



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 17 June 2026 at 9:00 am  
Council Chambers (via Teams)

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 9:03am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Chairperson | James Woods (Mayor) |
| Councillor  | Henry Yates         |
| Councillor  | Ralph McCoy         |
| Councillor  | Daniel Siebert      |
| Councillor  | Mickitja Onus       |
| Councillor  | Dwane Baker         |

STAFF PRESENT

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Chief Executive Officer | Katharine Clare Murray |
| Governance Advisor      | Debbie Branson         |

GUESTS

|                    |                |
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| Independent Member | John Oberhardt |
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| 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.

SCM05/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the absence of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips, Cr Joseph Diddo and Cr Steven Nabalamarda;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Ralph F Blyth and Cr Jermaine Namanurki;
3. Notes Cr Ralph F Blyth on leave of absence; and
4. Determines Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips, Cr Joseph Diddo, Cr Jermaine Namanurki are absent with permission of the Council.

CARRIED

#### 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

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| 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.

The Chief Executive Officer, Katharine Murray declared an interest in Item 6.1 - CEO Annual Performance and Remuneration Review and agreed to leave the room during the discussion.

SCM06/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges the declaration of interest in relation to the items as listed for consideration during the Special Council meeting held on 17 June 2026.

CARRIED

5 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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| Agenda Reference: | 5.1                                                            |
| 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.

SCM07/2026 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 9:06am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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| Agenda Reference: | 6.1                                            |
| Title:            | CEO Annual Performance and Remuneration Review |
| Author:           | James Woods, Mayor                             |

Chief Executive Officer, Katharine Murray left the meeting at 9:07am.

SCM08/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy  
Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *CEO Annual Performance and Remuneration Review*; and
2. Adopts the recommendations made by the Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel meeting held Wednesday, 3 June 2026 as attached to the report.

CARRIED

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| Agenda Reference: | 7.1                                                                    |
| Title:            | Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                              |

SCM09/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves to disclose the following selected resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes:  
Item 6.1 CEO Annual Performance and Remuneration Review; and
2. Opens the meeting to the public at 9:17am after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

8 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 9:17am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 June 2026.

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