
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Shari Blumer (Via Zoom), Simon Croce, Jenny Ellis, Manjit Singh Lally, Melissa Marin, Anne Napoli, Christine Stead, Chris Sutton, Laurie Testoni and Dino Zappacosta

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Acting Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Max Turner, Acting Director Sustainable Development, Carel Potgieter and Minute Taker, Hannah Hall

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Jenny Ellis reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country.

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

24/177

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Chris Sutton that an apology be received from Councillor Glen Andrezza and a leave of absence granted, and an application to attend by audio-visual link from Councillor Blumer be granted.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

24/178

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Chris Sutton that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 11 June 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a significant non-pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta
CL04 Licence Agreement - Griffith Community FM Association Inc
Reason – My business is a sponsor of the Association.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
CL01 Adoption Of The Draft Delivery Program 2022/23 - 2025/26 Incorporating The Draft Operational Plan (Budget) For 2024/25 And Long Term Financial Plan Annual Review 2024/25 - 2033/34 (Submission No. 6 only)
Reason – I am a member of the Sikh community in Griffith. I am not an executive committee member of the committee or the Shaheedi Games committee (Sikh Games).

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2022/23 - 2025/26 INCORPORATING THE DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN (BUDGET) FOR 2024/25 AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN ANNUAL REVIEW 2024/25 - 2033/34

Councillors Doug Curran and Jenny Ellis **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that Council adopt the Draft Delivery Program 2022/23 - 2025/26 Incorporating the Draft Operational Plan (Budget) for 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan Annual Review 2024/25 - 2033/34 as attached to the report (refer to Attachment C of the report) including any amendments as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period.

Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Simon Croce **MOVED** the following **AMENDMENT** that Council adopt the Draft Delivery Program 2022/23 - 2025/26 Incorporating the Draft Operational Plan (Budget) for 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan Annual Review 2024/25 - 2033/34 as attached to the report (refer to Attachment C of the report) including any amendments as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period, but only adopt the rate pegging limit of 4.5% for the next financial year.

The **AMENDMENT** was **PUT** and **LOST**.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Simon Croce	Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Melissa Marin	Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Anne Napoli	Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Christine Stead	Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	Councillor Chris Sutton
	Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared LOST by 5 votes to 6.

24/179

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Jenny Ellis that Council adopt the Draft Delivery Program 2022/23 - 2025/26 Incorporating the Draft Operational Plan (Budget) for 2024/25 and Long Term Financial Plan Annual Review 2024/25 - 2033/34 as attached to the report (refer to Attachment C of the report) including any amendments as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	Councillor Simon Croce
Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Jenny Ellis	Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton	Councillor Dino Zappacosta
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 5.

CL02 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025

24/180

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Chris Sutton that:

- (a) Levying of Ordinary Rates and Charges for 2024/2025 Ordinary Rates.
- (i) That Council, having adopted its Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July 2024 and after giving public notice in accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act, 1993 of its draft Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July 2024 and after considering submissions concerning that Plan in accordance with Section 494 of the Local Government Act, 1993 hereby resolve to make and levy an Ordinary Rate consisting of a base amount percentage (minimum charge) and also an ad valorem rate for the residential, farmland and business categories of all rateable land in the Local Government Area as per the following differential rating mix per category:
- Residential - 25% base amount / 75% ad valorem amount levied
 - Business - 10% base amount / 90% ad valorem amount levied
 - Farmland - 30% base amount / 70% ad valorem amount levied
 - Farmland - Irrigable - 20% base amount / 80% ad valorem amount levied
- (ii) The percentage and dollar value of the base amount payable by the making and levying of an ordinary rate for the residential, farmland and business categories is calculated to produce the following minimum base amounts of the total ordinary rate levy:
- Residential - 25% base amount / \$327.00 per rateable assessment
 - Business - 10% base amount / \$330.00 per rateable assessment
 - Farmland - 30% base amount / \$844.00 per rateable assessment
 - Farmland – Irrigable - 20% base amount / \$919.00 per rateable assessment
- (iii) An ad valorem amount for the various rating categories, including residential, farmland and business categories for all rateable land within the Local Government Area for an ordinary rate commencing 1 July 2024 according to the following amounts;
- Residential (75% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero four two seven seven six (\$0.0042776) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the residential category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2022.
 - Business (90% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero six six four zero eight (\$0.0066408) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the business category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2022.
 - Farmland (70% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero two eight five three seven (\$0.0028537) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the farmland category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2022.
 - Farmland – Irrigable (80% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero three five three three six (\$0.0035336) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the farmland (irrigable intensive) category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2022.

- (b) That Council, having adopted its Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July 2024 and after giving public notice in accordance with Section 496(A) of the Local Government Act, 1993 and after considering submissions concerning that Plan, hereby resolve to make and levy a charge of \$25 per residential and business assessment and \$12.50 per residential Strata title assessment and \$5 per business Strata assessment in the urban area for the provision of Urban Stormwater Management Services.
- (c) Waste Management Charges for 2024/2025 (incorporating waste collection, landfill operations, maintenance and capital developments).
- (i) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of three hundred and eighty eight dollars (\$388.00) for the provision of domestic waste management services for each residence for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per week basis of waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not.
- (ii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a domestic waste service charge in respect of vacant residential land an annual charge of fifty three dollars (\$53.00) per assessment.
- (iii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of one hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$128.00) for the provision of domestic waste recycling collection services for each residence for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per fortnight basis of recyclable waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not. For any new assessments for the service, the charge will only become effective upon the commencement of the service and will be charged on a pro-rata basis.
- (iv) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of six hundred and sixty five dollars (\$665.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July 2024 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such a charge to provide the removal as requested on a once per week basis of waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not.
- (v) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of one thousand six hundred and eighty five dollars (\$1,685.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July 2024 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such charge to provide for the removal as requested on a once per week basis of garbage contained in a 660 litre mobile garbage bin from each occupancy, whether rateable or not.
- (vi) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period

commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of two thousand seven hundred and eighty five dollars (\$2,785.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July 2024 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such charge to provide for the removal as requested on a once per week basis of garbage contained in an 1,100 litre mobile garbage bin from each occupancy, whether rateable or not.

- (vii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of two hundred and fifty six dollars (\$256.00) for the provision of industrial/commercial waste recycling collection services for each requested service for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per fortnight basis of recyclable waste contained in two 240 litre mobile garbage bin. For any new assessments for the service, the charge will only become effective upon the commencement of the service and will be charged on a pro-rata basis.

(d) Sewerage Rates and Charges for 2024/2025

- (i) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a residential sewerage charge in respect of residential land an annual charge of nine hundred and ninety nine dollars (\$999.00) per tenement.
- (ii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a residential sewerage charge in respect of non-connected residential land within 75 metres of service, an annual charge of seven hundred and eighty dollars (\$780.00) per assessment.
- (iii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy, the following charges in relation to non-residential properties, in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Sewerage charges for non-residential properties for the 2024/2025 year will be based on:

- Water Consumption (C)
- Sewer Discharge Factor (SDF)
- Annual Access Charge (AC)
- Sewerage Treatment Charge (STC)
- Trade Waste Administration Charge (if applicable) (TWAC)
- Trade Waste Usage Charge (if applicable) (TWUC)
- Trade Waste Discharge Factor (if applicable) (TWDF)

An annual sewer charge of nine hundred and ninety nine dollars (\$999.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of less than five hundred kilolitres per annum (<500 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - Low)

An annual sewer charge of two thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars (\$2,334.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer

system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of greater than five hundred kilolitres but less than eleven hundred kilolitres per annum (>500 to <1,100 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - Medium)

An annual sewer charge of four thousand and eighty three dollars (\$4,083.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of greater than eleven hundred kilolitres per annum (>1,100 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - High)

An annual sewer charge of five hundred and thirty seven dollars (\$537.00) for all non-residential properties not connected to the Griffith City sewer system that are within 75 metres of a water meter connection. No consumption is chargeable.

(iv) Access Charges (based on meter size)

An annual sewer access charge of five hundred and thirty seven dollars (\$537.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 20mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of seven hundred and thirty two dollars (\$732.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 25mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of one thousand one hundred and ninety one dollars (\$1,191.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 32mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of one thousand eight hundred and forty two dollars (\$1,842.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 40mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of two thousand eight hundred and forty four dollars (\$2,844.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 50mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of seven thousand two hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$7,257.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has an 80mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of eleven thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars (\$11,334.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 100mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of twenty five thousand four hundred and thirty four dollars (\$25,434.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 150mm or 200mm connection.

A sewerage treatment charge of two dollars (\$2.00) per kilolitre.

(v) Annual Trade Waste Administration Charge

An annual trade waste administration charge of one hundred and thirty five dollars (\$135.00) for Category One properties.

An annual trade waste administration charge of two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) for Category Two properties.

An annual trade waste administration charge of six hundred and twenty one dollars (\$621.00) for Category Three properties.

A trade waste treatment charge of one dollar and sixty four cents (\$1.64) per kilolitre.

(e) Water Charges 2024/2025

That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 it hereby resolves to make and levy the following charges, in accordance with section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993:

(i) Access Charges

An annual water access charge of one hundred and fifty three dollars (\$153.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 20mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and thirty one dollars (\$231.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 25mm connection.

An annual water access charge of three hundred and sixty three dollars (\$363.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 32mm connection.

An annual water access charge of five hundred and sixty one dollars (\$561.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 40mm connection.

An annual water access charge of eight hundred and sixty seven dollars (\$867.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 50mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two thousand one hundred and ninety dollars (\$2,190.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has an 80mm connection.

An annual water access charge of three thousand four hundred and seventeen dollars (\$3,417.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 100mm connection.

An annual water access charge of seven thousand six hundred and seventy one dollars (\$7,671.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has either a 150mm or 200mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and thirty one dollars (\$231.00) for all land rateable to the Yenda water supply that has a dual connection (one raw meter and one potable meter regardless of meter size).

An annual water access charge of one hundred and fifty three dollars (\$153.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that is within 225 metres of a water main and can be connected to that supply but is not connected. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and ninety one dollars (\$291.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that is part of a neighbourhood or strata title development which has a shared meter. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of six hundred and six dollars (\$606.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of less than one kilolitre per day (<1 kL), these being CBD (C1) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of one thousand and fifty nine dollars (\$1,059.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of more than one kilolitre but less than six kilolitres per day (>1 - <6 kL), these being CBD (C2) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of three thousand eight hundred and fifty eight dollars (\$3,858.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of more than six kilolitres per day (>6 kL), these being CBD (C3) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

(ii) Consumption Charges

A water supply consumption charge of eighty six cents (\$0.86) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply up to a maximum of two hundred kilolitres (200 kL).

A water supply consumption charge of eighty six cents (\$0.86) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to crisis accommodation centres as determined by council.

A water supply consumption charge of one dollar and eighty two cents (\$1.82) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply in excess of two hundred kilolitres (200 kL).

A water supply consumption charge of forty eight cents (\$0.48) per kilolitre for all raw water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply.

A water supply consumption charge of three dollars and nine (\$3.09) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied from designated standpipes at Griffith and Yenda.

A water supply consumption charge of one dollar and fifty five cents (\$1.55) per kilolitre for all non-potable water supplied from designated standpipes at Griffith and Yenda.

The rebate for an additional one hundred kilolitres (100kL) of free water for publicly accessible nature strips or reserves will be available for the 2024/2025 financial year.

(iii) Backflow Charges

An annual backflow prevention testing charge of one hundred and sixty five dollars (\$165.00) per high risk testable backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention testing charge of seventy seven dollars (\$77.00) per medium risk testable backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of fifty one dollars (\$51.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 20mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of fifty four dollars (\$54.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 25mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of sixty six dollars (\$66.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 32mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of sixty nine dollars (\$69.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 40mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 50mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and seven dollars (\$207.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 80mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and fifty two dollars (\$252.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 100mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of three hundred and eighty one dollars (\$381.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 150mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of six hundred and eighteen dollars (\$618.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 200mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 20mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of seventy two dollars (\$72.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 25mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of eighty four dollars (\$84.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 32mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of ninety dollars (\$90.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 40mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of ninety six dollars (\$96.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 50mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and forty three dollars (\$243.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 80mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of three hundred and eighteen dollars (\$318.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 100mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of four hundred and ninety five dollars (\$495.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 150mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of nine hundred and forty five dollars (\$945.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 200mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

(f) Interest on Overdue Rates for 2024/2025

That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, it is determined that in pursuance of Section 566 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the interest rate for overdue rates and charges from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 will be 10.5% per annum as advised by the Office of Local Government.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Simon Croce	Councillor Dino Zappacosta
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 3.

CL03 SHORT TERM LICENCE AGREEMENT - GRIFFITH RODEO CLUB INC.

24/181

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Manjit Singh Lally that:

- (a) Council enter into a short-term licence agreement with Griffith Rodeo Club Inc. for part Lot 563 DP 751743 (estimated at 47.5 hectares) for grazing and part Lot 7008 DP 1024076 for Griffith Rodeo Grounds, Scenic Hill, Griffith.
- (b) The short-term licence agreement to be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy - currently \$651.00 p/a for the 2023/2024 financial year together with the payment of rates and charges, if applicable.
- (c) Council authorise the General Manager to execute the short-term licence agreement on behalf of Council.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	

Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta left the meeting having declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest, the time being 7:41pm.

CL04 LICENCE AGREEMENT - GRIFFITH COMMUNITY FM ASSOCIATION INC.

Councillors Chris Sutton and Christine Stead **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Council approve the renewal of the licence agreement for that part of Lot 7303 DP 1153581, 2-6 Groongal Avenue, Griffith (Jubilee Oval clubhouse) Crown Reserve 1010108, for a new term of Ten (10) years commencing 1 July 2024.
- (b) That the licence agreement continues as follows:
 - i) peppercorn rental of \$1 per annum be charged for the occupation of the clubhouse;
 - ii) rates, water, electricity charges, general repairs and maintenance and all costs associated with the occupation of the clubhouse to be the responsibility of and payable by the Griffith Community FM Association Inc.
 - iii) any major capital works to the clubhouse and surrounds to be approved by Council and payable by the Griffith Community FM Association Inc.
- (c) Griffith Community FM Association are to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration fee, as per Council's adopted Revenue Policy.
- (d) Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli **MOVED** the following **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) Council approve the renewal of the licence agreement for that part of Lot 7303 DP 1153581, 2-6 Groongal Avenue, Griffith (Jubilee Oval clubhouse) Crown Reserve 1010108, for a new term of Ten (10) years commencing 1 July 2024.
- (b) That the licence agreement continues as follows:
 - i) Rental of \$651 per annum be charged for the occupation of the clubhouse;
 - ii) rates, water, electricity charges, general repairs and maintenance and all costs associated with the occupation of the clubhouse to be the responsibility of and payable by the Griffith Community FM Association Inc.
 - iii) any major capital works to the clubhouse and surrounds to be approved by Council and payable by the Griffith Community FM Association Inc.

- (c) Griffith Community FM Association are to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration fee, as per Council's adopted Revenue Policy.
- (d) Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

The **AMENDMENT** was **PUT** and **LOST**.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Simon Croce	Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Melissa Marin	Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Anne Napoli	Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Christine Stead	Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
	Councillor Chris Sutton
	Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 6.

Councillors Manjit Singh Lally and Simon Croce **MOVED** the following **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) Council approve the renewal of the licence agreement for that part of Lot 7303 DP 1153581, 2-6 Groongal Avenue, Griffith (Jubilee Oval clubhouse) Crown Reserve 1010108, for a new term of Ten (10) years commencing 1 July 2024.
- (b) That the licence agreement continues as follows:
 - i) Rental of \$325.50 per annum be charged for the occupation of the clubhouse;
 - ii) rates, water, electricity charges, general repairs and maintenance and all costs associated with the occupation of the clubhouse to be the responsibility of and payable by the Griffith Community FM Association Inc.
 - iii) any major capital works to the clubhouse and surrounds to be approved by Council and payable by the Griffith Community FM Association Inc.
- (c) Griffith Community FM Association are to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration fee, as per Council's adopted Revenue Policy.
- (d) Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

The **AMENDMENT** was **NOT PUT**.

Councillor Melissa Marin **MOVED** that the report **LAY ON THE TABLE** pending further information being reported to Council.

24/182

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Melissa Marin that the report **LAY ON THE TABLE**.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	

Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

24/183

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Chris Sutton that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow for Ms Nicole Thoner to address Council in relation to CL01, specifically regarding the Dog Park Petition, the time being 7:48pm.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta returned to the meeting, the time being 7:48pm.

24/184

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that the meeting resume standing orders, the time being 7:50pm.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

CL05 CONVERSION OF EEO POLICY & MANAGEMENT PLAN FROM INTERNAL TO EXTERNAL COUNCIL POLICY

24/185

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council endorse the Conversion of EEO Policy & Management Plan from Internal to External Council Policy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) Following the public exhibition period, if no submissions are received, the policy will be considered as adopted as at the date of the conclusion of the advertised exhibition period.
- (c) If any submissions are received during the public exhibition period, a further report will be presented to Council.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

Councillors Christine Stead and Melissa Marin left the meeting, the time being 7:52pm.

CL06 ADOPTION OF (GOV-CP-202318) MODERN SLAVERY POLICY

24/186

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Chris Sutton that Council adopt the draft Modern Slavery Policy (GOV-CP-318) as attached to this report.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting, the time being 7:53pm.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL07 RESPONSES TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

24/187

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Chris Sutton that the report be noted by Council.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	Councillor Dino Zappacosta
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 1.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2024

24/188

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee meeting held on 5 June 2024 be adopted.

Councillor Christine Stead returned to the meeting, the time being 7:54pm.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta asked where the Hanwood Amenities block project is up to, as there seems to have been a halt in works. This was taken **ON NOTICE**.

Councillor Melissa Marin returned to the meeting, the time being 7:55pm.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
Councillor Doug Curran		Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Shari Blumer		
Councillor Simon Croce		
Councillor Jenny Ellis		
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally		
Councillor Christine Stead		
Councillor Chris Sutton		
Councillor Laurie Testoni		
Councillor Dino Zappacosta		

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 1.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2024

Councillor Napoli returned to the meeting, the time being 7:56pm.

Councillor Zappacosta asked for clarification on the location of the development site referred

to in CL02 of the Traffic Committee minutes. This was taken **ON NOTICE**.

24/189

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 June 2024 be adopted.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

MOVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Manjit Singh Lally that the report be noted.

The **MOTION** was **NOT PUT**.

Councillor Simon Croce left the meeting, the time being 8:00pm.

Councillor Simon Croce returned to the meeting, the time being 8:03pm.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta enquired on the status of the works on Kidman Way, Hanwood. The Director Utilities advised that Council has been working with Murrumbidgee Irrigation in regards to critical works which are causing delays. The General Manager gave his undertaking that he would meet with Murrumbidgee Irrigation as a matter of urgency in regards to this matter.

24/190

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Dino Zappacosta and Simon Croce that Council negotiate as a matter of urgency, rectification of the surface of main road 321 Hanwood

(Kidman Way) as an immediate project.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Set out below is Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to matters which can be dealt with in the closed part of a meeting.

The matters and information are the following:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)**
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer**
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business**
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:**
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or**
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or**
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret**
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law**
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property**
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege**
- (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on Community land.**
- (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.**

24/191

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Melissa Marin that:

- (a) Council resolve to go into closed Council to consider business identified.
- (b) Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provision of section [10A(2)] as outlined above.

The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

Council resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items listed below, and that discussion of the report in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.

CC01 TENDER 2-20/21 - EXTENSION TO CONTRACT - SPRAYED BITUMINOUS SURFACING

Reason: Commercial Advantage 10A(2)(d)

Council closed its meeting at 8:06pm The public and media left the Chamber. Livestream was disconnected.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

24/192

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that Open Council be resumed.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	

Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

Open Council resumed at 8:07pm.

Livestream was reconnected.

Upon resuming open Council the General Manager reported that the following resolutions had been made in Closed Council:

MATTERS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL

CC01 TENDER 2-20/21 - EXTENSION TO CONTRACT - SPRAYED BITUMINOUS SURFACING

24/193

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that Council offer Downer EDI Works an extension to the current contract (Tender 2-20/21) for a further 12 months from 1 September 2024 in accordance with the relevant annual CPI movements and bitumen rise and fall clauses in the tender documentation.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:10pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON