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**OPEN MINUTES for the Audit**  
**Committee**  
**18 February 2026**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:05 AM.

### Members in Attendance:

Ross Springolo (Chair)  
Ben Mooney  
President Lapulung Dhamarrandji  
Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy

### East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)  
Divyan Ahimaz (Director – Community Services)  
Merianne Bretag (GM – People and Corporate Services)  
Ralph Reddy (Finance Manager)  
Innoc Ndhlovu (HR & IR Manager)  
Paul Hyde Kaduru (Governance and Compliance Manager)

## MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

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### 1.2 Attendance

#### SUMMARY:

This report is to table, for the Committee's record, any absences, apologies and requests for leave of absence received from the members.

AC-O /153 **RESOLVED (Ross Springolo/Ben Mooney)**

**That the Committee notes the absence of Evelyn Dhamarrandji.**

## MEETING ESTABLISHMENT

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### 1.3 Declarations of Interest

#### SUMMARY:

Committee members are required to disclose and interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council.

AC-O /154 **RESOLVED (Ross Springolo/Ben Mooney)**

**That the Committee notes the Conflict of Interest and Related Parties Register.**

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**MEETING ESTABLISHMENT**

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**1.4 Previous Audit Committee Minutes**

AC-O /155 **RESOLVED (Ross Springolo/Cr. Lapulung Dhamarrandji)**

**That the Committee approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 October 2025.**

**2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions**

GO NGILIMURR MALA DJARRYUN GA YURAM GA YAKAYUN GA BALWAK NGUPAN  
DHUWAL DHARUK

**3 Noting Progress and Achievement**

YOW GALKI MEETING DJA DHAWARYUNA YURRU NGILIMURR RONGIYI GA NHAMA  
NGUNIYI

NANYTJAK NGU DHARUK MALAN GA YURUM GA BUKU WEKAM DHIYAKU MEETING  
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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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**3.1 2025-2026 Training Plan****SUMMARY:**

The 2025-2026 Annual Training Plan has been developed to ensure Council staff and relevant stakeholders maintain the skills, knowledge and capability required to meet legislative, governance, risk management and operational responsibilities. The plan aligns with Council's strategic objectives, workforce priorities and compliance obligations, and supports a culture of continuous improvement, professionalism and accountability.

AC-O /156 **RESOLVED (Ross Springolo/Ben Mooney)**

**That the Committee note the 2025-2026 Annual Training Plan for the Council subject to the inclusion of elected council members into the plan.**

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**NOTING PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT**

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**3.2 Policy Register****SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Policy Register.

AC-O /151 **RESOLVED (Ross Springolo/Ben Mooney)**

**That Committee notes the policy register and the work that is being done in this area.**

#### **4 Confidential Reports**

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act, 2019 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

#### **5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

5.1 Request for WHS Report at Next Committee Meeting

AC-O /152 **RESOLVED (Ross Springolo/Cr. Lapulung Dhamarrandji)**

**That the committee requests the Workplace Health and Safety report presented to Council be provided at the committee's next meeting.**

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

13 May 2026.

#### **6 Meeting Close**

The meeting concluded at 11:50 AM.

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of Audit Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026, and are to be confirmed.