

Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, 28 July 2026 at 9:00 am  
Via Teams & Council Chambers

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING**

Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus 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 | Mickitja Onus |
| Mayor       | James Woods   |
| Councillor  | Ralph F Blyth |
| Councillor  | Dwane Baker   |

**STAFF PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive Officer                         | Katharine Clare Murray |
| Interim Director Community and Council Services | Peter Mickleson        |
| Director Technical Services                     | Grant McKenzie         |
| Governance Advisor                              | Debbie Branson         |
| Executive Assistant                             | Violette Stehlin       |
| Council Services Manager                        | Kevin Voisey           |

### 3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>3.1</b>                                                    |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Apologies, Leave of Absence and Absence Without Notice</b> |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b>              |

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

**KWAC31/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Mayor James Woods

**Seconded** Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Notes the apology received from Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips; and
2. Determines Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips is an apology with permission of the Committee.

**CARRIED**

### 4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>4.1</b>                                                            |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Confirmation of Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes</b> |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b>                      |

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

**KWAC32/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Cr Dwane Baker

**Seconded** Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE adopts the minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on Friday, 15 May 2026 as a true and correct record; amended as follows:

- 7.2 *Community Benefit Fund - Prioritises a list of projects from the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee members for the Administration to pursue future grant applications.*

**CARRIED**

## 5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>5.1</b>                                        |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff</b> |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b>  |

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

### **KWAC33/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Mayor James Woods

**Seconded** Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE acknowledges that there were no declarations of interest in reference to the items listed for the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 July 2026.

**CARRIED**

## 6 ACTION REPORTS

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>6.1</b>                                       |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Review of Action Items</b>                    |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b> |

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

### **KWAC34/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Cr Dwane Baker

**Seconded** Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Review of Action Items*; and
2. Reviews the outstanding action items and noted the following feedback:
  - a. Jabiru By-laws – drafted with changes included at the next review post election
  - b. Jabiru Green Waste - GACJC considering options.

**CARRIED**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>6.2</b>                                       |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Strategic Plan Review of Pillars</b>          |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b> |

The Committee considered a report on Strategic Plan Review of Pillars.

This item was deferred.

**KWAC35/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

**Seconded** Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Strategic Plan Review of Pillars*; and
2. Provides feedback on the current Strategic Plan Pillars, which will be combined with feedback from the other wards and presented to Council as follows:
  - a. Item 2.1 – Indigenous Employment Framework - Collective

**CARRIED**

**7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>7.1</b>                                       |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report</b> |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services</b> |

The Committee considered a report on Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report.

**KWAC36/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Mayor James Woods

**Seconded** Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report* with the following action:

- Approve the colour palette post GACJT's approval and indicate that the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee would prefer colours from a more brighter colour palette.

**CARRIED**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>7.2</b>                                       |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Pavement Defects</b>                          |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services</b> |

The Committee considered a report on Pavement Defects.

**KWAC37/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Cr Ralph F Blyth

**Seconded** Cr Dwane Baker

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

**CARRIED**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>7.3</b>                                               |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services</b> |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Kevin Voisey, Council Services Manager, Jabiru</b>    |

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

**KWAC38/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

**Seconded** Mayor James Woods

THAT THE Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee receives and notes the report titled *CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services*.

**CARRIED**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>7.4</b>                                       |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Human Resources Report</b>                    |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b> |

The Committee considered a report on Human Resources Report.

**KWAC39/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Mayor James Woods

**Seconded** Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE receives and notes the report titled *Human Resources Report*.

**CARRIED**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>7.5</b>                                             |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Jabiru Waste Management Update</b>                  |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator</b> |

The Committee considered a report on Jabiru Waste Management Update.

**KWAC40/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Mayor James Woods

**Seconded** Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Jabiru Waste Management Update*; and
2. Requests a 'snap shot' of the new digital data to the next Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

**8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>8.1</b>                                       |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Invited Guest - NT Police</b>                 |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b> |

The Local Authority considered a report on Invited Guest - NT Police.

NT Police representative, SGT Josh Munday joined the meeting at 9:54am and left at 10:01am.

**KWAC41/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Cr Dwane Baker

**Seconded** Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY notes the update on Law and Order by the NT Police.

**CARRIED**

## 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b> | <b>9.1</b>                                             |
| <b>Title:</b>            | <b>Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Member Questions</b> |
| <b>Author:</b>           | <b>Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer</b>       |

The Committee considered a report on Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Member Questions.

### **KWAC42/2026 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of** Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus

**Seconded** Mayor James Woods

THAT THE COMMITTEE recorded the following questions from Members:

Jabiru Child Centre Opening – Waiting on infrastructure – working to the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

**CARRIED**

## 10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, 9 October 2026.

## 11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Cr Mickitja Onus declared the meeting closed at 10:16am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 28 July 2026.

Click [here](#) to view the agenda for the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Friday 15 May 2026.