



## Ordinary Meeting

# BUSINESS PAPER

**Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Griffith City Council Chambers

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## MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ADDRESS COUNCIL IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS

Council generally meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Council Chambers.

### Addressing the Council on Business Paper matters

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council Meetings and address the Council on agenda items provided proper notice is given. Visit Council's website for more information. To apply to address Council on Business Paper matters, please complete an online [Public Address to Council Declaration Form](#) before 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting.

### Notice of Motion via Councillor

You are able to lobby a Councillor to raise a Notice of Motion to have a matter considered by the Council at a future meeting.

### Petition

A petition can be presented to the Council through a Councillor. If you would like to present a petition to an Ordinary Meeting of Council, please contact one of the Councillors to arrange.

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You may write directly to the General Manager about your issue or concern via letter or email. You may contact the General Manager at [admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au) or mail correspondence to: The General Manager, PO Box 485 Griffith NSW 2680.

For more information on public participation refer to [Council's Agency Information Guide](#).

## **Councillors' obligations under the Oath or Affirmation of Office are as follows:**

### **Oath**

I [*name of Councillor*] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Griffith and the Griffith City Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

### **Affirmation**

I [*name of Councillor*] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Griffith and the Griffith City Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

## **Councillors' obligations under the Code of Conduct in relation to conflicts of interest include:**

### [What is a pecuniary interest?](#)

A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3 of the Code of Conduct.

### [Disclosure of pecuniary interests at meetings](#)

A Councillor who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which Council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of Council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.

The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council:

- (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by Council, or
- (b) at any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

### [What is a non-pecuniary conflict of interest?](#)

Non-pecuniary interests are private or personal interests a Council official has that do not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in clause 4.1 of the Code of Conduct. A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.

### [Managing non-pecuniary conflicts of interest](#)

Where Councillors have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter they must disclose the relevant private interest they have in relation to the matter fully and in writing as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the non-pecuniary conflict of interest.

[Click here to lodge an online Conflict of Interest Form.](#)

How Councillors manage a non-pecuniary conflict of interest will depend on whether or not it is significant.

A non-pecuniary conflict of interest will be significant where it does not involve a pecuniary interest, but it involves:

- (a) a relationship between a Councillor and another person who is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly close, such as a current or former spouse or de facto partner, a relative or another person from the Councillor's extended family that the Councillor has a close personal relationship with, or another person living in the same household.
- (b) other relationships with persons who are affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that are particularly close, such as friendships and business relationships. Closeness is defined by the nature of the friendship or business relationship, the frequency of contact and the duration of the friendship or relationship.
- (c) an affiliation between the Councillor and an organisation (such as a sporting body, club, religious, cultural or charitable organisation, corporation or association) that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly strong. The strength of a Councillor's affiliation with an organisation is to be determined by the extent to which they actively participate in the management, administration or other activities of the organisation.
- (d) membership, as the Council's representative, of the board or management committee of an organisation that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration, in circumstances where the interests of Council and the organisation are potentially in conflict in relation to the particular matter.
- (e) a financial interest (other than an interest of a type referred to in clause 4.6 of the Code of Conduct) that is not a pecuniary interest for the purposes of clause 4.1 of the Code of Conduct.
- (f) the conferral or loss of a personal benefit other than one conferred or lost as a member of the community or a broader class of people affected by a decision.

If the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to a matter under consideration at a Council meeting, Councillors must manage the conflict of interest as if a Councillor had a pecuniary interest in the matter by complying with clauses 4.28 and 4.29 of the Code of Conduct. That is, a Councillor who has a significant non-pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at a Council meeting must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council:

- (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by Council, or
- (b) at any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

If Councillors determine that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is not significant and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest they must explain in writing why they consider that the non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

Councillors should refer to Council's Code of Conduct policy for further information in relation to managing conflicts of interest at Council Meetings.

## **Opening Affirmations**

### Option 1

Let us meet in this Council Chamber in a spirit of fellowship and goodwill to represent all the members of our community in its cultural and religious diversity.

To be honest and objective in all our deliberations.

To respect the views of the residents, the rights of all Councillors to express their opinions without fear or favour and to make decisions for the common good of our community.

### Option 2

Almighty God

We ask that you guide us in our decision making.

Protect us and the community we serve.

Direct our deliberations for the progress of this City and the true welfare of its people.

### Option 3

I ask those gathered to join us now for a few moments of silence as we reflect on our roles in this Chamber. Please use this opportunity for reflection, prayer or thought, to focus on our shared intention to work respectfully together for the well-being of our whole community.

## **Acknowledgment 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.

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

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**MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Griffith City Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 25 March 2025**.

In accordance with Griffith City Council's Code of Meeting Practice and as permitted under the Local Government Act 1993, this meeting is being live streamed and recorded by Council staff for minute taking and webcasting purposes.

No other webcasting or recording by a video camera, still camera or any other electronic device capable of webcasting or recording is permitted without the prior approval of Council.

Those that are participating in this meeting are advised that your image and what you say will be broadcast live to the public and will also be recorded. You should avoid making statements that might defame or offend and note that Council will not be responsible for your actions and comments.

Members of the public may address Council in relation to the items listed in this Agenda by contacting Council on 1300 176 077 by 12.00 pm on the day of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is:

- 1 Council Acknowledgments
- 2 Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence or Attendance by Audio-visual Link by Councillors
- 3 Confirmation of Minutes
- 4 Business Arising
- 5 Declarations of Interest
- 6 Presentations
- 7 Mayoral Minutes
- 8 General Manager's Report
- CL01 p18 Final Endorsement of Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035
- CL02 p24 Adoption of Draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy
- 9 Information Reports
- CL03 p40 Investments as at 28 February 2025
- 10 Adoption of Committee Minutes

- p49 Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held on 6 March 2025
- p53 Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2025
- 11 Business with Notice – Rescission Motions
- 12 Business with Notice – Other Motions
- p57 Notice of Motion - Councillor Tony O'Grady
- p60 Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Neighbourhood House Update and Council Owned Properties
- p65 Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Naming of Median Strip
- p71 Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Water Use Charges
- p82 Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Back Your Neighbour
- 13 Outstanding Action Report
- p98 Outstanding Action Report
- 14 Matters to be dealt with by Closed Council
- CC01 Minutes of the General Manager Recruitment Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2025
- 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 10A(2) (d)

**Brett Stonestreet**

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025 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

**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, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Takers, Leanne Austin & Antoinette Galluzzo.

**MEDIA**

Cai Holroyd, The Area News

**1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Meeting opened with Councillor Laurie Testoni reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country.

A Minute's silence was held in respect of the recent passing of Mr Tom Marriott.

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

No apologies or requests for leave of absence were received.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

25/057

**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 25 February 2025, 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

Against



Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

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

#### **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

##### **Notice of Motion – Councillor Shari Blumer**

Councillor Blumer issued an apology to Councillors Groat and Napoli in relation to an unintentional comment she made during discussion of the Notice of Motion. Councillors Groat and Napoli accepted the apology.

#### **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.*

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.*

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

##### **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 Laurie Testoni  
CL03 – Petition for Cleanliness & Revitalisation of our City  
Reason – I have had several conversations with Mrs Wood about this petition. No personal loss or gains to myself about this issue.

#### **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Certificate of Thanks – Griffith City to Lake

25/058

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Olga Forner from Griffith CanAssist to present Council with a Certificate of Thanks for its contribution to Griffith City to Lake.

For  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Jenny Ellis

Against

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.**

25/059

**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.**

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

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

### **CL01 SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA - KOOYOO STREET MALL EVENT - PUNJABI MELA - 12 APRIL 2025**

25/060

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Tony O'Grady that Council suspend the Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area restrictions on Kooyoo Street from 5.00pm – 10.00pm on Saturday, 12 April 2025.

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.**

**CL02 QUICK TURN AROUND GRANT - MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (WADE) - HARMONY DAY**

25/061

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Jenny Ellis that Council approves the application for a Quick Turn Around Grant of \$2,121 to Griffith Regional High School (Wade) for Harmony Day activities.

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.**

**9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

**CL03 PETITION FOR CLEANLINESS & REVITALISATION OF OUR CITY**

25/062

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Doreen Wood 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.**

25/063

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

Against

Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

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

25/064

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Tony O'Grady that the petition be received and noted.

Councillor Testoni requested the petition be referred to the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee.

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.**

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2025**

25/065

**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 17 February 2025 be adopted.

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.**

## **11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

## **12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR MARK DAL BON**

Councillors Mark Dal Bon and Anne Napoli moved the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Griffith City Council support in principle, the removal of timed restricted parking on Saturday mornings in Banna Avenue Griffith.
- (b) Council undertake a community survey to inform the level of support for this in-principle decision, with survey results to be reported to Council.
- (c) A further report to Council include an audit of the current timed parking signage in Banna Avenue and a cost to remove and replace signage with the revised restrictions.
- (d) The Report also to consider any changes to other streets in the CBD where timed parking is enforced on a Saturday.
- (e) Council's in-principle decision be referred to the Traffic Committee for feedback to Council.

The Motion was PUT and LOST.

For

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Anne Napoli

Against

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

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

## **13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

25/066

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

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.**

## **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.**

25/067

**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 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 9 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 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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

Council closed its meeting at 7:56pm. The public and media left the Chamber. Livestream was disconnected.

### **REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

25/068

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni 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 8:05pm.

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 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

25/069

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

(a) Council adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the below mentioned Committees for the 2024-2028 term of Council as provided in Attachment A:

- Airport Committee
- Disability Inclusion & Access Committee
- Floodplain Management Committee
- Lake Wyangan and Catchment Management Committee
- Landfill / FOGO Committee

- New Cemetery Masterplan Committee
- Pioneer Park Museum Committee
- Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee
- Scenic Hill User Group
- Saleyards Committee

- (b) Council endorse representatives based on merit to the following Council Committees as recommended by the Committee Chairperson as follows:

Airport Committee – Michael Borg, Robert Ryan, Garry Harriman, Jason Gordon, Roslyn Frawley, Peter Little

Disability Inclusion & Access Committee – Jodie Ridge, Soheil Derakshan, Marilyn Hams, Suzanne Biondo, Geoff Tarr, Jaimee Damini, Ralph Twaddell

Lake Wyangan and Catchment Management Committee – John Tagliapietra, Scott Collis, Jade Salvestro, Frank Battistel, Dr Saroja Nagaraj Gurazada, Lisa Parker, Reginald Brown, Matthew Woodward, Ema Munro, Kelvin Williams, Joel Undy

Landfill / FOGO Committee – Lisa Parker, Susan Forner, Stephen Violi, Wendy Borg, Brian Irvin

New Cemetery Masterplan Committee – Virginia Tropeano, Daniel Calabro/Jake Hubbard (1 Vote), Wendy Collis, Peter Woodward, Pamela Kensett-Smith, Bruno Guidolin, Anthony Kidman

Pioneer Park Museum Committee – Dolf Murwood, Jenna Thomas, Michael Rohan, Robyn Turner, Desma Newman, Peter Taylor, John Nikolic, Virginia Tropeano, Denis Couch, Neil Dal Nevo

Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee – Jenna Thomas, Stephen Parker, Amy Renouf, Kevin Taylor, Ema Munro, Brian Savage, Carmel La Rocca, Simone Murphy, Will Mead, Nicola Thoner, Anthony Kidman

Scenic Hill User Group – Helen Vowles, Sally Bamblett, Lachlan Weymouth, Bruno Guidolin, Ronald Anson, Denis Couch, Desma Newman, Timothy Ellis

Saleyards Committee – Rodney Evans, Donald Barbaro, Grant Elwin

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.**



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

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON

CLAUSE	CL01
TITLE	Final Endorsement of Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035
FROM	Brett Stonestreet, General Manager
TRIM REF	25/24669

### SUMMARY

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Council recently undertook extensive community consultation and reviewed the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The reviewed draft Plan, was presented to Council for endorsement on 28 January 2025.

Council resolved to advertise the Community Strategic Plan and seek submissions for consideration.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Council endorse the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 as attached to the report including proposed amendments recommended in the below table.**

### REPORT

The Community Strategic Plan is the primary document for the future direction of Griffith and the actions to be taken to achieve this direction. It forms the basis for the planning and delivery of services not just by Griffith City Council but also by Federal and State government agencies, non-government agencies, community groups and individuals.

In accordance with Council's resolution of 28 January 2025, the draft CSP 2025-2035 was placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days with the community requested to make submissions on any alterations that they see as relevant to the revised Plan.

Councillors attended a Workshop on 18 February 2025 to provide input and help review the draft CSP.

The public exhibition period closed on 27 February 2025 with the following submissions received:

	Submitter	Comments	Recommendation
1	Council Officer	Amend strategy 3.1 to incorporate risk management principles - Suggested new wording: 3.1 Undertake Council activities within a clear framework of risk management, strategic planning, policies, procedures, and service standards to enhance	Change wording of 3.1 as follows:  Undertake Council activities within a clear framework of <b>risk management</b> , strategic planning, policies, procedures, and service standards to <b>enhance accountability, resilience and informed decision-making.</b>

		accountability, resilience and informed decision-making.	
2	<b>Council Officer</b>	In light of recent community feedback and petition, suggest add another section to Risks and Challenges page 16 - for example The recent closure of several local businesses, particularly retail stores, has impacted our community by reducing employment opportunities and limiting access to goods and services, highlighting the need to support our businesses, encourage investment and promote shopping locally to sustain a strong and vibrant economy.	Add to Risks and Challenges page 16 - <b>The recent closure of several local businesses, particularly retail stores, has impacted our community by reducing employment opportunities and limiting access to goods and services, highlighting the need to support our businesses, encourage investment and promote shopping locally to sustain a strong and vibrant economy.</b>
3 - 10	<b>Eight submissions were received in relation to upgrading the dog park</b>	Comments include: upgrade the dog park, maintain the lawn properly at the park, upgrade and enlarge the dog park, enlarge and upgrade the park, more frequent mowing and watering of the lawn, lights for night and a toy crate, no steps towards fixing dog park.	Comment: This matter has been referred to the Roads, Parks and Pathways Committee for consideration.
11	<b>Murrumbidgee Local Health District</b>	<p>The Your Vision Our Future 2025-2035 supports community health through many general statements. Below are some additional specific objectives and strategies for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure to support active transport is safe, accessible and well connected through Griffith and Villages, and is well promoted through the community.</li> <li>• Open spaces are accessible and available for all of community and there are Council supported opportunities for use e.g., events and physical activities opportunities.</li> <li>• The built environment and CBD areas support health and encourage activity through pram ramps, footpaths, lighting, shade</li> </ul>	<p>Suggested changes:</p> <p>4.1 Make our community <b>healthy and safe.</b></p> <p>4.5 Improve access to local health <b>and support</b> services.</p> <p>4.8 Improve the aesthetic of the City and villages by developing quality places and an enhanced public realm <b>that supports active, healthy and inclusive communities.</b></p> <p><b>Add MLHD to list of partners under Who can help? in section 4. Griffith is a great place to live.</b></p> <p>Comment: Suggested strategies to be considered in development of Delivery Program under 4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 5.5, 5.7, 6.2.</p> <p>Comment: The Liveability</p>

		<p>or awnings, rest stops and water stations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for older residents to be active and participate equally in community are promoted and encouraged.</li> </ul> <p>Other ways you could consider addressing health priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying health issues during community engagement or by using NSW HealthStats and Local Government Area Community Profiles.</li> <li>• Including health priorities in the vision and overarching goals of the plan such as 'community health and wellbeing', 'a healthy community', or 'liveable and healthy neighbourhoods'.</li> <li>• Including health priorities and outcomes in the strategies and performance measures of the plan. See appendices 1 and 2 for more examples.</li> <li>• Highlighting other determinants of health, such as the built environment, access to employment, education, and quality and affordable housing explicitly in the plan.</li> </ul>	<p>section of the CSP lists self-reported health conditions (Census data) and Life expectancy (HealthStats NSW) as some of the measures against the CSP objectives and strategies.</p>
12	<p><b>Destination Riverina Murray</b></p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Destination Riverina Murray is one of 7 regional networks established by the NSW state government to support the growth of the visitor economy. Griffith LGA is located within our regional footprint, and we work closely with the tourism team within the council. Some feedback notes on the plan are as follows: * Consider adding the following regional plans to Pages 17-18,</p>	<p>Add the following regional plans to Pages 17-18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Riverina Murray Destination Management Plan <a href="https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/DRM-Destination-Management-Plan-2022-2030.pdf">https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/DRM-Destination-Management-Plan-2022-2030.pdf</a></li> <li>- Riverina Murray Agritourism Development Strategy <a href="https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-">https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-</a></li> </ul>

		<p>including initiatives and support for Griffith and surrounds. - Riverina Murray Destination Management Plan <a href="https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/DRM-Destination-Management-Plan-2022-2030.pdf">https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/DRM-Destination-Management-Plan-2022-2030.pdf</a> - Riverina Murray Agritourism Development Strategy <a href="https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/DRM-Agritourism-Development-Strategy.pdf">https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/DRM-Agritourism-Development-Strategy.pdf</a></p> <p>It is excellent to see actions 5.3 Promote opportunities for businesses to establish and grow and 5.6 Promote Griffith as a desirable visitor destination. However, the plan has some gaps related to providing services to visitors, which are crucial to the Griffith LGA economy (the latest data from CommBank shows that 32% of the money spent within Griffith local businesses comes from visitors to the LGA). Some suggestions to consider would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consideration of adequate RV/Caravan parking near shops/supermarkets</li> <li>- Installation of dump points</li> <li>- The economic benefits of providing and servicing free camping areas</li> <li>- Actively supporting the growth of weekend or night-time trade and economy.</li> <li>- Support for the Visitor Information Centre</li> <li>- Prioritise the development of a revised Destination/Tourism plan for Griffith, considering the current one expired last year. It is also noted within the plan that one of the key opportunities for Griffith is with the events it runs and supports. One action in the plan related to this is as follows: 4.4 Provide a range of</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.riverinamurray.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/DRM-Agritourism-Development-Strategy.pdf">content/uploads/2024/05/DRM-Agritourism-Development-Strategy.pdf</a> *</p> <p>Suggested change:</p> <p>4.7 Provide a range of sporting and recreational facilities <b>and events.</b></p> <p><b>Add Destination Riverina Murray to list of partners under Who can help? in section 5. Grow our economy</b></p> <p>Comment: The points made in this submission may be addressed in the Delivery Program / Operational Plan under 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 5.3, 5.6.</p>
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		<p>cultural facilities, programs, and events. This action and its location in the plan seem to focus exclusively on cultural events that make Griffith a great place to live. It fails to include the myriad of other visitor-attracting events Griffith City Council supports, including sporting events. There is enormous potential to grow Griffith's economy by supporting and encouraging the growth of these events. It would be great to see some clearer detail in the plan's actions about how tourism businesses will be supported to grow and what form the promotion of Griffith to visitors will take. Please feel free to contact us if you want any additional information.</p>	
13	<b>Staff recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor formatting suggestions</li> <li>• Add the Heavy Vehicle Strategy to Council's Other Plans and Strategies</li> <li>• Name the document "We Are Griffith" in line with the current promotional campaign to promote our City and villages</li> </ul>	<p>Make formatting changes as required.</p> <p>Add the Heavy Vehicle Strategy to Council's Other Plans and Strategies.</p> <p>Add "We Are Griffith" title to document.</p>

### OPTIONS

Council is required to adopt a Community Strategic Plan by 30 June in the year following a Council election.

#### OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications as per Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

### **LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

The Community Strategic Plan is a requirement prescribed in the Local Government Act 1993.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **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.

### **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

Councillors

Community consultation prior to review of the CSP as outlined in ["What our community said 2023-2024"](#).

Public exhibition of CSP from 29 January 2025 to 27 February 2025

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) Draft Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 as exhibited (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (b) Submissions received online (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (c) CSP Submission - Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (d) CSP Submission - Destination Riverina Murray (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL02</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Adoption of Draft Boarding House &amp; Co-living Housing Policy</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Mitchell Noble, Planning &amp; Environment Compliance Officer</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>25/28569</b>

### SUMMARY

A draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy was presented for endorsement for public exhibition. The policy addresses current weaknesses in determining, enforcing and registering lawful and unlawful boarding houses as well as present a standard of classification for both internal and external use.

The draft policy was presented to Council on 10 December 2024 and then put on public exhibition, from which two submissions were received.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Council adopt the draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy with the amendments proposed in this report.**

### REPORT

The objective of this policy is to define and regulate boarding houses & co-living housing to appropriate standards. Griffith City Council officers regularly come into contact with unlawful or potentially problematic housing arrangements that may be classified under several forms of legislation. A boarding house policy will unify these legal concepts and create a standard for enforcement that can be made available both internally and externally.

This policy will detail the appropriate information that determines the difference between a boarding house, co-living housing and other accommodation arrangements, and the steps taken by Council staff to reasonably determine that difference. The process of compliance, consent and registration of boarding houses has been defined in this policy based on the legislation pertaining to it.

Additionally, the policy will educate the community with a clear and reasonable explanation of what Council's responsibilities are, the responsibilities of the property owner and the common issues involving overcrowding, fire and other safety issues, and lawful registration.

The two submissions made in response to the public exhibition and Council's response to these submissions is listed in the following table:

<b>Respondents' details</b>	<b>Submission</b>	<b>Council Response</b>
1. Anonymous	Suggested that landlords follow same laws/ rules as ordinary landlords renting normal dwellings, in regards to providing those living in the premises with 24 hours notice prior to entry to property to show perspective tenants through the dwelling.	A legal and registered boarding house and/or co-living housing arrangement must still follow the NSW Fair Trading guidelines as per the set of rights called 'occupancy principles' for residents. While this submission raises a valuable



	<p>This should be done by way of email or text message to the tenant/s whom have resided there longest. No entry should be made if no communication has been made between landlord and current tenants. I also suggest it should be made mandatory that ALL tenants receive a Rent receipt on payment of fees/ rent.</p>	<p>point about resident's rights, it is beyond the scope of this policy and will likely be captured should registration and proper approvals be sought. It is worth noting that all accommodation must be reasonably fit for purpose under Australian Consumer Law, and that in any instance of using accommodation, a resident may always seek an occupancy agreement by law.</p>
2. Anonymous	<p>Concerns with the policy are:</p> <p>a. Refusal to accept or consider development applications for boarding houses/co-living housing due to existing illegal works will potentially open Council for litigation and appeals to the LEC. Council has a statutory obligation to determine development applications within a timely manner. Council has other mechanisms within the EP&amp;A legislative framework to undertake enforcement action.</p> <p>b. Requiring the illegal works to be undone and then potentially rebuilt in the same way adds undue costs to the development and does little to ensure affordable housing as these costs would be shifted to the tenants.</p>	<p>In addressing point a.) of the submission, the policy has described the process for seeking development consent from pages 4-6 with an aim to educate about the compliance pathway for illegal development. Council concedes that the way this section of the policy is structured could be made clearer to state that approvals can be processed in conjunction with enforcement action options. The second point b.) would also be covered by the proposed amendment. Council assesses illegal works based on safety risks, planning objectives and development controls. Council would not force a demolition of a structure for which there is a relevant development pathway or without legitimate safety concerns. Council compliance will often mandate the owner to seek retroactive compliance for example; a Development Approval for continuous use backed by Building Information Certificate in place of a Construction Certificate to ensure structural integrity.</p>

Due to the submissions made via public exhibition, an amendment has been made to the draft policy attached to better reflect Council's obligations to retroactive approval processes.

## **OPTIONS**

### OPTION 1

As per Recommendation.

### OPTION 2

Any other Resolution of Council.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This policy will provide a legal framework for Council staff and the public, in regard to unlawful boarding houses and co-living housing and how to mandate compliance.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

## **LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

The *Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014*, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Boarding Houses Act 2012* all place Council as the relevant authority to determine and enforce boarding houses under the legislation.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

## **COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

The community will be provided with a legal and transparent guideline for the policing of unlawful boarding houses & co-living housing and how to be compliant.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 5.5 Support diversity in housing options.

## **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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| (a) | Boarding House & Co-Living Housing Policy <a href="#">↓</a> | 27 |
| (b) | Submissions <a href="#">↓</a>                               | 35 |



## Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy XX-CP-000

(PUBLIC POLICY)

### 1 Policy History

Revision No.	Council Meeting Date	Minute No.	Adoption Date
1	10/12/2024	xx/xxxx	dd/mm/yyyy
2	25/03/2025		
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### 2 Policy Objective

The objective of this policy is to define and regulate Boarding houses and Co-living housing to appropriate standards within the Griffith LGA.

This policy will detail the appropriate information that defines the difference between a boarding house and other accommodation arrangements.

Griffith City Council Compliance Officers enforce the definition of a boarding house under the *Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014*, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Boarding Houses Act 2012*. These instruments also allow Griffith City Council to assess development applications for their use.

### 3 Policy Statement

#### 3.1 Background and Definition

- 3.1.1.** Griffith City Council understands that not all share accommodation arrangements should require formal development consent to operate as a boarding house or co-living housing arrangement. These are normally situations where there is no overcrowding of the premises, and no illegal building works have been erected.

This policy is intended to support the relevant legislation and any amendments that legislation experiences in due course. The policy aims to provide the community with a common-sense regulation of unauthorised boarding house or co-living housing development allowing for accommodation that prevents overcrowding and unsafe living arrangements. These accommodation arrangements are a common and recurring problem within the Griffith LGA, and this policy seeks to safeguard the public and residents against exploitation.

For a boarding house or co-living housing to remain in operation, it must meet all the appropriate planning and regulatory standards.



Within the *Boarding Houses Act 2012*, the definition is classified as *boarding premises*, but for the purposes of this policy, *boarding house* will be the term used to describe the definition.

**3.1.2. The purpose of the policy guideline is:**

- a) *To provide certainty to residents, landlords and tenants regarding the registering, licensing, and regulating of unauthorised boarding houses and co-living housing, and*
- b) *To reaffirm that the Griffith City Council has a minimal tolerance approach to unauthorised building works and unauthorised housing accommodation, but is supportive of appropriate shared housing arrangements, and*
- c) *To provide certainty and information to landlords and property owners the relevant information, so they may comply with laws that aim to protect public health and safety, and*
- d) *To provide tenants taking up rental accommodation with relevant information, and*
- e) *To promote tenant/resident safety by way of health, fire and safety measures.*

**3.1.3. What is a boarding house or co-living housing?**

The NSW planning definition of a boarding house (under the many different forms of legislation) is broad and captures most share house accommodation arrangements where room(s) are let for a fee. The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (SEPP) further defines boarding house and co-living housing as similar arrangements but with a number of differences to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* & the *Boarding Houses Act 2012*. The SEPP introduces Co-Living Housing and further defines boarding houses.

For the purpose of any triggered conditions that would classify an accommodation arrangement as either co-living or boarding house, the *Boarding Houses Act 2012* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* will be the respective Acts to define a potential boarding house. The SEPP will be used to define a co-living housing arrangement since it is not mentioned in the *Boarding Houses Act 2012*.

The individual planning distinctions under the SEPP, will be applied for the purpose of gaining consent under the NSW Planning Portal as either co-living housing or a boarding house, while the respective NSW Acts mentioned above will take precedence as classification of a boarding house.



### 3.1.4. Determining the proper classification

When applying the listed definitions (*see Definitions section*), the following table may be used to determine the planning and regulatory compliance needed:

Number of lodgers	Classification & legislation	Compliance pathway
5 lodgers (not including residents)	Classified as a boarding house under the <i>Boarding Houses Act 2012</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cease illegal use if operating without development consent.</li> <li>- apply for use through the NSW Planning Portal and seek development consent.</li> <li>- Register as a boarding house under <i>Boarding Houses Act 2012</i>.</li> </ul>
6 or more lodgers (not including residents)	Could be classified as either: co-living housing under the <i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021</i> , or a boarding house under the <i>Boarding Houses Act 2012</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cease illegal use if operating without development consent.</li> <li>- apply for use through the planning portal and seek development consent.</li> <li>- If a boarding house is chosen or applied, register as a boarding house.</li> </ul>

A boarding house or co-living housing does **not** include any of the following:

- a) a regulated assisted boarding house, which accommodate two or more persons with additional needs,
- b) premises that are used as a hotel, motel or bed and breakfast accommodation,
- c) premises that are used as a backpacker's hostel,
- d) a serviced apartment,
- e) premises that are used to provide accommodation for workers or employees in connection with their work or employment,
- f) premises that are used by an educational body to provide accommodation for its students,
- g) a private health facility,
- h) a nursing home,
- i) a mental health facility,
- j) a public hospital, or a residential care facility,



- k) a retirement village,
- l) social housing premises,
- m) premises used for refuge or crisis accommodation, or accommodation for persons with additional needs.

### 3.1.5. Other shared housing accommodation

There is currently no standard planning definition in NSW for *share house accommodation*. The term is often used to describe a group of unrelated people sharing a dwelling. Often there may be a lease in place but not all lodgers are required to be listed on the lease.

### 3.1.6. Registration of boarding houses

A registrable boarding house under the *Boarding House Act 2012* are a boarding premises that provides beds for a fee or reward, for use by 5 or more lodgers (*not counting any residents who are proprietors or managers of the premises or relatives of the proprietors or managers*).

Registration is done by applying for registration through Fair Trading NSW ([Accommodation registers | NSW Fair Trading](#)) and will be a mandatory aspect of gaining development consent. Once registered with Fair Trading, the owner must also notify Griffith City Council, who will register the boarding house with Council as per this policy.

Proprietors of registrable boarding houses are required to register within 28 days of commencing operations. Registering on the Boarding House Register is a legal obligation. Proprietors of registrable boarding houses **must register with Fair Trading** even if they are already registered with the Office of State Revenue or local Council, or licensed by Ageing Disability & Home Care.

Failure to register as a boarding house or to notify Fair Trading is an offense under the *Boarding Houses Act 2012* and severe penalty notices can be applicable.

## 3.2. Seeking development consent to operate a boarding house or co-living housing

Boarding houses and co-living housing are a permissible development, with consent, in Griffith City Council in the following zones:

- Zone R1 – General Residential
- Zone R3 – Medium Density Residential
- Zone R5 – Large Lot Residential



- Zone E1 - Local Centre
- Zone MU1 – Mixed Use

Boarding houses and co-living housing cannot be approved in any zone not listed above, and must discontinue use or face compliance enforcement. To convert an existing dwelling to a boarding house or co-living housing, prior development consent is required for the use and/or required for any unauthorised building works.

Council has the authority to assess the appropriate enforcement actions for an unlawful boarding house or co-living housing dwelling based upon safety risks, planning objectives and development controls. Any unlawful structures or use, may be subject to enforcement under the appropriate legislation in conjunction with any potential retroactive approval processes.

~~Before a Development Application for a boarding house or co-living housing suspected as operating as an illegal development can be determined, the following Council resolution must be complied with:-~~

~~“That Council refuse to consider DA’s for boarding houses or co-living housing that are operating illegally until they are fined and/or any illegal developments/structures found on the premises restored to an unmodified state and/or the use of illegal development has ceased”.~~

~~Therefore, the following must occur before a development application for a boarding house or co-living housing arrangement can be considered:~~

- ~~• The house is converted back to its original status.~~
- ~~• The illegal use has ceased.~~

Property owners interested in seeking development approval for a boarding house or co-living housing arrangement are encouraged to consult the following documentation:

- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*
- *Griffith Residential Development Control Plan 2020 – Part 6 Boarding Houses*
- *Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014.*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203*
- *Boarding Houses Act 2012 No 74*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
- *Public Health Regulation 2022*
- *Building Code of Australia*
- *Residential Tenancies Act 2010 No 42*



Supporting information required to accompany a development application that seeks to convert an existing dwelling to a boarding house or co-living housing arrangement may include but is not limited to:

- a) *A Building Code of Australia (BCA) Compliance Assessment Report*
- b) *Statement of Environmental Effects*
- c) *Plan of Management*
- d) *A Waste Management Plan*
- e) *Site plan, floor plan & elevations*

The considerations that Council will be analyzing and making determinations upon are:

- a) *Permitted use of the property / consent conditions / zone of property.*
- b) *Access for residents with a disability.*
- c) *The building classification under BCA based on size and number of occupants.*
- d) *Fire safety provisions and structural capacity - need to be appropriate for property's use as a boarding house or co-living housing.*
- e) *Parking provisions appropriate for number of tenants.*
- f) *Light and ventilation.*
- g) *Kitchen facilities.*
- h) *General cleanliness.*
- i) *Furniture and fittings.*
- j) *Beds, mattresses, linen, curtains/blinds.*
- k) *Vermin.*
- l) *Minimum room size of 5.5 m<sup>2</sup> per person for co-living housing or 12 m<sup>2</sup> for a single person or 16 to 25 m<sup>2</sup> for a couple for boarding house.*
- m) *Food preparation – if accommodation provides meals and/or is registered as a food business.*

Once all appropriate regulatory and compliance obligations have been met, a development application may be submitted to the NSW Planning Portal and be assessed on its eligibility.

### **3.2.1 Inspections of approved and registered boarding houses**

Council staff will conduct inspections of approved and registered boarding houses on a risk-based approach left to the discretion of staff, based primarily upon complaints and/or reasonable suspicion of safety concerns. The inspection will review the conditions of development consent, health and safety considerations, and the requirements of the Plan of Management, to ensure that the boarding house is being managed according to the consent. There will be a fee applicable for the inspection and will be in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges.

### **3.2.2 Review of the Policy**





This Policy will be reviewed within 3 years of its adoption by Griffith City Council

## 4 Definitions

### 4.1. Definition of a Boarding House

The definition of a boarding house under both *Boarding Houses Act 2012* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* legislation and affiliated planning instruments is a building that:

- a) *Is wholly or partly let in lodgings, and*
- b) *Provides 5 or more lodgers with a principal place of residence for 3 months or more, and*
- c) *May have shared facilities, such as a communal living room, bathroom, kitchen or laundry, and*
- d) *Has rooms, some or all of which may have private kitchen and bathroom facilities, that accommodate one or more lodgers, and*
- e) *Must be managed by a Community Housing Provider (CHP) in perpetuity and*
- f) *Can provide private room sizes ranging from 12 m<sup>2</sup> for a single person or 16 to 25 m<sup>2</sup> for a couple, excluding any space used for private kitchen or bathroom facilities and*
- g) *Must be used for affordable housing and registered by a community housing provider in perpetuity and*
- h) *Must meet minimum standards for communal living areas, communal open space and landscaping and*
- i) *Must be registered as a boarding house through NSW Fair Trading and notify this Council.*

In general terms, a boarding house is where the individual rooms are let.

Tenancy Agreements (Leases) are not mandatory for boarders/lodgers under the *Residential Tenancy Act 2010*.

### 4.2. Definition of Co-living housing

Under the SEPP, the definition of co-living housing in NSW is a building that:

- a) *Is wholly or partly let in lodgings, and*
- b) *Provides 6 or more lodgers with a principal place of residence for 3 months or more, and*
- c) *May have shared facilities, such as a communal living room, bathroom, kitchen or laundry, and*



- d) *Has rooms, some or all of which may have private kitchen and bathroom facilities, that accommodate one or more lodgers, and*
- e) *Must provide a primary place of residence for all occupants – it may not be used for short-term tourist and visitor accommodation, and*
- f) *Must have a manager, who will be responsible for implementing the plan of management for the property. The manager does not have to be always on site but must be contactable by phone 24/7.*

In general terms, a co-living housing arrangement is where the individual rooms are let, but has different conditions to boarding houses.

## 5 Exceptions

Not Applicable

## 6 Legislation

*State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*  
*Griffith Residential Development Control Plan 2020 – Part 6 Boarding Houses*  
*Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014.*  
*Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203*  
*Boarding Houses Act 2012 No 74*  
*Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*  
*Public Health Regulation 2022*  
*Building Code of Australia*  
*Residential Tenancies Act 2010 No 42*

## 7 Related Documents

Not Applicable

## 8 Directorate

Sustainable Development

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## SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

02 December 2024 - 22 January 2025

### PROJECT NAME:

Draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy



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SURVEY QUESTIONS

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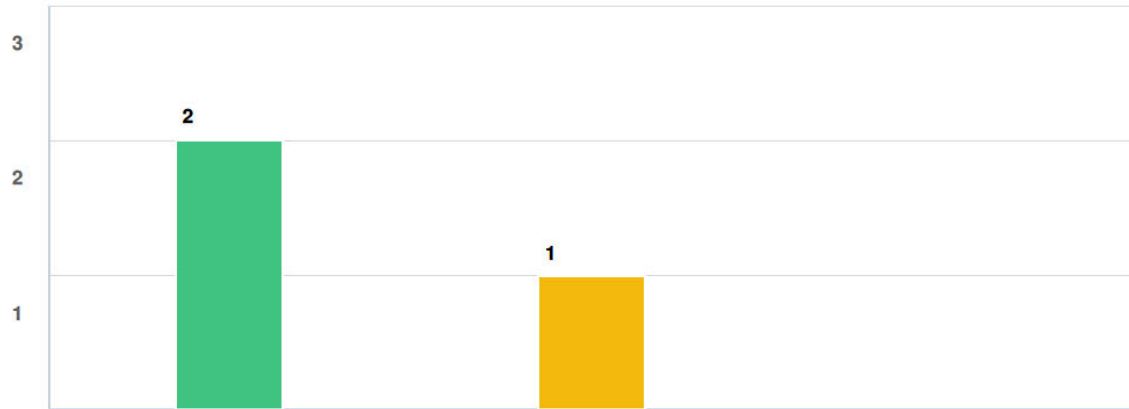
**Optional question** (2 response(s), 0 skipped)

**Question type:** Email Question

Provide feedback on: Draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy : Survey Report for 02 December 2024 to 22 January 2025

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**Q4** Withhold the following personal information from the Business Paper



**Question options**

- Residential Address
- Email Address
- Name

*Mandatory Question (2 response(s))*  
*Question type: Checkbox Question*

Provide feedback on: Draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy : Survey Report for 02 December 2024 to 22 January 2025

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### Q5 | Please provide your feedback

Anonymous

12/14/2024 07:22 AM

As someone who has experience with living in boarding houses and co-living dwellings, my suggestion is that landlords follow same laws/ rules as ordinary landlords renting normal dwellings, in regards to providing those living in the premises with 24 hours notice prior to entry to property to show perspective tenants through the dwelling. This should be done by way of email or text message to the tenant/s whom have resided there longest. No entry should be made if no communication has been made between landlord and current tenants. I also suggest it should be made mandatory that ALL tenants receive a Rent receipt on payment of fees/ rent. These are just a couple of my suggestions if you feel the need for clarification please feel free to contact me

Anonymous

1/21/2025 05:07 PM

Council should be commended for developing a policy for boarding houses or co-living housing. My concerns with the policy are: a. Refusal to accept or consider development applications for boarding houses/co-living housing due to existing illegal works will potentially open Council for litigation and appeals to the LEC. Council has a statutory obligation to determine development applications within a timely manner. Council has other mechanisms within the EP&A legislative framework to undertake enforcement action. b. Requiring the illegal works to be undone and then potentially rebuilt in the same way adds undue costs to the development and does little to ensure affordable housing as these costs would be shifted to the tenants. If the building works comply with the NCC, then having to demolish and rebuild makes no sense.

**Mandatory Question** (2 response(s))

**Question type:** Essay Question

**CLAUSE**      **CL03**

**TITLE**        **Investments as at 28 February 2025**

**FROM**        **Vanessa Edwards, Finance Manager**

**TRIM REF**    **25/28181**

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### **SUMMARY**

This report details Council's year-to-date investments performance as at the month of February 2025.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**The report be noted by Council.**

### **REPORT**

In accordance with Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, it is hereby certified that the investments detailed in the attached schedules have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, its Regulations and Council's current Investment Policy and Strategy which were last amended and adopted on 14 July 2023.

Management is striving to continuously build up cash and investment returns to ensure ongoing financial stability, allocate funds to reserves and provide ongoing liquidity into the future.

### **OPTIONS**

#### **OPTION 1**

As per the Recommendation.

#### **OPTION 2**

Any other Resolution of Council.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The actions taken comply with Council's current investment policy and strategy, and the Ministerial Order as provided by the NSW Office of Local Government.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As at the 28 February 2025, Council had received a total of \$2,253,408 in interest coupon payments.

The overall net interest income recognised (when combining both interest received and mark-to-market entries) at 28 February 2025 was \$2,792,826. The annual revised budget for 2024/25 is \$2,973,000. The attached Statement of Funds report includes the original



adopted budget, as well as the revised budget, to provide a complete understanding of the performance of investments year to date. It is anticipated that a positive adjustment will be made to the overall budget at the March 2025 quarterly review.

Council has a mix of growth and fixed income investments in the portfolio and at certain times growth assets are exposed to equity market fluctuations (volatility) as well as rises in interest rates and may incur non-cash valuation reductions that can impact on reported profits. These are long term assets and Council has no intention of divesting any of these assets when at cyclical lows and therefore crystallising any losses. Invariably, these assets will regain and increase their values over time and they make up a valuable diversity in Council's portfolio overall.

Due to the high volatility across investment markets, it is difficult to obtain cash yields whilst maintaining appropriate diversification of investments and not be exposed to potential fluctuations in the carrying value of these assets. Council's investments are diversified primarily across TCorp Managed Funds, term deposits, fixed income bonds and floating rate notes which are largely determined by the restrictions in place by the Minister's Order. Council's investments are diversified, all highly rated and of high quality.

### **LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 1.1 Provide clear, accessible, relevant information.

### **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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(a) Statement of Funds at 28 February, 2025

**GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL**  
Statement of Funds Invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993  
28 February, 2025

INVESTMENTS

Annual Return	Type	Valuation Balance as at 28 February, 2025	Interest Recognised February, 2025	Revaluation Movements Recognised February, 2025	Fund as a Percentage of Total Investments
<b>Cash/Managed Funds</b>					
5.340%	Pendal Institutional Cash Fund	8,831.53		35.17	0.01%
7.850%	Perpetual Credit Income Fund	1,113,454.07		6,439.40	1.55%
8.85%*	NSW Treasury Corp -Long Term Growth Fund	1,868,443.72		(6,174.27)	2.61%
5.52%*	NSW Treasury Corp -Medium Term Growth Fund	6,020,749.14		23,142.82	8.40%
3.61%*	NSW Treasury Corp - Short Term Income Fund	4,043,290.35	19,152.08	(1,862.24)	5.64%
3.500%	UBS Cash Management Trust Account	73,975.18	326.58		0.10%
3.500%	ANZ Premium Business Saver Account	7,740.09	25.00		0.01%
<b>Term Deposits</b>					
5.050%	AMP 365 Day Term Deposit Maturity 5/6/25	2,000,000.00	8,416.65		2.79%
5.180%	BOQ 183 Day Term Deposit Maturity 10/06/2025	1,099,763.48	4,760.32		1.53%
4.480%	Westpac Bank 2 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 9/9/2026	3,000,000.00	11,200.00		4.18%
4.950%	NAB 2 Year Term Deposit Maturity 9/9/2025	2,000,000.00	8,250.00		2.79%
4.850%	BOQ 2 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 10/6/25	2,000,000.00	8,090.72		2.79%
4.590%	Westpac Bank 18 Month Term Deposit Maturity 30/3/26	3,000,000.00	11,475.00		4.18%
4.880%	ING 3 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 8/11/2025	4,000,000.00	16,355.80		5.58%
4.650%	Westpac Bank Notice Saver 60 Day	2,728,106.16	9,696.90		3.80%
4.550%	Westpac Bank Notice Saver 31 Day	5,772,051.88	20,076.75		8.05%
5.000%	NAB 3 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 9/10/2026	3,500,000.00	14,583.33		4.88%
5.420%	Rabo Bank 1 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 27/06/2025	2,500,000.00	11,291.66		3.49%
5.450%	NAB 1 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 02/07/2025	2,000,000.00	9,083.32		2.79%
5.480%	Rabo Bank 1 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 02/07/2025	2,000,000.00	9,133.32		2.79%
5.250%	Rabo Bank 4 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 25/07/2029	2,000,000.00	10,937.49		2.79%
5.190%	NAB 2 Year Term Deposit Maturity 29/06/2026	2,000,000.00	8,650.00		2.79%
5.300%	Rabo Bank 4 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 26/06/2028	2,500,000.00	11,041.66		3.49%
5.090%	Rabo Bank 5 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 14/01/2030	2,000,000.00	8,483.33		2.79%
<b>Bank Bonds/Floating Rate Notes #</b>					
1.250%	NSW Treasury Corp Bond (\$2.5M Face Value) Maturity 20/3/25	2,496,925.00		5,975.00	3.48%
1.250%	NSW Treasury Corp Bond (\$2M Face Value) Maturity 20/11/30	1,693,880.00		11,020.00	2.36%
2.000%	NSW Treasury Corp Bond (\$2M Face Value) Maturity 8/3/33	1,636,760.00		17,660.00	2.28%
1.750%	Government of the ACT Bond (\$600k Face Value) Maturity 17/5/30	528,288.00		3,036.00	0.74%
4.903%	NAB FRN (\$1.7M Face Value) Maturity 10/05/2027	1,703,859.00	21,671.14	1,649.00	2.38%
4.450%	NAB FRN (\$1.6M Face Value) Maturity 18/10/2027	1,600,480.00		2,624.00	2.23%
4.848%	WBC Floating Bond (\$2.5M Face Value) Maturity 12/12/2025	2,500,900.00		425.00	3.49%
5.172%	WBC Floating Bond (\$2.5M Face Value) Maturity 21/01/2025	1,502,850.00		2,250.00	2.10%
5.179%	Bendigo Adelaide Bank FRN (\$800k Face Value) Maturity 08/05/2027	804,552.00	10,943.82	136.00	1.12%
<b>Total</b>		<b>71,704,899.60</b>	<b>233,644.87</b>	<b>66,355.88</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*YTD Fund Return

# Bank Bonds/Floating Rate Notes will have positive or negative revaluations from month to month. Upon maturity date the principal investment will be paid back in full.

Balance of Griffith City Council Trading Bank Account 10,817,391.06  
GHFL/HHF Bank Account Balances 24,146.70

**Total Cash & Investments at 28/02/2025 82,546,437.36**

RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

Return on Investments Analysis	Actual
Accumulated Return on Investments Brought Forward	2,469,946.24
Interest received on Griffith Health Facilities Limited Bank Accounts YTD February 2025	191.26
Return on Investments for the month of February 2025	300,000.75
Trading Bank Account Interest Received for the month of February 2025	22,687.51
<b>Total Return of Investments YTD February 2025</b>	<b>2,792,825.76</b>

Fund	Original Budget Annual Total	Revised Budget Annual Total	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Ordinary Fund	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	800,000.00	827,568.75
Water Fund	670,000.00	1,020,000.00	945,803.00	1,091,128.03
Sewerage Fund	250,000.00	500,000.00	536,872.00	647,774.48
Waste Fund	250,000.00	250,000.00	166,664.00	222,044.49
Western Riverina Library	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	4,310.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,373,000.00</b>	<b>2,973,000.00</b>	<b>2,451,339.00</b>	<b>2,792,825.76</b>
		Percentage of Year at Report Date		<b>66.67%</b>

In accordance with Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, I hereby certify that the investments detailed above are made in accordance with the Local Government Act, its regulations and Council's investment policy adopted on 14 July, 2023.

RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

**(b) Investments Returns Analysis - 12 month Annualised Yields**

<b>INVESTMENT RETURNS ANALYSIS - 12 MONTH ANNUALISED YIELDS</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Average Funds Invested for the month</b>	<b>Return on Investment/ Revaluation Adjustments</b>	<b>Yield %</b>
Mar-24	\$58,302,926	\$350,050	0.60%
Apr-24	\$54,803,438	-\$85,447	-0.16%
May-24	\$54,025,221	\$263,094	0.49%
Jun-24	\$57,401,074	\$202,223	0.35%
Jul-24	\$64,108,890	\$443,392	0.69%
Aug-24	\$66,824,501	\$321,454	0.48%
Sep-24	\$66,444,946	\$322,607	0.49%
Oct-24	\$67,268,190	\$62,279	0.09%
Nov-24	\$66,657,673	\$448,748	0.67%
Dec-24	\$66,599,699	\$262,196	0.39%
Jan-25	\$69,757,354	\$321,937	0.46%
Feb-25	\$71,650,559	\$300,001	0.42%
<b>12 Month Annualised Performance</b>			<b>4.98%</b>
<b>Current Year Performance Jul 24 - Jun 25</b>			<b>3.70%</b>
<b>(Cash basis only, net of fees)</b>			

## Monthly economic report

### The global economy

Sentiment in financial markets deteriorated in February, with ongoing geopolitical tensions and uncertainty around US tariffs continuing to trigger moves in markets. Although the fundamentals of the US economy remain strong, some weaker-than-expected data in February generated concerns that economic growth may slow. While bad weather contributed to some of the soft outcomes, it is possible that uncertainty around tariffs has caused consumers and businesses to restrict their spending. These concerns saw expectations for rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) increase again, with 2-3 rate cuts expected in 2025 and 1 more in 2026.

Elsewhere, the Bank of England cut interest rates by a further 25bps, to 4.5%, with investors expecting another 2-3 rate cuts in 2025. The Reserve Bank of New Zealand cut rates by 50bps, to 3.75%, continuing its aggressive rate cuts since October 2024. However, the central bank suggested that future rate cuts will occur at a more gradual pace.

In Europe, Germany's election result appears to have boosted sentiment across European equity markets. Investors view the new government as more likely to undertake some fiscal stimulus through higher defence spending and lower taxes.

### The Australian economy

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cut interest rates by 25bps, to 4.10%, the first rate cut of this cycle. Following a run of weaker economic data and downside surprises on wages growth and inflation, the RBA has gained more confidence that inflation is falling sustainably to 2.5%, the midpoint of its target band.

However, RBA communication around the decision was more hawkish than investors had expected. In particular, the RBA Governor noted that investors should not expect a rapid easing cycle as the RBA remains concerned that Australia's tight labour market could still generate inflationary pressures.

Despite a low unemployment rate, the labour market appears to be loosening and contributing to the observed disinflation. Wages growth is clearly decelerating, particularly in the private sector, and leading indicators point to a further slowing. While public sector wages outcomes are likely to remain elevated for longer, this mostly reflects larger wage rises in some Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs). As EBAs are negotiated infrequently, these outcomes are catch-up for the high inflation over the past few years rather than an indicator of current labour market conditions.

## Financial market commentary

Global bond yields fell in February (except for Japan), with the largest falls in the US. Moves in equity markets were mixed, with US and Australian equity markets falling but equity markets in Europe and Hong Kong recording solid gains.

## Equity markets (performance in local currency, excluding dividends)

The US S&P500 fell by 1.4% in February, with softer economic data raising concerns that US economic growth is slowing. Investors are sensitive to any signs that ongoing uncertainty around tariffs is prompting consumers and businesses to curtail spending.

US equities were also dragged down by weakness in the technology sector, with some disappointing earnings reports weighing on the share prices of large firms (including Nvidia). Tesla's share price has fallen sharply since mid-December – after almost doubling around the time of the US Presidential election, Tesla's share price has unwound around three-quarters of this rise.

Australian equities underperformed in February, with the ASX200 falling by 4.2%. The share prices of mining companies were weaker, consistent with the fall in commodity prices in the month. Bank share prices also fell sharply, in response to some weaker earnings reports, with some banks reporting lower net interest margins and higher impaired loans. Profit taking by investors may have also contributed following the strong performance of banks' share prices in 2024.

More broadly, Australian equities have underperformed other advanced economies since the start of this year (except for Japan). European share markets have outperformed, particularly in Germany (+13%). This is despite lingering concerns about the US imposing tariffs on Europe. Germany's election result appears to have boosted sentiment, as the new government raises the prospect of some fiscal stimulus through increased defence spending and lower taxes.

Hong Kong's equity market has also rallied since the start of this year (+14%). This is unlikely to reflect optimism about China's growth prospects, as China's mainland equity market has been weak (-1%). Rather, it could be a sign of pessimism about China's economic outlook there has been a sharp rise in money flowing into Hong Kong's equity market from mainland China.

## Bond yields

US bond yields fell sharply in February, by 33bps, to be back to where they were at the start of December 2024. Weaker-than-expected economic data – particularly on consumer spending and sentiment – raised concerns that US economic growth is slowing. These concerns have been amplified by ongoing uncertainty around tariffs. Expectations for Fed rate cuts increased in response, as the central bank would cut rates further to combat a slowdown in the economy.

Australian 10-year yields declined 14bps, dragged down by US bond yields. The fall was limited by the RBA's hawkish rate cut, which saw bond yields rise as investors pared back their rate cut expectations. TCorp bond yields moved broadly in line with Commonwealth Government bond yields in January, with the 10-year spread ending the month at +70bps.

Bond yield across Europe fell slightly, with no material changes to either the economic outlook or expectations for rate cuts by the European Central Bank in the month.

## Currency and commodity markets

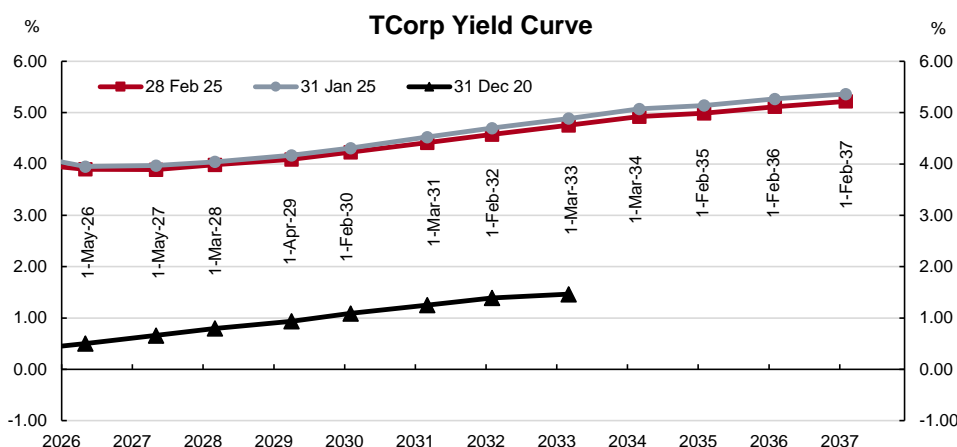
The Australian dollar ended the month unchanged against the US dollar but traded in the US\$0.62 – US\$0.64 range throughout February. Although the fall in US bond yields saw the US dollar weaken against other currencies, the fall in commodity prices weighed on the Australian dollar.

Oil prices fell by 4.7%, more than unwinding the rise in January. Oil prices are currently trading around the bottom of the range over the past year, suggesting that oil prices won't be a source of inflationary pressures in the next few months.

## Financial market performance

Currency markets February 2025	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
AUD/USD	0.622	0.640	0.621	<b>0.621</b>	-0.1% ▼
AUD/EUR	0.600	0.609	0.598	<b>0.598</b>	-0.3% ▼
AUD/JPY	96.50	96.98	93.42	<b>93.53</b>	-3.1% ▼
AUD/GBP	0.502	0.508	0.494	<b>0.494</b>	-1.6% ▼
AUD/BRL	3.634	3.666	3.601	<b>3.654</b>	0.5% ▲
AUD/INR	53.86	55.46	54.29	<b>54.34</b>	0.9% ▲
AUD/CNY	4.505	4.635	4.511	<b>4.519</b>	0.3% ▲
Equity markets* February 2025	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
MSCI World ex Australia	3943	4020	3873	<b>3873</b>	-1.8% ▼
MSCI Emerging Markets	1093	1147	1074	<b>1124</b>	2.8% ▲
S&P/ASX200	8532	8556	8172	<b>8172</b>	-4.2% ▼
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries	3234	3254	3137	<b>3137</b>	-3.0% ▼
S&P500 (US)	6041	6144	5862	<b>5955</b>	-1.4% ▼
FTSE 100 (UK)	8674	8810	8571	<b>8810</b>	1.6% ▲
Stoxx600 (Europe)	540	560	535	<b>557</b>	3.3% ▲
DAX (Germany)	21732	22845	21428	<b>22551</b>	3.8% ▲
CAC 40 (France)	7950	8207	7855	<b>8112</b>	2.0% ▲
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	39572	39461	37156	<b>37156</b>	-6.1% ▼
Hang Seng (HK)	20225	23788	20217	<b>22941</b>	13.4% ▲
Shanghai Composite (China)	3251	3388	3229	<b>3321</b>	2.2% ▲
Bovespa (Brazil)	126135	128552	122799	<b>122799</b>	-2.6% ▼
IPC (Mexico)	51210	54477	51210	<b>52326</b>	2.2% ▲
S&P/BSE Sensex (India)	77501	78584	73198	<b>73198</b>	-5.6% ▼
*Returns are in local currency, and exclude dividend payments					
Bond markets (%) February 2025	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.35	4.35	4.10	<b>4.10</b>	-0.25 ▼
90 Day Bank Bill	4.25	4.23	4.12	<b>4.12</b>	-0.13 ▼
180 Day Bank Bill	4.31	4.32	4.21	<b>4.21</b>	-0.09 ▼
New institutional term deposits	4.50	4.50	4.50	<b>4.50</b>	0.00 –
3 Year CGS Bond	3.82	3.95	3.74	<b>3.74</b>	-0.08 ▼
10 Year CGS Bond	4.43	4.53	4.29	<b>4.29</b>	-0.14 ▼
10 Year US Bond	4.54	4.62	4.21	<b>4.21</b>	-0.33 ▼
10 Year German Bond	2.46	2.56	2.36	<b>2.41</b>	-0.05 ▼
10 Year Japanese Bond	1.25	1.45	1.25	<b>1.38</b>	0.13 ▲

TCorp bonds (%) February 2025	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
20-May-26	3.95	4.04	3.90	<b>3.90</b>	-0.05 ▼
20-May-27	3.97	4.10	3.89	<b>3.89</b>	-0.08 ▼
20-Mar-28	4.04	4.19	3.98	<b>3.98</b>	-0.06 ▼
20-Apr-29	4.17	4.30	4.09	<b>4.09</b>	-0.08 ▼
20-Feb-30	4.31	4.43	4.23	<b>4.23</b>	-0.08 ▼
20-Mar-31	4.52	4.63	4.41	<b>4.41</b>	-0.11 ▼
20-Feb-32	4.70	4.79	4.57	<b>4.57</b>	-0.12 ▼
08-Mar-33	4.88	4.96	4.75	<b>4.75</b>	-0.13 ▼
20-Mar-34	5.07	5.13	4.92	<b>4.92</b>	-0.15 ▼
20-Feb-35	5.14	5.19	4.99	<b>4.99</b>	-0.15 ▼
20-Feb-36	5.27	5.32	5.12	<b>5.12</b>	-0.15 ▼
20-Feb-37	5.36	5.42	5.22	<b>5.22</b>	-0.14 ▼
CIB 2.75% 20 Nov 25	2.54	2.60	2.51	<b>2.54</b>	0.00 ▼
CIB 2.50% 20 Nov 35	2.70	2.78	2.61	<b>2.64</b>	-0.06 ▼



Source: TCorp

Commodity markets (US\$) February 2025	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
Brent Oil (per barrel)	76.8	77.0	72.5	<b>73.2</b>	-4.7% ▼
Iron Ore (per tonne)	104.8	107.8	102.5	<b>102.5</b>	-2.2% ▼

TCorp forecasts	June-25	Dec-25	Jun-26	Dec-26
RBA Official Cash Rate	3.85	3.35	2.85	2.60
90 Day Bank Bill	3.70	3.25	3.00	2.75
10 Year CGS Bond	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50



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**FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN MURRAY ROOM ON  
THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 2:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Scott Groat (Chair), Laurie Testoni (Councillor - Alternate), Steve Manwaring (DCCEEW), Josh Stanbury (NSW SES), Stephen Mortlock (Community Representative), Ian Parisotto (Community Representative), Paul Rossetto (Community Representative), John Kerrigan (Community Representative), Dan Williams (Torrent Consulting) (ZOOM)

Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI) representative not in attendance. MI attend only as invited guests

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Water & Wastewater Manager, Durgananda Chaudhary, Engineering Design & Approvals Manager, Jason Carrozza, Governance Manager, Leanne Austin and Minute Secretary, Joanne Bollen

**1 APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Ema Munro (Community Representative).

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Scott Groat that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

**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**

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

Committee Member, Paul Rossetto

CL07 Response to Letter Received from Yenda Progress Association

Reason – I have family members and friends living and working in the potential flood zone if the Northern Branch Canal is over topped by Mirrool Creek flood waters again.

Committee Member, Ian Parisotto

Reason – EMR Emergency Breaching Protocols

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, informed the Committee that an induction process would be conducted during Clause 1 of the meeting. After the induction, Committee members would have the opportunity to review any declarations they have previously made. He emphasised his obligation to advise the Committee on declarations of interest.

Mr Stonestreet further clarified that when making a declaration, any reference to family members or friends would indicate either a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest or a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, rather than a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest.

## **5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **CL01 INDUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - MANDATORY**

Leanne Austin, Governance Manager, provided an overview of the Committee induction process which Committee members may access on Council's website. Committee members are required to read the Code of Conduct policy and procedures, Code of Meeting Practice policy, Statements to the Media Policy, Social Media Policy, Information Protection Principles and Child Safe policy. Committee members are also required to complete the online policy acknowledgment form. Explanation was provided in relation to the requirement to declare any Conflicts of Interest Committee members may have in their consideration of Committee matters.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Stephen Mortlock that the Committee members note the Committee Induction requirements and complete induction process outlined in this report.

*Leanne Austin left the meeting, the time being 2:18pm.*

### **CL02 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Terms of Reference of the Committee were reviewed and discussed.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Councillor Laurie Testoni that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report, with the following changes made:

- Minimum number for quorum will be 5.
- 7 Community Representatives.

### **CL03 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2025**

The next meeting of the Floodplain Management Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 1

May 2025.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Stephen Mortlock that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2025.

#### **CL04 REVIEW OF LAKE WYANGAN FLOOD STUDY AND FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN**

Dan Williams from Torrent Consulting provided the Committee with an update on the review of the Lake Wyangan Flood Study and Plan.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Paul Rossetto and John Kerrigan that the Committee note the report.

*Dan Williams left the meeting, the time being 3:10pm.*

#### **CL05 PROJECT UPDATE - HANWOOD STORMWATER PUMP AND LEVEE PROJECT**

Water & Wastewater Manger, Durgananda Chaudhary's, update on the Hanwood Stormwater Pump and Levee Project was included in the Agenda.

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, gave a verbal update on the progress of the project.

The main objective of the project is to provide the 1% AEP flood immunity to the Hanwood community.

The project has reached near completion stage, with the remaining works to be finalised by end of March/early April 2025.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Stephen Mortlock and Ian Parisotto that the Committee note the information.

#### **CL06 PROJECT UPDATE - MCCORMACK ROAD YOOGALI LEVEE - STAGE 2 PROJECT**

Water & Wastewater Manger, Durgananda Chaudhary's, update on the McCormack Road Yoogali Levee – Stage 2 Project was included in the Agenda.

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, gave a verbal update on the progress of the project.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 works consist of a levee along McCormack Road and Burley Griffin Way and from McCormack Road to the railway line respectively.

With available funding Council has progressed with the Stage 2 works which consist of two parts:

- (i) Stage 2a - Raising of McCormack Road from Bosanquet Road to Newman Road; and
- (ii) Stage 2b – Raising DC605J channel bank as a levee from Bosanquet Road to Burley Griffin Way.

This project is scheduled to be completed by end of June 2025.

Mr Gordon advised the Committee that Council would investigate alternative construction methodologies for Stage 3 of the project and report back to the Committee in the future.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Stephen Mortlock and Paul Rossetto that the Committee

note the report.

*Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting, the time being 3:46pm.*

#### **CL07 RESPONSE TO LETTER RECEIVED FROM YENDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

Paul Rossetto presented additional questions regarding the response to the Yenda Progress Association Inc. letter. These questions were taken on notice and a response will be drafted to present to the Committee for endorsement.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Stephen Mortlock and Paul Rossetto that the Floodplain Management Committee endorse the draft letter of response to Mr. Paul Rossetto of the Yenda Progress Association Inc. Mirrool Creek Flood spokesman.

#### **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of John Kerrigan and Paul Rossetto that the report be noted.

#### **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **7.1 Leaking Pipe – Corner Beelbangera Road and Myall Park Road**

Paul Rossetto raised the issue of a leaking irrigation pipe at the corner of Beelbangera Road and Myall Park Road near Yenda.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Paul Rossetto and John Kerrigan that:

- (a) Council write to Murrumbidgee Irrigation to request they fix the leak on an underground irrigation pipe at the corner of Beelbangera Road and Myall Park Road near Yenda.
- (b) Once the leak is repaired, Murrumbidgee Irrigation level the surface to accommodate slashing of grass but also to lower the surface to below the Myall Park Road crest to allow future flood water easier access down between the Beelbangera Road and railway line. This will take some pressure off the rising height of flood water trapped in Yenda by the railway line and Murrumbidgee Irrigation unused earth banks remnant from when an open irrigation channel was there.

#### **8 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COMMITTEE**

##### **CC01 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Paul Rossetto and Ian Parisotto that the applications for membership from Joseph Dal Broi and Wendy Quayle be received and membership to the Committee be approved.

#### **9 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Floodplain Management Committee is to be held on Thursday, 1 May 2025 at 2:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4:12pm.

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**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
HELD IN MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON  
TUESDAY, 11 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:51 AM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Anne Napoli (Chair), Jason Hinson (Police Representative), Glenn Smith (Police Representative), Greg Minehan (Transport for NSW Representative, via Teams)

**STAFF**

Development & Traffic Coordinator, Greg Balind, Development & Traffic Engineer, Ronelle Green and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Jason Hinson that apologies be received from Director of Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King and Engineering Design & Approvals Manager, Jason Carrozza.

**Absent:** Michael Rowley (Member for Murray Representative)

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Glenn Smith and Greg Minehan that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 February 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING**

**3.1 Traffic Management – ‘Vintage Festival’ Event 2025**

Mr Balind notified the Committee that the Vintage Festival 2025 is not going ahead. Mr Minehan asked that the organiser be reminded to withdraw their ROL application.

**3.2 Outstanding Action Report – Speed Zone Reviews**

Mr Minehan advised that approval has been given by the Regional Director for Murrumbidgee Avenue / Beaumont Road and a work instruction will come to Council by the end of the week for a quote for installation of the zone. Mr Minehan added that there have been Statewide changes with regards to priority of speed zone assessments. That means timings for local assessments to be undertaken will be extended and therefore impact councils.

## **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 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - BIGGEST LAP MOTOR VEHICLE EVENT 2025**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Glenn Smith that the Traffic Committee:

- (a) Support the implementation of the Traffic Control Plan associated with the 2025 Biggest Lap event on 4 October 2025;
- (b) Note the Traffic Management Plan as submitted;
- (c) Condition approval of the implementation of the traffic control plan on the submission of a valid Certificate of Currency no later than 28 days prior to the event date.

Mr Minehan noted that a Road Occupancy Licence application will need to be submitted for the event.

### **CL02 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - SIKH GAMES 2025**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Jason Hinson that the Traffic Committee raise the report from the table.

Mr Balind presented the Traffic Control Plans prepared for the 2025 Sikh Games to be held on 7 and 8 June 2025. He advised that a valid Certificate of Currency remains outstanding.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Glenn Smith that the Traffic Committee:

- (b) Support the implementation of the Traffic Control Plans relevant to the 2025 Sikh Games.
- (c) Note the Special Event Transport Management Plan.
- (d) Condition the support of the implementation of the Traffic Control Plans at the site on the receipt by Council of a valid Certificate of Currency insurance policy by the close of Council business on 9 May 2025.

### **CL03 SAFETY CONCERNS - CORNER FARRONATO ROAD AND MACKAY AVENUE**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Jason Hinson that the report be raised from the table.

Mr Minehan discussed the issue with the intersection in question being used to perform U-turns on Mackay Avenue to access Liberty Service Station. As there is no centre median strip at the Farronato Road turn off, a 'No-U-turn' sign cannot be placed at this intersection. The Committee questioned whether moving 'No-U-turn' signs further along Mackay Avenue would just transfer the problem to a busier area? A roundabout would be an efficient solution however there are no works currently scheduled on Mackay Avenue by TfNSW and no funding available.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Jason Hinson that the Traffic Committee monitor the intersection of Mackay Avenue and Farronato Road and report back at a future meeting if necessary.

## **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

The Committee discussed and updated the Outstanding Action Report.

### ***Removal of Bus Zones in Speirs Street and Accessible Parking***

Mr Balind advised that Council staff, Mayor Curran and Councillor Napoli have met with East Griffith Public School to discuss the issue. Staff have assessed the area and concluded that disabled parking spaces in Speirs Street could not be implemented without major works including moving kerb and guttering and associated drainage being required. The school will be advised that as a result, it is recommended that any accessible parking will need to be installed on site. This will also ensure that the school will get exclusive use of the parking spaces.

### ***Intersection Hillside Drive / Slopes Road***

Mr Minehan advised the area has been inspected and the review is next on the list after Murrumbidgee Avenue is installed.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Greg Minehan and Jason Hinson that the report be noted.

## **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Speirs Street Bus Zone Removal**

Mr Minehan advised that a 16 Cities meeting was held last week with Griffith Buslines and a formal notification for a service alteration after the removal of the bus zone in Speirs Street will be sent to Buslines shortly. Mr Balind added the request for removal of the two bus zones was sent to the relevant TfNSW department by local bus operators on 2 November 2024. He added that information from bus operators indicated zero passengers had used the Speirs Street service since inception 18 months ago. Due to the buses using a 'hail and ride' system – both the eastern and western bus zones would be removed in the next week.

### **7.2 Griffith Biggest Lap Outstanding Documents**

Sergeant Hinson asked that a Schedule 1 Form be sent to Police for the event.

### **7.3 North Griffith Public School Pickup**

Councillor Napoli informed the Committee that she has recently witnessed unsafe driving and parking behaviour on Kooba Street during school pickup time at North Griffith School. Could something be done to deter unsafe behaviour? Mr Balind to talk to Compliance about their patrolling schedule. Councillor Napoli asked that an email be sent to the school to include reminders about safe driving and parking to be included in the school newsletter.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Traffic Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 8 April 2025 at 10:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 11:15am.



**TITLE** Notice of Motion - Councillor Tony O'Grady  
**FROM** Tony O'Grady, Councillor  
**TRIM REF** 25/29761

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**SUMMARY**

A Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Tony O'Grady on Wednesday, 12 March 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Onsite detention policy CS-CP-404 be reviewed by the Director and be brought before Council for comment.**

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENT**

Please refer to the link below to Councils Onsite Detention Policy.

[cs-cp-404-onsite-detention-local-policy-utilities-directorate.pdf](#)

**ATTACHMENTS**

(a) Notice of Motion - Councillor Tony O'Grady [↓](#)

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## Notice of Motion

### Notice of Motion

**Councillor's Name \*** Cr Tony O'Grady

**Date \*** 12-Mar-25  
02:45:23 PM

**Time \*** 02:45:23 PM

Brett Stonestreet  
General Manager  
Griffith City Council  
GRIFFITH NSW 2680

**Dear Mr Stonestreet,** I In request that the Onsite detention policy CS-CP-404 be reviewed by the director  
**hereby give notice of** and be brought before council for comment.  
**the following Notice**  
**of Motion for the**  
**Council Meeting to be**  
**held as indicated**  
**below: \***

**Council Meeting** 25-Mar-25  
**Date: \***

**Signature \***



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Questions with notice.

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**In relation to Section NA**

**3.13 - Please identify  
the source of funding  
for expenditure if  
applicable: \***

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**TITLE** Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Neighbourhood House Update and Council Owned Properties

**FROM** Doug Curran, Mayor

**TRIM REF** 25/31380

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### **SUMMARY**

A Notice of Motion was received from The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran on Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

Further information can be found in Attachment (b).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing the progress on demolition of the old neighbour house located at 80 Benerembah St.
- (b) The Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing all properties owned by Council in the LGA.

### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENT**

No Comment.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) Notice of Motion - Councillor Doug Curran - Neighbourhood House Update and Council Owned Properties [↓](#) 61
- (b) Neighbourhood House and Council Property NoM - Further Information [↓](#) 63



## Notice of Motion

### Notice of Motion

**Councillor's Name \*** Mayor Doug Curran

**Date \*** 18-Mar-25  
08:38:37 AM

**Time \*** 08:38:37 AM

Brett Stonestreet  
General Manager  
Griffith City Council  
GRIFFITH NSW 2680

**Dear Mr Stonestreet, I hereby give notice of the following Notice of Motion for the Council Meeting to be held as indicated below: \***

A) That Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing the progress on demolition of the old neighbour house located at 80 Benerembah St.  
B) That Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing all properties owned by Council in the LGA.

**Council Meeting Date: \*** 25-Mar-25

**Signature \***



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**In relation to Section 3.13 - Please identify the source of funding for expenditure if applicable: \***

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**Notice of Motion – Mayor Doug Curran**

- a) That Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing the progress on demolition of the old neighbourhood house located at 80 Benerembah St.
- b) That Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing all of the properties owned by Council in the LGA.

**Comment**

I have recently been approached by Turbans 4 Australia requesting the possible use of the old neighbourhood house, this isn't the first request for the premises.

Council has previously passed a motion to demolish the house, I am seeking an update on that demolition, to date or planned.

Further I feel it is a good idea that the current Council, including the new Councillors be aware of the property Council owns in our LGA. There are often times we are approached in regards to some of these premises and knowing what Council owns would be advantageous I feel.

Classification: Public

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**From:** Manjit Lally <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 26 January 2025 8:28 PM  
**To:** Cr Doug Curran <dcurran@griffith.com.au>  
**Subject:** Proposal to Establish a Full-Time Charity Office for Turbans 4 Australia in Griffith

Dear Mayor and General Manager,

I hope this email finds you both well.

I am writing, regarding the establishment of a full-time charity office for *Turbans 4 Australia* in Griffith. This initiative holds significant potential to benefit our community and strengthen the support network for those in need.

In exploring potential sites, the old community center at 80 Benerembah Street came to mind. You may recall that during the previous council term, a motion was passed to demolish this building. However, I believe it could be repurposed as the office and central hub for *Turbans 4 Australia* in Griffith, with the proper refurbishment.

Amar Singh, the CEO of *Turbans 4 Australia*, has indicated that there is potential to secure grants from both state and federal governments to fund the refurbishment of this building. I believe this presents a unique opportunity to not only preserve an existing structure but also create a dedicated space for a charity that has been doing impactful work across Australia.

I kindly request the council's consideration to explore this possibility further. A collaborative approach could help us make this vision a reality, benefitting the community and enhancing Griffith's reputation as a compassionate and inclusive city.

Please let me know a convenient time to discuss this matter further. I would also be happy to coordinate with Amar Singh to provide more details on potential funding opportunities and the charity's requirements for the space.

Thank you for your time and attention to this proposal. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

Thanks

Kind Regards

Manjit Singh Lally  
Griffith NSW Australia 2681  
[REDACTED]



**TITLE** Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Naming of Median Strip

**FROM** Doug Curran, Mayor

**TRIM REF** 25/31385

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### **SUMMARY**

A Notice of Motion was received from The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran on Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

Further information can be found in Attachment (b).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) Council include the name ‘Goslett’ for the purpose of naming the Median Strip between the 2 sections of Ortella Street into the Griffith City Council Road and Park Names Register;**
- (b) Council approves the name of ‘Goslett’ and advertise as required;**
- (c) Council staff liaise with the Goslett family about the location of a donated seat in the park and provide a concrete base for the seat to be placed on.**

### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENT**

The cost to install a concrete pad to support seat is approximately \$1,100 based on recent works completed. Staff would endeavour to complete within the existing Parks and Gardens budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Naming of Median Strip [↓](#) 66**
- (b) Goslett NoM - Further Information [↓](#) 68**



## Notice of Motion

### Notice of Motion

**Councillor's Name \*** Mayor Doug Curran

**Date \*** 18-Mar-25  
08:15:51 AM

**Time \*** 08:15:51 AM

Brett Stonestreet  
General Manager  
Griffith City Council  
GRIFFITH NSW 2680

**Dear Mr Stonestreet, I hereby give notice of the following Notice of Motion for the Council Meeting to be held as indicated below: \***

A) Include the name 'Goslett' for the purpose of naming the Median Strip between the 2 sections of Ortella St into the Griffith City Council Road & Park Names Register;  
B) Council approves the name of 'Goslett' and advertise as required;  
C) Council staff liaise with the Goslett family about the location of a donated seat in the park and provide a concrete base for the seat to be placed upon.

**Council Meeting Date: \*** 25-Mar-25

**Signature \***



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**In relation to Section** Quarterly Review

**3.13 - Please identify  
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applicable: \***

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### **Notice of Motion – Mayor Doug Curran**

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- c) Council staff liaise with the Goslett family about the location of a donated seat in the park and provide a concrete base for the seat to be placed upon

### **Comment**

Mr Roy Goslett recently approached me about placing a seat in the park in Ortella Street commonly known as Goslett Park. Looking at Google Maps, it is known as Goslett Park and quite a few locals in the area also know it as the same, however upon investigation we found that Council had never formally adopted the name.

This Notice of Motion seeks to remedy that situation and have the park officially known as Goslett Park. Also that staff responsible for the upkeep of the park liaise with Mr Goslett about the placement of the seat (as seen in the attached) being donated by the Goslett family and for Council to provide a concrete base for the seat to be secured upon.

Classification: Public

Roy Goslett

[REDACTED]  
Griffith 2680

The Honourable Councillors.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

Griffith City Council.

The Honourable Mayor, Honourable Councillors and General Manager.

**Request to name the Ortella Street Medium Strip with an Enhancement.**

I am writing to you today to lodge a submission and humbly request that the Ortella Street Medium Strip be gazetted as "Goslett Park".

I have lived in Griffith since 1949, in North Griffith since 1968 and at [REDACTED] for over 30 years. The Goslett family has strong links to Griffith with Henderson Oval and Park named after my Grandparents the late Roy and Millicent Henderson of Yoogali.

For the past five years, this medium strip has been known as "Goslett Park" on Google Maps; during that time, it has never been removed or altered; I do not know how that occurred on Google Maps.

I approached the former Mayor, Mr. John Dal Broi, who could not explain why it was named on Google Maps but encouraged me to approach the current mayor.

Mr. Curran informed me that it is known as Ortella Street Medium Strip. The mayor kindly and graciously advised me to write a letter of submission to the council seeking it to be gazetted.

It is my family's desire and wishes to have a metal chair made akin to that what Mr John Curran of Yenda did and that the Curran family installed at the Yenda Cemetery, If the park is gazetted this chair will be made and after being approved by the council, it will be installed in the park at the location of the Councils choice. The family and I strongly believe this will enhance this area as Griffith is well known for its Parks and Gardens, the Goslett Family will gladly cover all costs of the chair and its installation.

In closing, the family and I, humbly request and seek the Honourable Councillors' approval. We thank you in advance for your valuable time and vision with this request to enhance the beauty of Griffith and its progressive and vibrant community.

Yours Sincerely and most Respectfully.

[REDACTED]  
Roy Goslett.



[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]



**TITLE** Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Water Use Charges

**FROM** Doug Curran, Mayor

**TRIM REF** 25/31396

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**SUMMARY**

A Notice of Motion was received from The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran on Tuesday, 18 March 2025.

Further information can be found in Attachment (b).

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing the water use charges for registered sporting organisations and not for profit organisations in the Griffith LGA for FY24.**

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENT**

No Comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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## Notice of Motion

### Notice of Motion

**Councillor's Name \*** Mayor Doug Curran

**Date \*** 18-Mar-25  
08:27:34 AM

**Time \*** 08:27:34 AM

Brett Stonestreet  
General Manager  
Griffith City Council  
GRIFFITH NSW 2680

**Dear Mr Stonestreet, I hereby give notice of the following Notice of Motion for the Council Meeting to be held as indicated below: \*** That Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing the water use charges for registered sporting organisations and not for profit organisations in the Griffith LGA for FY24.

**Council Meeting Date: \*** 25-Mar-25

**Signature \***



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**In relation to Section 50**

**3.13 - Please identify the source of funding for expenditure if applicable: \***

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**Notice of Motion – Mayor Doug Curran**

That Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing the water us charges for registered sporting organisations and not for profit organisations in the Griffith LGA in FY24.

**Comment**

Council had recently received 2 requests from local sporting clubs to provide water to their facilities at reduced or no cost to maintain the facilities which are on Crown land, managed by Council

Whilst it is not my intent to support these requests at this stage, I feel we should be aware of the revenue generated by not only these facilities, but any other Crown land facilities managed by Council but operated by external sporting organisations or not for profit organisations.

Classification: Public



## **Griffith Kart Club inc.**

112 Whites Rd, Tharbogang  
NSW 2680

Email: [griffithkc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:griffithkc.secretary@gmail.com)

8/01/2025

To: Mr Brett Stonestreet  
The General Manager  
Griffith City Council

### **RE: Griffith Kart Club Water usage concession for upkeep of facility for community use**

Dear Mr Stonestreet,

We write to you asking the Griffith City Council, to assist us in further enhancing our facility to be one of the premier kart facilities in Australia. The Griffith Kart Club was formed in 1975 on land at Tharbogang, which was leased to the club and is this year celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

In 2025, after Re-Affiliating with the national body of Karting, Karting Australia, The club will host a total of 8 events, 5 of which will be major meetings getting competitors from all over the country, consisting of Zone, State, and National level events. It is anticipated that each of the larger events will attract between 100 and 200 Participants + pit crews and families and support personnel.

We write, asking Griffith City Council for Support, in the way of Providing the use of Water, for no fees to help maintain and improve the facility. The facility is currently mostly covered in weeds, making maintenance costly and a constant biosecurity threat from unwanted species. consistently spraying weeds with chemicals to help control them.

The current committee has plans to further improve the site. Watering, installing sprinkler systems and expanding the grassed areas, just one of the areas highlighted to make it a better experience for the community.

With grounds that are more presentable and easier to maintain, the club can offer the facility to other community groups, Creating a engaged and connected community, ensuring Griffith is a great place to live, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, while also opening up the facility for events, and gatherings outside of karting.

We have a group of dedicated members, volunteers and committee members who maintain our facility at no cost, but we have very limited capacity to raise funds, and with current costs going up in areas like Insurance and Electricity and thus require Councils assistance.

We hope Council consider this proposal as an investment in our town's reputation, and tourism/sporting industries.

If you would like to meet with us to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Regards Sam Belardo

Club President

Griffith Kart Club

Email: [REDACTED]



PO Box 2217  
GRIFFITH  
NSW 2680

President: Bernie Connolly – [REDACTED]  
Secretary: Carolyn Kidd – [REDACTED]  
griffithjockeyclub@gmail.com  
www.griffithjockeyclub.com.au

The Mayor  
Griffith City Council,  
Griffith NSW 2680  
[dcurran@griffith.com.au](mailto:dcurran@griffith.com.au)  
06/02/2025

Dear Mayor Curran,

### **Water Consumption Charge**

We request that Council reduce the Water Consumption Charge for the Griffith Jockey Club (GJC). This water is used to maintain the race track and is not used in the public enclosure. We are not seeking a reduction in the Water Access Charges, currently \$2,190 per annum, as we consider this more than adequately covers the cost of providing raw water to Dalton Park.

Council currently charges GJC 48c/kilolitre (kl) or \$480/megalitre (mgl) for all water consumed by GJC. (1 mgl = 1,000 kl) Council accesses the water from Murrumbidgee Irrigation (MI), who charges all Councils within its area \$20.61/mgl or 2c/kl as its Usage Charge. This includes the Government Bulk Water Recovery Charge of \$7.44/mgl. MI charges are published on their website and a copy of their Schedule of Charges 2024-25, is attached to this letter with relevant areas highlighted.

The council is charging GJC significantly more than the price it pays MI for the water. We remind the council that GJC is a small not-for-profit organisation that puts on a public event each year for the community. An essential requirement of GJC putting on a Race Day is to provide a turf track that meets all Racing NSW standards of consistency and safety for jockeys and horses alike. To help us achieve this, our average annual water consumption over the past five years has been 3,331kl or 3.33mgl. A small committee of volunteer members undertake the maintenance of the track throughout the year. The race track is also the designated safety area for all horses at Dalton Park in the event of bushfires. We are obligated to keep the track green during the bush fire season.

The GJC appreciate Council's ongoing support and we request that Council's Water Consumption Charge to GJC be the same as MI's Usage Charge of \$20.61/mgl or 2c/kl. The reduced price to apply from the current billing period and in the future.

We look forward to your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
Bernie Connolly  
President - GJC



# Schedule of Charges 2024-25

Effective 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

**Access Charge** (excludes Towns Main Supply)

Connection Type	Flow Rate	Charge	Notes
Unmetered	-	\$1,489	Recovers the cost of operating and maintaining outlets to a property. The charge applies for each outlet on the property. Flow Rate refers to the design flow rate of the outlet.
Mechanical Meter	-	\$1,688	
Low Flow Meter	0-1ML/day	\$1,927	
Small Meter	0.5-6ML/day	\$2,187	
Medium Meter	1-15ML/day	\$2,379	
Medium Large Meter	2-30ML/day	\$2,924	
Large Meter	4-60ML/day	\$3,377	
Extra Large Meter	5-100ML/day	\$3,791	
Custom Meter	>100ML/day	\$4,342	
Meter only (inc pumping licences)	Variable	\$2,059	

**Network and Usage Charges** (excludes Towns Main Supply)

Charge type	Charge	Notes
Customer Account	\$410 inc GST per account	This charge covers the cost of account administration and is applied at the customer account level.
Delivery Entitlement (DE)	\$11.15 per DE	Recovers the cost of operating and maintaining channels and infrastructure.
Usage	\$13.17 per ML	The cost for delivery of water, up to 100% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements.
Excess Usage	\$24.32 per ML	The cost for delivery of water, where usage is in excess of 100% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements, up to 120% of Delivery Entitlements (Usage \$13.17 + Delivery Entitlement \$11.15 per ML).
Casual Usage	\$36.48 per ML	Casual Usage applies to water deliveries in excess of 120% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements or where the customer does not hold any Delivery Entitlements.
Casual Usage Rebate	\$12.16 per ML	A casual usage rebate is available to customers located in parts of the system where no DEs are available to be issued.
<b>Pressurised Supply Systems</b>		The electricity costs incurred to operate IHS pump stations. The information to determine the Energy charge is based on the location of the pump station, the amount of electricity used and the time of day it was used. Charges are calculated every 6 months with customers billed as soon as practicable. Pump station energy charges will be published on MI's website at that time. Customer usage information is available in MI's online water ordering facility.
Energy – Peak & Shoulder Weekdays 7:00am-10:00pm	\$83 to \$425 per ML inc GST	
Energy – Off-Peak All other times	\$21 to \$104 per ML inc GST	
Filtration (per ML used)	\$14.22 inc GST	Filtration charges apply to Stanbridge Pump Stations only.
Conveyance	\$1.29	Conveyance (recovery of conveyance licence charge, net of the Irrigation Corporation & Districts Rebate)

**Network and Usage Charges – Towns Main Supply**

Category	Customer Account	Delivery Entitlement	Usage	Excess Usage*	Casual Usage^	Notes
Towns Main Supply	\$410	\$27.27	\$13.17	-	-	Towns have Special Purpose Access Licences with higher access priority than other customers.

\*The cost for delivery of water, where usage is in excess of 100% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements, up to 120% of Delivery Entitlements.

^Casual Usage charge is applied to water deliveries in excess of 120% of the customer's Delivery Entitlements or where the customer does not hold any Delivery Entitlements.

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**Environmental Watering – NSW Environment & Heritage Group only**

Customer Account	Conveyance Contribution (per ML)	Water Usage (water delivery charge only)	Asset Maintenance
\$410	0.15ML + per ML delivered	\$13.17	At cost + GST

**Government Bulk Water Recovery Charges – for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

Bulk Water Charges are regulated State Government charges determined by IPART and passed through to all customers.

	Fixed Charges (per ML of Water Entitlement)		Usage Charges (per ML of water used)
	High Security	General Security	
WaterNSW Charges	\$4.86	\$1.67	\$5.79
Rural Murray Darling Basin Charges	\$2.17	\$0.75	\$0.43
WAMC Murray Darling Basin Charges	\$0.76	\$0.76	\$0.33
WAMC Charges collected by WaterNSW	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$0.89
<b>Total Charges collected by WaterNSW</b>	<b>\$8.99</b>	<b>\$4.38</b>	<b>\$7.44</b>

**Prudent Discounts**

Prudent discounts are applied to some customers that are able to pump directly from the Murrumbidgee River and would not otherwise use our services. Prudent discounts lower the fixed costs for all customers by increasing network utilisation and revenue for the business.

Usage Charges	
Usage 18,905 – 28,905 ML	\$21.79 per ML
Usage > 28,906 ML	\$20.49 per ML

**Other Charges**

Charge Type	Charge
<b>Garden Licence – Small</b> (includes up to 2ML water allocation)	\$2,183 per annum
<b>Garden Licence – Large</b> (includes up to 4ML water allocation)	\$2,859 per annum
Delivery of water for household and domestic use only	A discount of 50% is applied for licences installed after 1 January.
<b>Residential Connection – Small</b>	\$1,249 per annum
<b>Residential Connection – Large</b>	\$1,404 per annum Government bulk water fixed charges and customer account charge billed separately.
<b>Tanker Fill</b> – filling of a water tanker direct from water source, up to 10,000L. Excludes Council tanker fills.	\$70 per load
<b>Locking and Unlocking of Unmetered Supply for Water Allocation transfer</b>	\$110 inc GST per application
<b>Contractual Non-Compliance Investigation</b>	At cost + GST per hour
<b>Meter Verification</b>	The costs incurred in removing an in-situ meter and sending it to the manufacturer for verification at the customer’s request. The costs incurred will be determined at the time on a case-by-case basis and will depend on make, location, and engineering requirements. Customers will be advised of the costs prior to the meter being removed. See notes for further details.
<b>Waste Water Discharge</b>	Waste Water is defined in MI’s Drainage Use Rules
Application	\$2,700 inc GST per application
Renewal	\$1,680 inc GST per annum
Incident investigation	At cost + GST
Incident investigation - Laboratory	At cost + GST, capped at \$13,000 inc GST
<b>Connection</b>	Physical connection/disconnection of the customer to/from the Murrumbidgee Irrigation network. The costs will be determined at the time of connection or disconnection on a case-by-case basis depending on location and engineering requirements. Customers will be advised of the costs prior to the commencement of Works.
<b>Disconnection</b>	
<b>Capital Contribution to infrastructure</b>	A capital contribution made by a customer participating in an expansion project, in exchange for receiving additional flow rate share. The additional flow rate share will be in proportion to the capital contribution. The cost for each ML of additional flow rate share will be published prior to invoicing.

2024-25 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES – Effective 1 July 2024 (published 14 June 2024)

<b>Capital Contribution to infrastructure – Sturt Benerembah Expansion Project</b>	A capital contribution made by customers participating in the Sturt Benerembah expansion project, in exchange for receiving additional flow rate share. The additional flow rate share will be in proportion to the capital contribution, at a rate of \$12,375 (inc GST) for each ML of additional flow rate share. This project is only available to customers located downstream of the intersection of Gum Creek Road and Lockhart Road.
<b>Capital Contribution to infrastructure – Warburn Tabbita Expansion Project</b>	A capital contribution made by customers participating in the Warburn expansion project, in exchange for receiving additional flow rate share. The additional flow rate share will be in proportion to the capital contribution, at a rate of \$18,150 (inc GST) for each ML of additional flow rate share.
<b>Interest – Charged on accounts from the date which the debt becomes due</b>	Interest is charged at the post-judgment interest rate set by the NSW Supreme Court on debts that have fallen overdue or debts accounted for under agreed payment arrangements.

**General Information**

**This Schedule of Charges should be read in conjunction with our Schedule of Fees, Charges Rules and our Contracts. The following can be found by visiting [www.mirrigration.com.au](http://www.mirrigration.com.au).**

The Schedule of Charges is valid for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. This is the date from which each individual charge applies unless otherwise specified.

**How are the charges determined?**

Murrumbidgee Irrigation runs an integrated network of 3,500km of supply and drainage infrastructure. Underpinning this infrastructure is a network of a mostly fixed assets which drive the majority of our cost base. These fixed costs relate to the size and amount of assets MI owns with the costs charged to customers based on the size and number of assets as well as the supply, maintenance and upgrades performed on these assets.

Capital contributions charges for expansion projects are determined by taking into account the market value of delivery entitlements on that system, as well as calculating the total capital cost of the project, less the portion underwritten by Murrumbidgee Irrigation and apportioning it per ML of flow rate share available. The capital costs underwritten by Murrumbidgee Irrigation are calculated using board approved parameters to ensure a benefit to all customers.

Our Board reviews our pricing structure annually and periodically undertakes an independent economic analysis of cost drivers and network costs. Customer participation is invited throughout this process.

Feedback on our network services is welcome at any time by contacting us. This feedback helps us to identify areas for network development, reconfiguration or retirement and to prioritise our asset management program.

**Government bulk water recovery charges**

The Government bulk water recovery charges relate to the Murrumbidgee Regulated River and the Water Sharing Plan for the Murrumbidgee Regulated River Water Source 2016. Murrumbidgee Irrigation may recover these charges under the Water Entitlements Contract and the Water Delivery Contract. MI recovers the cost of the NSW Government’s contribution to the Murray-Darling Basin Authority for costs related to the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement. MI also recovers the costs of on-river (bulk) water services provided by WaterNSW.

**When are my charges due?**

- Access, Customer Account, Delivery Entitlement, Residential Connections, Government Bulk Water Recovery Charges and Unmetered Usage charges are billed annually in arrears in May.
- Usage and Prudent Discount charges are billed annually in arrears in July.
- Energy and Filtration charges are billed biannually in arrears for the periods July to December and January to June once MI has received the relevant information from the energy supplier.
- Garden Licences and Waste Water Discharge renewals are billed annually in advance in July or upon initial installation.
- Capital contribution charges (other than Sturt Benerembah Expansion Project) require a deposit upon executing an agreement and the balance payable within 28 days after issue of a final invoice at completion of the works.

2024-25 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES – Effective 1 July 2024 (published 14 June 2024)



- Capital contribution charges for Sturt Benerembah Expansion Project will be issued upon executing an agreement.
- Other charges are billed at the time of provision of the service.
- Interest on overdue accounts is charged from the date the debt becomes due. Interest accrues daily and is charged monthly.
- A Meter Verification charge is payable as follows:
  - If the Meter Verification demonstrates the meter is operating within allowable tolerances, the Customer will be responsible to pay the Meter Verification charge.
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Customers experiencing difficulty paying a bill by the due date should contact us on 02 6962 0200. Payment arrangement options may be available.

### **What if I have a question about the charges or my bill?**

Questions and enquiries are always welcome and can be made via:

- **email** [info@mirrigation.com.au](mailto:info@mirrigation.com.au)
- **phone** 02 6962 0200
- **letter** Locked Bag 6010 Griffith NSW 2680

In the event of a dispute over charges, resolution mechanisms are outlined in our Contracts.

**TITLE** Notice of Motion - The Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran - Back Your Neighbour

**FROM** Doug Curran, Mayor

**TRIM REF** 25/31413

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**SUMMARY**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Griffith City Council make application to become a 'Supporter Council' of the 'Back Your Neighbour' campaign.

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENT**

No Comment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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## Notice of Motion

### Notice of Motion

**Councillor's Name \*** Mayor Doug Curran

**Date \*** 18-Mar-25  
08:24:42 AM

**Time \*** 08:24:42 AM

Brett Stonestreet  
General Manager  
Griffith City Council  
GRIFFITH NSW 2680

**Dear Mr Stonestreet, I** That Griffith City Council make application to become a 'Supporter Council' of the **hereby give notice of** 'Back Your Neighbour' campaign. **the following Notice of Motion for the Council Meeting to be held as indicated below: \***

**Council Meeting Date: \*** 25-Mar-25

**Signature \***



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**Notice of Motion – Mayor Doug Curran**

That Griffith City Council make application to become a 'Supporter Council' of the 'Back you Neighbour' campaign.

**Comment**

I was recently invited to attend a meeting of the 'Rural Australians for Refugee's' Griffith branch meeting to discuss the 'Back you Neighbour' campaign by Mrs Will Mead.

At the meeting we discussed the purpose of the campaign and it's alignment to the recently erected signage placed in the Griffith LGA welcoming refugee's and migrants.

Given the very high numbers of citizenships Griffith City Council is doing each year, I feel it is important that we support this important initiative.

There is no application fee as a 'Supporter Council' and our only responsibilities at this stage are;

- i) Support the purpose of the Taskforce.
- ii) Supply organisational logo for use in promotional activities of the Taskforce.
- iii) Encouraged to promote the Taskforce, campaign and associated activities.

It should be noted that Albury City Council and the City of Wagga Wagga are also 'Supporter Members'.

Classification: Public



GRIFFITH

[REDACTED]  
E [REDACTED]  
M [REDACTED]

4 March 2025

Councillor Doug Curran  
Mayor of Griffith

Dear Councillor Curran

**RE: BACK YOUR NEIGHBOUR CAMPAIGN**

Thank you for making time to attend our meeting last Thursday to discuss the Back Your Neighbour Campaign with our members.

The members of Rural Australians for Refugees Griffith request that the Griffith City Council consider signing up for the Back Your Neighbour Campaign.

This advocacy campaign is asking the Federal Government to process asylum claims quickly and to support people till they can move forward with their lives in a positive way.

The Back Your Neighbour Campaign is run by the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum. It was started in 2018 and aims to provide a unified approach by local government to not only advocate for asylum seekers but to also share practical responses to the issues caused by Federal Government policies which are impacting on residents seeking refugee protection. More than 40 Councils have signed up for the Campaign nationwide.

Griffith RAR has been invited to support the Campaign and we have accepted that invitation.

As Griffith City Council is part of the Refugees Welcome Zone initiative and Council has erected "Welcome" signs on the main entry roads into Griffith, we feel this would be a great "next step" for Griffith City Council to take for our city.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Will Mead  
Convenor Rural Australians for Refugees Griffith



**Local Government Mayoral Taskforce  
Supporting People Seeking Asylum**

**BACK YOUR  
NEIGHBOUR**

## **Terms of Reference**

**Version:** 2.1

**Endorsed By Meeting Minute Ref:** Item 4 Meeting No. 31 – Wednesday 13 December 2023

**Commencement Date:** 13 December 2023

### **1. Definition of Terms**

Wherever "Taskforce" is mentioned below, it is referring to the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum.

### **2. Purpose**

- i. Coordination of joint state-wide advocacy by Australian Local Government Councils to address policies and guidelines affecting humanitarian arrivals. This is achieved in collaboration with peak refugee and people seeking asylum organisations.
- ii. Other issues relating to humanitarian arrivals where collaboration by Councils would be of benefit.

### **3. Strategic Priorities**

See Appendix 1.

### **4. Duration**

When Member Councils decide that the:

- i. need to continue advocating against the Federal Government humanitarian policy and guidelines has ceased.
- ii. that there are no other issues affecting humanitarian arrivals where collaboration by Member Councils would be of benefit.

### **5. Membership**

The composition and responsibilities of the different membership are described as follows:

*a) Executive Member Council*

- i. Drive the implementation of the strategic priorities of the Taskforce.
- ii. Actively participate in the activities of the Taskforce, including providing feedback, endorsing motions and facilitating advocacy and campaign activities as required.
- iii. Make key decisions on strategic matters of the Taskforce in a timely manner, including the expenditure of funds collected from Member Councils.
- iv. Report decisions back to Member Councils including the acquittal of funds received.
- v. Always have a representative or delegate attend meetings - Mayors, Deputy Mayors, interested Councillors or senior officers.



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*b) General Member Council*

- i. Assist the Executive in setting and implementation of the strategic priorities of the Taskforce.
- ii. Provide resources where needed to help achieve the strategic priorities.
- iii. Contribute to decision-making on strategic matters of the Taskforce.
- iv. Participate in the activities of the Taskforce where appropriate, including attendance at meetings, providing feedback, endorsing motions and supporting other campaign activities.
- v. Advise the Executive on best practice examples of community engagement.

*c) Supporter Council*

- i. Support the purpose of the Taskforce.
- ii. Supply organisational logo for use in promotional activities of the Taskforce.
- iii. Encouraged to promote the Taskforce, campaign and associated activities.

*d) Councillor Friends*

- i. Support the purpose of the Taskforce.
- ii. Encouraged to promote the Taskforce, campaign and associated activities.

*e) Secretariat*

- i. Must be an Executive Member Council.
- ii. Arrange meetings as called by the Executive or upon request by Member Councils. Ensure the timely preparation and distribution of meeting agendas and minutes to Member Councils.
- iii. Maintain a current Member Council contacts database.
- iv. Facilitate activities of the Taskforce as agreed by all Executive Member Councils.
- v. Commit a minimum 0.5 EFT officer resourcing to the role.

**6. Membership Transition**

Member Councils can nominate for transition to a different membership tier at any point in time however the following recommendations should be noted:

- i. General Members are encouraged to nominate for Executive membership with the expectation to fulfil the requirements as an Executive Member Council after a membership duration of two years.
- ii. Supporter Members are encouraged to nominate for General membership with the expectation to fulfil the requirements as a General Member Council after a membership duration of two years.
- iii. Nominations are to be submitted for approval by Executive Member Councils at the next scheduled meeting.

**7. Meetings**

- i. Meetings will be called by the Executive or upon request by Member Councils for a general duration of two hours.
- ii. Meeting agendas will be prepared in consultation with Member Councils and all Member Councils can submit agenda items for consideration at meetings.
- iii. All meetings will have minutes recording attendees, apologies, decisions and actions.
- iv. Under special circumstances a meeting may be cancelled or re-scheduled.

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- v. All meetings shall be held online or in a Council venue, rotated between the offices of Member Councils.
- vi. Decisions at meetings should be by consensus but if a vote is required there would be two votes per Executive Member Council and one vote per General Member Council, regardless of how many participants there are from any one Council at a particular meeting. The Chair may exercise a casting vote where appropriate.

**8. Role of the Chair**

The current Mayor of the Council performing the Secretariat function would be the Chair of the Taskforce.

On the occasion that the Mayor of the Secretariat Council is not available to Chair, the role of the Chair would default to the Mayor of another Executive Council Member.

The role and function of the Chair will be:

- i. to chair meetings of the Taskforce, ensuring fair and equitable opportunities for views and opinions to be voiced and discussed by the Taskforce.
- ii. to act as the default spokesperson of the Taskforce, except in the case where specific campaign spokespeople are used.

**9. Officer Working Group**

- i. The purpose of the officer working group would be to facilitate the implementation of joint actions agreed at meetings.
- ii. The officer working group would be composed of Council officers of Member Councils.

**10. Conflict of Interest**

Any matter deemed by a member to represent a Conflict of Interest shall be reported to the Chair either prior to a meeting or before the specific item is discussed.

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**Appendix 1 - Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum  
Strategic Priorities**

We are calling on the Federal Government to:

- 1) **Provide everyone with a valid visa with work, travel and study rights.**
  - Provide all people waiting for their protection application to be processed with a valid visa and associated work rights.
  - Provide people higher education study rights and access to scholarships.
  - Enable all bridging visa classes to have overseas travel rights and remove the need to apply for a waiver.
- 2) **Expand the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) eligibility criteria and simplify the application process so that people in need can access healthcare, disability, housing support and other essential services.**
  - Expand SRSS eligibility to all people in need to fully utilise the underspent Federal budget allocated to the program.
  - Simplify the SRSS application process so eligible people are not excluded by the burden of applying.
  - Ensure all people seeking asylum have access to basic healthcare, disability, income, housing and social support while they await decisions in the refugee determination process, in order to reduce the burden on Local Governments and charitable organisations.
- 3) **Ensure an independent, timely and fair application and merits review process for all humanitarian applications.**
  - Enable fairer and faster processing of onshore protection visa applications, including providing certainty on processing timeframes.
- 4) **Provide people who have received a negative refugee determination under the 'Fast Track' system with a fair review process.**
  - There is no review process for people denied protection under the Fast Track system, other than requesting Ministerial intervention. People who have received a negative outcome under the Fast Track process should have their reviews heard in a timely and fair manner.
- 5) **Continue to invest resources to urgently clear the backlog of asylum applications and appeals.**
  - Ensure the backlog of applications and appeals are cleared with appropriate, ongoing resourcing.
- 6) **Abolish temporary visas like Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEVs) and replace them with permanent protection visas and pathways to citizenship for all humanitarian arrivals.**
  - Ensure all refugees on TPVs and SHEVs are offered permanent Resolution of Status visas by April 2024.
  - The temporary protection regime will continue to exist after the Resolution of Status conversion for refugees who arrive in Australia without a valid visa. Abolish temporary protection visas (TPVs and SHEVs) and provide permanent protection to all refugees.
  - Despite permanent residents being eligible for citizenship, many are unable to provide the proof of identity documentation that is required for their citizenship application and as a result, their applications are being refused. Permanent visa holders applying for citizenship should be permitted to use the same identity documents as per their permanent visa application, for their citizenship application.
  - In circumstances where proof of identity for application of citizenship cannot be provided that the Department considers other mechanisms for appropriate identification to be provided by applicant.



Back Your Neighbour is coordinated by the Mayoral and Councillor Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum, which is a coalition of more than 40 Local Government Councils encompassing about six million residents across Australia.

We have the support of community services, community groups, peak bodies, policy experts and thousands of individuals to oppose cruel cuts to SRSS support for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

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### Member Councils

#### Executive Members



Taskforce Secretariat





General Members



Supporter Members



**Our partners**

- [Afghan LEE Alliance Inc](#)
- [Amnesty International – Bendigo Group](#)
- [Anglican Diocese of Melbourne](#)
- Anglicare Victoria
- [Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce, National Council of Churches in Australia](#)
- [Australian Multicultural Foundation](#)

- Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association
- Australian Services Union – VicTas Branch
- Australian Services Union – Victorian Private Sector Branch
- [Australian Tamil Sangam Inc](#)
- [Bakhtar Community Organisation](#)
- Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees
- [Bayside Refugee Advocacy and Support Association \(BRASA\)](#)
- [Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group](#)
- Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- [Casey Cardinia for Refugees](#)
- [Centre for Migrant and Refugee Health](#)
- [Communify Queensland](#)
- [Communities' Council on Ethnic Issues \(Eastern Region\) Inc](#)
- [Community Information & Support Victoria \(CISVic\)](#)
- Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum
- Council to Homeless Persons
- Darebin Legal Service
- Domestic Violence Victoria
- Djirra
- [Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education](#)
- Enliven
- [Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria \(ECCV\)](#)
- [Federation of Community Legal Centres Victoria](#)
- Fitzroy Legal Service
- Fitzroy Learning Network
- [Grandmothers For Refugees](#)

- [House of Welcome](#)
- [Human Rights Law Centre](#)
- Jesuit Refugee Service
- Jesuit Social Services
- Justice and Freedom for Ceylon Tamils Inc.
- Justice and International Mission, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Uniting Church in Australia
- [Justice for Refugees SA Inc](#)
- [Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong](#)
- [Islamic Council of Victoria](#)
- [Labor for Refugees NSW/ACT](#)
- [Liberty Victoria](#)
- Migrant Workers Centre
- [Mi Smart Life](#)
- [Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia](#)
- Mums 4 Refugees
- [National Justice Project](#)
- National Social Security Rights Network
- Neighbourhood Houses Victoria
- Northsiders With Refugees
- [Redlands for Refugees](#)
- Refugee Advocacy Network
- [Refugee Communities Advocacy Network](#)
- [Refugee Communities Association of Australia](#)
- [Rural Australians for Refugees](#)
- Alexandra Rural Australians for Refugees
- Rural Australians for Refugees Ballarat
- Rural Australians for Refugees Bendigo



- [Rural Australians for Refugees Griffith](#)
- Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees
- [Rural Australians for Refugees Southern Highlands](#)
- [Settlement Council of Australia](#)
- [South East Community Links](#)
- [Southern Migrant & Refugee Centre](#)
- [The Salvation Army](#)
- The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre
- Victorian Afghan Associations Network
- Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS)
- [Victorian Tamil Cultural Association](#) and Sangathanam Radio
- Victorian Trades Hall Council
- [Voice of the Outer South East](#)
- [Welcome Merchant](#)
- [Welcoming Australia](#)
- [Wellspring Community of Australia](#)
- [Wesley Uniting Church Asylum Seekers Welcome Place](#)
- Women's Health West
- YWCA Australia

Please [contact us](#) to add your organisation to this list. [Click here](#) to add your name as an individual supporter.

We work closely with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and Refugee Council of Australia in our advocacy.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The report be noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

(a) Outstanding Action Report - Council Meeting [↓](#)

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Council Meeting Date	MEETING ITEM	Action Officer	CRM No.	Minute No.	Council Resolution	Additional Information
25 February 2025	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHARI BLUMER</b>	GM	156778	25/051	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that: (a) Council agrees to the creation of an overarching 'Strategic Water' policy. (b) The draft policy document be reported to Council for consideration during April 2025. (c) Council make a submission to the Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development inquiry into the Impacts of the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023 on NSW regional communities. The closing date for submissions is 14 April 2025.	<b>17/03/2025:</b> Draft Strategic Water policy being prepared. Report to Council April 2025.
25 February 2025	<b>CCMM01 SIGNIFICANT SERVICE - CIVIC RECOGNITION</b>	GM	156779	25/055	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that: (a) The report be raised from the table. (b) Council approve for civic recognition as a Freeman of the City of Griffith, the person nominated in this report. (c) The Mayor make contact with the recipient, seeking their concurrence to the recognition, and make appropriate arrangements for a civic reception or other event.	<b>17/03/2025:</b> Recipient notified and arrangements for a suitable event to be confirmed.
11 February 2025	<b>CCMM01 DA 99/2024 - 5 MW BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM</b>	DSD	156192	25/030	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that:	<b>4/03/2025:</b> Proceedings for the matter were listed for a s34 conference in the LEC on

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					<p>(a) Council delegates authority to the General Manager to enter an agreement under s34(3) Land and Environment Court Act 1979 to grant development consent to development application 99/2024(1) for a 5 MW distribution battery energy storage system at 116 Cremasco Road, Yenda generally subject to the conditions recommended in the development application assessment report and the conditions recommended by Scott Barwick in his letter of 4 February 2025.</p> <p>(b) The General Manager report to a future Council Meeting the details of the agreement following negotiations under Section 34 (3) Land and Environment Court Act 1979.</p>	<p>21/2/25, the Commissioner adjourned the matter and is expected to deliver judgement within the next couple of weeks.  <b>17/03/2025:</b>11 March 2025 judgement on this matter was delivered. LEC court granted consent subject to agreed conditions LEC matter closed.</p>
28 January 2025	<p><b>CL01 REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A LICENCE AGREEMENT - YENDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION FOR THE USE OF THE YENDA TENNIS CLUBHOUSE - PART CROWN RESERVE 62949, LOT 701 DP 1030376, YENDA PLACE, YENDA</b></p>	CPO	155430	25/003	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Christine Stead that:</p> <p>(a) Council enters into a short-term licence agreement for a 12-month term with the Yenda Progress Association over Part Crown Reserve 62949, Lot 701 DP 1030376, Yenda Place, Yenda for use of the Yenda Tennis Clubhouse commencing on 3 February 2025.</p> <p>(b) The Yenda Progress Association will be required to pay an administration fee to Council on the signing of the</p>	<p><b>12/02/2025:</b> Council will instruct solicitors to prepare draft licence agreements as per resolution.  <b>17/03/2025:</b> Licence agreement has been sent to Yenda Progress Association for signing.</p>

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					<p>agreement by all parties, currently \$182.00 in accordance with Council's Revenue Policy.</p> <p>(c) In lieu of an Annual Fee the Yenda Progress Association will be responsible for the general cleaning and upkeep of the building.</p> <p>(d) The Yenda Progress Association will be responsible to pay for the power used during the term of the agreement. Council will attend to the supply charges.</p> <p>(e) Council authorise the General Manager to execute the short-term licence agreement on behalf of Council.</p>	
28 January 2025	<b>CL02 EXTENSION OF LEASE TERM - MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT (MLHD) (SAFE HAVEN) LEASE OF STATE BANK HOUSE - 81 KOOYOO STREET, GRIFFITH</b>	CPO	155432	25/004	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Tony O'Grady that:</p> <p>(a) Council approves the amendment of the current lease term with MLHD (Safe Haven) for 1 year + 2-year term (3 years) with the commencement date of 15 December 2023 to 14 December 2026.</p> <p>(b) Griffith City Council and MLHD shall pay their own legal expenses in regards to the amendment of the current lease term. MLHD will attend to the registration and agency costs in relation to the registering of the lease, together with Council's administration fee, as per</p>	<p><b>12/02/2025:</b> Council will instruct solicitors to prepare draft licence agreements as per resolution.</p> <p><b>17/03/2025:</b> Lease signed – waiting on MLHD to acknowledge the amended page of the lease reflecting the new term.</p>

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					<p>Council's adopted Revenue Policy.</p> <p>(c) Council authorise the Mayor &amp; General Manager to execute the lease agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal, if required.</p>	
28 January 2025	<b>CL03 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT - MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT (MLHD) - 78 KOOKORA STREET, GRIFFITH</b>	CPO	155433	25/005	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that:</p> <p>(a) Council enters into a licence agreement with Murrumbidgee Local Health District over part Lot 3 Section 125 DP 758476 for a term of 2 years, backdated, commencing 1 January 2024, with an optional third year in Council's favour.</p> <p>(b) Council advertises its intention to enter into a licence agreement with Murrumbidgee Local Health District over part Lot 3 Section 125 DP 758476 for a period of 28 days. Should any submissions be received, a report will be presented to Council for consideration.</p> <p>(c) Should no submissions be received, Council enters into a licence agreement with Murrumbidgee Local Health District over part Lot 3 Section 125 DP 758476 for a further term of 2 years, backdated, commencing 1 January 2024, with an optional third year in Council's favour.</p> <p>(d) Murrumbidgee Local Health District pay all applicable costs and charges associated with</p>	<p><b>12/02/2025:</b> Council will instruct solicitors to prepare draft licence agreements as per resolution.</p> <p><b>17/03/2025:</b> With Council's solicitor.</p>

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					<p>preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration Fee.</p> <p>(e) The licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$686 per annum for the 2024/2025 financial year, together with rates and charges if applicable.</p> <p>(f) Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the common seal, if required.</p>	
28 January 2025	<b>CL05 REQUEST FOR FUNDING - MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL FOR RENTAL AT GRIFFITH COMMUNITY CENTRE</b>	GM	155437	25/009	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Scott Groat that:</p> <p>(a) Council support the rental of an office in the Griffith Community Centre for a nominated period of 12 months at a value of \$1,248 (ex. GST) per month for the Multicultural Council of Griffith.</p> <p>(b) Council investigate further funding options for Multicultural Council of Griffith at a Council Workshop during the 2025/26 budget process.</p>	<p><b>17/02/2025:</b> The tax invoice for rental support from Nov 2024 till 30 June 2025 has been charged to the Community Grants Budget allocation. Councillors will consider draft budget for 2025/26 during April 2025 and determine source of funds for rental until Oct 2025.</p>
12 November 2024	<b>CL12 GRIFFITH WORKER AND HOUSING SHORTAGE TASKFORCE</b>	GM	152784	24/299	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Scott Groat that:</p> <p>(a) Council note the submission as received and included in this report in regard to the draft Griffith Worker and Housing Shortage Taskforce.</p> <p>(b) Council refer the submission as referred to in (a) above to PSA</p>	<p><b>2/12/2024:</b> Report referred to PSA consultants for consideration as part of Griffith Housing Strategy.</p> <p><b>13/01/2025:</b> Consultants to hold public forum on 18 February 2025.</p> <p><b>17/03/2025:</b> Councillor briefing 23 April 2025.</p>

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					Consultants to inform the review of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2019.	
12 November 2024	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHARI BLUMER - 5 NOV 2024</b>	GM DSD	152783	24/298	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Tony O'Grady that: (a) Council agrees to additional wording in recommendation 14 to the 'Report on Strategies to Increase Housing Supply August 2024', seeking input from staff and the community more widely'; (b) A report be prepared by the Directorate of Sustainable Development and be provided to Council at a meeting in May 2025.	<b>2/12/2024:</b> Report to be presented in May 2025. <b>3/02/2025:</b> Workshop held 21 February 2025 developer forum to be Scheduled April 2025.
26 March 2024	<b>CL02 COMMUNITY GARDENS LARGE SCALE EVENT MASTERPLAN</b>	USD	144180	24/075	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Glen Andrezza that: (a) Council adopts the Community Gardens Large Scale Event Masterplan as exhibited. (b) Council finalise the estimated costing and implement permanent power supply to service food vans adjacent to Willandra Avenue, relocation of existing backstage storage container to be permanently located behind Stuart McWilliam Stage subject to existing budget allocation of \$50,000. (c) Council finalise a staged design of fencing for the Community Gardens site.	<b>12/4/2024:</b> Manager of Urban Design to arrange meeting with relevant staff to discuss fencing. <b>06/05/2024:</b> Meeting held on site to discuss fencing on Thursday, 2 May 2024. Costing of fencing being prepared. <b>20/05/2024:</b> Draft Costing will be presented to Council at a meeting in June. <b>04/06/2024:</b> Draft Costing will be presented to Council at a meeting in July. <b>15/07/2024:</b> Draft Costing will be presented to Council meeting 10 September 2024. <b>05/08/2024:</b> Meeting held with contractor to obtain quotes for shade sails over stage area. <b>19/08/2024:</b> No quote received as yet.



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						<p><b>02/09/2024:</b> Initial quote received. Requires further clarification.</p> <p><b>14/10/2024:</b> Draft design received. Quotation to be obtained and schedule for Council Workshop in January 2025.</p> <p><b>13/01/2025:</b> Scheduled for Council Workshop on 18 February 2025.</p> <p><b>3/02/2025:</b> Scheduled for Council Workshop on 20 May 2025.</p>
26 March 2024	<b>MINUTES OF THE NEW CEMETERY MASTERPLAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2024</b>	DIO		24/084	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the New Cemetery Masterplan Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024 be adopted, including the SMT Comment as printed below:</p> <p><b>SMT Comment:</b> Should Council support the above recommendation it is proposed that Council should adopt the following in lieu of the recommendation above.</p> <p>(a) Council invite Griffith Regional Funerals to submit a Development Application for assessment with respect to the installation and operation of a cremation service to be located at Lot 4 DP775986 <u>Wakaden St</u>, Griffith and that the owner of the property sign the Development Application.</p> <p>(b) Council appoint an external planner to assess the development application with the</p>	<p><b>15/04/2024:</b> Funeral Directors have been advised.</p> <p><b>17/06/2024:</b> DA has been lodged.</p> <p><b>1/07/2024:</b> Council's legal representatives have been requested to draft a Deed of Agreement.</p> <p><b>02/09/2024:</b> Council staff met with Council's legal representatives the week commencing 26 August 2024. DA's have been submitted and Council's planning staff have requested additional information.</p> <p><b>14/10/2024:</b> Report to Council Meeting 10 December 2024, for both DA's.</p> <p><b>15/01/2025:</b> Waiting on Council solicitor to provide update on licence agreement.</p> <p><b>20/01/2025:</b> Draft lease has been provided to Council staff to review.</p> <p><b>19/03/2025:</b> Draft lease document has been finalised.</p> <p>Next steps:</p>

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					<p>determination remaining with Griffith City Council. The assessment report of the development application to be determined by a meeting of Council.</p> <p>(c) In the event that Griffith City Council approved the development application that a deed of agreement be drafted between Griffith City Council and Griffith Regional Funeral Services detailing the lease and conditions of use of the cremator. The documentation is to include reference to the owner of the property and their concurrence to the installation and use of the cremator. Further, that the owner concurs to the circumstances that the cremator may be removed from the property. Legal costs to prepare the above documentation are the responsibility of Griffith Regional Funeral Services.</p> <p>(d) Subject to a, b and c above being completed, that Council proceed to acquire and install the cremator.</p> <p>(e) Funding to be drawn from the long-term financial plan 2025/26 approximately \$400,000 installed.</p> <p>(f) The fees applicable to the lease of the cremator as detailed in confidential attachment A as previously reported to Council and the Committee will be included in Council's revenue</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status report for New Cemetery Masterplan Committee Wednesday, 2 April 2025. For Information only.</li> <li>2. Draft lease report to Council Tuesday, 8 April 2025.</li> <li>3. Lease executed.</li> <li>4. Council adoption of 2025/26 Budget and Revenue Policy Tuesday, 24 June 2025.</li> <li>5. July 2025 Council to call for tenders for provision and installation of cremator unit.</li> </ol>
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					policy and are subject to annual review.	
12 March 2024	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - UPGRADE TO ORIGINAL BAGTOWN'S FIRST BLACKSMITH STORE SITE</b>	DI&O DSD	143524	24/066	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Simon Croce that Council upgrade the original Bagtown's first Blacksmith Store site at the Intersection of Old Wilbriggie (sic) Road and Research Station Road.	<p><b>18/03/2024:</b> Councillors and SMT inspecting site 19/03/2024 to discuss scope.</p> <p><b>02/04/2024:</b> Site inspection completed. Project scope to be referred to Council Workshop on 21 May 2024.</p> <p><b>03/06/2024:</b> Scope of works were determined at Council Workshop.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Survey site;</li> <li>2. Install gravel surface in a safe location to provide access to site;</li> <li>3. Remove vegetation that surrounds identified tree; and</li> <li>4. Install sign with narrative depicting historical significance of site.</li> </ol> <p>Plan of Scope of works to be discussed at Council Workshop on 29 October 2024.</p> <p><b>22/10/2024:</b> Project rescheduled for presentation to 18 February 2025 Workshop.</p> <p><b>13/01/2025:</b> Rescheduled to be presented to Council Workshop 18 March 2025.</p>
12 July 2022	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR TESTONI – YENDA MASTERPLAN</b>	GM	119905	22/167	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Glen Andrezza that: (a) Council undertake a master planning exercise for the village of Yenda. Factors such as future residential sub divisions, lifestyle blocks and rural residential to be considered along with future amenities for the village, such as	<p><b>01/08/2022:</b> This matter will be scheduled for discussion at Council Workshop 16 August 2022.</p> <p><b>05/09/2022:</b> Council to submit an application to NSW Department of Planning and Environment for grant funding under Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund Round</p>

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					<p>sporting infrastructure to be considered. With a number of major projects nearing completion the time is right to focus on what opportunities are there for our region with growth and development. Yenda has a lot of potential for growth and by investigating strategies for the future it would benefit the growth on not only the village but that of the ever-expanding Griffith City limits. It would be important for community engagement and with the next Community Opinion Group meeting to be held in Yenda it is a great opportunity for Griffith City Council to engage with community.</p> <p>(b) Council schedule a Councillor Workshop to refine the scope of the Master Plan.</p> <p>(c) Staff prepare the scoping document and report to Council for consideration of source of budget resources, time line, amendment and adoption of scoping document.</p>	<p>1 to complete a Yenda Masterplan. Application close 30 September 2022.</p> <p><b>04/10/2022:</b> Grant application submitted.</p> <p><b>03/01/2023:</b> NSW Government advised the Grant application successful on 30 November 2022. Expressions of Interests invited to coordinate and undertake the Yenda Masterplan.</p> <p><b>13/02/2023:</b> Tender awarded to CBRE.</p> <p><b>01/05/2023:</b> Site inspection and survey completed. Landowner, MI and staff consultation completed. Draft Masterplan presentation to 20 June Council Workshop.</p> <p><b>17/07/2023:</b> Draft Masterplan to go to Council in September/October 2023.</p> <p><b>03/10/2023:</b> Draft Masterplan to go to Council 14 November 2023.</p> <p><b>06/11/2023:</b> Draft Masterplan to go to Council Meeting in December 2023.</p> <p><b>04/12/2023:</b> Draft Masterplan to go to Council Meeting in February 2024.</p> <p><b>15/01/2024:</b> Report to March 2024 Council Meeting.</p> <p><b>18/03/2024:</b> Council Meeting for 14 May 2024.</p> <p><b>06/05/2024:</b> Consultant engineers will be invited to address Councillors at Council Workshop on 18 June 2024</p>
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						<p>regarding engineering challenges with respect to management of drainage.</p> <p><b>01/07/2024:</b> Meeting being arranged with property owner of Stage 1 of the Masterplan.</p> <p><b>05/08/2024:</b> Property owners will be contacted again seeking meeting.</p> <p><b>19/08/2024:</b> Further attempts to contact owners continuing.</p> <p><b>14/10/2024:</b> Council staff met with owner representatives on 20 September 2024. Awaiting on refined design from Council consultant.</p> <p><b>3/02/2025:</b> Consultant provided feedback Wednesday 29 January 2025. Report to be presented to Council in March 2025.</p> <p><b>17/03/2025:</b> 13 Feb 2025 Consultant has submitted plans for Masterplan for Council Review.</p>
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Council Meeting Date	MEETING ITEM	Action Officer	CRM No.	Minute No.	Council Resolution	Additional Information
28 May 2024	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAKE WYANGAN &amp; CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2024</b>  <b>DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – LAKE WYANGAN</b>	CPO	146292 /2024	24/156	<b>RECOMMENDED</b> 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.	<b>28/05/2024:</b> Draft PoM emailed to Councillors. <b>03/06/2024:</b> Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited. <b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Minsters Office. <b>3/03/2025:</b> Crown Lands Dept has reviewed the draft PoM – pending some minor amendments – the draft PoM can be placed on public exhibition – Staff working through the requested amendment/s.
28 May 2024	<b>CL02 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - SOUTH-WEST GRIFFITH PRECINCT PARKS</b>	CPO	146289 /2024	24/154	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that: (a) Council refers the draft Plan of Management for South-West Griffith Precinct Parks to the Minister administering the	<b>03/06/2024:</b> Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited. <b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested

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					<p>Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval. Property details being Crown Reserves Griffith Regional Sports Centre (66750), Beilby Park (74741), Kooragee Park (77295), Willow Park, Venetian Park, I.O.O F Park and City Park (Prt R.81439), Yarrabee Park (90788) and Perre Park (90942) together with Council owned land Borland Leckie Park, Yawarra Three Ways Park, Burley Griffin Community Gardens, Public Reserve Park, Locklea Park, Cappello Close and Lanza Grove Public Reserve</p> <p>(b) Upon approval from the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the draft Plan of Management for South-West Griffith Precinct Parks if required, and places it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(c) Native Title advice has been provided.</p> <p>(d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for South-West Griffith Precinct Parks on completion of the public exhibition period, to consider all submissions.</p>	<p>urgent attention of Minsters Office.</p> <p><b>3/03/2025:</b> Crown Lands Dept has reviewed the initial draft PoM – they have requested some updates / amendments be made to the PoM. Staff working through the requested amendment/s with consultant.</p>
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28 May 2024	<b>CL01 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - GRIFFITH CBD PRECINCT</b>	CPO	146288	24/153	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Melissa Marin that:</p> <p>(a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval. Property details being R.74539 – Lot 1 Sec 43 DP758476 (Visitor’s Centre and Carpark and Old Bowling Club) R.83521 – Lot 1 DP 87811 (Carpark Visitor’s Centre) R.61588 – Lots 2 &amp; 4 Sec 8 DP 758476 and Lot 7 Sec 9 DP 758476 (CWA Park and Memorial Park) R.159000 – Lots 2 &amp; 8 Sec 9 DP 758476 (Griffith Library) R.85064 – Lots 19 &amp; 20 Sec 7 DP 758476 and Lot 1 DP 1272062 (Banna Park) R.82722 – Lots 1, 8-9 Sec 15 DP 758476 (Couchman Carpark) R.1003025 – Lot 1 DP 1035387(Aquatic Centre).</p> <p>(b) Upon approval of the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p>	<p><b>03/06/2024:</b> Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited.</p> <p><b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Ministers Office.</p> <p><b>3/03/2025:</b> Crown Lands Department has requested amendments – Staff working through these, draft PoM will then be referred back to Crown Lands for review.</p>
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					(c) Native Title advice has been provided. (d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.	
23 April 2024	<b>CL03 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - MISCELLANEOUS CROWN RESERVES</b>	CPO	144994	24/115	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that: (a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for the Miscellaneous Crown Reserves, Kart Club - Reserve 64662 (Lot 96 DP 756035), Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve – Reserve 64911 (Lot 106 DP 751679), Rankins Springs Camping Area – Reserve 65432 (lot 7003 DP 1001194) and Dave Wallace Range – Reserve 1003005 (Lot 2 DP 48802) to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval. (b) Upon approval from the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management for Miscellaneous Crown Reserves if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.	<b>20/05/2024:</b> Awaiting approval from Minister. <b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Minsters Office. <b>3/03/2025:</b> Exhibition period completed, Report for adoption to be presented at a future Council Meeting.

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					(c) Native Title advice has been provided. (d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for the Miscellaneous Crown Reserves on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.	
23 April 2024	<b>CL05 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - BAGTOWN CEMETERY</b>	CPO	144997	24/117	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Laurie Testoni that: (a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for the Bagtown Historic Cemetery - Crown Reserve 52849 (Part Lot 731 DP 751709) 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 for the Bagtown Historic Cemetery and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993. (c) Native Title advice has been provided. (d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for Bagtown Historic Cemetery on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.	<b>06/05/2024:</b> Awaiting approval from Minister. <b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Ministers Office. <b>3/03/2025:</b> Crown Lands Department has requested amendments –Staff working through these, draft PoM will then be referred back to Crown Lands for review.

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<p>12 December 2023</p>	<p><b>CL04                  COMPULSORY ACQUISITION - AFFECTING LOT 27 DP751709 - BEAUMONT ROAD, HANWOOD - HANWOOD LEVY</b></p>	<p>CPO</p>	<p>140274</p>	<p>23/303</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Melissa Marin that:</p> <p>(a) Council approves the acquisition of Crown Land, shown as Lot 1 DP 1296073 in Plan of Acquisition affecting Lot 27 DP 751709 under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 186.</p> <p>(b) Council make application to the Minister and/or Governor of the Local Government Act 1993 for approval to acquire Lot 1 DP 1296073 as shown in plan of acquisition affecting Lot 27 DP 751709 by compulsory acquisition process under Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(c) Council continues to negotiate with Department of Planning &amp; Environment to acquire the land by agreement, or as determined by the Valuer General as defined in Section 55 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>(d) Following receipt of the Governor's approval, Council give effect to the acquisition by publication of an Acquisition Notice in the NSW</p>	<p><b>15/01/2024:</b> Application preparation in progress.  <b>03/06/2024:</b> Application submitted.  <b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Requested urgent attention of Minsters Office.</p>
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					<p>Government Gazette and such other publication as may be required by law.</p> <p>(e) Upon acquisition of the land, Council resolves to classify the acquired land as operational land pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(f) Council pay compensation to all interest holders entitled to compensation by virtue of the compulsory acquisition on the terms set out in the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>(g) Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the documents on behalf of Council under the Common Seal if required.</p>	
12 December 2023	<b>CL05 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION - AFFECTING LOT 7322 DP1164483, MALLEE STREET, HANWOOD - WATER DRAINAGE WORKS</b>	CPO	140275	23/304	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Melissa Marin that:</p> <p>(a) Council approves the acquisition of Crown Land, shown as Lot 1 DP 1295951 in Plan of Acquisition affecting Lot 7322 DP 1164483 under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 186.</p> <p>(b) Council make application to the Minister and/or Governor of the Local Government Act 1993 for approval to acquire</p>	<p><b>15/01/2024:</b> Application preparation in progress.</p> <p><b>03/06/2024:</b> Application submitted.</p> <p><b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Requested urgent attention of Ministers Office.</p>

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					<p>Lot 1 DP 1295951 as shown in plan of acquisition affecting Lot 7322 DP 1164483 by compulsory acquisition process under Section 187 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(c) Council continues to negotiate with Department of Planning &amp; Environment to acquire the land by agreement, or as determined by the Valuer General as defined in Section 55 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>(d) Following receipt of the Governor’s approval, Council give effect to the acquisition by publication of an Acquisition Notice in the NSW Government Gazette and such other publication as may be required by law.</p> <p>(e) Upon acquisition of the land, Council resolves to classify the acquired land as operational land pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(f) Council pay compensation to all interest holders entitled to compensation by virtue of the compulsory acquisition on the terms set out in the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>(g) Council delegate authority to the General Manager to</p>	
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					execute the documents on behalf of Council under the Common Seal if required.	
14 February 2023	<b>CL03 PCYC PROPOSAL TO ERECT AND FITOUT AN INTEGRATED GYMNASICS AND COVERED OUTDOOR MULTI-SPORTS COMPETITION FACILITY - OLYMPIC STREET, GRIFFITH</b>	GM	128874	22/034	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Simon Croce that:</p> <p>(a) Council endorse in principle the lease of (Part Lot 1 DP1272062. Crown Reserve 85064, 3 Olympic Street, Griffith) to PCYC NSW for a period of 20 years.</p> <p>(b) The annual lease fee be in accordance with Council’s adopted Revenue Policy (Schedule of Fees and Charges) as at the date of execution of the Lease. 2022/23 annual lease fee to Not for Profit Organisations is \$607.</p> <p>(c) PCYC pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the lease agreement (this would include the survey plan preparation for leasing and registration fees if required). Also, an Administration Fee of \$481 (page 13 Revenue Policy) will be applicable.</p> <p>(d) Council communicate the above terms to PCYC NSW and subject to their agreement, Council advertise the proposed lease for a period of 28 days seeking public submissions.</p>	<p><b>06/03/2023:</b> Letter written to PCYC advising terms of proposed lease. Letter of response received accepting terms. Proposed lease to be prepared by Council and publicly exhibited.</p> <p><b>4/07/2023:</b> Council staff have obtained a quote for subdivision from PHL. Once the Survey Plan has been finalised a Two (2) Lot subdivision is required to create a Lot for PCYC and a Lot for the remaining land.</p> <p><b>31/07/2023:</b> PCYC finalising planned subdivision.</p> <p><b>04/12/2023:</b> Council seeking additional information from PCYC prior to lodgement of their DA.</p> <p><b>29/04/2024:</b> PCYC contacted 24/4/24. PCYC considers current scope of project will exceed allocated budget. Currently reviewing scope to align with budget. PCYC anticipate lodging a DA with Council July 2024.”</p> <p><b>19/08/2024:</b> PCYC advised DA will be submitted by November 2024.</p>

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					<p>(e) All public submissions be reported to Council for consideration. Should no submissions be received, Council authorise the General Manager and the Mayor to sign the lease under Council seal.</p> <p>(f) Council progress the subdivision of the subject land and authorise the General Manager and Mayor the authority to sign documents under Council seal as required. All costs in relation to the subdivision to be paid by the PCYC NSW.</p>	<p><b>2/12/2024:</b> PCYC advised a DA will be submitted Jan 2025.</p> <p><b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held on 9 Dec 2024.</p> <p><b>3/03/2025:</b> Meeting was held between Council staff and PCYC reps on 19 February 2025 with further amendments required to the draft proposal.</p>
22 February 2022	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION – YOOGALI SHARED BICYCLE PATH</b>	DIO	114000	22/057	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Anne Napoli that:</p> <p>(a) Council consider the construction of the Griffith to Yoogali shared bicycle track as a priority.</p> <p>(b) Council undertake a full costing of the track and bridge as to facilitate funding opportunities to contribute towards the new construction.</p>	<p><b>14/03/2022:</b> Funding estimate for Path and Bridge: \$1.4 million. 100% funding request submitted to Transport for NSW Active Transport Program.</p> <p><b>16/01/2023:</b> TfNSW has informed Council that its application for 2.5m shared pathway is unsuccessful. Council has been invited to make a submission to TfNSW Active Transport for a 4.5m wide shared pathway for scoping and design. Submission lodged by Council.</p> <p><b>05/06/2023:</b> Funding application successful. Design to commence.</p>

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						<p><b>17/07/2023:</b> Inception meeting scheduled for 18 August 2023. Project to be completed 20 June 2025.</p> <p><b>18/09/2023:</b> Ongoing consultation being held with stakeholders.</p> <p><b>04/12/2023:</b> Staff updated realignment of plans and have sent to TfNSW representatives for review. Draft tender documents have been prepared. Majority of vegetation removed on proposed pathway.</p> <p><b>04/03/2024:</b> Tree removal nearing completion.</p> <p><b>18/03/2024:</b> Tree clearing complete. Tenders for bridge to be called for in March 2024.</p> <p><b>06/05/2024:</b> Tenders close on Monday, 13 May 2024. Councillor briefing Tuesday, 21 May 2024.</p> <p><b>03/06/2024:</b> Report to Council 11 June 2024.</p> <p><b>17/06/2024:</b> Contract awarded. Tenderer advised.</p> <p><b>13/01/2025:</b> Concrete footings for the bridge complete. Further construction to take place from February 2025.</p> <p><b>3/03/2025:</b> Construction of bridge commenced 4 March 2025.</p> <p><b>17/03/2025:</b> Contractors completed installation of</p>
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