

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Maningrida Local Authority
Monday, 11 May 2026 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting open at 10:13am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Member	Sharon Hayes
Member	Marlene Kernan
Member	Garth Doolan
Member	Joyce Bohme

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Joseph Diddo

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell (via Teams)
Director Corporate Services	Jocelyn Nathanael Walters (via Teams)
Project Manager	Clem Beard
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin (via Teams)

Communications and Public Relations Coordinator Heidi Walton

GUESTS

Mural Wall Artist Bryan Itch and Andrew Bourke

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

MAN1/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the apology received from Members Shane Namanurki and Monica Wilton; and
2. Determines Members Shane Namanurki and Monica Wilton are an apology with permission of the Authority

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

MAN2/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY acknowledges that there were no declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 11 May 2026.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 13 October 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes - 13 October 2026.

MAN3/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopts the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on Monday, 13 October 2025 as a true and correct record, correcting the Chairperson's spelling of his name.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	5.2
Title:	Confirmation of Local Authority Provisional Meeting Minutes - 2 March 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Provisional Meeting Minutes - 2 March 2026.

MAN4/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes
Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopts the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Monday, 2 March 2026 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned briefly to present a staff member with a service award.

6 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Invited Guest - Apex Security Group
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

This item was deferred due to the unavailability of the Apex Security Group.

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Invited Guest - Mural Wall Art
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

This item was deferred until the representative was scheduled to join.

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	2024-2025 Annual Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on 2024-2025 Annual Report.

MAN5/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Scott Page, Acting Manager Regional Council Services

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

Member Garth Doolan joined the meeting at 11:03am.

Discussion took place in regards to recruitment, training available and provided by Council, simplifying the vacancy job titles and agencies working together.

Weed control was raised as a concern, in particular to gamba grass the new subdivision and top camp.

MAN6/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	Acceptance of the Concept Design of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Acceptance of the Concept Design of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida.

Member Marlene Kernan joined the meeting at 11:36am.

MAN7/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Acceptance of the Concept Design of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida*;
2. Approves the Conceptual Design of a permanent electronic inbuilt Scoreboard – Maningrida Oval; and
3. Relocates the location to where the existing scoreboard is usually displayed near the water tanks.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm and reconvened at 12:40pm.

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

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

MAN8/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Garth Doolan

Seconded Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report*; and
2. Requests a quote to include a shower in the new toilet block.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.5
Title:	Human Resources Report as of 24 April 2026
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Human Resources Report as of 24 April 2026.

MAN9/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Human Resources Report as of 24 April 2026*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Invited Guest - Mural Wall Art
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Invited Guest - Mural Wall Art.

It was agreed that the Council would provide further information for the representatives to establish what preparation is required, the costings and how long the project would take to complete.

Andrew Bourke and Bryan Itch joined the meeting at 12:58pm and left at 1.40pm.

MAN10/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Member Joyce Bohme

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the presentation by Bryan Itch, Mural Artist noting that the Local Authority has requested a collaborative project with a local artists and the project involving the youth in community.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.6
Title:	Finance Report to 31 March 2026
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Finance Report to 31 March 2026.

MAN11/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Finance Report to 31 March 2026*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Strategic Plan Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Strategic Plan Review.

MAN12/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo
Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Strategic Plan Review*; and
2. Considers providing feedback in relation to the questions raised with the report as follows:
 - In relation to WARC activities only, what matters most for your community in the next five years?
 - Which current pillars and priorities feel right? Which need to change?
 - Where is Council doing well? Where does it need to improve?
 - How should we measure success by Council in your community?

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

MAN13/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo
Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

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.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Community Honour Board
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Community Honour Board.

MAN14/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Community Honour Board*; and
2. Determines the names of the West Arnhem Regional Council Elected Members who have passed be remain on the honour boards within the Maningrida community.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Community Benefit Fund
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Community Benefit Fund.

MAN15/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Community Benefit Fund*; and
2. Prioritises a list of projects from the Local Authority members for the Administration to pursue future grant applications.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Updated design works of the Water Bubbler for healthier drinking options at the MGD Basketball Court
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Updated design works of the Water Bubbler for healthier drinking options at the MGD Basketball Court.

MAN16/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Updated design works of the Water Bubbler for healthier drinking options at the MGD Basketball Court*; and
2. Approves the updated water bubbler design and water bottle filling station.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.6
Title:	Proposed Fencing of the Basketball Court - Maningrida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Proposed Fencing of the Basketball Court - Maningrida.

MAN17/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Member Joyce Bohme

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Proposed Fencing of the Basketball Court - Maningrida*; and
2. Approves the allocation of \$59,528.00 for the supply and installation of fencing from the Maningrida Local Authority utilising high black style pool fencing 2.1m high.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.7
Title:	Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Local Authority considered a report on Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works.

Member Joyce Bohme left the meeting at 2:57pm.

MAN18/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works* and includes an opening ceremony.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	8.8
Title:	Council Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2026-27
Author:	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters, Director Corporate Services

The item was deferred to the next meeting.

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Local Authority Member Questions with or without Notice.

MAN19/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY approves financially supporting the Maningrida Local Primary School – Student Sponsorship – U12 Athletics up to a total of \$1,000 pending advice on the funding requirements.

CARRIED

MAN20/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY recorded for action questions from Members as follows:

- * Maningrida Lighting Home Town
- * Alleyway between Lot 684 and Lot 629 to be investigated and maintained.

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 14 July 2026.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting closed at 3:12pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 11 May 2026.

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