



MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT

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

STAFF

General Manager, Scott Grant, Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Matthew Hansen, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Acting Director Utilities, Durgananda Chaudhary, Works Manager - Maintenance, Manjit Chugha, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Taker, Antoinette Galluzzo

MEDIA

Nil.

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

25/339

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Scott Groat that apologies be received from Councillor Laurie Testoni and Councillor Shari Blumer and a leave of absence granted.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

25/340

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 28 October 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 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 Christine Stead
CL05 Request for Sponsorship - AgApply26
Reason - The request for sponsorship will be at the showground if the event goes ahead. I am the chairperson of the showground trust.

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.

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

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

MM01 MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT (MLHD) HEALTH SERVICES SURVEY RESULTS

Councillors Doug Curran and Jenny Ellis MOVED a MOTION that:

- (a) Council recognise community sentiment and support advocacy for the establishment of a Western Riverina Local Health District.
- (b) Council continue to work with MLHD in the current management structure.
- (c) Council writes to NSW Minister for Health, The Hon. Ryan Park, MP confirming the results of the Community Health survey.

Councillors Mark Dal Bon and Christine Stead moved the following AMENDMENT that:

- (a) Council recognise community sentiment and support advocacy for the establishment of a Western Riverina Local Health District.
- (b) Council writes to NSW Minister for Health, The Hon. Ryan Park, MP confirming the results of the Community Health survey.

Councillor Anne Napoli FORESHADOWED an AMENDMENT.

Councillor Scott Groat FORESHADOWED an AMENDMENT.

The original AMENDMENT was PUT and LOST

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

The division was declared LOST by 1 votes to 6.

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

- (a) Council recognise community sentiment and support advocacy for the establishment of a Western Riverina Local Health District.
- (b) Council continue to work with MLHD in the current management structure.
- (c) Council writes to NSW Minister for Health, The Hon. Ryan Park, MP confirming the results of the Community Health survey.
- (d) Council meet with medical professional from Griffith Base Hospital including Dr Jaya, members of the Save the Griffith Base Hospital Committee and MLHD.

The amendment was PUT and LOST

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

The division was declared LOST by 2 votes to 5.

Councillors Scott Groat and Anne Napoli moved the following AMENDMENT that:

- (a) Council recognise community sentiment and support advocacy for the establishment of a Western Riverina Local Health District.
- (b) Council continue to work with MLHD in the current management structure, until such a time as change in structure is implemented.
- (c) Council writes to NSW Minister for Health, The Hon. Ryan Park, MP confirming the results of the Community Health survey.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and CARRIED

For
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead

Against
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Jenny Ellis

The division was declared PASSED by 4 votes to 3.

25/341

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Anne Napoli that:

- (a) Council recognise community sentiment and support advocacy for the establishment of a Western Riverina Local Health District.
- (b) Council continue to work with MLHD in the current management structure, until such a time as change in structure is implemented.
- (c) Council writes to NSW Minister for Health, The Hon. Ryan Park, MP confirming the results of the Community Health survey.

For
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead

Against
Councillor Tony O'Grady

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 1.

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

25/342

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Martin Ruggeri from Planningmatters Development Service to address Council if required.

For
Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Anne Napoli

Against

Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Christine Stead

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.

25/343

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that the meeting resume standing orders.

For
Councillor Doug Curran
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 7 votes to 0.

CL01 DA 83/2025 - SEVENTY-FIVE (75) LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION WITH THE CREATION OF ONE PUBLIC RESERVE AND PUBLIC ROADS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE

25/344

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Scott Groat that:

- (a) Council as the consent authority pursuant to Section 4.16 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, grant development consent to Development Application 83/2025(1) for a Seventy-six (76) Lot Subdivision, including seventy-five (75) residential lots, a public reserve lot, public roads and associated infrastructure, over Lot 2 DP 1093210, Druitt Road Lake Wyangan.
- (b) The application be delegated to the Director Sustainable Development for the issue of the Notice of Determination.

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 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 7 votes to 0.

CL02 COMMUNITY PIANO

Councillor Jenny Ellis MOVED the following MOTION:

- (a) Council prepare and submit a nomination to participate in the next series of the ABC TV program – The Piano which will result in full funding of the project at no cost to Council.
- (b) Council prepare and include a budget bid for consideration in the 2026/27 operational budget – \$5,000 to deliver the Pianos for the People program. This will only proceed if

item (a) is unsuccessful.

(c) In both (a) and (b) the piano will be located in Griffith Central Shopping Centre, subject to a formal agreement in place.

The MOTION lapsed due to lack of a seconder

CL03 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS STATISTICS 2025

25/345

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Tony O'Grady that the report be noted by Council.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

CL04 QUICK TURN AROUND GRANT APPLICATION GRIFFITH ITALIAN MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTRE INC

25/346

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that Council approve the application for the Quick Turnaround Grant from Griffith Italian Museum and Cultural Centre Inc. for the amount of \$2,500.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

Councillor Christine Stead left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:47pm.

CL05 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - AGAPPLY26

25/347

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Anne Napoli that under the Promotion, Advertisement and Sponsorship Policy, Council note that AgApply is eligible for financial assistance of \$5,000.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Mark Dal Bon	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	

Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Tony O'Grady

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 0.

Councillor Christine Stead returned to the meeting at 7:52 pm.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL06 RESPONSES TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

25/348

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SALEYARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2025

25/349

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Saleyards Committee meeting held on 21 October 2025 be adopted.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2025

25/350

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 22 October 2025 be adopted.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2025

25/351

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee meeting held on 23 October 2025 be adopted.

For
Councillor Doug Curran
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 7 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil.

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TONY O'GRADY

Councillors Tony O'Grady and Christine Stead MOVED a MOTION that:

Council takes ownership and maintenance responsibilities for Commercial, Industrial and Residential detention basins and related infrastructure in a Torrens Title subdivision. This is conditional that the land is vested in Council as part of the subdivision process, is created to cater for all lots within the subdivision and that the design of the detention system satisfies the conditions of consent and Council's Engineering guidelines.

25/352

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat that the report LAY ON THE TABLE and be brought back to Council on 26 November 2025 with indicative costs.

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

Against
Councillor Christine Stead

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 1.

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

25/353

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

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 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.**

25/354

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 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 7 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 TENDER NO. 9-25/26 - TENDER NAME: OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF THARBOGANG QUARRY, SUPPLY OF ROAD MAKING MATERIALS FROM THARBOGANG QUARRY & CONTRACTORS NOMINATED QUARRIES

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

CC02 TENDER NO. 10-25/26 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ROAD SEALING AND PATCHING AGGREGATES

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

Council closed its meeting at 8:02pm. The public and media left the Chamber. Livestream was disconnected.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

25/355

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that Open Council be resumed.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
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 7 votes to 0.

Open Council resumed at 8:08pm.

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 TENDER NO. 9-25/26 - TENDER NAME: OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF THARBOGANG QUARRY, SUPPLY OF ROAD MAKING MATERIALS FROM THARBOGANG QUARRY & CONTRACTORS NOMINATED QUARRIES

25/356

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council accept the tender from E.B. Mawson & Sons Pty Ltd for Tender No. 9-25/26 Operation & Management of Tharbogang Quarry, Supply of Road Making Materials from Tharbogang Quarry & Contractors Nominated Quarries, for Part A: Council Nominated Site and Part B: Contractor Nominated sites, for three years at the tendered rates subject to the rise and fall conditions of the contract, commencing 1 December 2025.
- (b) With respect to (A) above, Council nominate E.B. Mawson & Sons Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor and Mines Manager for the Tharbogang Quarry.
- (c) The General Manager is endorsed to approve expenditure in accordance with the annual budget allocation.
- (d) Council authorise the contract documents to be signed by the General Manager.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

CC02 TENDER NO. 10-25/26 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ROAD SEALING AND PATCHING AGGREGATES

25/357

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council accept the tender from E.B. Mawson & Sons Pty Ltd for Tender No. 10-25/226 Supply and Delivery of Road Sealing and Patching Aggregates, for three years at the tendered rates subject to the rise and fall conditions of the contract, commencing 1 December 2025.
- (b) The General Manager is endorsed to approve expenditure in accordance with the annual budget allocation.
- (c) Council authorise the contract documents to be signed by the General Manager.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
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 7 votes to 0.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:12pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON