



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 1 July 2026 at 12:00 pm
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

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	Daniel Siebert
Councillor	Steven Nabalmarda
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Dwane Baker
Councillor	Vacant - Warruwi

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Rick Mitchell
Director Corporate Services	Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Governance Advisor	Debbie Branson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin

GUESTS

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.

OCM194/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Jermaine Namanurki and Cr Mickitja Onus;
3. Determines ... are an apology with permission of the Council.
4. Determines ... are absent without permission of the Council.

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.

OCM195/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges the declarations of interest disclosed in relation to the items listed for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 July 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.

OCM196/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday, 27 May 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	5.2
Title:	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM197/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	5.3
Title:	Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

OCM198/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

OCM199/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

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.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Warruwi Creche Building - Future Use
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

The Council considered a report on Warruwi Creche Building - Future Use.

OCM200/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {second}

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Warruwi Creche Building - Future Use*;
2. Advise the Department of Education that Council, after consulting with Traditional Owners, Elders and the community, wants to close the Warruwi creche for good and keep the building for aged care services; and
3. Advise the Department of Education whether Council does/does not want the Minjilang building to keep operating as a community creche.

CARRIED

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM201/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {second}

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
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.

OCM202/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {second}

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
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.

OCM203/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {second}

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Regional Cemetery Update
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Council considered a report on Regional Cemetery Update.

OCM204/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {second}

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.5
Title:	Regional Waste Update
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Council considered a report on Regional Waste Update.

OCM205/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {second}

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.6
Title:	Technical Services Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Report.

OCM206/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.7
Title:	Community and Council Services Report
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

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

OCM207/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.8
Title:	First Nations Employment Plan and Survey - Feedback
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on First Nations Employment Plan and Survey - Feedback.

OCM208/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *First Nations Employment Plan and Survey - Feedback*.

CARRIED

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Presentations and Visitors - Apex Security Group
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors - Apex Security Group.

OCM209/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT COUNCIL notes the presentation by Apex Security Group Director, Andrew Olive.

CARRIED

9 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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

The Council considered a report on {item-title}.

{resolution-number}/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

THAT the Chairperson invites questions with or without notice from Elected Members.

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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.

OCM212/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of {mover}

Seconded {seconded}

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 {time} to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Agenda Reference:	11.1
Title:	Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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:	11.2
Title:	Confidential Meeting and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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:	11.3
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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)(c)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

Agenda Reference:	11.4
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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)(c)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

Agenda Reference:	11.5
Title:	Confirmation of Confidential Special Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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)(c)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

Agenda Reference:	11.6
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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:	11.7
Title:	Sublet approval for Lot 675 Maningirida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

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 Section 51(1)(c)(i). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person.

Agenda Reference:	11.8
Title:	Review of Confidential Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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:	11.9
Title:	Chief Executive Officer's Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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.

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

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

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)(c)(ii). It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to: prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law. The public was re-admitted at {time}.

13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on <insert date>.

14 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at {time}.

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