
**LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 5:00 PM**

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

Councillor Doug Curran (Chair), Councillor Christine Stead, Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Brian Irvin (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Cate Yates (Community Representative), Stephen Violi (Community Representative), Susan Forner (Community Representative), Wendy Borg (Community Representative)

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Waste Operations Manager, John Roser and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

Quorum = 3

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Acknowledgement 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.

**LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Mark Dal Bon (Chair), Brian Irvin (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Cate Yates (Community Representative), Wendy Borg (Community Representative)

Absent: Susan Forner (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Waste Operations Manager, John Roser, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Brian Irvin and Cate Yates that apologies be received from Councillor Doug Curran, Councillor Christine Stead and Stephen Violi (Community Representative).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Lisa Parker and Cate Yates that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 September 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

Members making a 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 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.

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.

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

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2026

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Lisa Parker and Cate Yates that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2026.

- Thursday, 12 February 2026
- Thursday, 14 May 2026
- Thursday, 13 August 2026
- Thursday, 12 November 2026.

Wendy Borg entered the meeting at 5:06pm

CL02 PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Ms Donaldson highlighted if Committee members wish to propose an item for inclusion on the agenda, that they email the Committee Secretary no later than two weeks before the meeting. This allows sufficient time for consultation, review and inclusion in the agenda.

CL03 UPDATE ON OCTOBER 2025 DUMP FOR FREE MONTH

Mr Roser provided an update and statistics on the October 2025 Dump for Free Month at both Tharbogang and Yenda Landfill. Tharbogang Landfill, which is open 7 days a week, had 3,613 Ute / trailer loads during the month. Yenda Landfill, which is open 4 hours on a Sunday, had 396 Ute / trailer loads during the month.

Ms Borg reported a concern regarding the restricted operating hours at the Yenda Landfill. In response, Mr Roser advised that if the association raising the issue provides a formal letter to Council, the matter can then be reviewed and assessed.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the information received.

CL04 UPDATE ON FOGO FUNDING

Mr Roser provided an update on the FOGO funding process, advising the Committee that the grant application was lodged on 16 October 2025. He noted that the application has been acknowledged as received; however, no further response has been received to date.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Mr Gordon updated the Action Report.

In relation to 7.4 Murrumbidgee Irrigation Channels, Mr Gordon informed the Committee Murrumbidgee Irrigation are not using the landfill for any concrete from their works.

In relation to 7.5 Hospital Demolition, Mr Gordon informed the Committee that advice has been received from the EPA, allowing Council to accept the construction material at the landfill. Mr Gordon has written to the Contractors.

The Committee discussed 7.3 Untidy Street and the letter box drop. It was suggested that the letter/flyer be sent out in different languages, with information on how to dispose waste properly.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Partial Bin Service

Councillor Mark Dal Bon raised the concern of bins being emptied in a particular way. In response Mr Roser said there is normally something in the bin that may cause obstruction. If this occurs, Mr Roser informed the Committee to ring and report to Customer Service.

7.2 Clean up Scenic Hill

Ms Yates mentioned the idea to acknowledge the company which organised the Clean-up Scenic Hill Day.

7.3 Illegal Dumping

Ms Parker asked the question if we could get a Grant to clean up/stop illegal dumping. Mr Roser informed the Committee illegal dumping falls under Council's Compliance department.

7.4 Bulky Waste Options

The Committee discussed the issue of bulky waste within the community.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Lisa Parker and Wendy Borg that staff investigate costing of an individual collection service for bulky waste.

For
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Community Representative Lisa Parker
Community Representative Wendy Borg

Against
Community Representative Brian Irvin
Community Representative Cate Yates

PASSED by 3 votes to 2.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Landfill FOGO Committee is to be held on 12 February 2026.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:04pm.

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Committee Member Request - Cate Yates**

FROM **John Roser, Waste Operations Manager**

TRIM REF **25/147284**

SUMMARY

Please find attached email received from Committee member, Cate Yates on 5 December 2025. Please see below responses.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Committee to discuss.

REPORT

Questions raised by Cate Yates and responses as follows:

“Is it possible/suitable for us as a landfill/fogo committee to request information about the illegal dumping process/reporting/fines etc in the next meeting or is this not a matter for our Committee?”

Illegal Dumping Procedure

Council receives a complaint (phone/e-mail/website/front desk/CRM) about an illegal dumping issue.

CRM raised to the Compliance team.

Authorised Compliance Officer must make the initial investigation:

- Is the location of the dumping with Griffith LGA? If not, Council will advise customer to contact their own Council for the illegal dumping matter.
- Does the dumped waste pose an immediate public health or safety risk to? If yes, Council will remove it as soon as possible after the site has been investigated by an Authorised Compliance Officer and if possible, evidence been collected.
- Can any evidence be found at the site lead to the offender? If yes, fines under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, may be issued to the offender and/or the offender may be prosecuted in the Local or Land and Environment Court.

Council to clean up the site if the offender refuses to do so or is unable to do so.

Council may pursue the offender for costs associated with the cleanup.

CRM to be updated with actions taken and closed off.

“I would also like to understand/ask the question about the landfill grounds maintenance Is there a plan to pick up the rubbish on the roads to the landfill. Often the road to the landfill is messy with loads on the way to the landfill.”

The Waste Dept has made a concerted effort in the last three months to remove the accumulated windblown rubbish, through staff efforts and the engagement of a labour hire company who can solely concentrate on this work. Please see below seven photos that show recent examples of the ongoing works.

Friday 28/11/25



Thursday 11/12/25



Friday 12/12/25



Thursday 22/01/26



Thursday 5/02/25



Tuesday 3/02/26



“Is there a plan to vegetate the landfill as from Lakes road it has become very obvious/unsightly on the hill with a lack of trees.”

Please see attachments.

[LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

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

ATTACHMENTS

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| (a) | Committee Member - Agenda Item - Cate Yates - 5 Dec 2025 ↓  | 10 |
| (b) | Information - Landfill Final Design Plan ↓  | 11 |
| (c) | Landfill Design Plan ↓  | 12 |

Antoinette Galluzzo

Subject: FW: Agenda Item

From: Cate [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 5 December 2025 9:44 AM
To: Antoinette Galluzzo [REDACTED]
Subject: Agenda Item

Hi Antoinette,

Thanks for the meeting last night. Some good discussions happened.

I was just wondering and following up on a point Lisa Parker made about illegal dumping. Is it possible/suitable for us as a landfill/fogo committee to request information about the illegal dumping process/reporting/fines etc in the next meeting or is this not a matter for our committee?

I would also like to understand/ask the question about the landfill grounds maintenance. Is there a plan to pick up the rubbish on the roads to the landfill. Often the road to the landfill is messy with loads on the way to the landfill. Is there a plan to vegetate the landfill as from Lakes road it has become very obvious/unsightly on the hill with a lack of trees.

Thanks
Cate

[REDACTED]

1 Introduction

Council commissioned a suitably qualified and experienced contractor to prepare a Closure and Rehabilitation Plan (CRP) for the current active landfill at the Tharbogang Waste Management Centre (the Site). The Site is currently operated and owned by GCC and is located on the McPherson Range on Hillside Drive, Tharbogang NSW 2680.

GCC established the Waste Depot in 1984 for the reception and disposal of General Solid Waste (nonputrescible and putrescible). The depot also received tyres and Hazardous Waste for redirection to other approved waste facilities.

The Site comprises two depressions where quarrying has occurred, the northern of which incorporates an unlined landfill for which GCC wishes to undertake the closure and rehabilitation of the Site in accordance with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Environmental Guidelines: Solid Waste Landfills (2016) (Landfill Guidelines) where practicable and approved.

1.1 Project Objectives

This CRP was prepared for the Site to provide GCC with a clear direction on works and operations required to facilitate the future rehabilitation of the landfill in accordance with Landfill Guidelines as well as detailed landfill rehabilitation and post-closure management requirements.

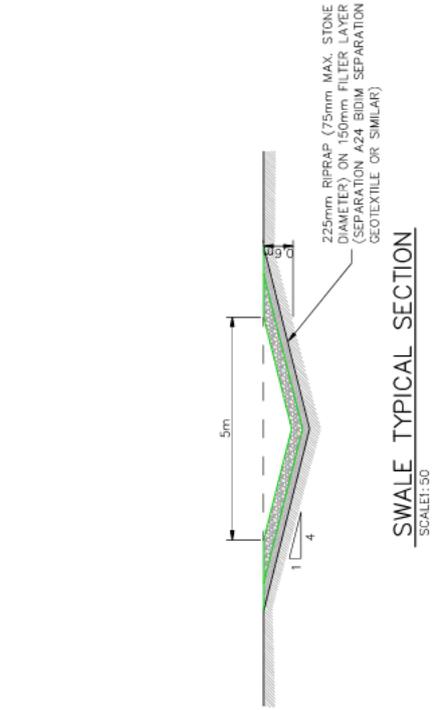
The key objectives of the CRP are to provide:

1. A final capping system profile in accordance with the Landfill Guidelines, where practicable;
 2. Remaining void space calculations;
 3. Environmental engineering and management measures for landfill gas & surface water in accordance with Landfill Guidelines;
 4. A comprehensive phased closure plan which will form the basis of a future detailed design for the whole site and subsequent construction drawings and contract documentation required for the phases of the project;
 5. Post-closure monitoring plan for the rehabilitated landfill;
 6. Cost estimates for rehabilitation and post-closure management; and
 7. Implementation plan to guide GCC towards achieving the outcomes in this CRP.
- This CRP also includes design drawings for the proposed landfill capping profile.

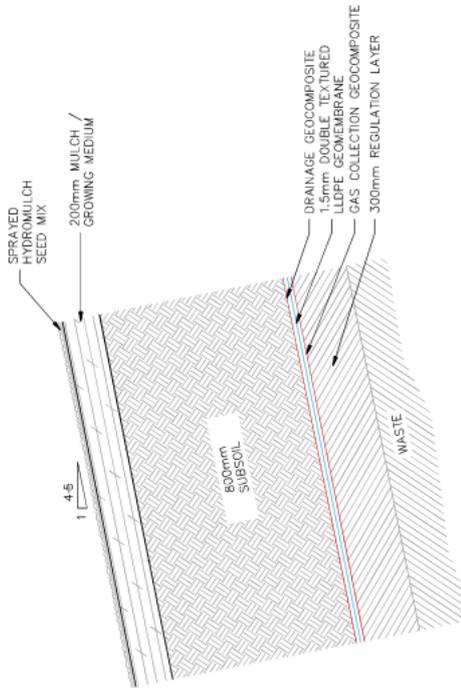
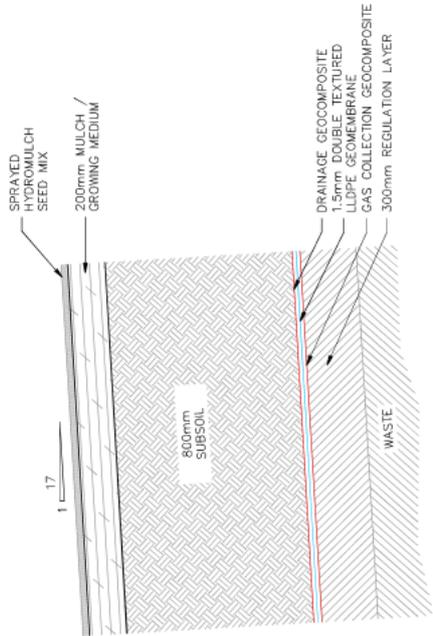
1.2 Scope of the Report

To satisfy the objectives outlined in Section 1.1, this report contains the following sections:

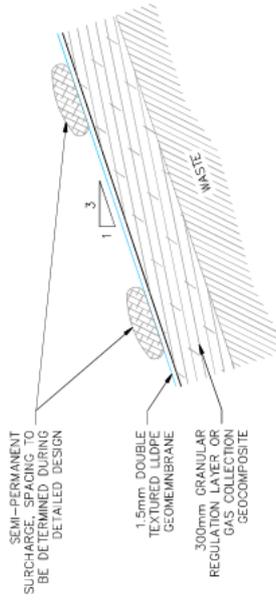
- Introduction;
- Site Description;
- Site Waste Management Activities;
- Rehabilitation Design;
- Capping System;
- Surface Water Management;
- Landfill Gas Management;
- Leachate Management;
- Post-Closure Management and Monitoring;
- Closure Cost Estimates; and
- Implementation Plan.



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TYPICAL SECTION – PERMANENT LANDFILL CAP (LOWER SLOPES)
SCALE: 1:25



TYPICAL SECTION – TEMPORARY LANDFILL CAP
SCALE: 1:25

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CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **Request for Additional Waste and Recycling Bins at Collina Oval**

FROM **John Roser, Waste Operations Manager**

TRIM REF **26/14880**

SUMMARY

On the 4 February 2026 Councillor Christine Stead forwarded an email received by a community member requesting additional garbage and recycling bins at Ted Scobie Oval.

Ted Scobie Oval is serviced on a Thursday and should bins require more frequent emptying, Parks & Garden staff can contact the Commercial Collection Team, who will attend the site to undertake additional collections.

The Director of Infrastructure and Operations will instruct Parks & Garden staff to ensure that full bins are exchanged as required. There are sufficient spare bins stored at Ted Scobie Oval to facilitate this process.

The Director of Infrastructure and Operations also noted that there may be scope to install additional bins around the car park, this will be further investigated.

However, the permanent installation of recycling bins around the oval is not recommended, as this would more than likely lead to contamination. In such circumstances, the collection contractor would be unable to service the bins.

It is important to note that Parks & Garden staff are routinely consulted when placing bin orders to confirm whether additional bins are required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE **CL03**

TITLE **Yenda Landfill - Dump for Free Month - Operating Hours**

FROM **John Roser, Waste Operations Manager**

TRIM REF **26/13590**

SUMMARY

Council has been approached by members of the Yenda Progress Association to extend the opening hours of the Yenda Landfill from 12:00 pm–5:00 pm to 8:00 am–5:00 pm during the Dump for Free Month.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommend Council open the Yenda Landfill for a full day, 8:00am – 5:00pm on each Sunday over the dump for free period, 28/2/26 – 31/3/26.

REPORT

Council has been approached by members of the Yenda Progress Association to extend the opening hours of the Yenda Landfill from 12:00 pm–5:00 pm to 8:00 am–5:00 pm during the Dump for Free Month.

The estimated additional cost to Council associated with this change is \$5,600. This cost includes the following components:

- Additional staff overtime
- Operation of on-site plant and equipment, including the hook-lift truck and wheel loader

It should also be noted that an increase in customer numbers would place additional pressure on the facility, particularly in relation to the availability of landfill airspace.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 4.3 Provide and promote accessibility to services.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE **CL04**

TITLE **Waste Education Plan for 26/27**

FROM **John Roser, Waste Operations Manager**

TRIM REF **26/14882**

SUMMARY

Please find attached Waste Education Plan for 26/27. This document sets out what Waste Education Initiatives will be funded.

RECOMMENDATION

For the information of the Committee.

REPORT

As above.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Waste Education Plan for 26/27 (confidential)

CLAUSE **CL05**

TITLE **Untidy Street - Letter**

FROM **John Roser, Waste Operations Manager**

TRIM REF **26/15328**

SUMMARY

At the Landfill/FOGO Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2025, Councillor Curran requested if an education campaign / letter box drop in Coolah Street can be arranged to inform landowners that they are liable for any rubbish left out the front of their properties.

At the Committee Meeting held on the 4 December 2025 it was suggested that the letter/flyer be sent out in different languages with information on how to dispose waste properly.

Please find attached draft letter.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Committee to discuss.

REPORT

As above.

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ATTACHMENTS

(a) Draft Illegal Dumping Letter [!\[\]\(bcd86b3e3f0edc430a942a7aafcccb17_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(f8f88d5a42e1ae60e23c7d92e642475b_img.jpg\)](#)

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Date

Dear Resident/s,

Illegal dumping of waste at the kerbside

It has come to Council's attention that a significant amount of waste is being illegally dumped along **X Street**

Illegal dumping is when waste is left without permission in public spaces, such as on the kerbside. Commonly dumped items include household garbage, old furniture (such as TV's and mattresses), building waste and tyres. Dumping waste causes serious environmental damage, health risks, and costly clean-ups for ratepayers.

Penalties apply for illegally dumping waste, including up to \$2,500 on the spot fines for individuals.

Griffith City Council is committed to sustainable waste management and assisting residents and businesses to learn more about how to manage their waste responsibly. We operate two landfills, provide a domestic waste collection, a business waste collection, 'dump for free weekends' and a kerbside recycling collection.

Residents can take excess waste and unusable household items to one of Griffith City Councils landfills for a small fee. The Landfills are located at Hillside Drive, Tharbogang and MacManus Road, Yenda. Griffith householders can also drop off their 'hard to dispose of' wastes at the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) year-round, free of charge. Accepted waste includes paint, oil, gas bottles and batteries.

For further information relating to waste management and recycling, please contact Council's friendly customer service team at admin@griffith.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 176 077.

Yours faithfully,

**Griffith City Councils
Landfill / FOGO Committee**

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 26/15508

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Action Report - Landfill FOGO Committee - 12 Feb 2025 [↓](#) 

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Landfill / FOGO Committee Action Report				
Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Action Officer	Comment
4 Dec 2025	7.4 Bulky Waste Options	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Lisa Parker and Wendy Borg that staff investigate costing of an individual collection service for bulky waste.	John Roser	5/02/2026: Report to 14 May 2026 Committee Meeting.
3 September 2025	CL01 FOOD ORGANIC GARDEN ORGANIC (FOGO) PROCESS	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Lisa Parker and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that the Landfill / FOGO Committee request that the Draft Kerbside Collection Policy be referred to a Councillor Workshop, with the view of introducing the Food Organic Waste Organic (FOGO) system on 1 July 2027.	Graham Gordon	4/12/2025: Policy went to Workshop 18 Nov 2025.
3 September 2025	7.1 Clarification of Social Media Post	Ms Forner questioned a social media post which stated "Separate: Remove Caps and lids" as to her knowledge it is not necessary to do that.	John Roser	4/12/2025: Awaiting information 15/01/2026: Spoke to Kurrajong Recyclers (15/1/26 @ 2:10pm) and confirmed that lids do need to be removed as per social post.
3 September 2025	7.3 Untidy Street	Councillor Curran requested if an education campaign / letter box drop in Coolah Street can be arranged to inform landowners that they are liable for any rubbish left out the front of their properties.	John Roser	4/12/2025: It was suggested that the letter/flyer be sent out in different languages, with information on how to dispose waste properly. 5/02/2026: Report to 12 Feb 2026 Committee Meeting.
3 September 2025	7.4 Murrumbidgee Irrigation Channels	Councillor Dal Bon questioned if Murrumbidgee Irrigation will be using our Waste Management Centre for the disposal of concrete from their works program. Director of Utilities to follow this up with Murrumbidgee Irrigation.	Graham Gordon	4/12/2025: Murrumbidgee Irrigation are not using our landfill for any concrete from their works.

<p>3 September 2025</p>	<p>7.5 Hospital Demolition</p>	<p>Councillor Dal Bon questioned if the waste from the demolition of Hospital will go to our Waste Management Centre. Director of Utilities to follow this up with the Department of Planning.</p>	<p>Graham Gordon</p>	<p>4/12/2025: Advice received from the EPA, allowing us to accept the construction material at the landfill. Mr Gordon has written to the contactors.</p>
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