



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Special Council Meeting  
Wednesday, 17 June 2026 at 9:30 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 9:27am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

|                                                 |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Chief Executive Officer                         | Katharine Clare Murray |
| Interim Director Community and Council Services | Peter Mickleson        |
| Director Technical Services                     | Grant McKenzie         |
| Finance Manager                                 | Imran Shajib           |
| Governance Advisor                              | Debbie Branson         |
| Communications and Public Relations Coordinator | Heidi Walton           |
| Executive Assistant                             | Violette Stehlin       |

### 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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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.

SCM010/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the absence of Cr Joseph Diddo and Cr Steven Nabalamarda;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Jermaine Namanurki;
3. Notes Cr Ralph F Blyth on leave of absence; and
4. Determines Cr Jermaine Namanurki and Cr Diddo 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 Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips declared an interest in Item 11.7 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence and agreed to leave the meeting when this item was being considered.

SCM011/2026 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 as listed for consideration during the Special Council meeting held on 17 June 2026.

CARRIED

## 5 ACTION REPORTS

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| Agenda Reference: | 5.1                                       |
| Title:            | 2026-27 Regional Plan and Budget          |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer |

The Council considered a report on 2026-27 Regional Plan and Budget.

SCM012/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy  
Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled 2026-27 Regional Plan and Budget;
2. Approves the elected member allowances payable for 2026-27 as determined by the NT Government's Remuneration Tribunal;
3. Receives and notes the CEO's certification that all rateable land is recorded in the Council's assessment records;
4. Declares the General Rates and Charges for 2026-27;
5. Declares the Special Rate for Animal Management for 2026-27;
6. Declares the Special Rate for Public Lighting for 2026-27;
7. Approves the Annual Budget for 2026-27 and Long Term Financial Plan 2026-30;
8. Approves the Annual Fees and Charges for 2026-27; and
9. Approves the final 2026-27 Regional Plan and Budget.

CARRIED

## 6 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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| Agenda Reference: | 6.1                                                            |
| 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.

SCM013/2026 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 9:39am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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| Agenda Reference: | 7.1                                                              |
| Title:            | Risk Management and Audit Committee - Appointment of Chairperson |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                        |

*The report will be dealt with under Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and General Regulations 2021 Part (3) Administration - Division 2 51(1)(b). It contains information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer.*

<copy confidential reason here>

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

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| Agenda Reference: | 8.2                                                                    |
| Title:            | Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public |
| Author:           | Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer                              |

SCM15/2026 RESOLVED:  
On the motion of Mayor James Woods  
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Withholds the resolution from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes; and
2. Opens the meeting to the public at 9:48am after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

9 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 9:48am.

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

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