



Ordinary Meeting

MM01

BUSINESS PAPER

Tuesday, 16 June 2026 at 7:00 PM

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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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Mayoral Minutes

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Scott Grant

GENERAL MANAGER

CLAUSE **MM01**

TITLE **Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) 2026/27**

FROM **Scott Grant, General Manager**

TRIM REF **26/70604**

SUMMARY

The fourth round of the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) for 2026-27 is now open, with applications closing on the 1 July 2026. This presents an opportunity for Council to secure funding for multiple projects.

It is recommended that Council submits applications for two flood mitigation projects at Yoogali and Yenda.

The main purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to proceed with the preparation and submission of DRF applications for the Yoogali and Yenda flood mitigation projects.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Council apply to Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) for Yoogali Levee Construction – Stage 3 Project.**
- (b) Council apply to Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) for Yenda Drainage Network and Flood Pump Project.**
- (c) Council support the application with \$15,000 for preparatory costs.**

REPORT

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Yoogali Levee Construction – Stage 3 Project

Council has completed Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Yoogali flood mitigation works with two-thirds funding assistance from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).

Council has also submitted a funding application for the Yoogali Levee Construction – Stage 3 project under the 2026–27 Flood Management Program (FMP) administered by DCCEEW. The outcome of this application is expected to be announced in November/December 2026.

Under the FMP funding arrangement, if successful, Council is required to contribute one-third of the total project cost. The estimated project cost is \$1,800,000, requiring a Council contribution of \$600,000, which has been allocated in the 2026/27 budget.

However, if Council is successful in securing funding under the DRF program, Council will be required to contribute 50% of the total project cost, equating to \$900,000. The outcome of the DRF application is also expected around November/December 2026.

It should be noted that Council cannot receive funding from both the DRF and FMP for the same project. Acceptance of funding under one program will render the project ineligible for funding under the other program.

Yenda Drainage Network and Flood Pump Project

Following the 2012 flood event, Council developed a strategic plan to upgrade the Yenda drainage system, including improvements to pits, pipes, and the construction of a flood pumping station, to be delivered in stages.

Council has completed Stage 1a and Stage 1b works. However, due to funding constraints, subsequent stages have not progressed to date. It is recommended that Council apply for DRF funding to deliver Stage 2 and Stage 3 works.

The current project cost estimates were prepared in 2012 and are no longer representative of current market conditions. Accordingly, these estimates will need to be reviewed and updated prior to submission of the DRF application. A review of the proposed costs have been tentatively completed and revealed a likely 50% increase in costs due to both labour and material increases in the past 14 years. It is expected that the total cost of the project delivery could be approximately \$3.6m, this has been considered in Council's Long term financial plan, with the proposed project currently sitting in the "longer term items not considered further due to lack of funding" table.

There will be additional design and survey costs incurred to complete the detailed design to allow for construction to occur.

With the project costs estimated at \$3.6m the Council contribution will be 50%.

This report seeks Council approval to proceed with the preparation and submission of Disaster Ready Fund applications for the Yoogali and Yenda flood mitigation projects.

OPTIONS

Council could choose not to apply for funding under the DRF.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK

Both applications will require assistance from quantity surveyors as well as resources towards completing the grant submission which is due on 1 July 2026.

If successful with the DRF funding application for the Yoogali Levee Construction – Stage 3 Project, Council will be required to allocate additional \$300,000 in the 2027/28 budget towards the project, depending upon which funding grant is successful.

Any additional funds if needed will be funded from the floodplain and drainage reserve.

If successful with the DRF funding application for the Yenda Drainage Network and Flood Pump Project, Council will be required to allocate 50% of the total project cost (around \$1.8 million) in the 2027/28 budget towards the project.

This will require consideration of future capital works programme associated with drainage capital works.

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 6.1 Provide, renew and maintain a range of quality infrastructure, assets, services and facilities.

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 7.4 Reduce the risk and impacts of natural disasters on our community.

CONSULTATION

Senior Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

Nil