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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

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

**STAFF**

General Manager, Scott Grant, Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Matthew Hansen, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Taker, Leanne Austin

**MEDIA**

Nil

**1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Meeting opened with Councillor Mark Dal Bon reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country.

A minute's silence was held in respect of the recent passing of Mrs Marie Neville, Mr Nino Gatto, Dame Marie Bashir and the victims of the Bondi shooting.

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

No apologies or requests for leave of absence were received.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

26/001

**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 9 December 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

Against

Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

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

#### **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

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

##### **Pecuniary Interests**

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

Councillor Anne Napoli  
Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee held 4 December 2025  
Reason – I own a property in McCormack Road Yoogali.

Director Infrastructure and Operations, Phil King  
CC01 – Tender No. 11-25/26 Haulage of Materials to Various Stockpile Sites  
Reason – My wife works for one of the companies who have submitted a tender.

##### **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 Mark Dal Bon  
CC01 – Tender No. 11-25/26 Haulage of Materials to Various Stockpile Sites  
Reason – Leo Ieraci is a friend of mine.

##### **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 Mark Dal Bon  
CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood  
Reason – Mr Andreatta contacted me with his concerns. He owns one of the farms. We do not hang around together.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood  
Reason – Luke Scobie sent an email. I don't know him.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood, and  
CL02 – Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan Endorsement  
Reason – Martin Rizzeri contacted me to see if I have all the information I need. I think for myself. He never tries to influence me.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood

Reason – Mr Cimador and Mr Marin they are acquaintances and live on Leonard Road Hanwood opposite the proposed subdivision. We have never spoken about this issue.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood

Reason – Mr Sartor contacted me about this issue a while ago. He owns one of the farms. We do not hang around together.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood

Reason – I have a relative that lives in School Street Hanwood. Brother and his family. They will not gain or lose anything from the development.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL02 – Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan Endorsement

Reason – I have a brother and his family that live in School Street Hanwood. They will not gain anything or lose anything with this development.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL02 – Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan Endorsement

Reason – Mr Sartor talked to me about this issue. He owns two of the farms. We talk sometimes. We do not hang around together.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

CL02 – Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan Endorsement

Reason – Mr DeMarco and Mr Dal Nevo own farms and properties. We talk sometimes. We do not hang around together.

Councillor Anne Napoli

CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood

Reason – I have received emails in regards to this report.

Councillor Jenny Ellis

CL01 – Planning Proposal (PP-2025-1251) Leonard Road, Hanwood

Reason – I have received emails from the proponents. I do not have any relationship with the proponents or any financial interest in the matter.

## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

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

### **CL01 PLANNING PROPOSAL (PP-2025-1251) LEONARD ROAD, HANWOOD**

**MOVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that:

(a) Subject to the removal of 11300 Kidman Way, Hanwood (Lot 150 DP751709) from the

Planning Proposal and supporting documentation, Council endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the land zoning and minimum lot size of the subject lands (being Lots 1 & 2 DP1309816, Lots 1622 & 1623 DP257265 and a portion of Lot 154 DP1195505) (see Attachment 1 of the report).

- (b) Forward the amended Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for a Gateway Determination and exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the conditions of that Gateway Determination.
- (c) Delegate authority to the Director Sustainable Development to make any changes to the Planning proposal as a result of the feedback from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and any Public Authorities, as conditioned in the Gateway Determination.
- (d) Seek authorisation from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to be the local plan making authority in this instance.

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

- (a) Council endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the land zoning and minimum lot size of the subject lands (being 11300 Kidman Way, Hanwood (Lot 150 DP751709), Lots 1 & 2 DP1309816, Lots 1622 & 1623 DP257265 and a portion of Lot 154 DP1195505) (see Attachment 1 of the report).
- (b) Forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for a Gateway Determination and exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the conditions of that Gateway Determination.
- (c) Delegate authority to the Director Sustainable Development to make any changes to the Planning proposal as a result of the feedback from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and any Public Authorities, as conditioned in the Gateway Determination.
- (d) Seek authorisation from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to be the local plan making authority in this instance.

The amendment was **PUT** and **LOST**.

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

Against  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

**The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 5.**

26/002

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Subject to the removal of 11300 Kidman Way, Hanwood (Lot 150 DP751709) from the Planning Proposal and supporting documentation, Council endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the land zoning and minimum lot size of the subject lands (being Lots 1 & 2 DP1309816, Lots 1622 & 1623 DP257265 and a portion of Lot 154 DP1195505) (see Attachment 1 of the report).

- (b) Forward the amended Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for a Gateway Determination and exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the conditions of that Gateway Determination.
- (c) Delegate authority to the Director Sustainable Development to make any changes to the Planning proposal as a result of the feedback from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and any Public Authorities, as conditioned in the Gateway Determination.
- (d) Seek authorisation from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to be the local plan making authority in this instance.

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

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

**The division was declared PASSED by 5 votes to 4.**

## **CL02 HANWOOD GROWTH AREA MASTER PLAN ENDORSEMENT**

**MOVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Council endorses the Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan.
- (b) 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.

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

- (a) Council endorses the Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan.
- (b) 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 stage 1 not proceed in 12 months, stage two be permitted to proceed.

The amendment was **PUT** and **LOST**.

For  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli

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

**The division was declared LOST by 3 votes to 6.**

26/003

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Council endorses the Hanwood Growth Area Master Plan.
- (b) 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.

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  
Councillor Anne Napoli

**The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 3.**

### **CL03 GRIFFITH REGIONAL AIRPORT TICKETLESS PAID PARKING FEES**

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

- (a) Council adopt the Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport as detailed in Table 1 of this report.
- (b) The Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport to come into effect at the date of commissioning of the SKIDATA LPR paid parking system.
- (c) The Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport as detailed in Table 1 of this report be included in Council's Revenue Policy for the 2026/27 financial year.

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

- (a) Council adopt the Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport as detailed in Table 1 of this report with the first 24 hours being free.
- (b) The Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport to come into effect at the date of commissioning of the SKIDATA LPR paid parking system.
- (c) The Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport as detailed in Table 1 of this report be included in Council's Revenue Policy for the 2026/27 financial year.

The amendment was **PUT** and **LOST**.

For  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat

Against  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

**The division was declared LOST by 2 votes to 7.**

26/004

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

- (a) Council adopt the Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport as detailed in

Table 1 of this report.

- (b) The Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport to come into effect at the date of commissioning of the SKIDATA LPR paid parking system.
- (c) The Parking Fee Schedule for the Griffith Regional Airport as detailed in Table 1 of this report be included in Council's Revenue Policy for the 2026/27 financial year.

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  
Councillor Anne Napoli

**The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 3.**

**CL04 PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE OF LOTS 41 & 42 DP 1308674 AND  
CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 40 & 41 DP1308674 AND LOTS 34 & 42 DP 1308674,  
THOMAS PLACE, GRIFFITH**

26/005

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

- (a) Council note the submissions received.
- (b) Council proceed with the road closure process.

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

Against

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

**CL05 SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE AND ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA -  
KOOYOO STREET MALL EVENT - PUNJABI MELA - 11 APRIL 2026**

26/006

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that Council suspend the Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Prohibited Area restrictions on Kooyoo Street (Banna Ave to Yambil St intersections) from 5.00pm – 12.00am (midnight) on Saturday, 11 April 2026.

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

Against

Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

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

**CL06 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) NSW  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 - BLACKTOWN 26 - 28 MARCH 2026**

26/007

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) Council be represented at the 2026 ALGWA Conference to be held in Blacktown 26 - 28 March 2026.
- (b) The Mayor (or delegate), Councillor Ellis and General Manager (or delegate) attend the Conference.
- (c) Councillor expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy.

For

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

Against

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

**CL07 REVIEW - MITIGATING FINANCIAL RISK FROM CONTRACTORS**

26/008

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that Council receive and note this report.

For

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

Against

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



## **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **CL08 RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

26/009

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni 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 Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

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

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2025**

26/010

**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 3 December 2025 be adopted.

For

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

Against

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

*Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 9:05pm.*

### **MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2025**

26/011

**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 4 December 2025 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer

Against

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

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

*Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting at 9:06 pm.*

**MINUTES OF THE LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2025**

26/012

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Mark Dal Bon and Scott Groat that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Landfill FOGO Committee meeting held on 4 December 2025 be adopted.

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

Against

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

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2025**

26/013

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 9 December 2025 be adopted.

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

Against

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

**MINUTES OF THE LAKE WYANGAN & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2025**

26/014

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

recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Lake Wyangan & Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 11 December 2025 be adopted.

For

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

Against

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

### **MINUTES OF THE SCENIC HILL USER GROUP MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2025**

26/015

**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 16 December 2025 be adopted.

For

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

Against

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

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

Nil

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

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TONY O'GRADY**

26/016

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Shari Blumer that Council develops a policy to allow pop up businesses including food vans to be able to trade on council land.

For

Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Anne Napoli

Against

Councillor Mark Dal Bon

Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

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

### **13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

26/017

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Tony O'Grady 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  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)**
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer**
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business**
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:**
  - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or**
  - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or**
  - (iii) reveal a trade secret**
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law**
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property**
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege**
- (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on Community land.**

**(i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.**

26/018

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Scott Groat 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.

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.

**CCMM01 FUNDING SUPPORT FOR RAMJO SUBMISSION - 2026 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN REVIEW**

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

**CC01 TENDER NO. 11-25/26 - HAULAGE OF MATERIALS TO VARIOUS STOCKPILE SITES**

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

**CC02 TENDER NO. 15-24/25 - REPLACE LIGHTING AT GRSC**

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

**CC03 RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE - CONFIDENTIAL MATTER**

Reason: Personal Hardship 10A(2)(b)

Council closed its meeting at 9:19 pm. The public and media left the Chamber. Livestream was disconnected.

**REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL**

26/019

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

Open Council resumed at 9:47pm.

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**

**CCMM01 FUNDING SUPPORT FOR RAMJO SUBMISSION - 2026 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN REVIEW**

26/020

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

- (a) Council supports the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) in the preparation of a regional submission to the Murray–Darling Basin Authority's 2026 Murray–Darling Basin Plan Review; and
- (b) Council approves a financial contribution of \$10,000 to RAMJO to support the engagement of specialist expertise for research, submission development, and community education activities associated with the Basin Plan Review.

For

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

Against

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

*Councillor Mark Dal Bon left the meeting having declared a significant non-pecuniary interest, the time being 9:23pm. Mr Phil King left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 9:23pm.*

**CC01 TENDER NO. 11-25/26 - HAULAGE OF MATERIALS TO VARIOUS STOCKPILE SITES**

26/021

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

- (a) Council accepts the tenders received from:

- 1) Armstrong's Plant Hire;
- 2) P & A Bulk Haulage; and
- 3) Boots Civil Pty Ltd

for panel contract, Tender No. 11-25/26 – Haulage of Materials to Various Stockpile Sites, subject to annual rise & fall, for period of three (3) years.

- (b) Council, in accordance with Section 178(1) (b) of the Local Government Regulation 2021, reject tenders received from:

- 1) Stugutz Pty Ltd; and
- 2) Leo Ieraci

submitted for Tender No. 11-25/26 – Haulage of Materials to Various Stockpile Sites, due to non-compliant tenders requirements.

- (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

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

Against

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

*Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Phil King returned to the meeting at 9.25pm.*

**CC02 TENDER NO. 15-24/25 - REPLACE LIGHTING AT GRSC**

**MOVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council accept the tender from Ellistricity for Tender No. 11-24/25 Supply/Installation of Bird-Proof Sports Lighting to the Athletics Track/Hockey Field Lighting at Griffith Regional Sports Centre (GRSC) in the amount of \$352,513 (ex. GST).
- (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.

Councillor Tony O'Grady moved a PROCEDURAL MOTION that the motion be put.

26/022

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady that the motion be put.

For

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

Against

Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 2.**

26/023

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council accept the tender from Ellistricity for Tender No. 11-24/25 Supply/Installation of Bird-Proof Sports Lighting to the Athletics Track/Hockey Field Lighting at Griffith Regional Sports Centre (GRSC) in the amount of \$352,513 (ex. GST).
- (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  
Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Shari Blumer  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Laurie Testoni

Against  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon  
Councillor Scott Groat

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 2.**

**CC03 RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE -  
CONFIDENTIAL MATTER**

26/024

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

Against

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

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9:53pm.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON