
**ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Councillor Jenny Ellis, Amy Renouf (Community Representative), Brian Savage (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative), Elizabeth (Will) Mead (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (via zoom) (Community Representative), Stephen Parker (Community Representative), Patricia Clarke (Alternate Member for Soroptimist)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, Works Manager - Construction, Shree Shrestha, Parks & Gardens Manager, Peter Craig, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

Absent: Anthony Kidman (Community Representative)

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Jenny Ellis and Will Mead that apologies be received from Pirkko Makarainen (Community Representative), Libby Trembath (Alternate Member for Soroptimist), Doreen Wood (Community Representative), Simone Murphy (Community Representative), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Works Manager - Maintenance, Manjit Chugha, Operations Assistant, Cheryl Tucker.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Will Mead and Councillor Jenny Ellis that that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 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 GRIFFITH CBD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT - PRESENTATION

Mr Badenhorst presented to the Committee, highlighting each component of the CBD Enhancement Project, summarising the key takeaways from the exhibition period and current actions (please find attached presentation for more information).

Mr Craig entered the meeting at 4:21pm.

CBD Enhancement Project Components:

1. Roundabouts and Median Strips
2. Memorial Gardens Entrance
3. Modification of and additional tree lighting (Banna Avenue)
4. Power and Data Upgrades
5. Shared Pathways
6. Tree Maintenance and surrounds
7. Replacement of Banners
8. Irrigation

In relation to the shared pathways, part of the project Mr Badenhorst informed the Committee that consultation with businesses and landowners has commenced and is still ongoing. He emphasised that the plan is in draft form, the proposal must be compliant, and it is a State Road.

In response to concerns raised by businesses, Mr Badenhorst explained that all feedback received during the consultation period will be referred to the designers for consideration. The updated design options will then be submitted to Traffic New South Wales for review subject to their endorsement. The project team will return to the impacted businesses to provide an update.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Anthony Kidman and Amy Renouf that the report be noted.

Councillor Mark Dal Bon voted against this motion.

Mr Rizzo left the meeting at 5:09pm.

CL02 HELEN DALTON MP REQUEST - ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY CONCERN IN RELATION TO BANNA AVENUE IN GRIFFITH

The Committee discussed the letter received regarding accessibility and safety concerns in Banna Avenue. Mr King informed the Committee that an audit will be conducted and the outcome will be reported to the Disability, Inclusion and Access Committee.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Will Mead and Stephen Parker that the correspondence be noted and referred to the Disability, Inclusion and Access Committee.

CL03 NATIONAL TREE DAY 2026

Councillor Blumer read out Mrs Munro's email and the Committee discussed the possible funding options for the plants. If no other funding is sourced, Committee members supported applying for a grant.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Parker and Amy Renouf that Council:

- (a) Nominate 400m on the eastern side of Citrus Road for Planet Ark National Tree Day 2026.
- (b) Nominate Ema Munro as the Coordinator for Griffith National Tree Day 2026.
- (c) Investigate funding options, and if no other funding is available, a quick turnaround grant to be submitted by Ema Munro on behalf of the Committee.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Committee noted the report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Griffith CBD Enhancement – Presentation

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee is to be held on Thursday, 23 July 2026 at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:28 pm.