



## MINUTES

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### ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

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#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **STAFF**

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Acting Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Max Turner, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Taker's Leanne Austin and Antoinette Galluzzo

#### **MEDIA**

The Area News, Cai Holroyd

#### **1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Meeting opened with Councillor Mark Dal Bon 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**

25/185

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that an apology be received from Councillor Laurie Testoni and a leave of absence granted and an application to attend by audio-visual link from Councillor Tony O'Grady, Councillor Shari Blumer and Councillor Scott Groat be granted.

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

Against

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

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

25/186

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 19 June 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For

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

Against

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### **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

### **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **Pecuniary Interests**

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

Councillor Anne Napoli  
Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2025  
Reason – I own a property along McCormack Road.

Councillor Jenny Ellis  
CL01 DA172/2022 - 21 Large Lot Residential Subdivision, 2 Public Roads and Residue Lot  
Reason – I own a house in this Development.

#### **Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

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

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

Councillor Scott Groat  
CC01 Breaches of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act  
Reason - I have been in contact with the business owners and I have nothing to gain or lose by contact with the business owners.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL02 - Draft Ted Scobie Oval Master Plan

Reason – I have been approached by a member of the touch association. I do not associate with this person.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CC01 Breaches of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

Reason – I have been approached in the past about their ongoing concerns of their business premises. I do not associate with the business owner. As I'm being a farmer, I may buy some things for the farm sometimes. As I do with other agricultural businesses in Griffith.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL01

Reason – My niece's boyfriend rent a house next door to the DA. They both object to the DA. They do not stand to gain or lose anything monetary from it and I am not swayed one way or the other because of their objection to the DA.

**This conflict was withdrawn as it does not relate to CL01 in the Agenda.**

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL01

Reason – I was previously lobbied in regards to this DA. This DA will have no significant effect to my family or to myself.

**This conflict was withdrawn as it does not relate to CL01 in the Agenda.**

## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil.

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

### **CL01 DA 172/2022 – 21 LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, 2 PUBLIC ROADS AND RESIDUE LOT**

Councillor Jenny Ellis left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:09 pm.

25/187

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that Council place the development application including the amended plan set and documentation on public exhibition for a period of two weeks in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Regulations, and the Griffith Community Participation Plan. Once public notification period has finished, a report be presented to Council with any new submissions received, or proposed amendments to the development assessment report or conditions.

For

Councillor Doug Curran

Councillor Shari Blumer

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

Against

Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

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

Councillor Jenny Ellis returned to the meeting at 7:10 pm.

### **CL02 DRAFT TED SCOBIE OVAL MASTER PLAN**

25/188

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council endorses, in principle, the Draft Ted Scobie Oval Masterplan subject to the removal of the following “The widening of the cricket square to accommodate four turf wickets, along with a complete reconstruction of the wicket area”.
- (b) Council place the Draft Ted Scobie Masterplan as amended by recommendation (a) above on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (c) Should Council receive any submissions, then a further report be considered for Council consideration. If no submissions are received the Draft Ted Scobie Masterplan be adopted as exhibited.

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

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

### **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

#### **CL03 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2025**

25/189

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

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

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

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2025**

25/190

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Airport Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025 be adopted.

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

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

### **MINUTES OF THE LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2025**

25/191

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Mark Dal Bon and Jenny Ellis that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Landfill FOGO Committee meeting held on 5 June 2025 be adopted.

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

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

### **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025**

25/192

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Mark Dal Bon that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025 be adopted.

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

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

Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:14 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2025**

25/193

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee meeting held on 12 June 2025 be adopted.

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

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

Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting at 7:14 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE SCENIC HILL USER GROUP MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2025**

25/194

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Scenic Hill User Group meeting held on 17 June 2025 be adopted.

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

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

**MINUTES OF THE LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2025**

25/195

**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 19 June 2025 be adopted.

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

Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead

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

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

## **13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

25/196

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

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

Against

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

## **14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Set out below is Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to matters which can be dealt with in the closed part of a meeting.

**The matters and information are the following:**

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)**
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer**
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business**
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:**
  - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or**
  - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or**
  - (iii) reveal a trade secret**

- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege
- (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on Community land.
- (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.

25/197

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

- (a) Council resolve to go into closed Council to consider business identified.
- (b) Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provision of section [10A(2)] as outlined above.
- (c) The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

For

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

Against

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

Council resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items listed below, and that discussion of the report in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.

## **CC01 BREACHES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT**

Reason: Legal Proceedings 10A(2)(g)

Council closed its meeting at 7:22pm. The public and media left the Chamber. Livestream was disconnected.

## **REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

25/198

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

For

Councillor Doug Curran

Against

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

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

Open Council resumed at 8:01pm.

Livestream was reconnected.

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

#### **MATTERS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL**

##### **CC01 BREACHES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT**

25/199

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that Council commence class 4 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court seeking order(s) that the use of the premises described in the report cease until an Occupation Certificate for the Development is issued.

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 Anne Napoli

**The division was declared PASSED by 5 votes to 3.**

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:03pm.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON