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**OPEN MINUTES for the Special**  
**Meeting of Council**  
**16 July 2026**

## 1 Meeting Establishment

YOW NGILIMURR BUKU'LUNGTHUN DHIYAK MEETINGU GA MALA DJARRYUN ROM

The Chair opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:15 am.

### Members in Attendance:

President Lapulung Dhamarrandji  
Deputy President Stephen Dhamarrandji  
Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji  
Cr. Ganygulpa Dhurrkay  
Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra  
Cr. David Warraya  
Cr. Marrpalawuy Marika  
Cr. Lirripiya Mununggurr

### East Arnhem Regional Council Staff:

Dale Keehne (Chief Executive Officer)  
Signe Balodis (Director – Council Services)  
Divyan Ahimaz (Director – Community Services)  
Hoang Tran (ICT Manager)  
Bruce Hall (Regional Manager – Technical Services)  
Ashleigh Waldron (Governance Support Officer)  
Vivek Gummalla (Strategic Coordinator – Council Services)

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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 2025/309 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Bobby Wunungmurra/Cr. Evelynna Dhamarrandji)

#### That Council:

- (a) **Notes the absence of Jason Mirritjawuy, Cyril Bukulatjpi, Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra, Priscilla Yunupingu**
- (b) **Notes the apology received from Jason Mirritjawuy, Priscilla Yunupingu, Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra**
- (c) **Notes Jason Mirritjawuy, Priscilla Yunupingu, Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra, Cyril Bukulatjpi are absent with permission of the Council.**

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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 2025/313 **RESOLVED** (Cr. Lirrpiya Mununggurr/Cr. Stephen Malwarriwuy Dhamarrandji)

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

## 2 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 GU

## 3 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.

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

## 4 Meeting Close

This page and the preceding pages are the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 16 July 2026 and are to be confirmed.