



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 8 March 2023 at 9:00 am
Council Chambers, Jabiru

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph Blyth
Councillor	Otto Dann (Video Conference)
Councillor	Jacqueline Phillips (Video Conference)
Councillor	James Marrawal (Video Conference)
Councillor	James Woods (Video Conference)
Councillor	Donna Nadjamerrek (Video Conference)

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Paul Hockings
Chief Corporate Officer	David Glover
Chief Corporate Officer (acting)	Fiona Ainsworth (Video Conference)
Director of Organizational Growth (acting)	Peter Ryan
Executive Manager, Advocacy and Strategy	Brooke Darmanin
Governance and Risk Advisor	Jessie Schaecken (Video Conference)
Travel and Executive support	Jasmine Mortimore
Media and Communications Officer	Heidi Walton

Visitors

County Liberal Party, Leader of the Opposition	Lia Finocchiaro
Country Liberal Party Candidate, Seat of Arafura	Leslie Tungatalum
Territory Labor Party Candidate, Seat of Arafura	Manuel Brown
Territory Labor Party	Berrigan Young
Territory Labor Party	Patty Hennan

MINUTE NOTE: Lia Finocchiaro and Leslie Tungatalum joined prior to the meeting commencing from 9:16 to 9:55 to talk about CLP policies and matters relating to the seat of Arafura.

MINUTE NOTE: Manuel Brown, Patty Hennan and Berrigan Young joined prior to the meeting commencing from 9:59 to 10:43 to talk about Territory Labor policies and matters relating to the seat of Arafura.

Chairperson Ryan declared the meeting open at 11:02, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

APOLOGIES

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Council considered a report on Apologies and Leave of Absence.

RESOLVED:
That Council received and noted Elected Member apologies from Crs Catherine Ralph, Julius Kernan and James Marrawal for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 March 2023.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Absent without Notice.

RESOLVED:
That Council noted Elected Member absences without notice for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 March 2023.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

OCM43/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth
Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
That the agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 March 2023 as circulated be received for consideration at the meeting.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

6.1 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OR STAFF

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

RESOLVED:
That Council received nil declarations of interest for the meeting held on 8 March 2023.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2023

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 February 2023.

OCM44/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Henry Guwiyul
Seconded Cr Otto Dann
That the minutes of 8 February 2023 Ordinary Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

8.1 MAYOR'S LEAVE

The Council considered a report on Mayor's Leave.

OCM45/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Cr James Woods

That Council received and noted the report entitled *Mayor's Leave*.

CARRIED

8.2 MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE ACTING MAYOR

The Council considered a report on Meetings and Events Attended by the Acting Mayor.

OCM46/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth

Seconded Cr James Woods

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled *Meetings and Events Attended by the Acting Mayor*,**
- 2. Approved associated travel cost to attend the listed meetings and events; and**
- 3. Approved the attendance and associated travel expenses of Mayor Ryan, Paul Hockings CEO and extended an invitation to Councillors to consider attending the East Arnhem Regional Council Ordinary Council Meeting on 29 June 2023.**

CARRIED

8.3 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE CEO

The Council considered a report on Meetings Attended by the CEO.

OCM47/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr James Woods

Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Meetings attended by the CEO*'.

CARRIED

8.4 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST

The Council considered a report on Review of Action Items List.

OCM48/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth

Seconded Cr James Woods

That Council received and noted report entitled '*Review of Action items list*'.

CARRIED

8.5 PUBLIC HEARING - INQUIRY INTO THE SUN SETTING OF THE STRONGER FUTURES LEGISLATION

The Council considered a report on Public Hearing - Inquiry into the sun setting of the Stronger Futures Legislation.

OCM49/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Cr Jacqueline Phillips

That Council:

1. received and noted the report entitled '*Joint Submission to the Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory, 2023*' and its attachments,
2. That Council send a letter of appreciation to participants from Maningrida and Pat Dodson as Chair of the Senators on the Parliamentary Committee thanking him for the opportunity to speak in person in Canberra and make a submission; and
3. Conduct a review of the senate parliamentary committee recommendations after 12 months from the date of this report to determine the status of implementation.

CARRIED

8.6 WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL ADVOCACY STRATEGY 2023-2024

The Council considered a report on West Arnhem Regional Council Advocacy Strategy 2023-2024.

OCM50/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Henry Guwiyul

Seconded Cr Otto Dann

That Council received and noted the report entitled '*West Arnhem Regional Council Advocacy Strategy 2023-2024*'.

CARRIED

8.7 REGIONAL PLAN - QUARTERLY REPORTING

The Council considered a report on Regional Plan - Quarterly reporting.

OCM51/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

Seconded Cr Ralph Blyth

That Council received and noted the progress of the Q1 and Q2 service delivery plan based on the indicators outlined within the circulated document entitled '*West Arnhem Regional Plan 2022-2023 Quarterly Update*'.

CARRIED

8.8 NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW - SUBMISSION

The Council considered a report on Northern Territory Electoral Boundary Review - Submission.

OCM52/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Jacqueline Phillips

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

That Council:

1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Northern Territory Electoral Boundary Review – Submission*' ,
2. Endorsed the circulated submission to redistribute the Arafura electoral boundary to include West Arnhem, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Bulman and Beswick only, effectively freeing Tiwi Islands to form its own separate electoral seat; and
3. Endorsed a letter and copy of the submission being sent to East Arnhem Regional Council, Roper Gulf Regional Council, Victoria Daly Regional Council and Tiwi Islands Regional Council.

CARRIED

8.9 CALL FOR MOTIONS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NORTHERN TERRITORY'S (LGANT) APRIL 2023 GENERAL MEETING.

The Council considered a report on Call for Motions Local Government Association Northern Territory's (LGANT) April 2023 General Meeting..

OCM53/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Cr Ralph Blyth

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Call for Motions Local Government Association Northern Territory's (LGANT) April 2023 General Meeting.*',**
- 2. Submit a motion entitled:**
 - a. NT Sports Vouchers; and**
 - b. Automatic Enrolment to Vote for all Eligible Members Of Remote Communities to the LGANT April 2023 General Meeting.**

CARRIED

Meeting Note: Council broke for lunch at 13:10 and resumed at 13:40.

Meeting Note: Georgia Corrie, NT Organiser Yes Campaign from the Heart joined the meeting at 13:44 and left at 14:13.

8.10 PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

OCM54/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth

Seconded Cr Otto Dann

That Council:

- 1. Noted the presentation on 'Yes Campaign'**
 - A. And asked that an item be added to the April 2023 OCM to promote discussion and explore possibilities for civic education sessions ahead of the next round of Local Authority meetings and to encourage stakeholder participation.**
- 2. Noted the attendance of Country Liberal Party Leader, Lia Finocchiaro and Seat of Arafura Candidate, Leslie Tungatalum**
- 3. Noted the Attendance of Seat of Arafura Territory Labor Party Candidate, Manuel Brown.**

CARRIED

8.11 CONSULTATION - WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL REGIONAL PLAN STRATEGIC PLAN 2023 -2024

The Council considered a report on Consultation - West Arnhem Regional Council Regional Plan Strategic Plan 2023 -2024.

OCM55/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyal

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Consultation - West Arnhem Regional Council Regional Plan Strategic Plan 2023 -2024*',**
- 2. Endorsed the proposed strategic direction as a five year corporate strategy (2022-2027) which will inform the West Arnhem Regional Plan; and**
- 3. Provided feedback on the current organisational values and suggested alternative values for consideration by the administration.**

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

The Council considered a report on Finance Report for the period ended 31 January 2023.

OCM56/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Cr Jacqueline Phillips

That Council received and noted report entitled 'Finance Report' for the period ended 31 January 2023.

CARRIED

9.2 ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council considered a report on Allowance for Members of Local Councils.

OCM57/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr James Woods

Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul

That Council adopted the following Member Allowances for the financial year 2023-24:

a) Councillor, Deputy Principle, and Principle Allowances			
Allowance	Ordinary Council Member \$	Deputy Principal Member \$	Principal Member \$
Councillor's Allowance	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Principle or Deputy Principle Allowance	Nil	\$16,000	\$82,000
TOTAL	\$20,000	\$36,000	\$102,000
b) Professional Development Allowance			
Allowance	Ordinary Council Member	Deputy Principal Member	Principal Member
Professional Development Allowance	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
c) Extra Meeting Allowance			
Allowance	Ordinary Council Member	Deputy Principal Member	Principal Member
Extra Meeting Allowance Maximum of \$10,000 per annum	Up to 2 hours \$200 Between 2 & 4 hrs \$300 Over 4 hours \$500	Up to 2 hours \$200 Between 2 & 4 hrs \$300 Over 4 hours \$500	\$0.00
e) Local Authority Members			
Allowance	Ordinary Local Authority Member	Local Authority Chairman	
Allowance Per Meeting	107 revenue units	143 revenue units	Value of 2023-24 revenue unit TBA

CARRIED

9.3 ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH UNIT REPORT

The Council considered a report on Organisational Growth Unit Report.

OCM58/2023 RESOLVED:

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams
Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul
That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Organisational Growth Unit Report*'.
CARRIED**

TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS

10.1 OPERATIONS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

The Council considered a report on Operations Report - February 2023.

**OCM59/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Cr James Woods
That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Operations Report – February 2023.*'
CARRIED**

10.2 APPROVAL OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 1.8 TONNE MINI EXCAVATOR

The Council considered a report on Approval of Capital Expenditure 1.8 Tonne Mini Excavator.

**OCM60/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Cr Ralph Blyth
That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Approval of Capital Expenditure Minjilang 1.8 Tonne Mini Excavator*'; and**
- 2. Approved the purchase from Komatsu Australia for a Komatsu PC18MR – 3 excavator and trailer at \$44,575, exclusive of GST.**

CARRIED

10.3 APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS FLEET ASSET

The Council considered a report on Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Asset.

**OCM61/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth
Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan
That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Approval to Dispose of Surplus Fleet Asset*'; and**
- 2. Approved the sale of the 2009 Toyota Hiace Bus – Jabiru, via auction.**

CARRIED

COMMITTEE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

Minute note: Council block resolved items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 & 11.4.

11.1 REPORT FOR THE WARRUWI LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2023

The Council considered a report on Report for the Waruwi Local Authority Meeting held on 16 February 2023.

**OCM62/2023 RESOLVED:
On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan
Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul
Council resolved under decision**

- 1. Received and noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Waruwi Local Authority meeting held on 16 February 2023.**

2. Endorse the recommendations arising from the Warruwi Local Authority meeting held on 16 February 2023.

CARRIED

11.2 REPORT FOR THE MINJILANG LOCAL AUTHORITY WORKSHOP HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2023.

The Council considered a report on Report for the Minjilang Local Authority workshop held on 9 February 2023..

OCM63/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Minjilang Local Authority Meeting held on 9 February 2023.**
- 2. Endorsed the recommendations arising from the Minjilang Local Authority meeting held on 9 February 2023.**

CARRIED

11.3 REPORT FOR THE GUNBALANYA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023.

The Council considered a report on Report for the Gunbalanya Local Authority Meeting held on 23 February 2023..

OCM64/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 23 February 2023**
- 2. Endorsed the recommendations arising from the Gunbalanya Local Authority meeting held on 23 February 2023.**

CARRIED

11.4 REPORT FOR THE MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2023

The Council considered a report on Report for the Maningrida Local Authority Meeting held on 2 March 2023.

OCM65/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Mayor Matthew Ryan

Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 2 March 2023 and;**
- 2. Endorse the recommendations arising from the Maningrida Local Authority meeting held on 2 March 2023.**

CARRIED

11.5 KAKADU WARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council considered a report on Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee.

OCM66/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

That Council:

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled ‘Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee’,**
- 2. Reviewed the proposed Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee and the attached Terms of Reference and Charter and;**
- 3. Approved the establishment of the Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee and the quarterly scheduled dates for 2023.**

CARRIED

ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

13.1 ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

The Council considered a report on Elected Member Questions With or Without Notice.

OCM67/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth

Seconded Cr Henry Guwiyul

That the Chairperson invited questions with or without notice from Elected Members:

- 1. Cr Ralph Blyth raised the topic of agenda briefing sessions the day before Council Meetings – taken on notice for the April 2023 workshop, and;**
- 2. Cr Woods raised concerns around the timeliness and location of construction process of the third structure at Maningrida Health Facility – taken on notice by COO to be discussed outside of OCM.**

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

14.1 CLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Council considered a report on Closure to the Public for the Discussion of Confidential Items.

OCM68/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Cr Ralph Blyth

Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams

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 to consider the Confidential items of the Agenda.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

C2.2 Current status of outstanding Regional Land Use Agreements from the Northern Land council.

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Clause 51(ci) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person

C3.3 Acceptance of Proposed Leases – Maningrida Pool

The report will be dealt with under Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Clause 51(ci) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*. It contains information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on any person

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS MOVED INTO OPEN

3.3	ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED LEASES - MANINGRIDA POOL The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Proposed Leases - Maningrida Pool.
	[OCM45/2023] RESOLVED: On the motion of Cr James Woods Seconded Cr Ralph Blyth That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Received and noted the report entitled '<i>Acceptance of Proposed Leases - Maningrida Pool</i>';2. Accepted the proposed Licences to Maintain Land Use Agreements in Maningrida for:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lot 467 Maningrida Swimming Pool Facility,2. Lot 467 (part of) Maningrida Staff Residence,3. Directed the CEO to sign the above leases; and4. Noted the use of the Common Seal.5. Moved the decision relating to report entitled <i>Acceptance of Proposed Leases - Maningrida Pool</i> into the open section of the minutes of Ordinary Council meeting on 8 March 2023. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 12 April 2023.

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED

Chairperson Mayor Ryan declared the meeting closed at 16:41.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 March 2023.

Chairperson

Date Confirmed