
**LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST 2024 AT 5:00 PM**

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

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General Manager, Brett Stonestreet; Acting Director Sustainable Development, Carel Potgieter; Director Utilities, Graham Gordon; Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst and Minute Secretary, Hannah Hall

Quorum = 3

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Acknowledgement of Country

Griffith City Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land and waters, and their deep knowledge embedded within the Aboriginal community.

Council further pays respect to the local Wiradjuri Elders, past, present and those emerging, for whom we acknowledge have responsibilities for the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of the local Wiradjuri people.

**LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Frank Battistel (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative), John McFadzean (Community Representative), Thomas Mackerras (Community Representative), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Jade Salvestro (Community Representative), Kelvin Williams (Community Representative),

Quorum = 3

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs and Minute Secretary, Hannah Hall

ABSENT

Chris Sutton (Councillor - Alternate), Paul Eldridge (Community Representative), Franco Pistillo (Representative for Member for Murray)

1 APOLOGIES

The Committee noted that an apology was received from Peter Borella.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John McFadzean and Thomas Mackerras that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 April 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Animals at Lake Wyangan

Mr King advised the Committee that Council has progressed with regards to rehoming the animals at Lake Wyangan. The ducks, chickens and cockatoo have been rehomed, however, as the deer are a prescribed species they require a licence to transport. Council are working in consultation with National Parks Wildlife Service and Department of Primary Industries to relocate the kangaroo and emu. The peacock has never been confined to the display area and will continue to roam the Lake Wyangan Foreshore.

3.2 Relocation of pump, and conversion to mains power

The Committee were advised that Council an allocated budget in the 2023/24 budget to relocate the pump at Lake Wyangan and connect it to mains power.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - LAKE WYANGAN

The Committee discussed the Draft Plan of Management for Lake Wyangan, and asked if there was a separate plan for Jack Carson Wildlife Reserve. Mr Gibbs took this on notice and advised that if there was, it would be distributed to the Committee via email.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Tom Mackerras and Frank Battistel that:

- (a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for Lake Wyangan, incorporating Jack Carson Wildlife Reserve (Crown Reserve 159017) and North Lake Wyangan (Crown Reserve 1002998) to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval.
- (b) Upon approval of the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management Lake Wyangan if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (c) Native Title advice has been approved.
- (d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for Lake Wyangan on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.

CL02 TREE DAY PLANTING

The Committee discussed the species of trees to be planted during Tree Planting Day. Ms Munro distributed a pamphlet which contained options for trees and other plants, for consideration by the Committee.

Council will meet with Emma to discuss planting further plants/shrubs on the day.

Tree planting day is 30 July 2024.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Ema Munro and Tom Mackerras that:

- (a) The area identified in Figures 1 and 2 of the report, in proximity to the south-east corner

of the recreation area, is the location designated for tree planting on national Tree Day.

- (b) The Committee determines that the appropriate species to plant are River Sheoak and Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*).

CL03 WATER BODY REHABILITATION - PRESENTED BY EMA MUNRO

Ms Munro provided links to videos in her report to the Committee. Part of each video was played for the Committee.

The Committee discussed the potential for the Lake, and were reminded by Mr Stonestreet that any solution will cost money. The Master Plan for the western foreshore improvements includes the sum of \$200,000 which has been earmarked for the development of a plan to address stormwater drainage from the north west drain.

If the Committee wishes to develop a plan for the scope of works for the Lake, it should be very clear on the scope of works, so that the \$200,000 budget allocation is prudently spent.

Councillor Curran added that although Algae is an issue for the Lake, Council has the added problem of fixing the salt issue due to the Lake being built on an old Gypsum mine.

The Committee discussed inviting an expert in Environmental Science and Landscaping to the meeting for the purpose of providing expertise on a scope of works for Lake Wyangan. Mr King advised that Peter Bacon has previously worked with Council and Lake Wyangan, and suggested that Council investigate his availability and the cost of inviting him to a future committee meeting.

The Mayor, Doug Curran and Brett Stonestreet left the meeting, the time being 5:55pm, and Tom Mackerras assumed the role of Chair.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and Ema Munro that:

- (a) Council investigate the cost of inviting Peter Bacon, environmental scientist to a Committee meeting for the purpose of providing expertise on a scope of works for Lake Wyangan.
- (b) Invite key aboriginal stakeholders for the purpose of further understanding the cultural heritage and land claim sites around Lake Wyangan.

CL04 THE ROLE OF TURTLES - PRESENTED BY EMA MUNRO

The Committee received the information.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

6.1 Replacement of fencing of cultural heritage site

Mr Gibbs advised that Council has obtained a quote for the replacement of the fence on the north side of Jones Road between the causeway and Boorga Road. The quote received was \$42,339. Mr Gibbs advised that this is not in Council's budget.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Neil Cranston and Kel Williams that Council investigate funding options to replace the fencing on the north side of Jones Road between the causeway and Boorga Road for the purpose of protecting cultural heritage sites by way of limited access.

6.2 Aeration of Lake Wyangan

Mr Gibbs suggested that the Council and the Committee investigate an aeration device as part of a scope of works in a future master plan for Lake Wyangan, and potentially using the existing pump once works have been carried out to connect the pump to mains power.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Article tabled by Mr Neil Cranston

Mr Cranston tabled an article titled “Why are fish still dying in the Darling River at Menindee – and what can we do to prevent it?” by ABC News. The article will be distributed the Committee via email.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee is to be held on Thursday, 15 August 2024 at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:54 pm.

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Sediment Retention North Western Drain - Presentation by Dr Peter Bacon Woodlots and Wetlands Pty Ltd**

TRIM REF **24/92450**

The discussion will focus on options to control or prevent sediment and toxins from flowing into the lake from the North Western drain and others.

CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **Planet Ark Tree Day Planting Event Sunday 28 July 2024 - Report from Ema Munro**

FROM **Leanne Austin, Governance Manager**

TRIM REF **24/92487**

SUMMARY

Report provided by Ema Munro is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Information to be noted.

REPORT

Refer to attachment.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 8.4 Implement programs to improve sustainability.

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Planet Ark Tree Day Planting Event [↓](#) 9

Planet Ark Tree Day Planting Event Sunday 28th July 2024

There were 36 participants and we planted 350 seedlings. Rushes, sedges and some trees were planted around the edge of the Fisherman's Swathe area. Guards were placed around the plantings. About 20 trees were planted on the edge of the adjoining grassy slope.

Ema Munro













CLAUSE **CL03**

TITLE **Lake Wyangan Strategic Plan - Report from Tom Mackerras**

FROM **Leanne Austin, Governance Manager**

TRIM REF **24/92489**

SUMMARY

The following report was submitted by Tom Mackerras.

RECOMMENDATION

Committee to note the report.

REPORT

Report attached.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 8.4 Implement programs to improve sustainability.

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Proposed Strategic Plan - Lake Wyangan (confidential)

CLAUSE **CL04**

TITLE **Notice of Motion from Council Meeting 28 May 2024**

FROM **Brett Stonestreet, General Manager**

TRIM REF **24/93486**

SUMMARY

A Notice of Motion was considered at the Council Meeting held 28 May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Committee's consideration.

REPORT

A Notice of Motion was considered at the Council Meeting held 28 May 2024. Refer to Attachment A.

The following was resolved by Council:

NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR JENNY ELLIS, AND THE MAYOR, DOUG CURRAN

24/001

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Glen Andreazza that:

- (a) Council commit to exploring the feasibility of including animal or bird enclosures in future master planning of the Lake Wyangan Parklands.
- (b) Council look for grant opportunities for the development of such enclosures as well as future budget allocations.
- (c) Council explore partnerships with community organisations or businesses (including but not limited to Altina Wildlife Park) for this future endeavour.
- (d) Future master planning for the park area includes plantings and areas that might attract local wildlife.
- (e) Council explore the feasibility of using existing deer enclosure fencing for an off-leash dog park.

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

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

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 5.

Senior Management Team provide the following comments:

03/06/2024: The following SMT Comment was included in the Business Paper in relation to the Notice of Motion as resolved by Council.

“Council has adopted a master plan for improvements to the western recreational foreshore area of Lake Wyangan North. An amount of \$2,030,000 has been budgeted by Council and Stage 1 is scheduled for completion by June 2025. An extract of the priority actions from the plan is attached to this report.

Should Council support the Notice of Motion as printed, Stage 2 of the master plan could be modified to include the above recommendations. Further, Council’s resolution would be referred to the Lake Wyangan and Catchment Committee for consideration as to the timing and planning of the next phase (stage 2) of the master plan for Lake Wyangan”.

This matter will be included on the Agenda for the next Lake Wyangan and Catchment Management Committee meeting.

05/08/2024: Lake Wyangan and Catchment Management Committee meeting to be held 15/08/2024

[LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

This item links to Council’s Strategic Plan item 3.1 Undertake Council activities within a clear framework of strategic planning, policies, procedures and service standards.

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Notice of Motion presented to Council [↓](#)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

TITLE Notice of Motion Received from Councillor Jenny Ellis, and the Mayor, Doug Curran

FROM Jenny Ellis, Councillor
Doug Curran, Mayor

TRIM REF 24/54816

SUMMARY

A Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Jenny Ellis and the Mayor, Doug Curran on Wednesday , 8 May 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Council commits to exploring the feasibility of including animal or bird enclosures in future master planning of the Lake Wyangan Parklands.
- (b) That council look for grant opportunities for the development of such enclosures as well as future budget allocations.
- (c) That Council explore partnerships with community organisations or businesses (including but not limited to Altina Wildlife Park) for this future endeavour.
- (d) That future master planning for the park area includes plantings and areas that might attract local wildlife.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENT

Council has adopted a master plan for improvements to the western recreational foreshore area of Lake Wyangan North. An amount of \$2,030,000 has been budgeted by Council and Stage 1 is scheduled for completion by June 2025. An extract of the priority actions from the plan is attached to this report.

Should Council support the Notice of Motion as printed, Stage 2 of the master plan could be modified to include the above recommendations. Further, Council's resolution would be referred to the Lake Wyangan and Catchment Committee for consideration as to the timing and planning of the next phase (stage 2) of the master plan for Lake Wyangan.

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Notice of Motion

NOM02 Attachment (a) Notice of Motion

8th May 2024

Brett Stonestreet
General Manager Griffith City Council
Griffith NSW 2680

Dear Mr Stonestreet,

We hereby give notice of the following Notice of Motion for the Council Meeting to be held on the 28th of May.

1. That Council commits to exploring the feasibility of including animal or bird enclosures in future master planning of the Lake Wyangan parklands.
2. That Council look for grant opportunities for the development of such enclosures as well as future budget allocations.
3. That Council explore partnerships with community organisations or businesses (including but not limited to Altina Wildlife Park) for this future endeavour.
4. That future master planning for the park area includes plantings and areas that might attract local wildlife.

Yours sincerely



Cr Jenny Ellis



Mayor Doug Curran






Motion for Consideration of Future Animal Enclosures at LW

Final Audit Report

2024-05-07

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TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 24/93506

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) LWCM Action Report [↓](#)

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		<p>exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(c) Native Title advice has been approved.</p> <p>(d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for Lake Wyangan on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.</p>		
15 February 2024	7.1 Aerating the Lake Water	<p>RECOMMENDED on the motion of Frank Battistel and Franco Pistillo that Council:</p> <p>(a) Obtain costings to investigate the cost and benefits of installing water jets to aerate the lake water.</p> <p>(b) Obtain costings for capital works.</p>	Director SD	<p>15/05/2024: Mr Gibbs suggested that the Council and the Committee investigate an aeration device as part of a scope of works in a future master plan for Lake Wyangan, and potentially using the existing pump once works have been carried out to connect the pump to mains power.</p>
16 November 2023	CL02 National Tree Day Community Planting Around Lake Wyangan	<p>RECOMMENDED on the motion of Carmel LaRocca and Neal Cranston that the Committee support the National Tree Day 2024 planting at Lake Wyangan as proposed.</p> <p>Ms Munro is to liaise with Council staff regarding appropriate plants and locations.</p>	Ema Munro	<p>15/02/2024: Ms Munro to liaise with Mr Gibbs, Mr Mackerras and Mr Pistillo regarding plant type and location for planting.</p> <p>15/05/2024: The Committee recommended that River Sheoak and Kurrajong be planted.</p>
16 November 2023	CL01 Lake Wyangan Project Officer Position	<p>RECOMMENDED on the motion of Carmel LaRocca and Thomas Mackerras that:</p> <p>(a) The position of Lake Wyangan Project Officer be removed from Council's Organisation Structure.</p> <p>(b) A further report be prepared for the Committee by January 2026 in regard to the position of Lake Wyangan Project Officer.</p>	GM	<p>15/02/2024: Further report to the Committee in January 2026.</p>

<p>16 November 2023</p>	<p>General Business 7.3 Fencing around Lake</p>	<p>Mr Cranston raised the issue that fencing around the Lake requires attention. Councillor Current advised this would be taken on notice.</p>	<p>Director SD</p>	<p>15/02/2024: Mr Cranston confirmed the location of fence being between the two lakes, on the Eastern side of the North Lake from Boorga Road through to Campbell's Wetlands.</p> <p>15/05/2024: Mr Gibbs advised that quote to replace fence is \$42,339. The Committee recommended that Council investigate funding options to replace.</p>
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