



## Ordinary Meeting

# BUSINESS PAPER

**Tuesday, 8 April 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Griffith City Council Chambers

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

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### Addressing the Council on Business Paper matters

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### 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.

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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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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, 8 APRIL 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, 8 April 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 p19 Boorga Road R5 - Large Lot Residential Development Control Plan
- CL02 p25 NSW Sustainable Communities Program - Early Investment Round
- 9 Information Reports
- 10 Adoption of Committee Minutes

- p30 Minutes of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2025
  - p34 Minutes of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee Meeting held on 26 March 2025
  - p39 Minutes of the Scenic Hill User Group Meeting held on 25 March 2025
- 11 Business with Notice – Rescission Motions
- 12 Business with Notice – Other Motions
  - p44 Notice of Motion - Councillor Jenny Ellis
- 13 Outstanding Action Report
  - p48 Outstanding Action Report
- 14 Matters to be dealt with by Closed Council
- CC01 Enter into Lease Agreement for Operation of a Cremator
  - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business 10A(2) (c)

**Brett Stonestreet**

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 25 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 Taker, Joanne Bollen

**MEDIA**

Cai Holroyd, The Area News

**1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Meeting opened with Councillor Shari Blumer reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country.

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

No apologies or requests for leave of absence were received.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

25/070

**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 11 March 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  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

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



#### **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

#### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

##### **Pecuniary Interests**

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

Councillor Anne Napoli

Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee held 6 March 2025

Reason – Re: CL06 Project Update McCormack Road Yoogali Levee, Stage 2 Project. I own a property along McCormack Road, Yoogali

##### **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.*

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet

CC01 Minutes of the General Manager Recruitment Committee held 12 March 2025

Reason – This matter relates to the position I currently hold.

##### **Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL01 Final Endorsement of Community Strategic Plan 2025 - 2035

Reason – I am an ordinary member of the Local Health Advisory Council

#### **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

#### **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

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

##### **CL01 FINAL ENDORSEMENT OF COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2035**

25/071

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that Council endorse the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 as attached to the report including proposed amendments recommended in the below table.

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

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

## **CL02 ADOPTION OF DRAFT BOARDING HOUSE & CO-LIVING HOUSING POLICY**

25/072

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Tony O'Grady that Council adopt the draft Boarding House & Co-living Housing Policy with the amendments proposed in the report.

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

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

## **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **CL03 INVESTMENTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

25/073

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

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

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

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

*Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:09pm.*

### **MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2025**

25/074

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee meeting held on 6 March 2025 be adopted.

For

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

Against

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

*Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting, the time being 7:12pm.*

### **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2025**

25/075

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 11 March 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 TONY O'GRADY**

25/076

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Scott Groat that the Onsite Detention Policy CS-CP-404 be reviewed by the Director and be brought before Council for comment.

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.**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION - THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DOUG CURRAN - NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE UPDATE AND COUNCIL OWNED PROPERTIES**

Councillors Doug Curran and Tony O'Grady moved the following MOTION that:

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

Councillors Anne Napoli and Christine Stead moved the following AMENDMENT that:

- (a) Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing the progress on demolition of the old neighbour house located at 80 Benerembah St.
- (b) Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing all properties owned by Council in the LGA.
- (c) Council make contact with the Griffith Multicultural Council and offer to work with their organisation towards seeking and applying for a grant to build a multicultural centre at 80 Benerembah Street, Griffith.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and LOST.

For

Councillor Anne Napoli

Against

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

**The division was declared LOST by 8 votes to 1.**

Councillors Scott Groat and Mark Dal Bon moved the following AMENDMENT that:

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

The amendment was PUT and CARRIED.

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

Against  
Councillor Doug Curran

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 1.**

25/077

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Mark Dal Bon that:

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

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.**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DOUG CURRAN - NAMING OF  
MEDIAN STRIP**

25/078

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Christine Stead that:

- (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.

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

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

25/079

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Bernie Connolly from the Griffith Jockey Club to address Council.

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

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

25/080

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF MOTION - THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DOUG CURRAN - WATER USE CHARGES**

25/081

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Tony O'Grady 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.

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.**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DOUG CURRAN - BACK YOUR NEIGHBOUR**

25/082

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Anne Napoli that Griffith City Council make application to become a 'Supporter Council' of the 'Back Your Neighbour' campaign.

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.**

**13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

25/083

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

Against

Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

**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.**

25/084

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

Against



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

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

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 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2025**

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

Council closed its meeting at 7:53pm.

The public and media left the Chamber.

Livestream was disconnected.

*General Manager, Brett Stonestreet left the meeting having declared a Non-Significant Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:53pm.*

*The Senior Management Team were asked to leave the Chamber for the discussion on CC02, the time being 7:53pm.*

**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

25/085

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady 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 8:09pm.

*The General Manager and Senior Management Team returned to the meeting, the time being 8:09pm.*

Livestream was reconnected.

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

**MATTERS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL**

**CC01 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2025**

25/086

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the General Manager Recruitment Committee meeting held on 12 March 2025 be adopted.

For

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

Against

Councillor Anne Napoli

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 1.**

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

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON

<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL01</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Boorga Road R5 - Large Lot Residential Development Control Plan</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Kelly McNicol, Consultant Planner</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>25/34849</b>

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### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to request that Council endorse the public exhibition of a site specific section of the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan (DCP) (as amended) related to land on Boorga Road in Nericon to facilitate a large lot residential development proposed under DA 16/2025 for an additional 58 large lot residential lots. The land is located over Lot 102 DP 1018460, Lot 104 DP 1018460 (south of West Road) and Lots 309 and 610 DP 751743, West Road (the subject lands). This section of the DCP has been prepared to appease the requirements of Clause 7.12 of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 (GLEP 2014).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That Council endorse the public exhibition of proposed Section 12.3 of the Griffith Residential Development Plan for a period of 28 days.**
- (b) Should submissions be received, a report with recommendations be presented back to an Ordinary Council Meeting for final endorsement.**
- (c) Should no submissions be received, the amendments to the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan are considered endorsed the day after the close of the public exhibition period.**

### **REPORT**

The subject lands are located on the eastern side of Lake Wyangan, including: Lot 102 DP 1018460, Lot 104 DP 1018460 (south of West Road) and Lots 309 and 610 DP 751743, West Road (refer to Figure 1). A Planning Proposal was endorsed by Council for the subject lands in 2019. The Planning Proposal amended the minimum lot size of the subject lands from 5 ha to 1 ha for lots which would not be connected to Council's reticulated sewer service. To ensure adequate provisions were in place to mitigate and manage the potential environmental impacts of the use of onsite sewage management systems on Lake Wyangan and Campbell's Wetland, Clause 7.12 was inserted into GLEP 2014 requiring the preparation of a site-specific development control plan (DCP).

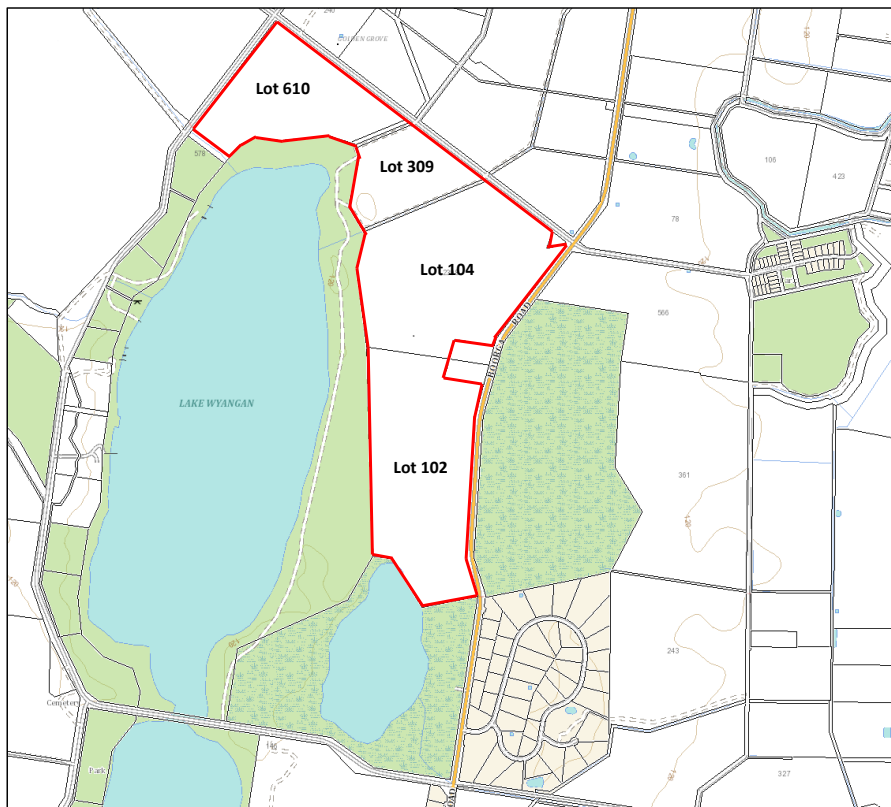


Figure 1: Map of the Subject Lands

Clause 7.12 of GLEP 2014 requires the following for residential development of the subject lands:

- (2) *This clause applies to development for the purposes of subdivision if each lot resulting from the subdivision will—*
  - (a) *be used for residential accommodation, and*
  - (b) *have a lot size of less than 5 hectares, and*
  - (c) *not be connected to a reticulated sewer.*
- (3) *Development consent must not be granted for the subdivision of land to which this clause applies unless a development control plan that provides for the matters in subclause (4) has been prepared for the land.*
  - (4) *The development control plan must provide for the following—*
    - (a) *requirements for the on-site disposal and management of sewage, including the discharge and disposal of effluent,*
    - (b) *special requirements for land in an area of high watertable or with sodic or saline soils,*
    - (c) *appropriate measures to avoid, minimise or mitigate adverse impacts on the Lake Wyangan catchment.*

The owners of the subject lands have lodged a development application over Lot 102 DP1018460 to facilitate a 58-lot large lot residential subdivision. The proposal seeks a variety of lot sizes from just over 4000 sq. m. to 3.7 ha in area (Subdivision Plan provided at Attachment B). The development application was submitted to Council on 20 February 2025. The development application included the following technical studies to appease the requirements of Clause 7.12 of the GLEP 2014:

- Stormwater Music Model – MJM Consulting
- Campbell's Wetland – EcoResolve
- Land Capability Assessment – McMahon Earth Science

- Geotechnical Investigation – Douglas Partners
- Salinity Assessment – Douglas Partners
- Preliminary Engineering Drawings – MJM Consulting

All documents relevant to the development application are available online at:

<https://datracking.griffith.nsw.gov.au/Application/ApplicationDetails/010.2025.00000016.001/>

The owners of the subject lands, Mayuresh Group Pty Ltd, also submitted a draft site specific development control plan (DCP) to Council to meet the requirements of Clause 7.12 of GLEP 2014 based on the technical assessments submitted with the development application. The development application cannot be determined until the DCP is endorsed by Council.

Council reviewed the draft DCP internally and made some alterations and additions to ensure the development controls could be placed within the existing Griffith Residential Development Control Plan (GRDCP) as a site specific section. The proposed section of the GRDCP (see Attachment A – Section 12.3) includes controls to assess, minimise and manage the potential impacts of residential development on the environment and future residents of the subject lands. These controls pertain to onsite sewage management, groundwater, salinity, mosquito prevention and mitigating impacts to Lake Wyangan and Campbell's Wetland.

The amended GRDCP is provided in Attachment A. The submitted subdivision plan for DA 16-2025 is provided at Attachment B.

## **OPTIONS**

### OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

### OPTION 2

Any other resolution of Council.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report seeks to amend Council's Residential Development Control Plan.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Review of the DCP is included in Council's current budget 2024/25.

## **LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

The DCP must be endorsed by Council.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Good design control principles contribute to sustainable development with environmental benefits.

### **COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

The DCP is guided by Community aspirations for the future growth of the city of Griffith

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 7.1 Encourage respectful planning, balanced growth and sustainable design.

### **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

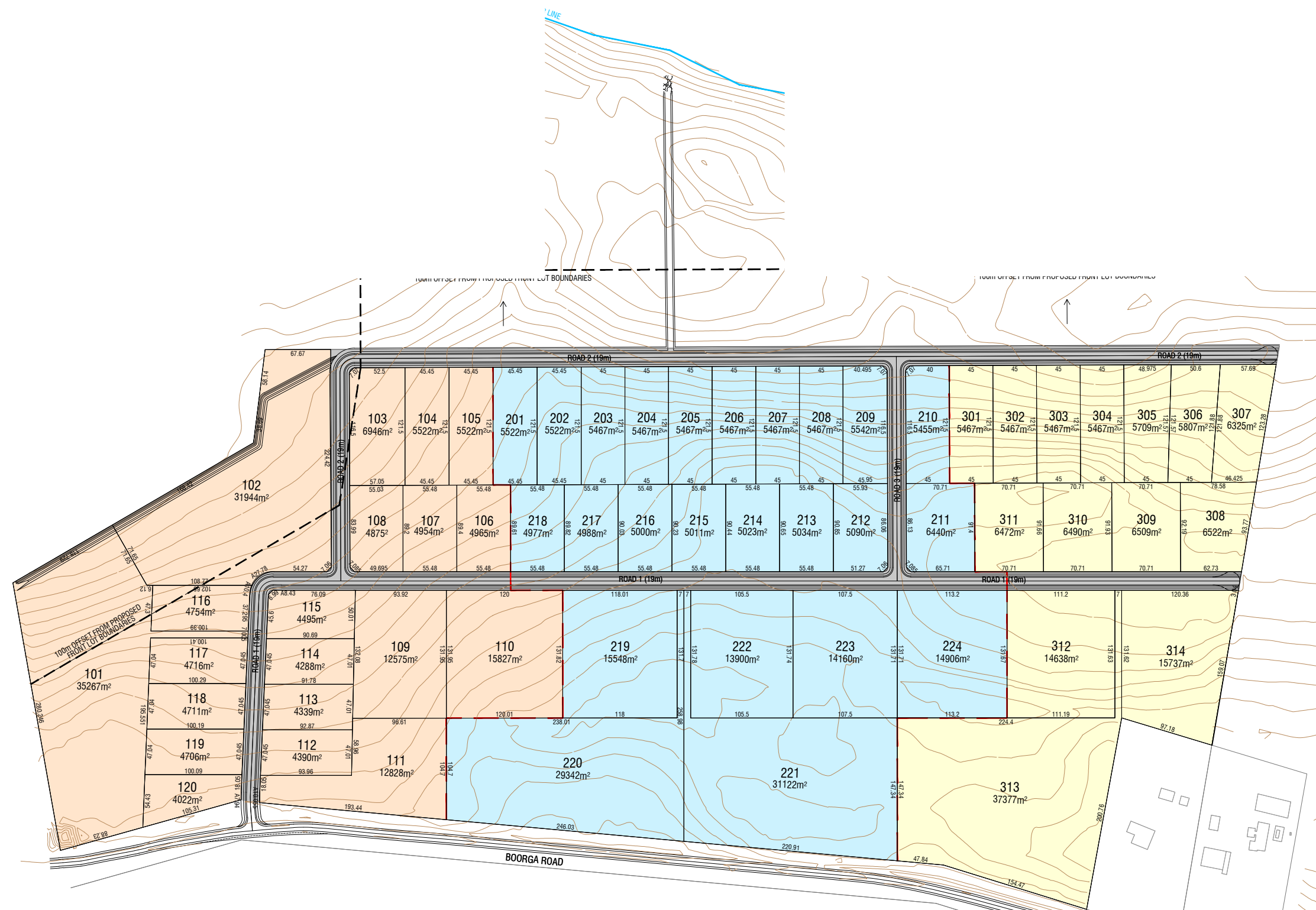
### **ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) Griffith Residential Development Control Plan - Insertion of Section 12.3  
(under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (b) DA 16-2025 - Subdivision Plan [↓](#)

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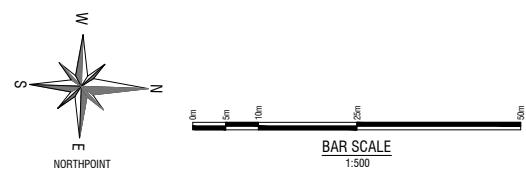
**LEGEND:**

- STAGE 1 - 20 LOTS
- STAGE 2 - 24 LOTS
- STAGE 3 - 14 LOTS



**IMPORTANT:**

1. CONTRACTOR MUST VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS ON SITE BEFORE COMMENCING WORK OR PREPARING WORKSHOP DRAWINGS.
2. ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE TO BE VERIFIED ON SITE BEFORE COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION. ENGINEERS DRAWINGS MUST NOT BE SCALED.
3. DRAWINGS SHALL BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS.
4. CONTRACTOR TO IDENTIFY ALL EXISTING SERVICES. ANY SERVICES SHOWN ARE INDICATIVE ONLY. CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY THE PROJECT MANAGER OF ANY POTENTIAL CLASHES.



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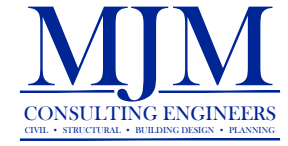
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**MAYURESH GROUP**

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<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL02</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NSW Sustainable Communities Program - Early Investment Round</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Brett Stonestreet, General Manager</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>25/35467</b>

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### **SUMMARY**

The NSW Sustainable Communities Program - Early Investment Round (\$15M) is the first of several rounds of funding provided by the Australian Government and administered through the NSW Government to help minimise social and economic impacts of water recovery/buy back policy of the current Australian Government. Applications opened 13 March 2025 and will be processed as they are received until the fund is exhausted. There is no closing date for applications and consequently it is very important that Council submit an application as soon as practicable.

This report details the rationale for a potential application by Griffith City Council and recommends an application be submitted.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That Council submit an application under the NSW Sustainable Communities Program - Early Investment Round.**
- (b) The project to be submitted is the “Griffith City Beautification & Tourism Enhancement Project Stage 1” and as detailed in this report.**

### **REPORT**

The following is a reproduction of a “Message from the Minister” Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Western NSW released Thursday 13 March 2025.

*“The NSW Sustainable Communities Program, run by the NSW Government, will provide community assistance to help minimise the social and economic impacts of water recovery measures on NSW communities under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.*

*The Early Investment Round is the first of several rounds of funding that form part of the Sustainable Communities Program. It’s designed to provide fast and immediate economic opportunities to those Southern Basin communities that are most vulnerable and exposed to water recovery under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.*

*This Early Investment Round is the first \$15 million available to NSW Basin communities and will be targeted to the 9 Local Government Areas of Balranald, Berrigan, Carrathool, Edward River, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murray River and Murrumbidgee.*

*The Early Investment Round ensures that communities will receive real and positive outcomes through the creation of new jobs, innovations and industry productivity. It will support local economies to sustain for the future, expand workforces and up-skill local workers. The Early Investment Round will look to ensure, where possible, that the timing of*

*investment follows the pace and scale of the Australian Government's water recovery measures.*

*Importantly, the Early Investment Round is real support, available swiftly, for communities to mitigate the anticipated effects of the Australian Government's water recovery.*

*The NSW Government does not support water buybacks, but we do believe that investing in services and infrastructure is crucial to building strong, vibrant regional communities.*

*By delivering the Sustainable Communities Program, we are building a better NSW and giving regional NSW the support it needs to grow and thrive well into the future."*

Griffith City Council does not support water buybacks in any form. Nevertheless, the reality is that the Australian Government is rolling out this water recovery policy regardless of the protests by communities such as Griffith, and the buybacks have already commenced. The "Sustainable Communities Program" has been established by the Australian Government with a total amount of \$300M to be allocated across all impacted communities under the Murray Darling Basin Plan over four (4) years i.e. 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28. An agreement has been signed by the Australian and NSW Governments that targets \$160M of the fund to impacted communities in NSW.

The Early Investment Round of \$15M as referred to in the "Minister's Message is the first of several funding rounds to come. Below is a link to the relevant NSW Government web site.

[NSW Sustainable Communities Program Early Investment Round | NSW Government](#)

The Early Investment Round identifies nine (9) eligible local government areas including Balranald, Berrigan, Carrathool, Edward River, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murray River and Murrumbidgee.

The intended recipients of grants under the Program are companies incorporated in Australia, NSW Local Government organisations, joint organisations of councils, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, incorporated associations or co-operatives, incorporated not-for-profit organisations, nationally accredited providers of tertiary education, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth).

- **Grant amount:** Between \$50,000 (GST exclusive) and \$1 million (GST exclusive) for Programs and Initiatives and Capital Investment projects.

Between \$250,000 (GST exclusive) and \$4 million (GST exclusive) for Infrastructure projects.

- **Applications opened:** 13 March 2025
- **Closing Date:** There is no closing date. Applications will be assessed by the Department as received and funds allocated until the fund is exhausted.

Given that there is no closing date for applications, time is of the essence for Council to submit an application.

Griffith City Council adopted a Griffith CBD Strategy during 2015. Refer Griffith City Council web site link below.

## [Griffith CBD Strategy | GCC](#)

The CBD Strategy has been a very useful reference document to provide justification for several projects to uplift the CBD Streetscape.

Examples include:

- Yambil Street upgrade
- Kooyoo Street revitalisation
- Griffith City “Her Way” Project
- Banna Avenue electricity infrastructure upgrade
- Banna Avenue festive lighting
- Railway Street additional carparks x 2
- Memorial Park embellishment
- Olympic Street Youth Precinct
- City Park
- Community Garden

The above projects have been achieved through the use of Council funds and leveraging additional support from the NSW and Australian Governments.

A “Petition for the cleanliness and revitalisation of our city” was tabled at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 11 March 2025 and was subsequently discussed at a workshop held 17 March 2025. The petition was discussed in the context of the Griffith CBD Strategy and the alignment of purpose the Strategy has with the petition.

This report recommends that Council submit an application under the NSW Sustainable Communities Program - Early Investment Round: “Griffith City Beautification & Tourism Enhancement Project Stage 1.”

Total Project: \$4,000,000  
Funding Application: \$3,000,000  
GCC Funds: \$1,000,000

The NSW Sustainable Communities Program - Early Investment Round requires a co-contribution by the applicant of 25% of the total project. Council has \$1M included in the 2025/26 Capital Works Program for the construction of recreational/tourism infrastructure at Lake Wyangan Recreation Area and this funding can be utilised to satisfy the 25% co-contribution.

The scope of works for the project proposed are as follows:

- Lake Wyangan Foreshaw improvements
- Griffith CBD embellishment: (Refer Confidential Attachment A).
  - Completion of footpath between Blumer Ave/Mackay Ave lights to Crossing Street.
  - Replacement/Upgrade irrigation systems in centre medians along Mackay Avenue from Blumer Ave intersection to Neville Place as required
  - Tree replacement program, tree surrounds in centre medians from Blumer Ave intersection to Kookora Street
  - Beautification of the roundabouts between Blumer Avenue and Kookora Street
  - Modifications to all tree lights in Banna Avenue as required
  - Replacement banners for all Bannercondas

## Community Consultation

Should Council endorse the submission of the application as recommended in this report and the application is successful the following is intended as next steps:

Step 1 - Commence work on Lake Wyangan Foreshore Recreation Area.

Step 2 - The scope of works for Griffith CBD be referred to the Roads Parks, and Pathways Enhancement Committee to make recommendation to Council to finalise the scope of works. The grant application scope of works to be provided to the Committee for guidance.

As stated earlier in this report, the NSW Sustainable Communities Program will have further rounds of funding available during the next few years and these funding rounds will provide the opportunity for applications for further stages of the CBD Strategy or other projects that councillors consider a high priority. Confidential Attachment A includes a reference of possible location for subsequent grant applications under the next stages of this program. It is highly likely of the future stages of this grant fund will require a co-contribution by applicants similar to the current round.

## OPTIONS

### OPTION 1

As per the recommendation in this report.

### OPTION 2

Other resolution of Council

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Griffith CBD Strategy 2015

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total Project: \$4,000,000  
Funding Application: \$3,000,000  
GCC Funds: \$1,000,000

Council's co-contribution of \$1M will be achieved through the Lake Wyangan Foreshore Improvements Project which is included in the existing capital works program for 2025/26.

## LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

All works undertaken by Council particularly at Lake Wyangan will ensure appropriate environmental safeguards are in place.

## **COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

A “Petition for the cleanliness and revitalisation of our city” was tabled at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 11 March 2025. This project is in part a response to the aspirations expressed in the petition.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This item links to Council’s Strategic Plan item 1.2 Actively engage with and seek direction from our community and stakeholders.

## **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) Griffith CBD Upgrade - Sustainable Communities Funding (under separate cover) (confidential)

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**LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Councillor Tony O'Grady, Councillor Laurie Testoni, Mark Dal Bon (Councillor - Alternate), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Frank Battistel (Community Representative), Jade Salvestro (Community Representative), John Tagliapietra (Community Representative), Kelvin Williams (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Matthew Woodward (ZOOM) (Community Representative), Saroja Nagaraj Gurazada (Community Representative), Scott Collis (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Environment & Public Health Coordinator, Vanessa Johns, Minute Secretary, Joanne Bollen

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Councillor Laurie Testoni that apologies be received from Reginald Brown (Community Representative) and Joel Undy (Community Representative).

**2 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.

**3 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**CL01 INDUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - MANDATORY**

An overview of the Committee induction process which Committee members may access on the Council website was provided. 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.

A more in-depth explanation in relation to the requirement to declare any Conflicts of Interest will be covered in the next Committee meeting.

### **CL02 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Jade Salvestro that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report, with the following changes made due to the foreshadowing of a Committee member's resignation:

- 10 Community Representatives;
- Number of voting members will be 14.

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

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Frank Battistel and Councillor Tony O'Grady that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2025.

### **CL04 LAKE WYANGAN PROGRESS/UPDATE REPORT**

Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, provided a background and current status report of the Lake Wyangan Project from November 2023 to current.

The update covered:

- Weekly onshore sampling for testing of both Lake Wyangan North and South.
- Works for Lake Wyangan foreshore improvements for recreational areas as per approved grant funding.
- The trial treatment of Lake Wyangan South with Diatomix.

A report outlining the results of testing 12 months prior to the trial commencing, and results during the trial until present, will be presented to the next Committee meeting.

### **CL05 LAKE WYANGAN DATA ANALYSIS REPORT, JANUARY 2022 - PREPARED BY DR. PHILIP ORR, AUSTRALIAN RIVERS INSTITUTE, GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY, BRISBANE**

Dr Philip Orr and Professor David Hamilton presented the Committee with a Lake Wyangan Data Analysis Report (Confidential Attachment a).

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and John Tagliapietra that:

- (a) The Committee note the Lake Wyangan Data Analysis Report - Dr. Philip Orr - Griffith University and express appreciation to him for undertaking this project.
- (b) The Committee identify which recommendations included in the report it wishes to progress and Council explore opportunities for government grant funding to enable their implementation.

**SMT Comment: Should Council resolve to endorse the recommendations (a) and (b) above, this item will be referred back to the Committee to be more specific in terms of which recommendation from Dr Orr's report will be progressed to implementation.**

*Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting, the time being 6:08pm.*

*Councillor Doug Curran and Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, left the meeting, the time being 6:14pm and returned to the meeting, the time being 6:15pm.*

*Councillor Doug Curran left the meeting, the time being 6:18pm.*

*Councillor Tony O'Grady assumed the role of Chair.*

#### **CL06 PROPOSAL FROM WOODLOTS AND WETLANDS - LAKE WYANGAN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

Dr Peter Bacon presented the Committee with a project proposal focused on improving the water quality at Lake Wyangan (Confidential Attachment b).

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Frank Battistel and Kelvin Williams that:

- (a) The Committee note the report.
- (b) The Committee identify which recommendations it wishes to progress and Council explore opportunities for government grant funding to enable their implementation.

**SMT Comment: Should Council resolve to endorse the recommendations (a) and (b) above, this item will be referred back to the Committee to be more specific in terms of which recommendation from Dr Bacon's report will be progressed to implementation.**

#### **CL07 LAKE WYANGAN STRATEGIC PLAN - REPORT FROM TOM MACKERRAS**

A report prepared by Mr Tom Mackerras was presented to the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee on 15 August 2024.

The new Committee considered the report.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Frank Battistel and Kelvin Williams that the information be received.

#### **CL08 NOTICE OF MOTION - NEXT STEPS**

At the Council Meeting held on 28 May 2024, a Notice of Motion received from Mayor Doug Curran and Councillor Jenny Ellis.

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

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

The Notice of Motion was endorsed by the previous Lake Wyangan & Catchment



Management on 15 August 2024 and is now in the hands of the new Committee.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Frank Battistel and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the report and progress investigation of Council's resolutions and make recommendations to Council in that regard.

#### **4 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

The Outstanding Action Report was noted.

#### **5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Presentation Lake Wyangan Foreshore Improvements**

Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst presented an update to the Committee on the ongoing improvements to the Lake Wyangan foreshore (Confidential Attachment c). He provided information regarding the current works being carried and additionally highlighted potential future works aimed at further enhancing the area.

##### **5.2 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP)**

Lisa Parker (Community Representative) to research the process of applying for an AHIP. This permit allows individuals or organisations to disturb Aboriginal objects or places, and it serves as a key mechanism within the Aboriginal culture and heritage management framework established by the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

##### **5.3 Liaising with Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC)**

John Tagliapietra (Community Representative) to commence informal discussions with GLALC in regards to possible future works.

#### **6 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee is to be held on Thursday, 24 April 2025 at 5:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:13pm.

#### **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) Lake Wyangan Data Analysis Report, January 2022 - Prepared by Dr. Philip Orr, Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University, Brisbane
- (b) Woodlots and Wetlands - Lake Wyangan Water Quality Management
- (c) Lake Wyangan Foreshore Improvements

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**ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Councillor Jenny Ellis, Councillor Laurie Testoni (Observer), Amy Renouf (Community Representative), Anthony Kidman (Community Representative), Brian Savage (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative), Elizabeth (Will) Mead (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (Community Representative), Kevin Taylor (Community Representative), Nicola Thoner (Community Representative), Simone Murphy (Community Representative), Stephen Parker (Community Representative), Doreen Wood (Invited Guest)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Works Manager - Maintenance, Manjit Chugha, Works Manager - Construction, Shree Shrestha, Parks & Gardens Manager, Peter Craig, Operations Assistant, Cheryl Tucker, Governance Manager, Leanne Austin and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo.

**1 APOLOGIES**

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

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Pecuniary Interests**

*Members 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**

*Members 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**

*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.*

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

### **3 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.

#### **CL02 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Shari Blumer and Amy Renouf that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report with the addition that representatives of the Dog Park and Soroptimists have one voting right each but alternate representatives may attend if the adopted Committee member is unable to attend.

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

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Shari Blumer and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that the following Committee Meeting dates for 2025 be adopted.

- Thursday, 8 May 2025.
- Wednesday, 25 June 2025.
- Wednesday 24 September 2025.
- Thursday, 6 November 2025.

#### **CL04 CUSTOMER REQUESTS MANAGEMENT**

Director of Infrastructure and Operations, Phil King provided the Committee with an explanation on the most appropriate methods Committee members can report an issue. This includes:

- See it, Report it - report an issue electronic form – Council website and QR Code.
- In person in Customer Service.
- Via telephone or email.
- After hours contact numbers.
- The Mayor and Councillors can also be contacted regarding issues.

Mr King explained the Customer Request Management system can be used to track service requests from customers.

### **CL05 PRESENTATION - GRIFFITH DOG PARK PETITION**

Council has received a request for a number of upgrades to be considered for the Off Leash Dog Park located on the western end of Community Gardens on Coolah Street, Griffith. Mr King presented the Committee with a number of options to improve the Off Leash Dog Park including:

- Enlargement of existing park
- Installation of lighting
- Obstacles for the dogs
- Upgrade of Carpark

Mr King advised the Committee that maintenance and safety issues need to be considered in any proposed upgrades.

Will Mead entered the meeting, the time being 5:06pm.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Nicola Thoner and Carmel La Rocca that:

- (a) The Committee note the report
- (b) The Committee request Council to consider allocating \$50,000 in the 2025/26 budget to provide upgrades to the Off Leash Dog Park, Community Gardens, Griffith.

### **CL06 PRESENTATION - PETITION FOR THE CLEANLINESS AND REVITALIZATION OF OUR CITY**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 11 March 2025 a Petition for the Cleanliness and Revitalisation of Our City was presented to Council by Doreen Wood. This was referred to the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee for consideration. Mr King provided an overview of Parks and Gardens areas of responsibility advising 26 Staff maintain 42 playgrounds, 2 skate parks, 7 major sporting grounds, 349Ha of grass, 177 separate parks and reserves. The Committee discussed the state of the Plane trees in Banna Avenue. Council is conducting soil testings on the areas around the affected Plane trees and will apply appropriate fertiliser / nutrients to improve the health of the trees.

The Committee discussed the condition of some of the plants in Yambil Street. Mr King advised that some of the plants are recovering from the hot summer conditions and some will be replaced. Mr Taylor suggested Lomandra Cultivar as an alternative native grass which is more heat resistant.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Jenna Thomas that the Committee endorse the proposed horticultural actions proposed by staff.

### **CL07 INVIGORATE GRIFFITH**

The Committee was advised that a community forum (Invigorate Griffith) has been organised on the 3 April 2025, at the Gem Hotel in partnership with the Griffith Business Chamber. All interested members are encouraged to register and attend.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Anthony Kidman that Doreen Wood be endorsed as a member of the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee.

Doreen Wood left the meeting at 5:55pm.

#### **CL09 REVIEW OF GRIFFITH CBD STRATEGY**

Councillor Blumer advised the Committee that the NSW Government had recently announced the NSW Sustainable Communities Program (NSW SCP) which will provide \$160 million to projects and initiatives for communities in the Southern Basin affected by water buy backs. Mr King advised Council is applying for grant funding under this program to upgrade Banna Avenue in line with the Griffith CBD Strategy. Councillor Blumer encouraged Committee members to review the Strategy and provide ideas for improvement.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Jenna Thomas that:

- (a) Council apply for funding for the upgrading of Banna Ave as reflected in the CBD Strategy.
- (b) Council review the CBD Strategy to identify the completed initiatives and consolidate the remaining recommendations into achievable projects with clear objectives and scope of works.

#### **CL08 REVIEW OF POLICIES & STRATEGIES**

Councillor Blumer provided an overview of the policies and strategies relevant to the Roads, Parks and Pathways Committee. The Committee nominated the Playground Strategy and Tree Policy to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mr Savage raised an issue regarding traffic congestion at Crossing Street, Blumer Avenue and Macedone Road during peak travel times and enquired if Council has a strategy in place to manage future traffic congestion. Mr King took this on Notice.

Councillor Ellis left the meeting at 6:11pm.

Mr Savage also raised traffic issues at Farronato Road with vehicles performing U-turns, safety concerns at the St Francis bus drop off and pick up locations and turning lanes on Banna Avenue between Crossing Street and Blumer Avenue. Mr King took these issues on Notice and will report back to the Committee and refer appropriate items to Traffic Committee. Councillor Blumer advised Committee members should report these type of issues by email to the Committee secretary or to Council's customer service.

Cheryl Tucker left the meeting at 6:15pm.

#### **CL10 REVIEW OF PLAYGROUND STRATEGY**

This clause is deferred to the next Committee Meeting due to time constraints.

#### **4 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Savage stated his concerns with the seed pods dropping from the Plane trees in Kooyoo Street. Mr King advised Council staff will maintain this area.

#### **5 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee is to be held on Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 4:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:20pm.

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**SCENIC HILL USER GROUP  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON  
TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 12:03 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Jenny Ellis (Chair), Councillor Laurie Testoni, Councillor Tony O'Grady, Bruno Guidolin (Community Representative), Denis Couch (Community Representative), Helen Vowles (Community Representative), Timothy Ellis (Community Representative, via Zoom)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Tourism Manager, Mirella Guidolin, Animal Control and Parking Compliance Coordinator, Karin Penninga (by invitation) and Minute Secretary, Melanie Hebrok

Leanne Austin (Governance Manager) was present for CL01.

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Desma Newman, Lachlan Weymouth and Sally Bamblett.

Absent: Ronald Anson.

**2 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.

**3 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**CL01 INDUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – MANDATORY**

Governance Manager Leanne Austin 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.

*Councillor Laurie Testoni entered the meeting, the time being 12:08pm.*

*Leanne Austin left the meeting at 12:11pm.*

## **CL02 INTRODUCTION**

Committee members provided a short introduction including qualifications, interest in the Committee and job description (for staff).

The Chair, Councillor Jenny Ellis, welcomed new and returning members to the Committee and provided a brief overview of the remaining members who were unable to attend today.

## **CL03 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2025**

The Chair noted that while quarterly meeting dates have been proposed for all Council Committees, there will be opportunities for Working Groups to be formed within this Committee to work on different issues and report back to the scheduled meetings.

The proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2025 are:

- 24 June
- 23 September
- 16 December

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Denis Couch and Councillor Tony O'Grady that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2025.

## **CL04 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee discussed the draft Terms of Reference, particularly highlighting the Purpose and Scope as well as the Authority to Act, which states that the Committee has no delegated authority to make management decisions but can make recommendations to Council including budget submissions through the minutes of the meeting.

Mr Couch suggested that a clause be added regarding the formation of working groups within the Committee.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Tim Ellis that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report, with the addition of the following under section 5.1: *Working Groups may be convened at the discretion of the Committee when required (Council staff will not be required to attend meetings of Working Groups).*

## **CL05 BACKGROUND**

The Chair presented a summary of the previous Council term's Scenic Hill User Group and the current issues for this Committee (see Attachment a), including:

### **Lack of dedicated Council leadership and funding**

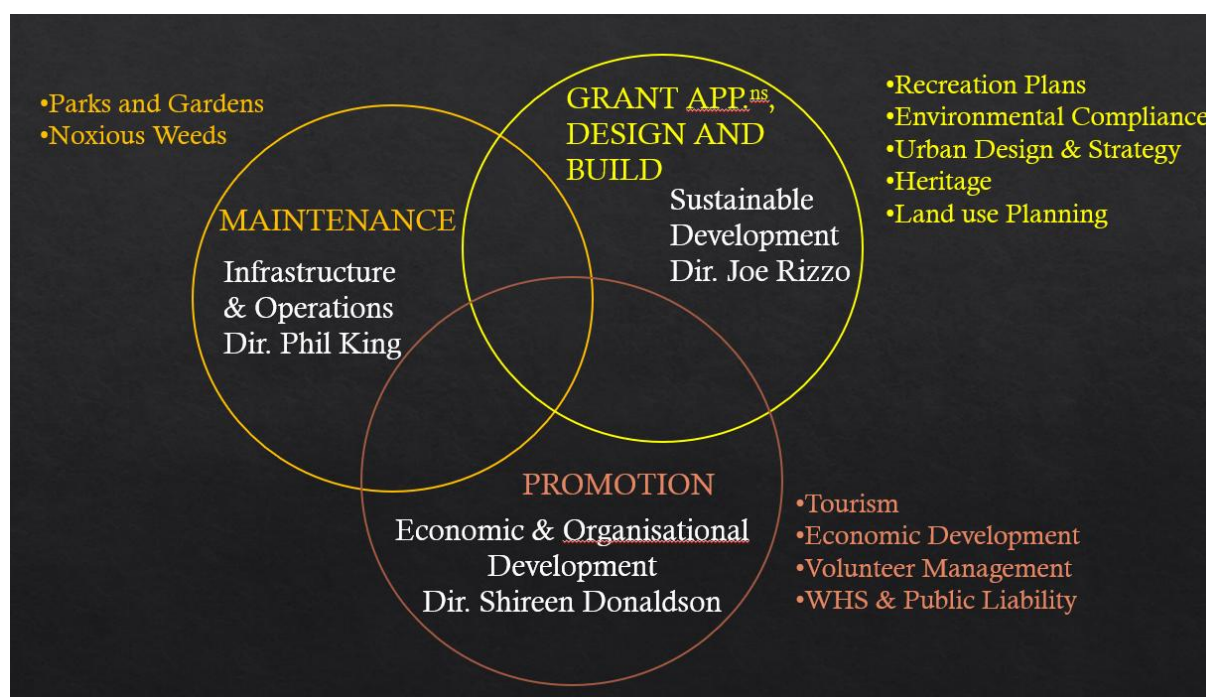
Overlapping responsibilities for Scenic Hill management in three Council directorates:



- Infrastructure & Operations – Parks & Gardens / Noxious Weeds
- Sustainable Development – Environmental Compliance, Land Use Planning, Urban Design, Heritage and Recreation Plans
- Economic & Organisational Development – Volunteer Management, WHS & Public Liability, Tourism & Economic Development.

Discussion was held about the current budget for clean-up and maintenance of Scenic Hill. Mr Rizzo to confirm how much is currently budgeted versus how much has actually been spent on relevant job numbers and report back to the Committee.

Current bids for the next Council FY budget are \$30,000 for signage and \$40,000 for a Masterplan for Scenic Hill. The Committee discussed the interconnected roles of the Council departments when it comes to budgeting for projects: Urban Design designs and builds an asset, Parks & Gardens maintains the asset, Tourism promotes the asset – all of these areas of responsibility need a budget component as well which needs to be factored into project budget bids. Ms Vowles asked if a process chart could be created to show these linkages (below).



Mr Couch noted that the previous Committee had faced many roadblocks and to move forward the group will need to focus on achievable outcomes. Councillor Testoni agreed that common goals need to be set to work towards.

#### Mixed Land Ownership

Ownership issues across Scenic Hill involve Aboriginal Land Claims, Crown Lands NSW and Council-managed Crown Land.

GLALC's aims are to preserve the land for cultural heritage, Indigenous tourism as well as cultural gathering places. GLALC have applied for a grant for Indigenous Rangers to look after the hill and other areas of concern, with the Chair to follow up on the progress of this.

The Rotary Lookout area is connected to a Crown Lands NSW trigonometry station which makes improvement projects difficult.

#### Rubbish and Illegal Dumping

Blocking off car access to fire trails and unofficial lookouts by using boulders, for example, could reduce some rubbish dumping. Grants are available for clean-up works and education.

### Cat Containment

A previous report prepared by Ms Bamblett highlighted the benefits of cat containment measures. Ms Penninga was invited to address these suggestions. She advised:

- Cats are free to roam under the NSW Companion Animals Act, so suggested measures cannot be enforced legally
- Responsible pet ownership / education campaigns can certainly be promoted
- Grants are actively sought for cat desexing programs
- No feral cat problem on Scenic Hill, more in CBD.

*Bruno Guidolin entered the meeting, the time being 1:07pm.*

The Chair asked if Ms Penninga would be willing to allow Ms Bamblett to work with her on an educational campaign for responsible cat ownership.

### Hermit's Cave Complex

- Listed on the State Heritage Register 2007
- Most visited site in Griffith
- Most complained about site in Griffith

### Grants & Funding Opportunities

The Committee discussed different grant funding opportunities, including the NSW Heritage Funding, with the next round of applications opening in 2027. A Masterplan would help with concrete plans and scope of works.

Mr Guidolin enquired about opportunities for private sector funding / sponsorship of signage at Hermit's Cave. Mr Rizzo said he can look into options, however Council may be reluctant to be perceived to favour certain businesses. Mrs Donaldson suggested to call for Expressions of Interest from businesses once projects (e.g. seating) are identified to ensure a level playing field.

### Vision

The Chair read out a vision for Scenic Hill based upon the desires of the last Committee (see Attachment b), which includes a lookout garden with BBQ facilities, walking trails with artworks, a Wiradjuri Cultural Centre and Café, among other well maintained cultural and tourism facilities. She stressed the importance of combining these ideas in an overall Masterplan for Scenic Hill and read out the draft motion to Council for the development of the Masterplan.

The Committee discussed the need for a Masterplan versus the existing Plan of Management for Scenic Hill. Mrs Donaldson advised that the existing PoM is a Crown Lands NSW document and statutory requirement, which does not include specific projects or costings that would aid in Grant Applications as discussed.

Ms Vowles questioned whether an external consultant is needed, with Mr Rizzo and Ms Donaldson advising that there are currently no Council staff and resources available to develop a Masterplan in house, however staff will work with the consultant to ensure the final plan aligns with the goals identified.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Denis Couch and Helen Vowles that Griffith City Council:

- (a) Allocates funding of \$40,000 in the 2025/26 budget for the development of a Scenic Hill Master Plan to guide future improvements and management of the site.
- (b) Engages relevant stakeholders, including the Scenic Hill User Group Committee, Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council, and other key community groups, to ensure the Master Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of all users.

- (c) Ensures the Master Plan aligns with the existing Plan of Management for Scenic Hill and includes scope of works and costings on:
- Signage improvements
  - Lookout and walking track upgrades
  - Heritage and cultural site protection
  - Rubbish mitigation and environmental management.
- (d) Uses the completed Master Plan to support future capital works budget bids (2026/27 and beyond) and external grant applications, including Crown Reserves Improvement Fund, EPA Illegal Dumping Grants, and other opportunities that arise.

Rationale: Scenic Hill is a highly valued but underfunded community and tourist asset. This Master Plan will provide a strategic, well-informed framework for ensuring its long-term preservation, accessibility, and sustainability. A clear vision and structured approach will enhance funding opportunities and ensure the site continues to be a place of cultural, recreational, and environmental significance for Griffith.

### **Attachments**

- (a) Scenic Hill User Group Background Presentation (Under Separate Cover)  
(b) Vision for Scenic Hill (Under Separate Cover)

## **CL06 FOLLOW UP ITEMS FROM LAST TERM**

Ms Donaldson advised that platforms such as Google Docs can be used by Committee members (or Working Group members within the Committee) with a personal login to share information. An extract could then be provided to the Committee secretary for a summary to be added to the Agenda. An Outstanding Action Report is also provided to each meeting, so shared notes can be included or added to this report.

Ms Vowles suggested that the SmartyGrants platform be explored as a tool for access to grant applications and documentation. Ms Donaldson to look into an upcoming webinar.

## **4 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Action List**

Mr Rizzo acknowledged the frustration of the Committee with the lack of dedicated Council responsibilities for Scenic Hill overall. He advised that an Action Report will be provided at each meeting and staff will ensure it is actioned and updated regularly with the latest information.

### **4.2 Committee Vision**

Councillor Ellis asked that Committee members look for a picture of what they would like to see on Scenic Hill and send it to her to develop a 'vision board'.

## **5 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Scenic Hill User Group is to be held on 17 June 2025 at 12 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 2:02 pm.

**TITLE** Notice of Motion - Councillor Jenny Ellis  
**FROM** Councillor Jenny Ellis  
**TRIM REF** 25/37672

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### **SUMMARY**

The following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor Jenny Ellis on Tuesday, 1 April 2025.

Further information can be found in Attachment A.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolve to allocate sufficient funds from the cash reserves set aside for the Art Gallery project (currently at \$109K) to cover the costs of the following improvements at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery, once accurate costings have been determined:**

- (a) Signage for the front of the Gallery - to be designed, manufactured, and installed.(Approximately \$5K)**
- (b) New hanging track system - to enhance the display and functionality of exhibition spaces. (Approximately \$10K)**
- (c) Repainting of the walls and ceiling of the whole gallery - To refreshen and cover water damaged ceilings (National average: \$60-\$100/ sqm; Gallery is 422sqm therefore up to \$42K)**

### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM COMMENT**

Nil.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) Notice of Motion - Councillor Jenny Ellis - 1 Apr 2025 [↓](#)** 45



## Notice of Motion

### Notice of Motion

**Councillor's Name \*** Cr Jenny Ellis

**Date \*** 01-Apr-25

**Time \*** 07:49:17 AM

Brett Stonestreet  
General Manager  
Griffith City Council  
GRIFFITH NSW 2680

**Dear Mr Stonestreet,** I Use of Cash Reserves for Griffith Regional Art Gallery Improvements  
**hereby give notice of  
the following Notice Motion:  
of Motion for the**

**Council Meeting to be held as indicated  
below: \*** That Council resolve to allocate sufficient funds from the cash reserves set aside for  
the Art Gallery project (currently at \$109K) to cover the costs of the following  
improvements at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery, once accurate costings have been  
determined:

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3. Repainting of the walls and ceiling of the whole gallery – To refreshen and cover water damaged ceilings (National average: \$60-\$100/ sqm; Gallery is 422sqm therefore up to \$42K)

**Additional Information**

**Background:**

While the long-term vision for a new art gallery remains important, it is clear that building a new facility is not within Council's financial means at present. In the meantime, we must ensure that our existing gallery is well-maintained, accessible, and fit for purpose.

The Griffith Regional Art Gallery is a valued cultural asset, hosting exceptional exhibitions and programs. However, the current state of the facility is undermining its professionalism and appeal. Water damage has left parts of the ceiling in disrepair, and the paint on the walls is peeling. It is simply not acceptable to display outstanding exhibitions in a space that does not reflect the quality of the work being presented.

Additionally, the recent placement of the war memorial gun has obscured the gallery from view, making it less visible to the public. Clear and professional signage is now essential to ensure that both locals and visitors are aware of the gallery's presence and can easily find their way inside.

The funds in cash reserves, originally set aside for the Art Gallery project, provide an opportunity to address these immediate needs. Once accurate costings have been determined, allocating sufficient funds for these improvements will ensure the gallery remains functional, visible, and a place of pride for the Griffith community.

By approving this motion, Council will demonstrate its commitment to supporting the arts and maintaining a professional and inviting space for the public.

**Link to strategic plan:**

This motion links to Council's strategic plan 4.2 Encourage an inclusive community that celebrates social and cultural diversity; 4.4 Provide a range of cultural facilities, programs and events and 4.8 Improve the aesthetic of the City... by developing quality places and improved public realm that supports active, healthy and inclusive communities.

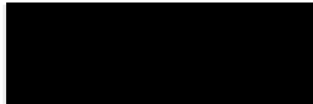
**Attachments**

**Council Meeting**

08-Apr-25

**Date: \***

**Signature \***



**Extract from Griffith City Council's Code of Meeting Practice:**

Giving notice of business to be considered at Council Meetings

3.10 A councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the council at its next ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing and must be submitted by 12 pm, five business days before the meeting is to be held.

3.11 A councillor may, in writing to the general manager, request the withdrawal of a notice of motion submitted by them prior to its inclusion in the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered.

3.12 If the General Manager considers that a notice of motion submitted by a Councillor for consideration at an ordinary meeting of the Council has legal, strategic, financial or policy implications which should be taken into consideration by the meeting, the general manager may prepare a report in relation to the notice of motion for inclusion with the business papers for the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered by the Council.

3.13 A notice of motion for the expenditure of funds on works and/or services other than those already provided for in the council's current adopted operational plan must identify the source of funding for the expenditure that is the subject of the notice of motion. If the notice of motion does not identify a funding source, the general manager must either:

(a) prepare a report on the availability of funds for implementing the motion if adopted for inclusion in the business papers for the meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered by the council, or

(b) by written notice sent to all councillors with the business papers for the meeting for which the notice of motion has been submitted, defer consideration of the matter by the council to such a date specified in the notice, pending the preparation of such a report.

Questions with notice

3.14 A councillor may, by way of a notice submitted under clause 3.10, ask a question for response by the general manager about the performance or operations of the council.

3.15 A councillor is not permitted to ask a question with notice under clause 3.14 that comprises a complaint against the general manager or a member of staff of the council, or a question that implies wrongdoing by the general manager or a member of staff of the council.

3.16 The general manager or their nominee may respond to a question with notice submitted under clause 3.14 by way of a report included in the business papers for the relevant meeting of the council or orally at the meeting.

**In relation to Section** Cash reserves - Art Gallery Project

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

**Privacy Protection Notice**

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- For further details on how the Griffith City Council manages personal information, please refer to our Privacy Management Plan.

**TITLE** Outstanding Action Report

**TRIM REF** 25/10680

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The report be noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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

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### OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Council Meeting Date	MEETING ITEM	Action Officer	CRM No.	Minute No.	Council Resolution	Additional Information
11 March 2025	<b>CL03 PETITION FOR CLEANLINESS &amp; REVITALISATION OF OUR CITY</b>	GM	157363	25/064	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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.	<b>13/03/2025:</b> Scheduled for workshop and Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee. <b>31/03/2025:</b> Considered in Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee 26 March 2025.
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.	<b>17/03/2025:</b> Recipient notified and arrangements for a suitable event to be confirmed. <b>31/03/2025:</b> Photoshoot confirmed and date to be confirmed for unveiling of portrait and small ceremony.

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					(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.	
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 preparation of the licence</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>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>	<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.
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 Consultants to inform the</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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					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	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Tony O'Grady that:</p> <p>(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';</p> <p>(b) A report be prepared by the Directorate of Sustainable Development and be provided to Council at a meeting in May 2025.</p>	<p><b>2/12/2024:</b> Report to be presented in May 2025.</p> <p><b>3/02/2025:</b> Workshop held 21 February 2025 developer forum to be Scheduled April 2025.</p> <p><b>31/03/2025:</b> Developer forum scheduled 10 April 2025. Report to Council May 2025.</p>
26 March 2024	<b>CL02 COMMUNITY GARDENS LARGE SCALE EVENT MASTERPLAN</b>	USD	144180	24/075	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Glen Andrezza that:</p> <p>(a) Council adopts the Community Gardens Large Scale Event Masterplan as exhibited.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(c) Council finalise a staged design of fencing for the Community Gardens site.</p>	<p><b>12/4/2024:</b> Manager of Urban Design to arrange meeting with relevant staff to discuss fencing.</p> <p><b>06/05/2024:</b> Meeting held on site to discuss fencing on Thursday, 2 May 2024. Costing of fencing being prepared.</p> <p><b>20/05/2024:</b> Draft Costing will be presented to Council at a meeting in June.</p> <p><b>04/06/2024:</b> Draft Costing will be presented to Council at a meeting in July.</p> <p><b>15/07/2024:</b> Draft Costing will be presented to Council meeting 10 September 2024.</p> <p><b>05/08/2024:</b> Meeting held with contractor to obtain quotes for shade sails over stage area.</p> <p><b>19/08/2024:</b> No quote received as yet.</p>

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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 Wakaden St, 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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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> <p><b>31/03/2025:</b> Discussed at workshop 18 March, Matter referred to the Roads, Parks and Pathways enhancement Committee 8 May 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 Andreaazza that: (a) Council undertake a master planning exercise for the village	<b>01/08/2022:</b> This matter will be scheduled for discussion at Council Workshop 16 August 2022.

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					<p>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 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><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 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>
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						<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 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> <p><b>01/04/2025:</b> Report to Council Meeting May 2025.</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 Ministers 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 Minsters 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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					<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 the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.</p>	
23 April 2024	<b>CL03 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - MISCELLANEOUS CROWN RESERVES</b>	CPO	144994	24/115	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p><b>20/05/2024:</b> Awaiting approval from Minister.</p> <p><b>17/02/2025:</b> Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Minsters Office.</p> <p><b>3/03/2025:</b> Exhibition period completed, Report for adoption to be presented at a future Council Meeting.</p> <p><b>02/04/2025:</b> Report to Council 22 April 2025.</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 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 Andrezza 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 GYMNASISTICS 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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						bridge. Approaches under construction. <b>01/04/2025:</b> Ramps for the bridge will be complete, by the week commencing 19 May.
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