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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

The Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Shari Blumer, Mark Dal Bon, Jenny Ellis, Scott Groat, Anne Napoli, Tony O'Grady, Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni (ZOOM)

**STAFF**

Acting General Manager & Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Acting Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Max Turner, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Takers, Joanne Bollen and Antoinette Galluzzo

**MEDIA**

Cai Holroyd, The Area News

**1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Meeting opened with Councillor Scott Groat reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country.

A Minute's silence was held in respect of the recent passing of Mr Peter Miller.

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

24/333

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Scott Groat that an apology be received from General Manager, Brett Stonestreet and an application to attend by audio-visual link from Councillor Laurie Testoni be granted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

24/334

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 26 November 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

### **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **Pecuniary Interests**

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

Councillor Laurie Testoni

CL04 DA 258/2004(3) Modification of 93 Lot Residential Subdivision and One (1) Detention Basin to Allow One (1) Additional Dual Occupancy Lot

Reason – One of the objectors is an employee of the business I manage.

Councillor Anne Napoli

CC01 Tender No. 05-24/25 - Yoogali Levee Upgrade - Stage 2a & 2b Negotiations Report

Reason – I own a property in McCormack Road Yoogali.

Councillor Shari Blumer

CL11 Renewal of Licence Agreements - Dalton Park R. Salvestro - Area 22, G. D'altorio - Area 13, Riding for Disabled - Area 17, P & M Lane - Areas 9 & 10 and K. Patten - Area 18

Reason – The business I work for often works on the agreements.

Councillor Shari Blumer

CL12 Renewal of Licence Agreement to Robert & Carolyn Provera (Griffith Self Storage) - 4-8 Harris Road, Griffith

Reason – The business I work for often works on the agreements.

Councillor Shari Blumer

CL13 Renewal of Licence Agreement - P&R Piccolo Management Pty Ltd - 18 Car Spaces - 9 Altin Street, Griffith

Reason – The business I work for often works on the agreements.

Councillor Shari Blumer

CL14 Renewal of Licence Agreements - Dalton Park M. McCanna & G. Rennie - Area 20  
And B. Newell - Areas 11 & 12

Reason – The business I work for often works on the agreements.

### **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.*

Staff Joe Rizzo - Director Sustainable Development

DA 138/2024 - Concept Application for the Expansion of GPSO Community Facility and the  
Stage 1 Development Application for a Commercial Laundry

Reason – I have been in discussions with GPSO representatives regarding a vacant position  
on the GPSO Board.

Councillor Laurie Testoni

MM01 Suspension of Alcohol Prohibited Area & Alcohol-Free Zone Restrictions - Yenda  
Place & Memorial Park - Saturday 14 December 2024

Reason – The applicant is from the business I work for.

### **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 Anne Napoli

CL01 DA 87/2024 - Installation of a Crematorium at an Existing Funeral Business

Reason – I have been lobbied in regards to this DA. The outcome of this report will have no  
positive or negative impact on members of my family or to myself.

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL02 DA 113/2024 - Two (2) Separate Crematoriums for Human and Pet Cremation

Reason – I have been lobbied in regards to this report.

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL16 Notice of Motion - Councillor Scott Groat - 4 November 2024 24/302

Reason – I have previously been lobbied by one of the developers mentioned in this report.  
The outcome of this report has no positive or negative effect to my family or to myself.

Councillor Anne Napoli

Notice of Motion - Councillor Jenny Ellis

Reason – I have been lobbied in regards to this Roundabout. The outcome of this report will  
have no gain or loss to any members of my family or to myself.

Councillor Christine Stead

CL01 DA 87/2024 - Installation of a Crematorium at an Existing Funeral Business

Reason – I have spoken to the applicant

Councillor Jenny Ellis

CL02 DA 113/2024 - Two (2) Separate Crematoriums for Human and Pet Cremation

Reason – Some of my friends have put in letters of objection to this DA. I nor my friends  
stand to gain any financial benefit as a result of the determination of this DA.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL02 DA 113/2024 - Two (2) Separate Crematoriums for Human and Pet Cremation

Reason – My brother owns a business at the other end of Battista Street, 450 metres away. My brother has no opinion on this matter, one way or the other. He is neutral on this subject.

## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

*Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting having declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:10pm.*

### **MM01 SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA & ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE RESTRICTIONS - YENDA PLACE & MEMORIAL PARK - SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024**

24/335

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Christine Stead that Council suspend the Alcohol-Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area restrictions on Yenda Place and Yenda Memorial Park from 5.00pm – 10.00pm on Saturday, 14 December 2024 for the Yenda Producers Christmas Event.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.**

*Councillor Laurie Testoni returned to the meeting the time being 7:11pm.*

### **MM02 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - STATEMENTS UNDER SECTION 413(2)(C) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1993**

24/336

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) In accordance with Section 413 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council forward to the Auditor the Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June, 2024.
- (b) Council delegate authority to the following people to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management for the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Purpose Financial Statements:
  - (i) Councillor Doug Curran in his capacity as Mayor or nominee;
  - (ii) Councillor Anne Napoli in her capacity as the Deputy Mayor or nominee;
  - (iii) The Acting General Manager, Graham Gordon; and
  - (iv) Council's Responsible Accounting Officer, Max Turner.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

## **8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **CL01 DA 87/2024 - INSTALLATION OF A CREMATORIUM AT AN EXISTING FUNERAL BUSINESS**

24/337

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Manjit Singh Lally and Peter Woodward to address Council.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

24/338

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the meeting resume standing orders.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

24/339

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Griffith City Council as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, approve Development Application 87/2024 over 172 – 174 Wakaden Street Griffith for a crematorium, subject to conditions.
- (b) Development Application 87/2024 be delegated to the Director Sustainable Development for the preparation and issue of the Notice of Determination.

In accordance with the Local Government Action (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to the matter.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Jenny Ellis	Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

**The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 3.**

### **CL02 DA 113/2024 - TWO (2) SEPARATE CREMATORIUMS FOR HUMAN AND PET CREMATION**

24/340

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Manjit Singh Lally and Daniel Calabro to address Council.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Scott Groat	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

24/341

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the meeting resume standing orders.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Scott Groat	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

24/342

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Tony O'Grady that:

- (a) Griffith City Council as the consent authority pursuant to section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, approve Development Application 113/2024 over 1 – 3 Battista Street Yoogali, subject to conditions.
- (b) Development Application 113/2024 be delegated to the Director Sustainable Development for the preparation and issue of the Notice of Determination.

In accordance with the Local Government Action (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to the matter.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Jenny Ellis	Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

**The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 3.**

*Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo left the meeting having declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 8:02pm.*

**CL03 DA 138/2024 - CONCEPT APPLICATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF GPSO COMMUNITY FACILITY AND THE STAGE 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY**

24/343

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Mark Dal Bon that:

- (a) Griffith City Council as the consent authority pursuant to section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, approve Development Application 138/2024 over 2 – 28 Hebden Street Yoogali and Lots 4004 & 4005 DP 1195887 (MI drainage reserve) for a Concept Development including Stage 1 Commercial Laundry system with future stages of development subject to conditions.
- (b) Development Application 138/2024 be delegated to the Planning & Environment Manager for the preparation and issue of the Notice of Determination.

In accordance with the Local Government Action (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to the matter.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Scott Groat	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

Joe Rizzo returned to the meeting the time being 8:03pm.

Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 8:03pm.

**CL04 DA 258/2004(3) MODIFICATION OF 93 LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AND ONE (1) DETENTION BASIN TO ALLOW ONE (1) ADDITIONAL DUAL OCCUPANCY LOT**

24/344

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Tony O'Grady that:

- (a) Council, as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16(1)(a) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, grant consent to modify Development Application DA 258/2004(3) for ninety three (93) lot residential subdivision and one (1) detention basin, to allow one (1) additional dual occupancy lot at 36 Franco Street Griffith (Lot 100 DP 1126889 child of Lot 2 DP 758469), subject to conditions, including those set out in Attachment 'A' of the report; and
- (b) Development Application 258/2004 be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Development for the preparation and issue of the Notice of Determination.

In accordance with the Local Government Action (section 375A - Recording of voting on planning matters) Council must record the Councillor's vote in relation to the matter.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 1.**

Councillor Laurie Testoni returned to the meeting the time being 8:10pm.

**CL05 ENDORSEMENT OF DRAFT BOARDING HOUSE & CO-LIVING HOUSING POLICY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

24/345

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council endorses the draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy and place the draft policy on exhibition for a period of 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment due to the annual closure period.
- (b) Should any submissions be received, a report be provided to Council.
- (c) Should no submissions be received, the Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy be considered adopted as at the end date of the public exhibition period.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer

Against

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

**CL06 ENDORSEMENT OF CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE POLICY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

24/346

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council endorse the draft Model Code of Meeting Practice, Attachment (a) of the report, including the supplementary provisions.
- (b) The draft Model Code of Meeting Practice be placed on public exhibition 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft Code.
- (c) If any submissions are received, a further report be prepared for Council.
- (d) If no submissions are received, the draft Model Code of Meeting Practice policy be considered as adopted by Council as at the date of the conclusion of the advertised exhibition period.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

**CL07 ENDORSEMENT OF DRAFT COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM POLICY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

24/347

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that:

- (a) Council place the revised draft Policy (FS-CP-601) Community Grants Program on public exhibition for 28 days to provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment due to the annual closure period.
- (b) If any submissions are received, a further report be prepared for Council.
- (c) If no submissions are received, draft Policy (FS-CP-601) Community Grants Program be considered as adopted by Council as at the date of the conclusion of the advertised exhibition period.

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

**CL08 ADOPTION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREAS  
2025-2030**

24/348

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Scott Groat that:

- (a) Council adopt Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas in Griffith, Yenda and Hanwood as described in Attachment (a) and depicted in Attachment (b) and that these be renewed for a maximum duration of four years in accordance with Section 644 and 632 of the Local Government Act, 1993.
- (b) Council declare the parks known as "Griffith Regional Sports Centre", "Jubilee Oval", "Dave Taylor Park", "Hanwood Oval" and "Henderson Oval", "IOOF Park", "Willow Park", "Venetian Park", "Beilby Park", "Yarrabee Reserve", "Ted Scobie Oval", "Griffith Community Gardens", "City Park" and "Yenda Memorial Park" to be Alcohol Prohibited Areas between the hours of 8.00pm to 8.00am for a maximum duration of four years to 9 February 2029, in accordance with Sections 644, 644A-c and 632A of the Local Government Act.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

## **CL09 PROPOSED COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2024 - 2028**

24/349

Councillors self-nominated for positions on the new Committee structure. Those Committees receiving more nominations than available positions required a vote, via show of hands, to take place.

Show of hand voting was required for the General Manager Recruitment Committee as follows:

Councillor Ellis

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady

Councillor Groat

For

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Councillor Napoli

For

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Councillor Stead

For

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer

The names of the three Councillors receiving 5 votes each (Ellis, Napoli & Groat), were placed in a box, with Councillor Napoli's name being drawn out by the Acting General

Manager and therefore being excluded but appointed as an alternate to the Committee.

Show of hand voting was required for the Lake Wyangan and Catchment Management Committee as follows:

Councillor Dal Bon

For

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
 Councillor Scott Groat  
 Councillor Anne Napoli  
 Councillor Tony O'Grady  
 Councillor Christine Stead

Against

Councillor Doug Curran  
 Councillor Shari Blumer  
 Councillor Jenny Ellis  
 Councillor Laurie Testoni

Councillor O'Grady

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
 Councillor Shari Blumer  
 Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
 Councillor Jenny Ellis  
 Councillor Scott Groat  
 Councillor Anne Napoli  
 Councillor Tony O'Grady  
 Councillor Christine Stead  
 Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Laurie Testoni

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
 Councillor Shari Blumer  
 Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
 Councillor Jenny Ellis  
 Councillor Scott Groat  
 Councillor Anne Napoli  
 Councillor Tony O'Grady  
 Councillor Christine Stead  
 Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Dal Bon received 5 votes and was appointed as an alternate to the Committee.

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that

- (a) The Committee structure as attached to this report (Attachment A) be adopted for the 2024-2028 term of Council.
- (b) Council appoint Councillors to Council Committees, for a two year term, as follows:

Committee	Chairperson	Councillor/s	Alternate/s
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Airport (New)	Councillor Christine Stead	Councillors Tony O'Grady & Anne Napoli	
Disability Inclusion & Access	Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillor Laurie Testoni	
General Manager Recruitment Committee (New)	Councillor Doug Curran	Councillors Christine Stead, Jenny Ellis & Scott Groat	Councillor Anne Napoli
Lake Wyangan and Catchment Management	Councillor Doug Curran	Councillors Tony O'Grady & Laurie Testoni	Councillors Mark Dal Bon & Scott Groat
Landfill / FOGO (New)	Councillor Doug Curran	Councillors Christine Stead & Mark Dal Bon	
New Cemetery Masterplan	Councillor Jenny Ellis	Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Pioneer Park Museum	Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillors Laurie Testoni & Jenny Ellis	
Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement (New)	Councillor Shari Blumer	Councillors Mark Dal Bon & Jenny Ellis	
Saleyards (New)	Councillor Scott Groat	Councillors Christine Stead & Doug Curran	
Scenic Hill	Councillor Jenny Ellis	Councillors Laurie Testoni & Tony O'Grady	

- (c) Purpose and scope be determined for new Committees by appointed Committee Chairpersons and Councillors.
- (d) Council advertises for community representation on the above Council Committees in January 2025, with nominations being considered by Councillors appointed to each Committee prior to recommendation to Council in a further report.
- (e) Council write to all previous Committee members to advise of the new Committee structure and of the forthcoming opportunity to nominate for membership.
- (f) At the first meeting of each new Committee, each Committee is to review a draft Terms of Reference for recommendation to Council for adoption.

For  
 Councillor Doug Curran  
 Councillor Shari Blumer

Against

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared **PASSED** by 9 votes to 0.

**CL10 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF GRIFFITH ITALIAN MUSEUM (PIONEER PARK) AND SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL SALAMI FESTIVAL**

24/350

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni that the request for financial assistance of \$14,000 plus in-kind support be included as a funding bid in the preparation of the upcoming 2025/26 Operational Budget and be considered as part of that process.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

The division was declared **PASSED** by 9 votes to 0.

*Councillor Shari Blumer left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 8:46 pm.*

**CL11 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENTS - DALTON PARK  
R. SALVESTRO - AREA 22, G. D'ALTORIO - AREA 13, RIDING FOR DISABLED - AREA  
17, P & M LANE - AREAS 9 & 10 AND K. PATTEN - AREA 18**

24/351

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council enters into licence agreements with the following licensees over Areas of Dalton Park for a period of 10 years. The new term/s shall commence as of 1 January 2025.

R. SALVESTRO – AREA 22  
G. D'ALTORIO – AREA 13  
RIDING FOR DISABLED – AREA 17  
P & M LANE – AREAS 9 & 10  
K. PATTEN – AREA 18

- (b) Each licensee shall be required to pay all applicable costs associated with the preparation of the agreements, together with an administration fee payable to Griffith City Council on the signing of the agreements by all parties.
- (c) Each licensee shall pay an annual rental in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$686 per area for the 2024/2025 FY, in addition to rates and

charges.

- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreements on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.**

**CL12 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT TO ROBERT & CAROLYN PROVERA (GRIFFITH SELF STORAGE) - 4-8 HARRIS ROAD, GRIFFITH**

24/352

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that:

- (a) Council enters into a licence agreement with Provera Management Trust t/as Griffith Self Storage for 3 car parking spaces and access keypad and post located on Council's road reserve on Harris Road, Griffith for a term of 5 years, with a commencement date of 16 November 2024.
- (b) Council advertises its intention to enter into a licence agreement with Provera Management Trust t/as Griffith Self Storage for 3 car parking spaces and access keypad and post located on Council's road reserve in Harris Road, Griffith for a period of 28 days. Should any submissions be received, a report will be presented to Council for consideration.
- (c) Should no submissions be received, Council will enter into a licence agreement Provera Management Trust t/as Griffith Self Storage for 3 car parking spaces and access keypad and post located on Council's road reserve in Harris Road, Griffith for a term of 5 years.
- (d) Provera Management Trust t/as Griffith Self Storage will be required to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the renewal of the licence agreement, together with Council's administration fee, as per Council's adopted Revenue Policy
- (e) The annual licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$65 per space per annum for the 2024/2025 financial year, in addition to rates and charges.
- (f) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence renewal on behalf of the Council under the Common Seal.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady

Against

Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.**

**CL13 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT - P&R PICCOLO MANAGEMENT PTY LTD  
- 18 CAR SPACES - 9 ALTIN STREET, GRIFFITH**

24/353

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council enters into a licence agreement with P&R Piccolo Management Pty Ltd for 18 car parking spaces adjoining 9 Altin Street, Griffith for a term of 5 years, with a commencement date of 1 November 2024.
- (b) Council advertises its intention to enter into a licence agreement with P&R Piccolo Management Pty Ltd for 18 car parking spaces adjoining 9 Altin Street, Griffith for a period of 28 days. Should any submissions be received, a report will be presented to Council for consideration.
- (c) Should no submissions be received, Council will enter into a licence agreement with P&R Piccolo Management Pty Ltd for 18 car parking spaces adjoining 9 Altin Street, Griffith for a term of 5 years.
- (d) P&R Piccolo Management Pty Ltd will be required to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the renewal of the licence agreement, together with Council's administration fee, as per Council's adopted Revenue Policy
- (e) The annual licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$65 per space per annum for the 2024/2025 financial year, in addition to rates and charges.
- (f) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence renewal on behalf of the Council under the Common Seal.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.**

**CL14 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENTS - DALTON PARK  
M. MCCANNA & G. RENNIE - AREA 20 AND B. NEWELL - AREAS 11 & 12**

24/354

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that:

- (a) Council enters into licence agreements with the following licensees over Areas of Dalton Park for a period of 10 years. The new term/s shall commence as of 1 October 2024.

M. McCANNA & G. RENNIE – AREA 20  
B. NEWELL – AREAS 11 & 12

- (b) Each licensee shall be required to pay all applicable costs associated with the preparation of the agreements, together with an administration fee payable to Griffith City Council on the signing of the agreements by all parties.
- (c) Each licensee shall pay an annual rental in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$686 per area for the 2024/2025 FY, in addition to rates and charges.
- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreements on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.**

*Councillor Shari Blumer returned to the meeting, the time being 8:51pm.*

## **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **CL15 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**

24/355

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Christine Stead that the report be noted by Council.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

### **CL16 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SCOTT GROAT - 4 NOVEMBER 2024**

**24/302**

24/356

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Christine Stead that the report **LAY ON THE TABLE.**

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer

Against

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared **PASSED** by 9 votes to 0.

**CL17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - TAMWORTH 17 TO 19 NOVEMBER 2024**

24/357

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Shari Blumer that the report be noted by Council.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Scott Groat	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

The division was declared **PASSED** by 9 votes to 0.

**10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024**

24/358

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 28 November 2024 be adopted.

Councillor Shari Blumer enquired what the status of Council's Risk Management Framework and Appetite was. This was **TAKEN ON NOTICE**.

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Scott Groat	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

The division was declared **PASSED** by 9 votes to 0.

**11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

**12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JENNY ELLIS**

24/359

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Scott Groat that the report be Raised from the Table.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

24/360

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Manjit Singh Lally to address Council.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

24/361

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the meeting resume standing orders.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

Councillor Laurie Testoni

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

*Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo left the meeting, the time being 9:19pm.*

24/362

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) Council approve the naming of the roundabout at Kidman Way and Thorne Road as “Khalsa Chouk,” and the Sikh community covers all associated signage costs.
- (b) Council works to find another way to honour the Forlino family’s contributions in Griffith, respecting their wishes.
- (c) Refer to the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee for consideration to:
  - Develop a framework for naming proposals, ensuring alignment with community values, cultural significance, and existing local ties.
  - Explore ways to reflect Griffith’s multicultural diversity in public spaces, including roundabouts, entrances and other landmarks.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O’Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Christine Stead

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 2.**

### **13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

*Councillors Laurie Testoni and Jenny Ellis left the meeting, the time being 9:20pm.*

24/363

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O’Grady that the report be noted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O’Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.**

*Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo returned to the meeting, the time being 9:22pm.*

## **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.**

24/364

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Scott Groat 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.
- (c) 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.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 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 NO. 05-24/25 - YOOGALI LEVEE UPGRADE - STAGE 2A & 2B  
NEGOTIATIONS REPORT**

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

**CCMM02 SIGNIFICANT SERVICE - CIVIC RECOGNITION**

Reason: Personnel Matters 10A(2)(a)

Council closed its meeting at 9:23pm.

The public and media left the Chamber.

Livestream was disconnected.

**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

24/365

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that Open Council be resumed.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

Open Council resumed at 9:26pm.

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**

*Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 9:23pm.*

*Councillor Jenny Ellis returned to the meeting, the time being 9:23pm.*

**CC01 TENDER NO. 05-24/25 - YOOGALI LEVEE UPGRADE - STAGE 2A & 2B  
NEGOTIATIONS REPORT**

24/366

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Scott Groat that Council

proceeds with Yoogali Levee Upgrade – Stage 2a & 2b construction with B&C Plumbing Pty Ltd based on the revised project cost as shown in Figure 1 of this report.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Scott Groat	
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.**

*Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting, the time being 9:24pm.*

### **CCMM02      SIGNIFICANT SERVICE - CIVIC RECOGNITION**

24/367

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Anne Napoli that:

- (a) Council consider the application presented as a proposal for civic recognition as Freeman of the City
- (b) The request lay on the table for two months and be presented to Council for final resolution.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Scott Groat	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Tony O'Grady	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	

**The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.**

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9:30pm.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON