



Ordinary Meeting

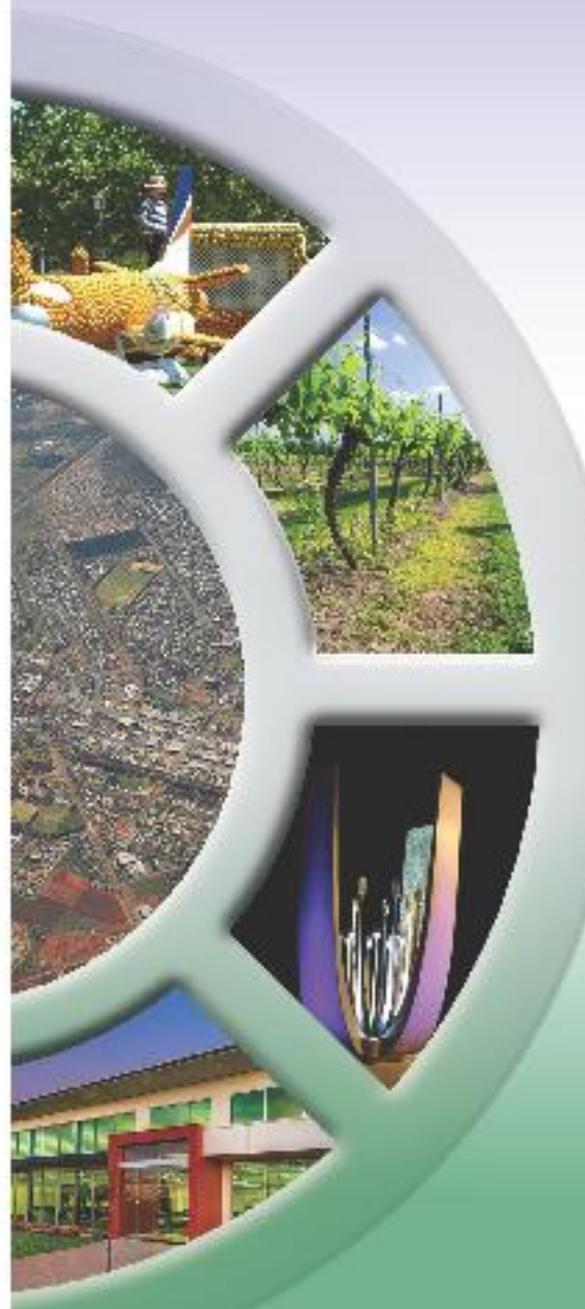
BUSINESS PAPER

Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 7:00 PM

Griffith City Council Chambers

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Councillors' obligations under the Oath or Affirmation of Office are as follows:

Oath

I [*name of Councillor*] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Griffith and the Griffith City Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Affirmation

I [*name of Councillor*] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Griffith and the Griffith City Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Councillors' obligations under the Code of Conduct in relation to conflicts of interest include:

[What is a pecuniary interest?](#)

A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3 of the Code of Conduct.

[Disclosure of pecuniary interests at meetings](#)

A Councillor who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which Council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of Council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.

The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council:

- (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by Council, or
- (b) at any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

[What is a non-pecuniary conflict of interest?](#)

Non-pecuniary interests are private or personal interests a Council official has that do not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in clause 4.1 of the Code of Conduct. A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.

[Managing non-pecuniary conflicts of interest](#)

Where Councillors have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter they must disclose the relevant private interest they have in relation to the matter fully and in writing as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the non-pecuniary conflict of interest.

[Click here to lodge an online Conflict of Interest Form.](#)

How Councillors manage a non-pecuniary conflict of interest will depend on whether or not it is significant.

A non-pecuniary conflict of interest will be significant where it does not involve a pecuniary interest, but it involves:

- (a) a relationship between a Councillor and another person who is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly close, such as a current or former spouse or de facto partner, a relative or another person from the Councillor's extended family that the Councillor has a close personal relationship with, or another person living in the same household.
- (b) other relationships with persons who are affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that are particularly close, such as friendships and business relationships. Closeness is defined by the nature of the friendship or business relationship, the frequency of contact and the duration of the friendship or relationship.
- (c) an affiliation between the Councillor and an organisation (such as a sporting body, club, religious, cultural or charitable organisation, corporation or association) that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly strong. The strength of a Councillor's affiliation with an organisation is to be determined by the extent to which they actively participate in the management, administration or other activities of the organisation.
- (d) membership, as the Council's representative, of the board or management committee of an organisation that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration, in circumstances where the interests of Council and the organisation are potentially in conflict in relation to the particular matter.
- (e) a financial interest (other than an interest of a type referred to in clause 4.6 of the Code of Conduct) that is not a pecuniary interest for the purposes of clause 4.1 of the Code of Conduct.
- (f) the conferral or loss of a personal benefit other than one conferred or lost as a member of the community or a broader class of people affected by a decision.

If the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to a matter under consideration at a Council meeting, Councillors must manage the conflict of interest as if a Councillor had a pecuniary interest in the matter by complying with clauses 4.28 and 4.29 of the Code of Conduct. That is, a Councillor who has a significant non-pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at a Council meeting must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council:

- (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by Council, or
- (b) at any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

If Councillors determine that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is not significant and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest they must explain in writing why they consider that the non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

Councillors should refer to Council's Code of Conduct policy for further information in relation to managing conflicts of interest at Council Meetings.

Opening Affirmations

Option 1

Let us meet in this Council Chamber in a spirit of fellowship and goodwill to represent all the members of our community in its cultural and religious diversity.

To be honest and objective in all our deliberations.

To respect the views of the residents, the rights of all Councillors to express their opinions without fear or favour and to make decisions for the common good of our community.

Option 2

Almighty God

We ask that you guide us in our decision making.

Protect us and the community we serve.

Direct our deliberations for the progress of this City and the true welfare of its people.

Option 3

I ask those gathered to join us now for a few moments of silence as we reflect on our roles in this Chamber. Please use this opportunity for reflection, prayer or thought, to focus on our shared intention to work respectfully together for the well-being of our whole community.

Acknowledgment 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.

**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
TO BE HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Griffith City Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 10 March 2026**.

In accordance with Griffith City Council's Code of Meeting Practice and as permitted under the Local Government Act 1993, this meeting will be livestreamed via Facebook and a person's image and / or voice may be broadcast.

A recording of the livestream will be published on Council's website for at least 12 months after the meeting or for the balance of the Council term, whichever is the longer period.

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All speakers should refrain from making any defamatory comments or releasing any personal information about another individual without their consent.

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No other recording by a video camera, still camera or any other electronic device capable of webcasting or recording is permitted without the prior approval of Council.

The agenda for the meeting is:

- 1 Council Acknowledgments
 - 2 Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence or Attendance by Audio-visual Link by Councillors
 - 3 Confirmation of Minutes
 - 4 Business Arising
 - 5 Declarations of Interest
 - 6 Presentations
 - 7 Mayoral Minutes
 - 8 General Manager's Report
- CL01 p18 Quick Turn Around Grant - Punjabi Association of Griffith
- CL02 p24 Request to Waive Hire Fees – Griffith Regional Sports Centre (GRSC)

- CL03 p27 Adoption of Onsite Detention Policy (CS-CP-404)
- 9 Information Reports
- CL04 p41 Guidelines Issued by the Office of Local Government
- CL05 p43 Responses to Councillor Questions Taken on Notice
- CL06 p46 Investments as at 31 January 2026
- 10 Adoption of Committee Minutes
- p56 Minutes of the Saleyards Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2026
- p59 Minutes of the Landfill FOGO Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2026
- p63 Minutes of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026
- 11 Business with Notice – Rescission Motions
- 12 Business with Notice – Other Motions
- 13 Outstanding Action Report
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Scott Grant

GENERAL MANAGER

**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

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

STAFF

General Manager, Scott Grant, Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Matthew Hansen, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, 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 Jenny Ellis 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

26/035

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Stead and O'Grady that an apology be received from Director Utilities, Graham Gordon.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

26/036

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 10 February 2026, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

5 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

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 Jenny Ellis

CL02 – Quick Turn Around Grant Application for Griffith Musicians Club Inc

Reason – I am an ordinary member of the Griffith Musicians Club. I am not on the executive board of the Musicians Club, I haven't had anything to do with preparing this grant and I don't stand to gain any personal financial benefit from it should it be passed.

Councillor Shari Blumer

CL02 – Quick Turn Around Grant Application for Griffith Musicians Club Inc

Reason – I am a non-board member of the Musician's Club and will not directly benefit from decision.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

MM01 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR SHARI BLUMER - DRAFT MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NGA) - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

26/037

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Tony O'Grady that Council endorse the following motions to be submitted for inclusion in the National General Assembly - Australian Local Government Association - to be held in Canberra 23 – 25 June 2026:

1. Impacts of population growth on water allocations:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government and Murray-Darling Basin Authority, as part of the 2026 Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review, to model and consider the impacts of population growth on consumptive water requirements within the Basin, including for communities, irrigators and industry, in light of the risk of reduced flows due to climate change.

National objective

This motion supports National Objective 9 – Climate Change and National Objective 4 – Roads and Infrastructure.

Key arguments / background

Climate Change is expected to reduce flows within the Murray-Darling Basin, putting further pressure on water use. That risk will be compounded by population growth within the Basin, as more water users compete for fewer resources. The Murray-Darling Basin Authority is currently undertaking a review of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. It is critical that the interrelated impacts of population growth and climate change be modelled when reviewing the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, to enable all tiers of government to focus on appropriate climate change adaptation infrastructure, particularly in relation to alternative water sources and efficiency measures for town water.

2. Objects of the Water Act 2007 (Cth) and purpose of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan:

This National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government and Murray-Darling Basin Authority, as part of the 2026 Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review, to amend the Water Act 2007 (Cth) and regulations to prescribe further international agreements / treaties relevant to the management of Basin water resources, in particular those relating to clean drinking water and critical human water needs, in order to broaden the objects of the Water Act 2007 (Cth) and purpose of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

National objective

This motion supports National Objective 9 – Climate Change and National Objective 4 – Roads and Infrastructure.

Key arguments / background

Climate Change is expected to reduce flows within the Murray-Darling Basin, putting further pressure on water use. That risk will be compounded by population growth within the Basin, as more water users compete for fewer resources. The Murray-Darling Basin Authority is currently undertaking a review of the Murray-Darling Basin

Plan. The focus of the Water Act 2007 (Cth) is environmental management of international recognised wetlands, being the constitutional basis for the legislation pursuant to the Commonwealth foreign affairs power and internationally ratified wetland preservation treaties. As part of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review, the objects of the Act must be genuinely broadened, to properly take into account forecast town water use, including drinking water. To that end, it is submitted that the Act and regulations should prescribe further international agreements / treaties relevant to clean drinking water and critical human water needs. This would enable a greater focus on appropriate climate change adaptation infrastructure, particularly in relation to alternative water sources and efficiency measures for town water.

3. Water buybacks:

This National General Assembly calls upon the Australian Government and Murray-Darling Basin Authority, as part of the 2026 Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review, to amend the Water Act 2007 (Cth) to exclude any further environmental water recovery by way of water buy-backs, until such time as Sustainable Development Limit Adjustment Mechanism projects are delivered in full, particularly those relating to constraints and the Enhanced Environmental Water Delivery (EEWD) project.

National objective

This motion supports National Objective 9 – Climate Change and National Objective 4 – Roads and Infrastructure.

Key arguments / background

Approximately 30 percent of water within the Murray-Darling Basin has now been recovered for environmental use. A large part of that water has been recovered through water buybacks, with a 450 GL buyback scheme currently underway. A further 605 GL of water could also be recovered by way of water buybacks, if Sustainable Development Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) projects are not delivered by December 2026. Water buybacks impose significant impacts on Basin communities, by permanently removing water from productive use. As part of the Murray Darling Basin Authority's 2026 review into the Murray-Darling Basin Plan Review it has already stated in its Early Insights paper that it is time to move beyond a 'just add water' mentality when trying to improve environmental health. In addition to integrated catchment management, what is required is an investment in knowhow and expertise in how to use existing water allocations more effectively. That is what SDLAM projects do, which must be properly resourced and implemented, before further water buybacks are considered.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 GRIFFITH URBAN CROWN LAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVATION - MASTERPLAN AND BUSINESS CASE

26/038

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Christine Stead that the meeting suspend standing orders.

The General Manager, Mr Scott Grant and Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Mr Matt Hansen, provided a presentation on the Griffith Urban Crown Land Housing Project – Business Case and Masterplan. Mr Leonard McKinnon and Mr Rod McInnes from the Stable Group, were available on Zoom to answer questions.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

26/039

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the meeting resume standing orders.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Councillor Testoni asked whether Council could include upgrades to the Canal precinct if any development takes place in that area. This matter was taken on notice.

Councillor Dal Bon enquired about the amount of Council's contribution toward the proposed projects and whether Council is in a position to afford this contribution. This matter was taken on notice.

26/040

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

- (a) Council endorse the Griffith Urban Crown Land Affordable Housing Activation - Masterplan and Business Case.

- (b) The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to approach State and Federal bodies and other relevant stakeholders and government agencies to progress this process further.
- (c) A report be brought back to Council providing updates in due course.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

CL02 QUICK TURN AROUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRIFFITH MUSICIANS CLUB INC

26/041

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that Council approve the application for the Quick Turnaround Grant from Griffith Musicians Club Inc for the amount of \$2,460.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

CL03 GRANTS AND WORKS ON COMMUNITY FACILITIES ON COUNCIL CONTROLLED LAND POLICY

26/042

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

- (a) Council endorse the draft Grants and Works for Community Facilities on Council-controlled Land Policy.
- (b) The draft Grants and Works for Community Facilities on Council-controlled Land Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days.
- (c) If any submissions are received, a further report be prepared for Council.
- (d) If no submissions are received, the draft Grants and Works for Community Facilities on Council-controlled Land Policy be considered as adopted by Council as at the date of the conclusion of the advertised exhibition period.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

CL04 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT (QBRS) - DECEMBER 2025 (QUARTER 2)

26/043

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

- (a) Endorse the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the period ending 31 December 2025, prepared in accordance with the NSW Office of Local Government guidelines.
- (b) Note the Responsible Accounting Officer's certification that Council's financial position remains satisfactory.
- (c) Approve the proposed variations to the 2025–26 budget as outlined in the QBRS.
- (d) Authorise submission of the QBRS and electronic data return to the Office of Local Government.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL05 DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT DECEMBER 2025

Councillor Testoni asked when the dead plants at Memorial Park will be replaced. This matter was taken on notice.

26/044

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that Council note the Delivery Program Progress Report as at 31 December 2025.

For
Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran

Against

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

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

CL06 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

26/045

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

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

Against

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

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SALEYARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2025

26/046

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Saleyards Committee meeting held on 9 December 2025 be adopted.

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

Against

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

MINUTES OF THE ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2026

26/047

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee meeting held on 29 January 2026 be adopted.

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

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026

26/048

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Local Traffic Forum meeting held on 10 February 2026 be adopted.

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

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

26/049

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that the report be noted.

For	Against
Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Anne Napoli	

Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.45 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON

CLAUSE	CL01
TITLE	Quick Turn Around Grant - Punjabi Association of Griffith
FROM	Melissa Canzian, Community Development Coordinator
TRIM REF	26/18087

SUMMARY

A Quick Turn Around Grant was received from Punjabi Association of Griffith.

RECOMMENDATION

Council approve the application for the Quick Turnaround Grant from Punjabi Association of Griffith for the amount of \$2,500.

REPORT

The Community Grant Program supports applications from organisations that address the needs of the community as outlined in Council's Strategic Plan 'We Are Griffith 2025-2035'. The program aims to support new initiatives, activities and projects that increase community capacity to address unmet needs, improve well-being and harmony, and reduce isolation of disadvantaged groups and improve social wellbeing.

Punjabi Mela 2026 is a vibrant, family-friendly cultural festival celebrating Punjabi heritage through authentic food, live music, and traditional dance. Now in its third year, this free, inclusive event builds community harmony and integrates a vital social mission: promoting suicide prevention awareness in partnership with local support services. Seeking a Council grant to manage rising costs for essential infrastructure, safety, and the dedicated Community Wellbeing Hub, ensuring the event's sustainability and continued positive impact.

The proposed venue for the Punjabi Mela 2026 is Kooyoo Street Plaza, a central and proven location ideally suited to our event's scale and vision. This site provides the necessary open space to safely host our growing audience while allowing for a thoughtful layout that separates the vibrant main stage and food precinct from a quieter, dedicated area. Its existing amenities, ample parking, and accessibility make it a practical and welcoming choice for all community member for Griffith.

Quick Turn Around Grants are for requests that arise during the year outside of the normal Community Grants timeframe subject to available funding and applications meeting Eligibility Criteria (Refer to 3.5 Terms and Conditions and 3.6 Eligibility Criteria in FS-CP-601). Applications are capped at \$2,500. Eligible applications will be considered as per the Eligibility Criteria, available Council grant funding and endorsed by a report to Council.

The event will be taking place on Saturday, 11 April 2026.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Council decline the Quick Turn Around Grant Application.

OPTION 3

Council supports an amended amount of funding for the grant.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Community Grant Program applications are governed by Community Grant Program Policy FS-CP-601.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

The 2025/2026 amount of funding available in Council's Community Organisation Assistance budget is \$39,847.00

\$ 50,847.00		Account Name	Transaction Description
\$ 48,347.00	\$2,500.00	Griffith Italian Museum & Cult	Quick turn around grant
\$ 45,847.00	\$2,500.00	Riverina Tongan Community Assn	Quick turn around grant
\$ 43,347.00	\$2,500.00	Yenda Public School P & C Assn	Quick turn around grant
\$ 42,847.00	\$ 500.00	Sporting	Individual Achievement Grant
\$ 42,347.00	\$ 500.00	Griffith Veterans' Golf Assn	Quick turn around grant
\$ 39,847.00	\$2,500.00	Griffith Musicians Club	Quick turn around grant

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Moderate Low Risk: Minor policy or regulatory breach resolved through amended practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

The spirit of the Community Grant Program is to support organisations/groups/individuals whose applications address the priorities as articulated in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

The purpose of the Program is to:

- Provide seed funding for new initiatives which will benefit the community
- Facilitate Cultural and Arts events/activities/services
- Assist fund research into local service requirements
- Provide financial assistance to enhance social wellbeing
- Provide assistance to elite sports persons, artists, musicians, students selected to represent NSW or Australia at significant events.

The Community Grant Program Policy (FS-CP-601) brings available Council funds in line with best practice and ensures that grants awarded are done so transparently and are strategic in nature.

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 2.1 Develop and maintain partnerships with community, government and non-government agencies to benefit our community.2.2 Maximise opportunities to secure external funding for partnerships, projects and programs.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Assessment Matrix [!\[\]\(5f2d2595d0064b4edb2df2a5a345b2b6_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(a41f8de0a796f40b219f90efa964f2ba_img.jpg\)](#) 21
- (b) Certificate Of Currency (confidential)
- (c) ATO Document new assessment (confidential)
- (d) Quote Punjabi Grant 2026 (confidential)

Community Grants 2025/2026

**Community Grant Program
Eligibility Assessment Matrix**

Applicant- Punjabi Association of Griffith	Amount Requested- \$2500
<p>Project – Punjabi Mela 2026 A vibrant, free, family-friendly festival celebrating Punjabi culture through food, music, and dance. Now in its third year, the event fosters social harmony and directly promotes community wellbeing by integrating suicide prevention awareness with local support services. Due to growing attendance, we seek a Council grant to cover essential rising costs for safety, infrastructure (stage, marquees), and the Community Wellbeing Hub. This support will ensure the event remains sustainable, accessible, and continues to be a significant cultural and social asset for all of Griffith.</p>	
<p>Description – Punjabi Mela 2026 is a vibrant, family-friendly cultural festival celebrating Punjabi heritage through authentic food, live music, and traditional dance. Now in its third year, this free, inclusive event builds community harmony and integrates a vital social mission: promoting suicide prevention awareness in partnership with local support services. Seeking a Council grant to manage rising costs for essential infrastructure, safety, and the dedicated Community Wellbeing Hub, ensuring the event's sustainability and continued positive impact for Griffith.</p>	
<p>How – The Organising Committee will manage all aspects, leveraging proven volunteer structures and detailed plans. A Council grant will be allocated directly to core costs: hired infrastructure (stage, marquees, fencing), and materials for the Community Wellbeing Hub. We will partner with certified mental health organisations to staff the hub. All logistics, permits, and safety plans will be finalised in collaboration with Council officers. Transparent budgeting and post-event reporting will be provided to ensure accountability and demonstrate the grant’s impact on community cultural and social outcomes.</p>	
<p>Partnerships – Our success relies on key collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Griffith City Council: For grant support, venue logistics, permits, and shared promotion. • Local Mental Health Organisations: (e.g., Wellways) To co-deliver the Community Wellbeing Hub with resources and trained staff. • Punjabi Association & Multicultural Council: For cultural programming, volunteer coordination, and community outreach. • Local Businesses: For sponsorship, vendor stalls, and in-kind support. <p>These partnerships ensure a safe, authentic, and socially impactful event for the entire community.</p>	
<p>Where – Kooyoo Street Plaza Griffith NSW 2680</p>	

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Dates – 11/04/2026 Saturday	
Additional Information –	
<p>The proposed venue for the Punjabi Mela 2026 is Kooyoo Street Plaza, a central and proven location ideally suited to our event's scale and vision. This site provides the necessary open space to safely host our growing audience while allowing for a thoughtful layout that separates the vibrant main stage and food precinct from a quieter, dedicated area. Its existing amenities, ample parking, and accessibility make it a practical and welcoming choice for all community members.</p>	
Project Budget –	
Item	Cost
Stage, Sound & Lights	\$4,000
Marquees & Fencing	\$1,500
Security & First Aid	\$500
Community Wellbeing Hub	\$500
Promotion & Signage	\$1800
Permits & Insurance	\$800
Performer Support	\$5,000
Contingency	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$15,100
<p>Funding Request: \$2,500 from Griffith City Council Community Contribution: \$12,600 (volunteer time, small sponsorships, in-kind support)</p>	
Other –	
Attachments – Certificate of Currency, ATO form (New Organisation) Quote for sound	

Community Grants 2025/2026

Yes	No	Criteria
X		Is the applicant based in, affiliated with and/or service clients within the Griffith City Council Local Government Area?
X		Does the application align with Griffith City Council's Community Strategic Plan?
X		Is the Applicant a not for profit incorporated body registered with Fair Trade / Committee of Council / ATO Registered Charity / Auspice committee or project?
N/A		Has the applicant provided a copy of their most recent annual report and a current liability insurance certificate?
X		Has the applicant provided a budget?
X		Has the applicant included quotes for major expense items over \$500?
X		Does the project identify with one or more of the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community capacity building - developing and strengthening the skills, abilities, processes and resources that communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive. • Reconciliation and/or social inclusion. • Accessibility for people with disability. • Capacity building of disadvantaged groups and/at risk demographics. • Promotes environmental sustainability. • Promotes neighborhood/community safety. • Community development research/pilot program/new initiative. • Social Wellbeing - feel a sense of belonging and social inclusion in your community.
N/A		Have previous applications from this organisation been acquitted?
	X	Does the application duplicate existing projects/services/activities within Griffith LGA?
	X	Is the application for fundraising purposes only?
	X	Will this application be a Federally or State funded project or program?
	X	Is funding for ongoing administrative or operational costs?
	X	Will the applicant use the funding to solely award scholarships, grants, gifts or donations?
	X	Is the application for Capital Works?

Recommendation:

Is the application eligible, as per the Community Grant Program Public Policy?	Yes
What is the funding amount being applied for?	\$2500
Addition Information:	Financial Reports are unavailable for this organisation as it is a new organisation. ATO Documentation provided to support the organisation is registered.

CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **Request to Waive Hire Fees - Griffith Regional Sports Centre (GRSC)**

FROM **Matthew Hansen, Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services**

TRIM REF **26/22310**

SUMMARY

This report requests Council consider a request to waive GRSC hire fees for the Mother's Day Classic event.

The organisers are raising funds for charity, hence they are ineligible for the Community Grants/Quick Turn Around grant programs.

RECOMMENDATION

Council waive the \$600 fee for hire of the Griffith Regional Sports Centre for the Mother's Day Classic event to be held on 10 May 2026.

REPORT

The organisers of the Mother's Day Classic "fun run" charity event have requested Council waive the fee (\$600) for the use of Griffith Regional Sports Centre for Sunday, 10 May 2026.

To Griffith City Council,

I am requesting support for this years Mothers Day Classic Griffith. This is our second year running, and as a non-for-profit event, we are striving to keep costs low whilst creating an amazing event for the Griffith and surrounding community.

The Mothers Day Classic raises funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. It is an event where people come together to walk or run, raise funds and support those affected by Breast Cancer and Ovarian Cancer. It is held at Griffith Regional Sports Centre on May 10, 2026 from ~8.30am-12pm.

Can Griffith City Council please waive the venue hire of \$600? Or offer a lower cost to hire the venue?

Any consideration and help is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,



Local host for Mothers Day Classic Griffith

The Manager provides the following context:

The event is on a Sunday. We would require one staff member only, with wages for the period approximately \$600. We will also look to leverage other stadium bookings while the site is open.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Any other resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The organisers are raising funds for charity, hence they are ineligible for the Community Grants/Quick Turn Around grant programs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

The request itself is not financially material for the Council or the facility. It does create a risk of setting a precedent. As a general position, GRSC is a fee charging facility, albeit at a subsidised rate.

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Policy or regulatory breach has no impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

There is some reputational risk associated with a refusal to waive fees.

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

The facility is opening on a Sunday especially to allow this event to take place.

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 3.2 Ensure Council's financial sustainability through effective financial management that is transparent and accountable.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE	CL03
TITLE	Adoption of Onsite Detention Policy (CS-CP-404)
FROM	Graham Gordon, Director Utilities
TRIM REF	26/18799

SUMMARY

At its Ordinary Meeting on 26 November 2025, Council resolved to amend the Onsite Detention Policy (CS-CP-404) to provide for Council ownership and maintenance of detention basins and associated infrastructure within Torrens Title subdivisions, subject to specified conditions. The draft amended local policy was advertised and placed on public exhibition for 42 days with no submissions received. Despite no submissions received, a local policy is required to return to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt the Onsite Detention Policy CS-CP-404 as attached to this report.

REPORT

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 November 2025, Council resolved the following:

Notice of Motion – Councillor Tony O’Grady

25/376

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O’Grady and Christine Stead that Council amends the Onsite Detention Policy CS-CP-404 to include:

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.

In accordance with Council’s Policies – Adoption of (GOV-CP-311) policy, amendments to Council policies are required to be advertised for a minimum of 28 days to allow for public comment prior to adoption. As this is a local policy, the draft amended policy incorporating the above provision was placed on public exhibition for a period of 42 days, as required by the Local Government Act 1993.

The exhibition period closed at 4:00 pm on 16 February 2026. No submissions were received.

OPTIONS

Any other resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Onsite Detention Policy CS-CP-404

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Increase to Parks & Gardens budget for maintenance, partially offset by Stormwater levy to be adopted as part of the 2026/27 Revenue Policy. Refer to previous report.

Moderate Low Risk: Minor financial loss > \$10,000 to \$1 million.

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Moderate Low Risk: Minor policy or regulatory breach resolved through amended practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Moderate Low Risk: Short term interruption of services or operations. Limited impact to staff and service standards. Short term contractor performance affected.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 3.1 Undertake Council activities within a clear framework of risk management, strategic planning, policies, procedures and service standards to enhance accountability, resilience and informed decision making.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

Community consultation – public exhibition on Connect Griffith website.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Onsite Detention - Local Policy - Amended Nov 2025  

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Onsite Detention CS-CP-404 (LOCAL POLICY)

Policy History

Revision No.	Council Meeting Date	Minute No.	Adoption Date
1	11 Oct 2011	0353	11 Oct 2011
2	13 Aug 2013	0255	13 Aug 2013
3	23 Sep 2014	0312	23 Sep 2014
4	22 Aug 2017	17/205	22 Aug 2017
5	23 Aug 2022	22/209	23 Aug 2022
6	9 Sep 2025	25/268	9 Sep 2025

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Glossary

AHD	Australian Height Datum
PMF	Probable Maximum Flood
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability - The change of flood of a given or larger size occurring in any one year, usually expressed as a percentage, e.g. if a peak flood discharge of 500m ³ /s has an AEP of 5% it means that there is a 5% chance (that is one-in-20 chance) of a 500m ³ /s or larger events occurring in any one year
OSD	On-site Stormwater Detention
SRD	Site Reference Discharge
SSR	Site Storage Requirement
WSUD	Water Sensitive Urban Design

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

A comprehensive assessment of flooding within the Griffith area has been completed and is outlined in the following studies:

- Aerodrome Overland Flow Flood Study (2010)
- Aerodrome Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2011)
- CBD Overland Flow Flood Study (2012)
- CDB Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2013)
- Lake Wyangan Flood Study (2012)
- Lake Wyangan Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2013)



- Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Flood Study 2015 Vol 1
- Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Flood Study 2015 Vol 2 - Part 1
- Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Flood Study 2015 Vol 2 - Part 2
- Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Flood Study 2015 Vol 2 - Part 3
- Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Flood Study 2015 Vol 2 - Part 4
- Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2015)

The studies determined that flooding presents significant financial and consequential risk to properties, business and agriculture within the Griffith LGA.

At Griffith, the Main Branch Canal forms a significant barrier to discharge from the majority of urban areas. Run-off generated within urban areas ponds behind Main Branch Canal until it is discharged via a number of subways situated beneath the Main Branch Canal. The present arrangement of subways do not have sufficient capacity to adequately convey the existing peak discharge generated within their respective sub-catchments.

The findings from the flood studies completed for the Griffith LGA highlight the need to manage the discharge of run-off within the LGA. Specifically, there is a need to ensure that any future development within the LGA does not exacerbate existing flood issues.

The construction of buildings, roads, paved areas and similar features is likely to increase the impermeable proportion of the catchment area. An increase in the proportion of impermeable land typically generates an increase in the peak and volume of run-off. Additionally, it may reduce the available flood warning time for properties located downstream.

Accordingly, there is a need for an On-site Stormwater Detention Policy to provide guidelines for the management of run-off from development areas, which covers both new developments and modifications to existing developments.

1.2 Policy Statement

The primary aim of the OSD policy is to ensure that new developments and redevelopments do not increase the volume or peak discharge of run-off within a catchment or modify the temporal distribution of stormwater discharge whereby flood impacts are adversely affected at sites situated downstream during critical storm events up to and including the 1% AEP event.

The OSD solution should create a sustainable solution for stormwater flow management, which complements any Water Sensitive Urban Design (WUSD) aspects of the development. There should be neither increase in the site discharge to the downstream drainage system nor reduction in the volume of storage provided unless specifically allowed in the following sections.



1.3 OBJECTIVES

The On-Site Stormwater Detention (OSD) Policy for the Griffith City Council LGA has been developed to manage the discharge of stormwater from new dwellings, developments, sub-divisions and alterations to existing dwellings/developments. The objectives include the following:

- restrict peak flows from developments to which OSD restrictions apply, for all events up to and including the 1% AEP event, to estimated peak flows under pre-development conditions.
- ensure that development does not adversely affect the volume and temporal distribution of run-off conveyed via existing subways;
- manage the volume and distribution of run-off conveyed via secondary and tertiary drainage channels situated within the floodplain;
- prevent increases in downstream flooding and drainage problems that could:
 - increase flood losses
 - damage public assets
 - reduce property values
 - require additional expenditure on flood mitigation or drainage works.
- reduce post development peaks, throughout the catchment, to as close to natural levels as practical;
- encourage integration of OSD systems into the architectural design and layout of the development so that adequate storage areas are included in the initial stages of the site design;
- encourage integration of the OSD facilities into a sustainable overall water management plan for the site; and,
- require construction supervision of OSD systems by the OSD designer to improve construction standards.

1.4 Areas to Which the Policy Applies

It is important to recognise that two different types of flooding occur within the Griffith Local Government Area. The division in flooding has arisen from the varying types of geography within the Main Drain 'J' catchment and the presence of man-made structures, especially the Main Branch Canal. In general, the two types of flooding may require different approaches towards on-site stormwater detention management.

Differentiating the basis for determining on-site detention is derived from the location of the development site relative to the Main Branch Canal. Typically, areas situated to the north of the Main Branch Canal are locations where it is imperative that run-off is retained on site. However, within certain areas to the south of the Main Branch Canal, there may be benefit gained from allowing run-off to freely discharge off-site.



2 OSD Assessment Requirements

The assessment of OSD requirements has been developed in consideration of the cumulative impact of urbanisation on run-off within the Griffith Local Government Area.

2.1 Developments to Which OSD Applies

OSD requirements generally apply to all types of development and redevelopment on both flood liable and flood-free sites. These include but are not limited to the following:

- all subdivisions;
- single dwellings on lots created by a subdivision approved, unless a communal OSD system was constructed as part of the subdivision;
- all commercial, industrial and special-use developments and buildings;
- town houses, villas, home units, duplexes and dual occupancies;
- semi-detached residential/commercial and residential/industrial properties;
- buildings, car parks and other sealed areas of public sport and recreational facilities;
- single dwellings, extensions and additions;
- sites that include WSUD and water re-use .
- tennis courts;
- roads, car parks, paths and other sealed areas; and
- public buildings.

Consideration will be given to variations to the OSD only where it has been proven conclusively that infiltration/recycling or reuse of run-off will invariably reduce the site stormwater discharge for the full range of storm events and infiltration will not contribute to urban salinity.

2.2 Developments to Which OSD Does Not Apply

The Griffith OSD policy does not apply to:

- sub-divisions of existing dual occupancies where no changes to the buildings or site are proposed;
- boundary adjustments and consolidations of allotments where no additional lots are created;
- minor developments, minor additions and repairs where the proposed development area is less than 100 m² (subsequent minor developments or additions shall require OSD).
- change of use where no physical changes to the outside of the building are proposed;
- new developments in subdivisions where OSD has already been provided for the entire subdivision (this will be assessed on a case by case basis);
- developments which do not increase the total roof and hardstand (concrete/paved/sealed) areas of an existing development, including developments whereby existing roof and hardstand areas are removed and



replaced with roof and hardstand areas that do not increase the roof and hardstand area of the former development.

2.3 Area of the Site to Which OSD Applies

Generally, OSD applies to the entire site, but there may be exceptions in certain circumstances, as follows:

2.3.1 Additions & extensions

On an already-developed property, the OSD requirements apply only to the area of the new development, provided run-off from previously developed areas can be excluded from the OSD storage.

2.3.2 Dual occupancies

Where an additional dwelling is proposed on a lot with an existing dwelling, the OSD requirements will relate to the additional dwelling and a curtilage for anticipated paths, driveways and paved areas. In the absence of details on the plans, the curtilage will be taken as 10% of the area of the proposed second dwelling. Where two or more dwellings are constructed on the same lot at the same time, the OSD requirements will be applied to the entire site.

2.3.3 Subdivision of an existing residential property

When an existing residential property is subdivided to create a single additional lot, the OSD requirements will relate only to the area of the new allotment. The OSD storage facilities may be located on the remainder of the original property, provided the combined peak discharge (from both lots) is no greater than if the OSD systems were located on the new lot.

2.3.4 Subdivisions creating new public or private roads and paths

The OSD requirements apply to the whole development area including roads and paths, not just the individual lots. The best solution will normally be for the detention storage to be located on one lot for the whole subdivision.

2.3.5 Undeveloped portions of a lot

Portions of large lots which are unaffected by the development may be excluded from the area to be controlled by the OSD systems, provided flows from these areas can be diverted around the OSD system. Council approval must be obtained before excluding portions of a lot from the OSD requirements.

2.3.6 Floodways

Creeks, waterways and drainage swales that carry major concentrated flows around the storage area are defined as floodways. The area of the



floodway can be excluded from the site area for the purpose of calculating the site storage requirements, provided that the area is protected from development by an appropriate covenant or easement.

2.3.7 New development or redevelopment

Where the proposed development is of a vacant site or a complete redevelopment of an already-developed property, the OSD requirement will relate to the unsealed area of the property.

2.3.8 Battle-axe blocks

The access driveway to battle-axe blocks shall be included in the site area used for calculation of the site storage requirements.

2.4 Policy Variations

Council will consider requests to vary control standards or provide/contribute to alternative storage facilities in accordance with the procedures outlined in Appendix A. For equity reasons, where OSD is waived for a particular site, equivalent expenditure on measures providing environmental and/or community benefits from the development, such as water quality improvements, will be required.

In some situations, where the site is flood prone and the watercourse flows through the site, Council may accept the provision of additional mainstream flood storage in lieu of OSD. In these cases, the storage must be available over the full range of storm events and allow for the fact that mainstream flood levels will tend to decrease over time. The additional storage required is expected to be comparable but not less than the site's OSD storage requirement. Any such provision will need to be considered in the context of the preliminary floodway line which has been developed for Main Drain 'J' and its tributaries.

3 Control Standards

3.1 Catchment Areas to the North of Main Branch Canal

Flooding and drainage issues within catchments situated to the north of the Main Branch Canal are exacerbated by the presence of man-made embankments. Of these, the Main Branch Canal is the most significant barrier overland flow, which causes floodwaters to pond behind the embankment for flood events up to and including the the 1% AEP event. Discharge of waters ponded behind the Main Branch Canal is controlled via a series of "subways" which are located along the Main Branch Canal. The areas covered by the OSD Policy are identified on Figure 1.

3.1.1 Site Reference Discharge

The Site Reference Discharge (SRD) for the orifice outlet is 65 L/s/ha.



On a case by case basis, with the written approval from Council's Director of Utilities, The Site Reference Discharge can be adjusted in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 5.1 of the Upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust On-site Stormwater Detention Handbook.

This has been derived from consideration of the critical storm for the the 1% AEP event occurring in catchments situated to the north of Main Drain 'J'.

3.1.2 Site Storage Requirements

The Site Storage Requirements (SSR) is determined by the consultant and shape of the storage so as to ensure a maximum discharge of 65 L/s/ha at the critical the 1% AEP storm.

3.1.3 Minimum outlet size

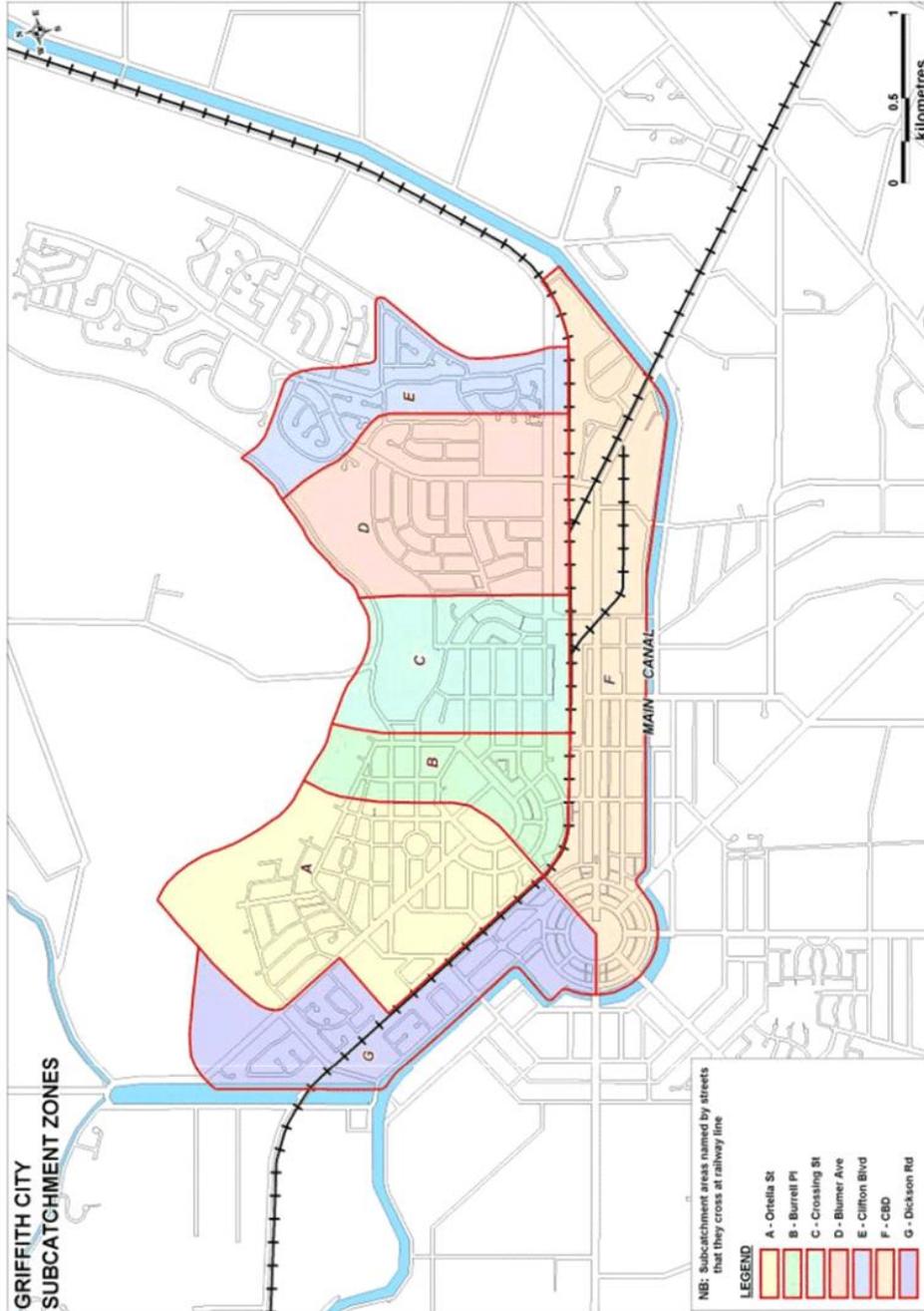
To reduce the likelihood of the primary or secondary outlets being blocked by debris, the outlet openings shall have a minimum internal diameter or width of at least 25 mm and shall be protected by an approved mesh screen. Minimum 90mm diameter pipelines within developments will only be accepted.

3.1.4 Ponding depths

Guidelines to assist in determining depths and frequencies of ponding for different classes of storages are given in Table 1 Suggested Ponding Depths for Various Storm Events.



Figure 1 Griffith Urban Sub Catchment



**Table 1 Suggested Ponding Depths for Various Storm Events**

STORAGE AREA TYPE	SUGGESTED DEPTH	FREQUENCY OF INUNDATION
Pedestrian areas	Beginning to pond	5% AEP
	50 mm	1% AEP
Parking and driveways	Beginning to pond	10% AEP
	100 mm	5% AEP
	200 mm	1% AEP
Gardens	Beginning to pond	100% AEP
	200 mm	50% AEP
	400 mm	10% AEP
	600 mm	1% AEP
Private courtyards (where the area is between 25 -60 metres squared)	Beginning to pond	20% AEP
	300 mm	5% AEP
	600 mm	1% AEP
Paved recreation in common areas	Beginning to pond	6 times per year

It is emphasised that these are general guidelines that will be varied according to the nature of the development and the location of the storage. The maximum depth of ponding in above ground storages is 600 mm.

Council may approve deeper ponding in individual cases where the applicant demonstrates that safety issues have been adequately addressed. For example warning signs and or fencing should be installed where the depth exceeds 600 mm or adjacent to pedestrian traffic areas.

3.1.5 Safety fences

Surface storages should be constructed to be easily accessible, with gentle side slopes permitting walking in or out. A maximum gradient of 1(V):4(H) (ie. 1 vertical to 4 horizontal) will be required on at least one side to permit safe egress in an emergency. Where steep or vertical sides are unavoidable, due consideration should be given to safety aspects, such as the need for fencing or steps or a ladder, both when the storage is full and empty. Balustrades (fences) must comply with the Building Code of Australia while safety fences should comply with the Swimming Pool Act 1992.

3.1.6 Internal drainage system

The stormwater drainage system (*including surface gradings, gutters, pipes, surface drains and overland flowpaths*) for the property must:



- be able to collectively convey all run-off to the OSD system in a the 1% AEP event with a duration equal to the time of concentration of the site; and
- ensure that the OSD storage is by-passed by all run-off from neighbouring properties and any part of the site not being directed to the OSD storage, for storms up to and including the 1% AEP event.

3.1.7 Signage

Small OSD signs (*refer* Figure N3 in the Appendix of the Upper Parramatta Trust Onsite Stormwater Detention Handbook) shall be located in or near the OSD facility to alert future owners of their obligations to maintain the facility.

OSD Warning Signs (see Figure N1 of the Upper Parramatta Trust Onsite Stormwater Detention Handbook) are only required for OSD systems where deemed necessary by a Council because of the depth and/or location of the storage.

Signs are required at each entry into confined spaces, such as deep pits or underground storages. Guidance on the size of signs and appropriate materials is given in Appendix N of the Upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust On-Site Storm Water Detention Handbook.

3.2 Catchment Areas to the South of Main Branch Canal

On Site Stormwater Detention requirements for development catchment areas to the south of the main branch canal will be assessed on a case by case basis. The villages of Yoogali, Hanwood & Yenda will be required to limit post development flows to pre development flows. In some instances, release of excess stormwater earlier on in a rainfall event may be more beneficial when considering the overall impacts on flooding.

4 Assessment and Approval of OSD

4.1 Development Approvals for Subdivisions

In general, OSD requirements are imposed at the subdivision stage, in the following manner:

- Development Application – submission and approval of a conceptual layout of the OSD system (Stormwater Concept Plan);
- Submission of Engineering Plans – submission and approval of the detailed design, including calculations and construction plans and details; and
- Release of Subdivision Certificate/Linen Plans – submission and approval of work-as-executed drawings, certificates of hydraulic compliance, and legal instruments on property titles protecting the OSD system.



An OSD system should be constructed at the time of subdivision and not deferred until the construction of the individual dwellings, except if it is proven that there are site restrictions (See Section 4 of the Upper Parramatta Trust Onsite Stormwater Detention Handbook).

4.2 Development Approvals and Construction Certificates

When the OSD requirements are implemented through the development approval and construction certificate process, the approval is in three stages:

- Development Application – submission and approval of a conceptual layout of the OSD system (Stormwater Concept Plan);
- Construction certificate – submission and approval of the detailed design, including calculations and construction plans and details;
- Final Approval (Occupation Certificate) – submission and approval of work-as-executed drawings, certificates of hydraulic (and structural, if required) compliance and legal instruments protecting the OSD system.
- If the OSD system was constructed at the subdivision stage on individual allotments, the system should be re-certified at final approval (i.e. Occupation Certificate) to ensure it will function as designed and that run-off from the roof, paved areas and landscaped areas is directed to the OSD system.

5 Ownership and Maintenance Responsibilities

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.

(Resolved at the Council Meeting 26 November 2025 – Notice of Motion)

6 References

- Engineers Australia, '*Australian Rainfall and Runoff – A Guide to Flood Estimation*'; Books 1 to 9.
- Upper Parramatta River Catchment Trust (1999), '*On-site Stormwater Detention Handbook*', Third Edition, December 1999.

CLAUSE **CL04**

TITLE **Guidelines Issued by the Office of Local Government**

FROM **Leanne Austin, Governance Manager**

TRIM REF **26/18621**

SUMMARY

The NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) has released supplementary guidance materials to support implementation of the 2025 Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW. These include:

- Closed Meetings Guidelines
- Livestreaming Guidelines (updated from earlier webcasting guidance)
- Model Public Forum Rules
- Updated FAQs addressing sector questions since the Code was prescribed.

RECOMMENDATION

Council note the information.

REPORT

The supplementary guidance materials issued by the OLG are intended to support councils in correctly applying the mandatory provisions of the 2025 Model Meeting Code.

- The **Guidelines on the closure of council and committee¹ meetings to the public** are issued under section 10B(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, requiring councils to have regard to them when determining whether a meeting (or part of a meeting) should be closed to the public.
- The **Livestreaming council and committee¹ meetings and public forums** guidelines are issued under section 23A of the Act and must be taken into consideration when councils livestream meetings and publish recordings.
- The **Model Public Forum Rules** provide non-mandatory best practice guidance for the conduct of public forums prior to Council or committee¹ meetings.

The above guidelines have been reviewed and appropriate processes have been implemented to ensure compliance with the Model Meeting Code and alignment with best practice.

Note ¹ - Under the 2025 Model Meeting Code, a 'committee of the council' is a committee that consists only of councillors.

OPTIONS

As per Recommendation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Local Government Act 1993, Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

Moderate Low Risk: Minor policy or regulatory breach resolved through amended practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Moderate Low Risk: Minor adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity. Resolved with Manager or Director Comment. No impact on staff morale.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 3.1 Undertake Council activities within a clear framework of risk management, strategic planning, policies, procedures and service standards to enhance accountability, resilience and informed decision making.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) OLG Circular 26-02 (under separate cover) 
- (b) Guidelines on the closure of council and committee meetings to the public (under separate cover) 
- (c) Livestreaming council and committee meetings and public forums (under separate cover) 
- (d) Model public forum rules (under separate cover) 
- (e) 2025 Model Meeting Code FAQ (under separate cover) 

CLAUSE	CL05
TITLE	Responses to Councillor Questions Taken on Notice
FROM	Joe Rizzo, Director Sustainable Development Matthew Hansen, Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services Phil King, Director Infrastructure and Operations
TRIM REF	26/22412

SUMMARY

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 February 2026, there were three questions Taken on Notice.

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted by Council.

REPORT

CL01 GRIFFITH URBAN CROWN LAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVATION - MASTERPLAN AND BUSINESS CASE

Councillor Testoni asked whether Council could include upgrades to the Canal precinct if any development takes place in that area. This matter was taken on notice.

Response: Review of Council's CBD strategy can include strategies for any upgrades/development within the precinct.

CL01 GRIFFITH URBAN CROWN LAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVATION - MASTERPLAN AND BUSINESS CASE

Councillor Dal Bon enquired about the amount of Council's contribution toward the proposed projects and whether Council is in a position to afford this contribution. This matter was taken on notice.

Response: At this stage, Council has **not** committed to any financial or delivery role in these projects. The Business Case was prepared mainly as a tool to work with the NSW Government to help unlock the land for future housing.

As written in the report presented to Council on 24 February, adopting the Business Case does not commit Council to act as the developer now or in the future. It simply provides evidence and a framework to progress the opportunity. The report also explains that, if the project moves forward, Council may choose to partner with a community housing provider and/or the private sector through different delivery models, such as development agreements, design-and-construct contracts, or build-to-rent partnerships, subject to future Council resolutions and due diligence.

Any Council contribution, if required at all, will depend on how the project is delivered and what external funding sources are available, such as grants, private investment, or loans.

Any final decisions about project delivery, funding models, and whether Council contributes financially must come back to Council for formal consideration, along with detailed advice on financial, governance, and risk impacts.

CL05 DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT DECEMBER 2025

Councillor Testoni asked when the dead plants at Memorial Park will be replaced. This matter was taken on notice.

Response: Parks and Gardens staff will be ordering and planting some annuals to be in by this month. There are some garden beds prone to trampling and it is hoped that this next planting will fill the garden beds in time for Anzac Day.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Policy or regulatory breach has no impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This report has no relevance to the Council's Strategic Plan.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE **CL06**

TITLE **Investments as at 31 January 2026**

FROM **Vanessa Edwards, Finance Manager**

TRIM REF **26/10072**

SUMMARY

This report details Council's investments performance at the month of January 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted by Council.

REPORT

In accordance with Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, it is hereby certified that the investments detailed in the attached schedules have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, its Regulations and Council's current Investment Policy and Strategy which were last amended and adopted on 14 July 2023.

Management is striving to continuously build up cash and investment returns to ensure ongoing financial stability, allocate funds to reserves and provide ongoing liquidity into the future.

Note - Of the cash and investments shown in this report:

- 90.6% is externally restricted, i.e., there are binding legal restrictions about how and where Council can use these funds.
- 8.4% is internally restricted, i.e., Council has made a decision to put these funds aside for a specific purpose
- 1% is unrestricted, i.e., Council can use this money for discretionary projects or activities.

OPTIONS

OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

OPTION 2

Any other Resolution of Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The actions taken comply with Council's current investment policy and strategy, and the Ministerial Order as provided by the NSW Office of Local Government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

As at 31 January 2026, Council had received a total of **\$2,086,076** in interest coupon payments.

The overall net interest income recognised (when combining both interest received and mark-to-market entries) at 31 January 2026 was **\$2,438,475**. The annual budget for 2025/26 is **\$2,923,000**.

Council has a mix of growth and fixed income investments in the portfolio and at certain times growth assets are exposed to equity market fluctuations (volatility) as well as rises in interest rates and may incur non-cash valuation reductions that can impact on reported profits. These are long term assets and Council has no intention of divesting any of these assets when at cyclical lows and therefore crystallising any losses. Invariably, these assets will regain and increase their values over time and they make up a valuable diversity in Council's portfolio overall.

Due to the high volatility across investment markets, it is difficult to obtain cash yields whilst maintaining appropriate diversification of investments and not be exposed to potential fluctuations in the carrying value of these assets. Council's investments are diversified primarily across TCorp Managed Funds, term deposits, fixed income bonds and floating rate notes which are largely determined by the restrictions in place by the Minister's Order. Council's investments are diversified, all highly rated and of high quality.

Minor Low Risk: Low financial loss <\$10,000

COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Moderate Low Risk: Minor policy or regulatory breach resolved through amended practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Minimal environmental impact handled internally.

REPUTATION / COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Limited adverse public/staff reaction and/or negative publicity.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: Nil impact to service delivery.

WHS / HR IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Minor Low Risk: No injuries/Nil impact to service delivery.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

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(b) Statement of Funds at 30 November, 2025

GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL

Statement of Funds Invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993
30 November, 2025

INVESTMENTS

Annual Return	Type	Valuation Balance as at 30 November, 2025	Interest Recognised November, 2025	Revaluation Movements Recognised November, 2025	Fund as a Percentage of Total Investments
Cash/Managed Funds					
3.588%	Pendal Institutional Cash Fund	9,132.20		27.21	0.01%
1.400%	Perpetual Credit Income Fund	1,157,335.95		1,349.53	1.53%
5.98%*	NSW Treasury Corp -Long Term Growth Fund	2,044,275.89		(6,473.41)	2.71%
3.60%*	NSW Treasury Corp -Medium Term Growth Fund	6,385,935.93		(19,388.27)	8.45%
1.87%*	NSW Treasury Corp - Short Term Income Fund	4,179,783.00	14,045.58	(523.66)	5.53%
2.800%	UBS Cash Management Trust Account	76,819.85	274.83		0.10%
3.500%	ANZ Premium Business Saver Account	7,979.22	25.00		0.01%
Term Deposits					
4.000%	AMP 365 Day Term Deposit Maturity 5/6/26	2,000,000.00	6,886.66		2.65%
4.000%	BOQ 1 Year Term Deposit Maturity 10/6/2026	1,099,763.48	3,665.88		1.48%
4.480%	Westpac Bank 2 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 9/9/2026	3,000,000.00	11,200.00		3.97%
4.150%	NAB 1 Year Term Deposit Maturity 9/9/2026	2,000,000.00	6,916.67		2.65%
4.000%	BOQ 1 Year Term Deposit Maturity 10/6/26	2,000,000.00	6,886.67		2.65%
4.590%	Westpac Bank 18 Month Term Deposit Maturity 30/3/26	3,000,000.00	11,475.00		3.97%
4.880%	ING 3 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 8/11/2025	-	16,355.80		0.00%
4.050%	Westpac Bank Notice Saver 60 Day	2,817,325.82	8,725.69		3.73%
4.000%	Westpac Bank Notice Saver 31 Day	5,958,258.09	18,226.94		7.89%
5.000%	NAB 3 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 9/10/2026	3,500,000.00	14,583.33		4.63%
4.400%	Rabo Bank 5 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 26/6/2029	2,500,000.00	9,166.67		3.31%
4.430%	Rabo 4 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 2/7/2029	2,000,000.00	7,383.33		2.65%
4.580%	Rabo Bank 5 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 1/7/2030	2,000,000.00	7,633.33		2.65%
5.250%	Rabo Bank 4 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 25/07/2029	2,000,000.00	8,750.00		2.65%
5.190%	NAB 2 Year Term Deposit Maturity 29/6/2026	2,000,000.00	8,650.00		2.65%
5.300%	Rabo Bank 4 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 26/6/2028	2,500,000.00	11,041.66		3.31%
5.090%	Rabo Bank 5 Yr Term Deposit Maturity 14/1/2030	2,000,000.00	8,483.33		2.65%
3.750%	Bendigo Adelaide Bank 2 Month Term Deposit Maturity 5/1/2026	7,148,447.23	24,603.39		9.46%
Bank Bonds/Floating Rate Notes #					
1.250%	NSW Treasury Corp Bond (\$2M Face Value) Maturity 20/11/30	1,724,500.00	12,500.00	(22,120.00)	2.28%
2.000%	NSW Treasury Corp Bond (\$2M Face Value) Maturity 8/3/33	1,661,220.00		(26,500.00)	2.20%
1.750%	Government of the ACT Bond (\$600k Face Value) Maturity 17/5/30	535,632.00	5,250.00	(6,198.00)	0.71%
4.345%	NAB FRN (\$1.7M Face Value) Maturity 10/05/2027	1,708,120.00	16,499.48	(187.00)	2.28%
4.450%	NAB FRN (\$1.6M Face Value) Maturity 18/10/2027	1,603,848.00		(8,320.00)	2.12%
4.389%	NAB FRN (\$1.6M Face Value) Maturity 18/03/2030	1,608,160.00		(608.00)	2.13%
3.987%	WBC Floating Bond (\$2.5M Face Value) Maturity 12/12/2025	2,500,100.00		(375.00)	3.31%
4.334%	WBC Floating Bond (\$1.5M Face Value) Maturity 21/01/2030	1,507,515.00		(840.00)	2.00%
4.655%	Bendigo Adelaide Bank FRN (\$800k Face Value) Maturity 08/05/2027	804,696.00	9,299.81	(112.00)	1.07%
5.155%	Maitland Mutual Limited FRN (\$500k Face Value) Maturity 15/05/2028	498,915.00	9,442.52	(1,190.00)	0.66%
	Total	75,535,562.66	256,501.77	(91,436.60)	100%

*YTD Fund Return

Bank Bonds/Floating Rate Notes will have positive or negative revaluations from month to month. Upon maturity date the principal investment will be paid back in full.

Balance of Griffith City Council Trading Bank Account	26,351,859.10
GHFLU/HHF Bank Account Balances	24,252.95

Total Cash & Investments at 30/11/2025 **101,911,674.71**

RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

Return on Investments Analysis	Actual
Accumulated Return on Investments Brought Forward	1,571,332.48
Interest received on Griffith Health Facilities Limited Bank Accounts YTD November 2025	31.14
Return on Investments for the month of November 2025	165,065.17
Trading Bank Account Interest Received for the month of November 2025	52,828.82
Total Return of Investments YTD November 2025	1,789,255.61

Fund	Original Budget Annual Total	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Ordinary Fund	1,150,000.00	485,000.00	638,819.13
Water Fund	1,020,000.00	425,000.00	638,732.48
Sewerage Fund	500,000.00	210,000.00	379,198.94
Waste Fund	250,000.00	104,165.00	129,682.02
Western Riverina Library	3,000.00	1,250.00	2,523.04
Total	2,923,000.00	1,225,415.00	1,789,255.61
		Percentage of Year at Report Date	41.67%

In accordance with Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, I hereby certify that the investments detailed above are made in accordance with the Local Government Act, its regulations and Council's investment policy adopted on 14 July, 2023.

RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

(b) Investments Returns Analysis - 12 month Annualised Yields

INVESTMENT RETURNS ANALYSIS - 12 MONTH ANNUALISED YIELDS			
Month	Average Funds Invested for the month	Return on Investment/ Revaluation Adjustments	Yield %
Feb-25	\$71,650,559	\$300,001	0.42%
Mar-25	\$71,236,835	\$170,445	0.24%
Apr-25	\$74,343,469	\$356,095	0.48%
May-25	\$78,289,264	\$467,698	0.60%
Jun-25	\$78,756,807	\$417,921	0.53%
Jul-25	\$78,909,976	\$296,953	0.38%
Aug-25	\$79,101,138	\$366,819	0.46%
Sep-25	\$79,313,036	\$381,594	0.48%
Oct-25	\$79,488,097	\$364,284	0.46%
Nov-25	\$77,560,632	\$165,065	0.21%
Dec-25	\$74,300,071	\$218,076	0.29%
Jan-26	\$75,842,864	\$283,302	0.37%
12 Month Annualised Performance			4.92%
Current Year Performance Jul 25 - Jun 26			2.66%
(Cash basis only, net of fees)			



January 2026
Published: 2 February 2026

Monthly economic report

The global economy

The global economy continues to prove resilient to a seemingly relentless torrent of unexpected policy announcements. In January alone, the US removed Venezuelan President Maduro, threatened to take ownership of Greenland, issued a subpoena to the Chair of the US Federal Reserve threatening a criminal indictment, threatened to impose additional 50% tariffs on Canada and threatened Iran with military action.

While the policy uncertainty has taken a toll on US consumer confidence, it appears to be having little impact on their spending behaviour, which remained strong through the end of 2025. That might reflect resilience in the labour market, with unemployment remaining low, despite more modest employment gains. Most of the policymakers at the US Central Bank appear comfortable with how the economy is performing and the current stance of policy. At the end of January, however, President Trump nominated Kevin Warsh to be US Fed Chair when Jerome Powell's term ends in May 2026. It will be interesting to see if Mr Warsh attempts to steer policy in a more dovish direction, assuming that his nomination is approved by the Senate.

The European economy also remains on a solid footing with the economy growing by 1.3% over the year to September 2025. Activity in 2026 should benefit from the large German fiscal stimulus, which has also encouraged European Central Bank policymakers to suggest that monetary policy easing is done for now.

Fiscal policy is also a hot topic of conversation in Japan where Prime Minister Takaichi announced a snap election and plans for aggressive fiscal stimulus. While bond investors worried about the implications for inflation and funding needs, equity investors welcomed the news.

The Australian economy

Australia's trimmed mean inflation rate rose by a modest 0.2% in the month of December but increased by 0.9% over the December quarter. Together with a surprise fall in the unemployment rate from 4.3% to 4.1% in December, this was sufficient to shift market expectations towards a February Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) rate hike.

Although the unemployment rate unexpectedly fell in December, the decline was concentrated in 18-24 year olds which could reflect temporary retail hiring for the end-of-year sales.

Over 2025, employment grew by 1.1% which is less than population growth and is down sharply from the 2.7% growth recorded over 2024. A decline in the participation rate, however, has limited upward pressure on the unemployment rate.

Unemployment in NSW remains below the national average, at 3.9%, with the state's unemployment rate remaining around 4% for most of the last 12 months.

Financial market commentary

Despite a lot of background noise and some large intra-day moves in markets over January, risk assets performed well overall while bond markets were also relatively well behaved.

Equity markets (performance in local currency, excluding dividends)

Global equities (MSCI All Countries excluding Australia) gained a healthy 1.5% over January, although this was eclipsed by a strong 9% surge in the MSCI Emerging Markets index.

Amongst developed markets, the US was an underperformer in January but still managed to record a 0.6% increase. The ASX200 was stronger and rose by 1.7%, while European stocks did even better, gaining 3.1%. Japanese stocks were the standout in January, however, rising by 5.9% as Prime Minister Takaichi called an election and promised to deliver additional fiscal stimulus.

Amongst emerging markets, Brazil again recorded a very strong gain of 12.6% in January after the Brazilian Central Bank signalled that lower interest rates were coming. Chinese equities' robust 3.9% rise in January partly reflected reports that policymakers were poised to provide more support to the property market.

Bond yields

Global bond yields tended to rise over January reflecting solid economic data and signs that central banks were less worried about downside risks to the outlook. In the US, 10-year yields rose by 11bps as the US Fed kept interest rates unchanged at its January policy meeting, with most policymakers seeing no urgency to cut rates again.

Australian 10-year bond yields rose by 6bps over January, but 3-year yields increased by 14bps. This reflected the release of December inflation data which investors interpreted as putting more pressure on the RBA to tighten monetary policy at its February policy meeting. That move also dragged higher shorter-dated TCorp yields, but longer-dated maturities were flat-to-down over January.

The most dramatic movements in bond markets over January, however, were in Japan. Japan's 10-year bond yield ended the month up 19bps as bond market investors were unnerved by the inflationary implications of both aggressive fiscal stimulus announcements and steady monetary policy.

Currency and commodity markets

While there was little reaction from oil prices when the US removed Venezuelan President Maduro in early January, oil prices climbed steadily over the second half of the month to close up 14%. In January, however, it was precious metals that dominated headlines with very large gains (and a sizeable drop) in gold and silver. The silver price rose by 68% over January until a 37% plunge on the final trading day saw its gains over the month as a whole pared back to 18%. Gold traded in a similar pattern although with less extreme movements.

The Australian dollar was very strong over January, rising by more than 3% against the US dollar, the euro and the Japanese yen. The combination of rising commodity prices and shifting expectations for the RBA drove this outperformance.

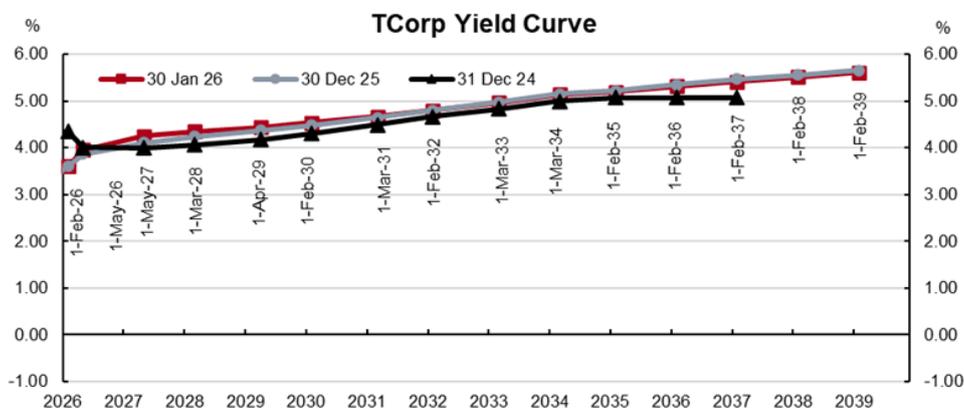
Financial market performance

Currency markets January 2026	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
AUD/USD	0.671	0.703	0.668	0.696	3.8% ▲
AUD/EUR	0.570	0.589	0.568	0.588	3.1% ▲
AUD/JPY	104.54	107.92	104.43	107.79	3.1% ▲
AUD/GBP	0.496	0.510	0.496	0.509	2.6% ▲
AUD/BRL	3.673	3.665	3.587	3.665	-0.2% ▼
AUD/INR	60.23	64.67	60.03	64.06	6.4% ▲
AUD/CNY	4.693	4.889	4.658	4.845	3.2% ▲
Equity markets* January 2026	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
MSCI World ex Australia	4589	4692	4560	4657	1.5% ▲
MSCI Emerging Markets	1403	1557	1404	1528	9.0% ▲
S&P/ASX200	8717	8942	8683	8869	1.7% ▲
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries	3769	3993	3766	3870	2.7% ▲
S&P500 (US)	6896	6979	6797	6939	0.6% ▲
FTSE 100 (UK)	9941	10239	9931	10224	2.8% ▲
Stoxx600 (Europe)	593	615	592	611	3.1% ▲
DAX (Germany)	24490	25421	24309	24539	0.2% ▲
CAC 40 (France)	8168	8362	8063	8127	-0.5% ▼
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	50339	54341	50339	53323	5.9% ▲
Hang Seng (HK)	25855	27968	25631	27387	5.9% ▲
Shanghai Composite (China)	3965	4165	3969	4118	3.9% ▲
Bovespa (Brazil)	161125	184691	160539	181364	12.6% ▲
IPC (Mexico)	64367	69960	64141	67599	5.0% ▲
S&P/BSE Sensex (India)	84675	85762	81538	82270	-2.8% ▼

*Returns are in local currency, and exclude dividend payments

Bond markets (%) January 2026	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
RBA Official Cash Rate	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60	0.00 –
90 Day Bank Bill	3.73	3.85	3.73	3.84	0.10 ▲
180 Day Bank Bill	4.10	4.13	3.98	4.09	-0.01 ▼
New institutional term deposits	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	0.00 –
3 Year CGS Bond	4.13	4.31	4.07	4.27	0.14 ▲
10 Year CGS Bond	4.75	4.84	4.67	4.81	0.06 ▲
10 Year US Bond	4.12	4.29	4.13	4.24	0.11 ▲
10 Year German Bond	2.86	2.91	2.81	2.84	-0.01 ▼
10 Year Japanese Bond	2.07	2.36	2.07	2.25	0.19 ▲

TCorp bonds (%)	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
January 2026					
20-May-26	3.87	3.96	3.81	3.95	0.08 ▲
20-May-27	4.10	4.25	4.04	4.25	0.15 ▲
20-Mar-28	4.24	4.38	4.16	4.35	0.11 ▲
20-Apr-29	4.38	4.48	4.28	4.44	0.07 ▲
20-Feb-30	4.48	4.57	4.38	4.54	0.05 ▲
20-Mar-31	4.65	4.71	4.55	4.67	0.03 ▲
20-Feb-32	4.80	4.87	4.70	4.80	0.00 ▼
08-Mar-33	4.98	5.05	4.87	4.97	-0.01 ▼
20-Mar-34	5.15	5.22	5.04	5.14	-0.01 ▼
20-Feb-35	5.21	5.29	5.11	5.19	-0.02 ▼
20-Feb-36	5.34	5.43	5.24	5.31	-0.04 ▼
20-Feb-37	5.47	5.54	5.36	5.41	-0.06 ▼
24-Feb-38	5.56	5.64	5.46	5.52	-0.04 ▼
22-Feb-39	5.66	5.73	5.56	5.61	-0.05 ▼
CIB 2.50% 20 Nov 35	2.88	2.93	2.78	2.87	-0.02 ▼



Source: TCorp

Commodity markets (US\$)	Previous month close	Month high	Month low	Month close	Month change
January 2026					
Brent Oil (per barrel)	61.9	70.7	60.0	70.7	14.2% ▲
Iron Ore (per tonne)	107.2	108.9	103.3	103.3	-3.6% ▼

TCorp forecasts	Dec-25	Jun-26	Dec-26	Jun-27
RBA Official Cash Rate	3.60	3.85	3.85	3.60
90 Day Bank Bill	3.74	4.00	4.00	3.75
10 Year CGS Bond	4.74	4.50	4.00	4.00



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**SALEYARDS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON
TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 8:30 AM**

[Agenda of Saleyards Committee - Tuesday, 10 February 2026](#)

PRESENT

Councillor Scott Groat (Chair), Mayor Doug Curran, Donald Barbaro (Community Representative), Grant Elwin (Community Representative), Rodney Evans (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Team Leader - Saleyards, Les Warren and Minute Secretary, Jessica Bertacco

BY INVITATION

Jim Binks (Nutrien Harcourts)

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Grant Elwin and Donald Barbaro that an apology be received from Councillor Christine Stead.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mayor Doug Curran and Rodney Evans that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 December 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 LIVESTOCK FEED CURFEW BEFORE TRANSPORT

Mr Gordon presented and explained the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) guidelines for Livestock Feed Curfew before transport and discussions were held.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Mayor Doug Curran and Grant Elwin that Council draft a policy based on the Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) guidelines.

CL02 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLOR SCOTT GROAT

Councillor Groat raised the following items and the Committee discussed:

2.1 The repairing and replacing of fences

Ongoing operational works.

2.2 Larger paddocks to be split into smaller paddocks

Currently being carried out by Council staff.

2.3 More water troughs in paddocks and larger troughs for large amount of sheep

To be organised by Council staff.

2.4 Main highway fence to be made a security fence

Committee discussed this item and determined it wasn't required.

2.5 Cattle yards can be utilised for smaller groups of sheep

This is currently already being done for suitable areas.

2.6 Shade trees and shelters for western paddocks

To be investigated by staff and trees planted when weather is suitable.

2.7 Shade coverings in holding yards

Council is applying for grant funding under the NSW Sustainable Communities Program to support the construction of a roof structure and amenities upgrade.

The Committee considered the option of purchasing a pre-fabricated amenities block, with any remaining funds potentially allocated to upgrading the existing office building and providing additional outdoor seating.

2.8 Update on water troughs in the front yards

These have been ordered and will be installed when they are delivered.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Rodney Evans and Mayor Doug Curran that the report be noted.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Rodney Evans and Mayor Doug Curran that the report be noted.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Fenced area on western side

Mr Barbaro suggested to the Committee that a fenced area be installed on the western side of the Saleyards where there are trees to hold sheep for a short period of time. Mr Barbaro and Mr Warren are to look at the yard and discuss.

7.2 Recycled Water

Mr Gordon sought the Committee's views on using recycled water from the reclamation plant at the Saleyards. The Committee suggested that the use of recycled water will not be required in the holding paddocks and therefore the recycled project is not to be progressed any further.

7.3 Outcross Software

The Committee discussed whether the Outcross software is still to be used. Majority of the Committee were happy to continue with Outcross as long as more training and support was made available.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Saleyards Committee is to be held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 at 8:30am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9:48am.

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

[Agenda of Landfill FOGO Committee - Thursday, 12 February 2026](#)

PRESENT

Councillor Mark Dal Bon (Chair), Stephen Violi (Community Representative), Susan Forner (Community Representative), Wendy Borg (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

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

1 APOLOGIES

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

Wendy Borg entered the meeting at 5:03pm.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 December 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.

Stephen Violi verbally acknowledged an interest due to his waste business.

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 COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUEST - CATE YATES

Mr Gordon explained to the Committee each item raised by Cate Yates regarding the illegal dumping process, landfill ground maintenance and rubbish on the roads leading to the landfill and Council's plan to vegetate the landfill.

Susan Forner asked the question how often has an offender of illegal dumping been identified. In response, Mr Gordon informed the Committee that identifying the responsible offender can be a complex and a challenging process. He advised that where evidence is found within the waste, it will be investigated accordingly, however, establishing proof that the waste was illegally dumped can be difficult.

Mr Gordon advised the Committee that staff closely monitor the area leading up to the landfill. He noted that changes in wind direction had resulted in some litter being displaced, however, this was promptly addressed and the area was cleaned accordingly.

Mr Gordon explained that Council has to remediate the current landfill area once they are finished with the full profile of the landfill. A Remediation Plan for the Landfill will be developed in accordance with the EPA requirements.

Action: Susan Forner requested that the Committee look at a previous Landfill EPA report and discuss at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Susan Forner that the information be noted.

CL02 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL WASTE AND RECYCLING BINS AT COLLINA OVAL

Mr Gordon informed the Committee that a request was received from a community member requesting additional bins at Ted Scobie Oval. He highlighted the bins are emptied on a Thursday and if they require more frequent emptying, the Parks and Gardens staff can let the commercial collection team know and they will do an additional service or swap the full bins with the additional bins stored at Ted Scobie Oval.

Mr Gordon explained the installation of recycling bins at Ted Scobie Oval is not recommended as it may lead to contamination, therefore not a proactive recycling process.

Wendy Borg asked if the association or booking holders have access to those spare bins, and if so, are they responsible to bring out extra bins stored at the Oval if required? This

question was **TAKEN ON NOTICE**.

Mr Roser informed the Committee when major events are on, the Waste department supply additional bins and services.

Action: Susan Forner requested a formal response from the Parks and Garden department on their observation of the usage and number of bins at Ted Scobie Oval.

Action: Staff provide a plan highlighting where bins are located at Ted Scobie Oval.

Wendy Borg proposed the idea of a seasonal bin management plan, suggesting that additional bins be installed during the daylight saving / summer periods, with a reduced number provided during winter.

Action: In response, a report be prepared and presented to the Committee outlining seasonal bin usage at Ted Scobie Oval, to assess whether adjusting bin numbers at different times of the year would be beneficial.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Susan Forner that the information be noted.

CL03 YENDA LANDFILL - DUMP FOR FREE MONTH - OPERATING HOURS

Mr Gordon informed the Committee that feedback has been received to extend the opening hours of the Yenda Landfill.

The Committee discussed different time frames, and monitoring the popular timeframes during this March Dump for Free month.

Action: The Committee requested the statistics of the March Dump for Free Month be brought back to the Committee for discussion.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Violi and Wendy Borg that 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 February – 31 March 2026, with a review at the end of the month.

CL04 WASTE EDUCATION PLAN FOR 26/27

Mr Roser explained to the Committee that Council is required to have a Waste Education Plan, which set outs and highlights initiatives and programs.

Wendy Borg asked how are these programs are being communicated with the schools. In response, Mr Roser informed the Committee that each school is contacted and they have the option to participate.

Wendy Borg raised the concern of the community education program, and queried what is being done in regards to educating adults and the community on how to recycle and dispose of their waste correctly.

In response, Mr Roser informed the Committee that Council has increased its communication efforts through social media, the website, and various advertising platforms and programs. He further advised that, in relation to the FOGO implementation, community education will be significantly expanded, with a strong emphasis placed on raising

awareness and ensuring residents are well informed.

The Committee discussed various approaches to enhancing community awareness including the development of information and infographics to be distributed via magnets, stickers, or flyers. It was noted that distribution methods could include mailbox drops, inclusion with rates notices, the Council newsletter, and other appropriate methods, with the aim of reaching a larger audience. Stephen Violi also raised concerns regarding batteries and electronic items being placed in general waste bins and highlighted the need for increased education to address this issue.

Action: Council staff to present proposed concepts and draft materials for waste awareness to the Committee for consideration.

Mr Roser informed the Committee that Council provides local real estate agencies with a Waste Education Pack for distribution to new tenants.

Action: The Committee requested that a copy of the Waste Education Pack be presented for review at the next meeting.

Stephen Violi left the meeting at 6:20pm.

CL05 UNTIDY STREET - LETTER

The Committee reviewed the draft letter and discussed ways to improve its clarity and presentation. Suggestions included incorporating infographics and images to make the information more visually engaging and easier to understand, as well as clearly outlining the “Dump for Free” months within the content.

An idea Mr Roser raised was an application that is available which allows recipients to scan a QR code and select their preferred language, enabling the written information to be translated.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Wendy Borg and Susan Forner that the letter be revised to include improvements and infographics, and that the updated letter be presented to the Committee for review.

Susan Forner left the meeting at 6:43pm.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Due to time constraints, the Action Report was not considered at this meeting.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Landfill FOGO Committee is to be held on Thursday, 14 May 2026 at 5:00pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:46pm.

**GRIFFITH PIONEER PARK MUSEUM COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

[Agenda of Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee - Wednesday, 18 February 2026](#)

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Laurie Testoni, Councillor Jenny Ellis, Denis Couch (Community Representative), Dolf Murwood (Community Representative), John Nikolic (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (Zoom) (Community Representative), Neil Dal Nevo (Community Representative), Virginia Tropeano (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Matthew Hansen, Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Manager, Jenny O'Donnell, Curator, Fox Darcy, Administration Officer, Tabbitha Williams and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

1 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

Absent: Desma Newman (Community Representative), Michael Rohan (Community Representative), Peter Taylor (Community Representative), Robyn Turner (Community Representative).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Jenny Ellis and Councillor Laurie Testoni that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 November 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 COMMITTEE MEMBER AGENDA ITEMS - NEIL DAL NEVO

Mr Nikolic entered the meeting at 4:05pm.

Mr Dal Nevo explained the issue of kangaroos at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum. The two main issues are the ongoing maintenance to the facility and the safety for visitors.

Ms O'Donnell noted that there has been an increase in kangaroos at the Park and informed the Committee they are able to jump over the fences and come back in.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Neil Dal Nevo and Denis Couch that staff investigate options and liaise with Committee members in regards to the kangaroo issue at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum.

The Committee also discussed the current Prickly Pear issue at Pioneer Park. In response Ms O'Donnell informed the Committee that she has discussed this issue with Council's Biosecurity Officer and he has provided advice on how to attend to this issue.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Neil Dal Nevo and John Nikolic that the Committee note the issue of the Prickly Pear eradication and an update be reported back to the next Committee Meeting.

Mr Nikolic left the meeting at 4:20pm and returned at 4:22pm.

CL02 POSSIBLE FUTURE ATTRACTION FOR GRIFFITH PIONEER PARK - COMMITTEE MEMBER AGENDA ITEM - VIRGINIA TROPEANO

Ms Tropeano advised the Committee that she had recently attended a light show in another town and suggested that a similar event could be successfully delivered at the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum. Staff advised the concept aligns with the organisation's Strategic Plan and has the potential to enhance community engagement and increase visitation to the Museum.

Mr Hansen left the meeting at 4:32pm and returned at 4:34pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Denis Couch and Councillor Jenny Ellis that the Committee support the investigation of night time events at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum, including regional vivid and light show experiences.

CL03 Q2, VISITATION STATISTICS OCT-DEC 2025 (EXCLUDING CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY USE)

Ms Thomas asked how the figures in the report for the last quarter compare with the year before in regards to tourism? This was **TAKEN ON NOTICE** and the response will be circulated via email to Committee members.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Denis Couch and Neil Dal Nevo that the Committee note the report.

CL04 Q2, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE STATISTICS OCT - DEC 2025

The Committee discussed the statistics presented in the report, acknowledging the participants and usage of the park during the second quarter of the 2025/26 reporting year.

Councillor Blumer asked if an Outdoor Play Park at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum is being considered in the Park Plan. This was **TAKEN ON NOTICE**.

Mr Murwood requested the previous statistics be circulated to compare the figures.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Laurie Testoni and Dolf Murwood that the Committee note the report.

CL05 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE LOCAL ENTRY TRIAL

Mr Couch expressed his concerns in regards to the lack of advertising for the free entry initiative. In response Ms O'Donnell informed the Committee there has been a media release, radio advertising, billboard advertising, social media posts via Facebook, and information published on the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum website.

Mr Hansen suggested there is further opportunity to continue and enhance the advertising efforts.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Jenny Ellis and Jenna Thomas that the Committee note the report.

CL06 SPRINGFEST CATERING SERVICE

The Committee discussed the catering service provided during the Springfest visitation period. The Committee acknowledged the significant contribution of the volunteers and commended the initiative as a successful event.

Councillor Blumer suggested the promotion of how to become a Council volunteer during volunteer week.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Virginia Tropeano that the Committee note the report.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The action report was discussed and noted.

Jenna Thomas left the meeting at 5:18pm.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 2030 Strategic Plan for Griffith Pioneer Park Museum

Mr Couch suggested that the Committee start exploring and preparing for the 2030 Strategic Plan. In response Councillor Blumer and Mr Hansen suggested reviewing the current strategic plan.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Jenny Ellis and John Nikolic that a review of the implementation and progress of the current Griffith Pioneer Park Strategic Plan be carried out on a quarterly basis.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 20 May 2026 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:25pm.

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 25/150071

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) Outstanding Action Report - Council Meeting [!\[\]\(fee2cf1b4e911a36481719eb4dba7ae3_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(b5e405397f6ca039d616a49c18b384fb_img.jpg\)](#)

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OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Council Meeting Date	MEETING ITEM	Action Officer	CRM No.	Minute No.	Council Resolution	Additional Information
27 January 2026	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TONY O'GRADY	DSD	169647	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.	17/02/2026: Sustainable Development currently drafting policy.
9 December 2025	CL02 SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN	DSD	168216	25/387	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that: (a) Council endorse the public exhibition of the Griffith 7.12 Contributions Plan at Attachment A for a period of at least 28 days and seek submissions from the public and development industry. (b) Should no submissions be received, the Griffith 7.12 Contributions Plan is considered adopted the day after the public exhibition period closes. (c) Should submissions be received, Council would consider the submissions and the Griffith 7.12 Contributions Plan would be reported back to an Ordinary Meeting of Council for adoption.	10/12/2025: On public exhibition till 9 Jan 2026. 28/01/2026: Submissions received, report back to Council 24 February 2026. 17/02/2026: Back on exhibition until 6 March 2026.
26 November 2025	CC02 TENDER NO. 08-25/26, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW IRRIGATION PUMP, PUMP SHED, & IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR LAKE	USD&M PM	167813	25/381	RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that: (a) Council, in accordance with Section 178(3) (e) of the Local Government Regulation 2021,	9/02/2026: In negotiations, report back to Council.

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	WYANGAN RECREATIONAL AREA, GRIFFITH				<p>reject all tenders and enters into negotiations with one or more tenderers for the Supply and Installation of a New Irrigation Pump, Pump Shed, & Irrigation System for Lake Wyangan Recreational Area - Griffith. Tender No. 08-25/26</p> <p>(b) At the completion of negotiations, a further report to be presented to Council recommending the preferred contractor.</p>	
8 April 2025	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JENNY ELLIS	DBCF FM MA	158565	25/095	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Tony O'Grady that Council allocate sufficient funds from the cash reserves set aside for the Regional Art Gallery project (currently at \$109K) based on quotes received for the following items and report back to Council:</p> <p>(a) Signage for the front of the Gallery - to be designed, manufactured, and installed.(Approximately \$5K)</p> <p>(b) New hanging track system - to enhance the display and functionality of exhibition spaces. (Approximately \$10K)</p> <p>(c) Repainting of the walls and ceiling of the whole gallery - To refreshen and cover water damaged ceilings (National average: \$60-\$100/ sqm; Gallery is 422sqm therefore up to \$42K).</p>	<p>2/03/2026: Gyprock repairs and painting complete – October 2025.</p> <p>New hanging system installed – February 2026.</p> <p>New sign is being designed and costed. Will require development consent. Scheduled for installation in mid-2026.</p>

OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT
COMPLETION BY OTHER AGENCIES PENDING

Council Meeting Date	MEETING ITEM	Action Officer	CRM No.	Minute No.	Council Resolution	Additional Information
12 Aug 2025	NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE STEAD	GM	163429	25/236	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that:</p> <p>(a) Council request the General Manager prepare a report detailing outstanding debts owed to local contractors for the Hanwood Amenities Block. The report is to include options on how Council can assist resolving these debts after the Greenwich Voluntary Administration process.</p> <p>(b) Council staff review procurement processes and policies to prevent a recurrence of situations where local contractors remain unpaid for work undertaken due to a contractor's insolvency.</p>	<p>1/09/2025: Report to Council 9 September 2025.</p> <p>12/09/2025: GM to report to Council after the finalisation of the ASIC proceedings.</p>
28 May 2024	CL02 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - SOUTH-WEST GRIFFITH PRECINCT PARKS	CPO	146289/2024	24/154	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that:</p> <p>(a) Council refers the draft Plan of Management for South-West Griffith Precinct Parks to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 for approval. Property details being Crown Reserves Griffith Regional Sports Centre (66750), Beilby Park (74741), Kooragee Park (77295), Willow Park, Venetian Park, I.O.O F Park and City Park</p>	<p>03/06/2024: Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited.</p> <p>17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs requested urgent attention of Ministers Office.</p> <p>3/03/2025: Crown Lands Dept has reviewed the initial draft PoM – they have requested some updates / amendments be made to the PoM. Staff working</p>

OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT
COMPLETION BY OTHER AGENCIES PENDING

					<p>(Prt R.81439), Yarrabee Park (90788) and Perre Park (90942) together with Council owned land Borland Leckie Park, Yawarra Three Ways Park, Burley Griffin Community Gardens, Public Reserve Park, Locklea Park, Cappello Close and Lanza Grove Public Reserve</p> <p>(b) Upon approval from the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the draft Plan of Management for South-West Griffith Precinct Parks if required, and places it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(c) Native Title advice has been provided.</p> <p>(d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for South-West Griffith Precinct Parks on completion of the public exhibition period, to consider all submissions.</p>	<p>through the requested amendment/s with consultant.</p> <p>5/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>10/06/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>26/06/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>1/07/2025: Report to Council August 2025.</p> <p>14/08/2025: Finalising amendments to the draft PoM which can then be referred back to Crown Lands Dept for review.</p> <p>30/09/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>17/11/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>14/01/2026: Amendments to PoM to be completed.</p> <p>3/02/2026: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>25/02/2026: Status remains unchanged.</p>
28 May 2024	CL01 DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - GRIFFITH CBD PRECINCT	CPO	146288	24/153	<p>RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Melissa Marin that:</p> <p>(a) Council refer the Draft Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves to the Minister administering the Crown</p>	<p>03/06/2024: Sent to Minister for approval to be exhibited.</p> <p>17/02/2025: Meeting held with Crown Land staff 11 Feb 2025. Schedule of outstanding POMs</p>

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					<p>Land Management Act 2016 for approval. Property details being R.74539 – Lot 1 Sec 43 DP758476 (Visitor’s Centre and Carpark and Old Bowling Club) R.83521 – Lot 1 DP 87811 (Carpark Visitor’s Centre) R.61588 – Lots 2 & 4 Sec 8 DP 758476 and Lot 7 Sec 9 DP 758476 (CWA Park and Memorial Park) R.159000 – Lots 2 & 8 Sec 9 DP 758476 (Griffith Library) R.85064 – Lots 19 & 20 Sec 7 DP 758476 and Lot 1 DP 1272062 (Banna Park) R.82722 – Lots 1, 8-9 Sec 15 DP 758476 (Couchman Carpark) R.1003025 – Lot 1 DP 1035387(Aquatic Centre).</p> <p>(b) Upon approval of the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Council amends the Draft Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves if required, and place it on public exhibition as per Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>(c) Native Title advice has been provided.</p> <p>(d) A report be presented to Council to adopt the final Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct Crown Reserves on completion of the exhibition period, to consider all submissions.</p>	<p>requested urgent attention of Ministers Office.</p> <p>3/03/2025: Crown Lands Department has requested amendments – Staff working through these, draft PoM will then be referred back to Crown Lands for review.</p> <p>5/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>19/05/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>10/06/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>26/06/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>1/07/2025: Report to Council August 2025.</p> <p>14/08/2025: Draft Pom with Crown Lands Dept for further review following amendments suggested by the Dept.</p> <p>30/09/2025: Crown Lands Dept has requested additional information.</p> <p>17/11/2025: Status remains unchanged.</p> <p>14/01/2026: Amendments to PoM to be completed.</p> <p>3/02/2026: Status remains unchanged.</p>
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						25/02/2026: Amendment to draft PoM completed. Awaiting consultant's review.
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