
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, 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 Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo and Minute Taker, Antoinette Galluzzo

MEDIA

Nil.

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Laurie Testoni 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

No apologies or requests for leave of absence were received.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

26/121

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 28 April 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

Against

Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

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

Councillor Laurie Testoni

CL02 Community Grant Application Basketball NSW NAIDOC WEEK 3x3 Competition
Reason – I am a life member of the Griffith Basketball Association and work for BNSW

Councillor Shari Blumer

CL04 Licence Agreement - Road Reserve - Western Riverina Community College
(Community School) - 68 Kookora Street, Griffith

CL05 Renewal of Licence Agreement - Griffith Tennis Club - Noorilla Street, Griffith

CL06 Renewal of Licence Agreement - MCC Griffith Pty Ltd - 106-108 Wakaden Street,
Griffith

CL07 Renewal of Licence Agreement - Road Reserve - Farronato Road, Griffith (40 Mackay
Avenue, Griffith)

Reason - The Business I work for and have an interest in, often drafts the licence
agreements.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.

Phil King, Director Infrastructure & Operations

CL01 Support for Annual Sikh Games - 2026 Shaheedi Tournament

Reason - I am a member and elder of the Griffith Presbyterian Church neighbouring the event space. The road closures will impact on the conduct of the church service Sunday 7 June 2026. Further, the Church collects donations from attendees to park on the land owned by the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church NSW.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil.

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL SIKH GAMES - 2026 SHAHEEDI TOURNAMENT

26/122

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that Council provides the following support to the 28th Shaheedi Tournament:

- (a) \$10,000 cash contribution from existing budget;
- (b) Cost of preparation of a Traffic Management Plan (in-kind);
- (c) Installation of flags on Jondaryan Ave and Mackay Ave (in-kind);
- (d) Multiple rubbish bins at event sites(in-kind);
- (e) Variable Messaging Sign on Kidman Way, south of Rae Road (in-kind);
- (f) Cost of hire of Ted Scobie Oval, Collina (in-kind);
- (g) Free use of 3 available indoor courts at Griffith Regional Sports Centre (in-kind);
- (h) Promotion of the event in Council communications (in-kind).

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 Laurie Testoni left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:17 pm.

CL02 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION BASKETBALL NSW NAIDOC WEEK 3X3 COMPETITION

26/123

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Christine Stead that Council approve the application for the Community Grant from Basketball NSW for the amount of \$2500.

For

Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

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

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

Councillor Laurie Testoni returned to the meeting at 7:19 pm.

**CL03 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION GRIFFITH MEALS ON WHEELS-
SUPPORTING GRIFFITH THROUGH DEMENTIA EDUCATION**

26/124

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Anne Napoli that Council approve the application for the Quick Turnaround Grant from Griffith Meals on Wheels inc for the amount of \$2,500.

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 Shari Blumer left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:20 pm.

**CL04 LICENCE AGREEMENT - ROAD RESERVE - WESTERN RIVERINA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (COMMUNITY SCHOOL) - 68 KOOKORA STREET, GRIFFITH**

26/125

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

- (a) Council enters into a licence agreement with Western Riverina Community College (WRCC) for the occupation of Council's Road reserve, adjoining Lot 1 Sec 127 DP758476, 68 Kookora Street, Griffith for a term of five years, with an option to renew of 5 years.
- (b) Council advertises its intention to enter into a licence agreement with WRCC for 7 car spaces adjoining 68 Kookora Street, Griffith for a period of 28 days. Should any submissions be received, a report will be presented to Council for consideration.
- (c) Should no submissions be received, Council will proceed to enter into a licence agreement with WRCC for 7 car spaces located on the road reserve, adjoining 68 Kookora Street, Griffith for a term of 5 years, commencement date to be determined following notification period.
- (d) Western Riverina Community College (WRCC) are responsible to pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together

with Council's Administration Fee, in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy.

- (e) The annual licence fee will be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$67.60 per car space together with rates and charges as applicable.
- (f) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement under the Common Seal, if required.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

CL05 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT - GRIFFITH TENNIS CLUB - NOORILLA STREET, GRIFFITH

26/126

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) Council enters into a licence agreement with Griffith Tennis Club over part Lot 7303 DP 1153581, for a term of 10 years commencing 17 October 2025 with an option to renew for a further term of 10 years.
- (b) Griffith Tennis Club pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration Fee in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy.
- (c) The annual licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$713 per annum for the 2025/2026 financial year, in addition to rates and charges if applicable.
- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

CL06 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT - MCC GRIFFITH PTY LTD - 106-108 WAKADEN STREET, GRIFFITH

26/127

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

- (a) Council enters into a licence agreement with MCC Griffith Pty Ltd for 20 car parking spaces located on Wakaden Street service lane adjacent to 106-108 Wakaden Street (Lot 1320 DP 751709) for a term of 10 years, commencement date 1 January 2026, with an option to renew for a further 10 years.
- (b) MCC Griffith Pty Ltd are responsible to pay for all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration Fee, in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy.
- (c) The annual licence fee will be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$67.60 per space for the 2025/2026 Financial Year, in addition to rates and charges as applicable.
- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

CL07 RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENT - ROAD RESERVE - FARRONATO ROAD, GRIFFITH (40 MACKAY AVENUE, GRIFFITH)

26/128

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

- (a) Council note the submission received.
- (b) Council proceed with the licence agreement renewal.

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

Against

Councillor Laurie Testoni

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

Councillor Shari Blumer returned to the meeting at 7:23 pm.

CL08 SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

26/129

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council adopt the draft Small Business Financial Assistance Policy and place on public exhibition for 28 days.
- (b) Should no submissions be received, the draft Small Business Financial Assistance Policy is adopted.
- (c) Should submissions be received, the draft Small Business Financial Assistance Policy is to be reported back to Council including a report detailing any submissions received.

For

Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

Against

Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 3.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL09 DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS RETURN - APRIL 2025

26/130

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return for the Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services 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.

CL10 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

26/131

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Laurie Testoni 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 28 APRIL 2026

26/132

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 28 April 2026 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.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil.

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil.

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

26/133

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that the report be noted.

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.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:31pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON