



MINUTES

LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:00PM

PRESENT

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Councillor Tony O'Grady, Councillor Laurie Testoni, Mark Dal Bon (Councillor - Alternate), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Frank Battistel (Community Representative), Jade Salvestro (Community Representative), Kelvin Williams (Community Representative), Reginald Brown (Community Representative), Scott Collis (Community Representative), Franco Pistillo (Member for Murray Representative) (ZOOM)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

General Manager, Scott Grant, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, Environment & Health Coordinator, Vanessa Johns and Minute Secretary, Joanne Bollen

ABSENT

Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, John Tagliapietra (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative) and Saroja Nagaraj Gurazada (Community Representative).

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Scott Collis that apologies be received from Matthew Woodward (Community Representative) and Lindsay Golsby-Smith (Murrumbidgee Irrigation).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Kelvin Williams and Frank Battistel that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 July 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

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no less than significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 MI SUPPLY & DRAINAGE CHANNELS SURROUNDING LAKE WYANGAN

Information was provided to the Committee identifying the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Supply and Drainage Network in the area surrounding Lake Wyangan.

Councillor Dal Bon asked whether the level of the North Lake was decreasing, as it appeared to have dropped. In response, Mr Rizzo noted that any perceived drop could be attributed to recent dry weather. However, Ms Johns clarified that as of 12 September 2025, the lake level was 105.73, compared to a previous level of 105.66, indicating a slight increase.

Councillor Tony O'Grady left the meeting, the time being 5:11pm.

Councillor Tony O'Grady returned to the meeting, the time being 5:13pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Scott Collis that the information be received.

CL02 PRESENTATIONS FOR POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS FROM CONSULTANTS AIMED AT IMPROVING LAKE WYANGAN'S WATER QUALITY

Griffith City Council has received multiple enquiries from consultants and organisations offering to present potential solutions aimed at improving the water quality of Lake Wyangan. Council staff will coordinate and schedule these presentations to take place during the upcoming Committee meetings if the Committee wishes to proceed.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni that the Committee agrees to receive presentations from interested consultants and organisations regarding potential solutions to improve the water quality of Lake Wyangan, and Council staff be authorised to schedule these presentations during upcoming Committee meetings.

The Committee discussed the future direction of its efforts to improve the water quality of Lake Wyangan. The Chair highlighted the need to establish a clear path forward to ensure Council staff receive appropriate guidance.

The Committee agreed that the following items be brought to the next meeting:

- The draft Lake Wyangan Strategic Plan, prepared by Mr. Tom Mackerras;
- Information regarding water levels at Tharbogang Swamp. The Committee request staff to investigate its potential as a constructed wetland;
- Expressions of Interest (EOIs) received for the Engineering Design Concept aimed at

- addressing sediment and nutrient discharge into North Lake; and
- A map outlining current land claims surrounding Lake Wyangan.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Committee noted the Outstanding Action Report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

MI Doppler

Councillor Dal Bon requested that Council staff confirm with Murrumbidgee Irrigation whether the Doppler at the end of S-2-176-030P has been decommissioned, and ensure that Council is not being charged for any associated usage.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee is to be advised.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:09pm.