
**ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
MONDAY, 30 MARCH 2026 COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Anthony Kidman (via zoom) (Community Representative), Brian Savage (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative), Elizabeth (Will) Mead (Community Representative), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (Community Representative), Simone Murphy (via zoom) (Community Representative), Stephen Parker (Community Representative), Doreen Wood (Community Representative), Patricia Clarke (Alternate Member for Soroptimist), Libby Trembath (Alternate Member for Soroptimist), Pirkko Makarainen (via zoom) (Community Representative), Colleen De Saxe (Invited Guest)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Works Manager - Maintenance, Manjit Chugha, Parks & Gardens Manager, Peter Craig, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst, Project Planner, Melanie Vella and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

Absent: Councillor Jenny Ellis, Works Manager - Construction, Shree Shrestha

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Elizabeth (Will) Mead and Councillor Mark Dal Bon that apologies be received from Operations Assistant, Cheryl Tucker and Amy Renouf (Community Representative).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Stephen Parker that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 January 2026, 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 RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Doreen Wood that the information be received and Terms of Reference be updated.

CL02 GRIFFITH PLAYGROUND STRATEGY UPDATE

Project Planner, Ms Vella provided the Committee with an update on Griffith City Council's Playground Strategy. Ms Vella informed the Committee that the current Playground Strategy adopted in March 2014 is being reviewed and will be updated over the next 12 to 18 months. This update responds to significant changes, including population growth, new subdivisions, upgraded and diverse park types, inclusion, disability access, neurodiversity, ensuring the strategy reflects contemporary community needs and planning approaches. Ms Vella highlighted that consultation will be a major focus within the upgrade of the strategy.

Mr Savage asked what is the cost of vandalism to our Parks each year? This question was **TAKEN ON NOTICE**.

Melanie Vella left the meeting at 4:20pm.

The following agenda item was brought forward.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Committee discussed the Prendergast Traffic Island item, noting that Mr King had spoken to the family. Mr Kidman revised the plan and updated the costings, which was still not within the Committee's ideal price range.

The Committee discussed options to enhance the appearance of the traffic island, while ensuring that all traffic control requirements were addressed. It was agreed that a simple, cost-effective, and low-maintenance approach would be the most suitable.

Ms Munro proposed the idea of planting a few native trees in its natural habitat.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Ema Munro and Jenna Thomas that Staff and Mr Kidman further simplify and revise the plans and costing, with the inclusion of large trees, irrigation and worms.

Colleen De Saxe left the meeting at 4:50pm.

CL03 COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUEST - EMA MUNRO

Ms Munro emphasised that National Tree Day is in 4 months and she was wanting to formalise the process and day.

Ms Mead noted that, at the previous meeting, it was agreed that the shrubs already planted along Citrus Road would be reviewed, with a view to avoiding the replanting of species that have not established or performed well.

The recommendation made at the previous meeting, 29 Jan 2026:

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Will Mead and Stephen Parker that that the Committee endorse, in principle, the proposed tree species list for planting along Citrus Road in association with National Tree Day, subject to review of the list, and with a focus on drought tolerant species.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Elizabeth (Will) Mead and Stephen Parker that the report be noted and a report be presented for endorsement for National Tree Day at the next Committee Meeting.

CL04 COMMITTEE MEMBER AGENDA ITEMS - WILL MEAD

Ms Mead submitted two agenda items regarding the condition of the wooden tree barriers along Banna Avenue, and the presentation of the Community Gardens. Mr King addressed both matters in his report, noting that the tree barriers are being considered as part of the Sustainable Communities Grant.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Elizabeth (Will) Mead and Doreen Wood that the Committee note the report.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Committee discussed and noted the report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Shared Pathway – Sustainable Communities Grant

Mr Badenhorst presented the preferred design for the shared pathway on Banna Avenue from Crossing Street to Blumer Avenue. The design highlights splitting the footpath and bicycle track. Please see attachment.

RECOMMENDED on the motion Will Mead and Pirkko Makarainen that the Committee support in principle the proposed option for splitting the pedestrian and cycleway on Banna Avenue from Crossing Street to Blumer Avenue, for the Sustainable Communities Grant.

7.2 Canopy Plan

Councillor Blumer suggested creating a Canopy Plant Plan.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Stephen Parker that staff investigate a Canopy Plan for Griffith within the last quarter of the year.

Jenna Thomas left the meeting at 5:31pm.

7.3 Next Meeting – Time change

The next Roads, Parks, Pathways Enhancement Committee meeting will be held at 4:30pm.

8 ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Banna Avenue Shared Pathways (under separate cover)

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee is to be held on Thursday, 23 April 2026 at 4:30 PM.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:36pm.