



Minutes of the West Arnhem Regional Council an Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday, 10 - 11 October 2023 At 12:00pm  
Council Chambers, Jabiru

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**Chairperson Mayor Ryan declared the meeting open at 12:01, welcomed all in attendance and did an Acknowledgement of Country.**

**ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson	Matthew Ryan (Mayor)
Deputy Mayor	Elizabeth Williams
Councillor	Ralph F Blyth
Councillor	Otto Dann
Councillor	Mickitja Onus
Councillor	James Woods
Councillor	Henry Guwiyul
Councillor	Gabby Gumurdul (via video conference)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Executive Officer (acting)	Jessie Schaecken
Chief Corporate Officer	Deirdre Osullivan
Chief Corporate Officer	James Stockdale
Chief Operating Officer (acting)	Fiona Ainsworth
General Manager, Technical Services (acting)	Clem Beard
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Ben Heaslip (via video conference)
Governance and Risk Advisor (acting)	Jasmine Mortimore
Communication and Public Relations Coordinator	Heidi Walton
Waste and Resource Coordinator	Sara Fitzgerald
Business Development Manager	Leanne Johansson

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet	Owain Dunn
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## **APOLOGIES**

### **3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

#### **OCM149/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor James Woods**

**Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

**That Council received and noted Elected Member apologies for Cr Donna Nadjamerrek, Cr Jacqueline Phillips, Cr James Marrawal for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10-11 October 2023.**

**CARRIED**

## **ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

### **4.1 ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE**

The Council considered a report on Absent Without Notice.

#### **OCM150/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

**That Council;**

- 1. Received and noted Cr Julius Don Kernan absences without notice for the meeting held on 10-11 October 2023, relevant to section 47 (1)(o) of the Local Government Act 2019.**
- 2. Council request CEO issue letter to Cr Kernan reminding of responsibility to attend in line with the Act.**

**CARRIED**

## **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

### **5.1 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The Council considered a report on Acceptance of Agenda.

#### **OCM151/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Councillor James Woods**

**That the agenda papers for the Ordinary Council meeting held on 10-11 October 2023 as circulated be received for consideration at the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.1 SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER - KAKADUWARD BY-ELECTION 9 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Council considered a report on Swearing in of Newly Elected Member – Kakadu Ward By-election 9 September 2023.

#### **OCM152/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Seconded Councillor Otto Dann**

**That Council congratulated Mr Mickitja Onus on his appointment as Councillor to the West Arnhem Regional Council, representing the Kakadu Ward after the By-election held on 9 September 2023.**

**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.

**OCM153/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Seconded Councillor James Woods**

**That Council received no declarations of interest for the meeting held on 10-11 October 2023.**

CARRIED

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES****7.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Council considered a report on Confirmation of Previous Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 September 2023.

**OCM154/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Otto Dann**

**Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

**That the minutes of 20 September 2023 Ordinary Council meeting are confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

CARRIED

David King and Kyle Roe joined the meeting at 12:23 and left at 13:57

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS****8.3 INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council considered a report on Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence.

**OCM155/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor James Woods**

**Seconded Councillor Mickitja Onus**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the attached items of incoming and outgoing correspondence since the 20 September OCM.**
- 2. Arrange meeting with CEO of National Justice Project and Mayor to further discuss education issues in the NT.**

CARRIED

Gretl Turkich and Jess Gurthrie joined the meeting at 12:38 to discuss CDP in West Arnhem Communities and left at 13:15

Mayor Ryan declared that he is a board member of Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation an organisation that delivers CDP services in Maningrida.

Meeting broke 13:20 at and recommenced at 13:57

**8.6 PRESENTATIONS AND VISITORS**

The Council considered a report on Presentations and Visitors.

**OCM156/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Councillor James Woods**

**That Council:**

**Noted the presentation by David King, Kylie Roe, Gretl Turkich and Jess Guthrie**

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS LIST**

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

**OCM157/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted report entitled '*Review of Action items list*'; and**
- 2. Reviewed the outstanding resolutions, and gave approval for completed items to be removed from the list.**
- 3. Endorsed letter to be sent to the Minister of Housing regarding Ms Wauchope priority housing in Gunbalanya**
- 4. Request increased advocacy for AFL in West Arnhem Region**

**CARRIED**

Meeting closed at 15:18 and reopened at 9:01 on Wednesday 11 October 2023

Gabby Gumurdul was an apology for Wednesday 11 October 2023

## **8.4 MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR**

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

**OCM158/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Meetings and Events Attended by the Mayor*'; and**
- 2. Approved associated travel cost to attend the listed meetings and events.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.5 MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE ACTING CEO**

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

**OCM159/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Seconded Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Meetings and Events Attended by the Acting CEO*'.**
- 2. Endorsed Acting CEO request for 1 day Annual Leave Friday 27 October**

**CARRIED**

## **8.7 SUBMISSION - INQUIRY INTO ELECTED MEMBER ENTITLEMENTS**

The Council considered a report on Submission - Inquiry into Elected Member Entitlements.

**OCM160/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Seconded Councillor Mickitja Onus**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled ‘Submission - Inquiry into Elected Member Entitlements’,**
- 2. The draft submission be amended to include travel risks and recommending the NT remuneration tribunal provide financial advice services to elected members – acting CEO to circulate new draft to Council for endorsing.**

**CARRIED**

#### **8.8 DRAFT OF THE 2022-2023 WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

The Council considered a report on Draft of the 2022-2023 West Arnhem Regional Council Annual Report.

**OCM161/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Seconded Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

**That Council:**

- 1. Noted the progress made towards completing the 2022-2023 West Arnhem Regional Council Annual Report;**
- 2. Reviewed and provided feedback on the draft 2022-2023 West Arnhem Regional Council Annual Report.**

**CARRIED**

#### **8.9 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2024**

The Council considered a report on Council Meeting Schedule and Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024.

**OCM162/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Mickitja Onus**

**Seconded Councillor James Woods**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report;**
- 2. Approved the attached 2024 West Arnhem Regional Council meetings calendar.**

**CARRIED**

#### **8.10 EXTENSION OF ACTING CEO POSITION**

The Council considered a report on Extension of Acting CEO Position.

**OCM163/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Mickitja Onus**

**Seconded Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**That Council:**

- 1. Approved an extension of the current Acting CEO Jessie Schaecken until a new CEO is appointed**
- 2. Approved Higher Duties Allowance be paid to the current Acting CEO for a two week handover period after the CEO is appointed**

**CARRIED**

### **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**

#### **9.1 FINANCE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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

**OCM164/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Otto Dann**

**Seconded Councillor James Woods**

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

**CARRIED**

**9.2 2022-2023 WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (WARM) ACQUITTAL**

The Council considered a report on 2022-2023 Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Acquittal.

**OCM165/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

**Seconded Councillor Otto Dann**

**That council**

- 1. Received and noted the reports entitled '*2022-2023 Waste and Resource Management (WaRM) Acquittal*'; and**
- 2. Noted and approved the attached acquittal.**

**CARRIED**

Meeting broke at 10:30 and recommenced at 11:11

**9.3 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT REPORT**

The Council considered a report on Business Development Unit Report.

**OCM166/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Councillor James Woods**

**That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Business Development Unit Report*'.**

**CARRIED**

**9.4 TENANCY REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS FOR JABIRU**

The Council considered a report on Tenancy Remediation Requirements for Jabiru.

**OCM167/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Councillor Mickitja Onus**

**That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Tenancy Remediation Requirements for Jabiru*'**

**CARRIED**

**TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS**

**10.1 APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF EXECUTIVE FLEET ASSET**

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

**OCM168/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Councillor Otto Dann**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Approval to Dispose of Executive Fleet Asset*'; and**
- 2. Approved the sale via auction of the 2020 Toyota Hilux Utility - Jabiru.**

**CARRIED**

## 10.2 TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2023

The Council considered a report on Technical Services Report - September 2023.

**OCM169/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Mickitja Onus**

**Seconded Councillor James Woods**

**That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Technical Services Report – September 2023*'.**

**CARRIED**

## 10.3 KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

The Council considered a report on Keep Australia Beautiful Awards.

**OCM170/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor James Woods**

**Seconded Councillor Mickitja Onus**

**That Council received and noted report entitled '*Keep Australia Beautiful Awards*'**

**CARRIED**

## COMMITTEE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTS

### 11.1 ADOPTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES.

The Council considered a report on Adoption of Local Authority Meeting minutes..

**OCM171/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams**

**Seconded Mayor Matthew Ryan**

**That Council:**

- 1. Received and noted the report entitled '*Adoption of Local Authority Meeting minutes.*' and;**
- 2. Endorsed the minutes of the Minjilang Local Authority meeting held on 15 September 2023 and reviewed decisions made by the Local Authority.**

**CARRIED**

## GENERAL ITEMS

### 12.1 OPERATIONS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2023

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

**OCM172/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth**

**Seconded Councillor Otto Dann**

**That Council received and noted the report entitled '*Operations Report – July 2023*'.**

**CARRIED**

### 12.2 NOVEMBER LGANT CONVENTION, WEST ARNHAM YOUTH SUMMIT AND WARC ELECTED MEMBER WORKSHOP AND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The Council considered a report on November LGANT Convention, West Arnhem Youth Summit and WARC Elected Member Workshop and Ordinary Council meeting.

**OCM173/2023 RESOLVED:**

**On the motion of Councillor Henry Guwiyul**

**Seconded Councillor Otto Dann**

**That Council:**

1. Received and noted report entitled '*November LGANT Convention, West Arnhem Youth Summit and WARC Elected Member Workshop and Ordinary Council meeting*'
2. Approved the changes to the November Elected Member Workshop and Ordinary Council meeting.
3. Nominated Councillor Woods to attend the LGANT General Meeting, extend invitation to all councillor via email to nominate to attend convention and approved all associated travel costs.

CARRIED

### 12.3 PEOPLE AND CAPABILITY QUARTERLY REPORT

The Council considered a report on People and Capability Quarterly Report.

#### OCM174/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Micketja Onus

Seconded Councillor James Woods

That Council:

1. Received and noted the report entitled '*People and Capability Quarterly Report*' and;
2. Acknowledge the activity and progress made by the People and Capability unit in pursuit of the strategic goals.

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.

#### OCM175/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth

Seconded Councillor Micketja Onus

That the Chairperson invite questions with or without notice from Elected Members.

1. Cr Dann raised Garbage truck being broken, staffing issues in Gunbalanya with staff leaving, feral animals in community.
2. Mayor Ryan raised work permit issues with staff leaving council and getting job elsewhere in community.
3. Cr Woods raised concerns with airport usage for sorry business – asked about another airport shelter using the emergency management funds
4. Cr Woods raised shelters in Maningrida at bottom camp foreshore to be put on Maningrida LA wish list.
5. Invite GACJT / JKL to attend next Ordinary Council Meeting to present to Council on the Jabiru Masterplan and the future of Jabiru.

6. 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.

#### OCM176/2023 RESOLVED:

On the motion of Councillor Ralph Blyth

Seconded Councillor Otto Dann

That Council approved 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**

The information in this section of the agenda is classed as confidential under section 293(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and regulation 51 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021*.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2023

## **MEETING DECLARED CLOSED**

Chairperson Mayor Ryan declared the meeting closed at 13:52

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the ordinary council meeting Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 October 2023.

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Chairperson

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Date Confirmed