



Ordinary Meeting

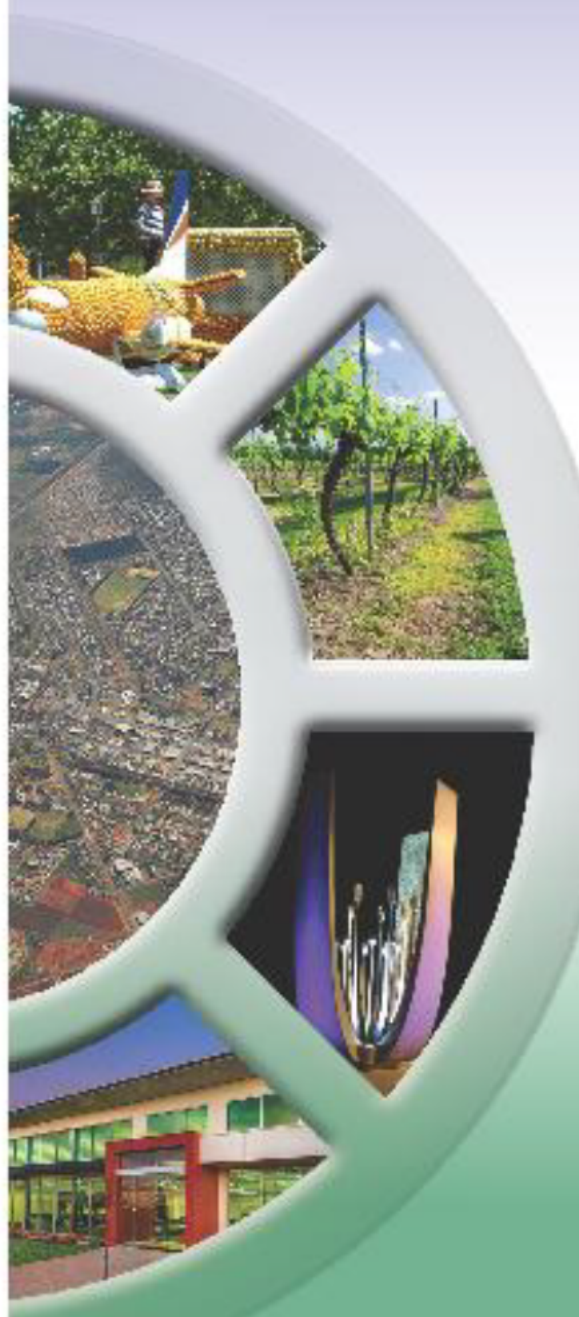
BUSINESS PAPER

Tuesday, 27 May 2025 at 7:00 PM

Griffith City Council Chambers

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Councillor Doug Curran (Mayor)
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
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Councillor Tony O'Grady
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Councillor Laurie Testoni

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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.

**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
TO BE HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Griffith City Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 27 May 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
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| CL01 | p21 | Yenda Growth Area Master Plan Request for Public Exhibition |
| CL02 | p26 | Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan Request for Public Exhibition |
| CL03 | p32 | Adoption of Plan of Management - Miscellaneous Crown Reserves - (Kart Club - Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve - Rankins Springs Camping Area - Dave Wallace Range) |

- CL04 p90 Third Quarter Performance Report 2024/25 - Budget Review and Operational Plan
- CL05 p96 Change of Council Meeting Date - 24 June 2025 to 19 June 2025
- CL06 p98 Endorsement of Draft Griffith Housing Strategy for Public Exhibition
- 9 Information Reports
- CL07 p101 Investments as at 30 April 2025
- CL08 p110 Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return - May 2025
- 10 Adoption of Committee Minutes
- p112 Minutes of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee Meeting held on 30 April 2025
- p116 Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2025
- p120 Minutes of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee Meeting held on 8 May 2025
- 11 Business with Notice – Rescission Motions
- 12 Business with Notice – Other Motions
- 13 Outstanding Action Report
- p125 Outstanding Action Report
- 14 Matters to be dealt with by Closed Council

Brett Stonestreet

GENERAL MANAGER

**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

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

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Acting Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Max Turner, Acting Director Sustainable Development, Carel Potgieter and Minute Takers, Leanne Austin and Antoinette Galluzzo

MEDIA

The Area News, Cai Holroyd

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

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

25/119

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that apologies be received from Deputy Mayor, Anne Napoli, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon and Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and a leave of absence granted.

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.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

25/120

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 22 April 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 Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 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 Shari Blumer

CL05 - Surrender of Lease Agreement with Atkinson Agriculture and request for New Lease Agreement between Atkinson Agriculture and Robert Ryan - Hangar Site 21 Griffith Aerodrome, Old Aerodrome Road, Griffith - Part Lot 1 DP1146897

Reason – The business that I work for and have an interest in, does work on the documents if endorsed by Council.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

Councillor Laurie Testoni

CL01 - DA 141/2024 - Review of Determination of Refusal to Grant Consent - Free-Standing Digital Advertising Structure

Reason – Cousins husband is a Director of a company involved with the DA process.

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet

Minutes of the General Manager Recruitment Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2025

Reason – These Minutes relate to the position I currently hold with Council.

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.

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

6 PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor advised Councillors that the Griffith Parkinson's Support Group had recently presented Griffith City Council with a Community Hero Award.

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Councillor Laurie Testoni left the meeting having declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest, the time being 7:05pm.

CL01 DA 141/2024 - REVIEW OF DETERMINATION OF REFUSAL TO GRANT CONSENT - FREE-STANDING DIGITAL ADVERTISING STRUCTURE

25/121

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

- (a) Council as the consent authority pursuant to Section 8.4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, review the original determination to approve Development Application 141/2024(2) for the construction of a free-standing digital advertising structure at 10-12 Yambil St Griffith.
- (b) The Director Sustainable Development be delegated to issue the notice of determination with conditions of consent as per Attachment (a) in the report.

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

For

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.

Councillor Laurie Testoni returned to the meeting, the time being 7:08pm.

CL02 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025/26 TO 2028/29 INCORPORATING THE DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN (BUDGET) 2025/26 AND RESOURCING STRATEGY

Councillors Shari Blumer and Scott Groat moved the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Council endorse the placement of the following draft documents on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days:
 - ☐ Draft Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 incorporating the draft Operational Plan 2025/26,

- ☐ Draft Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan 2025/26-2034/35
 - ☐ Draft Workforce Management Plan 2025/26-2028/29
 - ☐ Draft Asset Management Plan 2025/26 – 2034/35.
- (b) Council hold a Community Opinion Group (COG meeting) during the public exhibition period to review and discuss the draft documents.
- (c) Following the public exhibition period, the abovementioned documents, including any submissions received, will be presented to Council for consideration and adoption before 30 June 2025.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 10 Public cemeteries New cremator \$400K - move this item to 2026/2027 budget.

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

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

The vote was tied 4 votes to 4.

The Mayor used his casting vote, to vote against the amendment.

The amendment was declared LOST.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 26 Roads and bridges Kerb and gutter renewal \$225,721 - reduce this figure by \$100k.

For
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead

Against
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared LOST by 3 votes to 5.

The amendment was declared LOST.

Councillors O'Grady and Ellis moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 34 Civil Infrastructure Drone replacement \$7,410 - move this item to 2027/28 going forward 7.5 yr replacement.

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

Against
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 2.

The amendment was declared CARRIED.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 37 Street lighting Additional lights general \$33,051 - reduce this figure to \$16,525.

For
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead

Against
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 5 votes to 3.

The amendment was declared CARRIED.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 44 IT services Annual PC replacement \$124,218 - reduce this figure to \$110K.

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

Against
Councillor Scott Groat

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 1.

The amendment was declared CARRIED.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 65 Parking Areas Reseal car parks \$62,870 - reduce this figure by \$50k.

For
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead

Against
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared LOST by 6 votes to 2.

The amendment was declared LOST.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 68 Footpaths and cycleways \$75,573 - reduce this Figure by \$15k.

For
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead

Against
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Shari Blumer

Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared LOST by 6 votes to 2.

The amendment was declared LOST.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 72 Roads and bridges Seal gravel Rd intersections \$100k - remove this from the 2025/26 budget

For
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Tony O'Grady

Against
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared LOST by 6 votes to 2.

The amendment was declared LOST.

Councillors O'Grady and Stead moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 74 Parks and gardens Scenic hill lighting etc \$140k - move \$70k of this budget to 2026/27 budget.

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.

The amendment was declared CARRIED.

Councillors O'Grady and Blumer moved the following **AMENDMENT** that:

Line 76 Parks and gardens Wood park toilet block \$250K - move this item to 2026/27 budget.

For
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead

Against
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 5 votes to 3.

The amendment was declared CARRIED.

25/122

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Scott Groat that:

- (a) Council endorse the placement of the following draft documents on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days:

- ☐ Draft Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 incorporating the draft Operational Plan 2025/26,
- ☐ Draft Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan 2025/26-2034/35
- ☐ Draft Workforce Management Plan 2025/26-2028/29
- ☐ Draft Asset Management Plan 2025/26 – 2034/35.

- (b) Council hold a Community Opinion Group (COG meeting) during the public exhibition period to review and discuss the draft documents.

- (c) Following the public exhibition period, the abovementioned documents, including any submissions received, will be presented to Council for consideration and adoption before 30 June 2025.

Council also endorse for exhibition, the following further amendments relating to the Draft Delivery Program and Draft Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan - Ten Year Capital Works Program.

- (d) Line 34 Civil Infrastructure Drone replacement \$7,410 - move this item to 2027/28 going forward 7.5 yr replacement.
- (e) Line 37 Street lighting Additional lights general \$33,051 - reduce this figure to \$16,525.
- (f) Line 44 IT services Annual PC replacement \$124,218 - reduce this figure to \$110K.
- (g) Line 74 Parks and gardens Scenic hill lighting etc \$140k - move \$70k of this budget to 2026/27 budget.
- (h) Line 76 Parks and gardens Wood park toilet block \$250K - move this item to 2026/27 budget.

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.

CL03 GRALC SURVEY RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATION ON OPERATING STATUS

25/123

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

- (a) Council note the Survey Results Report conducted in relation to the Griffith Regional Aquatic Leisure Centre (GRALC) Gymnasium.
- (b) Council endorse the Gymnasium facility remaining under the control and operation of Council into the future.

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

Against
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 1.

CL04 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES - CUSTOMER SERVICE & USE OF COUNCIL FOOTPATHS

25/124

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) Council place the draft Customer Service Policy and Use of Council Footpaths Policy on public display for 28 days.
- (b) If any submissions are received, a further report be prepared for Council.
- (c) If no submissions are received, the reviewed policies be considered adopted by Council as at the date of the conclusion of the advertised exhibition period.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

Councillor Shari Blumer left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:45pm.

CL05 SURRENDER OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ATKINSON AGRICULTURE AND REQUEST FOR NEW LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATKINSON AGRICULTURE AND ROBERT RYAN - HANGAR SITE 21 GRIFFITH AERODROME, OLD AERODROME ROAD, GRIFFITH - PART LOT 1 DP1146897

25/125

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) Council approves the surrender of the current lease with Atkinson Agriculture.
- (b) Council approves to enter into a new lease with Atkinson Agriculture and Robert Ryan

over Hangar Site 21 of the Griffith Aerodrome (Part Lot 1 DP 1146897) for a term of 5 years, effective as at the date of the surrender of the current lease, with a further option of 5 years.

- (c) The annual lease fee will be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$3.01 per sq/metre for 'landside' areas between 1000 - 4000 sq/metres for the 2024/2025 Financial Year, in addition to rates and charges.
- (d) Robert Ryan to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the surrender of the current lease and the preparation of the new lease agreement together with Council's Administration Fee.
- (e) Council authorise the General Manager and Mayor to execute the lease agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

For
Councillor Doug Curran
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 7 votes to 0.

Councillor Shari Blumer returned to the meeting, the time being 7:47pm.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL06 WESTERN RIVERINA REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

25/126

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni that Council endorse 'Action 1.4 - Councils to review stormwater management and town sewerage discharge strategies and approaches to maximise opportunities for reuse of water resources' from the Western Riverina Regional Drought Resilience Plan as part of the implementation phase.

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.

CL07 PETITION RECEIVED 29 APRIL 2025

25/127

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Christine Stead that the petition be received and noted.

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.

CL08 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

25/128

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that the report be noted by Council.

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

Against

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

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SALEYARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2025

25/129

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Saleyards Committee meeting held on 22 April 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.

MINUTES OF THE LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2025

25/130

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

recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 24 April 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.

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet left the meeting having declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:58pm.

The Senior Management Team left the meeting, the time being 7:58pm.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2025

25/131

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the General Manager Recruitment Committee meeting held on 28 April 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.

The General Manager and Senior Management Team returned to the meeting, the time being 7:59pm.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR MARK DAL BON

25/132

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

- (a) Council place the naming proposal (Valentini Bridge) for the new walkway bridge adjacent to Mackay Avenue and Macedone Road, on public exhibition for 28 days.
- (b) If no public submissions received, the name be formally adopted and appropriate new signage be developed for Council's review and implementation,
- (c) If any public submissions are received, then a further report be provided to Council for determination.

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.

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR MARK DAL BON

Councillors Mark Dal Bon and Jenny Ellis moved the following **MOTION** that "I would like Cr Ellis to explain her posting about the funding for carols and candlelight's, witch has caused some conterversy out in the public, to council and the general public."

No vote was taken.

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

25/133

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 Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:22pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON

CLAUSE	CL01
TITLE	Yenda Growth Area Master Plan Request for Public Exhibition
FROM	Kelly McNicol, Consultant Planner
TRIM REF	25/54775

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council to place the Yenda Growth Area Master Plan and Development Control Plan (Site Specific Section 12.4 of the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan) on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. The Master Plan has been the subject of a detailed design review and consultation process over the last 24 months. Based on the draft Master Plan provided at Attachment's 1-6, the Yenda Growth Area could cater for up to 639 new dwellings. Collectively, Griffith's master planned Growth Areas, including Lake Wyangan (1660), Hanwood (803) and Yenda (639) and the undeveloped land in Collina (500), have the potential to provide over 3500 new homes to support and facilitate the growth of Griffith.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Council adopt the draft Yenda Growth Area Master Plan and Site Specific Section 12.4 of the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan and place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.**
- (b) Should no submissions be received, the Yenda Growth Area Master Plan and Site Specific Section 12.4 of the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan are adopted and in accordance with clause 6.3 of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014, Stage 1 of the growth area is released for development.**
- (c) Should submissions be received, the Yenda Growth Area Master Plan and Site Specific Section 12.4 of the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan is to be reported back to Council including a report detailing any amendments to the Master Plan and a review of all submissions received.**

REPORT

Background

In 2014, the Griffith Land Use Strategy identified a new growth area for Yenda to the south of the existing village along Burley Griffin Way. This area was selected as it was not considered flood prone, contained large developable lots and was not close to any large industries or other major constraints.

In response to requests from Yenda residents during a community meeting a motion was put forward and endorsed at the July 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council to carry out a master planning exercise in Yenda to facilitate growth. To fund the Master Plan, Council applied for and received funding from the NSW Government through the NSW Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund in 2023.

Site Constraints and Opportunities

The Growth Area site is located to the south-west of the Yenda Village on Burley Griffin Way. The site contains two large parcels legally referred to as Lot 2 DP 1084525 (12 Wells Road, Bilbul) and Lot 230 DP 751728 (230 Cotterill Road, Bilbul (refer to Attachment 1).

The site provides the following opportunities

- Can provide urban expansion of the Yenda Village.
- Reinforce the existing Yenda Village CBD.
- Provide housing for an increase in population to help revitalise the Yenda Village.
- Provide open space in an urban environment.
- Provide pedestrian and Cyclist connections back to Yenda Village.
- Design a sustainable community with Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) and landscaping measures.

The site has the following constraints

- The site is very flat and will require significant fill or reshaping to ensure site drainage.
- The site is surrounded by Murrumbidgee Irrigation supply and drainage channels.
- The site is somewhat disconnected from the existing village by the Main Canal.
- Surrounding agricultural operations and requirements for buffers (perimeter roads and landscaping used).

These constraints have been overcome with good design, substantial stormwater detention basins and intricate cut and fill designs.

Overview of Master Plan

The Master Plan design has been the result of consultation with landowners, Councillors and key stakeholders. The Master Plan shows the site:

- Can provide suitable transport connections to Burley Griffin Way.
- Can be serviced by water, sewer, electricity and telecommunications.
- Is flood free in a 1% AEP event

The Master Plan has been developed with the following principles in mind:

- provide diverse lot and housing options in line with the recommendations of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2019 and the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025;
- provide growth area land to progressively be developed to meet the demand for urban residential lots in Griffith over a 25–30-year time horizon;
- permit 50% of the lots to be utilised for multi-dwelling housing as recommended by the Griffith Housing Taskforce;
- utilise the capacity of existing water and sewer infrastructure;

- develop around the flood impacted lands in the catchment and improve drainage flows;
- consider existing lot boundaries to ensure each landowner can develop on their own and support out of sequence development should landowners not wish to develop their lands;
- minimise road connections to Burley Griffin Way and utilise existing roads as collector roads; and
- limit land use conflict.

A Design Report is provided at Attachment 2 and prepared by CBR Consulting.

The Master Plan would be developed in two Stages:

Stage 1 (Lot 2 DP 1084525):

- 177 conventional lots with an average area of around 700m². 25% of these lots would be permitted to be multi-dwelling lots. As such, these lots could facilitate over 221 dwellings.
- Several multi-dwelling development nodes capable of supporting 97 dwellings – equating to around 25% of the landholding in Stage 1. The design has taken into consideration the ability to permit 50% of the lots to be utilised for multi-dwelling housing as recommended by the Griffith Housing Taskforce and incorporated in the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025.
- 5000 m² open space area to be developed as a neighbourhood park.
- A large stormwater detention basin to be landscaped and used as open space with shade trees.
- Use of an upgraded Cotterill Road as a main collector road with a new intersection to Burley Griffin Way.

Stage 2 (Lot 230 DP 751728):

- 167 conventional lots with an average area of around 700m². 25% of these lots would be permitted to be multi-dwelling lots. As such, these lots could facilitate over 208 dwellings.
- Several multi-dwelling development nodes capable of supporting 113 dwellings – equating to around 25% of the landholding in Stage 2. The design has taken into consideration the ability to permit 50% of the lots to be utilised for multi-dwelling housing as recommended by the Griffith Housing Taskforce and incorporated in the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025.
- 8239 m² open space area to be developed as a neighbourhood park.
- A stormwater detention basin to be landscaped and used as open space with shade trees.

- Use of an upgraded McKissack Road as a main collector road with a new intersection to Burley Griffin Way.

The Growth Area would cater for a total of approximately 639 dwellings and would satisfy some of the demand for greenfield residential lots in Griffith over a 25–30-year period. The Master Plan provides general parameters for development including: staging, minimum lot sizes, servicing and drainage requirements, road networks and land uses. As part of any future development application for the development of each lot, variation in the Master Plan design can be accommodated as long as general parameters are met. This could include increasing the size of the lots, shifting multi-dwelling lots or amending the internal road design. Other types of development within the Master Plan would also be possible, such as seniors housing and child care facilities. However, to ensure the Yenda village commercial area is prioritised, no commercial development is envisioned for the Growth Area.

Development Control Plan

The development of the Yenda Growth Area does not necessitate the preparation of a Section 7.11 Contribution Plan as there are only two parcels of land each encompassing a stage of the Master Plan release. The developer of each Stage would be responsible for all upgrades associated with that stage including trunk drainage, open space, service extensions and road works.

Clause 6.3 of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 requires the preparation of a Development Control Plan for a Growth Area as part of a master planning exercise. Proposed Section 12.4 of the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan (DCP) is provided at Attachment 7. Proposed Section 12.4 provides requirements for the submission of development applications for the subdivision of the Growth Area to facilitate the Master Plan. The development controls in sections 4-10 of the Griffith Residential DCP would apply to the future development of residential and non-residential development within the Growth Area.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Any other resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The release of the lands in the Master Plan is guided by Part 6 – Urban release areas of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014. Lands outside of Stage 1 of the Master Plan would require rezoning prior to commencement of development of further stages.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Funding for the Master Plan was provided by the NSW Government through the NSW Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund.

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Policy or regulatory breach has no impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

The draft Yenda Master Plan is facilitating the increase of housing options in the Griffith Local Government Area. This is in line with the community consultation undertaken for the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025.

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 5.4 Strategic land use planning and management to encourage investment in the region.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team, Director Sustainable Development

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Attachment 1 - Yenda Growth Area Overall Master Plan (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (b) Attachment 2 - Yenda Growth Area Master Plan Report (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (c) Attachment 3 - YMP - Lot Layout and Road Plans (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (d) Attachment 4 - YMP - Stormwater, Sewer and Water Designs (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (e) Attachment 5 - YMP - Earthworks and Cut and Fill Plans (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (f) Attachment 6 - YMP Overall Landscape Concept Design (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- (g) Attachment 7 - Draft Section 12.4 - Site Specific Development Controls for Yenda Growth Area (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

CLAUSE	CL02
TITLE	Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan Request for Public Exhibition
FROM	Kelly McNicol, Consultant Planner
TRIM REF	25/54893

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council to place the Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. The Master Plan has been the subject of a detailed design review and consultation process over the last 24 months. Based on the draft Master Plan provided at Attachments 1-3, the Hanwood Growth Area could cater for up to 803 new dwellings. Collectively, Griffith's master planned Growth Areas, including Lake Wyangan (1660), Hanwood (803) and Yenda (639) and the undeveloped land in Collina (500), have the potential to provide over 3500 new homes to support and facilitate the growth of Griffith.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Council adopt the draft Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan and place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) Should no submissions be received, the Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan is adopted and Council endorses the preparation of a Section 7.11 Contribution Plan to ensure the development of the growth area including the provision of roadworks, drainage network and open space proceeds on an equitable and fair basis for landowners and developers.
- (c) Should submissions be received, the Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan is to be reported back to Council including a report detailing any amendments to the Master Plan and a review of all submissions received.

REPORT

Background

In 2002, the Griffith Growth Strategy 2030 identified a new growth area for Hanwood to the east of the existing village bounded by Leonard Road, Old Willbriggie Road and Hanwood Avenue to be released for development between 2011 and 2030. In 2014, the endorsement of the Griffith Land Use Strategy: Beyond 2030 facilitated the rezoning of these lands and also identified a Stage 2 release area to the north of Leonard Road. To date, the Stage 2 lands have not been rezoned. The land identified as being in Stage 3 is the land zoned R5 - Large Lot Residential to the north of Hanwood Avenue.

Site Constraints and Opportunities

The Growth Area site is located to the north and east of the Hanwood Village. The site contains several parcels, including:

Stage 1 (RU5 – Village zoned land):

- 102 Leonard Road (Lot 679 DP751709)
- 110 Leonard Road (Lot 4 DP1306102)
- 126 Leonard Road (Lot 3 DP1306102)

- 130 Leonard Road (Lot 1 DP1289922)
- 362 Old Willbriggie Road (Lot 2 DP1289922)

Stage 2 (Existing Rural zoned land):

- 51 Leonard Road (Lot 1623 DP257265)
- 85 Leonard Road (Lot 1622 DP257265)
- Farm 112 Leonard Road (Lot 2 DP1309816)
- 43 Leonard Road (Lot 1 DP1309816)

Stage 3 (R5 - Large Lot Residential Zoned Land):

- 424 Hanwood Avenue (Lot 155 DP751709) (refer to Attachment 1).

The site provides the following opportunities

- Can provide urban expansion of the Hanwood Village.
- Reinforce the existing Hanwood Village commercial area and link the Growth Area with an upgraded Hanwood Sports Complex including a new Precinct Park.
- Provide housing for an increase in population in a sought after area close to employment generating businesses and Griffith to the north.
- Provide open space in an urban environment.
- Provide pedestrian and cyclist connections back to the existing Hanwood Village and new green corridors and opens spaces.
- Design a sustainable community with WSUD and landscaping measures
- This Master Plan initiative provides an opportunity to expand the Hanwood Village with an increase in residents as well as to provide additional housing to support industry and services in and around Hanwood.

The site has the following constraints

- The site is very flat and will require some fill or reshaping to ensure site drainage works.
- The site is surrounded by Murrumbidgee Irrigation supply and drainage channels.
- The Leonard Road intersection with Old Willbriggie Road is constrained, has poor sight lines, contains Murrumbidgee Irrigation and Essential Energy infrastructure and is offset from Thompson Road and therefore not suitable to be used for a collector road.

These constraints have been overcome with good design and alternative intersection arrangements for the Growth Area at Old Willbriggie Road.

Overview of Master Plan

The Master Plan design has been the result of consultation with landowners, Councillors and key stakeholders. The Master Plan shows the site:

- Can provide suitable transport connections to Kidman Way and Old Willbriggie Road
- Can be serviced by water, sewer, electricity and telecommunications.
- Is flood free in a 1% AEP event.

The Master Plan has been developed with the following principles in mind:

- provide diverse lot and housing options in line with the recommendations of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2019 and the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025;
- provide growth area land to progressively be developed to meet the demand for urban residential lots in Griffith over a 25-30 year time horizon;
- permit 50% of the lots to be utilised for multi-dwelling housing as recommended by the Griffith Housing Taskforce;
- utilise the capacity of existing water and sewer infrastructure and provide upgrades where necessary;
- develop around the flood impacted lands in the catchment and improve drainage flows;
- redevelop portions of the Hanwood Sports Complex for a new precinct park co-located with the sporting ground to include modern children's play equipment, BBQ structures, additional parking and passive recreation spaces;
- consider existing lot boundaries to ensure each landowner can develop on their own and support out of sequence development should landowners not wish to develop their lands;
- minimise road connections to Old Willbriggie Road and improve the safety of vehicles entering the expanded Hanwood village from the east; and
- limit land use conflict.

A Design Report is provided at Attachment 3 and prepared by Stantec.

The Master Plan would be developed in three Stages:

Stage 1:

- 97 conventional lots with an average area of around 800m². 25% of these lots would be permitted to be multi-dwelling lots. As such, these lots could facilitate over 121 dwellings.
- Several multi-dwelling development nodes (over 28 lots) have been identified capable of supporting 105 dwellings (1 dwelling per 250m² of land area) – equating to around 25% of the landholding in Stage 1. The design has taken into consideration the ability to permit 50% of the lots to be utilised for multi-dwelling housing as recommended by the Griffith Housing Taskforce and incorporated in the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025.
- 8000m² co-located stormwater detention basin and open space area to be developed as a neighbourhood park.
- Closure of the intersection of Leonard Road and Old Willbriggie Road and the construction of a new intersection and collector road to the south as an extension to Yarran Street (shown as Road 05) on the plans. The timing of the closure of Leonard

Road intersection would be determined during the detailed design of the road network.

- Closure of the gravel portion of Andreatta Road between Yarran Street and Hanwood Avenue. This area would be used for stormwater detention and open spaces areas.
- Construction of a precinct park located within a portion of the unused north-eastern portion of the Hanwood Sports Complex and a portion of the closed Andreatta Road. The new precinct park would contain a playground, shade trees, additional parking and BBQ shelters (subject to a detailed design exercise by Council). A footpath would link the existing village to the west and the new precinct park.

Stage 2

- 207 conventional lots with an average area of around 800m². 25% of these lots would be permitted to be multi-dwelling lots. As such, these lots could facilitate over 259 dwellings.
- Several multi-dwelling development nodes (over 69 lots) capable of supporting 263 dwellings (1 dwelling per 250m² of land area) – equating to around 25% of the landholding in Stage 2. The design has taken into consideration the ability to permit 50% of the lots to be utilised for multi-dwelling housing as recommended by the Griffith Housing Taskforce and incorporated in the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025.
- Two x 4000m² co-located stormwater detention basin and open space areas to be developed as neighbourhood parks. A green corridor with a footpath would link the northern portion of Stage 2 back into the village and the new precinct park.
- A new intersection at Old Willbriggie Road and Road 011 which connects to Leonard Road in the south-west (see Attachment 2).

Stage 3 (R5 Large Lot Residential Land):

- Stage 3 is presently zoned and could be developed subject to the provision of Road 05 extending to Yarran Street to the west.
- 55 large lot residential lots with an average area of 4000m².
- Co-located stormwater detention space and open space area to be developed as a neighbourhood park.

The Growth Area would cater for a total of approximately 803 dwellings and would satisfy some of the demand for greenfield residential lots in Griffith over a 25-30 year period. The Master Plan provides general parameters for development including: staging, minimum lot sizes, servicing and drainage requirements, road networks and land uses. As part of any future development application for the development of each lot or Stage, variation in the Master Plan design can be accommodated as long as general parameters are met. This could include increasing the size of the lots, shifting multi-dwelling lots or amending the internal road design. Other types of development within the Master Plan would also be possible including seniors housing and child care facilities. However, to ensure the Hanwood village commercial area is prioritised, no commercial development is envisioned for the Growth Area.

Next Steps

The Growth Area contains several landowners and the equitable sharing of costs associated with trunk drainage, open space and road upgrades should be front of mind when releasing development land. To ensure major costs associated with improvements including a precinct park, road intersections and trunk drainage are shared among developers, Council must prepare a Section 7.11 Contribution Plan. This has been the approach taken in the Lake Wyangan Growth Area.

Following the endorsement of the Master Plan, Council would commence the detailed design of the main road improvements, trunk drainage network and precinct park to facilitate the preparation of the Section 7.11 Contribution Plan. As part of the preparation of the Section 7.11 Contribution Plan a site specific section of the Griffith Residential Development Control Plan would be drafted for endorsement to formally release the land in accordance with clause 6.3 of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Any other resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The release of the lands in the Master Plan is guided by Part 6 – Urban release areas of the Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014. Lands outside of Stage 1 of the Master Plan would require rezoning prior to commencement of development of further stages.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Funding for the Master Plan was provided by the NSW Government through the NSW Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund.

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Policy or regulatory breach has no impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

The draft Hanwood Master Plan is facilitating the increase of housing options in the Griffith Local Government Area. This is in line with the community consultation undertaken for the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025.

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 5.4 Strategic land use planning and management to encourage investment in the region.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

Director Sustainable Development

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Attachment 1 - Hanwood Growth Area Overall Master Plan (under separate cover) [!\[\]\(b6d55d0b173caf9b2505126db01e6158_img.jpg\)](#)
- (b) Attachment 2 - Hanwood Master Plan - Full Plan Set (under separate cover) [!\[\]\(12811766810e4126d2bed4d8c0808e60_img.jpg\)](#)
- (c) Attachment 3 - Hanwood Master Plan Report with all Appendices (under separate cover) [!\[\]\(ef4c06c861a77cbd8cff5c2a4ca34233_img.jpg\)](#)

CLAUSE	CL03
TITLE	Adoption of Plan of Management - Miscellaneous Crown Reserves - (Kart Club - Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve - Rankins Springs Camping Area - Dave Wallace Range)
FROM	Amanda Vardanega, Corporate Property Officer & Native Title Coordinator
TRIM REF	25/49489

SUMMARY

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 April 2024 it was resolved:-

- (a) *Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for the Miscellaneous Crown Reserves, Kart Club - Reserve 64662 (Lot 96 DP 756035), Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve – Reserve 64911 (Lot 106 DP 751679), Rankins Springs Camping Area – Reserve 65432 (lot 7003 DP 1001194) and Dave Wallace Range – Reserve 1003005 (Lot 2 DP 48802) to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval.*
- (b) *Upon approval from the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management for Miscellaneous Crown Reserves if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.*
- (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.*

No submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **Council adopt the Plan of Management – Miscellaneous Crown Reserves pursuant to Section 40 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with Section 3.23(6) of the Crown Land Management Act 2016.**
- (b) **Council give public notice of the adoption of the Plan of Management – Miscellaneous Crown Reserves.**

REPORT

The delegate for the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016, approved by letter dated 5 July 2024 (Attachment (a)), after suggested minor amendments, to place the draft Plan of Management (PoM) for Miscellaneous Crown Reserves on public exhibition (Attachment (b)).

The PoM incorporates the Kart Club (Reserve 64662); Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve (Reserve 64911); Rankins Springs Camping Area (Reserve 65432); and the Dave Wallace Range – Griffith Field & Game Club (Reserve 1003005).

The PoM was placed on public exhibition from 25 October 2024 for a period of 28 days allowing an additional 14 days to receive submissions as required under Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.

No submissions were received.

Following the completion of the exhibition period of the draft PoM, no submissions were received. Pending the correction of minor changes, the finalisation of the draft Plan of Management (PoM) was completed. This report has now been prepared to be presented to Council for the adoption of the PoM.

Council can now proceed to adopt the PoM under clause 70B of the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

As determined by Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Council received initial funding of \$70,036 from the NSW Government through the PoM Funding Support Program 2019. Current funds available to complete the Plans of Management project in the sum of \$29,750.

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Policy or regulatory breach has no impact.

Local Government Act 1993

Part 2 Division 2 – Use and Management of community land.

Crown Land Management Act 2016

Division 3.4 Crown land managed by councils

Crown Land Management Regulation 2021

Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management Regulation) 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

Environmental implications were considered as part of the drafting of the PoM and as part of the development approvals process with past development on the lands.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

The community would expect Council to complete the PoM as is required under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the Local Government Act 1993.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

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| (a) | Letter from DPH&I dated 5 July 2024 ↓ | 35 |
| (b) | Draft Plan of Management - MISC Crown Reserves ↓ | 37 |

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



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5 July 2024

Subject: Griffith City Council draft Plan of Management – Miscellaneous Crown Reserves – Crown Reserves 64662, 64911, 65432 & 1003005.

Approval to progress to public exhibition and Minister's consent to adopt.

Dear Ms Vardanega

Thank you for submitting the draft Plan of Management (PoM) for Miscellaneous Crown Reserves – Crown Reserves 6462, 64911, 65432 & 1003005 on 2 May 2024.

I have reviewed the draft PoM and support it being placed on public exhibition with the following amendments:

- ✓ Update any references to SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007, to SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021 – See pages 18 & 34
- ✗ If Council wish to be able to use the provision of Sec 2.20 of the CLM Act 2016 to issue short term licences (up to 12 months) for the prescribed purposes listed in Clause 31 of the CLM Regulation 2021, please expressly authorise this and add appropriate wording to Sec 4.4
- ✗ Update the typo in the heading for "Figure 15 Aerial view of tClay Target Club" ✓

Council should conduct a final review of the document to ensure all legislation referenced is currently in force, departmental names are up to date, and spelling, grammar and formatting is correct and consistent. Note that as of 1 January 2024 the Department of Planning and Environment became the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, please ensure that the PoM is updated to reflect this change.

Subject to no changes following public exhibition, as a delegate for the Minister for Lands and Property, I consent to council to adopt the PoM under clause 70B of the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018.

If the PoM is amended after public exhibition (except for minor editorial and formatting changes), council must resubmit the draft PoM for Minister's consent to adopt. With the amended PoM, please provide the following documents:

- a table of PoM amendments or tracked changes.
- summary report of submissions from public exhibition (if any)
- council reports on the proposed adoption (if any)

If there are no amendments to the PoM, please provide a copy of the adopted PoM. All documents must be sent to council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

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Please remember, an adopted PoM authorises the lawful use and occupation of Crown land. Council must ensure that any activities planned on the reserve are expressly authorised in the adopted PoM and native title obligations are met.

If you have any further questions or need assistance, please contact the Reserves Programs Team at council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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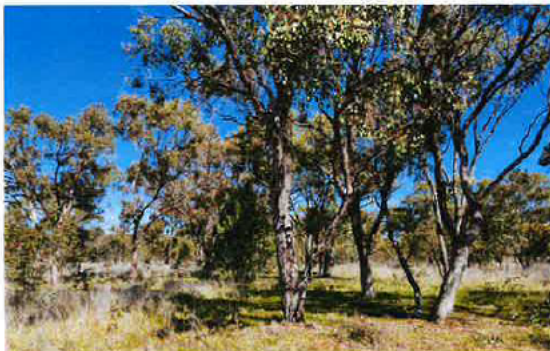
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MISCELLANEOUS CROWN RESERVES

CROWN RESERVES 64662, 64911, 65432 & 1003005

DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT



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Griffith City Council also acknowledges the contribution made to this community by the many and diverse cultural groups that have greatly contributed to the social and economic wealth of this region.

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Miscellaneous Crown Reserves Plan of Management is a specific Plan incorporating anomalous Reserves within Griffith City Council area of administration, that have not fitted into previous Plans.

Two specific Reserves, the Kart Club (Reserve 64662) and Dave Wallace Range (Reserve 1003005) are actively used by associated community groups. The Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve (Reserve 64911) has historical public recreational use, however would currently be suited to passive recreational opportunities such as bird-watching and environmental studies given its natural state and linkage with other remnant vegetation parcels of land.

The Rankins Springs Camping Area (Reserve 65432) is located adjacent to the Village of Beelbangera with direct access off the Rankins Springs Road. This parcel of land also provides an area of remnant vegetation providing linkages to Scenic Hill and McPherson's Range which extends northwards parallel to the Rankins Springs Road. Issues of intermittent grazing are discussed further in this Plan of Management.

The combined area of these Reserves totals approximately 80.69 hectares subsequently providing for a range of formal and passive recreational use areas, which to a small degree, could be considered under-utilised. While the Rankins Springs Camping Area is not actively utilised for any broad aspect of camping (other than potential unauthorised grazing activities), its native vegetation, should be considered within a landscape that has been highly modified within the surrounds of Griffith and its villages.

The respective areas are further described in [Section 2.2 – Land to which this Plan Applies](#) and are shown in a 'Locality Map of respective Reserves' at Figure 4 (pg. 10). Respective Maps showing the Categories of the Reserves are shown at [Annexure 1](#) (pgs. 42-44). The Reserves are more specifically referred to in [Annexure 2](#) 'Schedule of Lands and Infrastructure' (pg. 45). Inspections of the Reserves have provided an interim species list of flora and fauna of Reserves 64911 (Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve), 65432 (Rankins Springs Camping Area), and 1003005 (Dave Wallace Range) that are listed at [Annexures 3 – 5](#) (pgs. 46-51).

The PoM is required in accordance with the *Local Government Act (LG Act) 1993* and the *Crown Lands Management Act (CLMA) 2016*, to advise of any identified works and impacts on Native Title rights and Aboriginal Land Claims.

The Crown Reserves are categorised in this PoM, as being: -

- **Kart Club – Sportsground**
- **Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve – Park**
- **Rankins Springs Camping Area – General Community Use**
- **Dave Wallace Range - Sportsground**

The categorisation of the lands is consistent with the Reserves' respective purposes of 'Public Recreation', and 'Camping', and the lands are used and developed accordingly.

2.0 Introduction

Griffith City is a thriving regional capital located in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area with a vibrant lifestyle and diverse economy; embracing community, heritage, culture and the environment. The estimated population of Griffith City Council in 2020 was 27,155.

Located in the Riverina, Griffith is 584km from Sydney, 458 km from Melbourne and 358km from Canberra; and is the largest regional centre in the Western Riverina region. Griffith is located in the heart of Wiradjuri Nation – the largest nation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

Griffith City Council is responsible for the care and control of many parcels of community land. With the introduction of the CLMA 2016 on 1 July 2018, Council will manage the Crown Reserves under the provisions of the LG Act 1993.

Figure 1 – Locality diagram

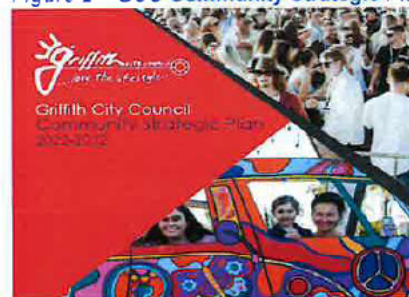


2.1 Corporate Objectives

Griffith City Council has a positive future being acknowledged as a predominant major regional centre. Council's Mission Statement is –

1. To respond to the needs of the community and deliver in an economical manner those services which are the responsibility of Local Government.
2. To provide Local Government administration that is dedicated, accountable and committed to the improvement of the quality of life and the economic well-being of the citizens of the City of Griffith.

Figure 2 – GCC Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032



The Community Strategic Plan '**Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032**' adopted on 22 March 2022 identifies the community's priorities and aspirations for the future and provides strategies for achieving these goals. The revised community vision is:

"Griffith is a thriving and innovative regional capital with a vibrant lifestyle and diverse economy. We embrace our community, heritage, culture".

The Community Strategic Plan is made up of four themes. The four key themes relevant to this PoM are:

Figure 3 – Community Strategic Plan – Themes

1.	Leadership –
a.	An engaged and informed community through the provision of clear, assessable and relevant information; and by actively engaging with and seeking direction from the community and stakeholders;
b.	Working together to achieve our goals by developing and maintaining partnerships with community, government and non—government agencies for the benefit of the community; maximising opportunities to secure external funding for partnerships, projects and programs; and a Mayor and Councillors who provide strong and proactive leadership.
c.	Planning and leading with good governance by undertaking activities within a clear framework of strategic planning, policies, procedures and service standards.
2.	Love the Lifestyle –
a.	Ensuring that Griffith is a great place to live by encouraging an inclusive community that celebrates social and cultural diversity; by providing and promoting accessible services; by promoting reconciliation and embracing our Wiradjuri heritage and culture; by providing a range of sporting and recreational facilities; and improving the aesthetics of the City and villages by developing quality places and improving the public realm.
3.	Growing our City –
a.	Growing our economy through strategic land use planning and management to encourage investment in the region; and promoting Griffith as a desirable visitor destination.
b.	Providing and managing assets and services through the provision of renewed and maintenance of quality infrastructure, assets, services and facilities; and mitigation against the impact of natural disasters.
4.	Valuing our Environment
a.	Enhancing the natural and build environment by encouraging respectful planning, balanced growth and sustainable design; through the delivering of projects to protect and improve biodiversity, biosecurity and sustainability; and improving sustainable land use.
b.	Use and manage our resources wisely through management of water resources; reduction of energy consumption and greenhouse emissions; and implementing programs to improve sustainability.

The 'Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032 document also aligns within the context of State priorities and the Murray Regional Plan, particularly the following Aims: -

1. Develop an engaged and connected community
2. Work together to achieve our goals
3. Ensure Griffith is a great place to live
4. Promote a health and active lifestyle

2.2 Land to Which this Plan Applies

This PoM covers four parcels of land all being Council managed Crown Reserves as shown in Table 1 below.

The Kart Club (Reserve 64662) is utilised by the Griffith Kart Club Inc. and is located on Whites Road, Tharbogang.

Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve (Reserve 64911) is an area of open space located adjacent to Irrigation Way immediately north of the Wumbulgal rail siding and accessed via an unnamed road running easterly and parallel to the Yanco Griffith railway line. It is not currently used for active recreation; however anecdotal information indicates that there were historic cricket matches played on the Reserve. The area provides a space of remnant vegetation within a Bimble Box woodland with a grassy understory.

The Rankins Springs Camping Area (Reserve 65432) is so named due to its location north-west of the Village of Beelbangerá adjacent to the Rankins Springs Road. There is evidence of historical use for camping with degraded yards evident. The land appears to be utilised for grazing without any authorisation in conjunction with adjoining Crown land. Despite the evidence of grazing, remnant vegetation exists within a Callitris Mixed Woodland.

The Dave Wallace Range (Reserve 1003005) is actively used for a variety of sporting shooters' activities under the banner of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, Griffith Inc. The site is located off Sims Lane, north of Beelbangerá along the Rankins Springs Road and sits at the lower extension of McPherson's Range. This site also incorporates quality remnant vegetation.

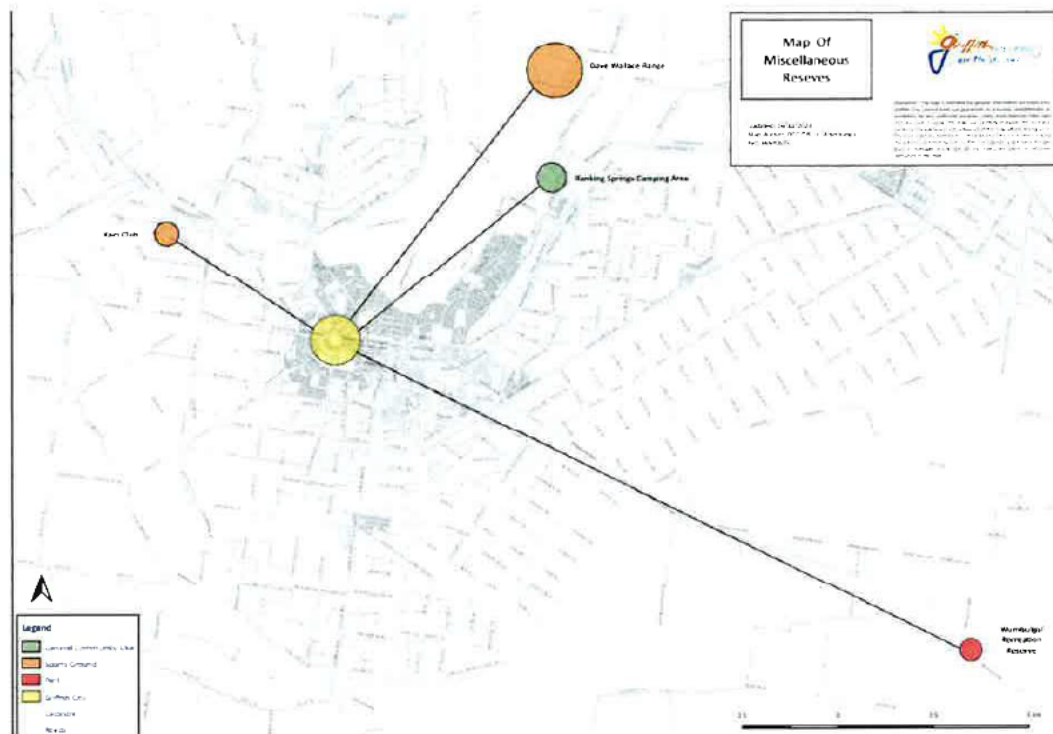
The Kart Club and Dave Wallace Range purpose of "Public Recreation" both accords with the lands' categorisation of '**Sportsground**'. Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve's purpose of "Recreation" accords with the area's categorisation of '**Park**'; and the Rankins Springs Camping Area's purpose of "Camping" accords with its categorisation of '**General Community Use**'.

Table 1 – Land included in this PoM

Management Type	Reserve No.	Name	Purpose	Date of Gazette # Trustee appointment	Lot/DP	Area
Crown Reserve	64662	Kart Club	Public Recreation	20 July 1934 # 7 September 1934	96/756035	6.269ha
	64911	Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve	Public Recreation	9 November 1934 # 15 February 1935	106/751679	6.168ha
	65432	Rankins Springs Camping Area	Camping	23 August 1935 # 25 October 1935	7003/1001194	6.203ha
	1003005	Dave Wallace Range – Griffith Field & Game Club	Public Recreation	15 June 2001 # 15 June 2001	2/48802	62.05ha

A 'Locational Map' is shown at Figure 4 below, highlighting the proximity of the respective Reserves from Griffith's CBD.

Figure 4: Location Map of respective Reserves



2.3 Lands excluded from the Plan

The following Table identifies land that has been excluded from this PoM.

Table 2 – Lands excluded from this PoM

Reserve No.	Name	Lot/DP	Purpose	Comments
R.68333	Old Beelbangera Rubbish Depot	530/751743	Rubbish Depot	Requires assessment in accordance with the <i>Contaminated Land Management Act 1997</i> and relevant expertise
Part R.751743	Not known	653/751743	Future Public Requirements	Managed by DPE – Crown Lands (associated Grazing Licence 569474)
Part R.751743	Not known	7302/1154185	Future Public Requirements	Managed by DPE – Crown Lands (associated Grazing Licence 589517)
R.66466	Bill Raymond Recreation Reserve (Beelbangera)	20/751743	Public Recreation	Previously included in Small Village Sportsground Plan of Management
R.72519	Brolga Park (Beelbangera)	7012/1060473	Children's Playground; Public Recreation	Previously included in Small Village Parks Plan of Management

2.4 Owner of the Land

This PoM incorporates land that is owned by the State of New South Wales (as Crown land) and managed by Griffith City Council under the *CLMA 2016* as identified in Table 1 above.

In respect of the Kart Club (Reserve 64662), a Trust Board comprising of Victor Harold Tickle, Walter Davis Bull, Albert Edwin Farley, Sidney Bernard Hughes, and William Howard Martin, were appointed on 7 September 1934. Wade Shire Council was subsequently appointed as Trust Manager on 25 February 1949.

In respect of Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve (Reserve 64911), a Trust Board comprising of James Oswald Doyle, Alexander Martin, Thomas Allen, Charles James Martin, Francis Sennett, Norman Keith Dahlenburg, and Richard Parker Crozier were initially appointed on 15 February 1935. Subsequent variations to individual Trust members were undertaken until 1 October 1948 when Wade Shire Council was appointed as Trust Manager.

Wade Shire Council was initially appointed the Trustee of Rankins Springs Camping Area (Reserve 65432) on 23 August 1935. The original Reserve extended from its current location, south to the boundary of the Griffith General Cemetery. The area of the Reserve was subsequently reduced over time through 'resumptions of part of the Reserve' to comprise its current area.

Griffith City Council Crown Reserves Reserve Trust (Griffith City Council) was appointed Trustee of Reserves 64662, 64911 and 65432 on 16 December 1994.

Griffith City Council Reserves Reserve Trust established on 23 April 1999 was appointed as Trustee of Reserve 1003005 on 15 June 2001, in conjunction with its original Reservation.

The management and use of the respective Reserves 64662, 64911, 65432 and 1003005 are subject to the provisions of the *CLMA 2016*, and are not subject to any condition, restriction or covenant imposed by the owner.

2.5 Categorisation of Reserves

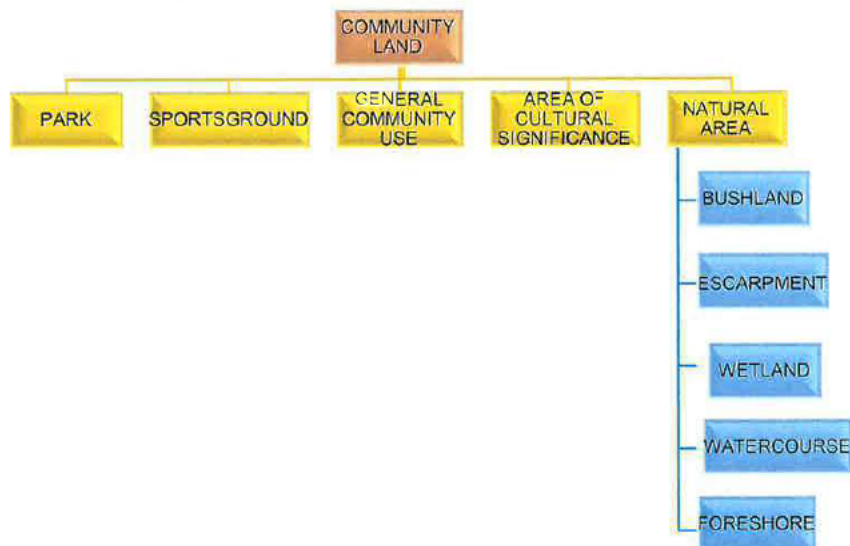
All community land is required to be categorised as one or more of the following categories.

Section 36 of the Local Government Act defines five categories of community land referred to in Figure 4 below and described more broadly as:

- **Park** – for areas primarily used for passive recreation.
- **Sportsground** – for areas where the primary use is for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.
- **General community use** – for all areas where the primary purpose relates to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social, and intellectual welfare or development of members of the public. This includes venues such as community halls, scout and guide halls, and libraries.
- **Cultural significance** – for areas with Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical, research or social significance.

- **Natural area** – for all areas that play an important role in the area's ecology. This category is further subdivided into bushland, escarpment, foreshore, watercourse and wetland categories.

Figure 5 – Prescribed categories of Community Land



With the introduction of the *CLMA 2016*, Council is to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land held under their management control as community land under section 3.21 of the Act.

Under section 3.23(2) of the *CLMA 2016*, Council Crown Land Managers must assign to all Crown land under their management, one or more initial categories of 'Community Land' referred to above. The category is to relate most closely to the purpose(s) for which the land is dedicated or reserved.

For the purpose of section 3.23 of the *CLMA 2016*, the PoM for "Miscellaneous Crown Reserves", is a 'first Plan'.

The degree to which the reserve purpose relates to the assigned category of the land is important for ongoing management of the land as Council must obtain Native Title Manager advice as to the validity of the activities that they wish to undertake on the land prior to dealing with the land.

Both the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALR) 1983* and the *Commonwealth Native Title Act (NTA (Cth)) 1993* recognises the intent of the original reserve purpose of the land so that a complying activity can be considered lawful or validated.

On Crown land, Native Title rights and interest must be considered unless:

- Native Title has been extinguished; or
- Native Title has been surrendered; or
- Determined by a court to no longer exist.

Examples of acts which may affect Native title on Crown land reserves managed by Council include: -

- The construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks, tennis courts, grandstands and barbeques,
- The construction of extensions to existing buildings,
- The construction of new roads or tracks,
- Installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc.,
- The issue of a lease or licence,
- The undertaking of earthworks.

Council applied for the categorisation of the Council Managed Crown Reserves as:

- **'Sportsground'** Reserves 64662 (Kart Club) and 1003005 (Dave Wallace Range)
- **'Park'** Reserve 64911 – (Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve); and
- **'General Community Use'** Reserve 65432 – (Rankins Springs Camping Area)

These categories were respectively approved by the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016* in relation to the reserves, and Council does not propose to alter the categories by this Plan of Management.

Activities on the Reserves will need to reflect the intent of the public purpose and will be assessed for compliance with relevant Local Government and Crown Lands legislation, including assessment of the activity under the *NTA 1993 (C'th)* and registered claims under the *ALRA 1983*.

2.6 Purpose of this Plan of Management

The purpose of this PoM is to:

- Develop a Plan of Management to provide a strategic framework for Council to guide sustainable development, land use and management of community lands contained in the areas of the Miscellaneous Reserves.
- Meet and contribute to Council's broader strategic goals and vision as set out in the Community Strategic Plan "*Guiding Griffith 2040*".
- Management of the respective Reserves that will provide enhanced long-term (passive and active) recreational benefits, aesthetic, educational, heritage and sympathetic commercial uses, and support environmental values of land as applicable.
- Ensure consistent management that supports a unified approach to meeting the expectations of the local community and its visitors.

2.7 Process of Preparing this Plan of Management

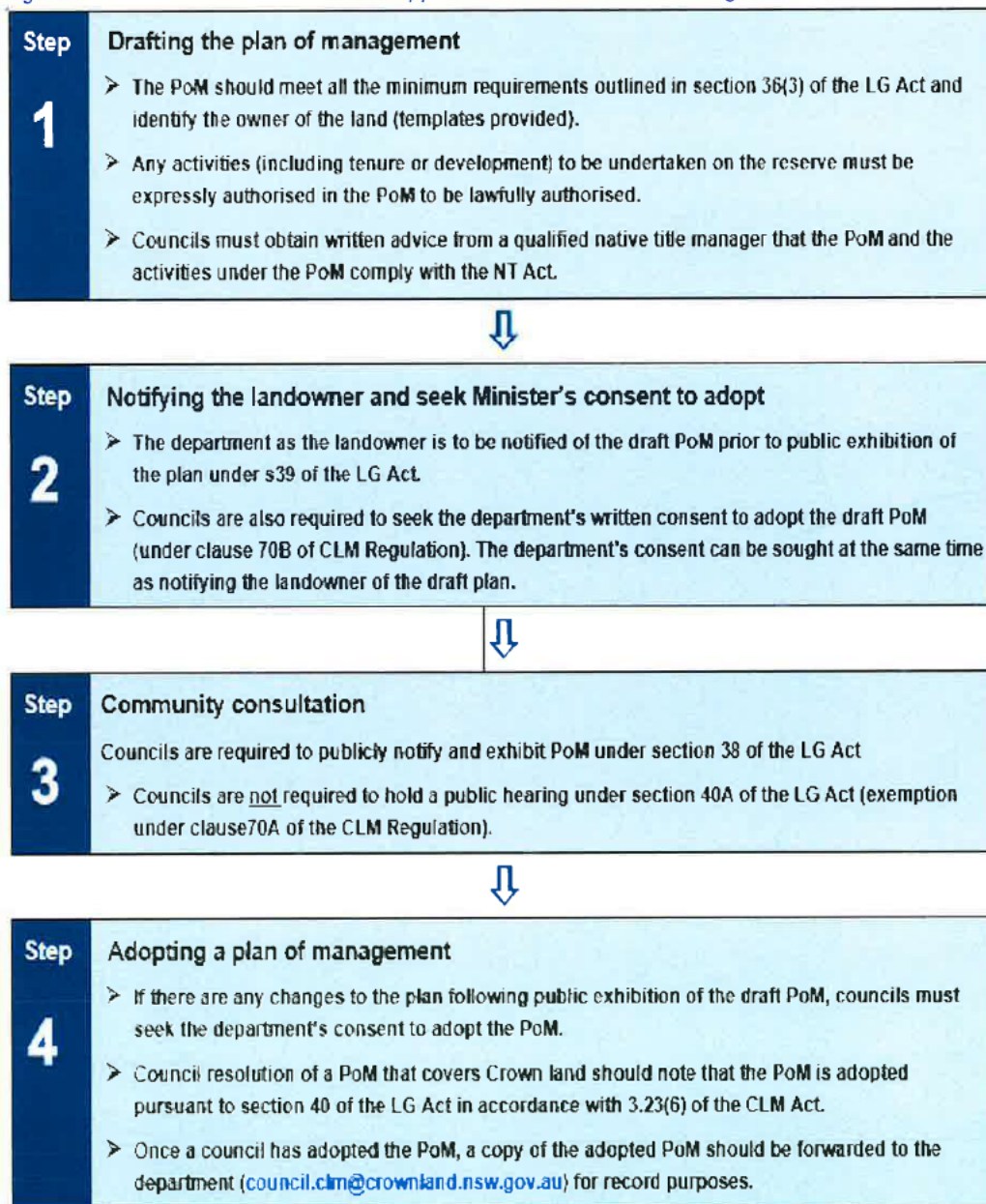
The process for preparing a PoM for Council managed Crown reserves is shown in Figure 6 "***Four key steps when preparing and adopting the first PoM for Crown Reserves***".

Council is required to submit the draft PoM to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPH&I) – Crown Lands, as representative of the owner of the land under section 39 of the *LGA 1993*. This process occurs prior to a public exhibition and community consultation of the Plan of Management.

If after public consultation there is no change to the categorisation and no additional purpose is required to be added to the reserve, no additional ministerial consent is required. Council can then proceed to adopt the Plan of Management.

If Council proposes a change in the categorisation of the land following public consultation, the plan must be referred again to the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016* for consent to adopt the PoM.

Figure 6 – Process for Consultation and Approval of an initial Plan of Management



2.8 Change and Review of Plan of Management

This PoM will require regular review in order to align with community values and expectations and to reflect changes in Council priorities.

Whilst the guidelines and principles outlined in the Plan may be suitable at present, the Plan should be reviewed from time to time to confirm its relevance.

Council has determined that it will review the PoM within 5 years of its adoption.

The community will have an opportunity to participate in reviews of this PoM.

2.9 Community Consultation

Consultation with the community is an important part of the preparation of this PoM.

Consultation gives Council a better understanding of the range of local issues affecting the use and enjoyment of the land to which this PoM applies and gives all sectors of the community the chance to have an input into the direction of policy development being undertaken by Council.

All stakeholders and identified Council Departments are given the opportunity to express their opinions and provide relevant information in relation to the planned management of the land, however as the land is Crown land, final approval for the PoM rests with the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016* as owner of the land.

Community consultation is also offered as a result of the development application process in line with Council's Griffith Community Participation Plan of 16 December 2019 (in response to Section 2.23 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).

While not exhaustive, community consultation in preparation of this PoM has been undertaken with local community members from the Wumbulgal area together with representatives of the Dave Wallace Range and the Griffith Kart Club.

3.0 LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

This section describes the legislative framework applying to the land covered under this PoM.

3.1 Local Government Act 1993

Community land must be managed according to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 [NSW] (LG Regulations)*. The *LG Act 1993* requires all Council owned land to be classified as either Operational or Community land. Community land is defined as land that must be kept for the use of the general community and must not be sold. Under the *LG Act 1993*, Community land is required to be managed in accordance with a PoM and any other laws regulating the use of the land.

This PoM has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act 1993* using the land categories approved by the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016*.

Council must also consider the guidelines under Clause 101 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)* for categorisation of community land when preparing PoMs.

The minimum requirements for a Plan of Management for community land is set out in Section 36(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* and must identify the following:

- (a) the category of the land,
- (b) the objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land,
- (c) the means by which the council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets,
- (d) the manner in which the council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets, and may require the prior approval of the council to the carrying out of any specified activity on the land.

3.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

Crown reserves are Crown land set aside on behalf of the community for a wide range of public purposes, including environmental and heritage protection, recreation and sport, open space, community halls, special events and government services.

Crown land is governed by the *CLMA 2016*, which provides a framework for the state government, local councils and members of the community to work together to provide care, control and management of Crown reserves.

Under the *CLMA 2016*, as Council Crown land managers, Councils manage Crown land as if it were public land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. However, it must still be managed in accordance with the purpose of the land and cannot be used for an activity incompatible with its purpose – for example, Crown land assigned the purpose of 'environmental protection' cannot be used in a way that compromises its environmental integrity.

Division 3.4 of the *CLMA 2016* specifically relates to Crown land managed by Councils and **Division 3.6** of the said Act, refers to Plans of Management and other plans.

Council's must also manage Crown land in accordance with the objects and principles of Crown land management outlined in the *CLMA 2016* and set out below. The objects and principles are the key values that guide Crown land management to benefit the community and to ensure that Crown land is managed for sustainable, multiple uses. Section 1.4 of the *CLMA 2016* states:

"For the purposes of this Act, **the principles of Crown land management** are –

- (a) that environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land, and
- (b) that the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible, and
- (c) that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged, and
- (d) that, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged, and
- (e) that, where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, and
- (f) that Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licenced or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles."

Crown land management compliance

In addition to management and use of Crown reserves that are aligned with the purpose of the reserve, there are other influences over Council management of Crown reserves. For example, Crown land managers may have conditions attached to any appointment instruments, or Councils may have to comply with specific or general Crown land management rules that may be published in the NSW Government Gazette. Councils must also comply with any Crown land regulations that may be made.

3.3 Zoning and Planning Controls

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act)* establishes the statutory framework for environmental and land use planning in NSW.

The Griffith City Council Local Environmental Plan 2014 (GLEP) is the current planning instrument. Refer to the website –

<https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/publications/environmental-planning-instruments/griffith-local-environmental-plan-2014>

Under the current GLEP 2014, **Kart Club** (Reserve 64662) and **Dave Wallace Range – Griffith Field & Game Club** (Reserve 1003005) are zoned RE2 – Private Recreation; **Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve** (Reserve 64911) is zoned RU1 – Primary Production; and **Rankins Springs Camping Area** (Reserve 65432) is zoned C3 – Environmental Management.

Refer to *Griffith Local Environmental Plan (2014) (GLEP)* for permissible and prohibited development in each zone.

3.3.1 State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021

This Policy – *SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021* – commenced on 1 March 2021 and provides that certain types of works do not require development consent by a public authority, other agencies or authorised person.

Division 12 of the *SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021* defines parks and public reserves which this Policy covers, i.e., Crown land within the meaning of the *CLMA 2016* including a public reserve but not including a reserve that is dedicated or reserved for a public cemetery.

Section 2.73 (2)(c) of the Policy provides that in respect of land reserved within the meaning of the *CLMA 2016*, development for any purpose can be carried out without consent by or on behalf of the Secretary, a Crown land manager of the land, the Ministerial Corporation or the Minister administering the *CLMA 2016*, if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land under the *CLMA 2016* in to such land or in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* in relation to Crown land managed by a Council.

The types of development that may comply with the provisions of *Clause 65 (2)* of *SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021* are set out in Table 4 (pg. 30).

Section 2.73 (3) of the Policy provides for a range of construction or maintenance works that are applicable under this Policy which may be carried out by or on behalf of a public authority in connection with a public reserve.

3.3.2 Other Relevant Legislation and Policies

In addition to the requirements of the *CLMA 2016* and the *Local Government Act 1993*, there are a number of other pieces of legislation and Government Policies that are relevant to the ongoing management of the respective Crown reserves and Council owned community lands including:

- *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA 1983)*;
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*;
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act 1979)*;
- *Firearms Act 1996 (applicable to R. 1003005 only)*;
- *Local Land Services Act 2013*;
- *Native Title Act 1993 (NTA 1993 (C'th))*;
- *Pesticides Act 1999*;
- *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*;
- *Rural Fires Act 1997*;
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*

Relevant Rule Books and specific Regulations also apply to Kart Clubs and Shooting Ranges in NSW, e.g., *KNSW Rules and Regulations v5 2023* and *The NSW Police Force Firearms Registry*, respectively.

3.3.3 Council Plans and Policies

As Council Policies may change from time to time, refer to Griffith City Council's website - <https://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/council-policies>

4.0 DEVELOPMENT AND USE

4.1 History

Kart Club

Reserve 64662 comprises Lot 96 DP 756035 being located on White Road, Tharbogang and sits within a horticultural farming area.

The Griffith Kart Club, as noted from its website, "was formed in 1975 with an initial membership of 34, having located land at Tharbogang to be suitable.

The Kart Club initially used for social events, was established on a dirt track until sufficient funds were raised for the construction of a bitumen track which was built in 1976. The Club's inaugural race meeting was held on 21 November 1976, proving a huge success, with 90 Karter's attending the event from across the State.

The surface track was replaced in 1983 with hot mix to provide an ideal racing surface. A 'hairpin' corner was rebuilt in 1987 so that the local Club could host the NSW State Championships that year. This was a 3-day event conducted over the June long weekend.

The Riverina Kart Championship was instituted in 1989, with rounds held in Griffith, as well as at the Grenfell and Wagga tracks. The series was further expanded in 1990 to include Canberra and Orange Clubs and is now incorporated within the Southern NSW Zone Championship expanding to include Dubbo, Forbes, and Albury.

Lights were installed in 1994 to allow for racing events under lights during summer months. In 2001, Club members extended the track length and designed an upgrading of facilities that came to fruition in 2003 following significant and generous sponsorship and help from local businesses together with hundreds of hours of in-kind labour from Club members and friends. The track was extended by 850m with a new layout to challenge its competitors, and a new canteen and facility upgrades were also completed."

The Club celebrated its 30 Anniversary in June 2005 with a celebratory dinner. Other significant events hosted include: -

- July 2004 – NSW Junior State Championships (with 120 drivers competing)
- Easter 2006 – Pro Kart Endurance Series (a nine-hour race)
- August 2007 – 12-hour Endurance (one-off series). Note: Griffith & Orange are the only regional tracks able to host a 12-hour Endurance event
- 2017 – State Championships (with 130 drivers competing)

Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve

Reserve 64911 comprises Lot 106 DP 751679 and is bounded on its western boundary by Irrigation Way, on its south by an unnamed road that provides access to neighbouring Lot 2 DP 814803 and Lot 1 DP 1201358 and the Yanco Griffith railway line. Lot 97 DP 751679 is farming land that surrounds Lot 106 immediately to its north and east.

Anecdotal information suggests that cricket matches were held at the Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve between Whitton Railway workers and Water Conservation & Irrigation Commission

(WC&IC) workers, possibly prior to the 1950's. The cricket pitch is believed to have been concrete.

Rankins Springs Camping Area

Historically, this Reserve extended from its current location at the outskirts of Beelbangera with access off the Rankins Springs Road, to adjoin the Griffith Cemetery where the New Sale Yards C.R. 65432 were once located (taken from Gazette of 13 September 1974 (Folios 3599-3600) described in the 'Shire of Wade – Griffith Town Improvement Boundary'). Subsequently, grazing of stock would have occurred with dilapidated yards, remaining at the current site of Reserve 65432. This Reserve now comprises of Lot 7003 DP 1001194.

Dave Wallace Range

The Griffith Field & Game Club began in 1974 when Mr Dave Wallace offered use of his Leased land for an occasional shoot. The area, formerly Portion 459, Parish of Wyangan, was leased from the former WC&IC (and subsequent entities) for grazing and cultivation.

The Clay Target Range was moved from the bottom of the hill to its current location, with the addition of an amenities building in about 1983. The Clay Target Range contains a large storage shed and 'shooting towers' which are used both as a point to shoot from; and a location from where clay targets are thrown.

The two largest 'shooting towers' are the former railway footbridge relocated from Temora. The original wooden footsteps have been replaced with steel checker plate, for safety reasons.

Following lodgement of an Aboriginal Land Claim (ALC) during the 1990's, negotiations were undertaken between the Department of Land & Water Conservation, GCC, the Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) and representatives of the then Griffith Field & Game Club.

A subdivision resulted in the registration of Deposited Plan 48882 on 15 February 1992. The outcome provided for the smaller part (Lot 2) to be created as a Reserve for 'public recreation' under the management of GCC to provide a formal location and arrangement for the Griffith Field & Game Club to continue its activities. Lot 1 was transferred to the Griffith LALC. (Information provided by Mr Warren Brown, member, and former President of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) – Griffith Branch (including the affiliated Griffith Field & Game Club and Black Powder Club)). A copy DP 48882 is provided at [Annexure 6](#) (pg. 52).

Signage at the Clay Target Range indicates an official opening by the Governor of NSW, His Excellency The Honourable Gordon Samuels, on 13 September 1997, as shown in Figure 7 below.

Figure 7 - Opening Signage Clay Target Range



In 1978, Mr Wallace agreed to the Griffith Black Powder Club establishing a separate 100m rifle range for their use. This was followed shortly after by the formation of the Griffith Archery Club who used part of the Dave Wallace Range for its activities. The use of the archery purposes ceased in about 2015.

The SSAA Griffith Inc. sought Council's approval via Development Application 384/2005 for a Rimfire Range. The associated storage shed and shooting shelter were added around 2007/08, with a container later added for additional storage.

The SSAA Griffith Inc. erected boundary fencing (1960m long) on the northern and western sides of the Dave Wallace Range in 2014 at a cost of \$6,720. The fencing also included gates, locks, and the display of 60 "Danger Warning" signs as per Firearms NSW requirements. **Pers.**

Comment: Warren Brown.

Since 2010, the Dave Wallace Range has been jointly leased by SSAA Griffith and the Griffith Black Powder Club.

GCC also operated two quarry sites from the hill, prior to the 1960's.

4.2 Current Use of Land & Structures on adoption of Plan

Infrastructure on all sites is described below and included in [Annexure 2](#) (pg. 45).

Kart Club

The Griffith Kart Club (Reserve 64662) with its direct access off White Road, Tharbogang is located only 10 minutes west of Griffith's CBD. The area of the Kart Club comprises of an amenity building; clubhouse; storage containers and buildings; control tower; covered Out Grid, Canteen, and Camping area; lighting; track barrier fencing and tyre barriers; perimeter fencing; directional and regulatory signage. The Hotmix track is currently 854 m long and 8m wide (full length) offering bi-directional racing. Proposed extensions of the existing track and installation of additional amenities building to cater for all-ability access is noted in Table 8 (pgs. 35-38).

During 2023, the Griffith Kart Club held two major events being: -

- 2023 - Re-launch of the Riverina Cup (108 drivers completing). The GCC Mayor visited for this event.
- 2023 - Southern Star Series including Karter's from Orange, Dubbo, Wagga, Canberra and Grenfell (138 drivers competing)

The Griffith Kart Club proposes to host a key event during 2025 when the Club celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Figure 8 – Views of Kart Club



Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve

The Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve (Reserve 64911) is now an area of remnant vegetation located adjacent to the Wumbulgal rail crossing on Irrigation Way. The area supports a corridor with similar vegetated parcels located in the vicinity on both Crown and privately owned lands. It is an area available for passive recreational use, i.e., bird watching and environmental studies.

The area is fenced on its northern and eastern boundaries only comprising of wooden posts, steel stoppers, ringlock and single barb fencing, varying in quality from good to poor. The fence has been cut in a section of its northern boundary. Old fencing has been deposited within the boundary of the Reserve.

Due to quality regeneration of trees (predominantly White Cypress Pine (*Callitris glaucophylla*) and Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*) and native grasses, the cricket pitch is no longer visible, though likely to remain in situ.

Although not sighted at the time of inspection, there is evidence of Echidna activity around ant nests and resting areas for kangaroos that are also prevalent along nearby roadside vegetation. The inspection identified 23 flora families comprising of 42 species; and nine bird species. A Flora and Fauna Species List is shown at [Annexure 3](#) (pgs. 46-47)

Figure 9 - Views of Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve



Rankins Springs Camping Area

The Rankins Springs Camping Area being Reserve 65432, has direct access off Rankins Springs Road via a farm gate (currently locked). A Crown Road lies along the north-western boundary that for all intent and purpose, provides access to adjoining Lot 653 DP 751743 (part Reserve 751743 managed by DPE – Crown Lands, Griffith and directly Licenced for grazing); and Lot 530 DP 751743 (managed by Council as Reserve 68333 being the old Beelbangera Rubbish Depot). Lot 7302 DP 1154185 surrounds the collective parcel which is also part of Reserve 751743 managed by the Department as referred to above. Note: The Crown Road doesn't provide practical access.

Although the Rankins Springs Camping Area is fenced (with variable quality), a section of its western boundary has been cut and appears to provide access to the neighbouring grazing licence on Lot 653 DP 751743. Together with access, it appears that unauthorised grazing is also occurring on this Reserve with an electric fence connected to existing boundary fencing.

There is evidence of rubbish, likely to have spread from the former Beelbangera Rubbish Depot, and old fencing wire, together with dilapidated yards. Existing fencing is in variable condition.

Despite the presence of grazing, there are stands of White Cypress Pine (*Callitris Glaucohylla*); *Acacia* species including Weeping Myall, Yarran, Western Black Wattle; Moonah (*Melaleuca*); and Narrow-Leaf Hopbush (*Dodonaea attenuata*), together with a range of low shrubs, grasses and ground covers. Invasive weed species evident roadside, are now spreading into the eastern boundary of the Reserve. Of notable concern are weeds of national significance (WoNS) – Bridal-veil Creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) and Common Prickly Pear (*Opuntia stricta*). The inspection identified a total of 21 flora families comprising of 42 species with 4 bird species. A subsequent survey is likely to identify additional species. A Flora and Fauna Species List is shown at [Annexure 4](#) (pgs. 48-49).

Management actions have been identified in [Section 6.2 – Plan Implementation](#) (Table 8 (pgs. 35-38)).

Figure 10 - Views of Rankins Springs Camping Area

Top Photo – Poor boundary fencing

Bottom Photo – Gated entry



Dave Wallace Range

Reserve 1003005 comprises Lot 2 DP 48802 with access via Rankins Springs Road and Simms Road (north of Beelbanger). Simms Road also provides access to land owned by the Griffith LALC as shown in the Figure below. The red flag on the gatepost indicates that a shoot is in progress with the flag on the sign confirming which range is active on the day.

Figure 11 - Entry signage to Dave Wallace Range



The Dave Wallace Range is the only sporting clay range in Australia that offers shooting opportunities off clifftops. It has been the venue for many state and national sporting clay championships in the past.

The SSAA, Griffith Inc., now operates from its complex, a Rimfire Range suited to .22 long rifles with a 100m distance range that opened in 2007. The Black Powder Club is located adjacent to the Rimfire Range, and is also a 100m long range suited to black powder cartridges. These two ranges are located on the lower slope at the south-eastern corner of Lot 2.

The Clay Target Club is located at the high point of Lot 2, surrounded by steep cliffs, offering unique variations for simulated field targets, but also targets that can be set to be thrown down along the cliffs presenting special challenges to shooters. Use of the large ex-railway foot bridges provides for traps to be positioned overhead. The range also has a covered 5-stand shelter, equipped with overhead floodlights that are utilised for night shooting events. (Information sourced from the SSAA, Griffith's website).

Figure 12 - Views of Dave Wallace Range

Top Photo – Clay Target Range ex-railway foot bridge shooting tower

Bottom Photo – Griffith Rimfire Range



Figure 13 - Views of natural bushland within Dave Wallace Range

Top Photo – Area of former quarrying and regeneration

*Bottom Photo – Tiger Pear (*Opuntia aurantica*)*



Figure 14: View of the Black Powder Range



Despite the rocky nature of the reserve, an inspection identified 25 flora families located at the site comprising of 42 species; with 7 bird species having been identified. A more thorough survey of the land is likely to increase the number of both flora and fauna species present. A Flora and Fauna list is shown at [Annexure 5](#) (pgs. 50-51).

4.3 Permissible Uses/Future Uses

Community land is valued for its important role in the social, intellectual, spiritual and physical enrichment of residents, workers, and visitors to the Griffith City Council area.

Griffith City Council encourages a wide range of uses of community land and intends to facilitate uses which increase the activation of its land, where appropriate.

The general types of uses which may occur on community land categorised as 'Sportsground', 'Park', and 'General Community Use', and the forms of development generally associated with those uses, are set out in Table 3 below.

The facilities on community land may change over time, reflecting the needs of the community and the growing need for recreational use (passive and organised); and general community use and any subsequent changes that might be required at that time. Limitations to changes may be impacted potentially by any undetermined ALC's that are in place over the lands at such time and accordingly, may require further consideration and negotiation, as necessary.

Table 3 – Permissible use and development of community land by council

Sportsground	
Purpose/Use such as... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and passive recreational and sporting activities compatible with the nature of the particular land and any relevant facilities. • Organised and unstructured recreation activities. • Community events and gatherings. • Commercial uses associated with sports facilities. 	Development to facilitate uses, such as... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development for the purpose of conducting and facilitating organised sport (both amateur and professional), for example – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Racing / training track, i.e., for karting purposes. ◦ Various range and field shooting activities suited to local Club, regional and/or State events • Shower and change room / toilet facilities • Kiosk/café / canteen uses • Car parking and loading areas • Ancillary rooms (staff rooms, meeting rooms, recording rooms, equipment storage areas/associated machinery sheds) • Shade structures • Storage ancillary to recreational uses, community events or gatherings • Facilities for associated sports training • Provision of amenities to facilitate use and enjoyment of the community land including seating, change rooms, toilets, storage, first aid areas • Equipment sales / hire areas • Compatible, small-scale commercial uses, e.g., sports tuition • Advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Relate to approved uses / activities ◦ Are discreet and temporary ◦ Are approved by the Council • Energy-saving initiatives such as solar lighting and solar panels • Locational, directional, and regulatory signage
Park	
Purpose/Use such as... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive recreation, i.e., bush-walking, bird watching • Group recreational use, such as picnics and private celebrations • Eating and drinking in a relaxed setting • Filming and photographic projects 	Development to facilitate uses, such as... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard and soft landscaped areas and walking trails • Cultural interpretation, e.g., signs • Locational, directional, and regulatory signage

NB: Some of the uses listed above require a permit from the council.	
General Community Use	
Purpose/Use Providing a location for, and supporting, the gathering of groups for a range of social, cultural or recreational purposes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings (including for social, recreational, educational, or cultural purposes) • Camping grounds. 	Development for the purposes of social, community, cultural and recreational activities. Development includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping and finishes, improving access, amenity and the visual character of the general community area. • Advertising structures and signage (such as A-frames and banners) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relate to approved uses / activities ○ Are discreet and temporary ○ Are approved by the council • Locational, directional, and regulatory signage.

4.4 Express authorisations

Under section 46(1)(b) of the *LG Act 1993*, leases, licences and other estates formalise the use of community land. A lease, licence or other estate may be granted to organisations and persons, community groups, sports clubs and associations, non-government organisations, charities, community welfare services, non-profit organisations and government authorities. A list of tenure types, duration and relevant purposes is shown in Table 4 below.

The lease or licence must be for uses consistent with the reserve purpose(s), the assigned categorisation and zoning of the land, be in the best interests of the community as a whole, and enable, wherever possible, shared use of community land.

Any lease or licence proposal will be individually assessed and considered, including the community benefit, compatibility with this PoM and the capacity of the community land itself and the local area to support the activity.

A lease is normally issued where exclusive control of all or part of an area by a user is proposed. In all other instances a licence or short-term licence or hire agreement will be issued.

This plan of management **expressly authorises** the issue of leases, licences and other estates over the land covered by the plan of management, in accordance with section 46(1)(b) of the *LG Act*, and pursuant to the provisions of the Section 2.20 of the *CLM Act* to issue short-term licence up to 12 months for prescribed purposes, referred to in Clause 31 of the *CLM Regulation 2021*, provided that:

- the purpose is consistent with the purposes of Public Recreation, Recreation, and Camping
- the purpose is consistent with the core objectives prescribed by Section 36F (categorisation of Sportsground), Section 36G (categorisation of Park), and 36I (categorisation of General Community Use)
- the lease, licence or other estate is for a permitted purpose listed in the *Local Government Act 1993* or the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 [NSW]*
- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate and the provisions of the lease, licence or other estate can be validated by the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th)
- where the land is subject to a claim under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* the issue of any lease, licence or other estate will not prevent the land from being transferred in the event the claim is granted

- the issue of the lease, licence or other estate will not materially harm the use of the land for any of the purposes for which it was dedicated or reserved.

Fees for short-term casual bookings will be charged in accordance with the council's adopted fees and charges at the time.

Table 4 – Leases, licences and other estates and purposes for which they may be granted

Type of tenure arrangement	Maximum term	Purpose for which tenure may be granted
Lease	Up to 21 years. Minister's approval required for longer terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of Rifle Range, Field and Game Club activities and associated facilities. Hire or recreational equipment (as appropriate)
Licence	Up to 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of Rifle Range, Field and Game Club activities and associated facilities. Hire of recreational equipment (as appropriate).
Short-term Licence	Up to 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community events associated with the relevant Licensee. Picnics and private celebrations (site appropriate). One-off sporting events/exhibition such as sporting carnivals. Filming sessions Or for any prescribed purpose as set out in S.31 of the CLM Regulation 2021 as amended.
Other estates		This PoM allows the council to grant 'an estate' over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities and provision of services, or connections for premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the council or public utility provider on the community land in accordance with the LG Act.

The following Table lists current Tenures granted by Council however does not exclude future Tenures or other estates from being granted.

Table 5 – Existing Tenures granted by Council as at the date of PoM

Reserve (Lot/DP)	Purpose	Licensee / User Group	Purpose of Tenure	Term of Tenure
64662	Kart Club	Griffith Kart Club Inc. Y0235402	(a) Holding of go-kart races provided members of the Licensee participate in such races; and (b) For members of the Licensee to train for such races.	10 Years – From 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2025
1003005	Public Recreation	Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (NSW) Griffith Branch Incorporation T2496010 & Griffith Black Powder Club Incorporated	Firearms shooting range, training facilities for competitive shooters, facilities for hire or use by other shooting organisations, government departments or community groups. (See Note # below)	10 Years – Form 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2032

There may be further opportunities for short-term licences on the Reserves for a range of activities that align with the respective Reserves' purposes and categorisations.

Note #: Archery activities have now been removed from the site and the area reassigned between the SSAA (NSW), Griffith Branch Inc. and Griffith Black Powder Club Inc.

Direction of Funds

Any income produced from the Reserves, i.e., as per the approved Tenure, will be distributed to manage either these lands or other community land in a fashion determined by Council.

4.5 Easements

None of the Kart Club (Reserve 64662); Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve (Reserve 64911); Rankins Springs Camping Area (Reserve 65432); or Dave Wallace Range – Griffith Field & Game Club (Reserve 1003005) is affected by any Easements over the lands.

4.6 Native Title Assessment

Council is required under the provisions of the *CLMA 2016*, to undertake steps to identify whether the activity proposed on Crown land will affect Native Title. Council must further consider what provisions of the *NTA 1993 (C'th)* will validate the activity; and what procedures should be taken in relation to a particular activity prior to its commencement. Council must also have regard for any existing claims made on the land under the *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALR Act)*.

The activity must be authorised through *Part 2 Division 3 of the NTA 1993 (C'th)*.

Council must obtain written advice from its Native Title Manager in relation to certain activities and acts carried out on Crown land where the land is not excluded land, in accordance with native title legislation and applicable to works and activities to be undertaken on any of the Reserves identified within this PoM.

4.7 Aboriginal Land Claims

Reserves 64911 (Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve) and 65432 (Rankins Springs Camping Area) are both impacted by current Aboriginal Land Claims (ALCs). However, prior to undertaking any future works on these lands, or in respect of Reserves 64662 and 1003005, investigations with DPE - Crown Lands should be undertaken to confirm that no further ALC's have been lodged at that point in time.

Any proposed works or development on any affected land, or the issue of tenures authorised by this PoM should not proceed if:

- The proposed activity could prevent the land being transferred to an ALC claimant in the event that any undetermined claim is granted.
- The proposed activity could impact or change the physical/environmental condition of the land, unless:
 - a) Council has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council to carry out the proposed work or activity, and/or
 - b) Council has obtained a written statement from the Aboriginal Land Council confirming that the subject land is withdrawn (in whole or part) from the land claim.

Searches of the Office of Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management Systems) undertaken on 8 June 2023, have identified no Aboriginal sites on or near any of the lands contained within the various parcels of land within this PoM.

5.0 BASIS OF MANAGEMENT

Griffith City Council intends to manage its community land to meet:

- assigned categorisation of community land
- the LG Act guidelines and core objectives for community land set out in Table 6 in *Section 5.1* below
- the council's strategic objectives and priorities
- development and use of the land outlined in Chapter 6 Part 2 Division 2 of the *LG Act 1993*.

5.1 Core Objectives for management of Community land

The management of community land is governed by the categorisation of the land, its purpose and the core objectives of the category.

For the purpose of this PoM, the categories of Sportsgrounds, Parks, and General Community Use are defined in the *Local Government (General) (LG) Regulation 2021, Part 4 Division 1 – Guidelines for the categorisation of community land* as:

Table 6 – Categories of land as defined in the Sections 103, 104 & 106 Local Government Regulation

Guidelines – from the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 [NSW]	Core objectives – from the Local Government Act 1993
Clause 103 – Sportsgrounds: Land used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or playing outdoor games.	Category Sportsground (Section 36F): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games • to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.
Clause 104 – Parks: Land which is improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, and for uses which are mainly passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.	Category Park (Section 36G): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities • to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games • to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.
Clause 106 – General Community Use: Land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, and does not satisfy the definition of natural area, sportsground, park or area of cultural significance.	Category General Community Use (Section 36I): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land • to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

Figure 15: Aerial view of Clay Target Club



(Photo at Figure 15 above provided from SSAA NSW, Griffith Inc. website)

6.0 MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CATEGORIES OF LAND

6.1 Management Issues

Management of the lands takes into consideration the reserves' purpose and the purpose for which the lands are classified and categorised.

Council recognises the importance of Reserves and community owned land that are valued by its users and visitors to the Griffith City area. Management of the Reserves including Council employees, Tenure holders and volunteers are valuable in ensuring the long-term and on-going use and maintenance of the respective reserves in supporting various community services. These facilities are valuable and support the social, physical and environmental (natural and man-made) needs of local community members and visitors who utilise the various services and facilities.

Table 7 below provides Council's general management issues and guidelines.

Table 7 – Management Issues and Guidelines

Maintenance of infrastructure	As required following routine inspections by Council and reported by users and / or identified in relevant reports and in accordance with Council's Asset Management Report and Risk Management Policies or Tenure User Asset Management Plans (as applicable).
Car Park	Car-parking areas are provided to accommodate user / visitor attendance at respective facilities (as required).
Watering	Watering of landscaped areas is the responsibility of respective Licensee / user groups (or Council in the event that the areas are not under Licence). Watering shall be undertaken as required and according to specific water restrictions that may be in place from time to time. Natural areas are excluded from this requirement.
Vandalism	Vandalism will be addressed at the time of occurrence. Vandalism may include issues such as unauthorised vehicle access; damage to infrastructure; other damage resultant from unauthorised activities referred to in PG-CP-301 "Prohibited Activities on Council Active & Passive Recreation Areas"; or rubbish dumping or any other damage to Council property referred to in PG-CP-314 "Vandalism, Graffiti and Rubbish Dumping – Reward".
Erection / installation of infrastructure and other buildings	The erection of necessary buildings to provide a range of community services or facilities (existing or necessary in the future), if allowed by this Plan of Management, will be under authorisation of Council's Development Application processes and subject to Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPH&I) – Crown Lands 'Landowner Consent' unless satisfied by SEPP (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021 approval. The demolition of any building may also be subject to the same approval.
Weeds	Management of biosecurity weeds is a priority for Council (refer to GCC Biosecurity Weeds and Legislation and PG-CP-401), in particular, Prickly Pear (<i>Opuntia stricta</i>), Bridal-veil Creeper (<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>) located on Reserve 65432 (Rankins Springs Camping Area. Other environmental weeds including Gazania (<i>Gazania rigens</i>) and Galvanised Burr (<i>Bassia burchii</i>), should be monitored to reduce impacts on the natural area, also noted within Reserve 65432. Weed management practices will be undertaken by Council staff.
Pests	Pest management is the responsibility of Council staff / Licensees or user groups in accordance with Council guidelines.
Signs	Signage is both regulatory and interpretive in accordance with Standard AS 2342-1992.
Trees	Council's Tree Preservation Order PG-CP-401 must be adhered to and Council must be consulted prior to the removal of any trees.
Rubbish	Removal of unauthorised dumping of rubbish is monitored by Council through its Remove Illegal Dumping (RID) Programs and through Litter Reduction and Clean up Campaigns EH-CP-204. Tenure holders and user groups will also ensure that any rubbish is removed from the site and the respective areas are kept in a neat and tidy condition.
Maintenance of Simms Road	Council is responsible for maintenance of the Council Public Road.

6.2 Plan Implementation

The following action plan sets out the requirements under Section 36 of the *LG Act 1993* with respect to:

- The category of the land
- The objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land
- The means by which the council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets,
- The manner in which the council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets.

Table 8 below, sets out key objectives and performance targets for management of the land.

Responsibility: Griffith City Council (GCC)

Table 8 – Objectives and performance targets of this Plan of Management

Performance Target	Actions	Priority	Performance Indicator
LEGISLATIVE			
To ensure that relevant legislation is complied with in relation to preparation of the PoM.	1. The Plan is prepared in accordance with Native Title Manager advice, the <i>LGA 1993</i> , the <i>CLMA 2016</i> , <i>NTA 1993 (C'th)</i> and <i>ALRA 1983</i> (as applicable)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan is reviewed by Council's Native Title Manager and approved by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPH&I) – Crown Lands. • Council exhibits and adopts the PoM subject to community comments being addressed. (Where significant changes to the PoM are required, the PoM will be re-referred to Council and the Department).
MANAGEMENT			
Provide quality facilities; assess the current facilities, condition, and use of the land in accordance with community expectations	2. Consultation and development in accordance with Council's Strategies and Policies. 3. Provide maintenance or guide tenure users (as applicable) to meet required service levels inclusive of grounds, trees, infrastructure, weed and pest management, lighting and parking.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assets (current and future) are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards and community expectations. • Community consultation in regards to meeting future community needs. • Maintenance service levels to meet requirements in accordance with adopted budgets (as applicable). • Review of tenure conditions (as applicable).
Asset Management Plan in place to maintain and enhance the Sportsgrounds (Licensee's responsibility)	4. Update Asset Management Plan (as required)	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset renewal considered in 10-year financial planning by user groups in consultation with relevant Council staff (where applicable)

Provide manage guidelines to Licensees in respect of buildings within the sportsground areas; and direct management of the park and area of general community use (natural areas) (as applicable) for the safety of users including acts of vandalism	5. In the case of Licensees, ensure that regular safety audits are undertaken on a risk assessment basis.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings, Infrastructure, and associated equipment meets relevant safety standards (documentation where necessary, is provided by Licensees). Reduction in vandalism (where applicable). Feedback from community is positive and any negative feedback is acted upon as necessary.
INFRASTRUCTURE			
Assist Licensees in ensuring accessibility to primary access points of respective Sportsground facilities of Kart Club and Dave Wallace Range.	6. Ensure on-going inspection and assessment of all infrastructure (as appropriate by Licensees) 7. Sportsground infrastructure is maintained by and in accordance with user group requirements.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council supports respective user groups in undertaking necessary improvements in accordance with relevant safety standards, requirements of this PoM, and the provision of necessary approvals including (including NT and ALR legislation). Council provides prompt approval processes where necessary to proposals for improvements / development. infrastructure as may be required in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plan and / or specific Reserve's Asset Management Plan.
Maintain Sportsground areas to provide quality infrastructure	8. Licensees respectively undertake necessary improvements and repairs to infrastructure to meet needs of patrons and visitors. 9. Griffith Kart Club updates and / or constructs new amenity buildings to provide all ability access. 10. Griffith Kart Club plans for track extensions (pending funding). 11. Griffith Kart Club removes obsolete canteen building.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council provides guidance and prompt approval processes including removal of obsolete buildings / infrastructure (as necessary). Respective Licensees review and implement Asset Management Plans. Feedback from the users, the community and visitors are positive and negative feedback is acted upon where necessary.
Access and appropriate fencing measures are undertaken to prevent unauthorised activities on Park and General Community Use and.	12. Ensure inspection to identify unauthorised activities and use of Reserve 65432 and take relevant action.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validate any unauthorised use of Reserve 65432 through Licence or relevant opportunities (as necessary).
Manage access and / or perimeter fencing (where necessary)	13. Ensure adequate fencing of area to prevent unauthorised rubbish dumping.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obsolete and poor condition fencing is removed. Seek funding for fencing (where applicable).
ENVIRONMENT			
Manage and maintain Council's obligations under the Biosecurity Act (Reserves 64911 and 65432).	14. On-going inspection and control of noxious weed species and pest animals.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide assistance to Licensees (where necessary) with regular inspections to monitor impact of noxious

			<p>weeds and pests on the environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in prevalence of noxious weed species within the Reserve and adjacent roadside. Annual funding sourced and budgeted for weed management practices.
Manage environmental and user safety.	<p>15. On-going inspection and assessment of infrastructure in accordance with Council and Government WHS legislation.</p> <p>16. Monitor pest activity and effects on flora and fauna within Rankins Springs Camping Area.</p> <p>17. Monitor and remove rubbish.</p> <p>18. Consider the safety of the community, visitors and users the use of chemicals and pest control.</p>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit processes for safety and condition reporting are working well. Staff and contractors are appropriately trained in safe handling and use of appropriate chemicals for the land. Feedback from the users and the community are positive and negative feedback is acted upon where necessary.
Eradication of Weeds of National Significance	<p>19. Control environmental weed species at Dave Wallace Range.</p> <p>20. Control environmental weed species within Rankins Springs Camping Area and adjacent roadside (where applicable).</p>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eradicate incursions of Tiger Pear at Dave Wallace Range and provide continued liaison with Licensee. Reduction in weed incursions generally.
Maintain quality of habitat for flora and fauna species.	<p>21. Encourage nature-based recreation.</p> <p>22. Treat invasive weed species.</p> <p>23. Monitor impact of feral animal activity (as necessary).</p>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce impacts of invasive weed species (and feral animals) as applicable. Feedback from the community is positive and negative feedback is acted upon where necessary.
USE OF THE RESERVES			
Signs.	24. Review signs and follow guidelines provided by Statewide Mutual Signs as Remote Supervision.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually monitor all signs are legible and current. Licensees maintain and update regulatory signage in accordance with respective guidelines.
Access and Parking.	<p>25. Ensure that access and parking areas meet visitor and user requirements.</p> <p>26. Installation of signage (as appropriate).</p>	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In conjunction with respective Licensees, continue to monitor that access and parking requirements meet the needs of visitors and users. Feedback from visitors and the community is positive and negative feedback acted upon as necessary.
Simms Road Access.	27. Improved accessibility along Simms Road	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to review road maintenance requirements of Simms Road following consultation with Licensees (and other users).
Unlawful use of land.	28. Ensure unauthorised use is curtailed with regular monitoring and inspection	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in dumping of rubbish.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where appropriate, authorised activities by initiating Tenure / or relevant measures. Unless appropriately tenured, have unauthorised electric fencing removed from Reserve 65432. Should electric fencing remain in situ, ensure that appropriate signage is installed. Feedback from visitors and the community is positive and negative feedback acted upon as necessary.
Rubbish	29. Removal of unauthorised dumping of rubbish.	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair fencing and install gates to permit authorised vehicle access only (as applicable). Removal of dumped rubbish (as necessary). Install appropriate signage.

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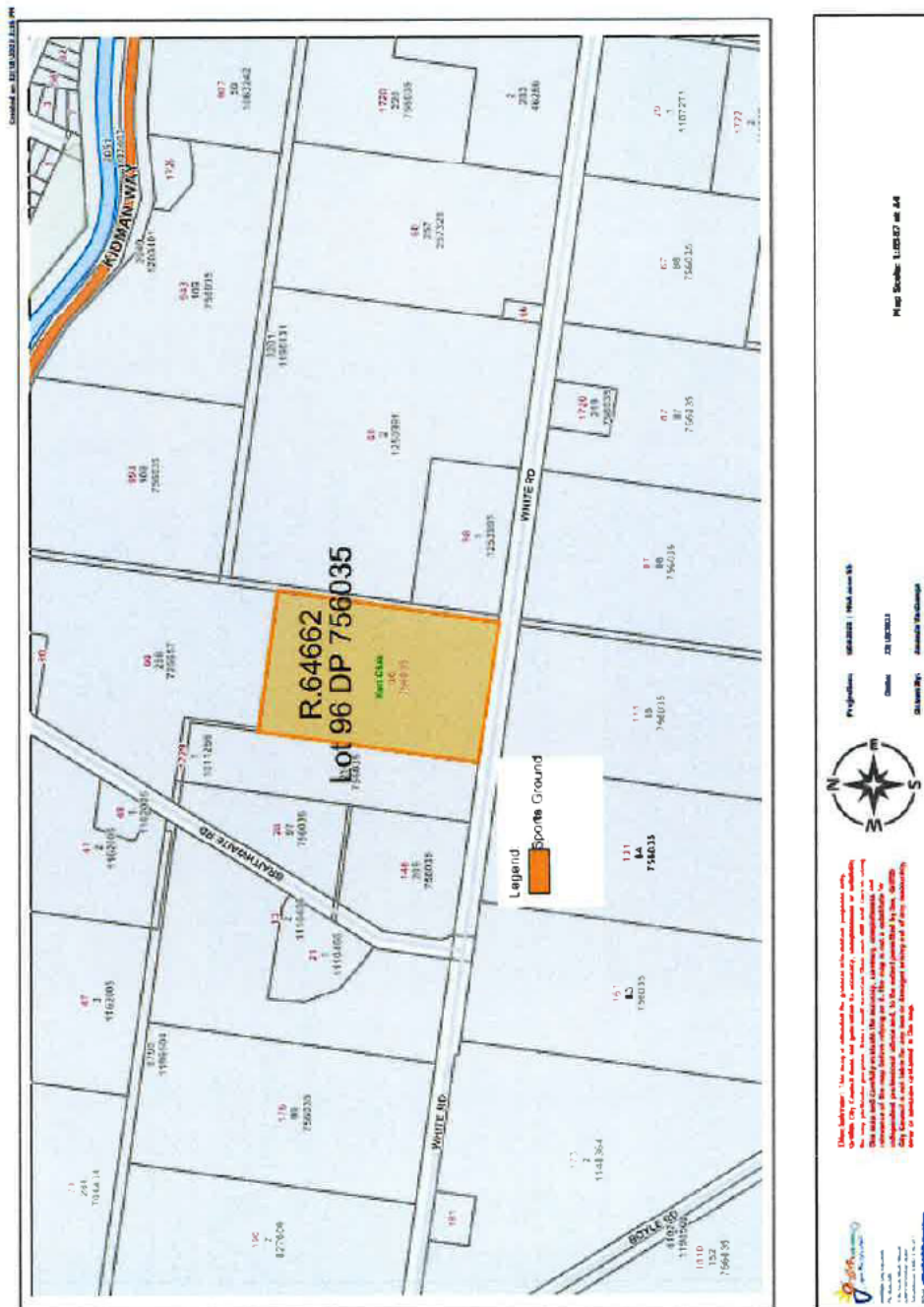
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ANNEXURE 1.1 – CATEGORY MAP – Kart Club (Reserve 64662)

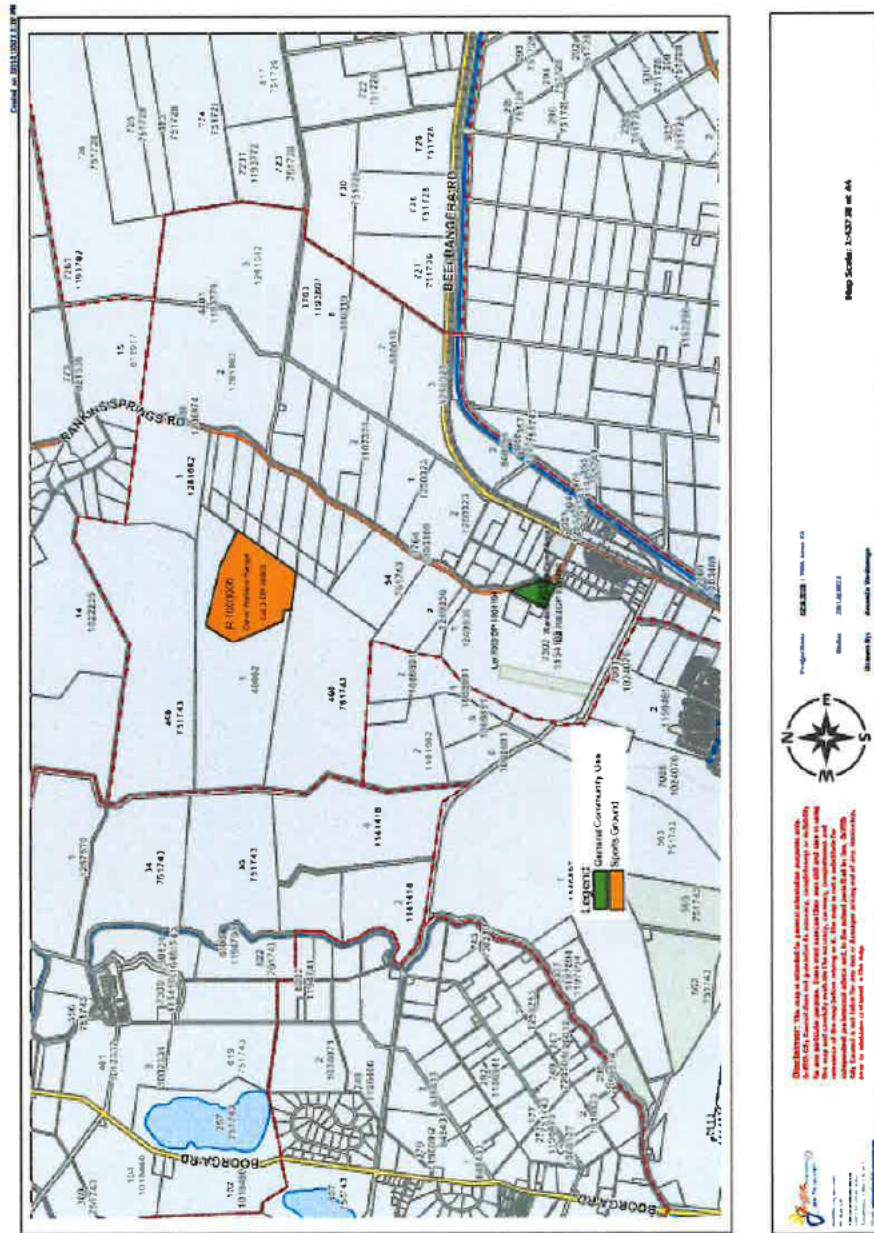


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ANNEXURE 1.3 – CATEGORY MAP – RANKINS SPRINGS CAMPING AREA (Reserve 65432) & DAVE WALLACE RANGE (Reserve 1003005)



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ANNEXURE 3 – FLORA AND FAUNA SPECIES LIST - WUMBULGAL RECREATION RESERVE (Reserve 64911)

FLORA AND FAUNA SPECIES LIST - WUMBULGAL RECREATION RESERVE (R. 64911)			
Noted by Melva Robb (MR); and Murrumbidgee Landcare Member Cathy Semmler (CS)			
FAMILY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	DATE 24/07/2023 (MR) 28/08/2023 & (CS)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5	Adiantaceae	<i>Cheilanthes tenuifolia</i>	Mulga Fern
6	Anaranthaceae	<i>Phlox exaltatus</i>	Showy Foxtail
7	Asteraceae	<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	Saffron Thistle
8		<i>Cassinia laevis</i>	Cough Bush
9		<i>Chryscephalum apiculatum</i>	Yellow Buttons
10		<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Flax-leaf Heabane
11		<i>Helipterum praecox</i>	Fine-leaf Sunray
12		<i>Lactuca scariola</i>	Prickly Lettuce
13		<i>Stipa elegantissima</i>	Feather Speargrass
14		<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i>	Fuzzweed
15		<i>Xerochysum viscosum</i>	Sticky Everlasting
16	Boraginaceae	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Paterson's Curse
17	Brassicaceae	<i>Sisymbrium irio</i>	Smooth Mustard
18		<i>Sisymbrium irio</i>	London Rocket
19	Caesalpinaceae	<i>Senna artemisioides</i>	Punty Bush
20	Chenopodiaceae	<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	Creeping Saltbush
21		<i>Enardia nutans</i>	Climbing Saltbush
22		<i>Encalypta tomentosa</i>	Ruby Saltbush
23		<i>Marrubium sp.</i>	Bluebush sp.
24		<i>Marrubium sp.</i>	Yanga Bush
25		<i>Sclerolaena muricata</i>	Black Poly-Poly (Five-spined Saltbush)
26	Cupressaceae	<i>Callitris glauca</i>	White Cypress Pine
27	Fabaceae	<i>Medicago praecox</i>	Small-leaf Burr Medic
28	Geraniaceae	<i>Geranium crinitum</i>	Blue Crowfoot/Native Geranium
29		<i>Geranium solanderi</i>	Australian Cranesbill
30	Lamiaceae	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	Horehound
31	Liliaceae	<i>Bulbinopsis bulbosa</i>	Native Leek
32	Loranthaceae	<i>Anemone miquelii</i>	Box Mistletoe
33	Malvaceae	<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Marshmallow
34		<i>Sida corrugata</i>	Corrugated Sida

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35	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus populinea	Bimble Box	14	
36	Phormiceae	Dianella longifolia	Smooth Flax Lily	14	
37	Plantaginaceae	Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort/Plantain	14	
38	Poaceae	Chloris truncata	Windmill Grass	14	
39		Hordeum glaucum	Barley Grass	14	
40		Stipa bigeniculata	Tall Speargrass	14	
41		Stipa variabilis	Variable Speargrass	14	
42	Polygonaceae	Muehlenbeckia cunninghamii	Lignum	14	
43	Rutaceae	Geliera parviflora	Wilga (Dogwood or Native Willow)	14	#
44	Sapindaceae	Heterodendrum oleifolium	Rosewood	14	
45	Solanaceae	Solanum esuriale	Quena	14	
46	Sterculiaceae	Brachychiton populneus	Kurrajong	14	
47					
48					
49	Birds				
50		1. Apostlebird	Struthidea cinerea	14	
51		2. Australian Magpie	Cracticus (Gymnorhina) tibicen	14	
52		3. Australian Raven	Corvus coronoides	14	
53		4. Australian Ringneck	Barnardius zonarius	14	
54		5. Brown Quail	Coturnix ypsilaphora	14	
55		6. Cockatell	Nymphicus hollandicus	14	
56		7. Crested Pidgeon	Ocyphaps lophotes	14	
57		8. Noisy Miner	Manorina melanacephala	14	
58		9. Pied Butcherbird	Cracticus nigrogularis	14	
59					

ANNEXURE 4 – FLORA AND FAUNA LIST – RANKINS SPRINGS CAMPING GROUND - (Reserve 65432)

FLORA AND FAUNA SPECIES LIST - WUMBULGAL RECREATION RESERVE (R. 649111)				
Noted by Melva Robb (MR), and Cathy Semmler (CS) (Murrumbidgee Landcare Inc.)				
	FAMILY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	DATE 28/07/2023 (MR) & (CS) (MR)
				Introduced Species Comments
1				28/08/2023
2				(MR) & (CS) (MR)
3				#
4				#
5	Amaranthaceae	<i>Ptilopus exaltatus</i>	Showy Foxtail	#
6	Asparagaceae	<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	Bridal-veil Creeper	#
7	Asteraceae	<i>Antithea calendula</i>	Capeweed	#
8		Carthamus lanatus	Saffron Thistle	#
9		<i>Chryscephalum semipapposum</i>	Clustered Everlasting/Yellow Buttons	#
10		<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Flax-leaf Fleabane	#
11		<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Gazania	#
12		Hypochaeris radicata	Flatweed	#
13		<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sow Thistle	#
14		<i>Stipa elegantissima</i>	Feather Speargrass	#
15		<i>Vittadina cuneata</i>	Fuzzweed	#
16	Baranjinaceae	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Paterson's Curse	#
17		Heliotropium concoloratum	White Heliotrope	#
18	Cactaceae	<i>Opuntia stricta</i>	Common Prickly Pear	#
19		Soehrensia spachiana	Golden Torch	#
20	Caesalpinaceae	<i>Senna artemisioides xygophylla</i>	Punty Bush	#
21	Chenopodiaceae	<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	Creeping Saltbush	#
22		<i>Bassia burchii</i>	Galvanised Burr	#
23		<i>Einadia nutans</i>	Climbing Saltbush	#
24		<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i>	Ruby Saltbush	#
25		<i>Maireana</i> sp.	Bluebush sp.	#
26	Cupressaceae	<i>Callitris glaucophylla</i>	White Cypress Pine	#
27	Fabaceae	<i>Medicago praecox</i>	Small-leaf Burr Medic	#
28	Lamiaceae	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	Horehound	#
29		<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	Wild Sage	#
30	Liliaceae	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Onion Weed	#
31	Loranthaceae	<i>Amyma miquelii</i>	Box Mistletoe	#
32	Malvaceae	<i>Sida corrugata</i>	Corrugated Sida	#

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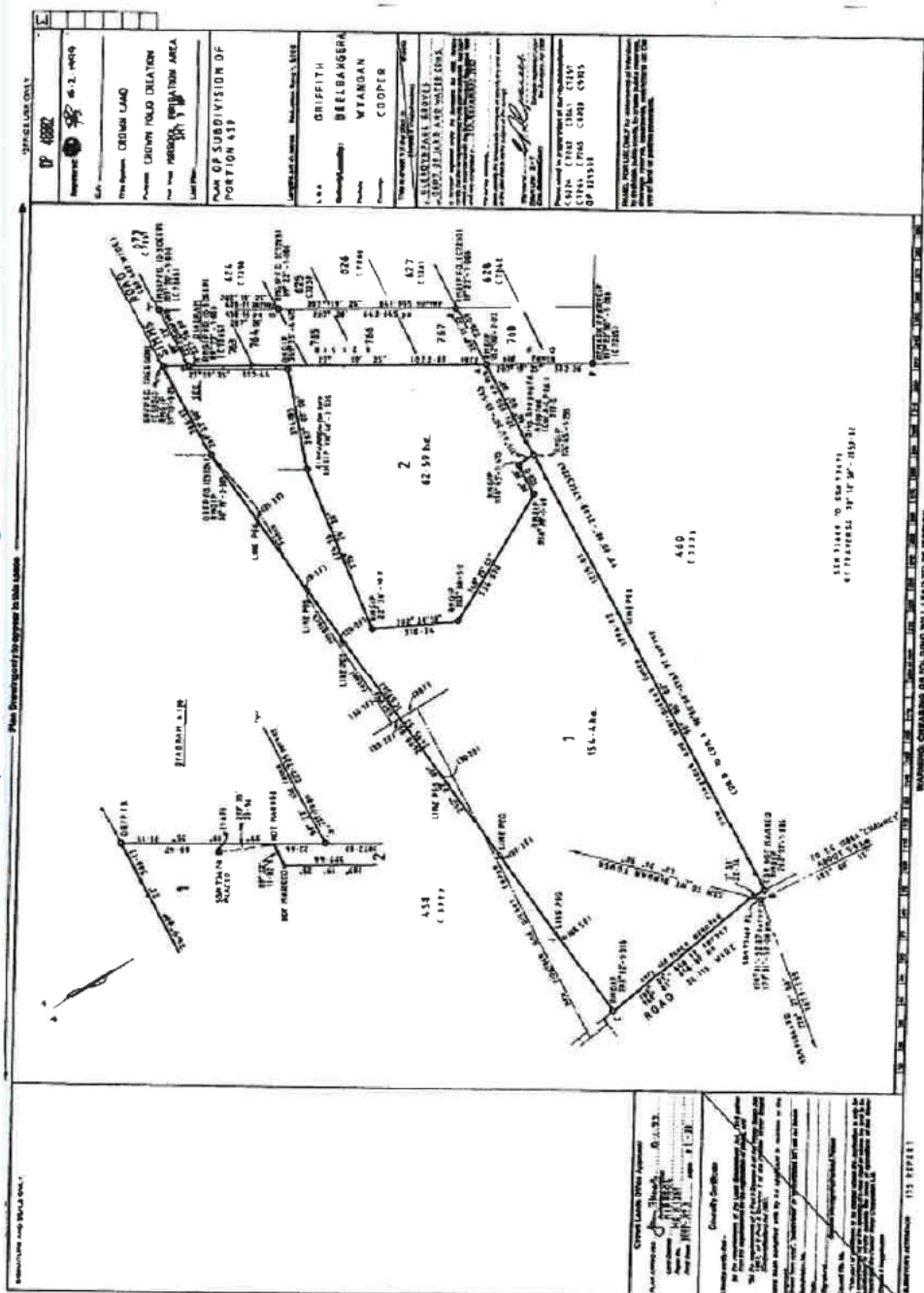
33	Mimosaceae	<i>Acacia horniophylla</i>	Yarran	11
34		<i>Acacia hakeoides</i>	Western Black Wattle	11
35		<i>Acacia pendula</i>	Boree/Weeping Myall	11
36	Myrtaceae	<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i>	Mooinah	11
37	Phumiceae	<i>Dianella longifolia</i>	Smooth Flax Lily	11
38	Poaceae	<i>Chloris truncata</i>	Windmill Grass	11
39		<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Couch Grass	11
40		<i>Enneapogon intermedius</i>	Tall Bottle Washers	11
41		<i>Hordeum glaucum</i>	Barley Grass	11
42		<i>Stipa bigeniculata</i>	Tall Speargrass	11
43	Polygonaceae	<i>Polygonum arenstrum</i>	Wireweed	11
44	Rutaceae	<i>Geijera parviflora</i>	Willga (Dogwood or Native Willow)	11
45	Sapindaceae	<i>Dodonaea attenuata</i>	Narrow-Leaf Hopbush	11
46	Solanaceae	<i>Solanum esuriale</i>	Quena	11
47				11
48	Mammals			11
49		<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	European Brown Hare	11
50		<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	Eastern grey Kangaroo	11
51				11
52	Birds			11
53		1 Australian Magpie	<i>Cracticus (Gymnorhina) tibicen</i>	11
54		2 Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	11
55		3 Australian Ringneck	<i>Barnardius zonarius</i>	11
56		4 Mistletoe Bird	<i>Dicaeum himantopus</i>	11
57		5 Pied Butcherbird	<i>Cracticus nigricollis</i>	11
58				11

ANNEXURE 5 – FLORA AND FAUNA LIST – DAVE WALLACE RANGE (Reserve 1003005)

FLORA AND FAUNA SPECIES LIST - DAVE WALLACE RANGE (R. 1003005)				Introduced	
	FAMILY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	DATE	Species Comments
1				29/08/2023 (MR)	
2		Noted by Melva Robb (MR)			
3					
4					
5	Adiantaceae	<i>Cheilanthes tenuifolia</i>	Mulga Fern	#	
6	Anaranthaceae	<i>Phiotus exaltatus</i>	Showy Foxtail	#	
7	Apocynaceae	<i>Parsonia eucalyptophylla</i>	Gargaloo	#	
8	Asteraceae	<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	Capeweed	#	
9		<i>Calotis cuneifolia</i>	Purple Burr Daisy	#	
10		<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Flax-leaf Fleabane	#	
11		<i>Gazania rigens</i>	Gazania	#	
12		<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Flaxweed	#	
13		<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sow Thistle	#	
14		<i>Stipa elegantissima</i>	Feather Speargrass	#	
15		<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i>	Furzwend	#	
16		<i>Xerochrysum viscosum</i>	Sticky Everlasting	#	
17	Boraginaceae	<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Paterson's Curse	#	Weed of National Significance
18	Cactaceae	<i>Opuntia aurantica</i>	Tiger Pear	#	
19		<i>Opuntia stricta</i>	Prickly Pear	#	
20	Caesalpinaceae	<i>Senna artemisioides</i>	Purty Bush	#	
21	Chenopodiaceae	<i>Atriplex semibaccata</i>	Creeping Saltbush	#	
22		<i>Eimodia nutans</i>	Climbing Saltbush	#	
23		<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i>	Ruby Saltbush	#	
24		<i>Maireana</i> sp.	Bluebush sp	#	
25	Cucurbitaceae	<i>Cumumis myriocarpus</i>	Paddy Melon	#	
26	Cupressaceae	<i>Callitris glaucophylla</i>	White Cypress Pine	#	
27	Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus</i> sp.	Sedge sp.	#	
28	Fabaceae	<i>Hakea tephrosperma</i>	Hocked Needlewood	#	
29		<i>Indigofera australis</i>	Austral Indigo	#	
30		<i>Medicago praecox</i>	Small-Leaf Burr Medic	#	
31	Geraniaceae	<i>Geranium solanderi</i>	Australian Cranesbill	#	
32	Goodeniaceae	<i>Goodenia</i> sp	Goodenia	#	
33	Lamiaceae	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	Horehound	#	Species of Concern
34	Liliaceae	<i>Asphodelus fistulosus</i>	Onion Weed/Wild Onion/Asphodel	#	

35	Cornaceae	<i>Amyma quadrang</i>	Grey Mistletoe	35
36	Malvaceae	<i>Sida cunninghamii</i>	Ridge Sida	36
37	Myoporaceae	<i>Fremontia longifolia</i>	Emubush/Berrigan	37
38	Myrtaceae	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i>	Bumble Box	38
39	Phormiceae	<i>Dianella longifolia</i>	Smooth Flax-Lily	39
40	Plantaginaceae	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort/Plantain	40
41	Poaceae	<i>Avena fatua</i>	Wild Oats	41
42		<i>Chloris truncata</i>	Windmill Grass	42
43		<i>Hordium glaucum</i>	Barley Grass	43
44		<i>Stipa variabilis</i>	Variable Speargrass	44
45	Sapindaceae	<i>Dodonaea attenuata</i>	Narrow-Leaf Hopbush	45
46	Sterculiaceae	<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>	Kurrajong	46
47				47
48				48
49	Birds			49
50		1 Apostlebird	Struthidea cinerea	50
51		2 Australian Magpie	<i>Cracticus (Gymnorhina) tibicen</i>	51
52		3 Australian Raven	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	52
53		4 Crested Pidgeon	<i>Carpophaps lobophotes</i>	53
54		5 Magpie Lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	54
55		6 Mistletoebird	<i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i>	55
56		7 White-winged Chough	<i>Corcorax melanorhamphos</i>	56
57				57

ANNEXURE 6 – DP 48882 – PLAN OF SUBDIVISION (Dave Wallace Range - Reserve 1003005)



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CLAUSE CL04**TITLE** Third Quarter Performance Report 2024/25 - Budget Review and Operational Plan**FROM** Vanessa Edwards, Finance Manager**TRIM REF** 25/55257

SUMMARY

Council is required to review its Operational Plan within two months of the end of each quarter. Council must review both its financial position and the Operational Plan Actions (Performance Indicators) adopted for 2024/25 for the quarter ended 31 March 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Council note the variations to the 2024/25 original budget for the quarter ended 31 March 2025 as presented in this report.
- (b) The Financial Review and any additional approved variations for the quarter ended 31 March 2025 be adopted.
- (c) Council adopt the 31 March 2025 Operational Plan Review advising the extent to which the Operational Plan Actions (Performance Indicators) have been achieved.
- (d) Council endorse minor amendments to the Organisational Structure as per this report.

REPORT

The Operational Plan is a statutory requirement under Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993. It requires Council to provide information on the statement of objectives (Operational Plan Actions) and performance targets for each of its principal activities. Council is also required to review its income and expenditure each quarter under Division 3, Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Each of these requirements will be dealt with as follows:

1) REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN ACTIONS (Performance Indicators)

Council staff have completed a review of the extent to which the Operational Plan Actions (Performance Indicators) have been achieved. This review is included as an attachment to this report, Attachment (h).

2) BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENTS AND REVISION OF ESTIMATES

The Financial Review document comprises:

- Report by the Responsible Accounting Officer at 31 March 2025.
- Income and Expense Budget Review Statement (Fund Level) at 31 March 2025.
- Income and Expense Budget Review Statement (Function Level) to 31 March 2025.

- Capital, Cash and Investments Budget Review Statement at 31 March 2025.
- Budget Review Contracts at 31 March 2025.
- Budget Review Consultancy and Legal Expenses at 31 March 2025.
- Budget Review Councillor Expenses at 31 March 2025.

REVISED OPERATING STATEMENT

The revised operating statement at 31 March 2025 currently shows an estimated surplus from operating activities before capital amounts of **\$1,947,361**. The original adopted Operational Plan for 2024/25 showed a deficit from operations before capital grants of **(\$352,317)**.

The variations requested by each manager are shown on the comparatives operating statement summary, and also on the individual program income and expenditure.

The overall review of the first six months reveals a number of operating budget variations as summarised below, compared to the original budget for 2024/25.

FUND	Original Operating Budget	Net September 2024 Review Adjustments	Net December 2024 Review Adjustments	Net March 2025 Review Adjustments	Revised Operating Budget
Ordinary	(\$4,690,991)	\$841,138	\$101,157	\$448,074	(\$3,300,622)
Waste	\$1,241,197	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,281,197
Water	\$1,663,299	\$157,839	\$152,252	\$133,000	\$2,106,390
Sewer	\$1,434,178	\$0	\$252,252	\$173,966	\$1,860,396
TOTAL	(\$352,317)	\$1,038,977	\$505,661	\$755,040	\$1,947,361

*Favourable, Increase / (Unfavourable, Decrease)

ORDINARY FUND VARIATIONS

Operating revenues within the ordinary fund have increased by **+\$2,040,539** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating revenue** are summarised as follows:

- Rates and annual charges increased by **+\$4,050**
- User fees and charges increased by **+\$48,707**
- Operating Grants & Contributions increased by **+\$1,536,849**
- Other Operating Revenues increased by **+\$450,933**

Operating expenditure has increased by **+\$650,170** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating expenditure** are highlighted as follows:

- Employee Costs decreased by **-\$516,812** due to some vacancies from the full organisation structure
- Materials & Contracts increased by **+\$1,181,916**
- Other Operating Expenses decreased by **-\$14,934**

The Australian Government, for several years, has been forward funding Local Government Financial Assistance Grants (FAG) to varying degrees. In the 2024/25 year 85% of the following years allocation was paid in June 2024. Council has budgeted for approximately a full year's FAG allocation of approximately \$8M and the receipt of these funds will be dependent on the Australian Government continuing to forward fund all or a significant portion of the FAG allocation, which is only known in June each year.

Management will strive to continually improve this funds' performance throughout the remainder of the financial year.

WASTE FUND VARIATIONS

Operating revenues within the waste fund have increased by **+\$70,000** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating revenue** are summarised as follows:

- Rates & Annual Charges increased by **+\$70,000**

Operating expenditure has increased by **+\$30,000** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating expenditure** are highlighted as follows:

- Materials & Contracts increased by **+\$30,000**

WATER FUND VARIATIONS

Operating revenues within the water fund have increased by **+\$550,000** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating revenue** are summarised as follows:

- Interest has increased by **+\$550,000**

Operating expenditure has increased by **+\$106,909** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating expenditure** are highlighted as follows:

- Employee Costs decreased by **-\$2,252**
- Materials & Contracts increased by **+\$109,161**

SEWERAGE FUND VARIATIONS

Operating revenues within the sewer fund have increased by **+\$450,000** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating revenue** are summarised as follows:

- Interest has increased by **+\$450,000**

Operating expenditure has increased by **+\$23,782** from the original budget projection.

The variations in **operating expenditure** are highlighted as follows:

- Employee Costs decreased by **-\$2,252**
- Materials & Contracts increased by **+\$26,034**

GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES

Income from Grants and Contributions for capital purposes has increased by **+\$5,237,088** from the original budget projection of **\$9,695,525** to total **\$14,932,613**. This increase is almost entirely related to the timing of recognising capital grants awarded in the previous financial year as the accounting standards prescribe an income and expenditure matching principle.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

There is a projected increase of **+\$153,582** on capital expenditure items in the year-to-date March quarterly review. The original budget projected a capital spend of **\$39,222,844**.

Each fund is summarised as per the following:

- The Ordinary Fund increased capital expenditure by **+\$6,239,855**
- The Waste Fund increased capital expenditure by **+\$1,629,361**
- The Water Fund increased capital expenditure by **+\$542,614**
- The Sewer Fund decreased capital expenditure by **-\$8,258,249**

CASH FLOW STATEMENT ANALYSIS

There is an overall reduction in cash of **-\$6,269,807** from 30 June 2024. The original budgeted decrease in cash was **-\$13,735,291**; therefore, the net result of the September, December and March reviews is an increase in cash of **+\$7,465,484**. It is usual that some of the capital projects may not be completed or started during the financial year. As each quarterly review is completed, there will be adjustments to both the operating and capital expenditure that may improve the final cash balance at year end.

Outlined in the Cash Flow Statement, and summarised below, is the estimated unrestricted cash available at 30 June, 2025.

Total Cash & Investment Funds at 30/6/24 (Actual)	\$87,992,231
Decrease due to 2024/25 Operational Plan	(\$13,735,291)
Decrease from September 2024/25 Quarterly Review	(\$4,267,208)
Decrease from December 2024/25 Quarterly Review	(\$105,285)
Increase from March 2024/25 Quarterly Review	\$11,837,977
Total Cash & Investment Funds at 30/06/25 (Estimate)	\$81,722,424

Restricted Cash Balances as at 30/6/25 (Estimate)	
Closing Externally restricted cash balance at 30/6/25	\$72,985,554
Closing Internally restricted cash balance at 30/6/25	\$3,692,000
Available (Estimated) Unrestricted Cash at 30/6/25	\$5,044,870
Total Cash & Investment Funds at 30/06/25 (Estimate)	\$81,722,424

CONCLUSION

The result of the September, December and March 2024/25 Quarterly Review processes has seen a total increase in the surplus of approximately **+\$2,299,678**. The revised consolidated surplus as at 31 March 2025 is forecasted to be **+\$1,947,361**. Council adopted a deficit of **(\$352,317)** in its 2024/25 Operational Plan.

3) ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AMENDMENTS – (Q3 2025)**1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025**

Previous Position	Type of Change	Change to FTE	New Position	Reason for Change	Directorate	Date Appr.
Workforce Planning Learning and Development	Increase FTE 0.4	0.4FTE	No change	Increase in workload	Economic & Organisational Development	SMT minutes 23 Dec 2024 Added to the structure in January 2025
Library Assistant	Moving FTE from one section to another	None	No change	Request made by the Manager to move FTE from the programs team to the systems team	Business, Cultural and Financial	17 Mar 2025

Position Description Reviews;

Development Engineer

Full Time Equivalent (FTE), as per organisational structure

Date – end of qtr.	FTE (permanent, & trainees)
30/06/2024	308 (2 additional positions for Utilities 24/49045) Vacant
16/09/2024	308.4 (0.4FTE added to Curator position)
24/11/2024	302.4 (6 Term positions for Works have been removed – terms completed)
25/11/2024	302.6 (FTE increase of 0.2FTE for the Draftsperson)
19/12/2024	301.8 (.08FTE removed from the structure) – ePlanning term completed)
30/12/2024	300.8 (Animal Rehoming Officer – term removed)
23/12/2024	301.8 (Assessment Officer 1 FTE added to the structure)
01/01/2025	302.2 (Workforce Planning Administrator L&D) 0.4FTE increase

OPTIONS**OPTION 1**

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Another resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As a result of the September, December and March 2024/25 Quarterly Review processes, the Ordinary Fund's budgeted deficit has improved by +\$1,390,369, the Waste Funds budgeted surplus has improved by +\$40,000, the Water Fund's budgeted surplus has improved by \$443,091 and the Sewer Fund's budgeted surplus has improved by +\$426,218.

LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

In accordance with Division 3, Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 3.2 Ensure Council's financial sustainability through effective financial management that is transparent and accountable.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

Management Accountant

Integrated Planning & Reporting Coordinator

The majority of the source information contained in this review has been supplied by the individual managers responsible for each department or program

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Report by Responsible Accounting Officer at 31 March 2025 (under separate cover) [↗](#)
- (b) Income & Expenditure Budget Review Statement (Fund Level) at 31 March 2025 (under separate cover) [↗](#)
- (c) Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement (Program Level) at 31 March 2025 (under separate cover) [↗](#)
- (d) Capital, Cash & Investment Budget Review Statement at 31 March 2025 (under separate cover) [↗](#)
- (e) Budget Review Contracts at 31 March 2025 (under separate cover) [↗](#)
- (f) Budget Review Consultancy, Legal & Vandalism Expenses at 31 March 2025 (under separate cover) [↗](#)
- (g) Budget Review Councillors Expenses at 31 March 2025 (under separate cover) [↗](#)
- (h) Quarterly Progress Report Q3 2024-25 (under separate cover) [↗](#)

CLAUSE CL05**TITLE** Change of Council Meeting Date - 24 June 2025 to 19 June 2025**FROM** Joanne Bollen, Governance Officer**TRIM REF** 25/56797

SUMMARY

The Council Meeting and Workshop Schedule for 2025, which was adopted in late 2024, outlines the planned dates for Council's formal meetings and workshops throughout the year.

It is now proposed to bring forward the Ordinary Council Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, 24 June 2025, to Thursday, 19 June 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolve to move the date of the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, 24 June 2025 to Thursday, 19 June 2025.

REPORT

The Council Meeting and Council Workshop Schedule for the 2025 calendar year was formally adopted in late 2024, providing a framework for the timing and coordination of key Council decision-making processes throughout the year.

It has recently been identified that a significant number of Councillors and Senior Management Staff members would be required to attend the Council Meeting remotely during the week commencing Monday, 23 June 2025. A hybrid meeting with a large number of remote attendees is not conducive to the effective engagement of all Councillors and other participants.

Given the above, all Councillors were contacted seeking their concurrence to a proposed rescheduling of the Ordinary Meeting of Council currently set for Tuesday, 24 June 2025. The proposed date being Thursday, 19 June 2025 was considered acceptable by all Councillors.

Should Council resolve to endorse this proposed change, members of the public will be notified accordingly through the appropriate communication channels.

OPTIONS**OPTION 1**

As per the Recommendation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Policy or regulatory breach has no impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE CL06**TITLE Endorsement of Draft Griffith Housing Strategy for Public Exhibition****FROM Karly Sivewright, Economic Development Coordinator****TRIM REF 25/48138**

SUMMARY

Following extensive community consultation, Council's appointed consultant PSA Consulting have produced the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2019 (Housing Strategy) for Council and community consideration.

It is recommended that the draft Housing Strategy be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition to invite further community feedback. Public exhibition will provide an opportunity for residents to review the plan, make submissions and contribute to shaping the final version of the Housing Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Council adopt the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 and place on public exhibition for 28 days.**
- (b) Should no submissions be received, the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 is adopted.**
- (c) Should submissions be received, the draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 is to be reported back to Council detailing any submissions received.**

REPORT

The Griffith Housing Strategy addresses the growing need for housing in the region, driven by population growth and changing demographics. Despite having a strong supply of zoned and master-planned land with the capacity for over 2,755 new homes, including 1,350 dwellings in Stage 1 growth areas housing delivery is lagging behind demand. This delay is due to high development costs, infrastructure constraints, and inefficiencies in the NSW planning system to achieve Local Environmental Planning (LEP) amendments and rezoning's are slowing supply. This shortage is pushing up prices and rents, making it difficult for residents, particularly renters, essential workers, and low-income households, to find affordable housing. The lack of worker accommodation is also impacting local businesses, limiting their ability to grow and support key industries. The consultants undertook an in-depth background review and economic analysis, considered community feedback and recommendations from the previous Griffith Housing Strategy 2019 and Griffith Worker and Housing Shortage Taskforce Report.

The strategy identifies a mismatch between the available housing and the needs of the changing population. Smaller households, older residents, and first-time homebuyers are struggling to find suitable options beyond large, detached houses. This lack of housing diversity is reducing affordability, leading to underused homes, and limiting opportunities for

people to downsize or age in place. Affordability remains a significant challenge, with low vacancy rates and rising prices pushing more households into housing stress. The demand for social and affordable housing is growing, and homelessness is becoming more visible. Young people and first-home buyers are being priced out of the market, and key workers are finding it harder to live near their jobs.

To address these challenges, the Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 outlines four key priorities:

- increasing housing supply and affordability
- expanding housing choices to meet diverse needs
- supporting housing for workers and economic growth
- encouraging well-located, well-designed locally appropriate housing.

The implementation plan includes actions such as;

- improving planning flexibility
- accelerating growth area and CBD planning
- piloting housing innovation
- encouraging affordable worker accommodation
- partnering for social and affordable housing delivery
- raising community awareness and engagement
- streamlining development processes.

These initiatives aim to unlock development-ready land, reduce barriers to delivery, support medium-density and lower-cost housing, and promote sustainable development aligned with Griffith's regional character.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Council may wish to make further amendments to the draft Housing Strategy prior to placing it on exhibition.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Community consultation, consultancy and advertising has been conducted within the allocated budget.

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Policy or regulatory breach has no impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

As per objectives and strategies outlined in the draft Housing Strategy.

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Risk of opportunities lost by delaying utilising new Housing Strategy implementation plan to work towards promoting increased housing supply.

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

8 October 2024 – Community Survey Open

6 November 2024 – Online initial community forum

18 February 2025 – In-person community consultation

23 March 2025 – Council workshop draft Housing Strategy consultation

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 (under separate cover) [!\[\]\(291e070cef6c4d5e78fefe4696ef53be_img.jpg\)](#)

CLAUSE **CL07**

TITLE **Investments as at 30 April 2025**

FROM **Vanessa Edwards, Finance Manager**

TRIM REF **25/2134**

SUMMARY

This report details Council's investments performance at the month of April 2025

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted by Council.

REPORT

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

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

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Any other Resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As at the 30 April 2025, Council had received a total of \$2,842,969 in interest coupon payments.

The overall net interest income recognised (when combining both interest received and mark-to-market entries) at 30 April 2025 was \$3,386,111. The annual revised budget for 2024/25 is \$3,373,000. The attached Statement of Funds report includes the original

adopted budget, as well as the revised budget, to provide a complete understanding of the performance of investments year to date.

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

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

LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

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| (b) | Investments Returns Analysis - 12 Month Annualised Yields ↓ | 104 |
| (c) | Tcorp Monthly Economic Report - April 2025 ↓ | 105 |

(a) Statement of Funds at 30 April, 2025

GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
Statement of Funds Invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993
30 April, 2025

INVESTMENTS

Annual Return	Type	Valuation Balance as at 30 April, 2025	Interest Recognised April, 2025	Revaluation Movements Recognised April, 2025	Fund as a Percentage of Total Investments
Cash/Managed Funds					
2.410%	Pendal Institutional Cash Fund	8,876.67		17.33	0.01%
-4.330%	Perpetual Credit Income Fund	1,110,326.07		(4,045.82)	1.42%
6.97%*	NSW Treasury Corp - Long Term Growth Fund	1,836,049.31		8,712.76	2.36%
5.12%*	NSW Treasury Corp - Medium Term Growth Fund	5,997,836.03		26,875.53	7.70%
4.21%*	NSW Treasury Corp - Short Term Income Fund	4,067,121.49	21,779.17	(10,912.84)	5.22%
3.500%	UBS Cash Management Trust Account	74,580.04	313.34		0.10%
3.500%	ANZ Premium Business Saver Account	7,803.61	25.00		0.01%
Term Deposits					
5.050%	AMP 365 Day Term Deposit Maturity 5/6/25	2,000,000.00	8,416.66		2.57%
5.180%	BOQ 183 Day Term Deposit Maturity 10/06/2025	1,099,763.48	4,760.32		1.41%
4.480%	Westpac Bank 2 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 9/9/2026	3,000,000.00	11,200.00		3.85%
4.950%	NAB 1 Year Term Deposit Maturity 9/9/2025	2,000,000.00	8,250.00		2.57%
4.850%	BOQ 274 Day Term Deposit Maturity 10/6/25	2,000,000.00	8,060.72		2.57%
4.580%	Westpac Bank 18 Month Term Deposit Maturity 30/3/26	3,000,000.00	11,475.00		3.85%
4.880%	ING 3 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 8/11/2025	4,000,000.00	16,355.80		5.13%
4.500%	Westpac Bank Notice Saver 60 Day	2,749,134.22	10,253.91		3.53%
4.450%	Westpac Bank Notice Saver 31 Day	5,815,724.98	21,367.68		7.46%
5.000%	NAB 3 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 9/10/2026	3,500,000.00	14,583.33		4.49%
5.420%	Rabo Bank 1 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 27/06/2025	2,500,000.00	11,291.66		3.21%
5.450%	NAB 1 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 02/07/2025	2,000,000.00	9,083.32		2.57%
5.480%	Rabo Bank 1 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 02/07/2025	2,000,000.00	9,133.32		2.57%
5.250%	Rabo Bank 4 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 25/07/2029	2,000,000.00	10,937.49		2.57%
5.190%	NAB 2 Year Term Deposit Maturity 29/08/2026	2,000,000.00	8,650.00		2.57%
5.300%	Rabo Bank 4 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 26/06/2028	2,500,000.00	11,041.66		3.21%
5.090%	Rabo Bank 5 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 14/01/2030	2,000,000.00	8,483.33		2.57%
4.450%	Bendigo Adelaide Bank 4 Month Term Deposit Maturity 29/08/2025	7,000,000.00	-		8.98%
Bank Bonds/Floating Rate Notes #					
1.250%	NSW Treasury Corp Bond (\$2M Face Value) Maturity 20/11/30	1,731,620.00		32,560.00	2.22%
2.000%	NSW Treasury Corp Bond (\$2M Face Value) Maturity 8/3/33	1,688,200.00		34,340.00	2.14%
1.750%	Government of the ACT Bond (\$800k Face Value) Maturity 17/5/30	538,656.00		8,808.00	0.69%
4.903%	NAB FRN (\$1.7M Face Value) Maturity 10/05/2027	1,701,904.00		(2,584.00)	2.18%
4.450%	NAB FRN (\$1.6M Face Value) Maturity 18/10/2027	1,616,240.00	35,600.00	12,224.00	2.07%
4.943%	NAB FRN (\$1.6M Face Value) Maturity 18/03/2030	1,595,600.00		(3,664.00)	2.05%
4.512%	WBC Floating Bond (\$2.5M Face Value) Maturity 12/12/2025	2,500,200.00		(650.00)	3.21%
4.799%	WBC Floating Bond (\$1.5M Face Value) Maturity 21/01/2030	1,498,565.00	19,342.98	(4,365.00)	1.92%
5.179%	Bendigo Adelaide Bank FRN (\$800k Face Value) Maturity 08/05/2027	801,968.00		(1,656.00)	1.03%
	Total	77,918,168.90	260,434.69	95,659.96	100%

*YTD Fund Return

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

Balance of Griffith City Council Trading Bank Account 10,808,347.93
GHFL/HF Bank Account Balances 24,186.64

Total Cash & Investments at 30/04/2025 **88,550,703.47**

RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

Return on Investments Analysis	Actual
Accumulated Return on Investments Brought Forward	2,995,331.39
Interest received on Griffith Health Facilities Limited Bank Accounts YTD April 2025	231.20
Return on Investments for the month of April 2025	356,094.65
Trading Bank Account Interest Received for the month of April 2025	34,453.93
Total Return of Investments YTD April 2025	3,386,111.17

Fund	Original Budget Annual Total	Revised Budget Annual Total	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Ordinary Fund	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,024,733.18
Water Fund	670,000.00	1,220,000.00	1,016,666.67	1,311,057.88
Sewerage Fund	250,000.00	700,000.00	583,333.33	778,341.14
Waste Fund	250,000.00	250,000.00	187,497.00	266,800.20
Western Riverina Library	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,250.00	5,178.77
Total	2,373,000.00	3,373,000.00	2,789,747.00	3,386,111.17
				Percentage of Year at Report Date 83.33%

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

RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

(b) Investments Returns Analysis - 12 month Annualised Yields

INVESTMENT RETURNS ANALYSIS - 12 MONTH ANNUALISED YIELDS			
Month	Average Funds Invested for the month	Return on Investment/ Revaluation Adjustments	Yield %
May-24	\$54,025,221	\$263,094	0.49%
Jun-24	\$57,401,074	\$202,223	0.35%
Jul-24	\$64,108,890	\$443,392	0.69%
Aug-24	\$66,824,501	\$321,454	0.48%
Sep-24	\$66,444,946	\$322,607	0.49%
Oct-24	\$67,268,190	\$62,279	0.09%
Nov-24	\$66,657,673	\$448,748	0.67%
Dec-24	\$66,599,699	\$262,196	0.39%
Jan-25	\$69,757,354	\$321,937	0.46%
Feb-25	\$71,650,559	\$300,001	0.42%
Mar-25	\$71,236,835	\$170,445	0.24%
Apr-25	\$74,343,469	\$356,095	0.48%
12 Month Annualised Performance			5.26%
Current Year Performance Jul 24 - Jun 25			4.42%
(Cash basis only, net of fees)			



April 2025
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Monthly economic report

The global economy

President Trump's announcement of increased tariffs on all US trading partners on 2 April – "Liberation Day" – unleashed a wave of volatility in financial markets and prompted analysts to downgrade their expectations for economic growth, particularly for the US economy.

While financial markets recovered after Trump subsequently delayed some of the tariff increases, the key question is whether the damage has already been done. This is because while Trump can reverse his tariff decisions, it will be much harder to restore confidence in the US Administration and the US as a reliable trading partner.

While US consumer spending remained solid through the March quarter and the labour market remains resilient, the potential impact of Trump's policy chaos can be seen in surveys of US consumers and businesses. Consumer confidence nose-dived in April with expectations for the economy falling as far as they did during the Global Financial Crisis. US consumers expect much higher inflation and much higher unemployment, while US firms are pulling back on investment plans. Thus, while the direct impact of tariffs on US growth may be modest, the threat of a US recession arises if consumers decide to save more and firms postpone making investment decisions.

Another concern for investors is whether the US central bank will be able to cut interest rates as tariffs dampen growth but also boost inflation. US Federal Reserve (Fed) policymakers have been cautious about providing any firm guidance on this issue. Other central banks have felt less constrained, with the European Central Bank cutting rates by another 25bps at its April meeting and markets looking for 3 more rate cuts over the rest of the year.

The Australian economy

The global financial market turmoil unleashed by Trump's erratic trade policies appears to have undermined Australian consumer sentiment which fell by 6% in April, but it is too early to see the impact in other data indicators that preceded the "Liberation Day" announcement. Overall, though, we think the Australian economy will be one of the least affected by the rise in US tariffs.

The most important Australian data released in April were the March quarter consumer inflation data. They showed that underlying inflation was consistent with a 2.5% annual rate over the past 6 months, which is the middle of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) target band. Moreover, the details of the inflation data were also pleasing with a broad-based deceleration of price growth, particularly of those prices set by the private sector.

Financial markets are confident that the RBA will cut interest rates by 25bps at its policy meeting on 20 May, within an outside chance of them cutting rates by 50bps. Although the unemployment rate rose to 4.1% in March and employment growth has been a little softer over 2025 so far, there is no sign of any sudden deterioration in the Australian economy that would require a rapid or dramatic response from the RBA.

Financial market commentary

Financial markets were extremely volatile over April following President Trump's announcement of reciprocal tariffs on US trading partners at the start of April. Equity markets initially fell sharply but then recovered in the latter half of the month as Trump reduced some tariffs, at least temporarily. Similar gyrations were experienced in bond and currency markets over the month.

Equity markets (performance in local currency, excluding dividends)

The MSCI World (ex Australia) equity market price index rose by 0.6% over April. This was a remarkable outcome given that the index had fallen more than 11% during the month.

The Australian share market was one of the best performing amongst developed economies, managing to gain 3.6% over the month. A good performance from Australian banks that may benefit from lower interest rates was an important driver of this movement. In contrast, the US S&P500 fell by 0.8% over April, which again represented a big turnaround after it was down more than 10% at one stage.

European stock markets also moved lower over April, closing down 1.2% as a sharp fall in French stocks (down 2.5%) more than offset further gains in German equities (up 1.5%).

Emerging market equity markets outperformed in April, gaining 1% in the month. Large gains in Mexican and Brazilian share markets more than offset losses in Chinese and Hong Kong stocks.

Bond yields

Global bond yields generally fell over April as investors decided that Trump's trade wars would ultimately deliver a disinflationary pulse to the world economy as growth weakens. In the US, however, the fall in 10-year bond yields was modest, down just 4bps over the month. This reflects concerns about the US budget outlook and questions as to whether foreign investors will continue to buy US Treasuries to the same extent as they have in recent years. Investors were also cautious about the direct inflationary impact of Trump's tariffs on the US economy.

Bond yields fell more sharply in other countries. Japanese 10-year yields fell 17bps while German 10-year yields declined 29bps, with some analysts suggesting that German bonds may become the new 'safe haven' asset.

Australian 10-year bond yields fell by 22bps, while 3-year yields fell by 38bps as investors became more confident that global economic uncertainty, combined with low Australian inflation, will make the Reserve Bank of Australia more confident to cut interest rates further.

TCorp bond yields also fell sharply over April, with the March 2028 bond yield falling by 40bps and the March 2035 bond yield declining by 26bps.

Currency and commodity markets

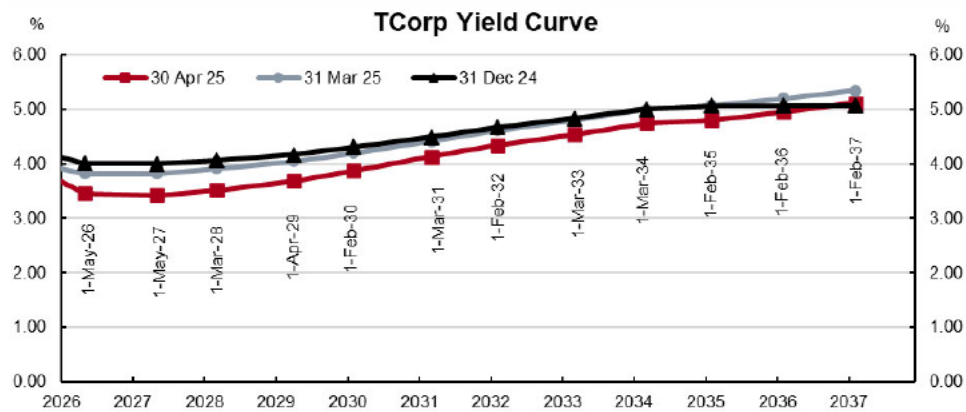
The policy uncertainty unleashed by Trump in April undermined support for the US dollar. The Australian dollar rose by 2.3% against the US dollar over April but fell by 2.6% against the Euro during the month. One factor weighing on the Australian dollar during April was lower commodity prices.

Commodity prices tended to decline as the outlook for global growth weakened. Iron ore prices fell moderately, down 4%, as investors hope that Chinese policy stimulus will offset the potential impact of tariffs and sustain Chinese demand for steel. Oil prices, however, fell sharply, dropping by more than 15%.

Financial market performance

Currency markets	Previous	Month	Month	Month	Month
April 2025	month close	high	low	close	change
AUD/USD	0.625	0.642	0.604	0.639	2.3% ▲
AUD/EUR	0.578	0.584	0.547	0.563	-2.6% ▼
AUD/JPY	93.34	94.16	87.65	91.48	-2.0% ▼
AUD/GBP	0.483	0.487	0.469	0.479	-0.9% ▼
AUD/BRL	3.567	3.744	3.516	3.628	1.7% ▲
AUD/INR	53.43	54.75	51.48	54.02	1.1% ▲
AUD/CNY	4.536	4.684	4.399	4.649	2.5% ▲
Equity markets*	Previous	Month	Month	Month	Month
April 2025	month close	high	low	close	change
MSCI World ex Australia	3732	3772	3345	3755	0.6% ▲
MSCI Emerging Markets	1101	1113	993	1113	1.0% ▲
S&P/ASX200	7843	8126	7343	8126	3.6% ▲
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries	3000	3054	2751	3054	1.8% ▲
S&P500 (US)	5612	5671	4983	5569	-0.8% ▼
FTSE 100 (UK)	8583	8635	7679	8495	-1.0% ▼
Stoxx600 (Europe)	534	540	470	527	-1.2% ▼
DAX (Germany)	22163	22540	19671	22497	1.5% ▲
CAC 40 (France)	7791	7876	6863	7594	-2.5% ▼
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	35618	36045	31137	36045	1.2% ▲
Hang Seng (HK)	23120	23207	19828	22119	-4.3% ▼
Shanghai Composite (China)	3336	3350	3097	3279	-1.7% ▼
Bovespa (Brazil)	130260	135093	123932	135067	3.7% ▲
IPC (Mexico)	52484	56980	50317	56259	7.2% ▲
S&P/BSE Sensex (India)	77415	80288	73138	80242	3.7% ▲
*Returns are in local currency, and exclude dividend payments					
Bond markets (%)	Previous	Month	Month	Month	Month
April 2025	month close	high	low	close	change
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	0.00 —
90 Day Bank Bill	4.13	4.13	3.87	3.87	-0.25 ▼
180 Day Bank Bill	4.30	4.30	3.89	3.89	-0.41 ▼
New institutional term deposits	4.50	4.50	4.30	4.30	-0.20 ▼
3 Year CGS Bond	3.70	3.72	3.25	3.32	-0.38 ▼
10 Year CGS Bond	4.38	4.42	4.10	4.16	-0.22 ▼
10 Year US Bond	4.21	4.49	3.99	4.16	-0.04 ▼
10 Year German Bond	2.74	2.72	2.44	2.44	-0.29 ▼
10 Year Japanese Bond	1.49	1.50	1.12	1.32	-0.17 ▼

TCorp bonds (%)	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
April 2025					
20-May-26	3.82	3.83	3.36	3.46	-0.36 ▼
20-May-27	3.82	3.82	3.37	3.42	-0.40 ▼
20-Mar-28	3.91	3.91	3.50	3.51	-0.40 ▼
20-Apr-29	4.05	4.05	3.67	3.69	-0.36 ▼
20-Feb-30	4.20	4.20	3.87	3.88	-0.32 ▼
20-Mar-31	4.42	4.42	4.12	4.13	-0.29 ▼
20-Feb-32	4.62	4.62	4.33	4.34	-0.28 ▼
08-Mar-33	4.80	4.84	4.53	4.53	-0.27 ▼
20-Mar-34	5.00	5.09	4.75	4.75	-0.25 ▼
20-Feb-35	5.07	5.16	4.80	4.80	-0.26 ▼
20-Feb-36	5.20	5.33	4.96	4.96	-0.24 ▼
20-Feb-37	5.34	5.48	5.11	5.11	-0.23 ▼
CIB 2.75% 20 Nov 25	1.56	2.24	1.56	2.24	0.69 ▲
CIB 2.50% 20 Nov 35	2.87	3.07	2.64	2.68	-0.19 ▼



Source: TCorp

Commodity markets (US\$)	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
April 2025					
Brent Oil (per barrel)	74.7	75.0	62.8	63.1	-15.5% ▼
Iron Ore (per tonne)	103.9	103.9	97.3	99.8	-4.0% ▼

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



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CLAUSE **CL08**

TITLE **Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return - May 2025**

FROM **Melanie Hebrok, Senior Governance Officer**

TRIM REF **25/54886**

SUMMARY

The Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return for the recently appointed Trainee Development Assessment Planner is to be tabled at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return for the Trainee Development Assessment Planner be noted by Council.

REPORT

The Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return for the recently appointed Trainee Development Assessment Planner is to be tabled at the meeting.

OPTIONS

Councillors and designated persons are to comply with the requirements of the Model Code of Conduct in relation to disclosures of interest.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Code of Conduct Policy Part 4 Conflict of Interests.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

The Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW - Disclosure of interests in written returns states:

- 4.21 A councillor or designated person must make and lodge with the general manager a return in the form set out in Schedule 2 to this Code, disclosing the councillor's or designated person's interests as specified in Schedule 1 to this Code within 3 months after:
- (a) becoming a councillor or designated person, and
 - (b) 30 June of each year, and
 - (c) the councillor or designated person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under schedule 1 that has not been previously disclosed in a return lodged under paragraphs (a) or (b).

- 4.22 A person need not make and lodge a return under clause 4.21, paragraphs (a) and (b) if:
- (a) they made and lodged a return under that clause in the preceding three (3) months, or
 - (b) they have ceased to be a councillor or designated person in the preceding three (3) months.
- 4.23 A person must not make and lodge a return that the person knows or ought reasonably to know is false or misleading in a material particular.
- 4.24 The general manager must keep a register of returns required to be made and lodged with the general manager.
- 4.25 Returns required to be lodged with the general manager under clause 4.21(a) and (b) must be tabled at the first meeting of the council after the last day the return is required to be lodged.
- 4.26 Returns required to be lodged with the general manager under clause 4.21(c) must be tabled at the next council meeting after the return is lodged.
- 4.27 Information contained in returns made and lodged under clause 4.21 is to be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009 and any guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**GRIFFITH PIONEER PARK MUSEUM COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Laurie Testoni, Denis Couch (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (Community Representative), John Nikolic (Community Representative), Neil Dal Nevo (Community Representative), Robyn Turner (Community Representative), Virginia Tropeano (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner; Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Manager, Jenny O'Donnell; Curator, Emma Darcy and Governance Manager / Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

Councillor Shari Blumer welcomed members to the Pioneer Park Museum Committee and recited the Acknowledgement of Country.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Jenny Ellis, Michael Rohan, Peter Taylor, Desma Newman and Dolf Murwood.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Denis Couch and John Nikolic that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 July 2024, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 INDUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS - MANDATORY

Mrs 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.

CL02 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Jenna Thomas entered the meeting the time being 4:22 pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Virginia Tropeano and Councillor Laurie Testoni that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference attached to the report.

Clause CL04 was brought forward.

CL04 REVIEW BUDGETED PIONEER PARK MUSEUM FEES & CHARGES 2025-26

The Committee considered the proposed Pioneer Park Museum Fees and Charges for 2025/26, along with the operating report covering the past three years. Councillor Blumer enquired whether postcode data of Museum visitors could be provided to the Committee. Mrs O'Donnell advised that visitor data is collected at the time of entry and could be collated for Committee members. Mr Nikolic suggested improving accessibility for local residents and proposed increasing hire fees to help offset free entry for locals. Mrs Turner recommended that Council consider implementing an improved point-of-sale system to enhance the accuracy of data collection. Councillor Blumer also suggested that staff investigate the hire rates charged by other local facilities and consider reviewing the Museum's hire rates accordingly.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Denis Couch that a report be presented to the next Committee meeting providing historical and current data on the postcodes of visitors to the Museum.

CL06 PIONEER PARK COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Ms Darcy advised she has developed a simplified collection document to assist volunteers particularly when members of the public bring items to the Museum for donation.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of John Nikolic and Jenna Thomas that:

- (a) the Pioneer Park Collection Guidelines be endorsed and publicly available on Council's website.
- (b) the Pioneer Park Collection Guidelines be promoted through various mediums including Council Catch Up, social media and Community Noticeboard.

CL07 STRATEGIC PLAN - OBJECTIVE 2 - MANAGE THE COLLECTION SUSTAINABLY

Ms Darcy advised that she is currently undertaking an audit of the Museum's collections. Councillor Blumer requested that a progress report on the audit be provided to a future Committee meeting. Ms Darcy noted that the Museum has faced challenges in meeting grant funding criteria due to inadequate record-keeping systems, lack of climate-controlled storage and limited overall storage capacity. She highlighted the need for a dedicated facility to preserve records such as photographs and documents. Ms Darcy is developing a proposal to address these issues and she is currently investigating options for repurposing existing buildings. The proposal will be presented to a future Committee meeting. Mr Turner advised that a Strategic Plan exists for the Museum, but emphasised the need for dedicated storage space.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Robyn Turner and Councillor Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) The Committee endorse the ongoing implementation of Strategy 2 with prioritisation of Actions 2.1 and 2.2 in Year 1.
- (b) Council staff provide an update report on the audit process and initial findings at the next Committee meeting.

Ms Darcy left the meeting at 5:25 pm.

CL03 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2025

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Neil Dal Nevo and John Nikolic that the next Committee meeting be held on 6 August 2025 with the following meeting to be held at a date to be confirmed in November.

Mr Couch suggested that more frequent meetings may be required in future and the option for workshops in between formal meetings could be considered.

CL05 REVIEW OF FIRST NATIONS STRATEGY AND MUSEUM ABORIGINAL ADVISORY GROUP

Mrs O'Donnell advised that she had met with members of the local Aboriginal community to discuss the formation of an advisory group for the Museum. Mr Turner suggested that consideration should be given to the expectations of the group and whether its recommendations should be referred to this Committee for endorsement. Mrs O'Donnell noted that, if the proposal is approved, an expression of interest would be advertised inviting members of the Aboriginal community to participate. Councillor Blumer recommended that the expectations and scope of the advisory group be clearly defined from the outset.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Denis Couch that the Committee:

- (a) Notes the review of the Museum's First Nations Strategy, endorsed under the previous Council term.
- (b) Supports the formation of a Pioneer Park Museum First Nations Advisory Group to provide guidance and community-led input into the Museum's interpretation, exhibitions, and engagement with First Nations history, culture and people.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Testoni left the meeting at 5:53 pm and returned at 5:54 pm.

6.1 Access to Buildings

Mr Couch raised the issue of access to buildings located on Crown Land that is subject to Aboriginal Land Claims, noting that some of these buildings require repairs and maintenance. Mr Turner advised that Council would contact Crown Lands to seek guidance on the matter.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Robyn Turner and Denis Couch that the Committee seek clarification on access to buildings requiring works located on land subject to Aboriginal Land Claims.

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) First Nations Strategy (under separate cover)
- (b) Pioneer Park Collections Guidelines (under separate cover)

7 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 6 August 2025 at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:05 pm.

**AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM, GRIFFITH ON
WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Stuart Heffer (Chair) (Community Representative), Helen Brill (Community Representative), Dorian Radue (Community Representative), George Youssef (Community Representative via Zoom), National Audits Group, Stephen Prowse (Zoom), NSW Audit Office, Nicky Rajani (Zoom)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Acting Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner, Senior WHS & Risk Coordinator, Raymond McCloy and Governance Manager & Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stuart Heffer and Helen Brill that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 April 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed with an amendment on page 3 as follows: "Ms Brill enquired if Council intends to review high risk areas on an annual basis", not Ms Radue as printed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

George Youssef

Reason – Mr Youssef owns several properties in the Griffith region.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 EMAIL FROM NSW AUDIT OFFICE

Mr Stonestreet stated his concerns regarding the inclusion of Council in the 2024 Local Government Auditor General's Report and the fact that Council's commentary explaining its liquidity position was not included in the publication.

Mr Rajani explained that the positions of councils at 30 June 2024 were consistently applied across the board and no commentary was included, however this approach may be reviewed in future.

Mr Stonestreet advised he would be meeting with the Auditor General and raised the issue of the ongoing treatment of RFS red fleet assets. A recent State Government paper "Inquiry into ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services – NSW Government Response" states that this matter is still being considered and the RFS assets may be vested in the State Government in future.

Mr Rajani confirmed that the Audit Office's position had not changed and the treatment of the RFS assets was a materiality opinion.

Mr Turner advised Council's liquidity position has improved as the Griffin Green project has now been finalised and revenue increased through the special rate variation. Council is reviewing its position on a quarterly basis.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stuart Heffer and Dorian Radue that the information be noted.

CL02 RISK IMPROVEMENT PLAN - CIP

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Dorian Radue and Helen Brill that the Committee note the information provided.

CL03 UPDATE FROM COUNCIL'S SENIOR WHS AND RISK COORDINATOR

Mr McCloy provided an update in relation to progress being made with Council's Risk Management system. Once documents have been finalised, training will be rolled out to all staff. Risk assessments will be required for all departments and these will be registered and monitored.

Mr Prowse advised he would contact Mr McCloy in relation to progress made as this will inform work being done on the WHS audit.

Mr Stonestreet stated that the finalised documents will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting date.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stuart Heffer and Dorian Radue that the Committee note the information provided.

Mr McCloy left the meeting the time being 5:30 pm.

CL04 SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT 2024/25

Mr Turner provided an overview of the second quarterly review report noting that the third quarterly review will be presented to Council later this month. The latest data indicates an

improved position.

Mr Stonestreet advised that in the recently published “Inquiry into ability of local governments to fund infrastructure and services – NSW Government Response”, changes to the special rate variation application process have been proposed. Under the proposal, special rate variation applications for operational issues would still be assessed by IPART however the final decision would come back to Council for determination. The paper will be considered in more detail at the next Committee meeting in August.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stuart Heffer and George Youssef that the information be noted.

CL05 AGENDA FORWARD PLAN

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Helen Brill and George Youssef that the report be noted.

CL06 INVESTMENTS REPORT

Mr Turner provided an overview of Council’s investment results as at February 2025.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Helen Brill and George Youssef that the report be noted.

CL07 REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CHARTER

The Committee discussed and made changes to the Terms of Reference document. Ms Radue offered to review the Charter in more detail. This will be considered at a future Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Dorian Radue and George Youssef that:

- (a) Changes be made to the Terms of Reference as discussed.
- (b) The Terms of Reference and Internal Audit Charter be presented to a future meeting for adoption.

CL08 REVIEW STRATEGIC WORK PLAN AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Ms Radue sought clarification regarding the high risk rating for the Water and Sewer Operations audit and whether this has changed following the Asset Management review. Mr Prowse advised the assessment of risk needs to be considered with relevant staff. This was taken on notice.

Ms Radue requested that the Core Requirements checklists are to be included as a separate Agenda item for each Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Dorian Radue and Helen Brill that:

- (a) The Strategic Work Plan as attached to the report be endorsed.
- (b) The Annual Work Plan for 2025/26 be as follows:
 - Fleet / Plant Management
 - Project and Contract Management
 - Airport Operations
 - Depot and Stores Management.

Mr Rajani left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

CL09 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - INTERNAL AUDIT AND ARIC FUNCTION

The Committee discussed the layout of the draft Annual Assessment. A Workshop is to be held following the August Committee meeting to work on the content and format of the document.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Mr Heffer requested that updates to the Outstanding Action Report be presented in red text to make them easier for the Committee to read.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of George Youssef and Stuart Heffer that the report be noted.

CL11 SERVICE REVIEWS UPDATE

Mr Stonestreet advised that Council would be considering a report on 13 May 2025 regarding the recently conducted gym survey. Following the Council Meeting, recommendations presented in the service review will be able to be progressed.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of George Youssef and Stuart Heffer that the report be noted.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 6 August 2025 at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:06 pm.

**ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025 COMMENCING AT 4:03 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Councillor Jenny Ellis, Amy Renouf (Community Representative), Anthony Kidman (Community Representative (via zoom)), Brian Savage (Community Representative), Elizabeth (Will) Mead (Community Representative), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Kevin Taylor (Community Representative), Simone Murphy (Community Representative), Stephen Parker (Community Representative), Doreen Wood (Community Representative), Lisbeth (Libby) Trembath (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, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Operations Assistant, Cheryl Tucker and Minute Secretaries, Antoinette Galluzzo and Joanne Bollen

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Jenny Ellis and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that apologies be received from Jenna Thomas (Community Representative), Nicola Thoner (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative) and Patricia Clarke (Invited Guest).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Elizabeth (Will) Mead and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 March 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

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.

Community Representative Simone Murphy

CL03 Item Raised By Committee Member

Reason – In relation to the letter submitted to this committee expressing concerns about Prendergast Park. I declare that the person submitting this letter is my Cousin and that the park was named after my Uncle Len Prendergast.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 RECOMMENDATION FOR ALTERNATE MEMBERS REPRESENTING SOROPTIMISTS

Councillor Blumer welcomed new members.

No recommendation was made.

CL02 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE REPORT

At the meeting held on 26 March 2025, two questions were taken on notice and Director of Infrastructure and Operations, Phil King addressed these matters in a report.

Councillor Blumer, requested an update on behalf of Ms Thomas regarding the replanting of trees recently removed from Railway Street, behind Memorial Park.

Mr King informed the Committee that Council will first install water and irrigation infrastructure at the site. Following this, the planting of the Plane Trees is scheduled to begin in approximately six weeks.

The Committee noted the information.

CL03 ITEM RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Simone Murphy left the meeting at 4:15pm having declared a significant non pecuniary conflict of interest.

A letter was received on the 7 May 2025, from a community member requesting reinstatement of water, planted trees and garden seat at Prendergast Park, located on Ortella Street, Gordon Avenue and Yoolooma Street.

In response, Parks & Gardens Manager Peter Craig informed the Committee that several years ago, the coupling turf valves at the site were turned off as part of a water-saving initiative. He raised several considerations regarding the potential reinstatement of irrigation and redevelopment of the area, including:

- There are already several nearby parks equipped with seating and play equipment.
- When the site was previously irrigated, Council received numerous complaints about excess water runoff onto the road rather than benefiting the park.
- Safety concerns may arise if the area was to be redeveloped.
- Ongoing maintenance and necessary traffic control present logistical challenges due

to the site's location.

Mr Craig also clarified that the area is a traffic island / road reserve, not a designated park, with a perimeter of 200 metres and a total area of 1,700 square metres.

Ms Munro suggested that if the Committee decided to proceed with planting, she would be happy to supply native plants, proposing that the initiative could be tied in with National Tree Day.

Works Manager – Maintenance, Manjit Chugha advised that any shrubs planted must not obstruct driver sight lines, highlighting the need for careful species selection.

Mr Kidman suggested a xeriscape garden as the most suitable option for the site. This approach would use indigenous or locally native plants, requiring minimal irrigation and reducing water filtration through the soil.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Jenny Ellis and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that Council staff and Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee members, Anthony Kidman, Kevin Taylor and Councillor Shari Blumer, organise a meeting with the Prendergast family to discuss options for beautification of the Prendergast traffic island and come back to the Committee for discussion.

Simone Murphy returned to the meeting at 4:30pm.

An item was raised by Committee member Ms Thoner regarding whether the Dog Park falls under the CBD Strategy, and if Council receives funding under this strategy, whether those funds could be allocated to the Dog Park.

In response, Mr King clarified that the dog park is not included within the CBD Strategy. As such, any funding received under that Strategy cannot be directed towards the dog park. He further explained that the dog park is classified as a recreational area.

CL04 REVIEW OF PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

The Committee considered the Griffith Playground Strategy which guides the provision and management of playgrounds within the Local Government Area. Mr King advised the Strategy is now ten years old and almost all of the high priority parks have been upgraded in accordance with the recommendations from the strategic document.

Mr King suggested the review of the Strategy should look at what Council has in place now as well as the demographics of our community.

Councillor Blumer suggested that consideration be given to providing parks for people with special needs, such as Alzheimer's, so that all members of the community can access parks which meet their needs.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Amy Renouf that a stocktake of Council's current parks and associated infrastructure be undertaken, including a review and update of the data, metrics, and underlying assumptions that informed the existing strategy. The findings are to be reported back to the Committee prior to being presented to Council.

CL05 REVIEW OF LOCAL POLICIES - TREE POLICY & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Joanne Bollen left the meeting at 5:00pm.

Lisbeth (Libby) Trembath left the meeting at 5:02pm.

Council has a number of local policies (policies which relate to orders and approvals), these policies provide the framework from within which Council staff work and make decisions. Council staff have reviewed the (PG-CP-401) Tree Preservation Order and (PG-CP-402) Tree Policy which were presented to the Committee for comment and endorsement.

Councillor Blumer requested that the list of species be presented to the next Committee Meeting.

Councillor Blumer requested any Committee members wishing to provide feedback relating to the review of the policies do so via email and staff present report to the next Committee meeting.

Mr Parker suggested that section 3.5, part C of the Tree Preservation Order Policy is too vague and questioned who is assessing that item. Mr King will look into this and update the Policy.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Parker and Will Mead that the Committee review the (PG-CP-401) Tree Preservation Order and (PG-CP-402) Tree Policy at the next Committee meeting.

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Councillor Jenny Ellis left the meeting at 5:24pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Doreen Wood and Ema Munro that the report be noted.

Councillor Blumer provided an update on CL09 Review of the Griffith CBD Strategy from the action report, informing the Committee that when Council is advised whether they are successful in obtaining grant funding, the CBD Strategy will come back to this Committee.

Ms Wood highlighted that the Griffith CBD should have more colour and trees to beautify the area.

Ms Murphy raised a query regarding the dirt section in front of the Griffith Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre (GRALC) carpark, specifically asking whether planting vegetation would help deter people from walking through the area. In response, Mr King noted that GRALC has its own maintenance staff who have previously attempted to establish plantings in the space. However, it has been unsuccessful, as the plants are frequently trampled on.

Mr Savage questioned how high the trees in Yambil Street will grow, due to safety concerns of not being able to see the oncoming traffic. Mr Craig informed the Committee they will grow 10-12 meters high.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Intersection of Banna Avenue and Lenehan Road

Councillor Dal Bon raised safety concerns at the intersection of Banna Avenue and Lenehan Road, which has been referred to the Traffic Committee.

7.2 Meeting Dates

Ms Munro requested that the meeting dates be reconsidered. A poll will be circulated to determine the most suitable dates for the Committee meetings.

7.3 Review of Policies / Strategies

Councillor Blumer informed the Committee the next policies/ strategies to review at the next Committee meeting include the Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy 2021 and the Driveways Maintenance Width Policy.

7.4 See it, Report it

Mr King clarified how the 'See it – Report' it system works, and highlighted when communicating with Council staff, request the CRM number for your reference.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 25 June 2025 at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:40pm.

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 25/57097

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

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

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22 April 2025	CL01 DA 141/2024 - REVIEW OF DETERMINATION OF REFUSAL TO GRANT CONSENT - FREE-STANDING DIGITAL ADVERTISING STRUCTURE	DSD SDAP	159015	25/106	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Christine Stead that Council approve the development, subject to conditions of approval to be determined by Council at the next available meeting.	30/04/2025: Completed. 12/05/2025: Conditions of Consent to be reported to Council 13 May 2025. 19/05/2025: Conditions of Consent were endorsed and are to be issued.
22 April 2025	CL02 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN - CHECK-IN & REVIEW	DEOD	159019	25/107	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Tony O'Grady that: (a) Council place the 2021-2025 Disability Inclusion Action Plan on public exhibition until 30 May 2025 to seek submissions from members of the community for inclusion in a reviewed Plan. (b) Council refer the 2021-2025 Disability Inclusion Action Plan to the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee for review and submission. (c) Council engage with the community to seek feedback for inclusion in the reviewed Plan. (d) Council amend the existing 2021-25 Disability Inclusion Action Plan and present to Council for adoption in June 2025 pending a remake of the Plan by June 2026.	12/05/2025: Currently on Public Exhibition.
22 April 2025	CL04 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR OCCUPATION OF ROAD RESERVE FOR THE DISPLAY OF VEHICLES - DASAT PTY LTD (ACN 681432593) (GRIFFITH CITY VOLKSWAGEN) - 126	CPO	159022	25/109	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Scott Groat that: (a) Council enters into a licence agreement with Dasat Pty Ltd over that part of Council's road reserve being an area of 351m ² adjoining 126 Mackay Avenue,	19/05/2025: Currently being advertised. DASAT Pty Ltd have been advised that the licence renewal has been approved pending submissions. Cater and Blumer have been advised of Council's resolution and subject to no submissions received can

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	MACKAY AVENUE, YOOGALI				<p>Yoogali, to be used as a vehicle display area for a term of 10 years, with a commencement date of 21 March 2025.</p> <p>(b) Council advertise its intention to enter into a licence agreement with Dasat Pty Ltd for the use of Council's road reserve adjoining 126 Mackay Avenue, Yoogali 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 will enter into a licence agreement with Dasat Pty Ltd for the use of Council's road reserve adjoining 126 Mackay Avenue, Yoogali for a term of 10 years.</p> <p>(d) Dasat Pty Ltd will be required to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the renewal of the licence agreement, together with Council's administration fee, as per Council's adopted Revenue Policy</p> <p>(e) The annual licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, for leasing of road reserves for business purposes, where the lease forms an integral part of the business. Amount of \$1,333.47 has been invoiced for the 2024/2025 financial year, in addition to rates and charges. The annual fee to increase with CPI thereafter.</p>	proceed to prepare the licence agreement.
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					(f) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence renewal on behalf of the Council under the Common Seal.	
22 April 2025	NOTICE OF MOTION - THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DOUG CURRAN	DEOD	159026	25/114	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Jenny Ellis that:</p> <p>(a) Griffith City Council investigate and identify the best location for safety, security and community awareness for a 24/7 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in our Main Street area.</p> <p>(b) SMT identify a funding source for the purchase of the AED, (approximately \$2,000) and install the 24/7 AED in the nominated location.</p> <p>(c) Griffith City Council partner with Heart of the Nation (HOTN) to register the location of the 24/7 AED in our Main Street area.</p> <p>(d) Griffith City Council partner with Soroptimist International Griffith Inc to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Hold a public meeting to educate community members on the use of the 24/7 AED. ii. Encourage local businesses and organisations to purchase and register 24/7 AEDs at their locations. iii. Publicise the HOTN app and encourage residents of Griffith to install the app on their phones. 	19/05/2025: Report being prepared to be presented to a Council Meeting in June 2025.
22 April 2025	CC01 TENDER NO. 10-24/25 - PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT	P&EM	159028	25/118	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Christine Stead that:</p> <p>(a) Council accept the following tenders to appoint a Panel of</p>	19/05/2025: Letters sent to successful and unsuccessful tenderers.

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					<p>Town Planning Practitioners under Tender 10-24/25 for a period of three (3) years commencing 22 April 2025 to 22 April 2028. • Planscapes Town Planning Consultancy; • The Trustee for SKM Planning Trust; • PSA Consulting; • Building & Environmental Services Today Pty Ltd; • Barnson Pty Ltd.</p> <p>(b) Council continue to source Contractors through Local Government Appointments (LOGO) as procured under "Local Government Procurement Approved Contractors" HR – Perm & Assoc. Services (LPG808-4) if and when required</p>	
8 April 2025	CL01 BOORGA ROAD R5 - LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN	CSP	158562	25/088	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Jenny Ellis that:</p> <p>(a) Council endorse the public exhibition of proposed Section 12.3 of the Griffith Residential Development Plan for a period of 28 days.</p> <p>(b) Should submissions be received, a report with recommendations be presented back to an Ordinary Council Meeting for final endorsement.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>16/04/2025: On public exhibition, submissions close 19 May 2025 at 4:00pm.</p> <p>5/05/2025: Date for closure of public submissions extended to 9 June 2025.</p>
8 April 2025	CL02 NSW SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM - EARLY INVESTMENT ROUND	GM	158563	25/089	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Jenny Ellis that:</p>	<p>5/05/2025: Application lodged in April 2025, prior to closing date.</p>

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					(a) 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.	
8 April 2025	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JENNY ELLIS	DBCF FM MA	158565	25/095	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Tony O'Grady that Council allocate sufficient funds from the cash reserves set aside for the Regional Art Gallery project (currently at \$109K) based on quotes received for the following items and report back to Council: (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).	5/05/2025: Staff investigating each of the items to establish accurate costing and to submit grant application to paint the War Memorial Museum, subject to negotiation of the War Memorial Trust. Anticipate items to be adjusted at September 2025/26 quarterly review when all issues have been resolved. 19/05/2025: Grant application to be submitted by end of June 2025.
8 April 2025	CC01 ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF A CREMATOR	DIO FM	158567	25/101	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that: (a) Council enter into a lease agreement with Griffith Regional Funeral Services and the Landowner of 172-174 Wakaden Street, Griffith for the operation of a Cremator. Refer Attachment A, subject to an amendment to the term	5/05/2025: Draft lease document returned to Solicitors for modification as resolved by Council. Instructions to execute amended lease document.

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					of the Lease being 3 years from the commencement date with the first option 1 year and second option 1 year. (b) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Cremator Lease Agreement under Council Seal. (c) Council commence the tender process to procure a cremator in 2025/26 subject to approving funding to purchase the cremator in the final 2025/26 budget.	
25 March 2025	NOTICE OF MOTION - THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DOUG CURRAN - NAMING OF MEDIAN STRIP	IMA OP&G DIO	158169	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 Orrella Street into the Griffith City Council Road and Park Names Register; (b) 25 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.	02/04/2025: "Goslett" has been added in the Road and Parks Name Register. On public exhibition. If submissions received a further report will be presented to Council. 5/05/2025: Public exhibition closes 4pm, Friday 9 May 2025. 19/05/2025: Report to Council in 10 June 2025.
25 March 2025	NOTICE OF MOTION - THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR DOUG CURRAN - WATER USE CHARGES	DBCF	158012	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.	14/04/2025: A report will be presented to Council in May 2025. 19/05/2025: Report to Council on 10 June 2025.
25 February 2025	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHARI BLUMER	GM	156778	25/051	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that:	17/03/2025: Draft Strategic Water policy being prepared. Report to Council April 2025.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 	19/05/2025: Draft document being reviewed. Report to Council June 2025.
28 January 2025	CL03 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT - MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT (MLHD) - 78 KOOKORA STREET, GRIFFITH	CPO	155433	25/005	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. (c) Should no submissions be received, Council enters into a licence agreement with 	<p>12/02/2025: Council will instruct solicitors to prepare draft licence agreements as per resolution.</p> <p>17/03/2025: With Council's solicitor.</p> <p>5/05/2025: Agreement sent to MLHD for signing.</p>

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					<p>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 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	CL05 REQUEST FOR FUNDING - MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL FOR RENTAL AT GRIFFITH COMMUNITY CENTRE	GM	155437	25/009	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Scott Groat that:</p> <p>(a) Council support the rental of an office in the Griffith Community Centre for a nominated period of 12 months at a value of \$1,248 (ex. GST) per month for the Multicultural Council of Griffith.</p> <p>(b) Council investigate further funding options for Multicultural Council of Griffith at a Council Workshop during the 2025/26 budget process.</p>	<p>17/02/2025: 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 October 2025.</p> <p>5/05/2025: Office rental from July to October 2025 included in Draft 2025/26 budget document to be considered at Council Meeting 13 May 2025 in accordance with resolution part a.</p>

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						<p><u>Councillors will need to address part b of the resolution during deliberation of the draft 2025/26 budget at the meeting to be held 13 May 2025.</u></p> <p>19/05/2025: Current funding of office rental support included in draft Budget 2025/26 to October 2025. No funding included in budget beyond this date.</p>
12 November 2024	CL12 GRIFFITH WORKER AND HOUSING SHORTAGE TASKFORCE	GM	152784	24/299	<p>RESOLVED 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 review of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2019.</p>	<p>2/12/2024: Report referred to PSA consultants for consideration as part of Griffith Housing Strategy.</p> <p>13/01/2025: Consultants to hold public forum on 18 February 2025.</p> <p>17/03/2025: Councillor briefing 23 April 2025.</p> <p>5/05/2025: Draft Housing Strategy to be reported to Council to initiate public exhibition process in June 2025.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025.</p>
12 November 2024	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SHARI BLUMER - 5 NOV 2024	GM DSD	152783	24/298	<p>RESOLVED 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</p>	<p>2/12/2024: Report to be presented in May 2025.</p> <p>3/02/2025: Workshop held 21 February 2025 developer forum to be Scheduled April 2025.</p> <p>31/03/2025: Developer forum scheduled 10 April 2025. Report to Council May 2025.</p> <p>5/05/2025: The 'Report on Strategies to Increase Housing Supply August 2024 forms part of the Draft Housing Strategy to be placed on exhibition during June 2025, and endorsed by Council in</p>

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					Council at a meeting in May 2025.	July 2025. It is proposed that the <u>director of Sustainable Development</u> report as part of the <u>resolution part b. be presented to Council at a meeting in August in 2025.</u> 19/05/2025: Draft Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025.
26 March 2024	CL02 COMMUNITY GARDENS LARGE SCALE EVENT MASTERPLAN	USD	144180	24/075	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Glen Andreazza 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>12/4/2024: Manager of Urban Design to arrange meeting with relevant staff to discuss fencing.</p> <p>06/05/2024: Meeting held on site to discuss fencing on Thursday, 2 May 2024. Costing of fencing being prepared.</p> <p>20/05/2024: Draft Costing will be presented to Council at a meeting in June.</p> <p>04/06/2024: Draft Costing will be presented to Council at a meeting in July.</p> <p>15/07/2024: Draft Costing will be presented to Council meeting 10 September 2024.</p> <p>05/08/2024: Meeting held with contractor to obtain quotes for shade sails over stage area.</p> <p>19/08/2024: No quote received as yet.</p> <p>02/09/2024: Initial quote received. Requires further clarification.</p> <p>14/10/2024: Draft design received. Quotation to be obtained and schedule for Council Workshop in January 2025.</p>

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						<p>13/01/2025: Scheduled for Council Workshop on 18 February 2025.</p> <p>3/02/2025: Scheduled for Council Workshop on 20 May 2025.</p>
26 March 2024	<p>MINUTES OF THE NEW CEMETERY MASTERPLAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2024</p>	DIO		24/084	<p>RESOLVED 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>SMT Comment:</p> <p>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 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</p>	<p>15/04/2024: Funeral Directors have been advised.</p> <p>17/06/2024: DA has been lodged.</p> <p>1/07/2024: Council's legal representatives have been requested to draft a Deed of Agreement.</p> <p>02/09/2024: 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>14/10/2024: Report to Council Meeting 10 December 2024, for both DA's.</p> <p>15/01/2025: Waiting on Council solicitor to provide update on licence agreement.</p> <p>20/01/2025: Draft lease has been provided to Council staff to review.</p> <p>19/03/2025: Draft lease document has been finalised.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status report for New Cemetery Masterplan Committee Wednesday, 2 April 2025. For Information only. 2. Draft lease report to Council Tuesday, 8 April 2025. 3. Lease executed.

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					<p>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 policy and are subject to annual review.</p>	<p>4. Council adoption of 2025/26 Budget and Revenue Policy Tuesday, 24 June 2025.</p> <p>5. July 2025 Council to call for tenders for provision and installation of cremator unit.</p> <p>14/04/2025: From the minutes of the Council Meeting held 08/04/2025.</p> <p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that:</p> <p>(a) Council enter into a lease agreement with Griffith Regional Funeral Services and the Landowner of 172-174 Wakaden Street, Griffith for the operation of a Cremator. Refer Attachment A, subject to an amendment to the term of the Lease being 3 years from the commencement date with the first option 1 year and second option 1 year.</p> <p>(b) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Cremator Lease Agreement under Council Seal.</p> <p>(c) Council commence the tender process to</p>
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					<p>procure a cremator in 2025/26 subject to approving funding to purchase the cremator in the final 2025/26 budget.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the lease document will be executed prior to the Council Meeting of 22 April 2025. 5/05/2025: Draft lease document returned to Solicitors for modification as resolved by Council. Instructions to execute amended lease document.</p>
12 March 2024	NOTICE OF MOTION - UPGRADE TO ORIGINAL BAGTOWN'S FIRST BLACKSMITH STORE SITE	DI&O DSD	143524	24/066	<p>RESOLVED 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> <p>18/03/2024: Councillors and SMT inspecting site 19/03/2024 to discuss scope. 02/04/2024: Site inspection completed. Project scope to be referred to Council Workshop on 21 May 2024. 03/06/2024: Scope of works were determined at Council Workshop.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Survey site; 2. Install gravel surface in a safe location to provide access to site; 3. Remove vegetation that surrounds identified tree; and 4. Install sign with narrative depicting historical significance of site. <p>Plan of Scope of works to be discussed at Council Workshop on 29 October 2024. 22/10/2024: Project rescheduled for presentation to 18 February 2025 Workshop.</p>

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						<p>13/01/2025: Rescheduled to be presented to Council Workshop 18 March 2025.</p> <p>31/03/2025: Discussed at workshop 18 March, Matter referred to the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee 8 May 2025.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Included in Committee Agenda for 25 June 2025.</p>
12 July 2022	NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLOR TESTONI – YENDA MASTERPLAN	GM	119905	22/167	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Glen Andreazza that:</p> <p>(a) Council undertake a master planning exercise for the village of Yenda. Factors such as future residential sub divisions, lifestyle blocks and rural residential to be considered along with future amenities for the village, such as 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</p>	<p>01/08/2022: This matter will be scheduled for discussion at Council Workshop 16 August 2022.</p> <p>05/09/2022: 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>04/10/2022: Grant application submitted.</p> <p>03/01/2023: NSW Government advised the Grant application successful on 30 November 2022. Expressions of Interests invited to coordinate and undertake the Yenda Masterplan.</p> <p>13/02/2023: Tender awarded to CBRE.</p> <p>01/05/2023: Site inspection and survey completed. Landowner, MI and staff consultation completed. Draft Masterplan</p>

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					<p>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>presentation to 20 June Council Workshop.</p> <p>17/07/2023: Draft Masterplan to go to Council in September/October 2023.</p> <p>03/10/2023: Draft Masterplan to go to Council 14 November 2023.</p> <p>06/11/2023: Draft Masterplan to go to Council Meeting in December 2023.</p> <p>04/12/2023: Draft Masterplan to go to Council Meeting in February 2024.</p> <p>15/01/2024: Report to March 2024 Council Meeting.</p> <p>18/03/2024: Council Meeting for 14 May 2024.</p> <p>06/05/2024: 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>01/07/2024: Meeting being arranged with property owner of Stage 1 of the Masterplan.</p> <p>05/08/2024: Property owners will be contacted again seeking meeting.</p> <p>19/08/2024: Further attempts to contact owners continuing.</p> <p>14/10/2024: Council staff met with owner representatives on 20 September 2024. Awaiting on refined design from Council consultant.</p> <p>3/02/2025: Consultant provided feedback Wednesday 29</p>
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						January 2025. Report to be presented to Council in March 2025. 17/03/2025: 13 Feb 2025 Consultant has submitted plans for Masterplan for Council Review. 01/04/2025: Report to Council Meeting May 2025.
22 February 2022	NOTICE OF MOTION – YOOGALI SHARED BICYCLE PATH	DIO	114000	22/057	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Anne Napoli that: (a) Council consider the construction of the Griffith to Yoogali shared bicycle track as a priority. (b) Council undertake a full costing of the track and bridge as to facilitate funding opportunities to contribute towards the new construction.	13/01/2025: Concrete footings for the bridge complete. Further construction to take place from February 2025. 3/03/2025: Construction of bridge commenced 4 March 2025. 17/03/2025: Contractors completed installation of bridge. Approaches under construction. 01/04/2025: Ramps for the bridge will be complete, by the week commencing 19 May. Public access to the bridge as from the following week. The remaining works include; final seal of path, lighting, line marking, intersection treatments and signage. 5/05/2025: One ramp concrete completed, asphalt of path scheduled for mid-May 2025. 19/05/2025: Minor works to be completed.

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28 May 2024	MINUTES OF THE LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2024 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – LAKE WYANGAN	CPO	146292 /2024	24/156	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Tom Mackerras and Frank Battistel that: (a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for Lake Wyangan, incorporating Jack Carson Wildlife Reserve (Crown Reserve 159017) and North Lake Wyangan (Crown Reserve 1002998) to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval. (b) Upon approval of the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management Lake Wyangan if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993. (c) Native Title advice has been approved. (d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for Lake Wyangan on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.	28/05/2024: Draft PoM emailed to Councillors. 03/06/2024: Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited. 17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Ministers Office. 3/03/2025: 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. 5/05/2025: Draft Plan of Management – Lake Wyangan can now be placed on Public Exhibition. 19/05/2025: Lake Wyangan draft PoM can now be placed on Public Exhibition.
28 May 2024	CL02 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - SOUTH-WEST GRIFFITH PRECINCT PARKS	CPO	146289 /2024	24/154	RESOLVED 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	03/06/2024: Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited. 17/02/2025: 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>3/03/2025: 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> <p>5/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p>
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28 May 2024	CL01 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - GRIFFITH CBD PRECINCT	CPO	146288	24/153	<p>RESOLVED 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 & 4 Sec 8 DP 758476 and Lot 7 Sec 9 DP 758476 (CWA Park and Memorial Park) R.159000 – Lots 2 & 8 Sec 9 DP 758476 (Griffith Library) R.85064 – Lots 19 & 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>03/06/2024: Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited.</p> <p>17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Ministers Office.</p> <p>3/03/2025: Crown Lands Department has requested amendments – Staff working through these, draft PoM will then be referred back to Crown Lands for review.</p> <p>5/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p>
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					(c) Native Title advice has been provided. (d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.	
23 April 2024	CL03 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - MISCELLANEOUS CROWN RESERVES	CPO	144994	24/115	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that: (a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for the Miscellaneous Crown Reserves, Kart Club - Reserve 64662 (Lot 96 DP 756035), Wumbulgal Recreation Reserve – Reserve 64911 (Lot 106 DP 751679), Rankins Springs Camping Area – Reserve 65432 (lot 7003 DP 1001194) and Dave Wallace Range – Reserve 1003005 (Lot 2 DP 48802) to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval. (b) Upon approval from the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management for Miscellaneous Crown Reserves if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.	20/05/2024: Awaiting approval from Minister. 17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Ministers Office. 3/03/2025: Exhibition period completed, Report for adoption to be presented at a future Council Meeting. 02/04/2025: Report to Council 22 April 2025. 5/05/2025: The MISC Reserves PoM has been referred to Council Meeting of 27 May 2025 for adoption.

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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	CL05 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - BAGTOWN CEMETERY	CP O	144997	24/117	RESOLVED 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.	06/05/2024: Awaiting approval from Minister. 17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Ministers Office. 3/03/2025: Crown Lands Department has requested amendments –Staff working through these, draft PoM will then be referred back to Crown Lands for review. 5/05/2025: Status remains unchanged. 19/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.

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12 December 2023	CL04 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION - AFFECTING LOT 27 DP751709 - BEAUMONT ROAD, HANWOOD - HANWOOD LEVY	CP O	140274	23/303	<p>RESOLVED 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 & 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>15/01/2024: Application preparation in progress. 03/06/2024: Application submitted. 17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Requested urgent attention of Ministers Office. 19/05/2025: Matter finalised. Land has been compulsorily acquired and is now Council owned.</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	CL05 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION - AFFECTING LOT 7322 DP1164483, MALLEE STREET, HANWOOD - WATER DRAINAGE WORKS	CP O	140275	23/304	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Melissa Marin that:</p> <p>(a) Council approves the acquisition of Crown Land, shown as Lot 1 DP 1295951 in Plan of Acquisition affecting Lot 7322 DP 1164483 under the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 186.</p> <p>(b) Council make application to the Minister and/or Governor of the Local Government Act 1993 for approval to acquire</p>	<p>15/01/2024: Application preparation in progress.</p> <p>03/06/2024: Application submitted.</p> <p>17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Requested urgent attention of Ministers Office.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Matter finalised. Land has been compulsorily acquired and is now Council owned.</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 & 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	CL03 PCYC PROPOSAL TO ERECT AND FITOUT AN INTEGRATED GYMNASISTICS AND COVERED OUTDOOR MULTI-SPORTS COMPETITION FACILITY - OLYMPIC STREET, GRIFFITH	GM	128874	22/034	<p>RESOLVED 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>06/03/2023: 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>4/07/2023: 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>31/07/2023: PCYC finalising planned subdivision.</p> <p>04/12/2023: Council seeking additional information from PCYC prior to lodgement of their DA.</p> <p>29/04/2024: 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>19/08/2024: 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>2/12/2024: PCYC advised a DA will be submitted Jan 2025.</p> <p>17/02/2025: Meeting held on 9 Dec 2024.</p> <p>3/03/2025: Meeting was held between Council staff and PCYC reps on 19 February 2025 with further amendments required to the draft proposal.</p> <p>5/05/2025: No development application lodged at this stage. \$3M allocated to PCYC for upgrade by NSW Government in 2019.</p> <p>06/05/2025: PCYC have submitted their Development Application for the gymnasium building via the portal on the 6 May 2025. Council staff have assessed the submitted documentation and are providing comments back to the applicant prior to accepting the lodgement of the DA as they still need to amend the front facade of the building to reflect Council staff's pre DA comments previously provided to PCYC reps.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Amended information provided and Council staff satisfied. DA lodged through portal and</p>
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