



## Ordinary Meeting

# BUSINESS PAPER

**Tuesday, 16 June 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Griffith City Council Chambers

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Councillor Shari Blumer	<a href="mailto:sblumer@griffith.com.au">sblumer@griffith.com.au</a>
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### Addressing the Council at a Public Forum

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For more information on public participation refer to [Council's Agency Information Guide](#).

## **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.

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
TO BE HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

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**MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Griffith City Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 16 June 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.

Attendance at a Council meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and / or voice being livestreamed.

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

Council accepts no liability for any damage that may result from defamatory comments made by persons attending meetings – all liability will rest with the individual who made the comments.

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 p17 Adoption of the Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 Incorporating the Operational Plan (Budget) 2026/27 and Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27 Annual Review

- CL02 p56 Making of Rates and Charges for the Period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027
- CL03 p66 Community Grant Application - Griffith Shed for Men Inc
- CL04 p83 Adoption of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030
- CL05 p86 Request for Sponsorship - Griffith Employment & Careers Expo
- 9 Information Reports
- CL06 p89 Response to Notice of Motion - Councillor Scott Groat
- 10 Adoption of Committee Minutes
- p111 Minutes of the Landfill FOGO Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2026
- p115 Minutes of the Airport Committee Meeting held on 27 May 2026
- p119 Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2026
- 11 Business with Notice – Rescission Motions
- 12 Business with Notice – Other Motions
- 13 Outstanding Action Report
- p125 Outstanding Action Report
- 14 Matters to be dealt with by Closed Council
- CC01 Major Event Request for Council Assistance
- information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business 10A(2) (c)
- CC02 Contract No 6 - 25/26 - GWRP - Membrane Replacement - PLC Upgrade Variation Order
- commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
    - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
    - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
    - (iii) reveal a trade secret 10A(2) (d)

**Scott Grant**

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2026 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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**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 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 Mark Dal Bon 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**

26/152

**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 26 May 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.*

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

##### **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.*

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

#### **6 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

#### **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

#### **8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### **CL01 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL 2026 - DETERMINATION OF FEES PAYABLE TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

26/153

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Jenny Ellis that:

- (a) Council endorse the Councillor Annual Fee for the 2026/27 financial year at a rate increase of 3.7% which amounts to \$22,537.
- (b) Council endorse the additional Annual Mayoral Fee for the 2026/27 financial year at a rate increase of 3.7% which amounts to \$49,175.

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

**The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 2.**

## **CL02 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

26/154

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Council rescind Minute No. 25/388 – Ordinary Meeting of Council held 9 December 2025:

25/001

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

- (a) Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice Policy as presented including the following amendments.
- (b) Remove the following statement from Clause 5.2 “The standard of dress for Councillors is business casual. Council blazers are provided for Councillors to wear at Council Meetings”.
- (c) Council formally records its objection to Clause 5.19 relating to attendance by audio-visual link, and write to the Minister for Local Government outlining Council’s concerns with the clause, including its impracticality for rural and regional councils, the impact on quorums and meeting scheduling, and its inconsistency with modern workplace practices.
- (d) In relation to Procedural Motions, Clause 22.15 (e) be amended read “the Chairperson may decline to accept the motion, but should supply a reason”.
- (b) The Code of Meeting Practice previously adopted on 22 January 2025 be reinstated.

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.**

**CL03 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2026**

26/155

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Anne Napoli that:

- (a) Council be represented at the 2026 Local Government NSW Water Management Conference to be held in Ballina from 2 to 4 September 2026.
- (b) The Mayor and General Manager (or their delegates), Councillors Shari Blumer and Scott Groat attend the Conference.
- (c) Expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy. Note: Councillor Groat requires registration only (not travel and accommodation). Councillor Blumer requires travel and accommodation (not registration).

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 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2026**

26/156

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Mark Dal Bon that:

- (a) Council be represented at the 2026 Murray Darling Association Conference to be held in Shepparton from 24 to 27 August 2026.
- (b) The Mayor (or his delegate), General Manager (or his delegate) and Councillors Scott Groat, Laurie Testoni and Shari Blumer attend the Conference.
- (c) Expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy. Note: Councillor Blumer does not require registration as she is already attending as chair of the Murray-Darling Association.

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.**

**CL05 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP MLHD - WAIVE FEES - HIRE OF GRIFFITH REGIONAL THEATRE**

26/157

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that Council approves the request for sponsorship by waiving venue hire fees at the Griffith Regional Theatre for the Murrumbidgee Health and Knowledge Precinct Regional Health Innovation Showcase to be held 11 August 2026 including room hire, setup, provision of technical assistance and equipment (up to a maximum of \$2,000).

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.**

**CL06 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP - GRIFFITH'S BIGGEST LAP FESTIVAL 3 OCTOBER 2026**

26/158

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

- (a) Council support the Griffith Biggest Lap Festival 2026 to the value of \$6,000, noting this event request falls outside of current sponsorship Policy criteria.
- (b) Council endorse promotion of the Event through normal Council communication & promotional channels with collateral provided by Event Organisers.
- (c) Council decline providing staff resources for the implementation of related traffic control for this Event.

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.**

**CL07 QUICK TURN AROUND GRANT - EMA MUNRO - ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

26/159

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Council approve the application submitted by Ema Munro, on behalf of the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee (s355 of Council), to register and host a National Tree Day event, with volunteers to be registered for the event.
- (b) Given the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee has no delegated authority administer budgets, Council will be the auspicing organisation to administer the grant.

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

Against  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

**The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 1.**

#### **CL08 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CARE AND SUPPORT PROGRAM**

26/160

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that Council approve the application for St Vincent De Paul, Care and Support Program.

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.**

#### **CL09 TREASURY POLICY ON COUNCIL LOAN BORROWINGS**

26/161

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

- (a) Council endorse the draft Treasury Policy on Council Loan Borrowings.
- (b) The draft Treasury Policy on Council Loan Borrowings 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 Treasury Policy on Council Loan Borrowings 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.**

## **CL10 TREASURY POLICY FOR INVESTMENTS**

26/162

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Shari Blumer that:

- (a) Council endorse the draft Treasury Policy for Investments.
- (b) The draft Treasury Policy for Investments be placed for 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 Treasury Policy for Investments 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.**

## **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **CL11 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PAID IN ADVANCE - BUDGET IMPACT**

26/163

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Shari Blumer that Council note this report.

For  
Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

Against

Councillor Scott Groat  
Councillor Tony O'Grady  
Councillor Laurie Testoni  
Councillor Shari Blumer

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

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE GRIFFITH PIONEER PARK MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2026**

26/164

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Committee meeting held on 20 May 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.**

Councillor Dal Bon questioned how the prickly pears will be removed? This was **TAKEN ON NOTICE.**

## **11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

## **12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS**

Nil

## **13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

26/165

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the report be noted.

For

Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran  
Councillor Christine Stead  
Councillor Jenny Ellis  
Councillor Anne Napoli  
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

Against

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 7:50 pm.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON

<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL01</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Adoption of the Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 Incorporating the Operational Plan (Budget) 2026/27 and Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27 Annual Review</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Scott Grant, General Manager</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>26/45947</b>

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### **SUMMARY**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 April 2026, it was resolved that the following documents:

- Draft Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan (Budget) for 2026/27;
- Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2026/27 Annual Review

be placed on public exhibition for 28 days. The public notification period concluded on Sunday, 31 May 2026.

This report considers a number of submissions received during the notification period.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Council adopt the following documents:**

- **Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2026/27 (Budget), and**
- **Long-Term Financial Plan 2026/27 Annual Review**

**as attached to the report including any additional amendments as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period.**

### **REPORT**

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines state that Council must have an annual Operational Plan (Budget), adopted before the beginning of each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken that year, as part of the Delivery Program. The Operational Plan (Budget) must include Council's detailed annual budget, statement of revenue policy, estimated income and expenditure, ordinary rates and special rates, proposed fees and charges, Council's proposed pricing methodology and proposed borrowings.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 April 2026, the following was resolved:

26/001

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

- (a) *Council endorse the public exhibition, for a minimum period of 28 days, of the following draft documents:*

- *Draft Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 incorporating the Draft Operational Plan 2026/27*
  - *Draft Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27 Annual Review*
- (b) *Council hold a Community Opinion Group (COG meeting) during the public exhibition period.*
- (c) *Following the public exhibition period, the draft documents, together with any submissions received, be reported back to Council for consideration and adoption prior to 30 June 2026.*

During the public exhibition period, notices were included in the Council Catch Up, the Connect Griffith website, social media posts as well as radio advertising.

A Council Café was held on 20 May and Community Opinion Group meeting on 28 May specifically to consult with the community in relation to the proposed budget.

The public notification period ended 31 May 2026.

Details of the submissions received along with comments provided by Senior Management Team are attached to this report (Attachment (a)).

## **OPTIONS**

Council is required to adopt an Operational Plan (Budget) for 2026/27 and Long-Term Financial Plan Annual Review for 2026/27 by 30 June annually in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

Council must prepare and adopt a financially responsible budget including a Long-Term Financial Plan in order to fund its services and facilities in the short, medium and long term.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK**

Council must adopt an annual budget by 30 June each year in order to be able to levy rates and charges.

**Serious Moderate Risk: High financial loss of \$1 million to \$15 million.**

## **COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK**

By preparing the IPR documents in accordance with the prescribed [Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines](#), Council is meeting its legal and statutory obligations.

[Local Government Act 1993](#) key requirements.

### **Delivery Program (s404)**

(1) A council must have a program (called its **delivery program**) detailing the principal activities to be undertaken by the council to perform its functions (including implementing the

strategies set out in the community strategic plan) within the resources available under the resourcing strategy.

(2) The Council must establish a new delivery program after each ordinary election of councillors to cover the principal activities of the council for the 4-year period commencing on 1 July following the election.

### **Operational Plan (s405)**

A council must have a plan (called its **operational plan**) that is adopted before the beginning of each year and details the activities to be engaged in by the council during the year as part of the delivery program covering that year.

### **Resourcing Strategy (s403)**

A council must have a long-term strategy (called its resourcing strategy) for the provision of the resources required to perform its functions (including implementing the strategies set out in the community strategic plan).

**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**

Council must prepare and adopt a financially responsible budget including a Long-Term Financial Plan in order to fund its services and facilities in the short, medium and long-term.

**Serious Moderate Risk: Significant degradation of prolonged interruption of services or operations over one to two weeks. Significant impact to staff and service standards. Significant impact to contractor performance and 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 items:










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.

3.2 Ensure Council's financial sustainability through effective financial management that is transparent and accountable.

## **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team  
Councillors  
Community Opinion Group and Council Café  
Community Consultation through Connect Griffith

## **ATTACHMENTS**

(a)	External Submissions <a href="#">↓</a> 	21
(b)	Internal Submissions <a href="#">↓</a> 	38
(c)	Delivery Program 2025/26 - 2028/29 and Operational Plan 2026/27 (under separate cover) 	
(d)	Long Term Financial Plan Annual Review 2026/27 (under separate cover) 	
(e)	Yenda Progress Association Submission 29 May 2026 <a href="#">↓</a> 	41
(f)	Yenda Progress Association Submission 30 May 2026 <a href="#">↓</a> 	42
(g)	Attachment to Kindy Lane Submission <a href="#">↓</a> 	45
(h)	Attachment to Waratah Junior Tigers Submission (confidential)	
(i)	Internal Submission - Updated Fees Development and Planning - Revenue Policy <a href="#">↓</a> 	
(j)	Internal Submission - Updated Fees Water - Revenue Policy <a href="#">↓</a> 	

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No.	Date received	Name	Suburb	Feedback	Supporting documents	Subject	SMT Comment / Council Recommendation
1.	2026-05-05	Jenny Henderson	North Griffith	Apex park is a lovely large area for the community to use, with play area , cricket nets and football area The toilet block was knocked down sometime back , I know it was about 50 + years old but now there is none. Cricket teams and groups playing football and walkers etc have no toilet to use. The old toilet was the only one to access within a large walking area, with the walking path going past the park it was always an option if a toilet was needed. The old plumbing should still be able to be access too. Please consider a new toilet block at Apex park too		Apex Park	Will be considered as part of the Playground Strategy update due for adoption early 2027. For future budget consideration.
2.	2026-05-05	Name withheld	Griffith	There is a park next to Maher Circuit (north collina) which has a lovely play area for children but no shade, and one only seat for people to sit on. In summer, or any sunny day, it's near impossible to use the park and play equipment as there is no shade sails or shading- and limited seating for adults. So many people I know would love to use this park more often but it's just not practical.		Collina Park	Will be considered as part of the Playground Strategy update due for adoption early 2027. For future budget consideration.
3.	2026-05-15	Name withheld	Griffith	I have been requesting the construction of a footpath on Coolah Street from the Griffith Public School, going past the child care and solar mad stadium to Danny's store for the last 3 years. I had one of the councillors on the street to see why it's so critical to construct the footpath ASAP. I will submit a separate letter with the signatures of residents around this street to raise this case. I insist that the council and officers conduct their own research and investigations, including visiting the street during peak and off-peak hours and at night, to make an informed decision. I can not see any reason why this work should not be a priority, rather than having a footpath somewhere else with no use.		Coolah Street	This is part of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy – ranked in top 3 projects based on need and dependant upon funding from TfNSW as part of the Get Active program.

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4.	2026-05-21	Name withheld		<p>The budget allocation on griffith seems to be unfairly distributed. Pioneer park seems to receive half the theatre expense budget but income the theatre proportionally doesnt match the museums income. To my knowledge the theatre charges for everything and the museum has free entry. Either the theatre needs to earn more income or reduce expenses or Museum needs to have an increases expense budget, the gallery also needs to align in proportion to these. I also would like it noted that you have the museum income expecting to raise \$23134 i anticipate this is because free entry will cease as the local residents where not consulted about this. Scenic Hill is also expected to have signage this seems wastful without, clear paths and roads and that many locals still think the hill is the old tip and treat it as such. Culture is vital for towns success and its embarrassing to call griffith home when leeton seems to be the Riverinas home of culture.</p>		<p>Cultural</p> <p>It is important to note that the Theatre and Museum operate under different service and business models, limiting direct comparison. The Theatre is a largely ticketed venue and generates higher revenue both in absolute terms and relative to its operating costs. The Museum, by contrast, provides a heritage and community access experience with a different funding profile. Both services are valued components of Council's cultural offering.</p> <p>Council is currently undertaking a free entry trial at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum to improve accessibility and visitation. This trial is funded through to January 2027 and has been incorporated into the 2026/27 budget. Any decision to continue, amend, or cease the trial beyond this date will be determined by Council based on outcomes and community feedback.</p> <p>In relation to Scenic Hill, Council is progressing a Scenic Hill Precinct Masterplan. This will guide future development, including access, infrastructure, and visitor improvements, and will inform staging of works such as signage. The masterplan will also support future external funding opportunities.</p> <p>The submission's broader comments regarding the importance of culture are noted.</p> <p>A \$25,000 budget bid for promotions and marketing for Griffith Pioneer Park Museum was not included in the draft budget – it is below the line.</p>
5.	2026-05-05	Name withheld	Griffith	<p>A baby change table is needed in the toilets at CWA Park. The park is great for mothers and children,</p>	CWA Park	<p>Will be considered as part of the Playground Strategy update due for adoption early 2027. For future budget consideration.</p>

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				but the lack of facilities means mums have to change their babies on the ground.			
6.	2026-05-28	Name withheld	Hanwood	<p>Could you please add this to the Draft 2026/2027 Operational Plan and Budget. Please accept this formal submission regarding the Draft 2026/2027 Operational Plan and Budget currently on public exhibition. I request that Council allocate funding within this upcoming budget to complete the bitumen sealing (tarring) of the remaining unsealed section of Sangster Crescent in Hanwood. Sangster Crescent is a fully zoned residential area. As residents, we contribute equitably to the town's revenue through residential rates, which cover local services including town sewerage and the three-bin domestic waste management system (including the red and yellow bins). While over 75% of our street has successfully been sealed, there is an uncompleted stretch of only approximately 200 metres remaining. Leaving this minor section unfinished forces the remaining households to endure dust pollution, gravel migration, and frequent potholes. This creates an unfair disparity between neighbours paying the exact same rate tiers for infrastructure and services. Given that the draft 2026/2027 budget intends to focus on a capital works program renewing local roads and essential infrastructure, addressing this 200-metre gap is an efficient, high-impact project. Completing this road will eliminate the need for recurrent council outlays on temporary grading maintenance while ensuring equitable asset management across Hanwood. Thank you for reviewing this community request during the budget assessment process. I look forward to seeing this final stage of Sangster Crescent prioritised in the adopted 2026/2027 Capital Works Program. Yours sincerely.</p>		Hanwood	Will be assessed under the criteria in the WO-CP-602 Roads Maintenance and Upgrade of Unsealed Roads policy. For future budget consideration if meets the policy.

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7.	2026-05-25	Waratah Junior Tigers Rugby League Football Club	Griffith	<p>PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND QUOTATION RE: Request for Budget Allocation Towards Proposed PA System Installation at Jubilee Oval. On behalf of the Waratah Tigers Junior Rugby League Club, we write to respectfully request that Griffith City Council consider including funding for the installation of a new public address (PA) system at Jubilee Oval as part of its upcoming budget deliberations. (Quoted to be \$5,100) Jubilee Oval is a valued community sporting facility that hosts junior rugby league matches, training sessions, representative fixtures, school activities and a range of community events throughout the year. As participation numbers and spectator attendance continues to increase, the absence of a suitable PA system has become a significant limitation for effective operation of events at the venue. The installation of a modern PA system would greatly enhance communication across the grounds, provide clear and reliable announcements for game scheduling, player and team coordination, presentations, community events and emergency notifications. This upgrade would improve both the functionality and safety of the venue while enhancing the experience for the players, officials, volunteers, families and visitors. As a volunteer - driven community sporting organisation, the Waratah Tigers Junior Rugby League Club remains committed to developing local sporting infrastructure and creating positive opportunities for young people and families in our region. While the club continues to investigate funding opportunities and contribute where possible, the scale and community benefit of this project make it an ideal candidate for Council support. Accordingly, the Waratah Tigers Junior Rugby League Club respectfully requests that Council make a budget submission and allocate funding within the forthcoming Griffith City Council budget to support the installation of a PA system at Jubilee Oval. We believe this investment would deliver lasting benefits to the many sporting groups, community organisations and residents who utilise this facility each year. The Club is also open to working collaboratively with Council to explore alternative funding pathways should a budget allocation not be possible. This may include community fundraising initiatives, grant opportunities, sponsorship</p>	Refer to Attachment (h)	Jubilee PA	<p><b>Recommendation:</b> That \$5,500 be included in the capital expenditure budget to install a PA system at Jubilee Oval.</p>
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				arrangements or a shared funding model. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these options and partner with Council to achieve an outcome that benefits the broader Griffith community. We would be pleased to meet with Council representatives to discuss the proposal further and provide any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for Council's continued support of grassroots sport and community development throughout Griffith. Yours sincerely President Robert Donovan			
8.	2026-05-29	Sherene Blumer	Griffith	I would like to once again ask that Kindergarten Lane kerb and guttering be completed-we have been asking for this to be completed for the past 25 years-surely it can be allocated within the budget? Wakaden Street also requires urgent repair and upgrade - I hope this is being looked into and commenced within a timely period please.	Refer to attachment (g)	Kindergarten Lane	Wakaden Street repair has been allocated in the road rehabilitation budget for FY2026/27. Kindergarten Lane kerb and guttering is currently not included in the FY2026/27 budget.

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9.	2026-05-03	Manjit Singh Lally	Griffith	<p>Submission regarding the 2026/27 Budget</p> <p>I have reviewed the Draft Operational Plan and Long Term Financial Plan. While I acknowledge Council's efforts to maintain financial sustainability following the recent Special Rate Variation, I wish to raise several concerns and suggestions for improvement before the plan is adopted.</p> <p>1. Address the \$1 million savings gap transparently The report states that only \$300,000 of the required \$1 million in ongoing savings has been identified (Page 6). A further \$765,000 remains unfound. I request that Council publish a detailed savings implementation plan listing which specific services, programs, or staffing areas are under review. The community deserves to know whether frontline services or asset maintenance will be affected.</p> <p>2. Clarify the General Fund's underlying deficit While the consolidated surplus appears healthy at \$15.7 million, the General Fund operates at a near-zero surplus before capital grants (approximately \$0.1 million). This is financially fragile. Any unexpected cost increase in fuel, wages, or interest could push the General Fund into deficit. I urge Council to identify achievable cost-containment measures now, rather than reacting to future shocks.</p> <p>3. Improve performance measures Many performance measures track activities (e.g., number of media releases) rather than meaningful outcomes. I recommend adopting measures that reflect community impact, such as resident satisfaction surveys or asset condition improvements.</p> <p>Conclusion I support the focus on essential services and infrastructure renewal. However, greater transparency regarding savings, risk mitigation, and performance outcomes is necessary before final adoption.</p>	Savings Services	<p>Council is required to report progress on the \$1 million savings challenge through its Annual Report. At this stage, specific savings initiatives have not yet been fully identified, as management is continuing to work through the 2026/27 financial year to determine and implement measures. Where possible, the focus is on achieving efficiencies rather than reducing service levels. Should any proposed savings measures have a direct impact on services, appropriate consultation will be undertaken with affected stakeholders and the community.</p> <p>Management acknowledges the constrained position of the General Fund, including its limited operating margin. This is a known and actively managed issue, with ongoing work being undertaken to strengthen long-term financial sustainability and improve resilience to cost pressures.</p> <p>The submission's support for Council's focus on essential services and infrastructure is noted, along with the request for continued improvement in transparency and reporting</p>
10.	2026-05-05	Name withheld	Griffith	- Sealing and marking of the car park on the side of the Sacred Heart Church and St Patrick's school, it is currently dirt. It is a huge hazard and danger and it's only a matter of time before a pedestrian is hit in the car park.	St Pat's Carpark / Wood Park / Splash Park Lk Wyangan	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan. Splash park at Lake Wyangan is not part of the current strategy and not in

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				- Toilets at wood park - splash park at the lake wyangan picnic area			the Ten Year Financial Plan. Recreation area has recently been upgraded based on community consultation, no splash park was included. St Patrick's carpark does not meet Council requirements for sealing. St Patrick's are currently exploring design options.
11.	2026-05-14	Name withheld	Griffith	re surfacing of the new stadium is a joke!!!! The last 35years my partner has been playing bball and in that whole time i ask how often this has happened? the floors look fantastic, how many slips has there been recent? This is a massive mis use of rate and tax payers money when there are so many ppl without homes or food due to the cost of living		Stadium	The work to be undertaken at the Griffith Regional Sports Centre is preventative maintenance, designed to ensure the longevity of the surface. Delaying this maintenance will lead to a greater cost on the future.
12.	2026-05-05	Jack	Collina	The new "Taliano Park" in Collina on Pritchard St could do with more seating as there is currently 1 bench seat for the entire park/playground. There are no amenities block or bbq area which would be great but it really needs some sort of shade as there is no shading whatsoever currently. There are alot of young families in this area and the park gets used frequently but it is very limited by what is available.		Taliano Park	Will be considered as part of the Playground Strategy update due for adoption early 2027. For future budget consideration.

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13.	2026-05-09	Jessy McRae	Driver	I want to see toilet block amenities at wood park. There are no nearby public toilets and it is difficult to enjoy the park with small children/toilet training toddlers or as a pregnant mum without quick access to toilets and handwashing. Would also like to see the proposed footpath plan for Griffith be commenced and completed. Ideally a path along Blumer Ave and Clifton Blvd, along Probert St, a path around Wade High School and connect current pathway infrastructure. This would support people with disabilities, parents with prams and small children as well as promote walking and cycling for exercise in a safe manner.		Wood Park / Pathways	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.  Council's Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy includes these paths and they have been ranked according to approved prioritisation criteria. Expansion of the existing path network depends on successful grant submissions.
14.	2026-05-08	Name withheld	North Griffith	As a resident on wood park, I do think we need a toilet block there as many families require it. It also raises concerns for attracting the wrong people at night (drug users). Is it possible to have an automatic lock on the amenities on a timer that would discourage the wrong people coming there at night but also available for when families and kids are attending during the day?		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.  Council currently utilises after hours services to lock public facilities.
15.	2026-05-07	Gary Delpiano	North Griffith	Proposed toilet facilities at Wood Park. I live facing Wood Park. Ever since the upgrade a few years back, the use of Wood Park has increased significantly & has proven that this has been a very wise investment by council which benefits many people. Many birthday parties are held here now. I've seen many parents forced to help their toddlers relieve themselves behind trees. Many parents have a few children & loading up the whole family in their cars & seeking out toilet facilities elsewhere is a major disruption to a festive or fun outing. I would strongly advise council to support toilet facilities at this site.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.

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16.	2026-05-07	Name withheld	Griffith	Definitely needed. I can't understand why you create a beautiful park with bbq facilities for families to enjoy but no toilet block. Where are the kids meant to go when nature calls. Really!!!		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
17.	2026-05-07	Lachlan	Yenda	I wish I had more hands so i could give extra thumbs up to the toilets at wood park proposal. All is parents with kids love this park and this was the only missing piece.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
18.	2026-05-06	Emma Rodger	Lake Wyangan	On numerous occasions I would attend Wood Park with my kids and be stuck without a toilet. The choice is peeing behind a tree or wetting their pants. As a result of this we no longer attend there which is such a shame because it's a great park. I am fully supporting of toilets being put in there.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
19.	2026-05-05	Zoe	Yenda	The budget for the toilet at Wood Park should be a top priority for council. This is one of the best parks in town and and the only one without amenities. That makes it hard for families to utilise. Especially families of young toddlers/ children who are learning to use the toilet. I personally have avoided that park while my child was toilet training. This is a great idea and really appreciate it being on councils radar.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
20.	2026-05-05	Maureen Rosenboom	Griffith	I would support building a toilet block at Wood Park in North Griffith. Since the upgrade Wood Park is being used on a daily basis by families including children's birthday parties. Having a toilet block is needed to ensure continued use of this wonderful Council facility.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
21.	2026-05-05	Nicole Andreezza	WILLBRIGGIE	Toilets at wood park are desperately needed, it's a beautiful park and a wonderful place to take children to play, the only thing it's missing are toilet ammenities		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.

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22.	2026-05-05	Name withheld	Griffith	Toilet block and nappy change facility at wood park		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.  The request for baby change facilities is noted.
23.	2026-05-05	Holly Hingston	North Griffith	The playground at Wood Park is one of the most utilised parks in the inner Griffith area. The addition of a public toilet would only amplify the great work that has already gone in to this park by the council. It would also avoid children from urinating in public which is unfortunately the reality that some parents face when dealing with young toddlers that don't have the physical ability or concept of holding on till they get home.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
24.	2026-05-05	Lauren	Griffith	The planning for the inclusion of a toilet block at wood park is greatly appreciated and will make a huge improvement for the families who use this space. It would be great to consider Wade Park for upgrades as the current equipment is a considerable age and has deteriorated (paint chipping, metal rusting, no safe or suitable infant swing and no disability accessible equipment). It would also be beneficial to consider a fence to Enclose the space considering it adjoins illilliwa street which is a very busy road.		Wood Park / Wade Park / Fencing	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.  Wade Park - will be considered as part of the Playground Strategy update due for adoption early 2027. For future budget consideration.

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25.	2026-05-05	Cassandra Knight	Driver	I strongly support the addition of toilet amenities at Wood Park. It's already a great park and a valuable space for families, but the lack of toilets limits how long people can comfortably stay—especially those with young children. Adding amenities would make the park far more accessible and encourage greater community use. As a parent, I would use this park much more often if toilets were available. It would also support longer visits, social gatherings, and overall improve the experience for families. This is a simple upgrade that would have a big impact on the community.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
26.	2026-05-05	Michael Heffer	North Griffith	Great idea but needs to be auto locked at night to deter drug users.		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.  The request for timed access to the facility is noted. Council currently utilises after hours services to lock public facilities.
27.	2026-05-05	Name withheld	Griffith	A toilet block at Wood park is needed. As a disability support worker and a mum currently toilet training a toddler, I have been avoiding using wood park. Toilet facilities at wood park will have myself and many other utilising the park		Wood Park	Construction of toilets at Wood Park is included in the 2026/27 Capital Works plan.
28.	2026-05-29	Yenda Progress Association		Yenda Progress Association - See Attachment (e)  Request for a contingent line item in the budget – subject to securing matching State/Federal grant funding under the NSW Floodplain management Program	Refer to Attachment (e)	Yenda	Council will identify and set aside funds for floodplain management works as grant funding opportunities become available.

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29.	2026-05-30	Yenda Progress Association		Yenda Progress Association - See Attachment (f)	Refer to Attachment (f)	Yenda	<p><b>Point 1:</b> <i>No funding for a review of Main Drain J &amp; Mirrool Creek Flood Study</i>  <i>Ordinary Meeting of Council 28 October 2025 Council 25/332</i>  <b>RESOLVED</b> <i>on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Mark Dal Bon that in relation to the Recommendations in CL04:</i>  <i>Item 1:</i>  <i>(a) Council obtains an estimation of costs for consultants to detail design the above 4 dot points in the Committee's recommendations</i>  <i>(b) Council explores funding options for the detail design through the State Government Floodplain Management Program.</i>  <i>(c) Once State Government flood funding sources are identified and applicable to the detailed design of the 4 dot points, Council consider, as part of future budget deliberations, the required matching funding.</i></p> <p><i>Item 2:</i>  <i>(a) Prior to reinstating an attenuating levee across the floodway, Council applies for funding from the State Government to conduct a review of the Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan once all stages of the Yoogali levee project are fully complete.</i>  <i>(b) Council considers, as part of future budget deliberations, the required matching funding necessary to conduct a review of the Griffith Main Drain J and Mirrool Creek</i></p>
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							<p><i>Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.</i></p> <p><b>Point 2:</b> <i>No funding for repatriation of Main Canal banks</i> Following any natural disaster, funding for recovery, repairs and future maintenance is documented and funding applied for through various State and Local Government sources.</p> <p><b>Point 3:</b> <i>No funding for preparations recommended by consultants BMT – stock piling of clays and soils, exit apron, access of excavators and Halse Road</i> A management plan is currently being developed in conjunction with Murrumbidgee Irrigation.</p> <p><b>Point 4:</b> <i>No funding for downstream impact study</i> This is dealt with under the current Main Drain J Mirrool Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.</p> <p><b>Point 5:</b> <i>No funding for replacement of Yenda raw water pipe network</i> The NSW Government has postponed the Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the National Water Grid Fund (NWGF) 2026 funding round. As a result, we were unable to submit an application this year. However, for the NWGF 2025 funding round, we engaged a consultant to prepare and submit a funding application for the Griffith Water Treatment Plant upgrade works. The application sought funding for works that Council is currently required to undertake under the Community Energy Upgrades Fund (CEUF) agreements. Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful, including the request for seed funding for the design phase of the upgrades.</p>
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							<p>At this stage, it is very unlikely that the Yenda Raw Water pipeline upgrade project would be eligible for funding under the NWGF program. Further investigation into improving the raw water network is required, this needs to form part of the Capital Works Strategic Planning for the delivery of drinking and raw water services to all customers.</p> <p><b>Point 6:</b> No funding for replacement of Claret Ash trees North Avenue Council will consider additional planting as current budget permits.</p> <p><b>Point 7:</b> No funding for shared footpaths Currently there are no Yenda paths in the top 30 of the Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy. Council will review this Strategy as part of the Roads, Parks, Pathways Enhancement Committee. The priority would be for paths within the Yenda township prior to considering a loop around the Yenda town.</p> <p><b>Point 8:</b> No funding for Stages 2, 3 and 4 town drainage improvements Drainage stages 2, 3 and 4, Yenda are listed in the Long Term Capital Works Budget (Items not Considered further due to lack of funding) but have not been progressed further as this is a Council decision based on community priorities.</p>

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30.	2026-05-02	Lachlan Weymouth	Yenda	<p>Subject: Community Feedback for Yenda Infrastructure and Local Issues</p> <p>Dear Council,</p> <p>I am writing to provide feedback on the Draft Delivery Program 2025/26 – 2028/29, specifically in relation to Yenda.</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to raise concern that residents of Yenda contribute rates yet are not seeing sufficient representation in terms of maintaining or improving local infrastructure and community outcomes. Roads and drainage are a key issue. There are clear signs of wear and deterioration in several areas. In particular, Bingar Street (between Henry Street and West Avenue) experiences regular flooding into residential driveways. Water pools in gutters and can remain for extended periods where weather conditions are mild. This creates ongoing problems, including mosquito breeding and broader environmental concerns.</p> <p>Additionally, these stagnant water areas unintentionally attract native birdlife. This in turn draws domestic cats (often roaming) and feral animals, resulting in harm to local wildlife. While this may seem indirect, it is a clear consequence of inadequate drainage and should be addressed as part of infrastructure planning.</p> <p>Secondly, I would like to address animal management concerns, particularly roosters and roaming cats. While I understand the ranger has attended in the past, there has been no meaningful change. There appears to be a lack of awareness or enforcement within the community. Roosters within town limits are not permitted under Council's own rules, and this needs to be clearly communicated and enforced. I recommend a stronger and more visible approach, including an educational campaign across multiple channels to ensure residents understand their responsibilities and the regulations in place.</p> <p>In relation to cats, I raise this both as a resident and as an Indigenous person with a deep connection to the land and local wildlife. The level of indifference shown by some owners toward roaming cats is distressing. These animals have a well-documented impact on native species. I strongly encourage</p>	Yenda	<p>Road maintenance is scheduled in line with Council's intervention policy. Currently there are no Yenda paths in the top 30 of the Griffith Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategy. Council will review this Strategy as part of the Roads, Parks, Pathways Enhancement Committee. The priority would be for paths within the Yenda township prior to considering a loop around the Yenda town.</p> <p>Drainage stages 2, 3 and 4, Yenda are listed in the Long Term Capital Works Budget (Items not Considered further due to lack of funding) but have not been progressed further as this is a Council decision based on community priorities.</p> <p>Animal issues – Council will undertake communication campaign to educate and advise community on process for contacting compliance, within existing resources.</p> <p>Yenda Masterplan, endorsed by Council in August 2025, addresses future urban growth for Yenda village. The Masterplan is available on Council's website.</p>
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**External Budget Submissions 2026**

				<p>Council to take a firmer stance on responsible pet ownership and enforcement, and to continue building on conservation efforts seen in areas such as the great work at Scenic Hill, often done on the initiative of locals who enjoy our natural spaces. The community likes conservation, maybe they just need to be reminded what the right thing to do is by our governing rules.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to advocate for improved active transport infrastructure in Yenda, specifically a walking and bike track. A loop around the outskirts of the town would be an excellent starting point. These areas already see regular use by children, families, and older residents, often alongside heavy-vehicle traffic. Providing a dedicated path would significantly improve safety and encourage healthier community use of public space.</p> <p>Yenda is a growing community, and residents deserve to see tangible outcomes from their contributions. I ask that Council give greater consideration to infrastructure investment, animal management, and community amenity in Yenda moving forward.</p> <p>Summary of Key Requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drainage and Flooding – Bingar Street (Henry St to West Ave)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular flooding into residential driveways</li> <li>- Standing water remains for extended periods</li> <li>- Creates mosquito breeding and health risks</li> <li>- Requires drainage review and rectification</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Road Maintenance and Condition (Yenda-wide)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visible wear and deterioration across streets</li> <li>- Increased resurfacing and repair required</li> <li>- Greater prioritisation of village infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Stormwater Management Improvements             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduce standing water in gutters and low points</li> <li>- Improve drainage flow and efficiency</li> <li>- Prevent environmental impacts (wildlife attraction, pests)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Rooster Control (Enforcement of Existing Rules)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roosters not permitted within town limits</li> <li>- Lack of enforcement despite prior ranger involvement</li> <li>- Require clear communication and enforcement action</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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## External Budget Submissions 2026

No.	Date received	Name	Suburb	Feedback	Supporting documents	Subject	SMT Comment / Council Recommendation
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommend multi-channel public education campaign</li> <li>- Cat Ownership and Wildlife Protection</li> <li>- Increase enforcement on roaming domestic cats</li> <li>- Educate owners on environmental impact</li> <li>- Protect native wildlife from predation</li> <li>- Align with local conservation values</li> <li>- Walking and Bike Track (Yenda)</li> <li>- Develop loop around town outskirts</li> <li>- Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists</li> <li>- Separate users from vehicle traffic</li> <li>- Encourage community health and activity</li> <li>- Fair Infrastructure Investment for Yenda</li> <li>- Ensure proportional return on rates paid</li> <li>- Increase visibility of planned works in Yenda</li> <li>- Consider growth and future demand in planning</li> </ul> Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.			
31.	2026-05-07	Jenna Thomas	Griffith	Yoogali Shared Pathway and Bridge This pathway is very hot in summer. The planting of shade trees would be very useful as well as providing aesthetic appeal to encourage users. I suggest medium trees such as melaleuca (paperbarks) which would not need watering, once established. They have proven to grow well in that area... as per trees at the eastern end, near the Yoogali club.		Yoogali	Council will consider additional planting as current budget permits.
32.	2026-05-27	Name withheld	Yoogali	Is there any plan to update the drainage between 116 to 124 mackay avenue yoogali and put in curb and guttering. It is my understanding that when mackay avenue was upgraded and the traffic lights were put in a major issue was raised with the lack of drainage.		Yoogali	Currently the drains are not funded however a design has been prepared. Council are currently in discussions with TfNSW.

\*Note that there were a number of submissions regarding Wood Park toilets received after the public exhibition closing date. Some of these supported the proposal however some were objections to the proposal.

## Internal submission – Senior Management Team

The 2026/27 Draft Budget was placed on public exhibition. Since exhibition:

- Internal submissions have been received identifying required corrections, additions, and updated assumptions
- Legislative updates (e.g. OLG determinations) have been released
- Updated operational cost assumptions (particularly waste and fuel) have been provided

This report consolidates those amendments for Council consideration prior to adoption.

### Summary of Proposed Amendments

#### Financial Overview

Category	Increase / (Decrease)	Notes
Fees & Charges Revenue	Increase	New fees, corrections, statutory updates
Operating Budget Impact	Minor increase	Internet installation (\$3,000)
Waste collection costs	Increase	Increased contract rates – fuel cost
Waste Charges	Increase	Revised to include 7% uplift
Capital Program Impact	To be confirmed	FOGO option implications

### Amendments to Revenue Policy/Fees & Charges

#### Proposed Changes

Fee/Charge	Exhibited Fee	Recommendation: Proposed Fee	Reason
Water Inspection Fee	Included twice	Delete duplicate	Correction to draft
Investigation Fee	Included twice	Delete duplicate	Correction to draft
Use of Griffith Harness Track	Not exhibited	\$110/week	New fee
603 Certificates	Waiting on OLG	\$105	Confirmed OLG determination
Overdue Rates Interest	Waiting on OLG	9.5%	Statutory setting (OLG Circular 26-06)
Water Meter Relocation (20mm)	\$1,645	\$1,646	Pricing correction
Water Meter Relocation Description	N/A	Add “includes disconnection”	Clarification
Planning & Development Fees	As exhibited	Updated per EP&A Regulation	Legislative update
Legionella Inspection Fees	Not exhibited	\$100–\$150/year	New regulatory fees
Domestic Waste Management Charge	\$429	\$458	See details below
Recycling Charge	\$142	\$152	See details below

**Justification**

- Corrections to duplication and pricing errors identified internally
- Compliance with updated legislation and OLG circulars
- Introduction of new cost-recovery fees
- Clarification of existing charges for transparency

**Financial Impact**

- Minor net increase in revenue
- Improved cost recovery
- No significant impact on overall budget position

Specific information on amended Planning and Water fees is attached separately.

**Amendments to Operating Budget**

**Summary of Changes**

Item	Exhibited Budget	Proposed Budget	Variance	Reason
Waste collection costs	\$760,000	\$860,000	+\$100,000	Increased costs of fuel
Waste collection charges	-\$1,381,518	-\$1,481,518	-\$100,000	To recover increased costs of fuel
Senior Citizens Centre Internet	Not included	\$3,000	+\$3,000	Enable increased bookings
Financial Assistance Grant	\$7,856,865	\$1,571,37	-\$6,285,49	Financial Assistance Grant paid in advance

**Key Adjustments**

**Waste Charges**

Council proposes increasing waste charges beyond exhibited levels to account for fuel uncertainty:

- Exhibited Domestic Waste Charge: \$429
- Proposed: **\$458**
- Exhibited Recycling Charge: \$142
- Proposed: **\$152**

This reflects a **7% increase** to account for anticipated fuel and rise-and-fall impacts in the existing collection contract.

**Fuel Costs**

- Increase incorporated indirectly through waste contract adjustments
- Based on contractor advice and rise-and-fall provisions

**Financial Assistance Grant**

- The Federal Government has announced 80% of the 2026/27 Financial Assistance Grant will be paid in June 2026.
- The amount of the 2026/27 payment is not known at this stage. The figures show projections.
- Funds will be placed into reserve in 2025/26 to be used in 2026/27.
- Timing issue; no net impact on Council's cash position.

**Additional Positions**

- No additional positions identified in submissions

**Financial Impact**

- Significantly reduced operating surplus resulting from advance FAG payment; no impact on cash as funds brought forward from 2025/26
- Increased revenue from waste charges
- Minor operating expenditure increase (\$3,000)

**Amendments to Capital Program**

NIL proposed

## YENDA PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The General Manger  
Mr Scott Grant  
Griffith City Council  
1 Benerembah St. GRIFFITH NSW 2680

RE: inclusion of Mirrool Creek / Yenda EMR Flood Study Review in the Long-Term Financial Plan and Delivery Program.

Dear Scott,

I am writing to formally follow up on a matter raised at last nights Council Budget Workshop regarding flood mitigating infrastructure for Yenda, specifically the inadequate capacity at the east Mirrool Regulator (EMR) and the threats that changes to Upstream Mirrool Creek catchment poses.

During the workshop, Council indicated that it could not allocate funds for a Main Drain J & Mirrool Creek Flood Study Review within its 12 month, 3-year or 10-year budget timeframes without knowing the exact financial contributions from State or Federal governments.

While I understand Council's hesitation to lock away General Revenue unassisted, failing to list the project in Council's strategic documents creates a strategic impasse. State funding bodies routinely look for evidence of localized commitment within a Council's Delivery Program before approving matching grants.

To resolve this issue, I request that Council notes this project as a **contingent line item** within the upcoming 3-year Delivery Program and 10-year Long Term Financial Plan. Specifically, I propose a budget allocation explicitly marked:

***'Subject to securing matching State / Federal grant funding under the NSW Floodplain Management Program'***

This approach protects Council's cash reserves while ensuring the project is 'shelf ready' and strategically aligned when grant applications open.

Could you please advise if a report or a Notice of Motion will be brought to the Chamber to consider this contingent funding line into Council's upcoming Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP & R ) framework?

I look forward to your positive reply.

Yours Sincerely

Paul Rossetto, Yenda Progress Association

## Yenda Progress Association

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30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The General Manager  
Mr Scott Grant  
Griffith City Council  
1 Benerembah St. GRIFFITH NSW 2680

RE: Council Budget Submission

Dear Scott,

Please find below our Yenda Progress Association Budget submission: –

"Council endorsed its Delivery Program 2025/26 – 2028/29, Operational Plan (Budget 2025/26) and Resourcing Strategy, which comprises the Long-Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Plan and Workforce Management Plan."

Lots of plans – let's list what is not in Council's Budgets- 3 year or 10 years.

1. NO Funding for a Review of Main Drain J & Mirrool Creek Flood Study the precursor to Council's share of installation of second set of flood gates in the northern bank of the Main Canal at the Yenda East Mirrool Regulator. Suggestion: Write a contingent line item within the 3 year and 10-year long term Financial Plan specifically marked: **'Subject to securing matching State / Federal grant funding under the NSW Floodplain Management Program'**

This will satisfy state government grant criteria because it shows political commitment to the project without actually locking away council's general funds before the grant money arrives.

YPA points of concern for the impacts of another AEP 1:100 or larger Mirrool Creek Flood.

- In the past decade massive earthwork constructions have been taking place in the Upper Mirrool Creek catchment east of the Yenda EMR. Water NSW and NRAR have become involved and have charged several landholders for unauthorised levees, drains and unlicensed pumping from Mirrool Creek. Landholders are presently appealing the charges. In

2016 & 2022 Halse Road became flooded 5 times and 14 times when historically the meandering Mirrool Creek would carry flood waters to the EMR not Halse Road.

- Upstream shires, both Carrathool and Narrandera Shires have completed road drainage maintenance works expanding causeways draining floodwater quicker to the restricted EMR.
    - a) E.g. 3 causeways cut through Binya State Forest and the first dry area farm after the forest before Binya.
    - b) Narrandera Shire endorsing DA's for On-Farm water Recycling Works aka have become flood harvesting levees and drains that when storage dams are full bypass flood water directly on to Halse Road and the inadequate EMR under canal siphon.
  - The February 28, 2024, Council Floodplain Management Committee Meeting recommendation and subsequent Council Meeting endorsement of the MI Proposed earthworks entitled 'North Merribee Canal re-alignment' has converted a flood storage area into a 5000 ML per day floodway. This development is so shocking and detrimental to good flood planning principles as outlined in the NSW Floodplain Management Manual 2023 that it brought me out of political retirement and another Yenda farmer into Council's Floodplain Management Committee.
  - Murrumbidgee Irrigation Ltd building up of Main Canal outer banks (up to 2 metres higher) from Murrambi all the way to the Yenda EMR will ensure there are no crossflow breaches of Mirrool Creek flood water across the Main Canal next flood event. The impact will be felt greater at the EMR restricted under canal siphon.
  - Council endorsed 2018 Emergency Breaching Protocol is nothing more than a 'red herring' designed to i) save Council money ii) pacify Yenda residents and iii) lower Yenda House flood insurance premiums.
  - In 2018 Council's contribution to one set of reinstalled Flood gates was \$400,000. It goes without saying for an extra \$400,000 there could have been a second set of flood gates installed. Then EMR Flood Mitigation Design would be back up to 1990 pre-decommissioning capabilities at AEP 2% or 1:50 ARI.
2. NO Funding for repatriation of Main Canal banks (as per Council Executive Memo 2016) following another large rainfall event. By not doing its 'Due Diligence' - a Geo Technical soil survey at the proposed Emergency Breaching Protocol site before endorsing the Document Council is exposed to the full costs of repatriation and potential litigation.
3. No Funding for preparations recommended by consultants BMT
- a) re: stock piling of clays and soils to expedite repairs to the Main Canal embankments to facilitate continuation of irrigation supplies,
  - b) an adequate exit apron to direct flood waters into the creek and prevent gouging.
  - c) consideration to access of excavators and Halse Road will become flooded preventing access by excavators to the northern Main Canal embankment.

4. No Funding for an downstream impact study recommended by DEECCW Officer Mr Manwaring GCC FMC meeting minutes 8 February 2024 before Council endorsed the Murrumbidgee Irrigation proposed Earthworks North Merribee Canal realignment which essentially is a conversion of a farmland flood storage area attenuated by NMC banks into a 5000 Megalitres per day floodway by removing those banks and installing inverted irrigation siphons creating a 20 metre wide uninterrupted floodway facilitating floodwater towards an already inadequate under canal siphon at the junction of Mirrool Creek and Main Canal East Mirrool Regulator location.
5. NO Funding for Council's share of the replacement of the Yenda's raw water pipe network. There is something wrong when there is \$108M unspent National Water Grid Funds that the Government takes it back. 2026May Budget
6. No Funding for the replacement of the half dead and sick claret ash trees on North Avenue. Circa 2014 Ex-Council Director David Tull inspired change from 50mm unmetered raw water pipes to 35mm metered pipes didn't do the Claret Ash trees any favours with lack of pressure & continued blocked sprinklers most of them suffered badly & never recovered. Memorial Park lawn was so dry with sprinklers not reaching their previous diameters that the Carols by Candlelight Committee were worried about lawn fires if someone accidentally dropped a candle. It's been 12 years now Yenda Progress Association has been pointing out how bad the trees look.
7. NO Funding application for shared footpaths. Yenda does not have one metre of federally funded shared footpaths, falling well behind the investment in Hanwood & Yoogali villages.
8. NO Funding for Stages 2, 3 & 4 town drainage improvements planned by Mr Graham Gordon following the 2012 Yenda Flood. Only Stage 1 North Avenue pump was completed.

**In conclusion, the Yenda Progress Association respectfully requests that Council give urgent consideration to these omitted priorities in its current and long-term budget planning. These matters are critical to flood mitigation, infrastructure resilience, equitable community investment and good mental health in Yenda and the surrounding district. We ask that Council address these gaps and work collaboratively with our community to ensure these essential projects are properly funded.**

Yours Faithfully

Paul Rossetto, Yenda Progress Association





DESCRIPTION:  
 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY:  
 SUB-CATEGORY:

Fees for 2026/2027  
 05 HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES  
 Development Assessment - Development

DESCRIPTION	2025/26 FEE (\$) Adopted Includes GST (If Applic.)	2026/27 FEE (\$) Proposed Includes GST (If Applic.)	FEE JUSTIF.	REVISED GST APPLIC.
<b>Development Application</b> (Fees as determined under Schedule 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021)				
If two or more fees are applicable	The sum of those fees	The sum of those fees	SL	N
For each development application > \$50,000 referred to in the below table a fee is remitted to the Dept. of Planning & Infrastructure	0.064% per \$1,000	0.064% per \$1,000	SL	N
Development involving the erection of a building, the carrying out of work or the demolition of a work or a building, and having an estimated cost within the range specified in the Table below-excluding dwellings value \$100,000 or less	See Table Below	See Table Below		
<b>Table - Estimated Cost</b>				
<b>Up to \$5,000</b>	147.00	153.00	SL	N
<b>\$5,001 - \$50,000</b>	226.00 +	235.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	3.00	3.00	SL	N
<b>\$50,001 - \$250,000</b>	469.00 +	488.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$50,000	3.64	3.64	SL	N
<b>\$250,001 - \$500,000</b>	1544.00 +	1608.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	2.34	2.34	SL	N
<b>\$500,001 - \$1,000,000</b>	2325.00 +	2420.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	1.64	1.64	SL	N
<b>\$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000</b>	3483.00 +	3625.00 +	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	1.44	1.44	SL	N
<b>More than \$10,000,000</b>	21146.00 +	22009.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	1.19	1.19	SL	N

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Advertising Structure/Signage	379.00 +	395.00+	SL	N
PLUS for each advertisement in excess of one, or the fee calculated in accordance with the table below whichever is the greater (Note that this excludes sandwich boards)	93.00	93.00	SL	N
Development Involving the Erection of a Dwelling-House with an Estimated Construction Cost of \$100,000 or Less	606.00	631.00	SL	N
Residential Apartment Development which is Required to be Referred to a Design Review Panel Under SEPP No. 65 Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development				
Additional to any other fees payable	max 3,000.00	max 3,000	SL	N
Subdivision of Land (other than Strata subdivision)				
Involving the Opening of a Public Road	885.00 +	921.00+	SL	N
PLUS for each additional lot created	65.00	65.00	SL	N
Subdivision of Land (incl Boundary Adjustment) (other than Strata)				
Not Involving the Opening of a Public Road	440.00 +	458.00+	SL	N
PLUS for each additional lot created	53.00	53.00	SL	N
Strata Subdivision	440.00 +	458.00+	SL	N
PLUS for each additional lot created	65.00	65.00	SL	N

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Development Not Involving the Erection of a Building, the Carrying out of a Work, the Subdivision of Land or the Demolition of a Building or Work	379.00	395.00	SL	N
<b>Designated Development</b>				
Additional to any other fees payable	1,226.00	1,276.00	SL	N
<b>Advertising</b>				
Post determination advertising in local Council Catch-Up	31.00	32.00	CR	N
Media Website & Council Catch-Up DA advertisement	246.00	256.00	CR	N
Designated development	2,957.00	3,078.00	SL	N
Advertised development	1,472.00	1,532.00	SL	N
Prohibited development	1,472.00	1,532.00	SL	N
Development for which an environmental planning instrument or development control plan requires notice to be given otherwise than as referred to above	1,472.00	1,532.00	SL	N
<b>Notification</b>				
- Written Notification 1 - 5 Neighbours	107.00	111.00	CR	N
- Written Notification 6 - 10 Neighbours	161.00	167.00	CR	N
- Written Notification 11 + Neighbours	238.00	248.00	CR	N
- Written Notification of a significant proposal	427.00	444.00	CR	N
<b>Development that Requires Concurrence</b>				
An additional processing fee, plus a concurrence fee for payment to each concurrence authority, are payable in respect of an application for development that requires concurrence under the Act or an environmental planning instrument				
Additional processing fee payable to Council	187.00	194.00	SL	N
PLUS: Concurrence fee payable to other concurrence authorities	426.00	443.00	SL	N
<b>Integrated Development</b>				
An additional processing fee, plus an approval fee for payment to each approval body, are payable in respect of an application for integrated development				
Additional processing fee payable to Council	187.00	194.00	SL	N
PLUS: Approval fee payable to other approval authorities	426.00	443.00	SL	N
<b>Staged Development Application</b>				
The maximum fee payable for a staged development application in relation to a site, and for any subsequent development application for any part of the site, is the maximum fee that would be payable if a single development application only was required for all the development on the site				

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DESCRIPTION	2025/26 FEE (\$) Adopted Includes GST (If Applic.)	2026/27 FEE (\$) Proposed Includes GST (If Applic.)	FEE JUSTIF.	REVISED GST APPLIC.
<b>Site Compatibility Certificate under SEPP (Housing) 2021</b>				
Base Fee	353.00 +	368.00+	SL	N
PLUS for each dwelling in the development	42.00	42.00	SL	N
Maximum fee payable is \$697 including base fee and additional fee				
<b>Site Compatibility Certificate under SEPP (Transport &amp; Infrastructure) 2021</b>			SL	N
Base Fee	353.00 +	368.00+		
PLUS for each hectare (or part of a hectare) of the area of land	265.00	265.00	SL	N
Maximum fee payable is \$697 including base fee and additional fee				
<b>Site Verification Certificate under SEPP (Resources &amp; Energy) 2021</b>	4,983.00	5,187.00	SL	N
<b>Modification/Amendment of a Consent for Local Development</b>				
Application under section 4.55 (1) of the Act	95.00	98.00	SL	N
Application under section 4.55 (1A) of the Act, or under section 4.56 (1) of the Act in respect of a modification which, in the opinion of the consent authority, is of minimal environmental impact	859.00 or 50% of the original fee, whichever is the lesser	894.00 or 50% of the original fee, whichever is the lesser	SL	N
Application under section 4.55 (2) of the Act, or under section 4.56 (1) of the Act in respect of a modification which, in the opinion of the consent authority, is not of minimal environmental impact, is				
If the fee for the original application was less than \$100	50% of the original fee	50% of the original fee	SL	N
If the fee for the original application was \$100 or more:				
In the case of an application with respect to a development application that does not involve the erection of a building, the carrying out of work or the demolition of a work or building	50% of the original fee	50% of the original fee	SL	N
In the case of an application with respect to a development application that involves the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	253.00	263.00	SL	N
In the case of an application with respect to any other development application, as set out in the table to this clause				
Plus an additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 4.55 (2) or 4.56 (1) of the Act	886.00	922.00	SL	N
Additional fee for development to which clause 115 (1A) applies	1,013.00	1,054.00	SL	N
<b>Table - Estimated Cost</b>				
<b>Up to \$5,000</b>	73.00	76.00	SL	N
<b>\$5,001 - \$250,000</b>	113.00 +	117.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	1.50	1.50	SL	N
<b>\$250,001 - \$500,000</b>	666.00 +	694.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0.85	0.85	SL	N
<b>\$500,001 - \$1,000,000</b>	949.00 +	988.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0.50	0.50	SL	N
<b>\$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000</b>	1314.00 +	1368.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0.40	0.40	SL	N

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 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY:  
 SUB-CATEGORY:

Fees for 2026/2027  
 05 HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES  
 Development Assessment - Development

DESCRIPTION	2025/26 FEE (\$) Adopted Includes GST (If Applicable.)	2026/27 FEE (\$) Proposed Includes GST (If Applicable.)	FEE JUSTIF.	REVISED GST APPLIC.
<b>Modification of a Consent for Local Development</b>				
<b>More than \$10,000,000</b>	6310.00 +	6568.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0.27	0.27	SL	N
<b>Modification of Development Application (prior to determination)</b>				
Dwelling house and other ancillary development	146.00	152.00	FS	N
Dual occupancy/Multiple dwellings	380.00	395.00	FS	N
Commercial & Industrial	380.00	395.00	FS	N
Subdivision < 5 lots	157.00	163.00	FS	N
Subdivision 5 to 20 lots	303.00	315.00	FS	N
Subdivision > 20 lots	434.00	451.00	FS	N
<b>Review of Determination</b>				
A development application that does not involve the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building	50% of fee	50% of fee	SL	N
A development application that involves the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	253.00	263.00	SL	N
Any other development application, as set out in the table below				
Table - Estimated Cost				
<b>Up to \$5,000</b>	73.00	76.00	SL	N
<b>\$5,001 - \$250,000</b>	114.00 +	117.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	1.50	1.50	SL	N
<b>\$250,001 - \$500,000</b>	666.00 +	694.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0.85	0.85	SL	N
<b>\$500,001 - \$1,000,000</b>	949.00 +	988.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0.50	0.50	SL	N
<b>\$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000</b>	1314.00 +	1368.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0.40	0.40	SL	N
<b>More than \$10,000,000</b>	6310.00 +	6568.00+	SL	N
PLUS an additional fee for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0.27	0.27	SL	N
Plus an additional amount if notice of the application is required to be given under section 8.3 of the Act	826.00	922.00	SL	N
<b>Review of Modification Application</b>				
An application under section 8.9 for a review of a decision (fee that was payable in respect of the application that is the subject of the review)	50% of fee	50% of fee	SL	N
<b>Review of Decision to Reject a Development Application</b>				
If the estimated cost of the development is less than \$100,000	73.00	76.00	SL	N
If the estimated cost of the development is \$100,000 or more and less than or equal to \$1,000,000	199.00	207.00	SL	N
If the estimated cost of the development is more than \$1,000,000	333.00	346.00	SL	N
<b>Application Fee for Referral to Development Review Panel</b> (Plus applicable Review of Determination Fee)	3,147.00	3,273.00	FS	N

DESCRIPTION:  
 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY:  
 SUB-CATEGORY:

Fees for 2026/2027  
 05 HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES  
 Development Assessment - Miscellaneous

DESCRIPTION	2025/26 FEE (\$) Adopted Includes GST (If Applic.)	2026/27 FEE (\$) Proposed Includes GST (If Applic.)	FEE JUSTIF.	REVISED GST APPLIC.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
<b>Payable by Private Accredited Certifier to NSW Portal</b>				
- Complying Development Certificate	41.00	43.00	SL	N
- Construction Certificate	46.00	47.00	SL	N
- Occupation Certificate	46.00	47.00	SL	N
- Subdivision Certificate	46.00	47.00	SL	N
- Submitting Planning Certificate Portal	6.00	6.00	SL	N
<b>Where Griffith City Council is not Appointed to Issue Construction Certificate (fees to be paid prior to inspection)</b>				
<b>Inspection Normal Business Hours</b>				
- Class 1 & 10 Buildings	206.00 (per inspection) or 206.00 per hour (whichever is greater)	500.00 (per inspection) or 500.00 per hour (whichever is greater)	CR	Y
- Class 2 - 9 Buildings	266.00 (per inspection) or 266.00 per hour (whichever is greater)	550.00 (per inspection) or 550.00 per hour (whichever is greater)	CR	Y
- Inspection outside normal business hours	Extra 50% surcharge per inspection	Extra 50% surcharge per inspection	CR	Y
<b>Mausoleum - Capella</b>				
- Perpetual Maintenance per Crypt (payable as per DA condition)	2,653.00	2,733.00	CR	Y
<b>Dwelling Entitlement Application</b>				
- Dwelling Entitlement Application	534.00	555.00	CR	N
<b>Search Fee (enquiries that require &gt; 1 hour research)</b>				
- Search Fee (enquiries that require > 1 hour research)	201.00 (per hour or part thereof)	209.00 (per hour or part thereof)	CR	N

DESCRIPTION:  
 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY:  
 SUB-CATEGORY:

05 HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES  
 Development Assessment - Miscellaneous

DESCRIPTION	2025/26 FEE (\$) Adopted Includes GST (If Applic.)	2026/27 FEE (\$) Proposed Includes GST (If Applic.)	FEE JUSTIF.	REVISED GST APPLIC.
Copy of a Building Certificate (uncertified)	15.00	N/A	SL	N
Copy of a Building Certificate (certified)	71.00	N/A	SL	N
Urgency Fee - issued within 5 days	Additional 133.00	N/A	FS	N
Application Withdrawn Prior to Inspection	50% fee retained	N/A	FS	N
Application Withdrawn After Inspection	100% fee retained	N/A	FS	N
Compliance Certificate - Administration Charge	224.00	233.00	FS	N
Planning Certificate - Section 10.7 (2)	71.00 per lot	74.00 per lot	SL	N
Combined Section 10.7 (2) and Section 10.7 (5) - 1st Lot	178.00	185.00	SL	N
- 2nd Lot	89.00	92.50	SL	N
- 3rd Lot & each subsequent Lot	44.00	46.00	SL	N
In special cases Council will allow a single certificate in rural areas for multiple lots within a single deposited plan where such lots share common attributes				
Prioritise Fee (issued by the end of the next working day)	Additional 175.00 per lot	Additional 182.00 per lot	FS	N
Section 735A Certificate (Outstanding Notices under LGA 1993)	172.00/ per lot	179.00/ per lot	CR	N
Section 121ZP (Outstanding Notices under EP&A Act 1979)	172.00/ per lot	179.00/per lot	CR	N
Per Certificate Application Requesting Site Inspection	344.00/ per lot	358.00/ per lot	CR	N
Sanitary/Drainage Diagram				
Search and Provide a Copy of Sanitary/Drainage Plan for Conveyancing Purposes	78.00	120.00	CR	N
Search and Provide Copy of Sanitary/Drainage Plan Direct to Plumbers etc.	30.00	31.00	CR	N
Sewer location diagram with two internal drainage connection points	237.00	246.00	CR	N
For each additional point	35.00	36.00	CR	N
Application withdrawn prior to being issued	50% refund	50% refund	-	-
Urgency fee (issued within 7 working days of lodgement)	139.00	145.00	FS	N
Preparation of Sanitary/Drainage Plan where there are no Existing Plans (see below)				
Copy of Building Plans	59.00 + photocopying charge per page	61.00 + photocopying charge per page	FS	N
Scan and Save Building Plans to USB	59.00 +4.00 per page	61.00 + 4.00 per page	CR	N
Archiving Documents/Plans				
- All Complying Development & Development Applications (Class 1 & 10)	No Charge	No Charge		
- Development Applications (Class 2 - 9) & Subdivision				
- Electronically Submitted	No Charge	No Charge		
- Not Electronically Submitted	158.00	164.00	FS	N

# Note: This fee will be refunded if the diagram is provided in AutoCAD format at completion of works

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 April 2026 2:14 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Emailing: Water Supplies Fees - 2026-27 Financial Year.pdf  
**Attachments:** Water Supplies Fees - 2026-27 Financial Year.pdf

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you please update the attached sheet as highlighted under "Water Meter Relocation Fee" to read in brackets (includes disconnection).

Also, can you please change the fee amount of the 20mm meter relocation fee from \$1,645.00 to be \$1,646.00.

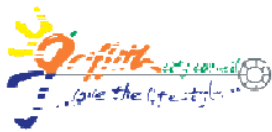
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 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY:  
 SUB-CATEGORY:

Fees for 2026/2027  
 06 WATER SUPPLIES

DESCRIPTION	2025/26 FEE (\$) Adopted Includes GST (if Applic.)	2026/27 FEE (\$) Proposed Includes GST (if Applic.)	FEE JUSTIF.	REVISED GST APPLIC.
<b>Section 68 Approvals</b>				
<b>Water Connection Fees</b>				
- 20mm meter (including connection from main)	1,327.00	1,373.00	CR	Y
- 25mm meter (including connection from main)	1,591.00	1,646.00	CR	Y
- 20mm meter (supply & install meter only)	212.00	219.00	CR	Y
- 25mm meter (supply & install meter only)	318.00	329.00	CR	Y
- Larger sizes by quotation				
- Upgrade meter size from 20mm to 25mm (includes disconnection)	1,591.00	1,646.00	CR	Y
- Downgrade meter to 40mm	222.00	229.00	CR	Y
- Downgrade meter to 32mm	202.00	209.00	CR	Y
- Downgrade meter to 25mm	Free	Free	CR	Y
- Downgrade meter to 20mm	Free	Free	CR	Y
- 20mm missing/stolen meter (supply & install meter only)	202.00	209.00	CR	Y
- 25mm missing/stolen meter (supply & install meter only)	276.00	285.00	CR	Y
Water Meter Pit Lid (Terra Firma Key Charge) Non Refundable	100.00	100.00	CR	Y
<b>Water Connection Fees (Yenda)</b>				
- 20mm potable meter plus 20mm or 25mm raw meter (2 meters) (including connection from main)	1,327.00	1,373.00	CR	Y
Water Inspection Fee (Including WAE Drawings)	360.00	372.00	CR	Y
Investigation Fee for Water Supply Extension (per application)	636.00	658.00	CR	Y
<b>Water Meter Relocation Fee</b>				
- 20 mm Meter Relocation Fee	1,590.00	1,645.00	NC/CR	Y
- 25 mm Meter Relocation Fee	1,845.00	1,909.00	NC/CR	Y
<i>includes disconnection</i>				
<b>Water Meter Disconnection Fee</b>				
	318.00	329.00	CR	Y
<b>Water Meter Testing Fees</b>				
- 20mm	296.00	306.00	CR	Y
- 25mm	296.00	306.00	CR	Y
- 32-40mm	424.00	438.00	CR	Y
- 50-80mm	466.00	482.00	CR	Y
Backflow Prevention Testing Fee (High)	165.00	174.00	CR	Y
Backflow Prevention Testing Fee (Medium)	75.00	84.00	CR	Y
Water Inspection Fee (Including WAE Drawings)			CR	Y
Investigation Fee for Water Supply Extension (per application)			CR	Y
<b>Copy of Council Water Usage Notice</b>				
- Official Coloured Copy (printed or emailed)	30.00	31.00	CR	N
History Transaction Listing-Water & Sewerage/Financial Year	20.00	21.00	CR	Y
Fee for Flow Rate Test - NSW Fire Brigade	318.00	329.00	CR	Y

<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL02</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Making of Rates and Charges for the Period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Scott Grant, General Manager</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>26/64717</b>

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### **SUMMARY**

Following the adoption by the Council of the 2026/2027 Operational Plan, Council is to formally make the ordinary rates and charges for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) **Levying of Ordinary Rates and Charges for 2026/2027 Ordinary Rates.**
- (i) **That Council, having adopted its Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July 2026 and after giving public notice in accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act, 1993 of its draft Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July 2026 and after considering submissions concerning that Plan in accordance with Section 494 of the Local Government Act, 1993 hereby resolve to make and levy an Ordinary Rate consisting of a base amount percentage (minimum charge) and also an ad valorem rate for the residential, farmland and business categories of all rateable land in the Local Government Area as per the following differential rating mix per category:**
- **Residential - 25% base amount / 75% ad valorem amount levied**
  - **Business - 10% base amount / 90% ad valorem amount levied**
  - **Farmland - 30% base amount / 70% ad valorem amount levied**
  - **Farmland - Irrigable - 20% base amount / 80% ad valorem amount levied**
- (ii) **The percentage and dollar value of the base amount payable by the making and levying of an ordinary rate for the residential, farmland and business categories is calculated to produce the following minimum base amounts of the total ordinary rate levy:**
- **Residential - 25% base amount / \$371.00 per rateable assessment**
  - **Business - 10% base amount / \$377.00 per rateable assessment**
  - **Farmland - 30% base amount / \$964.00 per rateable assessment**
  - **Farmland – Irrigable - 20% base amount / \$1,047.00 per rateable assessment**
- (iii) **An ad valorem amount for the various rating categories, including residential, farmland and business categories for all rateable land within the Local Government Area for an ordinary rate commencing 1 July 2026 according to the following amounts;**
- **Residential (75% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero four nine six five zero zero (\$0.00496500) cents in the dollar**

applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the residential category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2024.

- **Business (90% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero seven two nine three zero zero (\$0.00729300) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the business category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2024.**
- **Farmland (70% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero three one six eight zero zero (\$0.00316800) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the farmland category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2024.**
- **Farmland – Irrigable (80% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero three nine six one zero zero (\$0.00396100) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the farmland (irrigable intensive) category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July 2024.**

- (b) That Council, having adopted its Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July 2026 and after giving public notice in accordance with Section 496(A) of the Local Government Act, 1993 and after considering submissions concerning that Plan, hereby resolve to make and levy a charge of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per residential assessment and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) per residential Strata title assessment and five dollars (\$5.00) per business Strata assessment in the urban area for the provision of Urban Stormwater Management Services. Business assessments will be charged based on property size using the below table:

Property size	Charge	Capped charge
Less than 350m <sup>2</sup>	\$25	\$25
Between 350m <sup>2</sup> and 1ha	\$25 per 350m <sup>2</sup> or part thereof	\$150
Between 1ha and 2ha		\$250
Greater than 2ha		\$500

- (c) **Waste Management Charges for 2026/2027 (incorporating waste collection, landfill operations, maintenance and capital developments).**

- (i) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of four hundred and fifty eight dollars (\$458.00) for the provision of domestic waste management services for each residence for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per week basis of waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not.
- (ii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a

**domestic waste service charge in respect of vacant residential land an annual charge of fifty nine dollars (\$59.00) per assessment.**

- (iii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of one hundred and fifty two dollars (\$152.00) for the provision of domestic waste recycling collection services for each residence for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per fortnight basis of recyclable waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not. For any new assessments for the service, the charge will only become effective upon the commencement of the service and will be charged on a pro-rata basis.**
- (iv) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of seven hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$728.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July 2026 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such a charge to provide the removal as requested on a once per week basis of waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not.**
- (v) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of one thousand eight hundred and forty one dollars (\$1,841.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July 2026 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such charge to provide for the removal as requested on a once per week basis of garbage contained in a 660 litre mobile garbage bin from each occupancy, whether rateable or not.**
- (vi) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of three thousand and forty two dollars (\$3,042.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July 2026 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such charge to provide for the removal as requested on a once per week basis of garbage contained in an 1,100 litre mobile garbage bin from each occupancy, whether rateable or not.**
- (vii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of two hundred and eighty four dollars (\$284.00) for the provision of industrial/commercial waste recycling collection services for each requested service for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per fortnight basis of recyclable waste contained in two 240 litre mobile garbage bin. For any new assessments for the service, the charge will only become effective upon the commencement of the service and will be charged on a pro-rata basis.**

**(d) Sewerage Rates and Charges for 2026/2027**

- (i) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a residential sewerage charge in respect of residential land an annual charge of one thousand and fifty nine dollars (\$1,059.00) per tenement.
- (ii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a residential sewerage charge in respect of non-connected residential land within 75 metres of service, an annual charge of eight hundred and twenty five dollars (\$825.00) per assessment.
- (iii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy, the following charges in relation to non-residential properties, in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Sewerage charges for non-residential properties for the 2026/2027 year will be based on:

- Water Consumption (C)
- Sewer Discharge Factor (SDF)
- Annual Access Charge (AC)
- Sewerage Treatment Charge (STC)
- Trade Waste Administration Charge (if applicable) (TWAC)
- Trade Waste Usage Charge (if applicable) (TWUC)
- Trade Waste Discharge Factor (if applicable) (TWDF)

An annual sewer charge of one thousand nine and fifty nine dollars (\$1,059.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of less than five hundred kilolitres per annum (<500 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - Low)

An annual sewer charge of two thousand four hundred and eighty one dollars (\$2,481.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of greater than five hundred kilolitres but less than eleven hundred kilolitres per annum (>500 to <1,100 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - Medium)

An annual sewer charge of four thousand three hundred and forty seven dollars (\$4,347.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of greater than eleven hundred kilolitres per annum (>1,100 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - High)

An annual sewer charge of five hundred and sixty four dollars (\$564.00) for all non-residential properties not connected to the Griffith City sewer system that are within 75 metres of a water meter connection. No consumption is chargeable.

**(iv) Access Charges (based on meter size)**

An annual sewer access charge of five hundred and sixty four dollars (\$564.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 20mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of seven hundred and seventy one dollars (\$771.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 25mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of one thousand two hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$1,257.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 32mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of one thousand nine hundred and forty four dollars (\$1,944.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 40mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of three thousand nine and three dollars (\$3,003.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 50mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of seven thousand six hundred and seventy one dollars (\$7,671.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has an 80mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of eleven thousand nine hundred and seventy nine dollars (\$11,979.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 100mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of twenty six thousand eight hundred and eighty three dollars (\$26,883.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 150mm or 200mm connection.

A sewerage treatment charge of two dollars and fourteen cents (\$2.14) per kilolitre.

**(v) Annual Trade Waste Administration Charge**

An annual trade waste administration charge of one hundred and forty four dollars (\$144.00) for Category One properties.

An annual trade waste administration charge of two hundred and fifty five dollars (\$255.00) for Category Two properties.

An annual trade waste administration charge of six hundred and sixty six dollars (\$666.00) for Category Three properties.

A trade waste treatment charge of one dollar and seventy five cents (\$1.75) per kilolitre.

**(e) Water Charges 2026/2027**

That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 it hereby resolves to make and levy the following charges, in accordance with section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993:

**(i) Access Charges**

An annual water access charge of one hundred and sixty two dollars (\$162.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 20mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and forty six dollars (\$246.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 25mm connection.

An annual water access charge of three hundred and eighty seven dollars (\$387.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 32mm connection.

An annual water access charge of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 40mm connection.

An annual water access charge of nine hundred and twenty seven dollars (\$927.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 50mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two thousand three hundred and forty three dollars (\$2,343.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has an 80mm connection.

An annual water access charge of three thousand six hundred and sixty dollars (\$3,660.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 100mm connection.

An annual water access charge of eight thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars (\$8,214.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has either a 150mm or 200mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and forty six dollars (\$246.00) for all land rateable to the Yenda water supply that has a dual connection (one raw meter and one potable meter regardless of meter size).

An annual water access charge of one hundred and sixty two dollars (\$162.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that is within 225 metres of a water main and can be connected to that supply but is not connected. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and ninety seven dollars (\$297.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that is part of a neighbourhood or strata title development which has a shared meter. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of six hundred and twenty four dollars (\$624.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of less than one kilolitre per day (<1 kL), these being CBD (C1) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of one thousand and eighty nine dollars (\$1,089.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of more than one kilolitre but less than six kilolitres per day (>1 - <6 kL), these being CBD (C2) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

**An annual water access charge of three thousand nine hundred and seventy two dollars (\$3,972.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of more than six kilolitres per day (>6 kL), these being CBD (C3) properties. No consumption is chargeable.**

**(ii) Consumption Charges**

**A water supply consumption charge of ninety one cents (\$0.91) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply up to a maximum of two hundred kilolitres (200 kL).**

**A water supply consumption charge of ninety one cents (\$0.91) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to crisis accommodation centres as determined by council.**

**A water supply consumption charge of one dollar and ninety three cents (\$1.93) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply in excess of two hundred kilolitres (200 kL).**

**A water supply consumption charge of fifty one cents (\$0.51) per kilolitre for all raw water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply.**

**A water supply consumption charge of three dollars and twenty nine cents (\$3.29) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied from designated standpipes at Griffith and Yenda.**

**A water supply consumption charge of one dollar and sixty seven cents (\$1.67) per kilolitre for all non-potable water supplied from designated standpipes at Griffith and Yenda.**

**The rebate for an additional one hundred kilolitres (100kL) of free water for publicly accessible nature strips or reserves will be available for the 2026/2027 financial year.**

**(iii) Backflow Charges**

**An annual backflow prevention testing charge of one hundred and seventy four dollars (\$174.00) per high risk testable backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention testing charge of eighty four dollars (\$84.00) per medium risk testable backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of sixty three dollars (\$63.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 20mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of sixty six dollars (\$66.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 25mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of seventy eight dollars (\$78.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 32mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of eighty one dollars (\$81.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 40mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of eighty seven dollars (\$87.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 50mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and nineteen dollars (\$219.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 80mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and sixty four dollars (\$264.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 100mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of three hundred and ninety three dollars (\$393.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 150mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of six hundred and thirty dollars (\$630.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 200mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of seventy two dollars (\$72.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 20mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of eighty four dollars (\$84.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 25mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of ninety six dollars (\$96.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 32mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of ninety nine dollars (\$99.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 40mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of one hundred and eight dollars (\$108.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 50mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and fifty five dollars (\$255.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 80mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of three hundred and thirty dollars (\$330.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 100mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of five hundred and seven dollars (\$507.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 150mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**An annual backflow prevention rental charge of nine hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$957.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda**

**water supply that has a testable 200mm high-risk backflow prevention device.**

**(f) Interest on Overdue Rates for 2026/2027**

**That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, it is determined that in pursuance of Section 566 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the interest rate for overdue rates and charges from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 will be 9.5% per annum as advised by the Office of Local Government.**

**REPORT**

Pursuant to section 494, 496, 496A, 497 and 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to make the Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 year.

**OPTIONS**

**OPTION 1**

As per the Recommendation.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, Council is required to adopt an Ordinary Rating structure comprising of one of the following:

- (a) an ad valorem rate (to which a minimum may be applied); or
- (b) a base amount (of up to 50%) to which an ad valorem rate is added.

**OPTION 2**

Any other resolution of Council.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Requirement of the Local Government Act (1993).

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 494**

**Ordinary rates must be made and levied annually**

**494 ORDINARY RATES MUST BE MADE AND LEVIED ANNUALLY**

- (1) A Council must make and levy an ordinary rate for each year on all rateable land in its area.
- (2) Each category or subcategory of ordinary rate is to apply only to land of the same category or subcategory.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The rate structure and special charges adopted will be the basis of the estimates for the 2026/2027 budget.

**LEGAL/STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

The 2026/2027 Operational Plan has been prepared in accordance with section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

In accordance with Section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must make and levy an ordinary rate on all rateable land within its area.

The structure of the rate must be in accordance with Section 497 of that Act.

The special charges proposed for the provision of sewerage and trade waste services are in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The annual charge proposed for the management of storm water is in accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Adoption of Rates and Charges will assist Council to meet its environmental obligations.

### **COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

The setting of rates and charges has been undertaken following a public exhibition period and the opportunity for community input.

### **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.

The adoption of rates and charges will enable Council to deliver its Operational Plan for the next financial year.

### **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team  
Revenue Team Leader  
Councillors  
Senior Managers and operational staff

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL03</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Community Grant Application - Griffith Shed for Men Inc</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Shireen Donaldson, Director Economic &amp; Organisational Development</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>26/64567</b>

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### **SUMMARY**

A Community Grant application has been submitted by Griffith Shed for Men Inc.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Council decline the Community Grant application for Griffith Shed for Men Inc, noting that the application does not meet the eligibility criteria of Council's Community Grant Program.**

### **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.

The application requesting funding for a table saw has been assessed against the Community Grant Program Policy (FS-CP-601) and is considered ineligible. While the intent of the project aligns with objectives relating to community health and safety and accessibility, the requested item constitutes capital expenditure. Under Section 3.6 of the policy, applications for capital works or capital purchases are not eligible for funding through this program. The Community Grant Program is designed to support community-based activities, programs, and initiatives that build capacity and social connection rather than the purchase of equipment or assets.

### **OPTIONS**

#### **OPTION 1**

As per Recommendation.

#### **OPTION 2**

Council accept the Quick Turn Around Grant Application.

#### **OPTION 3**

Council support 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**

<b>\$50,847.00</b>	<b>Approved Funding</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Transaction Description</b>
\$48,347.00	\$2,500	Punjabi Association of Griffith	Quick turnaround grant
\$45,887.00	\$2,460	Griffith Musicians Club	Quick turnaround grant
\$43,387.00	\$2,500	Griffith Italian Museum & Cult	Quick turnaround grant
\$40,887.00	\$2,500	Riverina Tongan Community Assn	Quick turnaround grant
\$38,387.00	\$2,500	Yenda Public School P & C Assn	Quick turnaround grant
\$37,887.00	\$500	Sporting	Individual Achievement Grant
\$37,387.00	\$500	Griffith Veterans' Golf Assn	Quick turnaround grant
\$34,887.00	\$2,500	Basketball NSW 3 x 3 Griffith NAIDOC	Quick turnaround grant
\$32,387.00	\$2,500	Meals on Wheels	Community Grant
\$30,387.00	\$2,000	Griffith Central Preschool	Community Grant

**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**

**Moderate Low Risk: First aid treatment.**

**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. 4.1 Make our community healthy and safe. 4.3 Provide and promote accessibility to services. 4.4 Provide a range of cultural facilities, programs and events.

**CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

**ATTACHMENTS**

- |     |   |    |
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| (a) | Community Grant Application   | 69 |
| (b) | Assessment Matrix             | 82 |

- (c) Quote Saw (confidential)
- (d) Public Liability Insurance (confidential)
- (e) Financial Report (confidential)



## Community Grants Program Application 2025/26

### Community Grant Application ID

CGA20/04/202678cfd

**I have read the Community Grants Program Policy FS-CP-601 and understood all the requirements needed for this application**

Yes

## Organisation

### Type of organisation

- Business Incorporated Body or Not-For-Profit  
 Registered Charity  
 Section 355 Committee of Council  
 Unincorporated Group or Individual

### Organisation name

Griffith Shed for Men Inc

### Organisation phone number

[REDACTED]

### Organisation email address

[admin@griffithshedformen.com.au](mailto:admin@griffithshedformen.com.au)

### Organisation postal address

560 Kalinda Rd  
Griffith, New South Wales 2680  
Australia

### ABN

43 020 183 867

### Registered for GST?

Yes  No

## Your contact details

### Your name

[REDACTED]

### Your phone number

[REDACTED]

### Your email address

[REDACTED]

### Your postal address

PO Box 1959  
Griffith, NSW 2680  
Australia





## Project/activity details

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### Project/activity title

Table Saw

### Describe what your project/activity is

The Griffith Men's Shed (GSFM) seeks funding for a table saw to support the delivery of woodworking projects requested by local not-for-profit organisations and community members. A table saw is a core piece of equipment that will be used in the majority of woodworking activities undertaken at the Shed.

Given the ageing membership of our members, it is essential to introduce equipment that reduces the physical strain associated with manual tasks. Access to a table saw will improve safety, efficiency, and accessibility for all men with different ability levels, enabling members to continue to contribute to community projects in a sustainable and inclusive way.

The GSFM creates a space where men can meet, remain connected and contribute to society in a meaningful way thus improving their wellbeing and mental health.

### How will you do this?

The GSFM is seeking financial support through a range of grant opportunities to fund the majority of the cost of this essential equipment. The table saw identified was chosen due to the numerous safety items included as well as diversity of functions available.

While members continue to undertake fundraising activities where possible, these efforts have become increasingly limited due to factors such as ageing, declining physical and cognitive health, and the recent loss of long-standing members. The GSFM is centred around inclusion and participation for good mental health and mateship which come from being together and watching out for each other while undertaking community projects

### Who is involved? Are there any partnerships?

We are also applying to the ClubGRANTS for financial support. The table saw chosen by the members has required safety features for the range of individual abilities who use the equipment. This table saw has the versatility to accommodate different projects with ease.

### Where will it take place? (Location)

The table saw will be located in our woodwork shed where it will be accessed



whenever the Shed is open.

**When will it start?**

31/07/2026

**When will it finish?**

31/12/2026

**Add additional information if required**

The GSFM is supporting a growing number of people living with a disability - both physical and cognitive abilities. This includes adults (individuals and/or clients of another service) who attend to build social connections and contribute under close supervision by other members. Students from Kalinda School also visit the Shed to participate in projects such as making bird feeders, providing older students with opportunities to develop practical skills beyond the classroom. All of the smaller projects are prepared in advance by the members.



## Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 Visions

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**Which objective of the Griffith City Council Community Strategic Plan does this project address?**

- Leadership
- Liveability
- Growth
- Sustainability

### Liveability

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**AIM 4: Griffith is a great place to live**

- 4.1 Make our community healthy and safe
- 4.2 Encourage an inclusive community that celebrates social and cultural diversity
- 4.3 Provide and promote accessibility to services
- 4.4 Provide a range of cultural facilities, programs and events
- 4.5 Improve access to local health and support services
- 4.6 Promote reconciliation and embrace our Wiradjuri heritage and culture
- 4.7 Provide a range of sporting and recreational facilities and events
- 4.8 Improve the aesthetic of the City and villages, by developing quality places and improved public realm that supports active, healthy and inclusive communities



## Budget

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### Estimated total project expenditure

\$ 3,936.00

## Proposed expenses

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### Grant fund expenditure

Row ID	Expense details	Amount	Quote/receipt
1	Request for half or a percentage of total cost of Table Saw	\$ 3,940.00	• <a href="#">Quote-for-Table-Saw.pdf</a>

### Total expenses

\$ 3,940.00

## Proposed income

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Council Grant Amount Requested	Organisation Contribution	Other income
\$ 1,870.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,870.00

### Total income

\$ 3,940.00



## Funding

**Will your project go ahead if you are not provided the total amount of requested funding?**

Yes  No

**Please provide any other information to support your application**

GSFM is not funded and raises all monies required to keep the facility operating. This includes memberships and small charges for their work. GSFM also depends on grant funding and fundraising activities to purchase resources. It is mandatory we have one year of funds to cover expenses which is held in separate account. They have a separate working account for expenses. As the members are ageing and numbers reducing, it is becoming more difficult to raise funds.

**The project must identify with one or more of the following**

- 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 neighbourhood/community safety
- Community development research/pilot program/new initiative
- Social Wellbeing - feel a sense of belonging and social inclusion in your community

**Is the project/activity a Federal or State government funded initiative?**

Yes  No

**Is the project/activity for fundraising purposes only?**

Yes  No

**Does the project/activity duplicate services within the local government area?**

Yes  No

**Have you applied for funding through this Program previously?**



Yes  No

**Have you provided funding acquittal as required?**

Yes  No



## Supporting documentation

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**Organisation/Auspice Current Insurance Policy**

- Public-Liability-Insurance-2026



**Organisation/Auspice most recent financial and annual reports**





**Supporting statements and letters of support**

- Griffith-Rotary-Support-Letter-Council-Grant



## Bank details

**Account name**

Griffith Shed For Men Inc.

**BSB**

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**Account number**

████████

## Document checklist

### Checklist

- Copies of Organisation/Auspice Current Insurance Policy
- Copies of Organisation/Auspice most recent financial and annual reports
- Address all criteria and questions
- Quotes for major expense items (over \$500)
- Does your budget balance?
- Supplied supporting statements and letters of support
- Checked the assessment criteria against your application
- I understand that if this application is successful, funds must be acquitted within 12 months of funding being provided through the online form provided on Griffith City Council's website

## Declaration

I, ██████████, certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided is correct and I have read and will abide by the conditions of the Community Grant Program.

### Signature

████████████████████

### Date

20/04/2026

## Community Grants Application-Griffith Shed for Men Inc

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?
X		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"> <li>• <b>Community capacity building - developing and strengthening the skills, abilities, processes and resources that communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive.</b></li> <li>• <b>Reconciliation and/or social inclusion.</b></li> <li>• Accessibility for people with disability.</li> <li>• <b>Capacity building of disadvantaged groups and/at risk demographics.</b></li> <li>• Promotes environmental sustainability.</li> <li>• <b>Promotes neighborhood/community safety.</b></li> <li>• Community development research/pilot program/new initiative.</li> <li>• <b>Social Wellbeing - feel a sense of belonging and social inclusion in your community.</b></li> </ul>
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/Capital Expenditure?

## Recommendation-Office Use:

<b>Is the application eligible, as per the Community Grant Program Public Policy?</b>	No
<b>What is the funding amount being applied for?</b>	\$2500
<b>Addition Information:</b>	Application's budget includes an item classified as capital expenditure. This does not fit the criteria of the Community Grants Policy

<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL04</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Adoption of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Shireen Donaldson, Director Economic &amp; Organisational Development</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>26/52565</b>

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### **SUMMARY**

Under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014, local governments are required to review Disability Inclusion Action Plans (DIAP). A DIAP demonstrates local government's commitment to people with a disability on improving access to services, facilities and jobs and is also designed to change perceptions about people with a disability. At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 April 2026, Council resolved to adopt the minutes of the Disability Inclusion Access Committee. These minutes included a recommendation that the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.

The Draft DIAP was subsequently placed on public exhibition, with submissions accepted until 13 May 2026. During this period, no formal submissions were received.

The Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan is now presented to Council for consideration and adoption. An Easy Read version of the report is also attached.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Council adopt the final draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan.**

### **REPORT**

A late submission was received from the Pioneer Park Committee requesting that Pioneer Park be specifically included within the Disability Inclusion Action Plan. It is noted that Pioneer Park is a Council-owned and managed facility. The DIAP applies broadly to all Council facilities, and therefore Pioneer Park is already captured within the Plan under the inclusion of Council assets and facilities.

During the extensive community consultation was opened from November 2025 to February 2026, where the community was consulted and asked to complete a survey and provide feedback on the current DIAP which was adopted by Council in 2021. Organisations, those with lived experience and carers made their contribution to Disability in Griffith through agency consultations and community forums. Further consultation included conversations at 2 events including The Aged Care Expo on 14 November 2025, and International Day of People with Disability in Memorial Park on 3 of December, 2025. Council departments were also consulted in the development of the draft Plan. By endorsing the draft Disability Inclusion and Action Plan, Council will be demonstrating its intent to continue its commitment to the community.

Consultation, community engagement and graphic design and preparation of the 2026 DIAP was fully prepared in house by Council staff, and is attached (Attachment A). The final draft DIAP strategies and actions link to Guiding Griffith 2040 and incorporates the four key focus areas including:

- Liveable Communities (creating liveable communities).
- Systems and processes (improving access to mainstream services) Employment within our Local Government Area (Increasing access to meaningful employment).
- Attitudes and behaviours (developing positive community attitudes towards all abilities).
- Council staff members and elected councillors have a responsibility in the support of the DIAP.

The easy-to-read version of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (“PLAN”) was supplied to Kurrajong to review and their feedback is provided:

- The format and presentation are excellent, and the title itself is engaging and accessible.
- The document was reviewed with 15 Kurrajong clients, and overall feedback was very positive.
- Clients particularly appreciated the use of photos alongside text, as this greatly supports understanding for those who benefit from visual communication. Many were able to interpret the meaning of the images independently, which is a great outcome.

A few key points of feedback from the group include:

- **Accessibility and Presentation:** Clients found the document easy to follow, especially those who are able to read. The combination of simple wording and clear visuals was highly effective.
- **Hidden Disabilities:** Some clients expressed concern that people in the community may not recognise them as having a disability, particularly those with non-visible disabilities. They felt that increased visibility and participation in community activities could help address this.
- **Opportunities to Contribute:** Clients shared that their disability can sometimes limit their ability to contribute to the community through volunteering, employment, or independent access to local services.
- **Sharing Personal Stories:** There was strong interest in opportunities to share their own stories, as they believe this could help build community understanding and awareness.
- **Council Engagement:** Clients spoke positively about council-led initiatives, including community catch-ups and the council café. They expressed interest in being involved in these opportunities.
- **Positive Relationships:** Feedback highlighted that council staff are approachable, respectful, and inclusive. Several councillors were recognised for their attendance and support at events. Clients also felt that the Mayor listens to their concerns, which was very encouraging to hear.
- **Understanding Communication Pathways:** Some clients were unsure about when or why they might contact council or send emails. While this was discussed during the session, it remains an area that may benefit from further education and support.

## OPTIONS

### OPTION 1

As per the Recommendation.

### OPTION 2

Any other Recommendation of Council.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Carers leave Policy (HR-PO-217)

Anti-Discrimination & Equal Employment Opportunity (HR-CP-202)

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK**

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

### **COMPLIANCE / LEGAL / STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS AND RISK**

The DIAP is required under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014.

### **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 items 1.1 Provide clear, accessible, relevant information. 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. 2.3 Mayor and Councillors represent the community, providing strong, proactive leadership. 4.1 Make our community healthy and safe. 4.2 Encourage an inclusive community that celebrates social and cultural diversity. 4.4 Provide a range of cultural facilities, programs and events. 4.7 Provide a range of sporting and recreational facilities and events. 4.8 Improve the aesthetic of the City and villages, by developing quality places and improved public realm that supports active, healthy and inclusive communities. 5.2 Be a location of choice for business investment, employment and learning. 5.6 Promote Griffith as a desirable visitor destination. 6.1 Provide, renew and maintain a range of quality infrastructure, assets, services and facilities. 6.2 Maintain and develop an effective transport network (airport, public roads, pathways, pedestrian accesses and transport corridors) for Griffith and villages. 7.1 Encourage strategic planning, balanced growth and sustainable design.

### **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- (a) NEW Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 (under separate cover) 
- (b) Easy Read version DIAP 2026-2030 (under separate cover) 

<b>CLAUSE</b>	<b>CL05</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Request for Sponsorship - Griffith Employment &amp; Careers Expo</b>
<b>FROM</b>	<b>Shireen Donaldson, Director Economic &amp; Organisational Development</b>
<b>TRIM REF</b>	<b>26/64511</b>

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### **SUMMARY**

Griffith Business Chamber has requested in-kind sponsorship from Griffith City Council in the form of complimentary venue hire at Griffith Regional Sports Centre for their annual Employment Expo on Friday, 30 October 2026. The Expo is a well-established community event that connects students, job seekers, local businesses and training providers, with strong attendance and participation in previous years.

The value of the in-kind contribution will be based on the applicable Revenue Policy fee - One Day Hire - \$2,000 (Incl. GST).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Council support the Griffith Business Chamber Employment Expo on Friday, 30 October 2026 through in-kind sponsorship of venue hire at Griffith Regional Sports Centre to the value of approximately \$2,000.**

### **REPORT**

Griffith Business Chamber has approached Council seeking continued in-kind support for their annual Employment Expo, to be held on Friday, 30 October 2026 at Griffith Regional Sports Centre. This request aligns with previous years where Council has provided complimentary venue hire to support delivery of the event.

The Expo is delivered in partnership with local employers, training organisations, schools and Workforce Australia. It is designed to connect local workforce supply with employment opportunities and career pathways within the region.

Feedback and data from the 2025 Employment Expo:

- Approximately 350 attendees throughout the day.
- Around 50 exhibitors representing a wide range of industries.
- Participation from all major high schools in Griffith and Leeton, along with surrounding regional schools.
- Strong engagement from job seekers and community members through the on-site jobs board.
- Positive networking outcomes for exhibitors and service providers.

- Participation from organisations such as emergency services supporting community engagement.

The Expo targets two key groups:

- Students: to raise awareness of local career pathways including further education, apprenticeships, traineeships and employment.
- Job seekers: to connect directly with employers, explore current vacancies and identify training and upskilling opportunities.

The event supports a long-term approach to workforce development by encouraging young people to live and work locally while assisting businesses to address skill shortages.

In recognition of Council's support, Griffith City Council will receive:

- Formal acknowledgement as an event sponsor.
- A complimentary exhibitor site, providing an opportunity to promote Council programs, services and initiatives.

## **OPTIONS**

### OPTION 1

Support the Griffith Business Chamber Employment Expo through in-kind sponsorship of venue hire at Griffith Regional Sports Centre.

### OPTION 2

Decline Griffith Business Chamber's request for sponsorship.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK**

Under Council's Revenue Policy, venue hire fees are:

- 2 court hire: \$120.00 per hour
- 5 court hire: \$260.00 per hour

There is operational funding available for this purpose.

**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 item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 5.2 Be a location of choice for business investment, employment and learning.

**CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Response to Notice of Motion - Councillor Scott Groat</b>
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### **SUMMARY**

This report responds to the Notice of Motion requesting an investigation into opportunities to accelerate housing delivery across the Griffith Local Government Area, including consideration of development staging, the Hanwood Growth Masterplan, benchmarking against comparable regional councils, and identification of infrastructure, regulatory and procedural barriers affecting housing supply.

The investigation confirms that Griffith City Council has undertaken significant strategic planning, rezoning, master planning and policy reform to support housing growth and currently maintains a substantial housing supply pipeline. Council's Housing Supply Pipeline Audit identifies capacity for approximately 8,614 future dwellings across 6,894 lots, representing more than 36 years of projected housing demand. The findings indicate that the primary constraint to housing delivery is not the availability of suitably zoned land, but rather the conversion of approved and planned developments into completed housing.

The report demonstrates that Council has proactively implemented a range of measures to facilitate housing supply, including amendments to the Residential Development Control Plan and Local Environmental Plan, support for affordable housing initiatives, advocacy for worker accommodation solutions, partnerships with community housing providers, and the adoption of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2025. Benchmarking against comparable regional NSW councils confirms that Griffith is performing strongly and, in several areas, is leading regional best practice in housing planning and delivery.

The report also identifies that major barriers to accelerated housing delivery are largely external to Council's direct control and include infrastructure funding requirements, State Government approval processes, construction workforce shortages, rising construction costs and broader project feasibility challenges. Significant enabling infrastructure investment, estimated at approximately \$116.5 million across key growth precincts, will be required to fully activate the identified housing pipeline. This, along with, the preparation of master planning, Section 7.11 Contribution Plans, and Development Control Plans are required to activate urban release areas allowing land to be released for Development Application submission; which if not enabled by Council utilising existing staff resources and budget, will require to be completed by developers at significant cost.

The report outlines a series of recommendations aimed at further accelerating housing delivery, including progressing infrastructure planning for Hanwood and Lake Wyangan, advocating for State Government support and approvals, reviewing development staging provisions where appropriate, progressing affordable housing initiatives, supporting worker accommodation solutions, and continuing implementation of the Griffith Housing Strategy 2025.

Overall, the findings confirm that Griffith possesses a strong long-term supply of residential land and that continued collaboration between Council, developers and State and Federal

Governments will be critical to translating this supply into completed housing and improved affordability outcomes for the community.

## RECOMMENDATION

**Council note the report.**

## KEY POINTS AT A GLANCE

Current position / snapshot of status

The Planning / dev Process	1.Strategic Planning and Needs Analysis	2.Land Use Zoning and Planning Controls	3.Infrastructure Planning and Funding	4.Development / Sub-division Approval	5.Building Approval	6.Construction
<b>Comment / status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Future needs identified</li> <li>•Strategy in-place and signed off</li> <li>•Supports population growth</li> <li>•Supports housing needs for 35 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Future needs identified</li> <li>•Strategy in-place and signed off</li> <li>•Supports population growth</li> <li>Supports housing needs for 35 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Significant impost on Council to provide (\$\$ and resources)</li> <li><b>or</b></li> <li>•Developer progresses</li> <li>•Circa \$116m required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Future needs identified</li> <li>•Strategy in-place and signed off</li> <li>•Supports population growth</li> <li>Supports housing needs for 35 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Council progressing DA's within guidelines, achieving 48 Days turnaround (better than benchmark and within NSW Gov't target)</li> </ul>	Issues:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cost of funds</li> <li>•Access to trades</li> <li>•Cost of materials, labor, planning approvals</li> <li>•Market sensitivity – price, yield, risk target)</li> </ul>
<b>Housing Stock</b>	In process 2,839	1,803	As per plans	1,346	829	Not Known
<b>Evaluation</b>	✓	✓	✓ 1	✓	✓	✗

## Benchmarking

- Council approach to housing delivery leads the peer group<sup>1</sup>
- Strategic framework in place
- DA processing @48 days (Wagga 51, Dubbo 48, Orange 70, Albury 81)

## Sequencing Urban Release Areas<sup>2</sup>

Area	Key dates (approval)	Status	# Housing lots
Collina Farms 1-11	2015	Complete	Approx 1200
Collina Farms 12-14	2026	Civil construction commenced	282

<sup>1</sup> If sequenced, there is risk, but manageable (requires Council investment, State and Federal Gov't support)

<sup>2</sup> Reference remarks made by NSW Government DPHI

<sup>3</sup> See report section 3.3 for detail

Lake Wyangan Stage 1	2025/26	DAs approved for 5 sites	Approx 650
Yenda Stage 1	2025	Masterplanned	166
Lake Wyangan Stage 2	Masterplanned/Not zoned	Masterplanned/Not Zoned	Approx 600
Hanwood Stage 1	Masterplan Adopted 2025	7.11 Contribution Plan, Detailed Engineering Design, DCP to be completed 2027	180
Hanwood Stage 2	Masterplanned/Not zoned	Planning Proposal with DPHI	276
Yenda Stage 2	2025	Masterplanned/Not zoned	120

### Barriers

1. Infrastructure
  - if sequenced = manageable (requires 3 tiers of Government investment)
  - if unplanned / not sequenced = unmanageable - at a cost of \$116m
2. Construction costs (funding, labor, materials, time, etc)
3. Market conditions and risks
4. Land owner intent / developer maturity

### How to Speed Up

**Accelerate enabling infrastructure delivery** in key growth areas such as Lake Wyangan and Hanwood, as infrastructure availability remains the single most important factor in converting approved land into housing construction.

**Work with the NSW Government to expedite planning approvals and unlock additional housing opportunities**, including progressing the Hanwood Stage 2 Planning Proposal, temporary worker accommodation provisions, and affordable housing partnerships on Crown land.

**Review development staging requirements and implement targeted planning reforms to unlock housing capacity sooner**, including investigating amendments to LEP and DCP provisions that unnecessarily delay development sequencing, including infrastructure delivery to unlock Stage 2 – removes barriers but brings forward infrastructure risk. However it is important to note that this will not guarantee delivery to unlock housing, and will have some reputational risk to Council for advancing land out of sequence in comparison to other sites.

Additionally, promoting medium-density housing, facilitating alternative housing models such as worker accommodation and manufactured housing estates, and actively supporting developers through faster approval pathways. This would enable existing zoned land to be developed more quickly and increase housing supply without requiring significant additional rezoning.

## **REPORT**

### **1. Background and Context**

This report is prepared in direct response to the following Notice of Motion received by Council:

#### **Notice of Motion – Housing Acceleration**

"The council requests the general manager to prepare a report to investigate all options to accelerate housing in Griffith. Including staging of developments.

An assessment of the current sequencing of current approved developments, including the Hanwood Growth Masterplan, where there are mechanisms available to alter the sequences of these developments.

Benchmark approaches used by other regional councils to facilitate planning mechanisms to improve housing supply outcomes.

Consideration of any infrastructure, regulatory, or procedural barriers that may be impacting timely delivery of housing approvals.

Report back to the council within a reasonable time frame to allow the council to implement these findings."

Griffith City Council has long been at the forefront of strategic land use planning in regional New South Wales<sup>3</sup>. Since endorsing the groundbreaking "Griffith Strategy 2030" in 2000, Council has maintained a consistent, evidence-based approach to identifying, zoning and master-planning residential land.

The recently adopted Griffith Housing Strategy 2025 continues this pathway, confirming that there is sufficient greenfield land, zoned and strategically identified, to accommodate more than 36 years of expected growth – equivalent to over 2,560 new homes across growth areas at Collina, Hanwood, Lake Wyangan and Yenda alone.

The current housing challenge in Griffith – as in much of Australia – is not one of planning approvals.

Development with planning approvals is not progressing to construction because projects are not financially viable in the current environment of rising interest rates, labour shortages and elevated construction costs. This is a national issue, and Griffith is not immune.

The Commonwealth and State Governments hold the biggest levers for growth, including major infrastructure funding. A tangible example of this is the \$17.5 million trunk drainage infrastructure project at Lake Wyangan, which is actively accelerating the development of approximately 800 homes.

### **2. Accelerating Housing Delivery**

Increasing housing supply requires a whole-of-pipeline approach, addressing infrastructure investment, workforce capacity, project feasibility, land assembly and upfront strategic planning. Council has been active across all of these areas.

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<sup>4</sup> Reference remarks made by NSW Government DPHI

## 2.1 Development Control Plan Amendments

Griffith City Council continues to adapt and amend its Residential Development Control Plan (DCP) to facilitate more diverse, affordable and lower-cost housing. Key amendments include:

- Griffith Central Precinct, Wakaden North Precinct, Coolah Precinct and Hospital Precinct: more reasonable floor space ratios; removal of height restrictions; reduced parking requirements; and reduced private open space requirements for multi-dwelling housing to enable more dwellings per allotment, supporting medium density housing.
- Urban Release Areas (Collina, Lake Wyangan, Hanwood, Yenda): increased multi-dwelling housing lots in new subdivisions from 15-25% to 50% of total lots.

These amendments represent a significant increase in housing diversity potential and signal Council's commitment to supporting a broader range of housing typologies beyond the traditional detached dwelling. The uplift from 15-25% to 50% multi-dwelling housing in Urban Release Areas substantially increases the effective dwelling yield from each new subdivision.

## 2.2 Local Environmental Plan Amendments

Local Environmental Plan (LEP) amendments have been targeted at increasing residential density and unlocking underutilised land, including:

- Rezoning of the area between the southside of Yambil Street, Canal Street and the northside of Olympic/Railway Streets from B2 to B4, enabling residential flat building development across a broader portion of the CBD fringe.
- Rezoning the land immediately east of Crossing Street from B7 to B4/B3, subject to economic case, broadening the range of permitted residential uses.
- Rezoning the entire Wakaden North Precinct to medium density residential, creating significant new opportunities for townhouses, terrace housing and multi-dwelling development close to the CBD.

## 2.3 Affordable Housing Options

### Manufactured Housing Estates

Onsite manufactured homes and site-lease arrangements provide accessible, affordable housing for low and very low-income households. Council actively supports developments of this nature, as shown by the recent development approval of Lincoln Place (198 lots) demonstrates ongoing investment in this sector, with sites currently available from \$500,000.

### Tiny Homes and Granny Flats (Secondary Dwellings)

The Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) provides a framework for secondary dwelling development as a form of affordable housing. Griffith City Council has released a community guide, 'Thinking about a Tiny Home or Granny Flat?', providing clear guidance on planning and approval processes under the Griffith LEP 2014, the Housing SEPP 2021, and the Manufactured Home Estates Regulation 2021. Secondary dwellings offer flexible and cost-effective housing for families, downsizers and those seeking sustainable living arrangements.

### NSW Housing Pattern Book

The NSW Housing Pattern Book offers pre-approved, architecturally designed templates that

streamline the construction pipeline, with a 10-day complying development approval pathway available through the NSW Planning Portal. Council to actively promote the Pattern Book to developers, builders and landowners as a mechanism to reduce approval times and support faster delivery.

## **Boarding Houses and Co-Living Housing**

Boarding and co-living houses are in high demand in the Griffith LGA, providing affordable accommodation for very low income singles and couples who are working. Development is permitted under the Housing SEPP across residential and business zones, and Council maintains an active Boarding House and Co-Living Housing Policy.

### **2.4 Affordable Housing Partnerships**

The Griffin Green Affordable Housing project exemplifies what can be achieved through inter-governmental partnership. Developed in collaboration with Argyle Housing, the project secured \$6 million in Commonwealth funding from the Building Better Regions Fund, with Argyle Housing and Griffith City Council each contributing \$3 million to deliver a \$12 million project. The initiative encompasses 20 townhouses and 42 build-ready lots, providing quality affordable housing for the Griffith community.

#### **Award Recognition**

The Griffin Green project was recognised as the 2025 Australasian Winner for Leading Housing Development at the AHI Brighter Future Awards – reflecting national acknowledgement of Griffith City Council's leadership in affordable housing delivery.

### **2.5 Crown Lands Business Case**

Council has completed a Business Case seeking a conditional commitment from the NSW Government and Crown Lands to lease three underutilised parcels of Crown Land on a 99-year term at a nominal rent. This would enable delivery of 91 to 110 affordable rental dwellings. This opportunity would follow the success of the Griffin Green project for affordable housing delivery.

Council continues to actively lobby the NSW Government and Crown Lands to progress this opportunity, which aligns with the Housing Accord, the NSW Government's liveability and workforce housing priorities, and regional economic development objectives.

### **2.6 Construction Worker Accommodation**

In March 2026, Griffith City Council submitted a formal submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to be included in Part 13 of the Housing SEPP, enabling construction workers accommodation for workers employed in building large-scale development and infrastructure projects. Griffith City Council is not currently listed in Part 13, and formal inclusion would reduce pressure on the existing housing supply in the Griffith LGA during periods of heightened construction activity.

This position is supported by and consistent with the recently adopted Griffith Housing Strategy 2025, which identifies temporary and non-traditional housing models as a necessary component of the local housing response. The submission was formally forwarded to DPHI for endorsement on 16 February 2026.

### **2.7 Temporary Use of Land for Workers' Accommodation**

Griffith Council is currently working with the DPHI to develop a development pathway for temporary workers' accommodation in the LGA.

There is an immediate need for legal mechanisms to allow temporary workers' accommodation in Griffith, especially for industries with fluctuating labour demands — including agriculture, horticulture, construction, and the growing renewable energy sector. Progress on state-level planning amendments has stalled, most notably with the DPHI's *Draft Guidelines for Temporary and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation (August 2023)* — a document that provided a clear and workable framework but which has not been translated into operative planning controls at a state level applicable to Griffith's circumstances. The absence of a clear legal pathway produces informal and non-compliant outcomes, including unsafe overcrowding in private rental accommodation, with vulnerable workers — particularly seasonal and itinerant workers — exploited by landlords operating at the margins of the law.

The DPHI Draft Guideline itself acknowledged the challenge directly: that a fixed and restrictive one-size-fits-all planning approach is necessary, and that a planning framework must balance clarity with the flexibility to respond to local needs. Griffith's circumstances — a regional agricultural city with sustained construction activity, tight vacancy rates, and a documented workforce housing shortage — make it an ideal candidate to trial that flexibility. Discussions with the DPHI are positively progressing.

## 2.8 Griffith Housing Strategy 2025

The Griffith Local Housing Strategy 2025 provides a comprehensive framework for housing delivery across the LGA. The Strategy identifies four key priorities:

1. Increase supply and affordability – Unlock land, reduce barriers and support medium-density and lower-cost housing.
2. Expand housing choices – Encourage dual occupancies, apartments, granny flats, tiny homes and manufactured homes.
3. Support housing for workers – Provide flexible and affordable accommodation for seasonal and essential workers.
4. Promote well-located, well-designed housing – Focus growth in planned areas and ensure housing is sustainable and suited to Griffith's character.

The Strategy's detailed implementation plan (page 41 of the Strategy) provides a roadmap for progressing these priorities which are actively being progressed by Council staff.

## 3. Sequencing of Current Approved Developments – Housing Supply Pipeline Audit

Council has completed a comprehensive Housing Supply Pipeline Audit to map all zoned and strategically identified residential land across the Griffith LGA. Sites have been categorised into eight tiers based on their readiness for development, as summarised below.

### 3.1 Pipeline Summary

Pipeline Tier	Lots / Units	Status
Under construction / CC issued but not yet started	Numbers of dwellings unclear Estimated @100 – 500 homes	
1A – Development Ready	802	Imminent
1B – Awaiting Development Consent	–	Active
1C – Master Planned and Released	787	Short-term
2 – Master Planned under Preparation	696	Short-medium

Pipeline Tier	Lots / Units	Status
3A – Medium Term Zoned (less constraints)	852	Medium-term
3B – Long Term Zoned (more constraints)	200	Long-term
4 – Recently Rezoned	718	Near-term
5 – Strategically Identified Land	2,839	Long-term
<b>TOTAL ALL TIERS</b>	<b>6,894</b>	
<b>TOTAL POTENTIAL DWELLINGS (incl. 25% multi-dwelling uplift)</b>	<b>8,614</b>	

The total pipeline of 6,894 lots across all tiers, with a potential dwelling yield of 8,614 dwellings when accounting for a 25% multi-dwelling uplift, confirms that Griffith has a strong land supply base. The key constraint is not the availability of zoned land, but rather the conversion of approved or planned lots into constructed dwellings.

Griffith City Council streamlines pre-development tasks like master planning and infrastructure/contributions, giving developers confidence and speeding up Housing projects. This sets Griffith apart from similar councils and improves housing development readiness. Council has already invested in master planning, feasibility studies, and strategic documents for areas including Collina (1400 lots), Lake Wyangan (1600 lots), Hanwood (700 Lots), and Yenda (600 Lots). Council has also completed a lot of work to support infill development by the LEP/DCP reviews and 2025 Housing Strategy resulting in increased dual occupancy and multi-dwelling housing in close proximity to the CBD.

### 3.2 Pipeline Mapping – Spatial Overview

The following maps illustrate the spatial distribution of the pipeline audit tiers across each growth area and precinct in the Griffith LGA.









HOUSING SUPPLY PIPELINE AUDIT - MAPPING			
TIER		STATUS	COMMENTS
1A		Development Ready	A development application has been approved on the land
1B		Awaiting Development Consent	A development application has been submitted to develop the land for dwellings
1C		Master Planned and Released	A master plan has been prepared and the land has been released
2		Master Planned under preparation	Council is preparing a master plan to release the lands
3A		Medium Term Zoned Land (less constraints)	The land is zoned R1 or RU5 but there are some minor constraints to development which can be rectified in less than 5 years
3B		Long Term Zoned Land (more constraints)	The land is zoned R1 or RU5 but there are some more substantial constraints to development which can be rectified in 5 years +
4		Recently rezoned	The lands have recently been rezoned for residential development
5		Strategically Identified Land	The land has been strategically identified in a Strategic Plan

Figure 1 – Housing Supply Pipeline Audit: Tier Legend

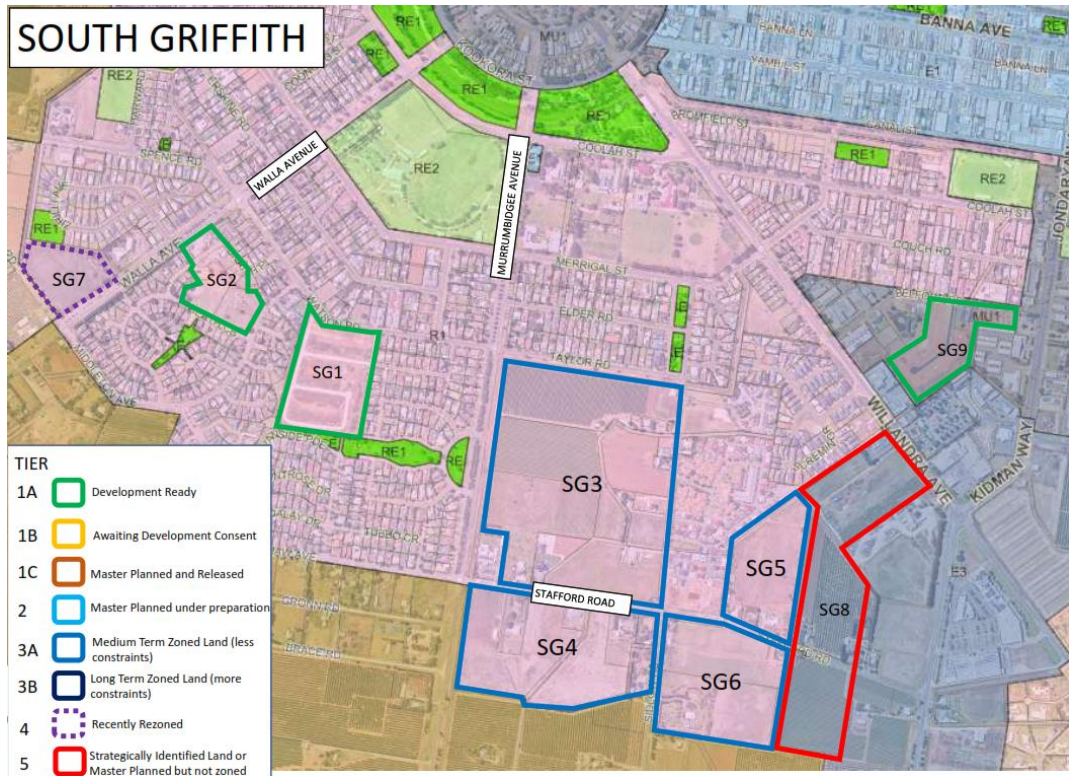


Figure 2 – South Griffith: Pipeline Audit Mapping

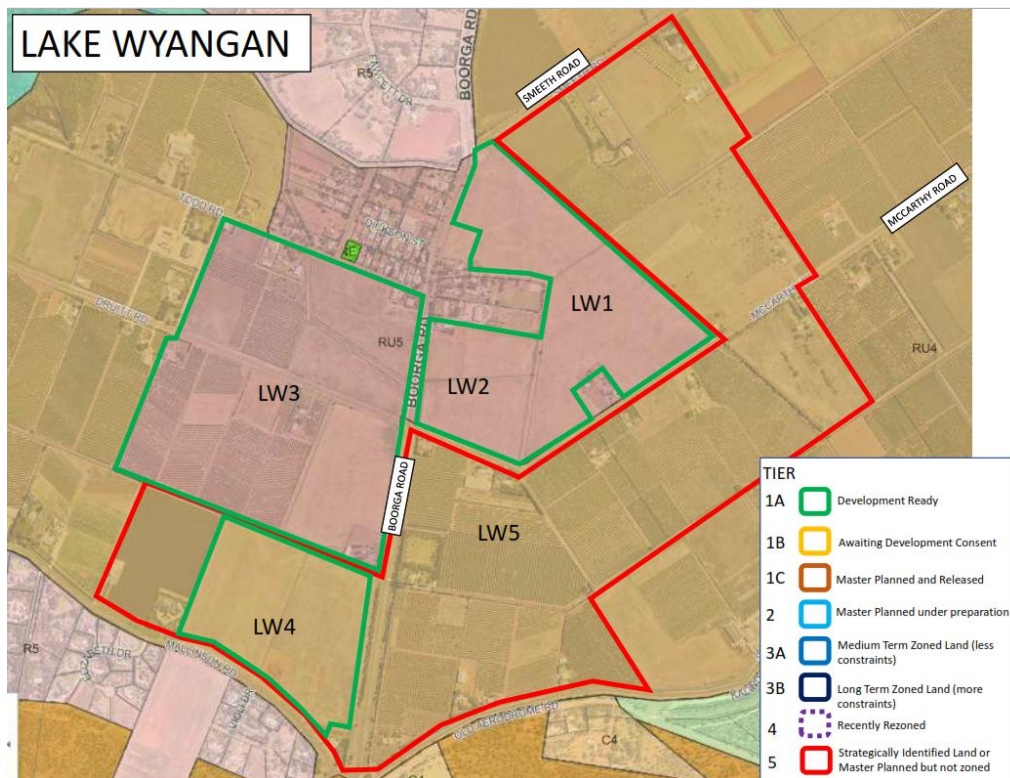


Figure 3 – Lake Wyangan: Pipeline Audit Mapping

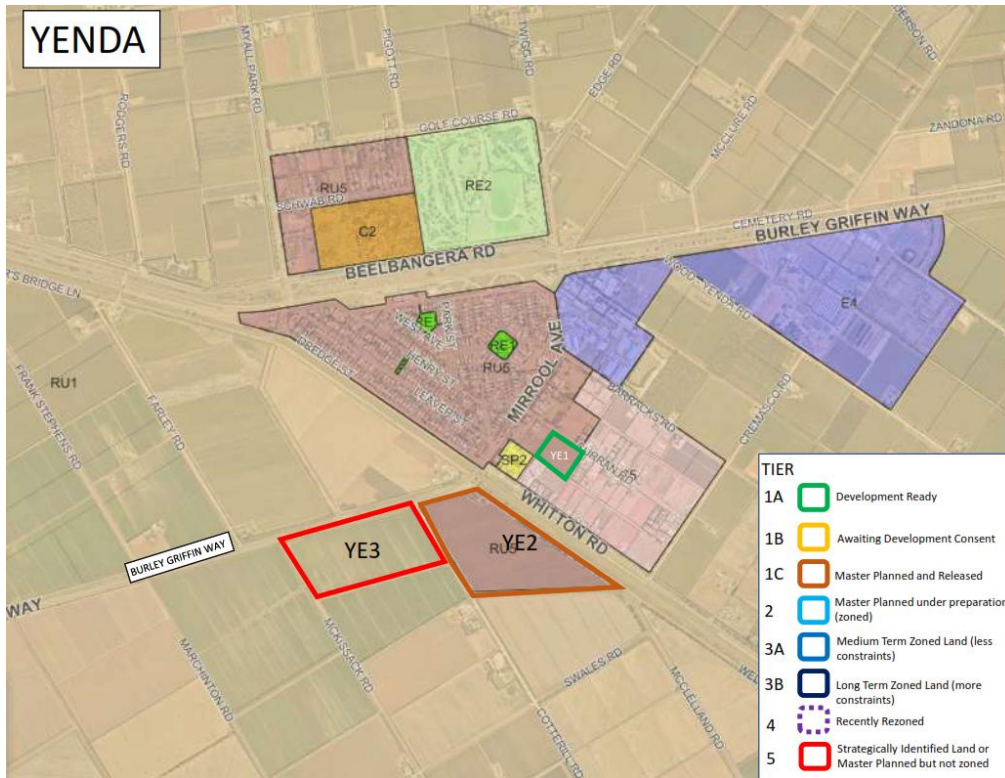


Figure 4 – Yenda: Pipeline Audit Mapping

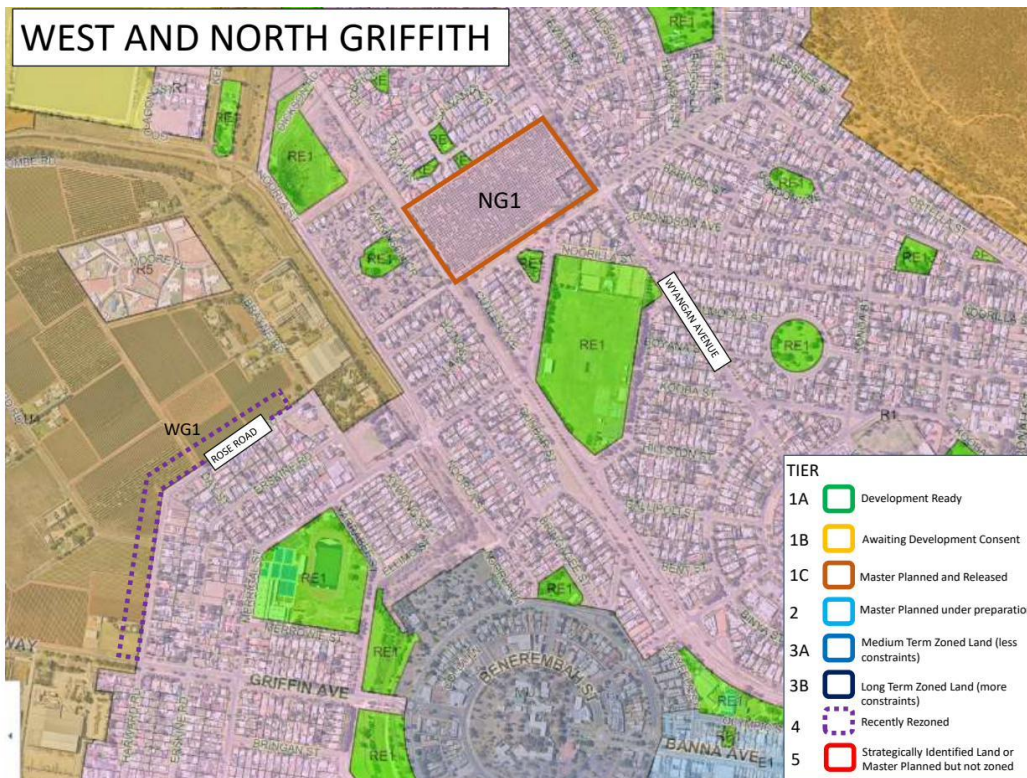


Figure 5 – West and North Griffith: Pipeline Audit Mapping

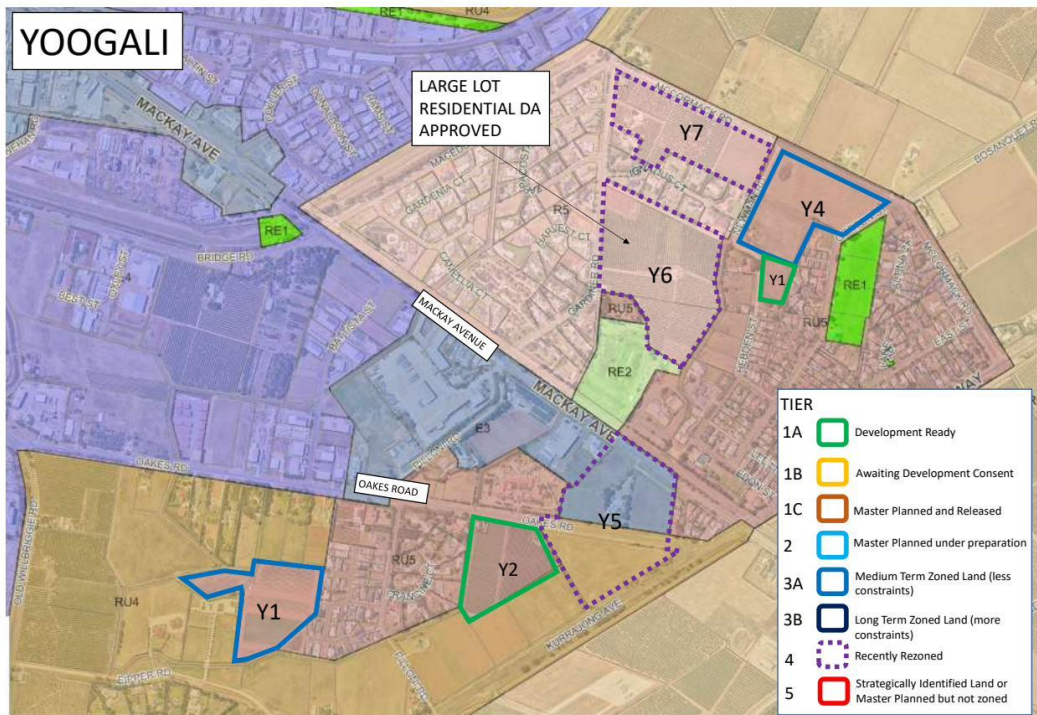


Figure 6 – Yoogali: Pipeline Audit Mapping

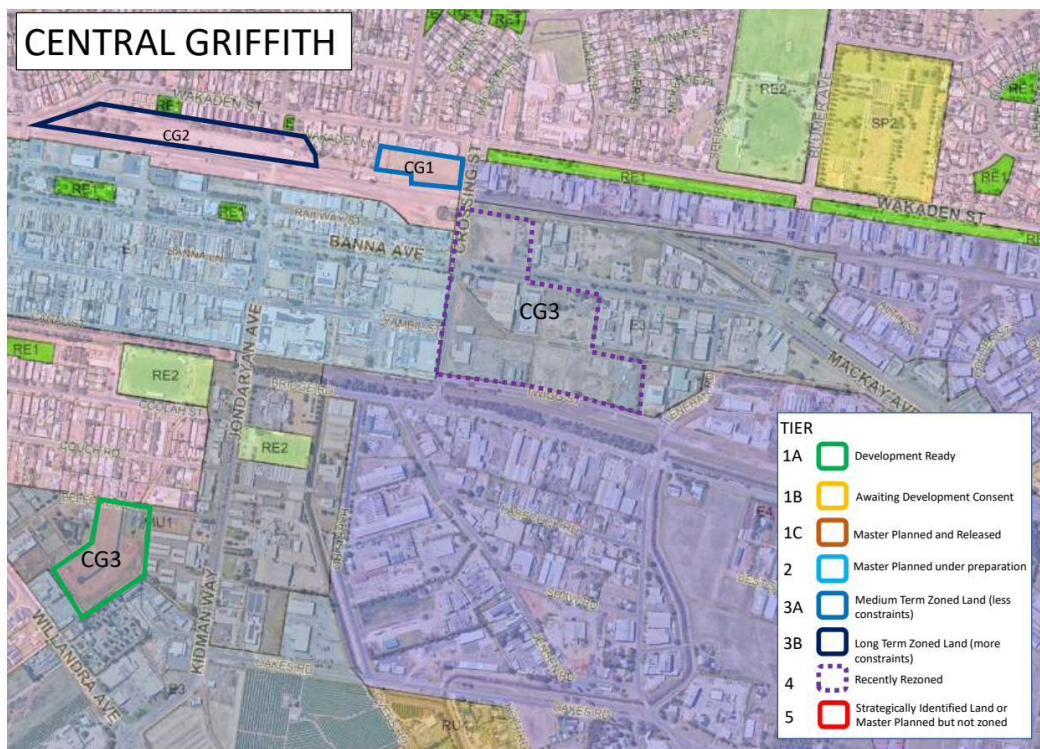


Figure 7 – Central Griffith: Pipeline Audit Mapping

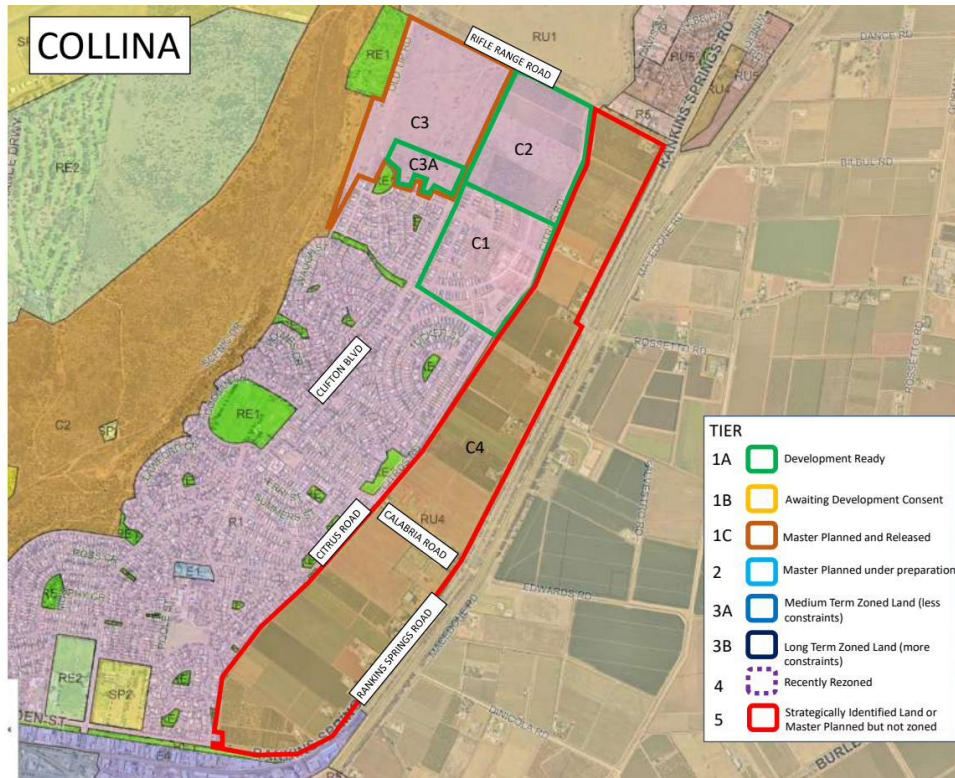


Figure 8 – Collina: Pipeline Audit Mapping

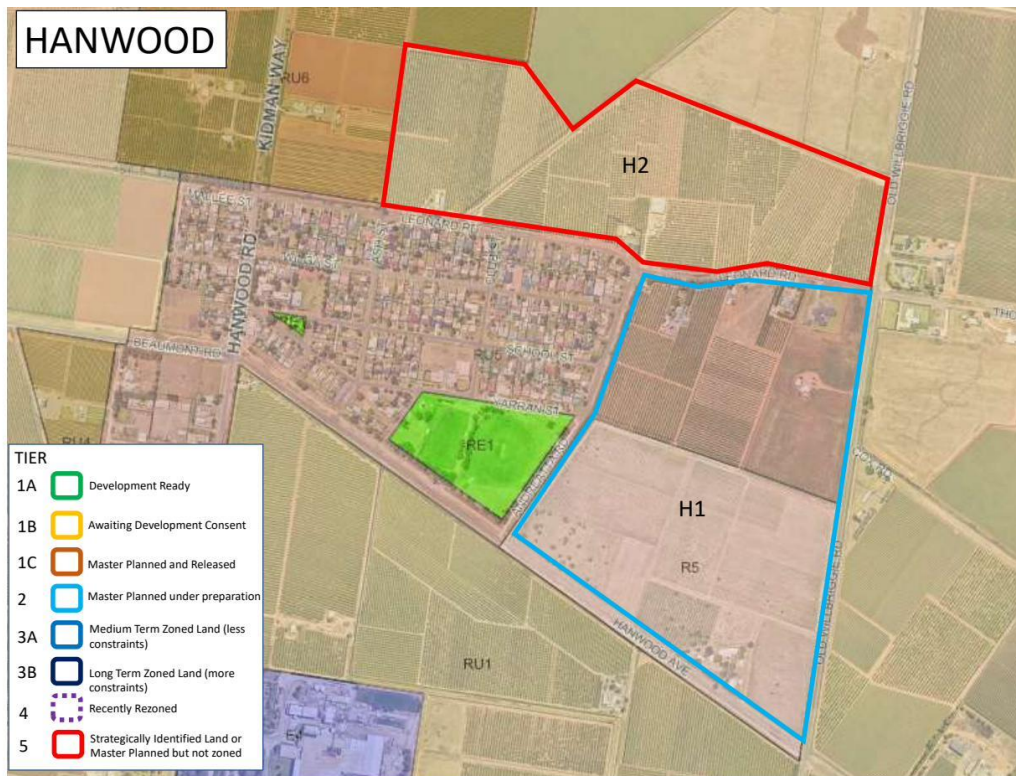


Figure 9 – Hanwood: Pipeline Audit Mapping

### 3.3 Key Pipeline Sites and Commentary

The following provides commentary on significant pipeline sites:

Tier	Site	Lot Yield	Constraints or Comments
<b>1A – Development Ready</b>	SG1 – Watson Road	61	Lots have been registered dwelling construction underway.
	SG2 – Griffin Green	62	Lots have been registered awaiting DA's for dwellings.
	LW1 – Boorga Road	187	Subdivision Works Certificate application under preparation
	LW2 – Boorga Road	75	Subdivision Works Certificate application under preparation
	YE1 – Curran Road	32	Subdivision Works Certificate application under preparation
	Y1 – Hebden Street	10	Subdivision Works Certificate application under preparation
	C1 – Collina	46	90% dwellings constructed, approx vacant lots remaining.
	SG9 – Belford Road	20	Lots have been registered dwelling construction underway.
	C2 – Collina	282	Clifton Blvd extension runs through land owned by Griffith Local Aboriginal Corporation  Citrus Blvd Infrastructure works – Roadworks near completion
	Y2 – Oakes Road	27	DA recently approved.
<b>1A TOTAL LOTS</b>		<b>802</b>	
<b>1B – Awaiting Development Consent</b>			
<b>1B TOTAL LOTS</b>			
<b>1C - Master Planned and Released</b>	NG1 – Wyangan Avenue	0	Land has been zoned residential since 1994. Owner has not pursued development. Do not include in supply.
	C3 – ALC Land	400	Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council
	LW3 - Druitt	350	Land owners preparing development applications & Subdivision Works Certificates.
	LW4 – Mallinson Road	37	Land owners preparing development applications & Subdivision Works Certificates.
<b>1C TOTAL LOTS / UNITS</b>		<b>787</b>	
<b>2 – Master Planned under preparation (zoned)</b>			
	YE2 – Yenda	166	Master Plan adopted 2025
	H1 – Stage 1 Hanwood	180	Master Plan adopted 2025, 7.11 Contribution Plan 2027.
<b>2 TOTAL LOTS /</b>		<b>696</b>	<b>Total includes approx higher density potential</b>

UNITS			
<b>3A – Medium Term Zoned Land (less constraints)</b>	SG3 – Murrumbidgee Avenue	360	Land has been zoned since 2002. Infrastructure master planning occurred in 2003 to inform Council's Development Servicing Plan. Sewer pump station required to service area.
	SG4 – Stafford / Sidlow Road	90	See above.
	SG5 – Stafford	70	See above.
	SG6 – Sidlow Road	122	See above.
	Y1 – Catanzariti Drive	30	The site represents stage 2 of the Catanzariti Drive subdivision. Stage 1 was completed in 2012. No development proposals received for the land to date.
	Y3 – Hebden Road	15	No development proposals received.
	Y4 – McCormack Road	85	Land owner pursuing development application presently for the land with frontage to McCormack Road.
	CG1 – Crossing Street	80	Land owner pursuing development application presently.
<b>3A TOTAL LOTS / UNITS</b>		<b>852</b>	
<b>3B - Long Term Zoned Land (more constraints)</b>	CG2 – Railway	200 Units	The land is presently utilised for a rail freight terminal which is expected to vacate the location
<b>3B TOTAL LOTS / UNITS</b>		<b>200</b>	
<b>4 – Land Recently Rezoned</b>	SG7 – Walla Ave	20	Owner is pursuing development options.
	WG1 – Rose Road	20	Options for connection to sewer being sought by some owners.
	Y5 – Oakes Road	80	Owners of the land fronting Mackay Avenue are pursuing NDIS housing.
	Y6 – Gardiner Road	25	DA approved for a large lot residential subdivision 2025.
	Y7 – McCormack Road	56	The are has been rezoned to RU5 Village, but requires master planning prior to release.
	CG3 – Banna Avenue	400 units	The site includes the former Ricegrowers operation and requires master planning prior to release including road network and servicing provision.
<b>4 TOTAL LOTS / UNITS</b>		<b>718</b>	<b>Total includes approx higher density potential</b>
<b>5 – Strategically Identified Land</b>	SG8 – Willandra Mixed Use	20	Zoning permits a range of residential and commercial uses. Lot yield is only an estimate as land fronting Willandra Avenue and Stafford Road
	LW5 – Stage 2 LWMP	600	The area forms part of the Lake Wyangan Growth Area and would be released following the registration of 80% of lots in Stage 1
	YE3 – Stage 2 YMP	120	The area forms part of the Yenda Growth Area and would be released following the registration of 80% of lots in Stage 1. The Area is identified as Stage 2 in the LUS.

	C4 – Collina	1768	The area was identified as a future growth area in the 2002 Growth Strategy to be released after 2030. The area has also been identified in the LSPS
	H2 – Stage 2 Hanwood	276	The area forms part of the Hanwood Growth Area and would be released following the registration of 80% of lots in Stage 1. The Area is identified as Stage 2 in the LUS for future low density residential.
<b>5 TOTAL LOTS UNITS /</b>		<b>2839</b>	<b>Total includes approx higher density potential</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL TIERS</b>		<b>6894</b>	
<b>25% Multi Lots</b>		<b>1720</b>	
<b>Total Potential Dwellings</b>		<b>8614</b>	

### 3.4 Infrastructure Investment to Activate Pipeline Sites

The activation of Griffith's housing supply pipeline requires substantial investment in enabling infrastructure, and the scale of this commitment should not be underestimated. At Lake Wyangan alone — the LGA's most advanced Urban Release Area — the Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan identifies total infrastructure works valued at over \$33.3 million, encompassing roads and land acquisition (\$14.7 million), stormwater drainage and culverts (\$13.9 million), open space and recreation facilities (\$2.16 million), street furniture and lighting (\$1.99 million), and plan preparation and administration (\$570,000). This translates to a levy of approximately \$14,658 per new lot, which developers contribute toward the cost of public infrastructure needed to service their development — with the \$17.5 million trunk drainage and road project, separately funded by the NSW Government, providing the critical backbone that unlocks the broader precinct without the need for Council to contribute funds within its budget.

Beyond Lake Wyangan, the pipeline site audit identifies further infrastructure constraints requiring resolution before other significant precincts can be activated. This infrastructure burden underscores a fundamental reality: the role of Federal and State Government in co-funding trunk and enabling infrastructure is not incidental to housing delivery in Griffith — it is essential to it. The below table provides a desktop estimated cost summary of infrastructure required to activate pipeline sites:

Precinct	Potential Yield	Estimated Trunk Infrastructure Cost
South Griffith	805	\$1M
Lake Wyangan	1600	\$33M
Yenda	600	\$3M
West & North Griffith	100	\$0 (already complete)
Yoogali	318	\$4.5M

Central Griffith	680 Units	\$35M
Collina	2496	\$15M
Hanwood	700	\$25M
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$116.5M</b>

#### 4. Hanwood Growth Masterplan – Staging and Sequencing

##### 4.1 Stage 1 Hanwood Masterplan

The Hanwood Masterplan was adopted by Council in 2025 for Stage 1, covering the area south of Leonard Road. Stage 1 (H1) encompasses approximately 180 lots. The next critical milestones for Stage 1 are:

- Completion of the Section 7.11 Development Contributions Plan (funding secured under the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund; to be completed by 30 June 2027).
- Completion of Detailed Engineering Design Plans (concurrent with Contributions Plan).
- Finalisation and adoption of the Development Control Plan for Hanwood by Council – estimated by end of 2027.

It is important to note that this work is being completed by Council staff using existing Council resources and budget. If this work were to be borne by developers it would be completed at substantial cost, which would ultimately be passed on to consumers in lot prices.

##### 4.2 Stage 2 Hanwood – Planning Proposal

Stage 2 of the Hanwood Growth Area (H2, approximately 276 lots) is located north of Leonard Road. This area is not currently zoned for residential development, as the Griffith Housing Strategy concluded that there was sufficient existing zoned land to accommodate over 36 years of growth. The appropriate pathway for rezoning Stage 2 is via a Planning Proposal to DPHI – this is currently underway by the developer.

##### Hanwood Stage 2 Planning Proposal – Timeline

July 2025: Planning Proposal submitted to DPHI by the developer.

February 2026: Following amendments, DPHI referred the Proposal to Council.

February 2026: Council staff recommended support for the Planning Proposal.

3 June 2026: Meeting between Council's Director of Sustainable Development and DPHI representative confirmed a decision is forthcoming.

Next steps: Gateway Determination → Public Exhibition → Council Assessment → Finalisation and Gazettal.

The Planning Proposal seeks to amend the zoning from Part RU1 and Part RU6 to RU5 Village, reduce minimum lot size controls, and identify the site as an Urban Release Area

under Part 6 of the Griffith LEP 2014. Should Gateway Determination be granted, Council would progress public exhibition, formal assessment and finalisation of the LEP amendment.

### 4.3 Mechanism to Alter Development Sequencing

Clause 6.3 of the Griffith LEP 2014 specifies that development in an Urban Release Area must occur in accordance with a Development Control Plan that includes a staging plan. This ensures structured infrastructure delivery, sequencing, transport, hazard management, stormwater and public facility provision.

Current controls under the Griffith Residential DCP require that Stage 2 of a Growth Area should only commence when 80% of lots in Stage 1 have been granted a Subdivision Certificate from Council. This staged approach is designed to protect infrastructure investment and ensure orderly development.

#### Mechanism to Alter Staging

Where development has not progressed in accordance with an adopted masterplan including staging, the mechanism to alter staging is to amend the DCP / masterplan specific to the area.

Any such amendment requires a formal report to Council, public exhibition, and Council resolution.

For Stage 2 Hanwood, the primary mechanism is the successful completion of the Planning Proposal process for rezoning (see above).

In the event that Stage 2 of the Hanwood Masterplan were to be successfully rezoned, the land would still be subject to LEP and DCP clauses requiring 80% lot registration of Stage 1. Council staff to investigate review of LEP and DCP clauses in scenarios where infrastructure delivery is funded independently of lot sales.

## 5. Benchmarking – Approaches Used by Other Regional NSW Councils

The following table compares the planning mechanisms and housing delivery initiatives employed by Griffith City Council against other comparable regional NSW Councils. The comparison highlights that Griffith City Council is at the forefront of best practice in regional NSW across multiple dimensions.

Mechanism / Initiative	Griffith	Wagga Wagga	Dubbo Regional	Orange	Best Practice Example
<b>Urban Release Area Masterplanning</b>	✓ (Collina, LW, Hanwood, Yenda)	✓	✓	✓	Industry-standard in regional NSW
<b>DCP Amendments for Medium Density</b>	✓ (2024 – 50% MDH)	✓	Partial	✓	Griffith leads – 50% MDH lots
<b>Infill / CBD Corridor Rezoning</b>	✓ (B2-B4, Wakaden North)	✓	✓	✓	Multiple councils
<b>Affordable Housing Collab</b>	✓ (Griffin Green, Crown Lands BC)	✓	Partial	Partial	Griffith / Argyle Housing partnership
<b>Housing Strategy</b>	✓ (2025 adopted)	✓ (2040)	✓	✓	Required under LSPS framework
<b>Contributions Plan (s7.11)</b>	✓ (LW)	✓	✓	✓	Critical for

Mechanism / Initiative	Griffith	Wagga Wagga	Dubbo Regional	Orange	Best Practice Example
	completed; Hanwood underway)				infrastructure funding
<b>Construction Worker Accommodation</b>	✓ (Awaiting SEPP listing)	Partial	✓	N/A	Griffith pioneer for regional NSW
<b>NSW Housing Pattern Book</b>	✓ (actively promoted)	✓	✓	✓	State-wide tool
<b>Boarding / Co-Living Policy</b>	✓ (active policy)	Partial	Partial	N/A	Griffith active policy
<b>Crown Land Partnership</b>	✓ (Business Case lodged)	In progress	N/A	N/A	Griffith ahead of peers
<b>Temp Use of Land Worker Accommodation</b>	In progress	N/A	N/A	N/A	Griffith in discussion with DPHI

The benchmarking analysis confirms that Griffith City Council's approach to housing delivery is comprehensive and, in several key areas, leads the regional NSW peer group. Notably:





- The increase of multi-dwelling housing lots to 50% in Urban Release Areas places Griffith ahead of most comparable councils.
- The Crown Lands Business Case and Griffin Green partnership represent genuine innovation in affordable housing delivery.
- Council's proactive submission for inclusion in Part 13 of the Housing SEPP for construction worker accommodation positions Griffith, along with Orange, as a pioneer for this mechanism in regional NSW.
- Discussions currently underway between Griffith and DPHI to pilot Griffith as a candidate site for Temporary and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation.

## 6. Development Assessment Improvements and Performance

The Sustainable Development Directorate at Griffith City Council has undertaken a comprehensive review of development assessment processes, comparing benchmark and actual timeframes to identify delays, improve efficiency, and support more timely housing delivery. Council's performance is detailed in the DPHI's NSW Planning Portal Council League Table.

### 6.1 Performance Summary

The following table tracks Council's average gross days to determine a new Development Application (DA) on a monthly basis from July 2024 to April 2026, compared to Council's internal benchmark targets:

Month	Avg Gross Days (New DAs Only) — bar shows proportion of 120 day max	Days	Benchmark	Performance
Jul-24		102.5	74	▲ 28.5 days over
Aug-24		108.4	74	▲ 34.4 days over
Sep-24		82.7	74	▲ 8.7 days over
Oct-24		81.6	74	▲ 7.6 days over

Month	Avg Gross Days (New DAs Only) — bar shows proportion of 120 day max	Days	Benchmark	Performance
Nov-24		103	74	▲ 29.0 days over
Dec-24		88.3	74	▲ 14.3 days over
Jan-25		48.1	74	✓ 25.9 days under
Feb-25		44.6	74	✓ 29.4 days under
Mar-25		55.6	74	✓ 18.4 days under
Apr-25		72.7	74	✓ 1.3 days under
May-25		45.9	74	✓ 28.1 days under
Jun-25		83.1	74	▲ 9.1 days over
Jul-25		48.6	80	✓ 31.4 days under
Aug-25		96.8	80	▲ 16.8 days over
Sep-25		35.7	80	✓ 44.3 days under
Oct-25		35.2	80	✓ 44.8 days under
Nov-25		36.9	80	✓ 43.1 days under
Dec-25		40.8	80	✓ 39.2 days under
Jan-26		42.8	80	✓ 37.2 days under
Feb-26		49.4	80	✓ 30.6 days under
Mar-26		46.2	80	✓ 33.8 days under
Apr-26		48.4	80	✓ 31.6 days under

■ Red = above benchmark ■ Green = at or below benchmark

The data demonstrates a clear and significant improvement in DA assessment timeframes.

From late 2025 onwards, the majority of months show Council performing at or below benchmark, with average gross days consistently in the 35-50 day range. This represents a remarkable achievement by Council's planning, development administration, vetting, building, environmental & engineering staff.

## 6.2 Comparison with NSW Peers

Council	Expectation Days (New DAs)	Avg Days	DAs exceeding expectation
Griffith CC (FY 2025-26 YTD)	80	48	91%
Wagga Wagga (FY 25-26)	68	51	80%
Dubbo (FY 25-26)	52	48	70%
Orange (FY 25-26)	81	70	72%
Albury (FY 25-26)	94	81	80%

Griffith City Council's FY 2025-26 YTD performance of an average 49 gross days for new DAs compares favourably for comparable regional councils, and is in line with, or ahead of, major regional centres including Wagga Wagga, Dubbo and Albury.

### 6.3 Process Improvements Implemented

The significant improvement in DA assessment timeframes has been achieved through a range of process reforms, structural changes and the commitment of Council staff, including:

- Restructuring of staff resources and assessment workflows within the Sustainable Development Directorate to improve throughput and reduce queue times.
- Streamlining pre-lodgement consultation processes to improve application quality and reduce information requests after lodgement.
- Improved internal coordination between planning, engineering, environmental health and infrastructure teams.
- Proactive case management of complex DAs to avoid delays at critical decision points.
- Implementation of improved quality checking at lodgement to ensure applications are complete before formal assessment commences.
- This was accomplished while maintaining assessment quality and managing a steady pipeline of new applications.

### 8. Summary of Recommendations

The most significant barriers to housing delivery in Griffith are external to Council's direct control, relating to State planning approval timeframes, infrastructure funding from higher tiers of government, construction labour and materials costs, and project feasibility in the current economic environment. Council's advocacy role with State and Federal Governments is therefore critically important alongside the internal process improvements described in this report.

The following recommendations are proposed to Council to assist in accelerating housing delivery in Griffith:

#	Recommendation	Lead	Timeframe	Priority
R1	Continue monitoring and supporting the Lake Wyangan trunk drainage infrastructure delivery to accelerate registration of ~800 lots.	Engineering / Planning	Ongoing	High
R2	Progress Hanwood 7.11 Contributions Plan and DCP by June 2027 funding deadline.	Director SD	Jun 2027	High
R3	Engage DPHI to expedite Gateway Determination for Hanwood Stage 2 Planning Proposal.	Director SD	Immediate	High
R4	Review the 80% staging rule applicability in Urban Release Areas where infrastructure funding has been secured independently.	Director SD	Jun 2027	Medium
R5	Actively promote the NSW Housing Pattern Book to developers, builders, and landowners as a pathway to faster approvals.	Planning	Ongoing	Medium

#		Recommendation	Lead	Timeframe	Priority
R6		Continue Crown Lands Business Case negotiations to deliver 91-110 affordable rental dwellings.	Director SD / GM	Ongoing	High
R7		Investigate feasibility incentives and grant funding to improve project viability for medium-density housing.	Planning / Finance	Jun 2027	Medium
R8		Amend LEP to allow Temporary and Seasonal Workers' Accommodation in Griffith.	Director SD	Immediate	High
R9		Recommendations outlined in Griffith Housing Strategy	Director SD	Jun 2027	High

### **OPTIONS**

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 item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 5.5 Support diversity in housing options.

### **CONSULTATION**

Senior Management Team

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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**LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Doug Curran (Chair) (Mayor, Councillor), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Councillor Tony O'Grady, Brian Irvin (Community Representative), Lisa Parker (Community Representative), Cate Yates (Community Representative), Stephen Violi (Community Representative), Susan Forner (Community Representative) (via zoom)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

Waste Operations Manager, John Roser and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that apologies be received from Director Utilities, Graham Gordon.

**Absent:** Councillor Christine Stead, Wendy Borg (Community Representative)

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 February 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.*

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

### **Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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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 CHANGE OF MEETING DAY**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the Committee change the meeting day to a Wednesday.

### **CL02 GRIFFITH LANDFILL REQUEST - 3 MAY 2026**

The Committee reviewed a letter requesting a Goodies Junk Shed at the Tharbogang Landfill. The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of this facility, discussing other town's successes or failures, and if it would be suited in our town.

The Committee discussed the option to call for an Expression of Interest and to see if there is a suitable individual or organisation to operate the facility.

*Brian Irvin entered the meeting at 5:13 pm.*

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Susan Forner and Lisa Parker that staff prepare an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the operation of a Goodies Junk Shed at the Landfill, circulate the draft EOI to Committee members for feedback, and then distribute the final EOI to the community.

**SMT COMMENT:** As a precursor to an EOI, Council undertakes an online community survey to determine, amongst other matters, scope of services required including infrastructure - operational location, frequency of operation, community uptake etc. The results of the community survey to be brought back to the committee to finalise the scope of the proposed EOI.

*Councillor Mark Dal Bon was against this Motion.*

### **CL03 MARCH 2026 DUMP FOR FREE STATISTICS**

The Committee reviewed the statistics for the March "Dump for Free" month, noting that the Yenda Landfill had extended operating hours and the benefits of holding the initiative over an entire month.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the information.

#### **CL04 UNTIDY STREET - REFINED LETTER**

The Committee reviewed the Untidy Streets letter and provided suggestions for improvement, including refining the image for clarification and incorporating information about the “Dump for Free” months within the letter.

The Committee also suggested distributing the letter to both the property owner and the tenant to ensure the information is reaching all involved.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Lisa Parker and Susan Forner that the Committee endorse the attached letter and approve its delivery to Coolah Street, with the additions to the letter included.

#### **CL05 ANNUAL EPA LANDFILL REPORT**

Mr Roser provided a brief overview of the EPA Report, noting that it is a comprehensive document and highlighting key points made within initial pages (attached to agenda). The full report is on the website for more information.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the information.

#### **CL06 WASTE EDUCATION PACK**

Mr Roser noted the information is included in the tenancy packs and that they will be updated once FOGO is implemented.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Lisa Parker that the Committee note the report.

#### **CL07 PARK BINS AT TED SCOBIE OVAL**

Mr Roser highlighted that if the bins are full at Ted Scobie Oval, the Parks and Gardens team call the commercial waste department and they will empty the bins.

Ms Yates highlighted that street bins were at capacity at events in the Main Street, Mr Roser noted and acknowledge the issue and highlighted a more proactive approach is vital.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Brian Irvin that the report be noted.

#### **CL08 EXISTING BINS AT TED SCOBIE OVAL**

The Committee received the information.

### **6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

The Committee noted the report.

### **7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **7.1 Recycling Baskets on Bins**

Councillor O'Grady suggested the idea of installing recycling baskets on bins so people can easily dispose of cans and bottles. Mayor Curran further explained people rummage through bins, pulling rubbish out to find recyclables.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Susan Forner and Lisa Parker that staff investigate recycling baskets to attach to the street bins in Banna Avenue.

## **7.2 Bookable**

Ms Parker questioned if there is a function on Bookable to request bins. Mr Roser responded that there is.

## **7.3 FOGO update**

Ms Parker asked for an update on the Kerbside Collections Policy, in relation to FOGO, and in response Mr Roser replied Councils currently in the process of tendering for the education process.

## **7.4 Lack of Bins near Valentini Bridge**

Councillor Dal Bon noted the absence of bins at the rest area near Valentini Bridge, as well as at the bridge itself. In response, Mayor Curran advised that when bins are provided in these locations, they are often misused for the disposal of residential waste.

## **8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Landfill FOGO Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 12 August 2026 at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:03 pm.

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**AIRPORT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON  
WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Councillor Christine Stead (Chair), Councillor Tony O'Grady, Garry Harriman (Community Representative), Jason Gordon (Community Representative) (via Zoom), Michael Borg (Community Representative), Peter Little (Community Representative), Roslyn Frawley (Community Representative) (via Zoom)

Quorum = 3

**STAFF**

Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, Airport Facility Coordinator, Joanne Bollen and Minute Secretary, Jessica Bertacco

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Councillor Tony O'Grady and Michael Borg that apologies be received from Robert Ryan and Councillor Anne Napoli.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Michael Borg and Councillor Tony O'Grady that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 December 2025, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING**

**3.1 Operation of Vending Machine Within Griffith Airport Terminal**

Mr Rizzo provided an update that the coffee vending machine is now in operation at the airport terminal. This is only on trial for 12 months as per the recommendation.

**3.2 Griffith Airport Emergency Gate Signage**

Mr Rizzo advised that the signage is still pending and waiting on the audit to be done.

**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 GRIFFITH REGIONAL AIRPORT PAID PARKING UPDATE**

The Committee noted the report.

There were discussions on the 15 minute parking areas with Ms Bollen advising the Committee that there are an additional two 15 minute parking signs at the end of the first parking bay.

Mr Borg questioned bus loading zones and Mr Rizzo responded that the buses currently park in the no parking zone. Mr Rizzo advised vehicles are permitted stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a certain period of time, and drivers must remain within a certain distance of their vehicle as per NSW Parking Legislation. There are plans for a more permanent solution in the Masterplan in the future.

Councillor Stead asked where hire cars currently park. Mr Rizzo advised that hire car companies have leased spaces along the fence line, with overflow vehicles temporarily permitted in the gravel area under an informal arrangement. He noted that companies are generally complying by keeping overflow vehicles out of sealed parking areas. Mr Rizzo added that these arrangements will be formalised once paid parking is introduced.

### **CL02 GRIFFITH REGIONAL AIRPORT MASTERPLAN 2026 – CONSULTANT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

Ms Bollen advised that the Request for Quotation process for the Airport Master Plan was completed, with eight submissions received. Following assessment by a panel, To70 Aviation was engaged as the consultant. Site visits and stakeholder consultation sessions will also be arranged, with further details and timelines to be circulated once confirmed with the consultants.

Discussion was held regarding flood mitigation within the Airport Masterplan. Staff advised that a new flood study is not proposed at this stage, with consultants to review the existing study and consider stakeholder feedback and local knowledge. Concerns were raised regarding unauthorised earthworks at the golf course and drainage impacts from nearby roadworks. Staff confirmed compliance action is underway regarding the golf course works and that the Golf Club was preparing a development application for the formal approval of the earthworks. It was also confirmed that environmental management and flood mitigation measures form part of the Masterplan scope.

Mr Little queried whether Agricultural Operations should have a representative on the Committee, noting its importance to airport movements and operations. In response this was **TAKEN ON NOTICE** by Mr Rizzo.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Garry Harriman and Councillor Tony O'Grady that the information be received.

## **6      OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

Mr Rizzo noted that the signage concerns would be addressed as soon as possible.

The Action Report was noted.

## **7      GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1      Incident at Griffith Airport**

Mr Gordon brought to light recent security incidents at Griffith Airport, including vehicle damage and malicious activity near hangars. Staff advised that CCTV coverage was limited and confirmed that a person had been taken into custody in relation to one incident. It was also noted that the incidents were not believed to be related.

### **7.2      Fruit Trees**

Ms Frawley informed the Committee that there are fruit trees on Council land behind airport hangar 27 that are reportedly infested with fruit fly. Staff advised they were unaware of the issue and would investigate.

### **7.3      Sewer Infrastructure**

Ms Frawley raised concerns regarding the lack of sewer infrastructure along Old Aerodrome Road and its potential impact on future airport development. Staff noted that provision of a reticulated sewer system could be considered as part of the Airport Master Plan, although significant engineering works and costs may be involved due to the airport's low elevation.

### **7.4      Condolence Card**

Mr Harriman notified the Committee that Mr Cam Woodside who was the Chairman of the AeroClub died on Thursday 21 May 2026. On behalf of the Committee they would like to send a card to Jan Woodside.

### **7.5      Lease Agreements**

Councillor O'Grady questioned the hangar lease renewals and the introduction of inspection requirements, with staff advising that lease agreements will be updated to include inspection clauses for future renewals, pending finalisation of legal wording.

### **7.6      Line Marking**

Mr Little questioned the runway and taxiway line marking visibility. Staff advised that some markings have faded, particularly on taxiways. Council has purchased its own line marking machine, with staff to be trained to enable in-house maintenance. The paint used will be CASA-compliant and reflective. Staff noted that this approach will reduce costs and improve ongoing maintenance and visibility of markings.

### **7.7      Gravel Carpark**

Mr Borg questioned the gravel overflow car park. Staff advised that a design for sealing and line marking has been completed, but the works are currently unfunded. It was noted that implementation is being deferred pending the introduction of paid parking to assess usage and demand. Future works may be considered through Council using revenue from paid parking, with ongoing monitoring and quarterly review.

**8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Airport Committee is to be held on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 at 5:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:54 pm.

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**AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE MURRAY ROOM ON  
THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

Stuart Heffer (Chair) (Community Representative), Helen Brill (Community Representative), Dorian Radue (Community Representative), George Youssef (Community Representative - Zoom)

Quorum = 3

National Audits Group, Stephen Prowse (Zoom), NSW Audit Office, Brad Medina

**STAFF**

General Manager, Scott Grant, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Matthew Hansen, Senior WHS & Risk Coordinator, Raymond McCloy and Governance Manager/Internal Audit Coordinator/Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

**1 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of George Youssef and Dorian Radue that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 February 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 UPDATE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr Grant provided an update to Committee members including the following items:

- Financial forecast looking good for this year.
- Staff are preparing for next year's budget.
- Office of Local Government have advised councils are required to rescind the adoption of the new Code of Meeting Practice and revert back to the 2021 model Code as amendments were not passed through the Legislative Assembly.
- New Code of Conduct to be released by Office of Local Government.
- Working with Committees on a number of projects including CBD Enhancement grant lower end of Banna Avenue, Scenic Hill Masterplan, Airport Masterplan.
- Number of events and festivals held and upcoming including Multicultural festival, Punjabi Mela, Sikh games, Salami festival. These require substantial Council support.
- Lake Wyangan Housing Enabling Infrastructure project scheduled for completion July, currently under budget. Further works such as landscaping will be carried out to improve the aesthetics of the works undertaken and to utilise the available funds.
- Staff working on improving project management practices.

### **CL02 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Mr McCloy advised the Action Plan is on target and it is anticipated all actions to be completed by September 2026. Training on new processes and forms to be rolled out to staff.

Ms Radue enquired if Council would be reviewing strategic level risks as well as the operational type risks. Mr McCloy responded that this had occurred during the preparation of the organisational risk assessment however continual review will be required.

Mr Grant added that the enterprise risk framework is in place and will be reviewed again. Mr Grant will look into this and review the strategic risk profile.

Mr McCloy left the meeting at 5:09 pm.

### **CL03 UPDATE FROM NSW AUDIT OFFICE**

Mr Medina provided an update on external audit activities advising that most of the planning

work has been completed.

The NSW Audit Office team will return in mid-July to complete most of the audit work, focusing on asset revaluations (particularly water and sewer assets), key capital projects including Lake Wyangan, and grant revenue and contract liabilities, with some early review of the P&L and balance sheet, before finalising in October.

For 2026, key focus areas will include procurement, conflicts of interest, cyber security, and artificial intelligence, while progress on prior-year findings will be reported in an upcoming management letter.

Quarterly Audit Office NSW updates, highlighting sector trends and relevant issues, will be provided to the Committee .

Mr Hansen advised Finance has made significant improvements since last year, particularly in asset management and the timeliness of valuations, which should support smoother and more efficient financial statement preparation this year.

#### **CL04 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - MOTOR VEHICLE LEASEBACK**

Mr Prowse advised that an internal review of the motor vehicle lease scheme (covering July 2024–January 2026) found that while the scheme is valued and operational, its controls, governance and documentation are not sufficiently formalised to ensure consistent risk management, with key issues including unclear accountability, outdated policies, limited monitoring and lack of end-to-end processes. Ten recommendations were made to strengthen governance, controls and oversight, all accepted by management with implementation planned through to mid-2027.

Mr Grant advised that Council staff are working to improve processes in relation to this matter.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Dorian Radue and Helen Brill that the Committee endorse the recommendations and management responses as provided in the internal audit report for Motor Vehicle Leaseback.

#### **CL05 ENGAGEMENT LETTERS - HR MANAGEMENT AND FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL**

Mr Hansen advised that the Fraud and Corruption Framework was due for review however, Council would postpone this until the internal audit review has been completed. Mrs Donaldson welcomed the internal audit review of HR Management.

**RECOMMENDED** on the motion of Stuart Heffer and Dorian Radue that the Committee endorse the Engagement Letters for HR Management and Fraud and Corruption Control.

#### **CL06 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 55 – PROCUREMENT OF G4 PUMP STATION COLLECTOR WELL**

Mr Grant provided an update regarding procurement undertaken due to emergency works required at the G4 Pump Station Collector Well.

Mr Hansen advised that this matter did not require formal reporting to the Office of Local Government as it is not considered a breach activity under section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Mr Grant advised Council processes regarding this matter were sound and it has been reported to the ARIC and Council for information.

The Committee noted the report.

#### **CL07 NON-COMPLIANCE SELF REPORT - LAKE WYANGAN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Mr Hansen advised that Council self-reported a non-compliance procurement matter to the Office of Local Government in relation to contractor works for the Lake Wyangan Residential Housing Enabling Infrastructure project.

Mr Prowse enquired if consideration was given to direct negotiations with contractors that had submitted a tender for the project, as allowable under the Act.

Mr Hansen responded that due to the nature of the tender contract and timing requirements, a decision was made to go out to Request for Quotation to local contractors.

Mr Hansen advised that Council is currently reviewing its procurement processes and updating the Procurement Manual.

The Committee noted the report.

#### **CL08 LAKE WYANGAN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REVIEW**

Mr Grant advised he commissioned an independent assurance review in relation to the Lake Wyangan Residential Housing Enabling Infrastructure project. A number of recommendations have been provided and will be incorporated in this and future projects.

The Committee noted the report.

#### **CL09 TREASURY POLICY ON COUNCIL LOAN BORROWINGS (FS CP 704)**

Mr Hansen provided an overview of the Treasury Policy on Council Loan Borrowings and Treasury Policy for Investments.

Ms Brill suggested the following improvements:

- add a statement of risk appetite to the borrowing policy,
- clarify delegation of authority requirements,
- reconsider reporting frequency,
- ensure consistency in measurable controls,
- refine definitions and requirements (such as lender criteria).

Mr Hansen advised that Council is also bound by the Ministerial Borrowing Order which is a legislative instrument that sets the legal parameters, conditions and limits under which local councils are permitted to borrow money.

Mr Grant advised the Committee that the General Manager's delegations have been reviewed recently following legal advice.

Mr Hansen is to make the recommended amendments to the policies for Council consideration.

**CL10 TREASURY POLICY FOR INVESTMENTS (FS-CP-303)**

The Committee noted the report.

**CL11 ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Mr Hansen advised Council officers are working through the Asset Management internal audit recommendations and provided an overview of the reviewed Asset Management Policy and Strategy.

Mr Hansen advised Council has established an asset handover working group convened by the Asset Management Coordinator. Progress reports will be provided to SMT.

The Committee noted the report.

**CL12 2026-27 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET**

Mr Hansen advised Council officers are continuing to reform the budget process and provided an update on next year's budget and the end of year forecasted result.

Council is hoping for an improved cash position in future which can be utilised to top up reserves.

Savings and efficiencies are still required with senior management working towards financial sustainability.

Mr Grant advised the timing and quantity of Financial Assistance Grants is an ongoing issue, however this is a common theme amongst rural regional councils.

Ms Brill enquired why cost saving initiatives had not been identified in the report. Mr Hansen responded that Council has challenged SMT to identify ongoing savings.

Mr Grant stated that most of the savings in this year's budget came from delays in recruitment, not recruiting some positions and postponing non-urgent projects.

The Committee noted the report.

**CL13 2026-2036 DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Committee noted the report.

**CL14 QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORTS Q3/2026**

For information.

**CL15 INVESTMENTS REPORT**

For information.

**CL16 COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEM**

To be discussed at the next ARIC meeting.

**CL17 AGENDA FORWARD PLAN**

For information.

**CL18 SERVICE REVIEWS - UPDATE**

The Committee noted the report.

**6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

Ms Radue requested that updates be provided for actions where comments were not provided since the February update. Mr Grant advised SMT have also reviewed the Action Report. Ms Radue will send through high risk items for updates.

**7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

ARIC members to be invited to the 18 August 2026 Council Workshop to meet with Council.

**8 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is to be held on Thursday, 27 August 2026 at 5:00 pm. To be confirmed by email.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6:18 pm.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The report be noted.

**ATTACHMENTS**

(a) Outstanding Action Report [↓](#) 

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<b>Council Meeting Date</b>	<b>MEETING ITEM</b>	<b>Action Officer</b>	<b>CRM No.</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Council Resolution</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
26 May 2026	<b>CL09 LICENCE AGREEMENT - ROAD RESERVE - ARGYLE COMMUNITY HOUSING LTD - 2-4 CROSSING STREET, GRIFFITH</b>	CPO	174301	26/142	<b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Doug Curran and Mark Dal Bon that the matter be deferred pending further information.	<b>9/06/2026:</b> Meeting arranged with Argyle reps and Council staff week commencing 15 June 2026 to discuss Licence Agreement terms.
12 May 2026	<b>CL08 SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY</b>	SGO EDC	173748	26/129	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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.	<b>14/05/2026:</b> Policy on public exhibition until 11 June 2026.
12 May 2026	<b>CL04 LICENCE AGREEMENT - ROAD RESERVE - WESTERN RIVERINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (COMMUNITY SCHOOL) - 68 KOOKORA STREET, GRIFFITH</b>	CPO	173743	26/125	<b>RESOLVED</b> 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,	<b>1/06/2026:</b> On public exhibition until 30 June 2026.

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					<p>Griffith for a term of five years, with an option to renew of 5 years.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p>	
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					(f) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement under the Common Seal, if required.	
14 April 2026	<b>CCMM01 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES</b>	DBCf	172744	26/102	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Shari Blumer that:</p> <p>(a) Council, pursuant to Section 713 and other relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1993, authorises sale proceedings to sell the properties listed in this report at a public auction at a time and place to be determined.</p> <p>(b) Outstanding Collections (Aust) Pty Ltd (OSC) be appointed to administer the sale on Council's behalf.</p> <p>(c) Council authorises Council staff and OSC to proceed with the necessary arrangements, pertaining to the sale of the properties listed in this report, as set out in the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021).</p> <p>(d) Council delegates authority to the General Manager to take the following actions pertaining to the properties specified in the report as listed in the report.</p>	<p><b>28/04/2026:</b> General Manager certificates signed. Real Estate Agent commissioned to sell properties. Notification process underway.</p> <p><b>1/06/2026:</b> The auction is scheduled for 13 August 2026.</p>

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24 March 2026	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR MARK DAL BON</b>	DE&OD	172020	26/073	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Mark Dal Bon and Christine Stead:</p> <p>(a) Council to review the policy on quick turn around grants to enable non for profit and other organisations that donate money to charities to be able to access these grants from Council that benefit the community.</p> <p>(b) The relevant policies be brought to a Council Workshop for Councillor input.</p>	<p><b>08/04/2026:</b> The matter is scheduled for the May Workshop for discussion.</p> <p><b>28/05/2026:</b> Policies to be presented to Council for public exhibition in August 2026.</p>
24 March 2026	<b>CL04 REVIEW OF LAKE WYANGAN FLOOD STUDY</b>	DU	172018	26/067	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Laurie Testoni that:</p> <p>(a) Council endorse the Lake Wyangan Flood Study to go on public exhibition for a period of 42 days.</p> <p>(b) Should no submissions be received, the Lake Wyangan Flood Study be considered adopted as at the completion of the exhibition period.</p> <p>(c) If submissions are received, a further report is to be provided to Council.</p>	<p><b>08/04/2026:</b> On exhibition until 8 May 2026.</p> <p><b>18/05/2026:</b> Several submissions have been received and a report will be provided to the next Floodplain Management Committee on Thursday, 11 June 2026.</p>
27 January 2026	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TONY O'GRADY</b>	DSD	169647	26/016	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>17/02/2026:</b> Sustainable Development currently drafting policy.</p> <p><b>19/05/2026:</b> Policy will be reported to Council in July 2026.</p>

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8 April 2025	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JENNY ELLIS</b>	DBCF FM MA	158565	25/095	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Signage for the front of the Gallery - to be designed, manufactured, and installed. (Approximately \$5K)</li> <li>(b) New hanging track system - to enhance the display and functionality of exhibition spaces. (Approximately \$10K)</li> <li>(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).</li> </ul>	<p><b>2/03/2026:</b> 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>
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**COMPLETION BY OTHER AGENCIES PENDING**

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12 Aug 2025	<b>NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE STEAD</b>	GM	163429	25/236	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> 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><b>1/09/2025:</b> Report to Council 9 September 2025.</p> <p><b>12/09/2025:</b> GM to report to Council after the finalisation of the ASIC proceedings.</p> <p><b>7/04/2026:</b> Other creditors are pursuing recovery however unlikely due to limited assets.</p>
24 February 2026	<b>CL01 GRIFFITH URBAN CROWN LAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVATION - MASTERPLAN AND BUSINESS CASE</b>	DBC/ GM	170792	26/040	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Shari Blumer that:</p> <p>(a) Council endorse the Griffith Urban Crown Land Affordable Housing Activation - Masterplan and Business Case.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p><b>11/03/2026:</b> The General Manager has reached out to the Minister for Housing The Hon Rose Jackson MP.</p> <p>The Minister's office advises that we should contact the Aboriginal Housing Authority (AHO) in the first instance.</p> <p>Contact has been made, as yet no commitment to meet.</p>

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					(c) A report be brought back to Council providing updates in due course.	
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