acknowledges nil declarations of interest relating to the items listed for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 13 October 2025.

CARRIED

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

MAN60/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY confirms the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on Monday, 14 July 2025 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 8 – Presentations and Visitors was deferred and Item 9.1 – Receive and Note Reports was brought forward.

9 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Finance Report to August 2025
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to August 2025.

MAN63/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Jeremain Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and note the report titled *Finance Report to August 2025*;
2. Receives and note the Maningrida Local Authority Certification of the 2024-25 Local Authority Project Funding;
3. Allocates \$20,963 from existing unspent LAP funding to the Change Room's opening event;
4. Liaises with stakeholders to co-contribute to the opening event; and
5. Allocates \$50,000 to the LAP – Community initiatives and events in Maningrida when the new funding is received.

CARRIED

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Menzies School of Health Research
Author:	Debbie Branson, Governance Advisor

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Menzies School of Health Research.

Dr Bianca Middleton joined the meeting at 11:10am and left at 11:27am.

MAN61/2025 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Chairperson Jermain Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation on ORVA and THRIVE studies from the Menzies School of Health Research.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28am.

12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on date to be determined in 2026 by the Council.

13 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Namanurki declared the meeting closed at 11:28am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 13 October 2025.

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