

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 29 April 2026 at 12:00 pm
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 12:21pm, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	James Woods (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Jermaine Namanurki
Councillor	Joseph Diddo
Councillor	Ralph McCoy
Councillor	Henry Yates
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus (via Teams)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell
Director Corporate Services	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters (via Teams)
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Technical Services Manager	Kylie Gregson (via Teams)
Waste and Resources Coordinator	Meredith Newall (via Teams)

GUESTS

Member for Lingiari Electorate	Rob Knight
Red Lily Health	Erin Lewfatt

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

Agenda Reference:	3.1
Title:	Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absent Without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

Mayor Woods advised he would be on a Leave of Absence from Tuesday, 12 May 2026 until Friday, 15 May 2026 inclusive.

OCM126/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Micketja Onus
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Acknowledges Cr Ralph McCoy's leave of absence for Thursday, 30 April 2026;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Siebert and an apology from Cr Henry Yates for Thursday, 30 April 2026;
3. Determines Cr Daniel Siebert and Cr Henry Yates are an apology with the permission of the Council; and
4. Acknowledges the Mayor's leave of absence from Tuesday, 12 May 2026 until Friday, 15 May 2026.

CARRIED

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 6.1 – Invited Guest – Member for Lingiari – Special Envoy was bought forward.

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Invited Guest - Member for Lingiari - Special Envoy
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Invited Guest - Member for Lingiari - Special Envoy.

Rob Knight, Member for Lingiari Electorate joined the meeting at 12:25pm and left the meeting at 1:20pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:07pm and reconvened at 2:28pm.

OCM127/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL notes the attendance of Rob Knight, Chief of Staff, Office of The Hon. Marion Scrymgour MP, Member for Lingiari.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

Mayor Woods and Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared an interest in Item 11.4 – Sponsorship Applications as employees of Malala Health. Cr Mickitja Onus declared an interest in Item 11.4 – Sponsorship Applications as a member for the Jabiru Bombers Football Club.

Noting Item 11.4 – Sponsorship was withdrawn therefore the Declarations of Interests were not required.

OCM128/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges the declarations of interest disclosed in relation to the items listed for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting held on 29 April 2026.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes.

Cr Onus joined the meeting at 2:32pm.

OCM129/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

OCM130/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

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, including the Motor Vehicle Registry identification cards.

CARRIED

OCM131/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Henry Yates
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Authorises the costs associated with travelling the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the former Elected Member for Warruwi funeral service in Darwin on 4 June 2026 and the Elected Members to attend Warruwi for Sorry Business approximately 11 June 2026; and
2. Pays for a charter flight to transport the deceased from Darwin to Warruwi up to \$5,000 subject to approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development that Council funding can be used for this purpose.

CARRIED

OCM132/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL appoints Independent Member, Warren Jackson as interim Chairperson of the Risk Management and Audit Committee until a permanent Chairperson has been appointed.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Attendance at Meetings via Audio or Audiovisual Conferencing System Policy
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Attendance at Meetings via Audio or Audiovisual Conferencing System Policy.

OCM133/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Attendance at Meetings via Audio or Audiovisual Conferencing System Policy*; and
2. Endorses the Attendance at Meetings via Audio or Audiovisual Conference System Policy.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:23pm and reconvened at 3:40pm with the exception of Cr Mickitja Onus and Cr Ralph F Blyth.

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Confidential Information and Business Policy
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Confidential Information and Business Policy.

Cr Ralph F Blyth joined the meeting at 3:44pm.

OCM134/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Confidential Information and Business Policy*; and
2. Endorses the updated Confidential Information and Business Policy.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Financial report for period ending 31 March 2026
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Corporate Services

The Council considered a report on Financial report for period ending 31 March 2026.

Cr Micketja Onus joined the meeting at 4:22pm.

OCM135/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Financial report for period ending 31 March 2026*;
2. Approves the transfer of \$51,425 to Council's Fleet Reserve from 2025-26 surplus funds;
3. Approves the transfer of \$30,000 to Council's Election Reserve from 2025-26 surplus funds; and
4. Approves the transfer of \$922,497 to Council's Insurance Reserve held in a provision on Council's Balance Sheet.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm and reconvened on Thursday, 30 April 2026 at 9:09am with the exception of Cr Ralph McCoy, Cr Micketja Onus and Cr Henry Yates.

8 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM136/2026 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, including late correspondence tabled:

- Northern Territory Grants Commission regarding Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants; and
- LGANT – Letter to the Treasurer regarding Electricity Pricing Reforms.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM137/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Meetings and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer.

OCM138/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Meetings and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer*.

CARRIED

6 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Invited Guest - CEO Red Lily Health
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Invited Guest - CEO Red Lily Health.

Erin Lewfatt, Red Lily Health joined the meeting at 10:07am.

OCM139/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL notes the attendance of Erin Lewfatt, Chief Executive Officer, Red Lily Health.

CARRIED

Erin Lewfatt, Red Lily Health left the meeting at 10:22am.

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Invited Guest - National Indigenous Australians Agency
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Invited Guest - National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Gerrit Wanganeen, National Indigenous Australians Agency joined the meeting at 10:33am.

OCM140/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL notes the attendance of Gerrit Wanganeen, National Indigenous Australians Agency.

CARRIED

Gerrit Wanganeen, National Indigenous Australians Agency left the meeting at 10:55am.

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Community and Council Services Report
Author:	Rick Mitchell, Acting Director Council and Community Services

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

OCM141/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am and reconvened at 11:19am.

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	2026 Local Government By-Election - Kakadu
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on 2026 Local Government By-Election - Kakadu.

OCM142/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *2026 Local Government By-Election - Kakadu*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.6
Title:	Regional Waste Update
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Council considered a report on Regional Waste Update.

OCM143/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.7
Title:	Technical Services Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Report.

OCM144/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.8
Title:	Pavement Defects
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Pavement Defects.

Leigh Carnall from Civiltech Solution joined the meeting at 3:09pm and left at 3.22pm.

OCM145/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Pavement Defects*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Elected Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Questions with or without Notice.

OCM146/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Steven Nabalmarda
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT the Council acknowledge the following questions with or without notice from Elected Members:

- Street sweeper Maningrida

CARRIED

10 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items.

OCM147/2026 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 11:53am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	11.1
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM148/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Confidential Ordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.2
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM149/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.3
Title:	Minjilang Local Authority Member Payment
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM150/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Minjilang Local Authority Member Payment*; and
2. Does not approve the payment for the members attendance at the Minjilang Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Wednesday, 3 March 2026.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.4
Title:	Sponsorship Applications Received
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Corporate Services

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Agenda Reference:	11.5
Title:	Review of Confidential Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM151/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL:

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.6
Title:	Confidentiality Review List - 2024-2025
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM152/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Confidentiality Review List - 2024-2025*; and
2. Endorses the items on the *Confidentiality Review List* to be released to be made publicly available as follows:

12.6	23/04/2024	Enterprise Agreement	OCM97/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Received and noted the report entitled Enterprise Agreement; and 2. Approve the adoption and introduction of an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement; and 3. Requests CEO to organise orientation on process for Cr Onus and Cr Blyth; and 4. Requests workshop for Councils list of claims before commencement of agreement. 5. Request that CEO keeps Mayor and Deputy Mayor informed throughout the process.
12.2	21/05/2024	Council's Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2024-2025	OCM125/2024 RESOLVED: THAT Council note the intended actions of the CEO to seek to obtain further funding to achieve a balanced budget.
10.1	17/06/2025	CEO Employment Contract - Compassionate Leave Entitlements	SCM58/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report titled CEO Compassion Leave Entitlements; and 2. Approve the Chief Executive Officer's contract be amended to include Compassionate Leave as per the West Arnhem Regional Council Enterprise Agreement 2024.
10.2	17/06/2026	Tender Evaluation - Jabiru Housing Upgrades	SCM59/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report titled Tender Evaluation - Jabiru Housing Upgrades; and 2. Approve the awarding of the Jabiru Housing Upgrades to Kakadu Contracting NT at a price of \$197,032.00 (GST inclusive).
12.1	18/06/2024	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes	OCM157/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm the minutes of 21 May 2024 Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting. 2. Item to remain confidential for 12 months under section 51(1)(c)(iii) of the Local Government Act 2019.
8.1	19/07/2024	CEO Probation Review	OCM168/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report titled CEO Probation Review; 2. Support of the recommendation made by the CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel to permanently appoint Andrew Walsh to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the West Arnhem Regional Council; and 3. Endorse the attached confidential letter addressed to Andrew Walsh on behalf of Council and signed by Mayor James Woods.

12.2	31/07/2024	Confirmation of Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes	OCM201/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL 1. Confirm the minutes of 21 June 2024 Risk Management and Audit Committee as a true and correct record of the meeting and reviewed decisions made by the Committee; and 2. Approve all confidential items regarding financial management to be shared with the Risk Management and Audit Committee.
9.2	31/07/2024	Financial Management Update	OCM209/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL 1. Receive and note the report titled Financial Management Update. 2. Approve for report and information included be disclosed to the Local Government Unit.
12.1	21/08/2024	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary and Special Council Meeting Minutes	OCM222/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 31 July 2024 Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.
12.6	21/08/2024	Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Assets	OCM226/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Assets; and 2. Resubmit this report to the next Council Meeting
8.1	29/08/2024	Approval to Dispose of Surplus Feet Assets	OCM249/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Assets. 2. Approve disposal of Asset CA96RJ (no reserve), CD57PL (no reserve), and the disposal is not offered via community expression. 3. Approve the disposal of Assets 769-175 (reserve \$15,000), CC64BG (reserve \$10,000), CD77XF (reserve \$20,000), and the assets are offered for community expression of interest prior to auction. 4. Approve disposal of SV4120 (reserve \$190,000) and SV4000 (reserve \$190,000), and the assets are offered for community expression of interest prior to auction; and 5. Out of session report to Council on transfer of assets plans for landfill operations.
12.2	30/09/2024	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes	OCM282/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 29 August 2024 Confidential Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.
12.3	30/09/2024	Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the NLC	OCM283/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council; and 2. Note the status of outstanding Land Use Agreements.
12.4	30/09/2024	Confirmation of Risk Management and Audit Committee Minutes	OCM284/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL receive and notes the minutes of 20 September 2024 Confidential Risk Management and Audit Committee as a true and correct record of the meeting and review decisions made by the Committee.
12.6	21/10/2024	Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the NLC	OCM321/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council; and 2. Note the status of outstanding Land Use Agreements excluding Lot 385 Gunbalanya.

12.2	21/10/2024	Lot 385 Gunbalanya	OCM314/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Lot 385 Gunbalanya; 2. Rescind resolution OCM147/2023; 3. Resolve to retain current Section 19 ALRA Lease of Lot 385 Gunbalanya; and 4. Request administration follow legal advice to proceed.
11.5	18/12/2024	Approval to Dispose of Executive Fleet Prado	OCM391/2024 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Approval to Dispose of Executive Fleet Prado; and 2. Approve to dispose of fleet asset Toyota Prado Station Wagon, Registration No: CE56JU, with a reserve price of \$45,454.54 at public auction; and 3. Approve to dispose of fleet asset Toyota Prado Station Wagon, Registration No: CE56JU, with a reserve price of \$45,454.54 to Auto Trend Winnellie if the reserve price is not met at public auction.
8.1	3/01/2025	Chief Executive Officer Report	SCM6/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Chief Executive Officer Report Current CEO: 2. Notes the resignation of the Chief Executive Officer. CEO Recruitment: 3. Approves the engagement of Local Government Services Group recruitment agency to facilitate the CEO recruitment process with the package to include additional services listed. 4. Approve current CEO position description with the CEO Advisory Panel to make small amendments 5. Approves the CEO position to be advertised based in either Darwin or Jabiru. 6. Approves the Total Remuneration Package (TRP) to be set within the range of \$294,600.00 (Darwin) to \$314,600.00 (Jabiru). 7. Approves the current CEO's involvement in the recruitment process, providing advisory support to the Council – subject to conflicts of interest. 8. Approves the CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel to lead the recruitment process, including shortlisting candidates to interview and making recommendations to Council regarding the process. 9. Approves a public expressions of interest process to appoint an Independent Members to the CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel. 10. Approves the entire Council conducting the final interview process. 11. Approves tenancy arrangements to be set a five dollars per week in Jabiru. Transition Arrangements: 12. Does not approve an internal appointment for the CEO role during the transition period. 13. Approves the appointment of an external interim CEO during the transition period. 14. Approves the CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel to meet prospective applicants for the interim CEO role and make recommendations to Council regarding the appointment; and 15. Approves the Interim CEO TRP to mirror the current CEO, excluding housing arrangements which will be provided by Council including electricity expense and based in Jabiru.

8.2	3/01/2025	Employment Contract	SCM8/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Employment Contract; 2. Approve the last day of the CEO's employment to be Friday 21 February 2025; and 3. Approve the In-Kind assistance to relocate from Jabiru.
11.9	29/01/2025	Special Rate - Public Lighting	OCM27/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Special Rate - Public Lighting; 2. Approve the introduction of a special rate for public lighting at a flat rate of \$85.00 per residential and commercial lot; and 3. Request Council administration draft a Public Lighting Asset and Audit Management Plan for council's consideration in quarter two 2025 / 2026.
7.1	20/03/2025	Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract	SCM39/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract; 2. Endorse the Chief Executive Officers employment contract; 3. Approve the position of Chief Executive Officer be offered to Katharine Clare Murray upon satisfactory employment checks being completed; and 4. Delegate the authority to the Mayor to negotiate final details of the Chief Executive Officer employment contract, noting Council has approved a total remuneration package up to \$314,600.00 for Jabiru and \$294,600.00 for Darwin covering cash and non-cash benefits; and Should the preferred candidate decline the offer and contract COUNCIL: 5. Instruct the Panel to again review the 10 shortlisted applications received in case a suitable candidate is among those for the Council to consider.
12.5	26/03/2025	Disposal of Fleet Landcruiser 200 Series CF41QP	OCM81/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Disposal of Fleet Landcruiser 200 Series CF41QP; 2. Rescind the Special Council Meeting decision SCM31/2025 regarding the disposal of fleet Toyota Landcruiser 200 Series, Registration No: CF41QP; and Replace it with the below recommendation; 3. Approve the disposal of the Toyota Landcruiser 200 Series, Registration No: CF41QP, with a reserve price of \$85,000 at public auction; 4. Approve the disposal of the Toyota Landcruiser 200 Series, Registration No: CF41QP, where a reserve price of \$85,000 at public auction is not achieved but where the final public auction offer received is more than the Bridge Toyota reserve price of \$75,000; and 5. Approve to dispose of fleet asset Toyota Landcruiser 200 Series, Registration No: CF41QP, with a reserve price of \$75,000 to Bridge Toyota if the disposal by public auction is not achieved.

12.6	26/03/2025	Movements in Reserves	OCM82/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Movements in Reserves; 2. Approve the transfer of \$47,849 from council's Capital Reserve for 1 July 2024 to 31 January 2025 as shown in Table 2 of the Report; 3. Approve the transfer of \$14,215 to council's Capital Reserve from operating surplus to clear the 2022 Jabiru council office upgrade overspend; 4. Approve the creation of a new project to decommission and remove the old diesel tank in Gunbalanya and move the remaining 2023 project funds of \$7,238 to this new project; and 5. Approve the creation of an Insurance Reserve and transfer the funds received from the NT Government of \$1.1M to that reserve.
7.2	2/04/2025	Chief Executive Officer Appointment	SCM48/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Chief Executive Officer Appointment; 2. Appoint Katharine Clare Murray as Chief Executive Officer of the West Arnhem Regional Council; 3. Approve the administration amendment of the CEO Contract to include up to \$8000.000 relocation expense; and 4. Approve the finalised details of the CEO Contract for the position to be based in Jabiru and the start date to be 28 April 2025.
12.2	29/04/2025	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes	OCM108/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL 1. Confirm the minutes of 20 March 2025 Confidential Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting with the administration amendment for \$8000.00 relocation allowance. 2. Confirm the minutes of 2 April 2025 Confidential Special Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.
12.3	29/04/2025	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes	OCM109/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL confirm the minutes of 26 March 2025 Confidential Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.
10.2	17/06/2025	CEO Employment Contract Compassionate Leave Entitlements	SCM58/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled CEO Compassion Leave Entitlements; and 2. Approve the Chief Executive Officer's contract be amended to include Compassionate Leave as per the West Arnhem Regional Council Enterprise Agreement 2024.
10.2	17/06/2025	Tender Evaluation - Jabiru Housing Upgrades	SCM59/2025 RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Tender Evaluation - Jabiru Housing Upgrades; and 2. Approve the awarding of the Jabiru Housing Upgrades to Kakadu Contracting NT at a price of \$197,032.00 (GST inclusive).
12.8	30/06/2025	Maningrida K9 Security Program	OCM179/2025 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receive and note the report titled Maningrida K9 Security Program; and 2. Do not fund the Maningrida K9 Security Program further and continues to advocate for funding from external stakeholders.
	28/01/2026	Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Councils	OCM043/2026 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Councils.

13.1	28/01/2026	Council Issued Credit Cards	OCM044/2026 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Council Issued Credit Cards; 2. Approves the issuing of a Credit Card to the new Human Resource Manager with a \$4,000 monthly transaction limit; and 3. Approves the cancellation of the Credit Card issued to the Human Resource Coordinator once the Human Resource Manager's Credit Card is activated.
13.1	28/01/2026	Jabiru Childcare	OCM046/2026 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Jabiru Childcare; 2. Acknowledges the risks associated with the sustainability of the service; 3. Acknowledges the potential detriment to the community in the event of a permanent closure; 4. Notes the additional financial report for Council's Jabiru Childcare Centre; and 5. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer seek financial assistant from user groups, stakeholders and request a reply in writing to provide an update.
11.5	24/02/2026	Current Status of Outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land Council and Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town	OCM69/2026 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL: 1. 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; 2. Notes the status of outstanding Land Use Agreements; and 3. Requests legal advice in relation to all lease agreements from Northern Land Council and in particular to the legacy causes and the risks exposed to Council.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.7
Title:	Rates and Charges for 2026-27
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Corporate Services

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:	11.8
Title:	Jabiru Childcare Centre - Ongoing Financial Sustainability
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Corporate Services

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Agenda Reference:	11.9
Title:	Strategic Plan Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM154/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Strategic Plan Review*;
2. Endorses the list of questions within the report for the Local Authorities and Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee; and
3. Notes the Consultation Timetable attached to the report.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	11.10
Title:	Maningrida Change Room Status Update
Author:	Grant Mckenzie, Director Technical Services

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:	11.11
Title:	Chief Executive Officer's Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM156/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL notes the verbal operational update provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	12.1
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

OCM157/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Steven Nabalmarda

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves to disclose the following selected resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes;
 - Item 11.1 Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
 - Item 11.2 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
 - Item 11.3 Minjilang Local Authority Member Payment
 - Item 11.5 Review of Confidential Action Items
 - Item 11.6 Confidentiality Review List - 2024-2025
 - Item 11.9 Strategic Plan Review
 - Item 11.11 Chief Executive Officer's Report
2. Opens the meeting to the public at 12:58pm after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 27 May 2026.

14 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 12:59pm.

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