



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026**

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WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the West Arnhem Regional Council will be held in Council Chambers Jabiru on Tuesday 22 September 2026 at 12:00 pm.



Katharine Clare Murray
Chief Executive Officer

Code of Conduct: The Local Government Act 2019

As stipulated in Schedule 1 of the Act, the Code of Conduct for Members is as follows:

1. *Honesty and Integrity:* A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.
2. *Care and diligence:* A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.
3. *Courtesy:* A member must act with courtesy towards other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
4. *Prohibition on bullying:* A member must not bully another person in the course of performing official functions.
5. *Conduct towards Council staff:* A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, council staff.
6. *Respect for cultural diversity and culture:* A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.
A member must act with respect for cultural beliefs and practices in relation to other members, council staff, electors and members of the public.
7. *Conflict of interest:* A member must avoid any conflict of interest, whether actual or perceived, when undertaking official functions and responsibilities.
If a conflict of interest exists, the member must comply with any statutory obligations of disclosure.
8. *Respect for confidences:* A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity.
A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.
9. *Gifts:* Members must not solicit, encourage or accept gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.
A member must not accept a gift from a person that is given in relation to the person's interest in obtaining a benefit from the council.'
10. *Accountability:* A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of council resources.
11. *Interests of municipality, region or shire to be paramount:* A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable and properly informed judgment about what best advances the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.
12. *Training:* A member must undertake relevant training in good faith.

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Acknowledgement of Country

West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians, and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Caretakers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Region Wards.

West Arnhem Regional Council pays its respects and acknowledges Elders, past, present and rising.

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

SUMMARY

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received by Council's Chief Executive Officer from Elected Members, as well as record any absence without notice for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from
3. Determines ... are an apology with permission of the Council.
4. Determines ... are absent without permission of the Council.

COMMENT

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absent without notice.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 47(o) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	4.1
Title:	Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Elected Members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration at an Ordinary Council Meeting:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the meeting as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in a general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council meeting, disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

Under disclosure, the Member must abide by the decision of the Council on whether they shall remain in the Chambers and/or take part in the vote on the issue. The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further particulars of the interest prior to requesting them to leave the Chambers.

Staff Members of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time on which they are required to act or exercise their delegate authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure, the staff member is not to act or exercise their delegated authority unless Council expressly directs them to do so.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges the declarations of interest disclosed in relation to the items listed for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 September 2026.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY/STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 114 (Elected Members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Section 179 (staff members) *Local Government Act 2019*

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

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Goal 6.4 Risk Management

The monitoring and minimisation of risks associated with the operations of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Local Authority Appointments – Council Members
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request Council to appoint a newly Elected Member to the Warruwi Local Authority in the West Arnhem region.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled Local Authority Appointments – Council Members; and
2. Appoint the Elected Member to the Warruwi Local Authority.

BACKGROUND

Section 77(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* states that a Local Authority should comprise of at least one Elected Member appointed to the Authority by Council resolution.

The Mayor is an ex-officio member of each of the Local Authorities in West Arnhem. Elected Members appointed to Local Authorities must be representatives of the Ward in which the Local Authority is located.

Section 78 of the *Local Government Act 2019* outlines the functions of Local Authorities as follows:

- a. To involve local communities more closely in issues related to local government.
- b. To ensure that local communities are given an opportunity to express their opinions on questions affecting local government.
- c. To allow local communities a voice in the formulation of policies for the locality as well as policies for the area and the region.
- d. To take the views of local communities back to the council and act as advocates on their behalf.
- e. To contribute to the development of the relevant regional plan.
- f. To make recommendations to the council in relation to:
 - (i) The Council's budget; and
 - (ii) The part of the Council's area within which the Local Authority performs its functions.
- g. To perform other functions assigned to the Local Authority by the Minister (for Local Government), in accordance with any guidelines that the Minister may make.

Each Local Authority in West Arnhem holds four meetings a year.

COMMENT

Following a by-election in the Warruwi Ward in July 2026, Councillor Geraldine Narul was elected to Council.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2019

Code of Conduct (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy
Conflict of Interest (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy
Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy
Reasonable Expenses and Benefit for Council, Local Authority and Council Committee Members Policy
Local Government Guideline 1 – Local Authorities

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Allowances for attending Committee meetings are included in the 2025-2026 budget as follows:

Council Members

An Extra Meeting / Activity Allowance of up to \$10,000 per financial year, may be accessed by all Councillors and Deputy Principal Members. The allowance may be accessed to attend a Local Authority Meeting within the Ward the member represents.

Attendance at extra meetings or activities is the accumulated hours on any one day and are as follows:

- o Up to 2 hours \$200
- o Between 2 and 4 hours \$300
- o More than 4 hours \$500 (maximum payable for any one day)

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Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Confirmation of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 July 2026 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 29 July 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

STATUTORY AND POLICY

Section 101 and 102 *Local Government Act 2019*

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026.07.29 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - Unconfirmed [6.1.1 - 14 pages]



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday, 29 July 2026 at 9:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 9:00am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

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	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Dwane Baker

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Clare Murray
Interim Community and Council Services	Peter Mickleson
Manager Finance	Imran Shajib
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Technical Services Manager	Kylie Gregson
Governance Advisor (Acting)	Joy Mickleson
Executive Assistant	Violette Stehlin

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.

OCM223/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the late arrival of Cr Jermaine Namanurki;
2. Notes the apology received from Cr Steven Nabalmarda, Cr Joseph Diddo and Cr Mickitja Onus;
3. Determines Cr Steven Nabalmarda, Cr Joseph Diddo and Cr Mickitja Onus are an apology with 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.

The Deputy Mayor declared a Conflict of Interest in Item 6.4 - Northern Land Council Section 19 Lease Advice and agreed to leave the meeting while the matter was being considered.

OCM224/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

THAT COUNCIL acknowledges the declarations of interest disclosed in relation to the items listed for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting held on 29 July 2026.

CARRIED

5 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

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.

OCM225/2026 RESOLVED:**On the motion of** Cr Dwane Baker**Seconded** Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

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 9:23am to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED**6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****Agenda Reference: 6.1****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.

OCM243/2026 RESOLVED:**On the motion of** Cr Daniel Siebert**Seconded** Cr Henry Yates

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of Wednesday, 1 July 2026 Confidential Ordinary Council meeting as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED**Agenda Reference: 6.2****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.

OCM244/2026 RESOLVED:**On the motion of** Cr Ralph McCoy**Seconded** Cr Daniel Siebert

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence and respond to the email from the Gunbalanya School in relation to the Sport and Recreation program and work to ensure that it continues in future.

CARRIED**Agenda Reference: 6.3****Title: Confidential Review List - June 2026****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)(d). It contains information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity.

OCM245/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Henry Yates

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Confidential Review List - June 2026*; and
2. Endorses the items on the *Confidentiality Review List* to be released to be made publicly available, as follows:

Special Council Meeting – 2 April 2025	CEO Credit Card and Bank Authorisations	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Received and noted the report titled CEO Credit Card and Bank Authorisations; 2. Approve the CEO, Katharine Murray, be provided a council issued credit card with a monthly spend limit of \$15,000; 3. Approve only the following council officers be authorised to deal with the Westpac Bank on behalf of the Council: a. Katharine Murray b. Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters c. Fiona Ainsworth d. Imran Shajib e. Chalana Hansani; and 4. Approve only the following council officers be authorised to deal with the investments held by the National Australia Bank on behalf of the Council: a. Katharine Murray b. Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters c. Imran Shajib d. Chalana Hansani.	SCM47/2025
Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 January 2026	Determination of Allowances for members of Local Councils	THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Councils.	OCM043/2026
Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 January 2026	Council issued Credit Cards	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Council Issued Credit Cards; 2. Approves the issuing of a Credit Card to the new Human Resource Manager with a \$4,000 monthly transaction limit; and 3. Approves the cancellation of the Credit Card issued to the Human Resource Coordinator once the Human Resource Manager's Credit Card is activated.	OCM044/2026
Ordinary Council Meeting - 25 March 2026	Minjilang Local Authority Appointment	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Minjilang Local Authority Appointment; 2. Appoints Josephine Cooper to the Minjilang Local Authority as a community member; and 3. Defers the payment of \$300.00 for Josephine Cooper's attendance at the Minjilang Local Authority Provisional Meeting held on Wednesday, 4 March 2026 until advice is received.	OCM121/2026

Ordinary Council Meeting - 29 April 2026	Rates and Charges for 2026-27	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and note the report titled Rates and Charges for 2026-27; and 2. Approves the West Arnhem Regional Council's Draft 2026-27 Annual Plan for public consultation include a 10% increase in rates and charge in recognition of substantial operating cost increases.	OCM153/2026
Ordinary Council Meeting - 29 April 2026	Maningrida Change Room Status Update	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Maningrida Changeroom Status Update; 2. Includes in the term and conditions of the contractors' agreements clauses on what products can be bought on to community, how they are to be stored and subject to change at the discretion of the Council; 3. Requests a further report to the May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting regarding the concept plans and approximate costings; and 4. Investigates funding for a community mural on the Change Room walls.	OCM155/2026
Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 May 2026	Maningrida Church Renovations	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Maningrida Church Renovations; 2. Refers the matter to the Maningrida Local Authority; 3. Requests that the church source two additional quotes; and 4. Defers the decision to provide in principal support.	OCM185/2026
Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 May 2026	Bank Authorisations	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Bank Authorisations; and 2. Approves only the following council officers be authorised to deal with the Westpac Bank on behalf of the Council: a. Katharine Murray b. Jocelyn Nathanael-Walters c. Imran Shajib d. Chalana Hansani e. James Henderson; and f. Luisa Arango	OCM186/2026
Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 May 2026	Council issued Credit Cards	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Council issued Credit Cards; 2. Approves a \$10,000 increase in the Council's total monthly transaction credit card limit; and 3. Approves the issue of a Council credit card with a monthly transaction limit of \$10,000 to the Council's Finance Officer responsible for Accounts Payable.	OCM187/2026
Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 May 2026	Chief Executive Officer's Report	THAT COUNCIL: 1. Receives and notes the report titled Chief Executive Officer's Report; 2. Reschedules the Ordinary Council Meeting from Wednesday to Monday, in October 2026 in Maningrida; 3. Approves the costs associated with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Executive Team to visit the East Arnhem Regional Council on Tuesday, October 2026 to Wednesday; and 4. Declines the request for travel assistance to the attend the funeral service in Darwin.	OCM191/2026

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.4
Title:	Northern Land Council Section 19 Lease Advice
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:	6.5
Title:	Maningrida and Homelands Regional Authority Ltd
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:	6.6
Title:	Council's Priorities
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:	6.7
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.

OCM249/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Daniel Siebert

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Review of Confidential Action Items*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.8
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.

OCM250/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the report titled *Chief Executive Officer's Report*.

CARRIED

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

Agenda Reference:	7.1
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.

OCM251/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves to disclose the selected resolutions from the confidential section of this meeting in the non-confidential meeting minutes;
 - Item 6.1 Confirmation of Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes
 - Item 6.2 Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
 - Item 6.3 Confidential Review List – June 2026
 - Item 6.7 Review of Confidential Action Items
 - Item 6.8 Chief Executive Officer's Report
2. Opens the meeting to the public at 1:32pm after the discussion of confidential items.

CARRIED

8 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	8.1
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.

OCM226/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

THAT COUNCIL confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday, 1 July 2026 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

9 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items.

OCM227/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

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:	9.2
Title:	Financial report for period ending 30 June 2026
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Council considered a report on Financial report for period ending 30 June 2026.

OCM228/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Financial report for period ending 30 June 2026*;
2. Receives and notes interim acquittal of the Community Places for People Grant Program

3. Receives and notes two revised acquittals and one interim acquittal of Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) grants.
4. Approves the transfer of \$34,675 to Council's Fleet Reserve from 2025-26 surplus funds;
5. Approves the transfer of \$30,000 to the Council's Election Reserve from 2025-26 surplus funds; and
6. Approves the transfer of \$273,011 to the Council's Insurance Reserve held in a provision on Council's Balance Sheet.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Service Agreement Establishment of Identity for Regional and Remote Communities
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

The Council considered a report on Service Agreement Establishment of Identity for Regional and Remote Communities.

OCM229/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Service Agreement Establishment of Identity for Regional and Remote Communities*; and
2. Does not enter into a Service Agreement for the Establishment of Identity for Regional and Remote Communities with the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (Transport and Safety Services).

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	LGANT - Call for Nominations - NT Grants Commission
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on LGANT - Call for Nominations - NT Grants Commission.

OCM230/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *LGANT - Call for Nominations - NT Grants Commission*; and
2. Advises the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory that West Arnhem Regional Council nominates Mayor James Woods as the regional council representative on the NT Grants Commission.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.5
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.

OCM231/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Warruwi Creche Building - Future Use*;
2. Advises 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.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.6
Title:	Local Government Association of the NT - Call for Motions
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Local Government Association of the NT - Call for Motions.

OCM232/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth

Seconded Mayor James Woods

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Local Government Association of the NT - Call for Motions*; and
2. Approves the following motions to the Local Government Association of the NT General Meeting:
 - a. Enhanced infrastructure funding for remote Northern Territory communities
 - b. Strengthening social and emotional wellbeing supports for young people in remote Northern Territory communities
 - c. Supporting safe places and healing programs for men in remote Northern Territory communities
 - d. Sustainable funding for council run early childhood services in remote Northern Territory communities.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	9.7
Title:	CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel: Member Appointments
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel: Member Appointments.

OCM233/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Ralph F Blyth

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel: Member Appointments*; and
2. Appoints the following Elected Members as members of Council's CEO Employment and Remuneration Advisory Panel:
 - a. Councillor Dwane Baker
 - b. Councillor Ralph McCoy

CARRIED

10 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

OCM234/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph F Blyth

Seconded Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.2
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.

OCM235/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Cr Henry Yates

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.3
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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.

OCM236/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.4
Title:	Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

OCM237/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

THAT COUNCIL notes the minutes of the following Local Authority meetings and reviews decisions made by the Local Authority:

Community	Date Held	Quorum	Date of next meeting
Warruwi	Wednesday, 15 July 26	Yes	Wednesday, 7 October 26

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.5
Title:	Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

OCM238/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT COUNCIL notes the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday, 29 June 2026 and reviewed decisions made by the Committee.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.6
Title:	Human Resources Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Human Resources Report.

OCM239/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Daniel Siebert

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.7
Title:	Technical Services Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Report.

OCM240/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	10.8
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.

OCM241/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Dwane Baker

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

CARRIED

11 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

Agenda Reference:	11.1
Title:	Elected Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Questions with or without Notice.

OCM242/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr Ralph McCoy

THAT notes the following questions with or without notice from Elected Members:

- ☐ Street lights – Gunbalanya
- ☐ Roads and Shoulders – Gunbalanya
- ☐ Toad Hall Completion – Gunbalanya
- ☐ Flag Poles installation – Gunbalanya
- ☐ Community WiFi – Gunbalanya
- ☐ Football Changerooms – Gunbalanya
- ☐ 4WD Community Bus – Gunbalanya
- ☐ Residential wash out area – Maningrida (Lot 601 and Lot 602)
- ☐ Foreshore Section C – Outdoor Gym – Maningrida

CARRIED

12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22 September 2026.

13 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 3:48pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2026.

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WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Local Government Representation Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a list of presentations to be made by various stakeholders of the West Arnhem Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL notes the presentation from the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development on the Local Government Representation Review.

BACKGROUND

At various times, Council requests that presentations be made so that issues can be raised and information shared.

COMMENT

LGANT CEO Mary Watson and Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development staff Robert Sarib and Kirsten Kelly will be in attendance via Teams at 12 noon to give an overview of the Local Government Representation Review. This is an opportunity for member councils to provide feedback directly to the LGANT President and CEO on the Council's membership.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is submitted for Council to review and discuss the progress on outstanding action items from Council meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

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.

BACKGROUND

Action items arise out of resolutions of Council or questions asked by Councillors. The attached register provides the current status of the action items as provided by the administration. The administration recommends items as complete but it is for Council to determine whether the item remains active or is complete and can be removed.

COMMENT

The actions that Council resolves to occur are to be acted upon by the administration. This report enables Council to progressively discuss and acknowledge the status of items.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Actions OCM 2026.09.22 [8.1.1 - 2 pages]

Ordinary Council Meeting - Actions

Meeting Date	Status	Action Required	Assignees	Action Taken
28/01/2026	In Progress	Strategic Plan - Review of Pillars OCM010/2026 RESOLVED: Endorses the proposal by the CEO to commence consultation with the elected members, local authorities and senior management to review the strategic direction to ensure alignment with current priorities and values.	Katharine Murray	On schedule as per the timetable adopted by Council in April 2026.
24/02/2026	Not yet started	Housing Concession OCM65/2026 RESOLVED Implemented into Local Communities - investigate eligibility	Katharine Murray	Executives to work with the Mayor
24/02/2026	In Progress	Outstanding Debts OCM65/2026 RESOLVED Engaging a Debt Collection agency as an option.	Ralph Reddy	Investigate private debt collectors.
24/02/2026	In Progress	Outdoor Gym OCM65/2026 RESOLVED: Spartan Parks - Playground - Tour Visit	Grant McKenzie	26/03/2026 Grant McKenzie Tour in Darwin - End of Year Funding options being investigated. If funding is received project to go to tender for a potential outdoor gym. Application has been made to RDANT for funds to develop final scope and grant ready project proposal. Application was unsuccessful.
27/05/2026	Not yet started	Barge Land Access Road - Maningrida OCM178/2026 RESOLVED Investigate sealing the access road to the barge.	Grant McKenzie	Ongoing discussions with DLI and will keep pursuing external funding opportunities.

1/07/2026	In Progress	Minjilang Creche OCM200/2026 RESOLVED Liaises with the Minjilang Local Authority and Community to determine their views and needs prior to advising the Department of Education whether Council does/does not want the Minjilang building to keep operating as a community creche; and Requests that the matter be bought to Council for a decision.	Peter Mickleson	Outcome pending report to Minjilang Local Authority.
1/07/2026	Not yet started	Gunbalanya Lights OCM211/2026 RESOLVED Approximately 54 lights down which include pole and solar - to be investigated.	Grant McKenzie	Audit underway then quotes to be obtained.
1/07/2026	Not yet started	Maningrida Streetlights OCM211/2026 RESOLVED Investigate the number of streetlights out.	Grant McKenzie	Audit underway then quotes to be obtained.
27/07/2026	Recommend Complete	Incoming Correspondence OCM 244/2026 RESOLVED Respond to email from Gunbalanya School re Sport & Recreation program and work to ensure it continues in future	Peter Mickleson	30/07/2026 Letter sent to Gunbalanya School
27/07/2026	Recommend Complete	Service Agreement Establishment of Identity for Regional and Remote Communities OCM 229/2026 RESOLVED Does not enter into a Service Agreement with the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (Transport and Safety Services).	Peter Mickleson	30/07/2026 Council decision communicated to Department.
27/07/2026	Not yet started	LGANT - Call for Nominations NT Grants Commission RESOLVED Advises the LGANT that WARC nominates Mayor James Woods as regional council representative	Governance	
27/07/2026	Recommend Complete	Waruwi Creche Building - Future Use OCM231/2026 RESOLVED Advise Department of Education as per report that Council wants to close creche and keep building for Aged Care Services	Peter Mickleson	30/07/2029 Council decision advised to Department
27/07/2029	In Progress	LGANT - Call for Motions OCM 232/2026 RESOLVED Advise of Motions as per report	Katharine Murray	Sent to LGANT.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	LGANT - Call for nominations - Board Directors
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek nominations for the LGANT Board of Directors positions of President, Vice-President and Board Directors, to be declared vacant at the AGM.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Accepts, receives and notes the late report titled *LGANT - Call for nominations - Board Directors*; and
2. Nominates Mayor James Woods for the following positions (in preferred order):
 - President;
 - Vice-President- Regional;
 - Board Director – Regional and Shire, of the Local Government Association NT Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

LGANT are calling for nominations for all LGANT Board positions, as follows:

- * President (1 position)
- * Vice President (2 positions)
- * Board Director (6 positions)

Mayor James Woods has submitted a nomination which requires Council's endorsement by a resolution.

For many years, the position of President of the Local Government Association NT Board of Directors has been held by an elected member from a Municipal Council. As a result, the distinct challenges facing regional and remote councils are not well understood by Municipal Councillors.

It is essential that regional and remote councils have proper representation and strong advocacy at the Board level to ensure their interests are met.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Association NT Constitution

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

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Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026-08-07 LGANT Board Director nomination information [**8.2.1** - 3 pages]
2. 2026-08-07 LGANT Board Director nomination form.1 [**8.2.2** - 6 pages]
3. Mayor James Woods Bio [**8.2.3** - 1 page]



LGANT Board Director nomination information

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT). This introduction provides you with important information about the responsibilities and expectations associated with this role. We encourage you to read it carefully before submitting your nomination.

About LGANT

LGANT is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001*. We represent the interests of our local government members across the Northern Territory.

Director Responsibilities

As a Director of LGANT, you will have significant legal and ethical responsibilities. These include:

- 1. Duty of Care and Diligence:** You must exercise your powers and duties with the care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise in the same circumstances. This includes staying informed about the organisation's activities and financial position.
- 2. Duty to Act in Good Faith:** You must act in good faith in the best interests of LGANT and for a proper purpose. This means putting the interests of LGANT ahead of your own interests or those of any individual council.
- 3. Duty Not to Improperly Use Position or Information:** You must not use your position, or information obtained through your position, to gain an advantage for yourself or someone else, or to cause detriment to LGANT.
- 4. Duty to Disclose Material Personal Interests:** You must disclose any material personal interests in matters that relate to the affairs of LGANT.
- 5. Duty to Prevent Insolvent Trading:** You must prevent LGANT from incurring debts that it cannot pay.

The Board is responsible for the overall governance, management and strategic direction of the organisation (LGANT) and for delivering accountable corporate performance in accordance with the organisation's goals and objectives.

It's crucial to understand that as a Director, you will be representing LGANT as a whole, not your individual council. You will need to "take off your council hat" and make decisions in the best interests of LGANT and its entire membership.

Eligibility Under the Corporations Act 2001

It is important to note that certain individuals are disqualified from managing corporations under the *Corporations Act 2001*. This includes people who are undischarged bankrupt, have been convicted of certain offences, or are subject to a court order that disqualified them from managing corporations. If you are unsure about your eligibility, please review Section 206B of the *Corporations Act 2001*, or seek legal advice before submitting your nomination.



Important: Director Identification Number (Director ID) Requirement

All Directors in Australia, including LGANT, are required to have a Director ID. This is a unique identifier that you will keep forever. If you do not already have a Director ID, you must apply for one before you can be appointed as a Director of LGANT. This is a crucial step in the nomination process.

To apply for a Director ID or for more information, visit the Australian Business Registry Services website – www.abrs.gov.au. We strongly recommend that you start this process as soon as possible if you intend to nominate, as it may take some time to complete.

Skills and Experience

Effective governance requires a diverse range of skills and experiences on the Board. We encourage nominees to consider their unique contributions in areas such as:

- Strategic planning and policy development;
- Financial management and analysis;
- Risk management and compliance;
- Stakeholder engagement and communication;
- Legal and governance expertise;
- Industry knowledge (local government, public administration); and
- Leadership and change management.

While not all Directors need to be experts in all areas, a combination of these skills across the Board is vital for LGANT's success.

Commitment

Board membership requires a time commitment. In addition to regular Board meetings, you may be asked to serve on committees, attend events, and engage in ongoing professional development. Please consider your capacity to fully engage in these responsibilities before nominating.

Governance Framework

LGANT operates under a comprehensive governance framework, primarily defined by our [Constitution](#) and [Governance Charter](#). These documents outline our purpose, structure, and operational guidelines. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with these documents before submitting your nomination.

Nomination Process

As per LGANT's Constitution, the CEO shall call for nominations on or before the second Tuesday in September and close nominations on the first Tuesday in October. Nominations open 7 August 2026 and close 6 October 2026.

Please note that each nomination must be endorsed by a resolution at a council meeting.

Only one elected member from each member council can be elected as a Director of the Board, and all others must be withdrawn from the election to any other positions, with the exception of City of Darwin which may have up to two positions on the Board (e.g. their nominated Director and an ordinary Director).

Please refer to LGANT's [Constitution](#) for more information of the nomination and voting process.

Annual General Meeting

The election will take place at our Annual General Meeting which is being held on 11 November 2026.



Nomination Form

The nomination form outlines the specific requirements for nomination. Please complete and lodge by 6 October 2026. You will be provided an opportunity to talk to your nomination at the Annual General Meeting.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or the responsibilities of a LGANT Board Director, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

We appreciate your interest in contributing to the important work of LGANT and look forward to receiving your nomination.



LGANT Board Director nomination form

Please read the accompanying nomination information sheet before completing this form.

Nominating Council:	West Arnhem Regional Council
Name of Elected Member nominee:	James Woods
Nominee Director ID No:	036437343618502
Nominee position eg. Lord Mayor, Mayor/President, Deputy Mayor/President, or Councillor	Mayor
Nominee phone number:	0497 919 225
Nominee email address:	James.woods@westarnhem.nt.gov.au
Position (please indicate):	☒ President ☐ Vice-President – Municipal ☒ Vice-President – Regional ☒ Board Director – Regional and Shire ☐ Board Director – Municipal
Relevant skills and experience:	☒ Strategic Planning Details: Mayor James Woods brings strategic planning experience from his service on multiple boards and through his longstanding leadership in local government and community organisations. As Mayor of West Arnhem Regional Council, a current LGANT Board Director and former long-serving Chairperson of the Maningrida Local Authority, and Councillor of the Maningrida Ward, he has contributed to planning discussions that balance community priorities, service delivery needs, governance responsibilities and the realities of remote operations. His experience across local government, Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, health,

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	education and emergency services provides a practical, whole-of-community perspective on long-term planning and advocacy. ☒ Risk Management Details: Mayor James Woods has practical experience identifying and considering operational, community and governance risks through his roles in local government, LGANT, community boards and emergency services. His 20 years of Defence Force service and role as Unit Officer for Emergency Services in Maningrida strengthen his understanding of preparedness, safety, incident response, continuity of essential services and decision-making in challenging remote settings. He approaches risk with a focus on community safety, sound governance and informed decision-making.
	☒ Financial Management Details: Mayor James Woods has sound and continually developing financial management experience through his roles as Mayor, Councillor, LGANT Board Director and leader within community organisations. He is accustomed to reviewing financial information and participating in decisions that require responsible stewardship of public and community resources. His governance experience supports a practical understanding of budgets, financial reporting, accountability, value for money and the importance of sustainable service delivery for regional and remote communities. ☒ Stakeholder Engagement Details: Mayor James Woods has extensive stakeholder-engagement experience developed over many years of community leadership in Maningrida and the West Arnhem region. He regularly engages with Residents, Local Authority members, Councillors, Council staff, Aboriginal organisations, health and education providers, emergency services, sporting groups and government stakeholders. His 12 years as member and 8 years Chairperson of the Maningrida Local Authority demonstrate an ability to listen to community priorities, bring diverse views together and advocate clearly for improved essential services in remote communities. ☒ Legal Governance Expertise Details: Mayor James Woods completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course in early 2025 and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He has also completed a Certificate IV in Local Governance. As a current LGANT Board

	Director, Mayor and experienced board participant, he understands the importance of Director duties, ethical decision-making, confidentiality, conflicts of interest, accountability and acting in the best interests of the organisation. He has confirmed his understanding of the LGANT Constitution, Governance Charter and responsibilities under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>.
	☒ Local Government Knowledge Details: Mayor James Woods has extensive knowledge of Northern Territory local government, developed through 12 years as member and 8 years as the longest-serving Chairperson of the Maningrida Local Authority, service as Councillor for the Maningrida Ward since the 2021 Local Government Election, and re-election as Mayor following the 2025 Local Government Election. He is also a current LGANT Board Director. His experience gives him first-hand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing regional, remote and Aboriginal communities, including essential services, local decision-making, community representation and intergovernmental advocacy.
	☒ Leadership Experience Details: Mayor James Woods demonstrates proven, community-centred leadership as Mayor of West Arnhem Regional Council, Councillor for Maningrida Ward, former long-serving Chairperson of the Maningrida Local Authority and current LGANT Board Director. His leadership is strengthened by experience in the Defence Force, emergency services, local government, Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, health, education and community sport. He leads with lived experience of remote communities, a strong commitment to practical outcomes and a demonstrated capacity to represent community voices at regional and Territory levels.
	☐ Other – Remote community, Aboriginal affairs and emergency services leadership Details: Mayor James Woods offers a strong lived and professional understanding of the needs, strengths and aspirations of remote Aboriginal communities. Having lived in Maningrida for 27 years and worked across Council, education, homelands, health and emergency services, he brings direct insight into the consequences of policy and funding decisions at community level. His experience enables him to advocate credibly for equitable access to essential services, meaningful local engagement and better outcomes for regional and remote communities across the Northern Territory.

Board Director experience (please add fields if required):	Position: Current Board Director
	Date: 2022 - Current
	Organisation: Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)
	Position: Mayor
	Date: 2025 - Current
	Organisation: West Arnhem Regional Council
	Position: Councillor, Maningrida Ward
	Date: 2021- Current
	Organisation: West Arnhem Regional Council
	Position: Chairperson
	Date: 2014 – 2021
	Organisation: Maningrida Local Authority
	Position: Board Member
	Date: 2017 - Current
	Organisation: Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
	Position: Non -Executive Board Member
Date: 2025- Current	
Organisation: Traditional Credit Union	
Position: Board Director	
Date: 2023 - 2025	
Organisation: Bawinanga Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (BAC/BHAC)	

Relevant tertiary qualifications eg. certificates, diplomas, degrees, etc (please add fields if required):	Qualification: Cert IV: Local Governance
	Field of Study: Local Governance
	Institution: Australian Army
	Qualification: Australian Institute of Company Directors Course
	Field of Study: Company directorship, governance and director duties
	Institution: Australian Institute of Company Directors
	Qualification: Diploma in Early Childhood Education
	Field of Study: Education
	Institution: University of Southern Queensland

Declaration

- ☒ I confirm that I have read and understood the LGANT Constitution and Governance Charter.
- ☒ I am aware of the responsibilities of a Director under the *Corporations Act 2001* and am willing to fulfil these duties if elected.
- ☒ I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a Director under the *Corporations Act 2001* and am not disqualified from managing corporations.
- ☒ I have included a short candidate statement (250 words maximum) and a high-resolution digital photo as part of this application.

Elected member nominee full name:	
Nominee signature:	Date:
Council endorsement: I confirm that this nomination has been endorsed by a resolution of West Arnhem Regional Council	
Council resolution number:	
Council resolution date:	

Council CEO name:	
Signature:	Date:

Completed nomination form and short biography on each nominee must be submitted to LGANT by CoB 6 October 2026 to: info@lgant.asn.au.

Privacy Statement

The personal information collected on this form is being gathered for the purposes of the LGANT Board nomination and election process. This information will be used to assess your eligibility and suitability for a Board position and will be shared with LGANT member councils as part of the election process.

MAYOR JAMES WOODS



Mayor James Woods has served his community for 12 years as the longest serving member for the Maningrida Local Authority and also sitting as the chairperson for a period of 8 years. He has served as a Councillor of the Maningrida Ward since the 2021 Local Government Election and was re-elected as Mayor following the 2025 Local Government Election.

Born in Katherine in the Northern Territory, he was part of the Stolen Generation that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs moved from Katherine to the Retta Dixon Home located along Bagot Road in Darwin.

He did his initial schooling in Darwin before moving to Queensland where he completed his high school education at Warwick Boarding School. While in high school, Mayor Woods worked as a pumpkin picker in farms in Tully Queensland over the school holidays. After high school, Mayor Woods went on to university in Toowoomba, Queensland where he earned a Diploma in Early Childhood Education. He then went on to complete his BTEC while living in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Mayor Woods moved to Maningrida with the local band "Letter Stick Band" who later became his in-laws when he married into the family who are from Blyth River. He has lived in Maningrida for 27 years and is blessed with six children and eight grandchildren.

In Maningrida, he has worked for the Council, Maningrida College, Bawinanga Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) and currently Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation. In addition to this, Mayor Woods is a member of the Defence Force (a position that he has held for 20 years), and is the Unit Officer for Emergency Services in Maningrida and is a member of the Maningrida AFL Committee. He is passionate about supporting communities and advocating for essential services to be improved in remote communities. Mayor Woods is a current Board Member of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT). Mayor Woods is always available to assist in any way that he can.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.3
Title:	Urgent Funding Request – Special Olympics National Games 2026
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

SUMMARY

Council has received an urgent funding request to send two Indigenous Territorians to the 2026 Special Olympics National Games.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Urgent Funding Request – Special Olympics National Games 2026*; and
2. Approve/Do not approve the allocation of \$8,000 from the Sponsorship budget to the applicant for the purpose of sending two Indigenous Territorians (Karly and Ketura Cameron) to the 2026 Special Olympics National Games; and
3. Note that this funding is outside of the usual annual Sponsorship funding round.

BACKGROUND

Council has received an urgent funding request to send two Indigenous Territorians with intellectual disabilities to the 2026 Special Olympics National Games in Melbourne this October.

The NT Special Olympics Athletics Coach has made an application on behalf of the 2 athletes. They are:

- Karly aged 21 – Indigenous Territorian, athlete with intellectual disability and member of the NT Special Olympics athletics team. Karly will compete in the 50m, softball throw and standing jump. Her current 50m personal best is 31.08 seconds.
- Ketura aged 15 – Indigenous Territorian, athlete with intellectual disability and member of the NT Special Olympics athletics team. Ketura will compete in the 100m, 200m, long jump and shot put. Her current 100m personal best is 17.45 seconds.

Both girls are originally from Maningrida and have recently moved to Karama, Darwin, where they live with their grandmother, who is their primary carer.

Achievements:

Both Karly and Ketura recently attended the Darwin Athletics Club Championships, where they participated in athletics and thoroughly enjoyed the event. They have continued to develop their skills and are now looking forward to representing the Northern Territory at the 2026 Special Olympics National Games in Melbourne this October.

COMMENT

This request for sponsorship is outside of the Councils' annual application process which usually occurs in January/February of each year. Councils' policy allows consideration of this request outside of the annual cycle.

Cost:

The approximate cost is \$4,000 per athlete (\$8,000 total), covering flights, accommodation, transport, food and the event itself.

The request is seeking financial assistance through government grants and sponsorship, including approaching the Department of People, Sport and Culture. A GoFundMe campaign has also been established but has not been successful. To date, no significant funding has been secured.

Their support worker has personally paid the deposit for their trip to help secure their place while they continue seeking funding.

The Council currently has approximately \$19,000 allocated for sponsorship in the current financial year with \$11,000 already been paid. It also has \$30,000 in the Sponsorship Reserve for a total of \$49,000 available. The "normal" round of sponsorship allocations is yet to occur in January/February 2027

However, there are sufficient funds available to cover the request of \$8,000.

Neither Karly nor Ketura have ever travelled by plane or left the Northern Territory. This opportunity would be particularly meaningful for them as they will be able to represent their community and the Northern Territory at a national level, while experiencing interstate travel, building confidence and independence, and participating in a highly supported sporting event for athletes with intellectual disability.

With the Games taking place in October, the applicant would be very grateful for any assistance the Council may be able to provide.

Policy application

Council's Sponsorship Policy provides the following guidance for consideration of this request:

"...the Council aims to enhance events, programs, projects and activities to provide the greatest benefit to its communities."

"Council sponsorship proposals should align with the Council's Strategic Pillars and Annual Regional Plan."

"The benefit the Council is expected to receive if the sponsorship application was successful (e.g. Council recognition, benefit to Council's communities like access and opportunities)"

Noting that both girls were originally from Maningrida but no longer reside within the Region.

This application is not inconsistent with Councils policy and therefore Council is able to approve if it wishes to.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost to the Sponsorship budget of \$8,000 capital and operational costs.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.4 Community Events

Deliver cultural, civic and sporting events which engage and unite the community.

Goal 1.6 Youth Engagement

Deliver diverse, targeted programs and events which actively empower and engage young people as valuable partners in decision-making which affects them.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Urgent Funding request - application e-mail. [8.3.1 - 2 pages]

From: Lara Andropov <landropov16@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2026 19:39
To: Executive Assistant <executive.assistant@westarnhem.nt.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Fw: Urgent Funding Request – Two Indigenous NT Athletes – Special Olympics National Games 2026

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Hello Ashlee,

Thank you for getting back to me. Please find below the information you requested for the upcoming council meeting.

Athletes:

- Karly Cameron, 21 – Indigenous Territorian, athlete with intellectual disability and member of the NT Special Olympics athletics team. Karly will compete in the 50m, softball throw and standing jump. Her current 50m personal best is 31.08 seconds.
- Ketura Cameron, 15 – Indigenous Territorian, athlete with intellectual disability and member of the NT Special Olympics athletics team. Ketura will compete in the 100m, 200m, long jump and shot put. Her current 100m personal best is 17.45 seconds.

Both girls are originally from Maningrida and have recently moved to Karama, Darwin, where they live with their grandmother, who is their primary carer.

Achievements:

Both Karly and Ketura recently attended the Darwin Athletics Club Championships, where they participated in athletics and thoroughly enjoyed the event. They have continued to develop their skills and are now looking forward to representing the Northern Territory at the 2026 Special Olympics National Games in Melbourne this October.

Cost:

The approximate cost is \$4,000 per athlete (\$8,000 total), covering: flights, accomodation, transport, food and the event itself.

Funding requested/secured:

We are currently seeking financial assistance through government grants and sponsorship, including approaching the Department of People, Sport and Culture. A GoFundMe campaign has also been established but has not been successful. To date, no significant funding has been secured.

Their support worker, Maria, has personally paid the deposit for their trip to help secure their place while we continue seeking funding.

Neither Karly nor Ketura has ever travelled by plane or left the Northern Territory. This opportunity would be particularly meaningful for them as they will be able to represent their community and the Northern Territory at a national level, while experiencing interstate travel, building confidence and independence, and participating in a highly supported sporting event for athletes with intellectual disability.

With the Games taking place in October, we are very grateful for any assistance the Council may be able to provide.

Please let me know if the Council requires any further information or documentation for the meeting.

Thank you,
Lara
NT Special Olympics Athletics Coach
0417 650 834

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.4
Title:	Annual Return of Interests - Elected Members
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Elected Members about the requirement to submit an annual return of interests to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as stated in section 110 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Annual Return of Interests - Elected Members*; and
2. Instruct each Council member to complete the Annual Return of Interest form.

BACKGROUND

Elected Members are expected to make decisions in the best interest of communities in the West Arnhem region. To do this, they should consider each matter that is brought before the Council on its merits and disclose factors that may influence their ability to make impartial decisions. Decision-making could be influenced, or perceived to be influenced, in a number of ways including through:

1. Financial relationships and interests;
2. Personal relationships; and
3. The receipt of gifts.

Clause 106 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* states that Elected Members must provide details of the following interests, where applicable, to the CEO every financial year:

1. The name of any public, private or holding company where an Elected Member is a shareholder.
2. The name of any family businesses or business trust where an Elected Member is a trustee or beneficiary, including details about the business's operations and the nature of the Member's interest in the business. However, this does not include an interest in a land trust under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.
3. The location (suburb or area only) where an Elected Member owns real estate and the purpose for which the property is owned.
4. The name of a registered company where an Elected Member is a director.
5. The name of any business partnerships that an Elected Member is party to, including the nature of the interest and the activities of the partnership.
6. The name of any organizations where an Elected Member has financial or personal interests that may interfere with their ability to make impartial decisions on Council.
7. Any financial or personal interests that may interfere with an Elected Member's ability to make impartial decisions on Council.
8. Any substantial source of income and the nature of the source of income.

Section 110(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* goes on to state that Elected Members must submit their annual return of interests within 60 days of the Elected Member's election, and no later than 30 September each year.

COMMENT

Section 111 of the *Local Government Act 2019* states that the CEO must keep a register of Elected Members annual return of interests. Failure to submit an annual return of interests will result in a breach of several legislative provisions in the *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Local Government (Regulations) 2021*.

Hard copies of the Annual Return of Interest for Council Members form will be made available at the meeting for signature.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2019

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Annual Return of Interest for Council Members - 2026 [8.4.1 - 2 pages]



Annual Return of Interest for Council Members

Name: _____

Council: West Arnhem Regional Council

Initials: _____

Council members must give the details required for each type of interest that the member holds.

If extra pages are needed, each extra page must be numbered and identified as part of this form and must include the name and initials of the staff member, and the name of the council.

(a) Shareholding in a public or private company (including a holding company)		
Name of the company		
(b) Interest as trustee or beneficiary in a family or business trust (excluding: an interest as a trustee in a trust where neither the staff member or any associate of the staff member is a beneficiary; or an interest in a land trust under the <i>Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth)</i>)		
Name of the trust	Nature of the trust's operation	Nature of the interest
(c) Interest as owner of real estate		
Location (suburb or area only)	Purpose for which it is owned	





(d) Registered company directorship		
Name of the company		
(e) Interest in partnership		
Name of the partnership	Activities of the partnership	Nature of the interest
(f) Membership in an organisation		
Name of the organisation		
(g) Any other interest		
Nature of the interest		
(h) Any other substantial source of income		
<i>Note: The general rule is income of over \$1 000 per annum might be notifiable.</i>		
Nature of the income		

I confirm that the information provided in this form reflects all the interests I should declare under section 178 of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 107(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Council Member signature: _____ Date: _____

Full name of witness: _____

Witness signature: _____ Date: _____



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.5
Title:	Mandatory Local Government Training for Elected Members - New Code of Conduct
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Elected Members about the requirement for Councillors to complete training to ensure a full understanding of the requirements of their role.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report titled *Mandatory Local Government Training for Elected Members - New Code of Conduct*; and
2. Instruct each Council member to complete the new Code of Conduct training scheduled for Tuesday 22 September 2 – 5pm in the Council Chamber, Jabiru.

BACKGROUND

The Code of Conduct has recently been amended, and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2019 all Councillors are required to undertake training to ensure a full understanding of the new provisions.

There are three different sessions which include:

- Introduction to the new Code of Conduct
- Managing Complaints at Council Level
- Management of Complaints Beyond Council

Training has been arranged for the afternoon of 22 September 2026 between 2 – 5:00pm, and will be presented in person by George Amegavi, Senior Learning and Development Officer from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

Training Handbooks will be provided.

COMMENT

Section 45 of the *Local Government Act 2019* states that a council member must complete required training within 6 months after publication of the Determination or within 6 months of the date the council member was elected if the election occurred after the Determination came into effect.

Council members must also complete any additional or refresher training required by the Department.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Local Government Act 2019

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021

Determination – Training requirements for Council Members published 1 July 2026

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

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Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.6
Title:	Active Transport Fund
Author:	Grant McKenzie, Director Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to apply for the Active Transport Fund and establish a prioritised list of potential projects for funding consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Active Transport Fund*; and
2. Approve/Do not approve applying for the Active Transport Fund and establishing a prioritised list of potential projects for funding consideration.

BACKGROUND

The Active Transport Fund (ATF) is part of the Australian Government's commitment, under the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30, to improve road safety outcomes, including for vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians. The program also supports the Australian Government's commitment to reducing transport emissions and supporting active and liveable communities.

The ATF is an ongoing, application-based, merit-assessed, funding program, open to all state and territory governments and Local Government Authorities. The program provides funding for the upgrade of existing, and construction of new, bicycle and walking pathways across Australia.

The fund is ongoing, with \$50 million available nationally each year and one funding round expected annually. A webinar and presentation slides are available on the program website for further detail. Council reports are intended to provide Councillors with sufficient information to make informed decisions. Reports should be clear, concise, evidence-based and focused on the matter requiring Council's consideration.

Key requirements

- Projects must be road-related and support active transport infrastructure.
- Eligible works include the construction, upgrade or replacement of footpaths, shared paths and cycle paths.
- Projects should improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists, reduce road trauma, and encourage safer, healthier, and more affordable transport options.
- The project scope and cost estimates need to be understood before applying.
- Projects must be able to be completed within a maximum of two years and be available to commence early 2027.
- Funding of up to \$5 million per project may be available, subject to the overall funding available.
- Council can submit multiple applications.

Co-contribution

A co-contribution is required and must be confirmed at the time of application. This can potentially be sourced through other funding programs, including Roads to Recovery, provided the funding is available and approved prior to submission.

Local Government Authorities may request more than 50% Australian Government funding; however, strong justification will be required.

Strong project proposals

Strong applications will include clear evidence of:

- A road safety risk or current access issue.
- The number and type of people who will benefit.
- Why the project is needed in the proposed location.
- Project readiness, including scope, costings, approvals and delivery timeframe.
- Any circumstances that support special consideration.

COMMENT

Councillors can give feedback on what projects they may wish to be considered for this and other future grant opportunities.

Example 1 – Previously raised at Maningrida Local Authority meeting.

- Improve/repair solar street lighting at bottom end of airport – Gudjirrama Road, Maningrida (Estimated cost will be verbally provided at meeting)



STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Relevant provisions of the Local Government Act, Regulations, Council Policies, Terms of Reference, Charters or other legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Capital and operational costs.
- Ongoing maintenance or recurrent costs.
- Funding sources (budget allocation, grants, reserves, loans).

- Financial risks if the proposal proceeds or does not proceed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

PILLAR 2 INCREASED LOCAL INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT

We are committed to investing in and supporting local Indigenous employment. We recognise the instrumental value that Indigenous staff bring to our organisation and the social force that occurs with employment opportunities.

Goal 2.1 Indigenous Employment Framework

Create Council Indigenous employment framework including tailored pathways to employment.

PILLAR 3 SAFETY AND WELLBEING

As an 'Employer of Choice', we provide and promote a positive culture of safety, inclusion and respect. Our people are skilled, informed and have opportunities to grow and develop within our organisation. Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs.

Goal 3.2 Health and Safety

Staff and public safety is achieved via planning, education and training.

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high-quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.7
Title:	Dog Impound Facility
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

SUMMARY

The Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town (GACJT) requires that the existing Dog Impound Facility (the Pound) be moved to a more suitable site. No such site will be readily available in the near future therefore Council will be unable to continue to impound dogs.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Dog Impound Facility*; and
2. Notes that until a suitable alternative location is found for a Dog Impounding Facility Council will not apply those parts of the Jabiru Town By-Laws 2024 that apply to the impounding of dogs and other animals.

BACKGROUND

The current Pound is located at the "low level" reservoir as this location is "out-of-the-way"; safe and perfectly suitable for the low volume of dog impounding that occurs within the township.

GACJT has for some time been asking the Council to relocate the Pound away from its present site as it is "not supported". The GACJT Board resolved, on 13 June 2024,

1. to vary the sub-lease over Lot 2100 to permit the premises to include a dog impound for a **maximum of 12 months** only.

The Board also requested that WARC provide the following:

- a timeframe to relocate to the new municipal depot; and
- a business plan and asset management plan to the Board for review prior to a non-conformance waiver request to the JMDMF is considered – to be provided within 4 months.

GACJT has subsequently allowed WARC to continue to use the current Pound until 31 December 2026.

The GACJT administration has been in frequent contact with Council staff over the past few months seeking confirmation that the Pound will be relocated from its current location.

COMMENT

After the last meeting with GACJT administration in August 2026, WARC has been using its best endeavours to find a solution to the need to relocate the existing Pound. The result of these investigations are:

- Investigated using the landfill site (Lot 3252) and while it could physically be used for a Dog Impound Facility, the sub-lease does not allow it, and it would also require NT planning approval and all that this entails.
- Lot 2247 (New depot site in the industrial area) - this was looked at for a standalone Dog Impound Facility. While it is physically suitable for a standalone facility, this could only occur if it was part of a larger Municipal Depot on the site. As a standalone facility, it would require separate planning approval.
- It is not yet known if Lot 2247 will be developed as a new depot in the long term. It is not currently being considered in any strategic plan, and it is not a priority for Council.
- The only viable option is to relocate the Dog Impoundment Facility to the current depot site (Lot 948). The current sub-lease (Item 6 of the Schedule to the sublease) allows as a Permitted Use a "Municipal Depot" and in accordance with NT planning requirements a Dog Impound Facility is considered to be part of a Municipal Depot.
- Council were actively in the process of procuring and installing a new Dog Impound Facility at Lot 948 and removing the current Dog Impound Facility from Lot 2100.
- The rate of dog impounding is very low, 1 dog in the past 3 months, and until Council engages a dedicated By-laws officer, this low level of activity is likely to continue.

Response from GACJT

The above information was communicated to GACJT administration, and the following response was received:

'Any development on Lot 948 (current depot) would require approval. Please note, however, that the Board will need to take into account the Jabiru Masterplan which is available here: [A. Jabiru Masterplan \(2018 2021\).pdf](#). The current depot is not consistent with the Masterplan, and nor would a dog impound. This location was also raised when WARC attended GACJT's Board meeting in June 2024, and it was considered not an appropriate location for the dog impound.

As per the original approval letter for Lot 948, attached again for ease of reference, Lot 948 was only approved to WARC until the new Depot was constructed and is only for short-term use. The recent Board approval to grant a further sublease over Lot 948 was approved with the expectation that WARC should be actively seeking funds to relocate the depot to Lot 2247 as soon as possible - as advised on 1 July 2026 and attached.'

Therefore, it would appear that the only site suitable to GACJT would be the currently vacant site in the industrial area earmarked as a future depot site. This site cannot be used for just a dog pound by itself without NT Government planning approval. A pound would be allowed if it was part of a Municipal Depot on the site.

As there are no short to medium term plans to develop a depot on this lot, it means Council has no suitable site for a dog impound facility.

Options

1. Status Quo – this option would require that Council seek a further extension from GACJT to keep the pound at its current location. The current location does not create any adverse effects that Administration is aware of. The pound has a very low level of use and is fit for purpose for the community of Jabiru. However, GACJT is applying regular pressure on Council to remove the pound from its current location.
2. Use another Councils' Pound – arrangements could possibly be made with a neighboring Council to use its pound facilities. If this could be arranged, it is likely to be at significant cost to both the Council and the community. Any impounded dog would have to be immediately transported to that pound by Council staff, and the dog owner, if known, would then need to travel to that same facility in order to claim their dog. This option, while feasible, is highly impractical and expensive.
3. Stop Impounding Dogs – this would require that Council simply stops applying those parts of the Jabiru Town By-Law 2024 that relate to the impounding of dogs. This would mean that Council would not respond to reports of dangerous (menacing or attacks) or wandering dogs causing a nuisance where the seizure and impounding of the dog (or other animal) is required. This option may cause some community concerns however Council has no obligation to action or enforce all or any of its by-laws.

Preferred Option

Option 3 is the preferred option. There appears to be no immediate solution to the relocation of the dog pound, therefore the only feasible option is to suspend the application of the Jabiru Town By-laws 2024 in so far as it relates to the impounding of dogs and other animals.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru Town) By-Law 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil if recommendation adopted.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

Goal 1.3 Communication

Deliver dynamic communication which is culturally informed and appropriate, engaging and relevant to the interests of Council.

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high-quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures, and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.4 Risk Management

The monitoring and minimisation of risks associated with the operations of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	8.8
Title:	Waste and Resource Management Grant Amended Spending
Author:	Grant McKenzie, Director Technical Services

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to amend the 2025/2026 Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) grant expenditure.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Waste and Resource Management Grant Amended Spending*; and
2. Approve the amendment of the 2025/2026 WaRM grant expenditure.

BACKGROUND

Each year council receives \$148,800 under the WaRM grant administered by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development. The funding is provided to Regional Council's to undertake activities to advance their Waste Management Strategy and achieve compliance with NT EPA requirements. In January 2026 council approved expenditure as per below:

- Landfill operator training - \$32,000
- Purchase of tablets and software licence to record waste data at Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Maningrida - \$20,000
- Purchase of materials for each Waste Management Facility - \$25,000
- Community education - \$30,000
- Green waste processing at the Jabiru Waste Management Facility - \$41,800

COMMENT

The 2025/2026 WaRM expenditure is progressing, and activities have been reviewed as a result of increases in costs of materials and shifting priorities. It is recommended that the 2025/2026 WaRM funding be reallocated as follows:

- Landfill Operator Training - \$35,000
 - This will allow for guidance materials to be developed for landfill staff to support provided training
- Purchase of tablets and software licence to record waste data at Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Maningrida - \$20,000 (no change)
- Purchase of materials for each Waste Management Facility - \$35,000
 - This will allow for additional materials to be purchased for sites including spill kits and portable fire-fighting equipment
- Community Education - \$30,000 (no change)
- Wheel Loader Bucket to assist with managing the tip face in Minjilang - \$28,800
 - Greater efficiencies in environmental controls and reducing feral pest foraging can be achieved by purchasing equipment to assist with managing incoming waste

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$148,800 Waste and Resource Management Funding.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

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Goal 1.3 Communication

Deliver dynamic communication which is culturally informed and appropriate, engaging and relevant to the interests of Council.

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high-quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

Goal 4.2 Waste and Water Management

Deliver environmentally and economically sound solid waste, water and sewerage services.

PILLAR 5 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION

Leading by example, we commit to developing a culture of sustainable practice. We recognise and champion the importance of safeguarding our environment for future generations by working collectively with community, private enterprises and all tiers of government.

Goal 5.1 Recycling and Waste

Develop recycling and waste initiatives which protect and preserve community natural resources and the local environment.

Goal 5.2 Education Develop and deliver locally relevant education initiatives on sustainability and climate impacts across multiple mediums and platforms.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is to table items of correspondence received and sent since the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

In June 2025, Council requested that incoming and outgoing correspondence be made available in hard copy for Council Members to view at each meeting separate to the agenda. Correspondence available is as follows:

COMMENT

Type	Date	Sender/Receiver	Reference
Email	31/07/2026	Sender: LGANT	Submission Liquor Amendment Bill 2026
Email	05/08/2026	Receiver: Andrew Johnson	RMAC Chairperson
Email	10/08/2026	Sender: NT Dept of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	NT Housing Strategy 2026-30
Email	11/08/2026	Sender: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Request for advice on commercial release of GM wheat
Email	12/08/2026	Sender: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing	Request for advice on commercial release of GM canola
Letter	13/08/2026	Sender: NT Electoral Commission	Certification of result of Warruwi Ward by-election
Email	13/08/2026	Sender: LGANT	Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper and Submission (Final Draft)
Email	20/08/2026	Sender: ALGA	Media Release – Lift regional productivity? Invest in the councils that deliver in regional Australia
Email	20/08/2026	Sender: ALGA	Media Release – CHSP certainty welcomed, but underlying pressures remain
Letter	24/08/2026	Receiver: Office for the Arts	Letter of support Injalak Arts Stone Festival 2027

Letter	26/08/2026	Sender: The Hon. Sam Rae MP: Minister for Aged Care and Seniors	CHSP extension letter for further 2 years, to 30 June 2029.
Email	03/09/2026	Sender: LGANT	H5N1 Birdflu, enc Letter to Min Edginston
Letter	08/09/2026	Sender: Dept of Mining and Energy	Remote Power for Indigenous Communities program

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.2
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Mayor
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council on meetings and events attended by the Mayor since the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The meetings and events listed involve discussions that influence or may affect the operations of the Council or relationships with external agencies.

COMMENT

Date(s)	Location	Reason for Meeting	Person(s) met with
29.08.2026	Jabiru	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elected Members
06.08.2026	Teams	Reconciliation Action Plan	LGANT
13.08.2026	Teams	Maningrida and Homelands Regional Consortium	Maningrida and Homelands Regional Consortium
13.08.2026	Teams	Closing the Gap Place-Based Partnerships Community of Practice.	National Indigenous Australian Agency
24.08.2026	Maningrida	Maningrida Local Authority Meeting	Maningrida Local Authority Members
27.08.2026	Teams	Remuneration Tribunal inquiries - LGANT submission feedback	LGANT
28-29.08.2026	Jabiru	Kurrung Sports Festival	Attended with CEO of West Arnhem Regional Council
31.08 - 03.09.2026	Sydney	11 th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities Conference 2026	Various Stakeholders
09.09.2026	Canberra	Discuss challenges, learning and experience WARC communities are facing	Governor-General Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC
09-10.09.2026	Canberra	2026-27 Higher Risk Weather Season- National Preparedness Summit	Attended with CEO – Various Stakeholders
16.09.2026	Nhulunbuy	East Arnhem Remote Animal Management Program Visit	Madeleine Kelso, EARC Regional Manager, Veterinarian and Animal Control
17.09.2026	Teams	Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting	Risk Management and Audit Committee Members

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.3
Title:	Meetings and Events attended by the Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report provides information on meetings and events attended by the CEO since the last Ordinary Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The meetings listed involve discussions that influence or may affect the operations of the Council or relationships with external agencies.

COMMENT

Date(s)	Location	Reason for Meeting	Person(s) met with
29.07.2026	Jabiru	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elected Members
31.07.2026		Annual leave - 11.08.2026	
12.08.2026	Teams	LGANT CEO Forum	LGANT
13.08.2026	Teams	Maningrida and Homelands Regional Consortium	Maningrida and Homelands Regional Consortium
13.08.2026	Teams	Closing the Gap Place-Based Partnerships Community of Practice.	National Indigenous Australian Agency
17.08.2026	Jabiru	HR Visit including, Working well together – HR Fundamentals	Jabiru WARC employees
18.08.2026	Gunbalanya	HR Visit including, Working well together – HR Fundamentals	Gunbalanya WARC employees
19.08.2026	Teams	Local Government Cyber Security Review	LGANT
24.08.2026	Teams	Maningrida Local Authority Meeting	Maningrida Local Authority Members

25.08.2026	Teams	Finance committee meeting	
26.08.2026	Minjilang	HR Visit including, Working well together – HR Fundamentals	Minjilang WARC employees
27.08.2026	Teams	Remuneration Tribunal inquiries - LGANT submission feedback	LGANT
28 - 29. 08.2026	Jabiru	Kurrung Sports Festival	Attended with Mayor of West Arnhem Regional Council
02.09.2026	Darwin	Regional Emergency Committee Meetings and Pre-Season Functional Group Report 2026-27	Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Greater Darwin, Road Policing and Support- Northern Territory Police Force
08.09.2026	Darwin	Meeting	Traditional Credit Union
09.09.2026	Canberra	Discuss challenges, learning and experience WARC communities are facing	Governor-General Her Excellency the Honourable Ms. Sam Mostyn AC
09 - 10.09.2026	Canberra	2026 -27 Higher Risk Weather Season - National Preparedness Summit	Attended with Mayor – Various Stakeholders
11.09.2026	Teams	Monthly Meeting	Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town
15.09.2026	Darwin	Quarterly Meeting	Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
16.09.2026	Nhulunbuy	East Arnhem Remote Animal Management Program Visit	Madeleine Kelso, EARC Regional Manager, Veterinarian and Animal Control
17.09.2026	Teams	Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting	Risk Management and Audit Committee Members
17.09.2026	Teams	Whistleblower Protections	ICAC
21.09.2026	Jabiru	Jabiru Childcare	Kentish Community Services

21.09.2026	Teams	National agreement on Closing the Gap	Productivity Commission
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LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 September 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.4
Title:	Human Resource Report
Author:	Luisa Arango, Human Resources Manager

SUMMARY

This report is to inform Council of the activities and initiatives undertaken by the Human Resources Team.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Human Resource Report*.

BACKGROUND

The Human Resources Team remains committed to fostering a supportive work environment and investing in the professional development of its employees. Through strategic Human Resources initiatives, we aim attract, retain, and develop our talented employees to better serve our communities.

The Human Resources (HR) Team is responsible for council recruitment and retention, employee learning and development, Work Health Safety (WHS) management and payroll. To achieve its human resource management responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2019, in particular section 172, the HR Team has policies and practices in place that give effect to the following principles:

- Selection processes for appointment and promotion that are based on merit and are fair and equitable.
- Employees have reasonable access to training and development and opportunities for advancement and promotion.
- Employees are treated fairly and consistently (not subject to arbitrary or capricious decisions).
- Suitable processes are in place to deal with employment-related grievances.
- Work conditions are required to be safe and healthy.
- Unlawful, or any form of unreasonable or unjustifiable, discrimination against an employee or potential employee is not tolerated.

The HR Team also is required to adhere to Work Health and Safety laws, Fair Work, Australian Taxation and Superannuation legislation.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 2019 (Act)

Council's Organisational Structure

Council's Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.5 Cultural Awareness Training

Develop increased understanding and observation of cultural protocols.

PILLAR 2 INCREASED LOCAL INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT

We are committed to investing in and supporting local Indigenous employment. We recognise the instrumental value that Indigenous staff bring to our organisation and the social force that occurs with employment opportunities.

Goal 2.1 Indigenous Employment Framework

Create Council Indigenous employment framework including tailored pathways to employment.

Goal 2.2 Policy and Procedures

Research, review and develop policy to underpin and inform Council's intent and strategy to increase local Indigenous employment.

Goal 2.3 Policy and Procedures

Research, review and develop policy to underpin and inform Council's intent and strategy to increase local Indigenous employment.

PILLAR 3 SAFETY AND WELLBEING

As an 'Employer of Choice', we provide and promote a positive culture of safety, inclusion and respect. Our people are skilled, informed and have opportunities to grow and develop within our organisation. Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs.

Goal 3.1 Cultural Safety

Delivery of actions in the WARC 'Innovate' Reconciliation Action Plan.

Goal 3.2 Health and Safety

Staff and public safety is achieved via planning, education and training.

Goal 3.3 Training and Development

Deliver training and development which is effective and culturally appropriate, engaging and increases future employment opportunities and pathways.

Goal 3.4 Community Service Delivery

Provision of high quality, culturally informed programs that support and enhance the safety and wellbeing of community members.

ATTACHMENTS

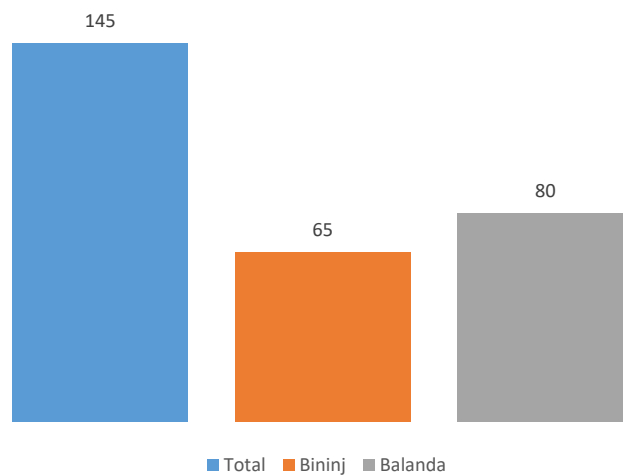
1. HR Report for 11.07 to 4.09.2026 - OCM 2026.09.22 [9.4.1 - 6 pages]

Workforce Report – Period 11 July to 4 September 2026

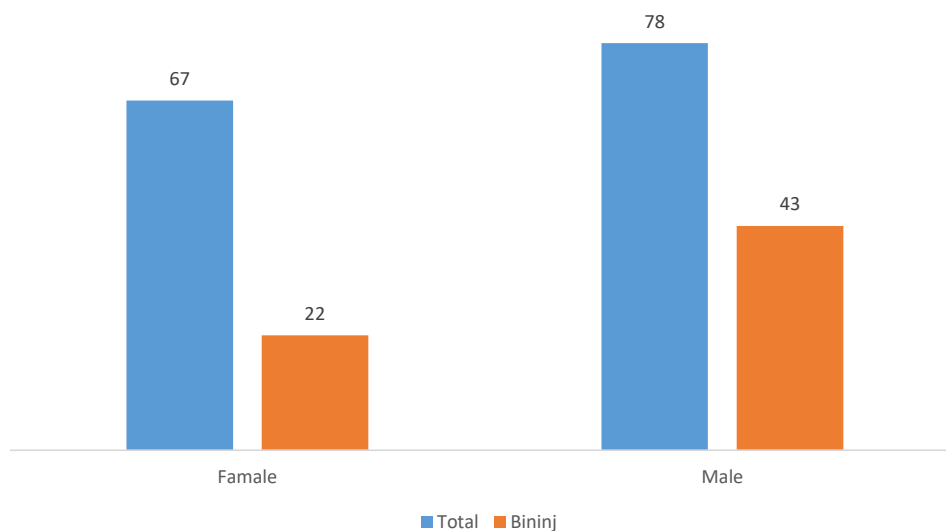
Workforce statistics as of 4 September 2026:

Total Workforce	
Total Employees:	145
Bininj employees	65
Percentage of Bininj employees:	45%

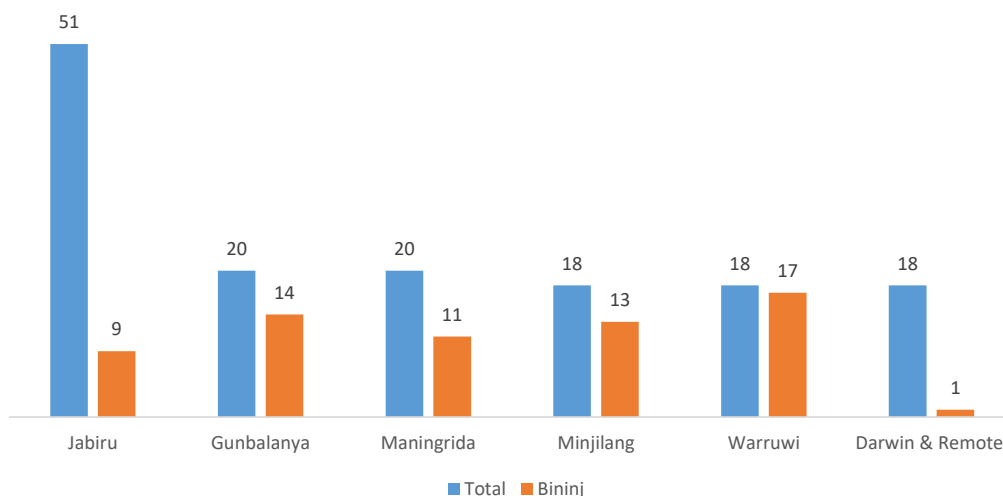
EMPLOYEES BY NUMBER



EMPLOYEES BY GENDER



EMPLOYEES BY LOCATION

**General Human Resources Report****Organisational Engagement: CEO and HR on tour – Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Minjilang**

- On 17, 18 and 26 August 2026, CEO Katharine Murray, accompanied by Human Resources Manager, Luisa Arango, and Human Resources Coordinator, Linda Veugen-Yong, visited employees in Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Minjilang as part of the annual CEO and HR community tour.
- During the visit, staff participated in a session titled “**HR Fundamentals – Working Well Together**”, which aims to reinforce workplace expectations, the Code of Conduct, and to promote effective collaboration across all teams.
- The session was followed by an opportunity to connect with Katharine and the HR team over morning tea or a BBQ lunch. The informal setting provided staff with the opportunity to engage in conversation, share ideas, ask questions, and build stronger workplace connections.

WARC participates in Careers Expo’s across West Arnhem

- WARC was proud to participate in the ALPA Careers Expos held across West Arnhem. These provided an opportunity for school students to connect with Council representatives, learn about the range of careers available within local government, and explore possible pathways into employment after school, workplace skills, training and the diverse work undertaken by Council across the region.
- WARC values the opportunity to engage with young people and support them in exploring meaningful local career pathways that contribute to their communities.

Recruitment

Advertising and promotion activity

- Council continues to promote vacancies via the WARC website, online and social media, supported by LED screens in all communities to maintain strong local visibility of job opportunities across the region.

Vacancies as of 4 September 2026

Jabiru

- **Early Childhood Educational Leader** — \$88k per annum, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised Accommodation.
- **Early Childhood Educator Group Leader** — \$81k per annum, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised Accommodation.
- **Early Childhood Cook and Educator** — \$63k per annum, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised Accommodation.
- **Governance and Risk Advisor (Jabiru or Darwin)** — \$119k per annum, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised Accommodation for Jabiru only.
- **Pool and Safety Assistant (2 positions)** – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Pool Officer** – \$35.64 per hour, Permanent, 25 hours per week. Subsidised accommodation.
- **Community Care Officer** — \$32.30 per/hr, Permanent, Part time - 27 hrs per week. No accommodation.

Gunbalanya

- **Sport and Recreation Team Leader** - \$41.34 per hour, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised accommodation.
- **Works Assistant** - \$27.33 per hour, Permanent, 20 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Community Care Officer** – \$32.30 per hour, Permanent, 20 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Precinct Assistant (Sports Grounds Keeper) (RJED)** – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Waste Collection Assistant (RJED)** – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, Full Time. No accommodation.
- **Community Safety Senior Officer** – \$38.51 per hour, Permanent, 25 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Centrelink Assistant** – \$27.33 per hour, Permanent, 30 hours per week. No accommodation.

Maningrida

- **Bereavement Support Assistant (2 positions)** (RJED) – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Pool and Safety Assistant (2 positions)** (RJED) – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Precinct Assistant (Sports Grounds Keeper)** (RJED) – \$27.33 per hour, Fixed Term, 20 hours per week. No accommodation.

Minjilang

- **Child Care Senior Officer** – \$76k per annum, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised accommodation.
- **Community Safety Assistant** - \$27.33 per hour, Permanent, Part Time 27.5 hours per week. No accommodation.

Waruwi

- **Council Services Manager** - \$119k per annum, Permanent, Fulltime. Subsidised accommodation.
- **Wellbeing Services Senior Officer** – \$88k per annum, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised accommodation.
- **Child Care Senior Officer** – \$76k per annum, Permanent, Full Time. Subsidised accommodation.
- **Team Leader Works** – \$44.34 per hour, Permanent, Full Time. No accommodation.
- **Broadcasting Officer** – \$38.51 per hour, Permanent, 12.5 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Centrelink Officer** – \$35.64 per hour, Permanent, 7.6 hours per week. No accommodation.
- **Community Care Officer** — \$32.30 per hour, Permanent, Part time - 20 hrs per week. No accommodation.
- **Community Care Senior Officer** — \$38.51 per hour, Permanent, Part time - 34 hrs per week. No accommodation.
- **Youth, Sport and Recreation Assistant** — \$27.32 per hour, Permanent, Part time - 20 hrs per week. No accommodation.

Learning and Development

CERTIFICATIONS	LOCATIONS & NUMBER STAFF ENROLLED	BININJ PARTICIPATION
Certificate III in Civil Construction RTO: Batchelor Institute Staff in: Works Teams Dates: Maningrida: 4 – 19 Aug Completed	Jabiru: 2	1 Bininj
	Maningrida: 4	4 Bininj
	Minjilang: 3	3 Bininj
	Waruwi: 6	6 Bininj
	Gunbalanya: 0	0 Bininj
	Total: 15	Total: 14 Bininj
Certificate III in Community Services RTO: ALPA Staff in: Community Safety and YSR Dates: Waruwi: 17 – 18 Aug. Completed Minjilang: 06 - 09 July. Completed Maningrida: 15 – 19 Jun. Completed Gunbalanya: • 13-17 July Completed • 31 Aug – 4 Sep Completed	Jabiru: 0	0 Bininj
	Gunbalanya: 2	1 Bininj
	Maningrida: 0	0 Bininj
	Minjilang: 3	1 Bininj
	Waruwi: 5	5 Bininj
	Total: 10	Total: 9 Bininj
Certificate III in Individual Support RTO: Response Employment & Training Staff in: Community Care	Waruwi: 0	0 Bininj
	Gunbalanya: 0	0 Bininj
	Total: 0	0
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care RTO: Batchelor Institute Staff in: Child Care	Minjilang: 1	1 Bininj
	Jabiru: 3	0 Bininj
	Total: 4	1 Bininj

Other training activities between 11 July and 4 September

- **Landfill Training:** Held in Jabiru for three staff from each community 19 July – 24 July.
- **First Aid and CPR Refresher Training:** Delivered in each community – August.
- **Four-wheel drive training Delivered by CDU – Waruwi 4-8 August:** Operate four-wheel drive vehicles on unsealed roads and perform complex four-wheel drive operations.
- **Gamba Grass Training – Weed management Training:** The New Territory Training delivered Gamba Grass Weed Management training in June and July. Works team members gained valuable hands-on skills to manage Gamba Grass safely and effectively. On completion, participants will receive nationally recognised units:
 - ✓ **AHCCHM201 – Apply chemicals under supervision**
 - ✓ **AHCPMG201 – Treat weeds**

Work Health Safety

This table outlines the progress we have made in enhancing our safety measures across various areas.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS		DATES
Usage and Improvements	Records Management Improvement Project: To enable staff to find and access WHS documentation more easily, the folder structure in Magiq is being aligned with a standard WHS folder Structure Compliance framework.	Ongoing – September onwards
Policy and Compliance	WHS Activities completed: - Emergency Drills are completed at Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Darwin Council offices. - Heat/sun safety and Take 5 risk-management messages issued through In the Loop. - RMAC WHS Report - Psychosocial Hazard Procedure Draft sent for Review	Jabiru, Gunbalanya, 30 July 2026 Darwin 19 August 2026 27 August 2026 02 September 2026 03. September 2026
WHS Training	Manual Handling Training delivered at Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Waruwi, Minjilang and Maningrida.	27,28 July 2026
Site Visits	Manual Handling Training Delivered at Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Waruwi, Minjilang and Maningrida.	Jabiru 27.07.2026 Gunbalanya 27.07.2026 Waruwi 28.07.2026 Minjilang 28.07.2026 Maningrida 28.07.2026

OTHER ACTIVITIES		DATES
ECO - Emergency Control Organisation	Safety Champions Poster update	Ongoing

LOST TIME INJURY

WARC Lost Time Injury 11 July 2026 to 04 September 2026	
Type	Number
Lost Time Injury (LTI) - Existing	3
Lost Time Injury (LTI) – New	1
Total	4

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 September 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.5
Title:	Financial report for period ending 31 August 2026
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 August 2026 and seek approval for the Acquittal of Community Places for People 2022-23 - Warruwi Community Hall.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receive and note the report titled *Financial report for period ending 31 August 2026; and*
2. Approves the Acquittal of *Community Places for People 2022-23 - Warruwi Community Hall.*

BACKGROUND

The CEO must, in each month, give the Council (or Council's Finance Committee) a report setting out:

- The actual year to date income and expenditure of council;
- The most recently adopted annual budget; and
- Details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure, and the most recently adopted annual budget.

The report must be in the approved form.

The report must be accompanied by the CEO's certification in writing, to the Council, that to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief:

- The internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate; and
- The Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council.

If the CEO cannot provide the certification, then written reasons for not providing the certification is to be submitted.

Community Places for People Grant Program 2022-23

Council was awarded one-off grant totalling \$415,000.00 to Upgrade the Warruwi Community Hall in FY2022-23. This project was successfully completed in the 2024–25 financial year with minor unspent amount of \$27.00. This will be refunded to the funder; however, the formal variation request was not received until the 2025–26 financial year. As a result, for the funder to close out the grant, an acquittal for the 2025–26 financial year needs to be presented to Council. Please note that two earlier acquittals relating to this grant were presented to council in February 2026 OCM [OCM60/2026].

COMMENT

The *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* requires the previous month's financial report to be given to the Council.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* outlines the requirements for the monthly financial report to Council.

The format of the monthly financial report follows the prescribed format set out in the CEO of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet's approved form published on the NT Government Local Government Unit's website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The CEO is responsible for laying before the Council a monthly financial report and the Council is responsible for managing its resources.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.1 Financial Management

Provision of strong financial management and leadership which ensures long term sustainability and growth.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Monthly Financial Report- August 2026 [9.5.1 - 23 pages]
2. Acquittal - CPP 2022-23 - Warruwi Community Hall [9.5.2 - 1 page]

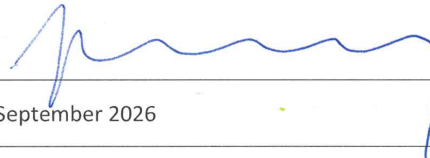
Certification by the CEO to the Council

Council Name:	West Arnhem Regional Council
Reporting Period:	August 2026

That, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) The internal controls implemented by the council are appropriate; and
- (2) The council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of the council.

CEO Signed



Date Signed

11 September 2026

Note: The monthly financial report to council must either be accompanied by a written certification by the CEO to the council, as set out above, or the CEO is to provide written reasons for not providing the certification. (Regulation 17(5) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*)

Monthly Financial Report for August 2026

Report 1

Table 1. Income and Expenditure Statement

Expected YTD Annual Budget Completion 17%

Period ended 31 August 2026	Notes	YTD Actuals (A) \$	Commitments (B) \$	YTD Budget (C) \$	YTD Variance (A - C) \$	Approved 1st Budget (SCM12/2026) (E) \$	YTD Actual Compared to Approved Budget (A / E) %
OPERATING INCOME							
Rates		68,909		47,677	21,233	3,281,756	2%
Charges	1	126,553		149,073	(22,520)	3,998,435	3%
Fees and Charges		98,167		103,122	(4,955)	728,816	13%
Operating Grants and Subsidies		7,406,320		2,121,102	5,285,219	15,062,800	49%
Interest / Investment Income		93,546		32,158	61,388	170,000	55%
Commercial and Other Income	2	2,205,239		2,266,545	(61,306)	11,526,818	19%
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		9,998,734	-	4,719,677	5,279,057	34,768,625	29%
OPERATING EXPENDITURE							
Employee Expenses		2,806,725		3,540,976	(734,251)	19,189,241	15%
Materials and Contracts	4	717,693	1,740,522	1,087,122	(369,429)	5,687,227	13%
Elected Member Allowances		81,950		59,487	22,463	454,270	18%
Elected Member Expenses		33,859		55,887	(22,027)	329,319	10%
Council Committee		-		-	-	7,000	0%
Council Committee & LA Allowances		3,950		7,226	(3,276)	36,305	11%
Council Committee & LA Expenses		1,132		7,631	(6,499)	33,858	3%
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		878,573		878,573	-	5,271,438	17%
Other Expenses	3, 4	1,235,844	257,257	1,525,712	(289,868)	8,677,405	14%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		5,759,726	1,997,779	7,162,613	(1,402,888)	39,686,063	15%
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		4,239,007		(2,442,938)	6,681,945	(4,917,438)	

Period ended 31 August 2026	Notes	YTD Actuals (A) \$	Commitments (B) \$	YTD Budget (C) \$	YTD Variance (A - C) \$	Approved 1st Budget (SCM12/2026) (E) \$	YTD Actual Compared to Approved Budget (A / E) %
<u>Charges Income</u>							
Sewerage	1	6,758	-	39,122	(32,364)	750,797	1%
Water		116,007	-	92,605	23,402	1,574,000	7%
Waste Collection		3,788	-	17,346	(13,558)	1,673,638	0%
		126,553	-	149,073	(22,520)	3,998,435	
<u>Commercial and Other Income</u>							
Income Allocations	2	840,176	-	1,052,548	(212,373)	5,861,568	14%
Agency and Commercial Services Income		1,285,763	-	1,168,956	116,807	5,571,741	23%
Other Income		79,300	-	45,041	34,259	93,509	85%
		2,205,239	-	2,266,545	(61,306)	11,526,818	
<u>Other Expenses</u>							
Travel, Freight & Accommodation	3	152,593	150,433	221,234	(68,641)	1,150,486	13%
Fuel, Utilities & Communication		276,905	9,968	399,029	(122,124)	2,334,863	12%
Finance Expenses		1,345	-	1,929	(584)	10,390	13%
Other Expenses		805,001	96,856	903,520	(98,519)	5,181,666	16%
		1,235,844	257,257	1,525,712	(289,868)	8,677,405	

No	Note. 4 All Commitments	Commitments \$
1	Jabiru Lakeside Precinct	684,558
2	Animal Control	173,390
3	Maintain local roads	129,332
4	Corporate Financial Management	114,044
5	Install and maintain street lights	110,344
6	Support at Home Program	101,576
7	LAP - Youth Cultural Camp - Warruwi	70,900
8	WaRM - Waste and Resource Management	60,690
9	ICT Transition	49,719
10	Kurrung Sports Carnival - Sport Australia	47,199
11	LAP - Fencing Basketball Court - Maningrida	43,279
12	Sewerage Management	31,355
13	Manage Information Technology and Communications	27,912
14	ABA - Maningrida Oval Changerooms	27,887
15	Manage Council Governance	27,080
16	Replace Toad Hall Contents: Gunbalanya	23,364
17	Maintain plant, equipment and motor vehicles	21,348
18	Water Management: Jabiru	20,190
19	Community Service Delivery	18,422
20	Aerodromes Inspection and Maintenance	18,212
21	Executive leadership CEO	16,199
22	Sports and Recreation	16,174
23	Manage Electricity and water business	14,093
24	Operate Fuel Storage Facility	10,877
25	NDIS - National Disability Insurance Scheme	10,090
26	Waste Management	9,790
27	Operate and maintain swimming pool	9,585
28	LAP - Community Flag Poles	9,446
29	Upgrade for Maningrida Rd and airport road funeral access	9,086
30	Manage Technical Services	8,448
31	Active Regional and Remote Communities Program	7,444
32	West Arnhem Cemetery Establishment	7,200

No	Note. 4 All Commitments	Commitments \$
33	LAP - Chilled Water Bubbler - Basketball Court - Maningrida	6,556
34	Operate post office business	6,224
35	IEI - NT Jobs Package - Aged Care	5,868
36	LAP - Upgrade the Stainless Steel Toilets - Gunbalanya	5,521
37	LAP - Cultural Camp - Warruwi	4,818
38	LAP - Beautification of township - Warruwi	4,085
39	Human Resource Management	4,001
40	Parks and Public Open Space - including weed control	3,535
41	Night Patrol	3,283
42	Operate Long day care	3,092
43	Food Preparation Services	2,740
44	Jabiru Wayfinding Signage	2,565
45	Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)	2,307
46	NAIDOC Week	1,757
47	Manage Work Health and Safety	1,637
48	Manage Visitor accommodation	1,573
49	Manage Creche	1,467
50	LAP - Fabrication Variation - Height of Airport Shelter	1,335
51	Executive leadership - Council & Community Services	1,264
52	LAP - Additional Garden Hard Structure at the Billabong	1,171
53	Maintain & construct council controlled buildings & land	568
54	Home Care Packages Program (HCP)	525
55	Aged Care Transitional Support	473
56	Manage and maintain cemeteries	428
57	Maintain staff houses	426
58	4WD Vehicles - Sports & Recreation	341
59	Childcare - Water leak, Airconditioning, Ventilation, Power	250
60	Manage Business Development & Commercial Services	250
61	Library Service - Jabiru	216
62	Sport and Recreation - Jabiru	124
63	Three Purchase Orders under \$100	146
Total		1,997,780

Table 2. Monthly Operating Position

Expected YTD Annual Budget Completion	17%
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Period ended 31 August 2026	Notes	YTD Actuals (A) \$	YTD Budget (C) \$	YTD Variance (A - C) \$	Approved 1st Budget (SCM12/2026) (E) \$	YTD Actual Compared to Approved Budget (A / E) %
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) (Table 1.)		4,239,007	(2,442,938)	6,681,945	(4,917,438)	
Remove NON-CASH ITEMS						
Less Non-Cash Income	5	(840,176)	(1,052,548)	212,373	(5,861,568)	14%
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses		1,718,749	1,931,121	- 212,373	11,133,006	15%
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS		878,573	878,573	-	5,271,438	
Less ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS						
Capital Expenditure	Table 3	(154,712)	(904,945)	(1,059,657)	(1,883,838)	8%
Transfer to Reserves		-	-	-	(1,300,000)	0%
Other Outflows	6	(1,195,508)	-	(1,195,508)	-	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS		(1,350,220)	(904,945)	(2,255,165)	(3,183,838)	
Add ADDITIONAL INFLOWS						
Capital Grants Income		-	-	-	-	
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding (Capital)		2,200,224	1,209,838	990,386	1,209,838	
Proceeds from Sale of Assets		-	90,000	- 90,000	90,000	
Other Inflow of Funds	7	38,376	-	38,376	-	
Transfer from Reserve	8	1,685,508	1,530,000	155,508	1,530,000	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS		3,924,108	2,829,838	1,094,270	2,829,838	
Net BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		7,691,468	360,529	5,521,050	-	

Period ended 31 August 2026	Notes	YTD Actuals (A) \$	YTD Budget (C) \$	YTD Variance (A - C) \$	Approved 1st Budget (SCM12/2026) (E) \$	YTD Actual Compared to Approved Budget (A / E) %
Non-Cash Income						
Income Allocations (internal movement)	5	(840,176)	(1,052,548)	212,373	(5,861,568)	
Non-Cash Expenses						
Expense Allocations (internal movement)		840,176	1,052,548	(212,373)	5,861,568	
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		878,573	878,573	-	5,271,438	
		1,718,749	1,931,121	(212,373)	11,133,006	
Other Outflows						
Insurance Payment 2026-27 (FC4/2026)	6	1,195,508		1,195,508		
		1,195,508	-	1,195,508	-	
Other Inflow of Funds						
Capital Reserve - Decommission of Old Fuel Tank	7	7,237	-	7,237	-	
Kerb and Channel Airport to Workshop Road - Warruwi		4,188	-	4,188	-	
Water meter Replacement		25,242		25,242		
Rectification works - Jabiru Town Water		531		531		
Rectification works - Jabiru Sewer Pond & Irrigation		1,178		1,178		
		38,376	-	38,376	-	

Period ended 31 August 2026	Notes	YTD Actuals (A) \$	YTD Budget (C) \$	YTD Variance (A - C) \$	Approved 1st Budget (SCM12/2026) (E) \$	YTD Actual Compared to Approved Budget (A / E) %
<u>Transfer from Reserve</u>						
Capital Reserve - Man. Swimming Pool - Replace boundary fencing (OCM248/2026)	8	130,000	-	130,000	-	
Capital Reserve - Man., Lot 417 refurbishment (OCM248/2026)		170,000	-	170,000	-	
Capital Reserve - Maningrida - Post office safe (OCM248/2026)		20,000	-	20,000	-	
Capital Reserve - MLCI - Swimming Pool Treatment Plant - co-contribution		70,000	-	70,000	-	
Capital Reserve - Waste water treatment plant (OCM248/2026)		50,000	-	50,000	-	
Capital Reserve - Childcare - Water leak, Airconditioning, Ventilation, Power labels (OCM248/2026)		50,000	-	50,000	-	
Insurance Payment 2026-27 (FC4/2026)		1,195,508	1,300,000	- 104,492	1,300,000	
Capital Funding Transfer from Reserve		-	230,000	- 230,000	230,000	
		1,685,508	1,530,000	155,508	1,530,000	

Table 3. Capital Expenditure and Funding
By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Period ended 31 August 2026	Notes	YTD Actuals \$	Commitments \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Approved 1st Budget (SCM12/2026) (E) \$
Infrastructure	10	154,712	94,530	331,667	(176,954)	1,196,560
Vehicles		-	84,763	573,278	(573,278)	687,278
Furniture Fittings and Office Equipment		-	15,762	-	-	-
Plant		-	181,318	-	-	-
Local Authority Funded projects		-	19,073	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		154,712	395,445	904,945	(750,232)	1,883,838
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY:						
Operating Income (amount allocated to fund capital items)		-	-	430,000	(430,000)	354,000
Capital Grants		154,712	-	474,945	(320,232)	1,209,838
Capital Reserves		-	-	-	-	230,000
Proceeds from Sale of assets		-	-	-	-	90,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING		(154,712)	-	(904,945)	(750,232)	(1,883,838)

NO	Note. 10 Commitments for Capital Expenditures	Commitments \$
1	Executive leadership - Council & Community Services	84,763
2	ABA - Maningrida Oval Changerooms	10,272
3	LAP -Purchase Two Off Road Caged Trailers	19,073
4	Man. Swimming Pool - Replace boundary fencing	78,990
5	Maningrida - Post office safe	15,762
6	Jabiru Wastewater treatment plant	5,267
	Total	395,445

Table 4. Monthly Balance Sheet Report

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 August 2026	YTD Actuals \$	Notes
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank		A & A.1
Tied Funds	6,360,678	
Untied Funds	6,050,173	
Trade Debtors	649,287	B
Rates & Charges Debtors	340,550	C
Other Current Assets	810,154	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	14,210,842	
Non-Current Financial Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment	123,252,607	D
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	123,252,607	
TOTAL ASSETS	137,463,449	
LIABILITIES		
Trade Creditors	2,153,027	E
ATO & Payroll Liabilities	43,921	F
Current Provisions	2,216,911	G
Accrued Expenses	829,465	
Other Current Liabilities	407,166	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,650,490	
Non-Current Provisions	322,278	G
Other Non-Current Liabilities	8,190,268	H
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	8,512,546	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	14,163,036	
NET ASSETS	123,300,413	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 August 2026	YTD Actuals \$	Notes
EQUITY		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	59,844,243	
Capital Reserve	478,425	
Election Reserve	60,000	
Disaster Recovery Funding	100,000	
Fleet Capital Reserve	118,600	
Sponsorship Reserve	30,000	
Equity Adjustments	23,013,652	
Accumulated Surplus	39,655,492	
TOTAL EQUITY	123,300,413	

BALANCE SHEET NOTES

Note A. Details of Cash and Investments Held	\$	\$
<u>Investments Held</u>		
Operating Bank Account	136,058	
Business One - Post Office Bank Account	43,855	
Business Maxi Bank Account (Note A.1)	2,544,609	
General Trust Bank Account	130,000	
Term Deposits (Note A.1)	9,555,000	12,409,522
<u>Cash Held</u>		
Floats	1,329	1,329
Total Cash and Investments Held		12,410,850
Less: Restricted Cash		6,360,678
Balance Unrestricted Cash		6,050,173

Note A.1 Higher Interest Earning Investments	Deposit Date	Principal \$	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Terms
Westpac	21/03/2026	5,000	3.95%	21/03/2027	365
NAB	28/10/2025	450,000	4.13%	28/10/2026	365
NAB	29/04/2026	500,000	5.16%	29/09/2026	153
NAB	13/04/2026	500,000	5.30%	9/12/2026	240
NAB	13/04/2026	500,000	5.25%	12/10/2026	182
NAB	22/05/2026	2,000,000	5.05%	21/09/2026	122
NAB	18/05/2026	500,000	5.15%	15/10/2026	150
NAB	12/05/2026	1,000,000	5.30%	8/12/2026	210
NAB	8/05/2026	500,000	5.20%	4/11/2026	180
NAB	16/06/2026	500,000	5.15%	14/10/2026	120
NAB	25/06/2026	1,000,000	5.05%	23/09/2026	90
NAB	9/07/2026	300,000	5.15%	9/03/2027	243
NAB	31/07/2026	400,000	5.30%	26/07/2027	360
NAB	31/07/2026	400,000	5.25%	27/01/2027	180
NAB	11/08/2026	1,000,000	4.15%	10/09/2026	30
Business Maxi Bank Account		2,544,609	1.55%		
Total Higher Interest Earning Investments		12,099,609			

Note B. Trade Debtors	Current	Past Due 31 - 60 Days	Past Due 61 - 90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Aug 26 Total \$	Jul 2026 Total \$
NDIS Debtors	4,881	-	4,684	23,120	25,153	31,342
ChildCare Debtors	-	-	-	32,088	32,088	34,272
Trade Debtors	351,592	-	180,549	59,905	592,046	706,803
Total Trade Debtors	356,473	-	185,233	115,114	649,287	772,416

Note C. Rates & Charges Debtors	To be Levied in 2025/26	Current	Past Due 31 - 60 Days	Past Due 61 - 90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total \$
General Rates	2,662,230	-			34,694	34,694
Special Rates	277,625	-			1,837	1,837
Water Charges	1,515,106	-	97,155	67,490	121,718	286,363
Waste Charges	2,277,504	-			17,657	17,657
Total Rates & Charges Debtors	6,732,466	-	97,155	67,490	175,906	340,550

Refer sub Note C.1

Note C.1 Rates & Chargers Debtors -Past 90+ Days Comparison	Jul-26	Aug-26	Difference
	Past Due 90+ Days	Past Due 90+ Days	
General Rates	42,191	34,694	(7,498)
Special Rates	3,011	1,837	(1,174)
Water Charges	123,959	121,718	(2,241)
Waste Charges	28,108	17,657	(10,451)
Total Rates & Charges Debtors	197,269	175,906	(21,364)

Note D. New Physical Assets (including WIP) YTD	1 July 2026 Assets & WIP	YTD WIP	YTD New Assets & Capitalising WIP	YTD Disposals	Revaluation	Accumulated Depreciation	YTD WDV Balance	Notes
Land	520,000	-		-		-	520,000	
Section 19 Leases	5,540,790	-		-		(1,318,309)	4,222,481	
Jabiru Town Sub Leases	3,666,078	-				(811,145)	2,854,933	
Buildings	33,678,044					(18,801,081)	14,876,963	
WIP - Buildings	-					-	-	
Infrastructure	115,543,802					(18,485,059)	97,058,743	
WIP - Infrastructure	303,723	154,712				-	458,435	D1
Vehicles	3,163,013					(2,441,195)	721,818	
WIP - Vehicles	150,193						150,193	
Furniture and Fittings	1,072,395					(870,489)	201,905	
WIP - Furniture	375						375	
Plant and Machinery	9,309,380					(7,517,959)	1,791,421	
WIP - Plant and Machinery	395,339						395,339	
Total Non- Current Assets	173,343,131	154,712	-	-	-	(50,245,237)	123,252,607	

Work-In-Progress (WIP - items not yet recorded in the Asset Register) Note:

D1 - WARC Cemetery Solar Light Installation and Cemetery Sign Boards- \$12.9k, Jabiru Revitalisation project - replanting on garden beds \$107k

Note E. Trade Creditors	Current	Past Due 31 - 60 Days	Past Due 61 - 90 Days	Past Due 90+ Days	Total \$
Trade Creditors	1,636,483	472,466	5,592	38,486	2,153,027
					Refer sub Note E.1

Sub Note E.1-Under Retention \$35,418

Note F. Australian Tax Office (ATO) and Payroll Obligations

As at the date of this report, all reporting and payment obligations have been met.

Note G. Provisions (Current and Non-Current)	\$	\$
<u>Current Provisions</u>		
Employee Annual Leave	1,060,061	
Long Service Leave	813,976	
Doubtful Debts	10,807	
<u>Provision - other</u>		
Insurance for 2027-28	228,473	
Special Charges- Street Lighting 2025-26	101,024	
Replacement of Council's aged IT equipment	2,569	
		2,216,911
<u>Non-Current Provisions</u>		
Long Service Leave	322,278	
		322,278
Total Provisions		2,539,189

Note H. Other Non Current Liabilities	\$	\$
Section 19 Lease Liability	4,658,222	
Jabiru Town Sub Lease Liability	3,532,046	
Total Other Non Current Liabilities		8,190,268

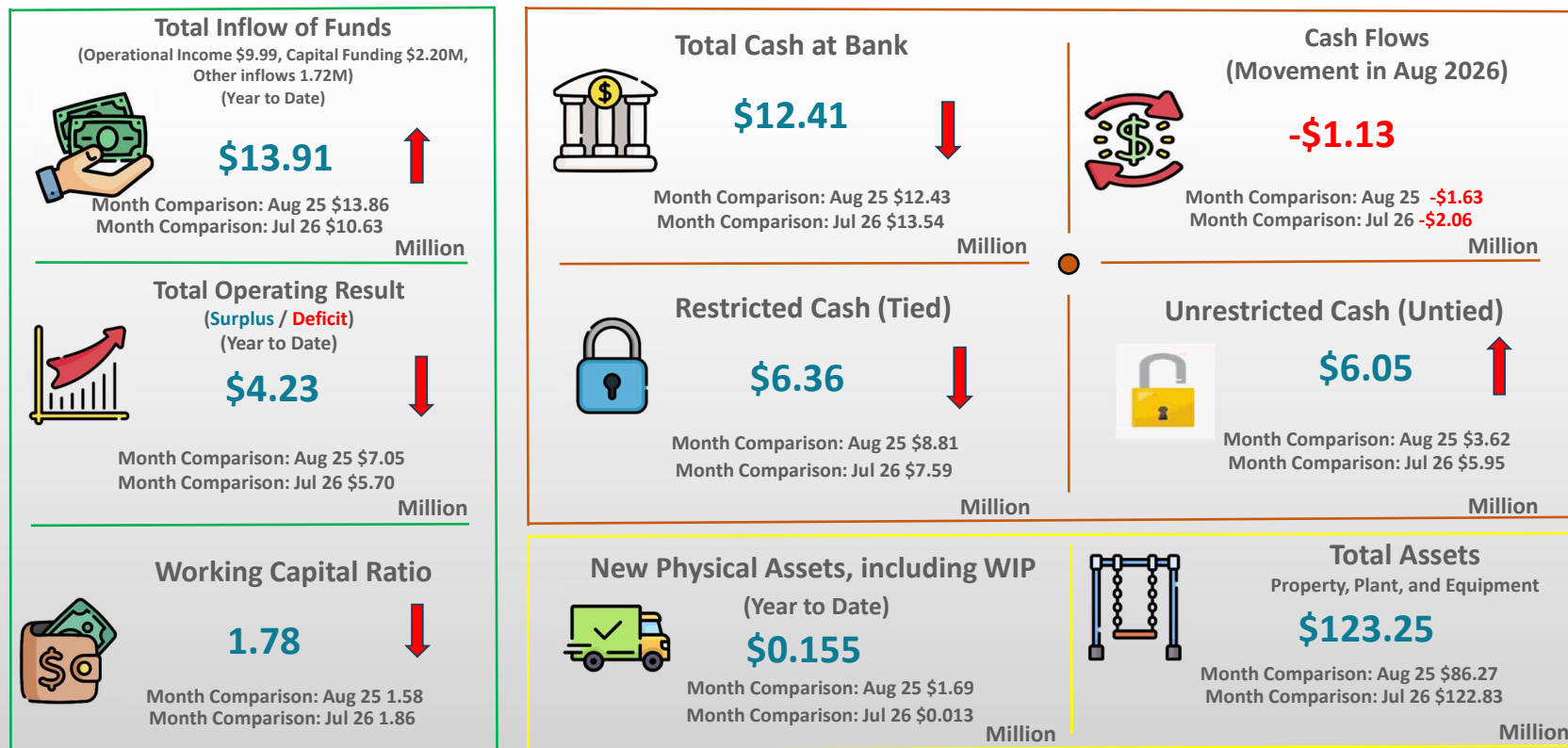
Monthly Financial Report for Local Authority Areas
Operating Income and Expenditure for Local Authorities for the Period Ending 31 August 2026

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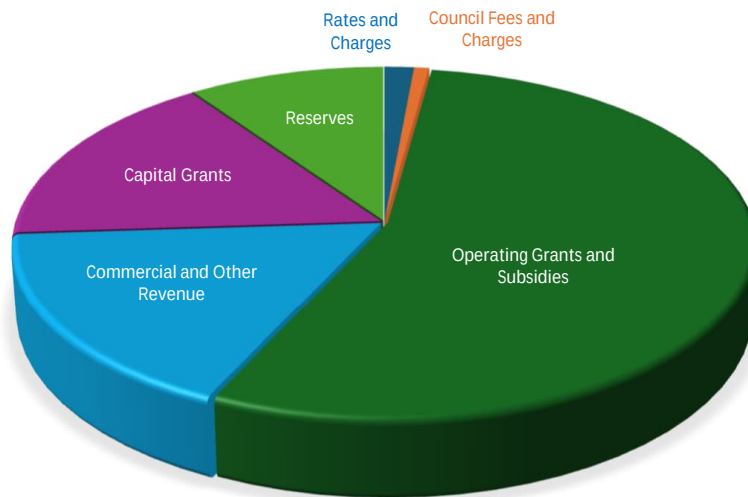
	Regional Office / Unallocated			Minijiang LA			Waruwi LA			Gunbalanya LA		
	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME												
Rates	41,486	-	41,486	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,003	28,568	(26,565)
Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,158	12,163	(10,006)
Fees and Charges	26,266	32,292	(6,026)	1,367	2,703	(1,336)	728	1,877	(1,149)	-	-	-
Operating Grants and Subsidies	5,872,376	1,356,866	4,515,510	234,175	380,224	(146,049)	117,641	155,396	(37,755)	346,785	186,620	160,165
Interest / Investment Income	93,546	32,158	61,388	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercial and Other Income	852,536	973,886	(121,350)	135,379	181,358	(45,979)	121,383	146,287	(24,905)	231,454	275,056	(43,602)
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	6,886,210	2,395,202	4,491,008	370,921	564,285	(193,364)	239,752	303,561	(63,809)	582,399	502,407	79,992
OPERATING EXPENDITURE												
Employee Expenses	1,174,553	1,334,284	(159,730)	241,050	315,110	(74,059)	205,263	323,029	(117,766)	322,341	423,615	(101,274)
Materials and Contracts	167,800	233,042	(65,241)	33,145	81,392	(48,247)	47,144	82,501	(35,357)	71,626	187,358	(115,732)
Elected Member Allowances	81,950	59,487	22,463	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elected Member Expenses	33,859	55,887	(22,027)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Council Committee & LA Allowances	-	1,167	(1,167)	-	1,043	(1,043)	1,950	1,533	417	-	2,483	(2,483)
Council Committee & LA Expenses	-	-	-	-	2,150	(2,150)	187	771	(584)	-	1,000	(1,000)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	878,573	878,573	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	553,592	622,691	(69,100)	118,983	148,417	(29,434)	93,939	109,916	(15,977)	123,480	180,740	(57,260)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	2,890,328	3,185,130	(294,802)	393,179	548,112	(154,933)	348,482	517,749	(169,267)	517,446	795,196	(277,750)
OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	3,995,883	(789,928)	4,785,810	(22,257)	16,173	(38,431)	(108,730)	(214,188)	105,458	64,953	(292,789)	357,742

	Maningrida LA			Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee			Total		
	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	YTD Actuals \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$
OPERATING INCOME									
Rates	-	5,175	(5,175)	25,421	13,934	11,487	68,909	47,677	21,233
Charges	-	3,390	(3,390)	124,395	133,520	(9,124)	126,553	149,073	(22,520)
Fees and Charges	7,170	17,168	(9,998)	62,635	49,082	13,553	98,167	103,122	(4,955)
Operating Grants and Subsidies	693,466	9,793	683,672	141,877	32,202	109,676	7,406,320	2,121,102	5,285,219
Interest / Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,546	32,158	61,388
Commercial and Other Income	223,577	202,824	20,753	640,911	487,134	153,776	2,205,239	2,266,545	(61,306)
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	924,213	238,350	685,863	995,238	715,871	279,367	9,998,734	4,719,677	5,279,057
OPERATING EXPENDITURE									
Employee Expenses	319,110	437,382	(118,273)	544,408	707,557	(163,149)	2,806,725	3,540,976	(734,251)
Materials and Contracts	81,694	236,545	(154,851)	316,284	266,285	49,999	717,693	1,087,122	(369,429)
Elected Member Allowances	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,950	59,487	22,463
Elected Member Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,859	55,887	(22,027)
Council Committee & LA Allowances	2,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	3,950	7,226	(3,276)
Council Committee & LA Expenses	888	2,000	(1,112)	57	1,710	(1,653)	1,132	7,631	(6,499)
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-	878,573	878,573	-
Interest Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	198,714	199,207	(493)	147,137	264,741	(117,604)	1,235,844	1,525,712	(289,868)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	602,406	876,134	(273,729)	1,007,886	1,240,293	(232,407)	5,759,726	7,162,614	(1,402,888)
OPERATING SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)	321,807	(637,784)	959,591	(12,648)	(524,422)	511,774	4,239,007	(2,442,938)	6,681,945

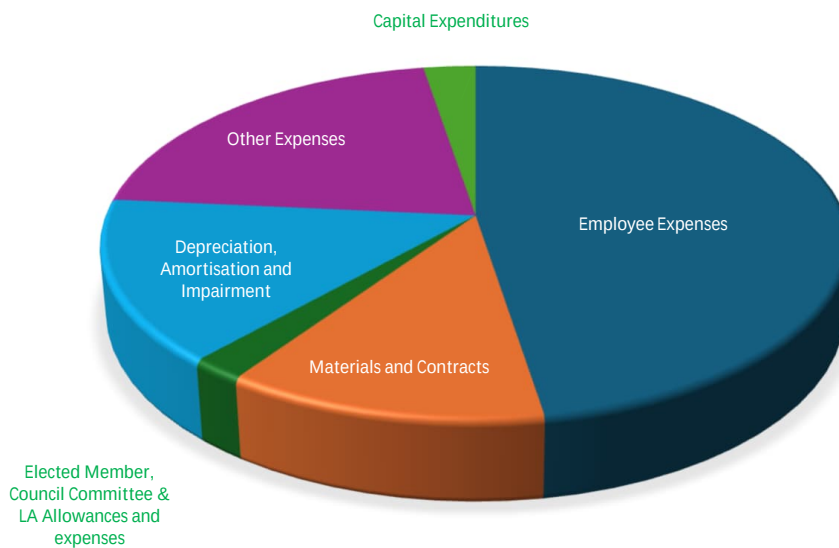
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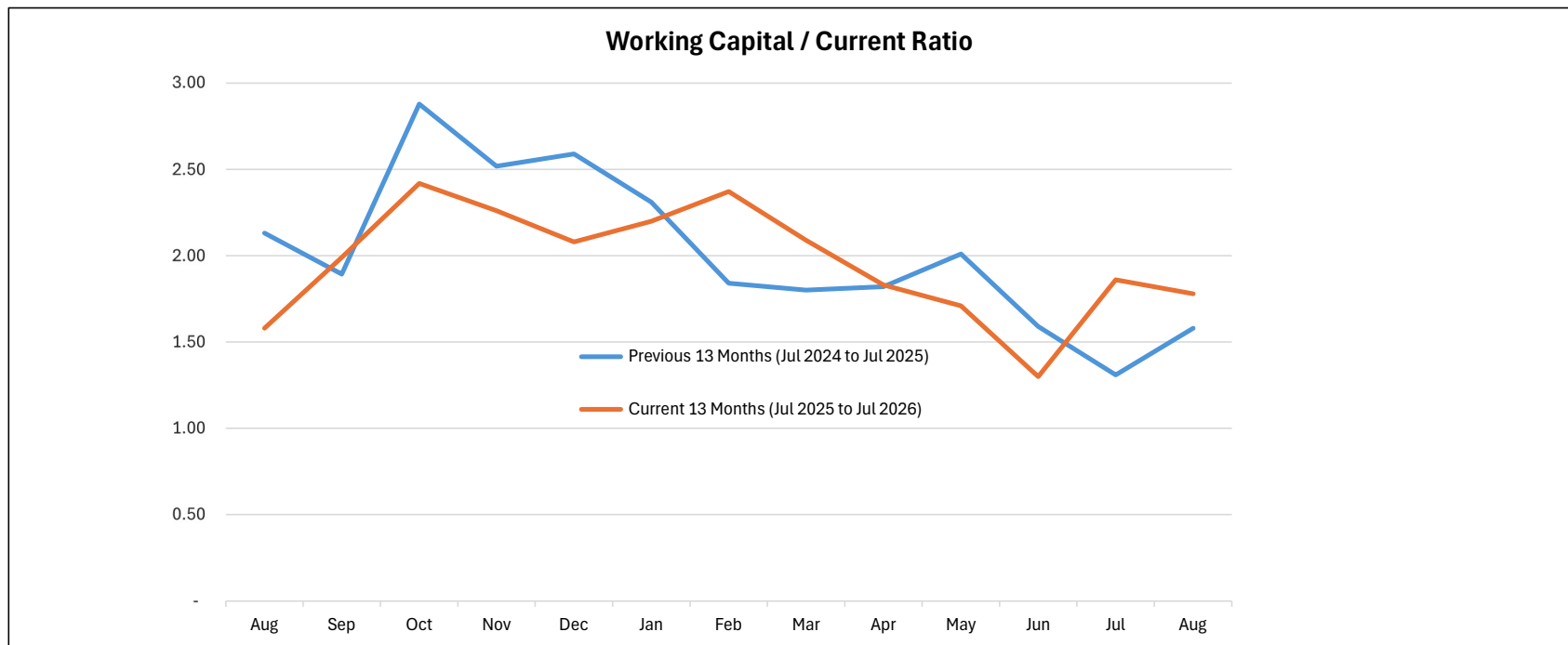
Revenue & Reserves – YTD Actual August 2026



Expenses - YTD Actual August 2026



Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Previous 13 Months (Jul 2024 to Jul 2025)	2.13	1.89	2.88	2.52	2.59	2.31	1.84	1.80	1.82	2.01	1.59	1.31	1.58
Current 13 Months (Jul 2025 to Jul 2026)	1.58	1.99	2.42	2.26	2.08	2.20	2.37	2.09	1.83	1.71	1.30	1.86	1.78



Member and CEO Council Credit Card Transactions for the Month

Where a council credit card has been issued to an Elected Member and/or the CEO, a list per cardholder of all credit card transactions in the month is to be published including the name of the supplier, the amount for each transaction and the reason for the transaction.

Cardholder Name: Mayor James Woods

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
31.08.2026	\$ 45.79	TaxiPay Australia	Taxi from Sydney Airport to Accommodation - Healthy Cities Global Alliance Conference
Total	\$ 45.79		



Cardholder statement

Run Date: 3 September 2026

Company details

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 ATT DAVID GLOVER PO BOX 721
 JABIRU NT 0886

Cardholder name: JAMES WOODS
 Cardholder number: 5163-2531-0160-5837

Cost centre no:
 Statement date: 02/09/26

Opening balance: 38.78

For enquiries please call: 1300 650 107

C indicates a credit or payment

*Closing balance: 45.79

* The closing balance will be transferred automatically in terms of the authority held.

Payment due date:	14/09/26	Credit limit:	5,000.00	Annual percentage rate:	15.65%
Past due:	0.00	Available credit:	4,954.00	Monthly percentage rate:	1.30%
Minimum payment due:	0.00				

Date	Description of transaction	Amount	Ref.
10/08/26	AUTOMATIC PAYMENT	38.78 C	0000
31/08/26	TAXIPAY AUSTRALIA MASCOT AUS	45.79	4121

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Cardholder Name: CEO Katharine Murray

Transaction Date	Amount \$	Supplier's Name	Reason for the Transaction
13.08.2026	\$ 3,212.33	PDF Xchange Co Ltd	PDF Xchange Software Subscription
14.08.2026	\$ 4.80	Paystay	Parking to attend meeting in Darwin with stakeholders 14.08.2026
19.08.2026	\$ 4.38	Buzzsprout	LG News podcast monthly subscription
20.08.2026	\$ 2,990.75	QANTAS	Flights to attend 2026/27 Higher Risk Weather Season National Preparedness Summit in Canberra
24.08.2026	\$ 24.00	News Pty Limited	NT News Digital Membership
Total	\$ 6,236.26		



Cardholder statement

Run Date: 3 September 2026

Company details

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 ATT DAVID GLOVER PO BOX 721
 JABIRU NT 0886

Cardholder name: KATHARINE MURRAY
 Cardholder number: 5163-2531-0193-1043

Cost centre no:
 Statement date: 02/09/26

Opening balance: 506.45

For enquiries please call: 1300 650 107

C indicates a credit or payment

*Closing balance: 6,236.26

* The closing balance will be transferred automatically in terms of the authority held.

Payment due date:	14/09/26	Credit limit:	10,000.00	Annual percentage rate:	15.65%
Past due:	0.00	Available credit:	3,763.00	Monthly percentage rate:	1.30%
Minimum payment due:	0.00				

Date	Description of transaction	Amount	Ref.
10/08/26	AUTOMATIC PAYMENT	506.45 C	0000
13/08/26	PDF-XCHANGE.CO LTD - BOLNEY, SUSSEGBR	3,212.33	5734
14/08/26	Paystay South Wharf AUS	4.80	7523
19/08/26	PODCAST SUBSCRIPTION JACKSONVILLE USA 3.00 U. S. DOLLAR	4.38	7372
20/08/26	QANTAS0812391916494 NSW AUS	2,990.75	3012
24/08/26	NEWS PTY LIMITED SURRY HILLS AUS	24.00	5818

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Westpac Banking Corporation ABN 33 007 457 141.

Local Government Grant Funding Acquittal

Community Places for People Grant Program

Council Name: West Arnhem Regional Council
 Grant Program Year: Community Places for People 2022-23
 Grant Application Number: CPP2300010
 Purpose of Grant: Warruwi Community Hall

Purchases were in accordance with the Northern Territory Buy Local Plan: ☒ Yes ☐ No

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACQUITTAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING	30/06/2026
Local Government Community Places for People Grant	\$27.00
Other income	\$0.00
Total income	\$27.00
Total Expenditure (Specify accounts and attach copies of ledger entries) An 'administration fee' is not to be apportioned to the grant for acquittal purposes.	\$0.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$27.00

IS THE PROJECT COMPLETE: ☒ Yes ☐ No

IS THE PROJECT COMPLETED AS APPROVED BY THE MINISTER: ☒ Yes ☐ No (If no, please explain why)

We certify, in accordance with all the conditions under which this grant was accepted, that the expenditure shown in this acquittal has been actually incurred and reports required to be submitted are in accordance with the stated purpose of this grant.

Acquittal prepared by: James Henderson 11 / 09 / 2026

Laid before the Council at a meeting held on ____/____/____ Copy of minutes attached.

CEO or CFO: ____/____/____

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

File Number: _____

Grant amount correct: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Expenditure conforms to approved purpose: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Procurement – Bought from Territory Enterprise: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Minutes checked: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Balance of funds to be acquitted: _____

Date next acquittal due: ____/____/____

ACQUITTAL ACCEPTED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Acquittal checked by: ____/____/____

Comments:

MANAGER GRANTS PROGRAM: ____/____/____

Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet



WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.6
Title:	Local Authority Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with copies of the unconfirmed minutes of the Local Authority meetings within the region.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL notes the minutes of the following Local Authority meetings and reviews decisions made by the Local Authority:

Community	Date Held	Quorum	Date of next meeting
Maningrida	24 August 2026	5	5 October 2026

Maningrida	24 August 2026
Sharon Hayes	✓
Garth Doolan	✓
Shane Namanurki	✗
Marlene Kernan	✓
Monica Wilton	✓
Jocye Bohme	✗
Vacancy	-

BACKGROUND

The Ministerial Guidelines state that:

minutes from local authority meetings or provisional meetings must form part of the agenda papers for the next ordinary meeting of council. The council must consider any items for attention, raised by each local authority meeting or provisional meeting, at the next ordinary meeting of council after the local authority meeting or provisional meeting (Section 13.1 *Ministerial Guideline 1 – Local Authorities 2021*).

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Sections 101(4) and 101(5) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Clause 13.1 *Guideline 1: Local Authorities 2021*.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026-08-24 Maningrida Local Authority Meeting Minutes - Unconfirmed [9.6.1 - 8 pages]



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Maningrida Local Authority
Monday 24, August 2026 at 10:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Acknowledgement of Country

Chair Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting open at 10:08 am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Jermaine Namanurki
Member	Sharon Hayes
Member	Monica Wilton
Member	Garth Doolan
Member	Marlene Kernan

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	Peter Mickleson
Council Services Manger	Scott Page
Technical Services Manager	Kylie Gregson
Finance Manager	Imran Shajib

Acting Governance Advisor

Joy Mickleson

Executive Assistant

Ashlee Denyer

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.

MAN21/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of: Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded: Member Monica Wilton

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Notes the absence of ...
2. Notes the apology received from Members Joyce Bohme, Shane Namanurki.
3. Determines Members Joyce Bohme and Shane Namanurki are an apology with permission of the Authority
4. Determines ... are absent without 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.

MAN22/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of: Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded Mayor James Woods

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 24 August 2026.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

The Local Authority considered a report on Confirmation of Local Authority Meeting Minutes.

MAN23/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded: Member Monica Wilton

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY adopts the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday, 11 May 2026 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Strategic Plan Review
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Strategic Plan Review.

MAN24/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Strategic Plan Review*; and
2. Provides feedback in relation to the questions raised within the report.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Finance Report - Maningrida Local Authority
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

SUMMARY

This Financial Report covers the period 1 July 2026 to 31 May 2026 and is prepared specifically for the Maningrida Local Authority.

MAN25/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded: Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY receives and notes the report titled *Finance Report - Maningrida Local Authority*.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.3
Title:	Review of Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

MAN26/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded: Member Monica Wilton

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:	6.4
Title:	Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at the Office - MGD
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at the Office - MGD.

MAN27/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded: Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Defers the report titled *Proposed Shower for Public Toilets at the Office - MGD* to the next Maningrida Local Authority Meeting scheduled for Monday 5 October 2026 at 10am.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.5
Title:	Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2026
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

The Local Authority considered a report on Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2026.

MAN28/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Joseph Diddo

Seconded: Cr Jermaine Namanurki

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report entitled *Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks Display 2026*; and

2. Approves the allocation of circa \$99,475.00 from the Maningrida Local Authority funding for the New Year's Eve Celebrations 2026.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.6
Title:	Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works
Author:	Meredith Newall, Waste and Resource Coordinator

The Local Authority considered a report on Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works.

MAN29/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded: Cr Joseph Diddo

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Manayinkarirra Cemetery Works*; and
2. Approves the contribution of \$27,900.95 for remaining works for the Manayinkarirra Cemetery.

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	6.7
Title:	Acceptance of the new location of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida
Author:	Clem Beard, Project Manager

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

MAN30/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded: Member Sharon Hayes

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Acceptance of the new location of AFL Electronic Scoreboard - Maningrida*; and
2. Approves the relocation of the proposed new electronic permanent scoreboard.

CARRIED

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:03pm and resumed at 12:48pm. Member Garth Doolan rejoined the meeting at 1:14pm

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Technical Services Maningrida Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

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

MAN31/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded: Member Monica Wilton

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Pavement Defects
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

The Local Authority considered a report on Pavement Defects.

MAN32/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Member Sharon Hayes

Seconded: Cr Jermaine Namanurki

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services - Maningrida
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

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

MAN33/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded: Cr Joseph Diddo

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

CARRIED

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Human Resources Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Human Resources Report.

MAN34/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded: Cr Jermaine Namanurki

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

Choose an item. **CARRIED**

8 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Maningrida Local Authority.

Agenda Reference:	8.2
Title:	Presentation - Keep Australia Beautiful
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Local Authority considered a report on Presentation - Keep Australia Beautiful.

MAN35/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips

1. THE LOCAL AUTHORITY supports in principle the Keep Australia Beautiful – New Way Maningrida Way – Bin Rubbish program; and that
2. Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT Chief Executive Officer Heimo Schober be invited to make a further presentation at the Maningrida Local Authority meeting to be held on Monday 5 October 2026.

CARRIED

9 LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

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.

MAN36/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jermaine Namanurki

Seconded: Mayor James Woods

THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITY purchase two 10 X 5 model Off Road caged Trailers including delivery and on road costs within a budget of \$25,000.00.

And raised the following items:

- Grass cutting - Deputy mayor Jacqueline Phillips to provided maps/details to identify sites
- Solar lights – Establish land ownership before reporting on maintenance/purchase/installation

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Maningrida Local Authority will be held on Monday, 5 October 2026 at 10:00am.

11 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED.

Cr Jermaine Namanurki declared the meeting closed at 2:32pm.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 24 August 2026.

[Click here to view the agenda for the Maningrida Local Authority held on Monday 24 August 2026.](#)

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.7
Title:	Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The unconfirmed minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, 28 July 2026 are submitted to Council for noting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL notes the minutes of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 28 July 2026 and reviewed decisions made by the Committee.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2019* states that minutes from Council committees must be tabled at the next ordinary meeting of Council and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

COMMENT

Nil

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Sections 101(3) and 101(4) of the Local Government Act 2019.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026.07.28 Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Minutes - Unconfirmed [9.7.1 - 7 pages]



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

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Chairperson Cr Micketja Onus declared the meeting open at 9:03am welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Micketja Onus
Mayor	James Woods
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Dwane Baker

STAFF PRESENT

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

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.

KWAC31/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor James Woods

Seconded Chairperson Cr Mickitja 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

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

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 Mickitja 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

Agenda Reference:	5.1
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.

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

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

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

Agenda Reference:	6.2
Title:	Strategic Plan Review of Pillars
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

Agenda Reference:	7.1
Title:	Technical Services Jabiru Projects Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

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

Agenda Reference:	7.2
Title:	Pavement Defects
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

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

Agenda Reference:	7.3
Title:	CSM Operations Report on Current Council Services
Author:	Kevin Voisey, Council Services Manager, Jabiru

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

Agenda Reference:	7.4
Title:	Human Resources Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

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

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

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Invited Guest - NT Police
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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

Agenda Reference:	9.1
Title:	Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Member Questions
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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 1st 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.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.8
Title:	Finance Committee Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The unconfirmed minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 25 August 2026 are submitted to Council for noting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL notes the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 25 August 2026 and reviewed decisions made by the Committee.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2019* states that minutes from Council's audit committee must be tabled at the next ordinary meeting of Council and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

COMMENT

Nil

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Sections 101(3) and 101(4) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Council's Scheduling and Conduct of Meetings (Elected, Local Authority and Council Committee Members) Policy.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

1. 2026.08.25 Finance Committee Minutes - Unconfirmed [9.8.1 - 3 pages]



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 25 August 2026 at 9:00 am
Council Chambers

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting open at 9:00am, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor James Woods
Deputy Mayor	Jacqueline Phillips
Councillor	Ralph McCoy
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	Daniel Siebert

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Katharine Murray
Acting Director Community and Council Services	Peter Mickleson
Director Technical Services	Grant McKenzie
Finance Manager	Imran Shajib
Acting Governance Advisor	Joy Mickleson

3 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES

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

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

FC1/2026 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Notes the absence of Deputy Mayor Jacqueline Phillips and Cr Daniel Siebert
2. Notes the apology received from
3. Determines ... are an apology with permission of the Council.
4. Determines Deputy mayor Jacqueline Phillips and Cr Daniel Siebert 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 Committee considered a report on Disclosure of Interest of Members or Staff.

FC2/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT THE COMMITTEE acknowledges there were no declarations of interest received in relation to the items listed for the Finance Committee meeting held on 25 August 2026.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda Reference:	5.1
Title:	Confirmation of Finance Meeting Minutes
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

The Committee considered a report on Confirmation of Finance Meeting Minutes.

FC3/2026 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph McCoy

Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus

THAT COMMITTEE confirm the minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, 18 December 2025 as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 ACTION REPORTS

Agenda Reference:	6.1
Title:	Financial report for period ending 31 July 2026
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

The Committee considered a report on Financial report for period ending 31 July 2026.

FC4/2026 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Mayor James Woods
Seconded Cr Mickitja Onus**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receives and notes the report titled *Financial report for period ending 31 July 2026; and*
2. Approves to Transfer \$1,195,508.00 from Insurance Reserve to pay 2026-27 Insurance cost.

CARRIED

7 RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS

8 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Agenda Reference:	8.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

There were no Confidential items.

9 PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

10 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

11 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 17 December 2026.

12 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Mayor James Woods declared the meeting closed at 9:39am.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 25 August 2026.

[Click here to view the agenda for the Finance Committee held on 25 August 2026.](#)

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 September 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.9
Title:	Technical Services Report
Author:	Kylie Gregson, Manager Technical Services

SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an overview of project activity across West Arnhem Regional Council locations for the reporting period up to 11 September 2026. It covers Local Authority projects and other Council-delivered projects, and includes a status update on regional waste and cemeteries.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

High level operational/project management reports are provided to ensure transparency, communication, and support are provided to elected members.

COMMENT

As per the attached reports, a comprehensive snapshot is provided to the Council of all current projects being undertaken by the Technical Services Team and updates on the regional waste and cemeteries.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 4 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high-quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community.

Goal 4.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community infrastructure.

Goal 4.2 Waste and Water Management

Deliver environmentally and economically sound solid waste, water and sewerage services.

Goal 4.3 Local Road Management and Maintenance

Tactically monitor, maintain and manage Council gazetted roads and community safety via traffic management.

PILLAR 5 SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION

Leading by example, we commit to developing a culture of sustainable practice. We recognise and champion the importance of safeguarding our environment for future generations by working collectively with community, private enterprises and all tiers of government.

Goal 5.1 Recycling and Waste

Develop recycling and waste initiatives which protect and preserve community natural resources and the local environment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Technical Services Projects - OCM September 2026 [**9.9.1** - 4 pages]
2. Technical Services Projects LA - OCM September 2026 [**9.9.2** - 3 pages]
3. Regional Cemetery Update - September 2026 [**9.9.3** - 1 page]
4. Regional Waste Update - September 2026 [**9.9.4** - 1 page]

GUNBALANYA COUNCIL PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECT COMPLETE	TASK	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	30-09-2026	Insurance claim accepted - Works awarded to M+J Builders. Following site visit, surveyors now advising this is a flood prone area and buildings need to be elevated higher. Close to completion, awaiting handover from contractor.	Gunbalanya Flood Insurance Toad Hall, Laundry & damaged house.	90%
In Progress	31-12-2026	Overview - Wall repairs and painting throughout, concrete at entrance, replacement of commercial oven and dishwasher. Procurement commenced, materials on site, target completion end of September.	Gunbalanya Aged Care - Support at Home	50%

JABIRU COUNCIL PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	TASK	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	31-12-2026	Overview - Replanting of garden beds, move existing park benches under cover, install charging ports and bubbler completed. Awaiting design for wayfinding signs.	Jabiru Town Square Revitalisation (Rio Tinto).	80%
In Progress	30-12-2027	Cultural approval received for Dog Park, Playground and Outdoor Gym from GAC. Extension of milestones dates approved, procurement has now commenced. Lead time on play equipment is 6 months.	Dog Park & Playground - Lakeside Park. Outdoor Gym - Brockman Oval (Rio Tinto).	40%
In Progress	30-9-2026	Replace existing wayfinding signs that are damaged and faded. Awaiting delivery of signs for installation.	Wayfinding Sign Upgrades (Rio Tinto).	70%

MANINGRIDA COUNCIL PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	TASK	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	31-12-2026	Remaining works are; installation of shelter, water connection including tap and bubbler, and plants. Layout design was presented to TO's and approved.	New Maningrida Cemetery.	80%
In Progress	31-12-2026	Replacement of pool fencing for the Maningrida Pool complex, procurement engaged, awaiting delivery of materials ready for installation. Target completion December 2026.	New Pool Fencing.	20%

MINJILANG COUNCIL PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	TASK	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
Completed	31-12-26	Works awarded to Jetstream Electrical for the supply and installation of a replacement self bunded fuel tank. Tank now installed and operational.	Replacement of Self Bunder Fuel Tank.	100%

WARRUWI COUNCIL PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	TASK	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
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GUNBALANYA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	STAGE	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	30-09-26	Procurement commenced for installation of flag poles. Target completion September 2026.	Install 4 x Flag Poles at the WARC Office.	70%
In Progress	30-06-26	Awaiting authorised PWC Site Servicing Plan to establish costs to connect services (water and sewerage) for proposed public toilet at the Billabong.	Provide ablution facilities at the Billabong.	5%
Completed	31-07-26	Shelters managed and leased by the Anglican Church. Requesting for assistance with sourcing external funding for rebuild facilities. WARC facilitated contact between consulting firm and the Anglican Church in Gunbalanya to explore opportunities for external funding and project development.	Rebuild of 2 x Community Shelters at Banyan/Arrgulukk.	100%
In Progress	30-11-26	Tender awarded to the University of Melbourne. Gunbalanya remaining scheduled visits are 21st to 25th September 2026.	Vet Program - Animal Management.	75%

MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	STAGE	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	31-12-26	Alternative Water Bubbler requested 'Fit for Purpose' - Authorised at LA meeting in May 2026 to proceed with installation and fabrication. Procurement commenced for installation. Delays with site servicing plan Power Water.	Installation of Chilled Water Bubbler, Basketball Court.	50%
In Progress	31-10-26	Procurement commenced - Awaiting on installation, target completion October 2026.	Installation of Internal Fencing Basketball Court.	25%
In Progress	30-09-26	Engineering and design works completed - awaiting revised Building Permit for variation approval.	Fabrication Variation, Raise Height of Airport Shelter - Cultural Entrance/Exit.	50%
In Progress	30-11-26	Tender awarded to the University of Melbourne. Maningrida scheduled remaining visit 14th to 18th September 2026.	Vet Program - Animal Management.	75%

MINJILANG LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	STAGE	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	31-12-26	Council Service Manager (CSM) and IT procuring items for installation.	Starlink Wi-Fi for public use at the rear of the Minjilang Office/Recreation Hall.	25%
In Progress	30-11-26	Tender awarded to the University of Melbourne. Minjilang scheduled remaining visits are, 17th to 18th September 2026, final visit TBA.	Vet Program - Animal Management.	75%

WARRUWI LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

STATUS	PROJECTED COMPLETE	STAGE	DESCRIPTION	% DONE
In Progress	30-10-26	Provide support/materials for Cultural Camp 2026.	Cultural Camp 2026.	25%
In Progress	30-09-26	Procurement commenced - Awaiting on installation, target completion September 2026.	Beautification of Waruwi - Park Setting for the 'Lookout'.	70%
In Progress	30-11-26	Tender awarded to the University of Melbourne. Waruwi scheduled visits are 14th to 16th September 2026, final visit TBA.	Vet Program - Animal Management.	75%

REGIONAL CEMETERY UPDATE

The *Burials and Cremations Act 2022* commenced 28 November 2022 making local government the managers of cemetery facilities across the Northern Territory. West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) has been working toward establishing culturally appropriate cemeteries for all our communities with cemeteries in Jabiru, Maningrida and Minjilang achieving 'declared' status.

Location	Status
Gunbalanya	Awaiting outcome of NLC consultation with the Traditional Owners regarding the new location
Jabiru	No updates
Maningrida	The following remaining works will be funded by the <i>Regional and Remote Burials Grant</i>, Local Authority and remaining funds under the <i>Community Places for People Grant</i>: ○ Water connection ○ Supply and install bush tucker plants ○ Tap and fountain ○ Shelter installation A cemetery management plan will be drafted and presented to the Local Authority for consultation
Minjilang	No updates
Warruwi	No updates

The NT Government provided funding to WARC to establish cemeteries in our region under the *Community Places for People Grant*. This grant was a one-off funding opportunity, and funds have been used to undertake works in Maningrida and Minjilang to prepare identified cemetery sites for burials.

Other funding provided to WARC for cemeteries was under the *Regional and Remote Burials Grant 2023/2024* round and this was utilised for works in Maningrida, Minjilang and Warruwi. An application made for the 2025/2026 round was successful with \$59,500 awarded to complete works at the Manayingkarirra Community Cemetery.

REGIONAL WASTE UPDATE

Location	Status
Gunbalanya	• Lease Status: Awaiting lease from Northern Land Council (NLC) • License Status: Requires licensing and NT EPA have advised in writing that a s19 lease is not required to apply and continuing to operate without a licence is in breach of the <i>Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998</i> • Rubbish Collections: No changes to schedule. • Landfill: Operational from Monday to Friday 7.30am – 3.00pm • Eco Sparks will complete solar array works at the landfill site by end September
Jabiru	• Lease Status: Lease with Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town (GAC JT) • License Status: License EPL351-01 • Rubbish Collections: No changes to schedule • Landfill: Operational from Monday to Friday 7.00am – 3.00pm
Maningrida	• Lease Status: Awaiting lease from Northern Land Council (NLC) • License Status: Requires licensing and NT EPA have advised in writing that a s19 lease is not required to apply and continuing to operate without a licence is in breach of the <i>Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998</i> • Rubbish Collections: No change to schedule • Landfill: Operational from Monday to Friday 7.30am–3.00pm and currently unstaffed
Minjilang	• Lease Status: Awaiting lease from Northern Land Council (NLC) • License Status: No license required • Rubbish Collections: No change to schedule • Landfill: Remains unstaffed
Waruwi	• Lease Status: Draft lease received from Northern Land Council (NLC) which will be used as a template for other West Arnhem Regional Council landfills • License Status: No license required • Rubbish Collections: No change to schedule • Landfill: Unmanned

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 September 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.10
Title:	Landfill Facility Assessment
Author:	Grant McKenzie, Director Technical Services

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the current state of landfill facilities within our communities.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the report titled *Landfill Facility Assessment*.

BACKGROUND

As one of our key operational service delivery areas, Waste Management is an ongoing focus for West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC). Each community has its own unique challenges and opportunities in managing waste in our journey towards circular economy and effective waste management. In July 2026 Optimal Site Performance provided training to works staff from each community in Jabiru. Optimal Site Performance then went to each WARC community and conducted an assessment of each landfill facility. WARC received a site inspection report in August 2026 providing an overview and recommendations for each site.

COMMENT

1. Regional

- Common issues identified at each site included need for:
 - better compaction at the tip face;
 - improved management of hazardous and recyclable materials

Recommendations for each site in order of date of visit are provided below.

2. Jabiru

- Increase frequency of waste compaction at the tip face
- Extend daily cover to include the sides of the tip face
- Prepare a wet-season tip face and monitor stormwater runoff during landfilling activity

3. Minjilang

- Investigate potential for removal of scrap steel to the mainland for recycling
- Cease trench filling of waste and transition to above ground method
- Restore on-site grapple bucket to enable waste consolidation
- Push and consolidate existing waste prior to commencing new landfilling method
- Investigate potential for engagement of a contractor to remediate site to enable staff to commence above ground landfilling method

4. Warruwi

- Explore alternatives with council staff to burning of waste as a management tool
- Complete general site cleanup

- Confirm operational condition and location of landfill wheel loader

5. Maningrida

- Establish a tip face with clear signage
- Arrange collection and on-site handling of cooking oil, fire extinguishers and gas bottles
- Investigate a degassing program for white goods
- Source suitable equipment and fulltime operator to manage the landfill operation

6. Gunbalanya

- Engage a contractor to take samples and analyse potential asbestos containing materials in a demolition stockpile
- Cease burning practices of waste at the tip face and sorting bays
- Repair rails at the sorting bays
- Provide storage containers for gas bottles, fire extinguishers and car batteries
- Separate scrap metal from general demolition waste
- Investigate additional equipment and staff

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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Goal 4.2 Waste and Water Management

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Optimal Site Performance - Landfill Assessment Report - All Communities - July 2026 [9.10.1 - 6 pages]



WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Landfill Site Inspection Report

Jabiru – Minjilang – Warruwi – Maningrida – Gunbalanya

Date: 2 August 2026

Prepared by: Optimal Site Performance

Prepared for: West Arnhem Regional Council

Executive Summary

This report summarises findings from site inspections of five West Arnhem Regional Council landfill and waste management facilities: Jabiru, Minjilang, Warruwi, Maningrida, and Gunbalanya. The inspections assessed current waste handling practices, equipment condition, stockpile management, and site-specific hazards, with the aim of identifying practical improvements at each location.

Jabiru, the Council's main site, is generally well managed, with well-organised stockpiles and a workable, if under-compacted, working face. A new elevated wet-season tipping area has been identified ahead of the coming wet season. Minjilang and Warruwi are smaller island sites facing space constraints and equipment limitations, though Warruwi's contained pit-burning approach is unexpectedly effective at generating airspace. Maningrida and Gunbalanya both require significant intervention: Maningrida has no designated tipping area or landfill face and a backlog of unmanaged hazardous materials, while Gunbalanya's working face and public unloading area are affected by uncontrolled burning, damaged infrastructure, and unsecured gas bottles, fire extinguishers, and batteries. A quantity of building material at Gunbalanya has been covered with soil and should be checked for asbestos contamination as a priority.

Common themes across sites include the need for improved compaction practices, better management of hazardous and recyclable materials (steel, gas cylinders, batteries, white goods), and, at the more remote sites, additional equipment, training, and staffing support.

1. Jabiru

Jabiru is the Council's main landfill site. It operates with a CAT 953D track loader and receives waste directly from the community, which self-tips at a front tipping area into bins. These bins are moved to the working face every few days rather than daily.

Observations

Waste received spans builder's rubble, putrescible waste, and recyclables (cans and bottles). Stockpiles of green waste, pallets, and steel are well separated and well managed. The tyre stockpile (car and truck tyres) is small and under control. The working face was largely covered on top at the time of inspection, though the sides were uncovered and the waste had not been well compacted.

Operator Mikey, working the CAT 953D, was directed to compact the slopes with a little guidance by Rob McGahey and short demonstration. Within roughly 20 minutes, the treated area reduced noticeably in volume, a result that visibly surprised other operators observing from a neighboring sites in councils area. Cover soil is currently plentiful on-site, though this supply is not expected to continue indefinitely.

A new wet-season tipping area has been identified on elevated ground with two working levels, to replace the current area, which floods during the wet season and results in waste being tipped directly into standing water. Council intends to bring this new area into use within the next week.



Equipment

The current CAT 953D Track loader is well suited to the single machine site, Mikey the operator is doing an excellent job of maintaining the machine, it did not look like a machine of its age, it was very well presented.

The air conditioning system is currently not performing well, the air filters are blocked and as such the air conditioning system is under pressure, I am concerned that without better filter management you will fail the AC compressor.

Recommendations

- Increase the frequency of face compaction using the existing CAT 953D, even brief, regular sessions reduce waste volume and extend site life as well as making it easier to apply cover.
- Extend daily/regular soil cover to the sides of the working face, not just the top.
- Bring the new elevated wet-season tipping area into operation ahead of the wet season, and monitor drainage performance once in use.
- Plan for an alternative cover material source given the current soil stockpile is not expected to be replenished indefinitely.
- Improve engine and air conditioning filter replacement and or inspections.

2. Minjilang

Minjilang is a small, remote island site that is largely unmanaged. In the absence of equipment to compact or relocate waste, the community tips waste at locations of its own choosing. Feral pigs are entering the waste, disturbing it and creating additional mess.

Observations

The site has run out of room to dig further pits and needs to move to a raised lift. A significant volume of waste on-site remains unsorted, uncompacted, and not yet pushed into place ahead of this transition, though this is not expected to be a major obstacle.

A Volvo HL740-9 wheel loader is on-site, there is also an unused Adelaide Hydraulics grapple bucket that was supplied new but has developed significant corrosion from saltwater exposure. Operator Clint was briefed on options to restore the bucket to working order, which would assist with waste movement. Clint seemed quite positive about the grapple bucket.



A large quantity of steel is stockpiled on-site, unrecycled and not burnt. Site staff had assumed this steel would need to be buried, but it may in fact be eligible for collection, after discussing this with Scott at Waruwi this needs to be confirmed. The plan for the new landfill lift is to work in two levels, starting with general rubbish at the base, which is expected to also help limit the pigs' access to food waste.





Equipment

While the wheel loader is the best machine for mobilization and keeping at the safe location of the council year overnight, it is not well suited to the work to be done on the landfill. I think if you move to an area fill type set up the loader will do an adequate job in pushing waste into the face, and burring it from the top when cover is placed. You will never achieve any improvement in waste density, the main goal will be to cover waste and limit feral pests access to the waste and to minimize then chance of fires.

Recommendations

- Confirm whether the steel stockpile is eligible for external collection; if not, incorporate it into the landfill face and cover it.
- Support Clint in restoring the grapple bucket to working order to enable waste consolidation ahead of the new lift.
- Push and consolidate the existing uncompacted waste before commencing the new raised lift.
- Prioritise covering general rubbish at the base of the new lift to help reduce feral pig access.
- A contractor may be useful to do a bit of remediation work at some of the sites to improve the condition to have the current staff continue with the work. Presently the change needed from what is today, to what you need tomorrow may be too big for the current team with the existing equipment.

3. Warruwi

Warruwi is a smaller island site with a distinct waste management approach compared to the other sites visited. Pits are dug and waste is regularly and deliberately burned within them.

Observations

Although burning waste on a landfill is not a preferred practice generally, at Warruwi this is a controlled, contained process: it is confined within the pit, located away from vegetation, and is not spreading. It is generating airspace effectively, and the site is not filling up quickly as a result. Stockpile areas and material separation are reasonably good. Some general cleanup is still required, but overall the site was in fair condition.

These pits can last a substantial amount of time, we heard they expected this one to last over 6 months.

There does need to be better management of the locations and tracking of the previous locations. This is something you should speak to the current team to identify the areas they have excavated pits in the past, and the virgin areas where new pits can go.



Optimal

SITE PERFORMANCE

There were neatly stacked piles of concrete, when we spoke to Scott about this he advised that the instructions were with the contractor on site. The difference in the contractors behavior here compared to what others were saying happens at the other location is quite stark. I think pushing contractors who are going to use the landfills to conform does work. I wonder if the other locations have not effectively spoken to the contractors.



An excavator was sighted on-site. A wheel loader is reportedly also available, though it was not sighted during the inspection.

Equipment

Current excavator (sighted) on site works well for the pit excavation, if you are going to continue with that method this machine will be key to its success. There is also a Wheel Loader, we did not see that, but it too will be required as you would need to move or relocate waste to the pits.

Compaction is not currently a requirement, so there is no need to modify or change the current equipment used.

Recommendations

- Discuss with Council staff whether the current contained pit-burning approach should continue as the ongoing management method for this site. Work through the required controls to minimise fire escape, but from what we witnessed it was working very well and was managed.
- Complete the outstanding general site cleanup.
- Confirm the operational status and location of the on-site wheel loader.

4. Maningrida

Maningrida is a larger township than Jabiru but its landfill site is not managed to any comparable standard and requires substantial intervention. This site is your priority for remediation.

Observations

There is no designated tipping area, no signage, and no clear landfill face. Dumping is sporadic and waste types are heavily mixed. A few deep excavations exist that could be used for landfilling, but the site currently lacks both suitable equipment and available operators to make use of them.



Hazardous and recoverable materials are accumulating without a clear pathway for disposal or removal: waste cooking oil is sitting in 20-litre drums awaiting decanting into a larger tank for transport off-site; a quantity of collected fire extinguishers and LPG gas bottles (4.5kg, 6kg, and 9kg) and engine oil are also sitting unattended.





A large amount of steel is spread across the site, including cars and decommissioned heavy earth-moving equipment. Cars are a major contributor to the steel volume and are commonly burned by the community; scrap processors also prefer to burn vehicles beforehand to remove fluff and lighter material. White goods on-site have not been degassed, which has previously made them unattractive to scrap collectors.



Equipment

- There was no equipment sighted, and from our understanding there were no operators either. The site did not appear to have had any mechanical support on site to manage the waste in the recent past.
- This site would be ideal for a track loader, it would manage most of the work on site.
- There is a current lockable enclosure where the staff said they have parked equipment in the past without issue, so that would be my preferred location to store a track loader for the site.

Recommendations

- Establish a designated tipping area and landfill face with clear signage, even as an interim measure.
- Arrange collection or safe on-site handling of the accumulated waste cooking oil, fire extinguishers, and gas bottles as a priority, these represent an immediate hazard.
- Investigate a degassing process for white goods to make them acceptable to scrap collectors.
- Source equipment and a trained operator to begin using the existing deep excavations for landfilling. We understand this is difficult, there are options for Optimal Site Performance to assist here but will be dependent if you can find the staff on site.
- Approach improvements incrementally, with a dedicated person setting small, achievable goals given the scale of the backlog.

5. Gunbalanya

Gunbalanya is a landfill site located just outside Jabiru. The site is run with minimal staff — Damien, the customer service officer, is the main point of contact and is proactive and knowledgeable but is limited by both equipment and being effectively a one-person operation.

Observations

The site wheel loader is two-wheel-drive only due to a mechanical fault (no 4WD), which limits its effectiveness. Waste is currently being burnt by the public at the tipping face where loads are dumped at the edge of the pit, and the existing pit itself is not well managed, though this is expected to be straightforward to remedy with a clean-up.

The public unloading area, where residents tip waste over a rail into holding pits, is also burnt frequently, often daily. A number of the handrails are bent, apparently from vehicles and trailers backing into them. The combination of bent rails, frequent burning, and accumulated burnt debris left uncleaned gives the area an uncared-for appearance, which likely reduces public motivation to use the facility properly.

Gas bottles, fire extinguishers, and other bottles were found left unattended on the ground, with no dedicated storage. Staff have not been trained to safely depressurise gas bottles or fire extinguishers, which represents a site safety hazard. A substantial quantity of heavy-gauge steel on-site would be of significant value to steel merchants; lighter-gauge steel is currently mixed in with white goods (which



are not being degassed). Builder's rubble on-site — concrete, bricks, and steel — is mixed together, which will make sorting difficult for any steel merchant.

Several piles of building material were observed with soil placed over the top, which may indicate asbestos contamination. This needs to be investigated to confirm whether asbestos is present and, if so, to determine the appropriate method of safely entombing it.

Equipment

The wheel loader in the current form is not suitable, this site would be ideal for a track loader.

There was also an excavator on site, this has had some repairs completed and is currently operational. It also had several buckets and a grapple to be used, so it looks like it could be quite versatile.

Recommendations

- Investigate the soil-covered building material piles for asbestos as a priority, and determine a safe entombment method if contamination is confirmed.
- Stop routine burning at the working face and the public unloading pits; clean up existing burnt debris.
- Repair the bent rails at the public unloading area to restore a properly functioning, presentable facility.
- Provide secure, organised storage (e.g. crates) for gas bottles, fire extinguishers, and batteries, and train staff in safe depressurisation procedures.
- Separate heavy-gauge steel for sale to scrap merchants and avoid further mixing of builder's rubble with steel to keep material sortable.
- Consider additional equipment (a 4WD-capable loader) and staffing support, given Damien is currently managing the site largely alone.

7. Summary of Priority Actions

1. Maningrida: Arrange safe handling/removal of accumulated waste oil, gas bottles, and fire extinguishers.
2. Maningrida: establish a designated tipping area and landfill face, arrange for a total site clean up to start over so staff understand what good looks like.
3. Minjilang: confirm steel collection eligibility and restore the grapple bucket to support the new landfill lift.
4. Minjilang: utilize a contractor to begin landfilling correctly, get the waste covered, and have the site with 2 distinct lifts, improve site signage to direct the community where to dump waste.
5. Gunbalanya: investigate potential asbestos contamination in covered building material piles.
6. Gunbalanya: arrange a suitable machine for the remediation work, a track loader would be most suitable and versatile, combined with the current excavator you would be able to complete all tasks on site.
7. Gunbalanya: cease routine burning at the working face and public unloading area.
8. Jabiru: bring the new wet-season tipping area into use ahead of the wet season.
9. All sites: continue and where possible increase the frequency of face compaction and cover.

WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 September 2026

Agenda Reference:	9.11
Title:	Community and Council Services Report
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

SUMMARY

This report is presented to the Council to provide an overview of Community and Council services delivered across the West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) locations, for the reporting period 1 August to 31 August 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

High level service delivery information is provided to ensure transparency, communication and insight is provided to elected members on key services provided to the community.

COMMENT

As per the attached report, a comprehensive snapshot is provided to the Council of current service delivery activities being undertaken by the Community and Council Services teams.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report aligns to the following pillars and goals as outlined in the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

Goal 1.3 Communication

Deliver dynamic communication which is culturally informed and appropriate, engaging and relevant to the interests of Council.

Goal 1.4 Community Events

Deliver cultural, civic and sporting events which engage and unite the community.

Goal 1.6 Youth Engagement

Deliver diverse, targeted programs and events which actively empower and engage young people as valuable partners in decision-making which affects them.

PILLAR 6 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures, and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 6.3 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DCCS Council Report- September 2026 [9.11.1 - 13 pages]

Council & Community Services Report

1. Key Achievements

Jabiru

- Kurrung Sports Carnival was held on 28/29 August. Council staff and volunteers assisted with the running of the event to ensure a safe, well run and enjoyable time was had by all the participants.
- The Jabiru Childcare Centre re-opened on 1 September with a small initial intake of children. More spaces for additional children will become available as we recruit vacant positions.

Gunbalanya

- The AFLNT Under 15s completion was held on July 17/18. About 50+ youth represented their communities with great enthusiasm, teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship. This was an opportunity for both young boys and girls to show off skills and have fun in the school holidays.

Maningrida

- The Adult AFL competition in Maningrida - Grand Final was held.
- The Cemetary lights were installed and are operating.

Warruwi

- The installation of the flag poles has been completed.

Minjilang

- Staff attendance in Minjilang has been high for July and August but we still have 4 vacancies.

Whole Region

- WARC staff have been putting more effort into recruiting for vacant positions including a “Jobs Expo” at Gunbalanya and advertising of vacant positions at the recent Kurrung Festival.
- NAIDOC Day Celebrations were held across the region in Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Maningrida and Minjilang with great attendance from staff and members of the communities. BBQs and activities for children were the common theme across the West Arnhem region.

2. Strategic Alignment

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

Goal 1.1 Community Engagement

Seeking out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

Goal 1.2 Communication

Deliver dynamic communication, which is culturally informed and appropriate, engaging and relevant to the interests of Council.

Goal 1.3 Community Events

Deliver cultural, civic and sporting events which engage and unite the community.

Goal 1.4 Youth Engagement

Deliver diverse, targeted programs and events which actively empower and engage young people as valuable partners in decision-making which affects them.

PILLAR 2 SAFETY AND WELLBEING

Services provided to community are professional, impactful, engaging and appropriate to local needs

Goal 2.1 Community Service Delivery

Provision of high quality, culturally informed programs that support and enhance the safety and wellbeing of community members.

PILLAR 3 SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We provide high quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community, creates a sense of place and contributes towards promoting a sense of pride in community

Goal 3.1 Strategic Infrastructure and Asset Management

Strategically manage, maintain and enhance community Infrastructure.

Goal 3.2 Local Road Management and Maintenance

Tactically monitor, maintain and manage Council gazetted roads and community safety via traffic management.

PILLAR 4 FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNANCE

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. We are leaders of best practice and excellence in governance, advocacy, consultation and administration. Our processes, procedures and policies are ethical and transparent.

Goal 4.1 Council and Local Authorities

Excellence in governance, consultation administration and representation.

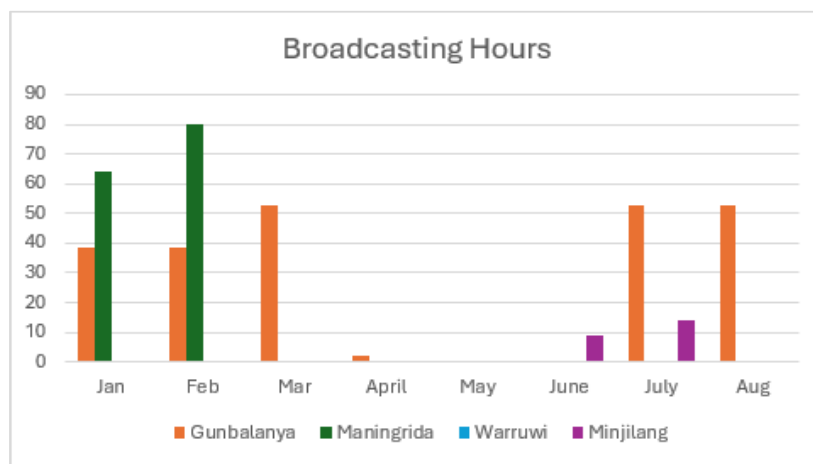
Goal 4.2 Financial Management

Provision of strong financial management and leadership which ensures long term sustainability and growth

3. Service Area Updates

3.1 Broadcasting

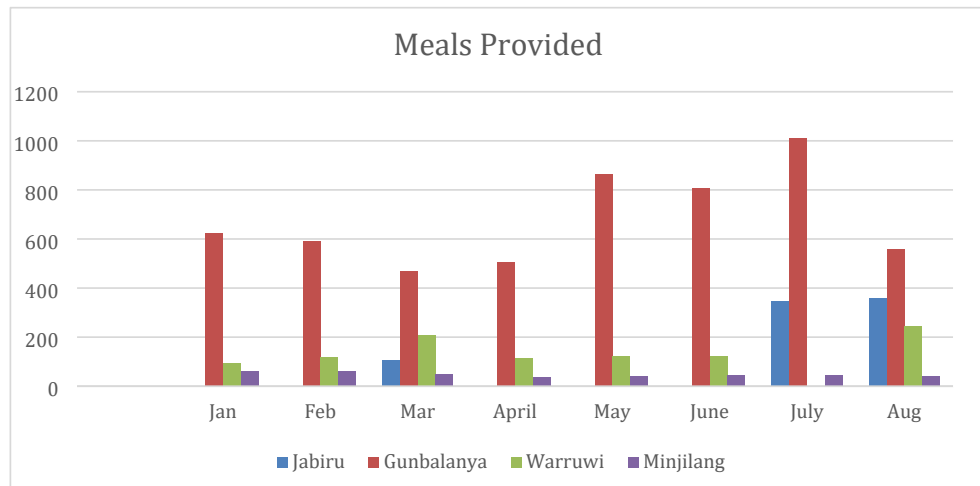
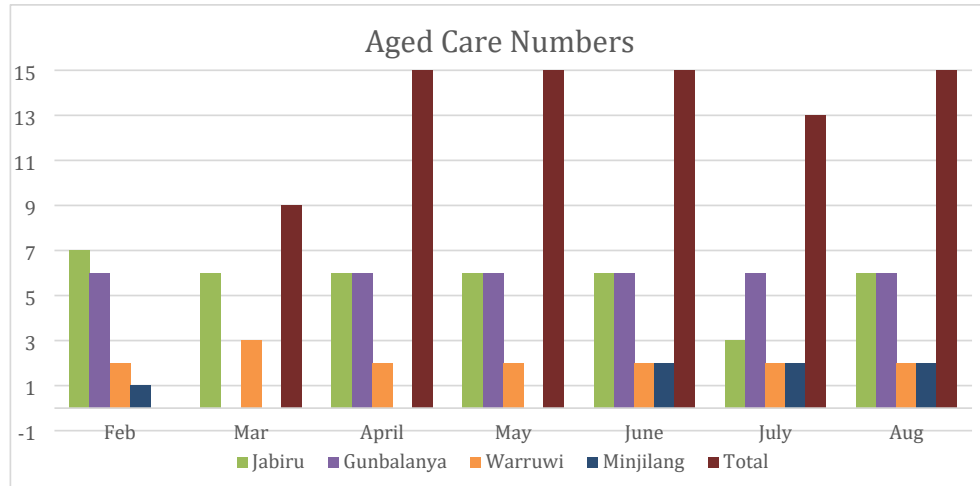
- Positions remain vacant across the program due to on-going difficulties in recruiting suitable staff.



3.2 Community Care

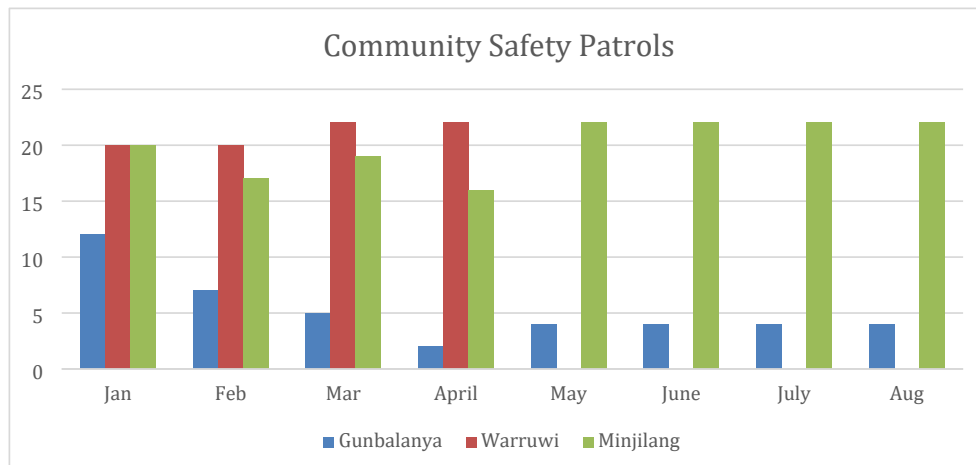
The graphs, over page, show Aged Care Numbers and meals across five communities between February and August.

- In Jabiru Aged Care services operate from 09.00am until 3.00pm each business day. The usual services provided to clients continue to include meal deliveries, domestic assistance, transport and social support
- Most clients receiving this service are in community which is why Jabiru has relatively low numbers.
- The Community Care Team have a focus on connecting clients and families to services with the intention of growth and development within the Community Care Team.
- Collaboration with provider, Country Connect, is underway to help expand and improve services that are delivered to community and clients.
- Overall, aged care participation grew strongly from February and then remained relatively stable, with only minor declines in some communities.
- The Gunbalanya community receives the highest number of meals across the Region with the current monthly average sitting at over 800 meals.
- The other communities have a stable but lower demand for the service.



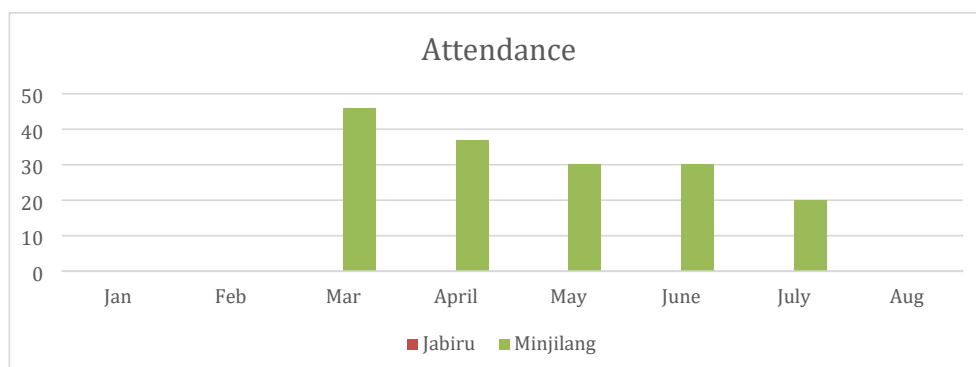
3.3 Community Safety

- Community Safety Patrols have remained consistent across most of the Region, except in Gunbalanya and Warruwi. Recruitment continues to be a key challenge in Gunbalanya, while sorry business is affecting staff capacity to deliver the CSP program in Warruwi.
- Minjilang has had no disruptions to its Community Patrol services which is carried out between 9pm and 3am.



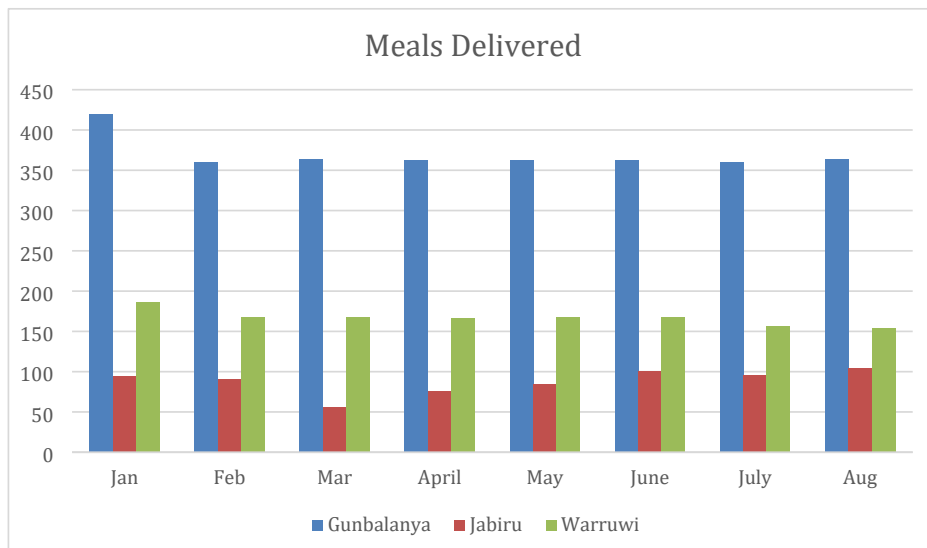
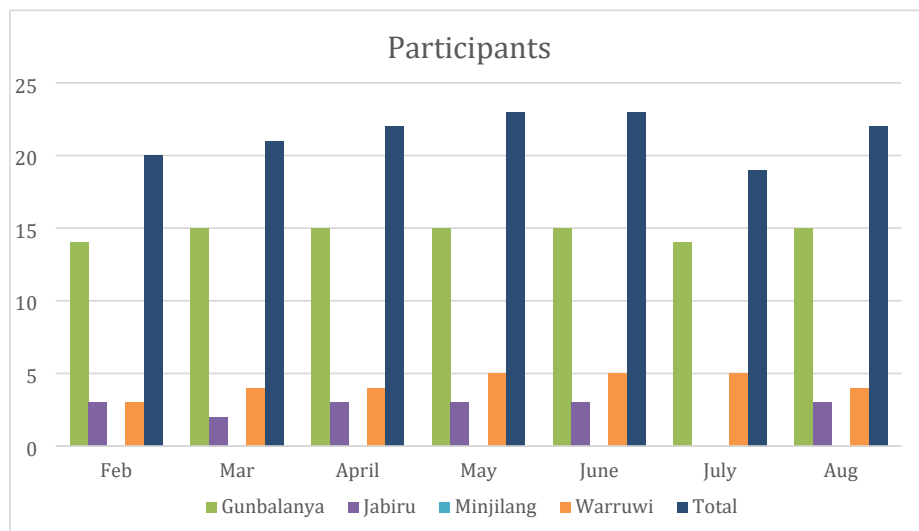
3.4 Early Learning Centres

- Jabiru Childcare Centre opened on 1 September. A lot of effort was made during August to get the Centre ready for operations including urgent electrical work and making the outdoor area safe for use.
- The Centre is accredited for 59 children but initially only a few children can be enrolled until we appoint more qualified staff to the various vacant positions. To date less than 15 families has expressed an interest in using the Centre.
- Warruwi Creche has formally closed as a result of a recommendation from the Local Authority and Council to the Department of Education. The Department has been asked if the building can be re-purposed for aged care.
- The Minjilang creche remains closed due to a lack of qualified staff. A report to the Local Authority will be recommending that the service be closed but has not specified what the building should be used for.



3.5 National Disability Insurance Scheme

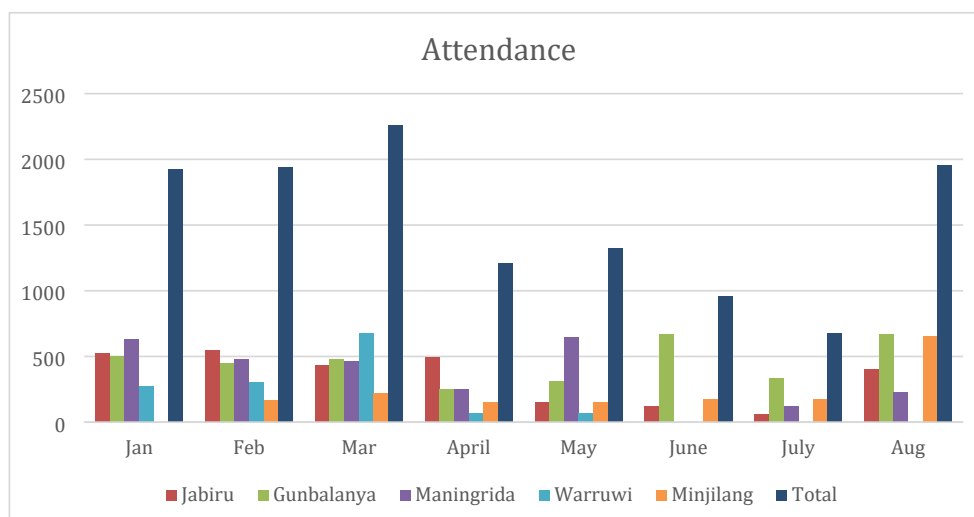
- The NDIS Services provided by Council includes the delivery of meals, personal care, household tasks, transport and social support.
- The Community Care team works closely with NDIS providers such as Country Connect to increase collaboration and improve service delivery to joint clients.
- There are currently no participants registered with Council for NDIS services in Minjilang.



3.6 Sport and Recreation

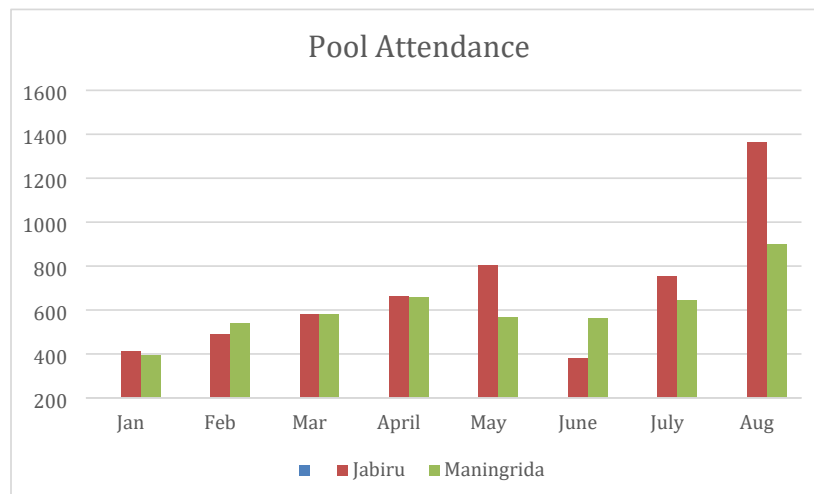
During the reporting period:

- WARC Sport and Recreation programs in Jabiru, Minjilang and Warruwi have been impacted by staff on Cultural Leave or the availability of staff in key roles.
- The six-month facilitator program has continued to be delivered to communities over the reporting period. A key focus in this area is to increase and fill positions within the Sport and Recreation space across the region, identifying gaps and generating rosters to provide maximum program coverage and delivery of services.
- The Adult AFL competition in Maningrida continues to gain strong momentum with the first Women's round commencing and Indigenous rounds with consistent and growing community attendance at each round. Match days have become a key social fixture, drawing in not only players but also families, elders, and wider community members who come together to support their teams and connect with one another.
- Many staff in Jabiru were involved in the planning and implementation of the Kurrung Sports Carnival which was held in Jabiru on 28-29 August.



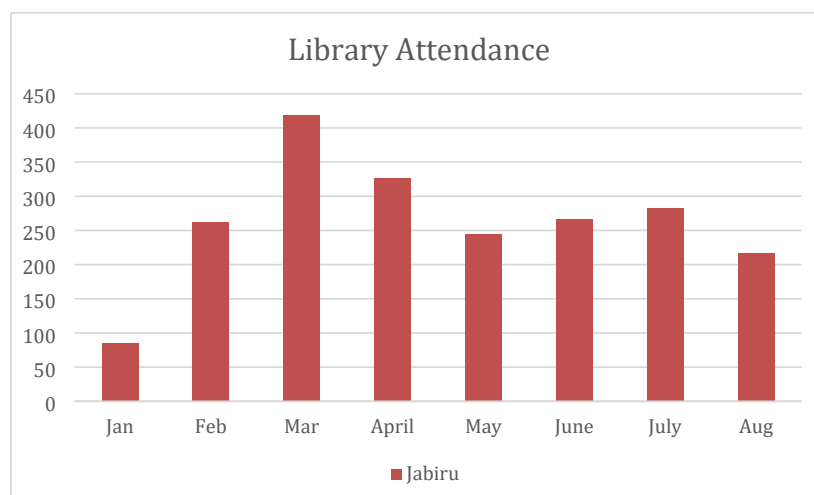
3.7 Aquatic Centres

- Pool attendance has dropped off in the cooler months, but attendance was high in the recent school holiday period and has started to increase with the warmer weather.
- Council recently approved funding for upgrading the water treatment system so that the old chlorine-based treatment can be replaced with something less hazardous.



3.8 Library Services

- Jabiru Library attendance has remained steady over the reporting period.

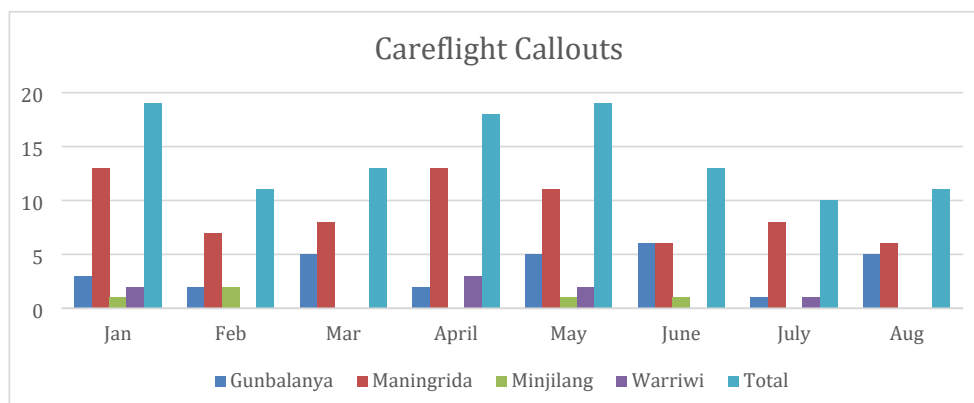


4. Community Works

- The key focus for the Works Team across the region has been regular maintenance including mowing and pruning as required, clearing firebreaks and ensuring levels of grass in common and public areas is maintained to a safe and manageable standard.
- Hard rubbish in all communities is scheduled for prompt attention along with removal of general waste and rubbish in community areas were presenting a fire risk.
- It has been a struggle to maintain regular rubbish collections in Gunbalanya due to staff shortages. A crew from Jabiru has been assisting with various community works on a regular basis.
- Road maintenance and repairs to potholes have mostly been completed in all Communities. This will be on-going throughout the year. Council will use its own staff where possible due to limited budgets and the cost of using contractors.
- Ongoing training both on the job and theory components is being conducted throughout the reporting period to align with scheduled training for Certificate III in Civil and Construction.

4.1 Aerodrome Reporting

Total Care flight callouts have remained relatively steady over the reporting period.

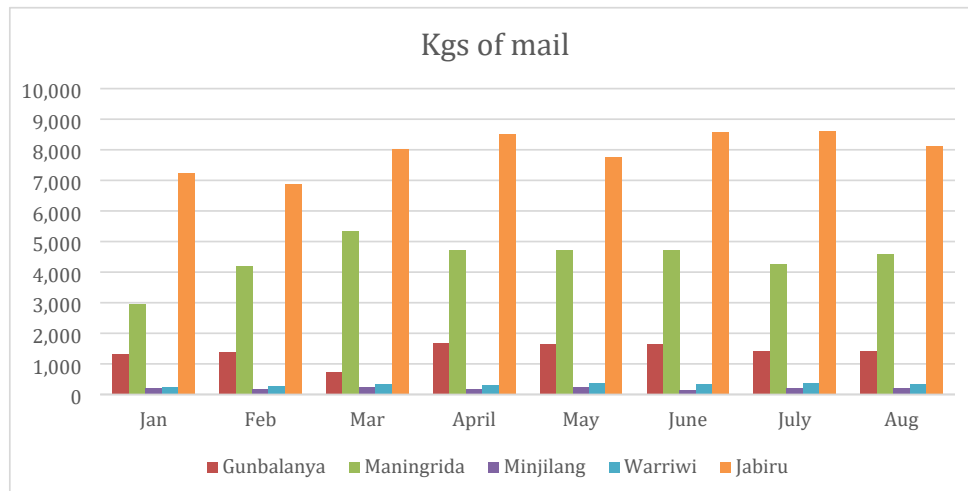


4.2 Centrelink Contract

Location	Hours of Operation
Gunbalanya	Fully Operational
Jabiru	Fully Operational
Waruwi	70% Operational
Minjilang	Fully operational

4.3 Post Office Services

- Jabiru handled the largest volume of mail, which has been stable at around 8,500kgs of mail per month. Other Post Offices are also experiencing steady monthly volumes with only slight variations from month to month.
- Following cash handling reviews, a formal procedure has been drafted to standardise cash-handling requirements across all Licensed Post Offices (LPOs).
- A break in at the Warriwi office is still being investigated in coordination with Australia Post.



4.4 Tenancy (Housing)

Key strategic assets under remediation include:

- Major insurance structural restorations (Maranta Place and Toad Hall properties).
- Solar Hot Water System (HWS) upgrades.
- Essential asset remediation requirements (such as multi-unit bathroom resurfacing in Jabiru estimated at \$48K) face execution delays due to budget constraints.

Accommodation Portfolio

Community	Staff Leases	Commercial Lots	Vacant	Offline	Total
Gunbalanya	9	2	4	2	17
Jabiru	26	2 (rotational)	12	4	41
Maningrida	10	1	3	3	17
Minjilang	5	1	2		8
Waruwi	4	2	1	1	8
Totals	54	8	22	6	93

Offline Properties

Community	Lot	Details
Gunbalanya	372	Not habitable. Fuse has been pulled by WARC.
Gunbalanya	Toad Hall	Completed
Gunbalanya	452 1 & 2	Broken into - Waiting on quote from Kakadu for repairs.
Jabiru	1 Maranta	Insurance & Mould Remediation – not commenced
Jabiru	5 Allamanda	Needs furniture
Maningrida	405 Downstairs	Insurance claim - Needs furniture
Maningrida	655 Lower Duplex	Not separately metered to upstairs
Maningrida	907b	Not habitable. Fuse has been pulled by WARC
Waruwi	Lot 29	Needs furniture

5. Risks & Issues

- No specific risks to the organization have been identified.
- However, the difficulty in recruiting suitably qualified staff means that Council is unable to deliver some of the services that it said it would or only provide a limited service. This means the community misses out on things like sports activities, and child or aged care services.

6. Workforce & WHS

- As part of the push to fill vacant position the Administration held a “Jobs Expo” type activity in Gunbalanya to try and encourage local community members to apply for positions within Council. Staff were on hand to assist with explaining roles and advising on how people can apply for the jobs on offer.
- The Administration continues to reinforce staff the importance of being safe at work through off-site and on-site formal training, toolbox meetings and safety signage.

7. Upcoming Priorities

- A focus on trying to fill vacant positions across all communities
- On-going applications for grant funding as it becomes available.
- Continuous improvements to Council processes and procedures to find efficiencies and better ways of doing things.

8. Decisions / Recommendations

- No specific decision is being asked of Council in relation to this report.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	10.1
Title:	Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 52 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, the meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential matters.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*

Regulations 51 and 52 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*

RECOMMENDATION

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.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The information in this section of the agenda is classed as confidential under section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 52 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*.

Agenda Reference:	11.1
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:	11.2
Title:	Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda Reference:	11.3
Title:	Review of Confidential Action Items
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda Reference:	11.4
Title:	Chief Executive Officer's Report
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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Agenda Reference:	11.5
Title:	Cultural Heritage Clearance and Process for Ground Disturbing Works in Jabiru
Author:	Peter Mickleson, Interim Director Council and Community Services

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Agenda Reference:	11.6
Title:	Bank Authorisations and Council Issued Credit Card
Author:	Imran Shajib, Finance Manager

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WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Reference:	12.2
Title:	Disclosure of Confidential Resolutions and Re-admittance of the Public
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

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WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Agenda Reference:	13.1
Title:	Elected Member Questions with or without Notice
Author:	Katharine Murray, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to give Elected Members a forum in which to table items they wish to be debated by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

14 NEXT MEETING

15 MEETING DECLARED CLOSED