



**OPEN MINUTES for the Meeting of**  
**Council**  
**15 May 2026**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

Deputy President has opened the meeting at 10:26 am.

### Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji  
Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji  
Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungumurra  
Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji  
Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay  
Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika  
Cr. Priscilla Yunupingu

### East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)  
Divyan Ahimaz (Director – Community Services)  
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)  
Merianne Bretag (GM – People and Corporate Services)  
Sonia Campbell (GM – Technical and Infrastructure Services)  
Jamie Clarke (Communications Advisor)  
Ralph Reddy (Finance 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 Councils record, any absences or apologies. Council need to make a decision on whether absences are granted permission. Any request for a leave of absence received can be considered.

**MOC 2025/282 RESOLVED (Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)**

**That Council notes the absence of Cr. Cyril Bukulatjpi, Cr. Bobby Wunungumurra, Cr. David Warraya and Cr. Jason Mirritjawuy.**

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### 1.3 Declarations of Interest

#### SUMMARY:

Elected members are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council.

**MOC 2025/284 RESOLVED (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungumurra/Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji)**

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

## **2 Looking Forward - Discussions and Decisions**

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

### **LOOKING FORWARD - DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS**

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2.1 Draft Regional Plan 2026-2027

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report is the next step in the adoption of a Regional Plan for 2026-2027.

**MOC 2025/278 RESOLVED (Cr. Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra/Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji)**

**That Council adopts the DRAFT Regional Plan 2026-2027.**

## **3 Confidential Reports**

**MOC 2025/283 RESOLVED (Cr. Evelyn Dhamarrandji/Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika)**

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.

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:- As noted in the Confidential Minutes.

## **4 Meeting Close**

Meeting closed at 11:41 am.