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

PRESENT

The Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Christine Stead, Jenny Ellis, Anne Napoli (Zoom), 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 Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Sustainable Development, Joe Rizzo, Manager Water and Wastewater, Durgananda Chaudhary and Minute Taker, Leanne Austin

MEDIA

Nil.

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Jenny Ellis 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

26/166

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Scott Groat that an apology be received from Director Graham Gordon.

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.

26/167

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that the request for attendance by audio-visual link from Councillor Anne Napoli be approved.

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.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

26/168

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Laurie Testoni that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 9 June 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
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

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

Councillor Anne Napoli
MM01 Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) 2026/27
Reason – I own a property along where the Yoogali Levy is considered to be constructed.

Councillor Christine Stead
CC01 Major Event request for Council Assistance
Reason – The report mentions Griffith Show Ground and I am President of the Showground Trust.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

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.

Councillor Laurie Testoni

CL01 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

Reason – In relation to the Wood Park request for funding. I live in North Griffith and so does some of my relatives.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

MM01 DISASTER READY FUND (DRF) 2026/27

Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 7:05 pm.

Mayor Doug Curran and Councillor Tony O'Grady moved the following **MOTION** that:

- (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 per project.

Councillors Dal Bon and Blumer moved the following **AMENDMENT** that items (a) and (b) be considered separately.

The **AMENDMENT** was **PUT** and **WON**.

For

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

Councillor Testoni asked what the timeframes for completion would be if successful with the grant application. This was taken on Notice.

26/169

RESOLVED on the motion of Mayor Doug Curran and Councillor Tony O'Grady that:

- (a) Council apply to Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) for Yoogali levee Construction – Stage 3 Project.
- (b) Council support the application with \$15,000 for preparatory costs.

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

Against
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 2.

26/170

RESOLVED on the motion of Mayor Doug Curran and Councillor Tony O'Grady that:

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

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting at 7:13 pm.

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 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

Mayor Doug Curran and Councillor Tony O'Grady moved the following **MOTION** that 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 exhibited and attached to the report including the below additional amendments as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period:

1. Amendments to Revenue Policy/Fees & Charges

Fee/Charge:	Recommendation:
Water Inspection Fee	Delete duplicate
Investigation Fee	Delete duplicate
Use of Griffith Harness Track	\$110/week
603 Certificates	\$105
Overdue Rates Interest	9.5%
Water Meter Relocation (20mm)	\$1,646
Water Meter Relocation Description	Add "includes disconnection"
Planning & Development Fees	Updated per EP&A Regulation
Legionella Inspection Fees	\$100-\$150/year
Domestic Waste Management Charge	\$458
Recycling Charge	\$152

2. Amendments to Operating Budget

Item	Exhibited Budget	Proposed Budget
Waste collection costs	\$760,000	\$860,000
Waste collection charges	\$1,381,518	\$1,481,518
Senior Citizens Centre Internet	Not included	\$3,000
Financial Assistance Grant	\$7,856,865	\$1,571,373

Councillors Groat and Dal Bon moved the an **AMENDMENT** that Council remove the Use of Griffith Harness Track Fee - \$110/week.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and **WON**.

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

The division was declared PASSED by 5 votes to 4.

Councillors Groat and Dal Bon moved an **AMENDMENT** that the domestic waste management charge remain at the exhibited fee of \$429.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and **LOST**.

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| For | Against |
| Councillor Christine Stead | Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran |

Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

The division was declared LOST by 4 votes to 5.

Councillors Dal Bon and Groat moved an **AMENDMENT** that the proposed new Legionella Inspection Fees be reduced to \$50 per year.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and **LOST**.

For
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

Against
Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

The division was declared LOST by 3 votes to 6.

Councillors Dal Bon and Stead moved an **AMENDMENT** that the Recycling Charge remain at the exhibited fee of \$142.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and **LOST**.

For
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

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

The division was declared LOST by 5 votes to 4.

Councillors Testoni and Ellis moved an **AMENDMENT** that:

- (a) The allocation for Item 78 Wood Park toilet Construction be reduced by \$50,000 (from \$250,000 to \$200,000) with the savings redirected as follows:
- (b) \$25,000 to the development and delivery of a professional advertising and promotional campaign for Pioneer Park Museum on Scenic Hill; and
- (c) Exercise equipment for the Yenda community (Item 11 – Councillor Requests), increasing funding by \$10,000 to a total of \$25,000, with the increase offset by removing the roundabout landscaping refurbishment.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and **WON**.

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

Against
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

The division was declared PASSED by 5 votes to 4.

26/171

RESOLVED on the motion of Mayor Doug Curran and Councillor Tony O’Grady that Council adopt the following documents:

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

as exhibited and attached to the report including the below additional amendments as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period and inclusive of the above carried amendments:

1. Amendments to Revenue Policy/Fees & Charges

Fee/Charge:	Recommendation:
Water Inspection Fee	Delete duplicate
Investigation Fee	Delete duplicate
603 Certificates	\$105
Overdue Rates Interest	9.5%
Water Meter Relocation (20mm)	\$1,646
Water Meter Relocation Description	Add “includes disconnection”
Planning & Development Fees	Updated per EP&A Regulation
Legionella Inspection Fees	\$100–\$150/year
Domestic Waste Management Charge	\$458
Recycling Charge	\$152

2. Amendments to Operating Budget

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Financial Assistance Grant	\$7,856,865	\$1,571,373

- 3. The allocation for Item 78 Wood Park toilet Construction be reduced by \$50,000 (from \$250,000 to \$200,000) with the savings redirected as follows:
- 4. \$25,000 to the development and delivery of a professional advertising and promotional campaign for Pioneer Park Museum on Scenic Hill; and
- 5. Exercise equipment for the Yenda community (Item 11 – Councillor Requests), increasing funding by \$10,000 to a total of \$25,000, with the increase offset by removing the roundabout landscaping refurbishment.

For
 Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran
 Councillor Christine Stead
 Councillor Jenny Ellis
 Councillor Anne Napoli
 Councillor Scott Groat
 Councillor Tony O’Grady

Against
 Councillor Mark Dal Bon

Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 1.

CL02 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2026 TO 30 JUNE 2027

26/172

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

- (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 350m2	\$25	\$25
Between 350m2 and 1ha	\$25 per 350m2 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.

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

Against
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Mark Dal Bon

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 3.

CL03 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION - GRIFFITH SHED FOR MEN INC

26/173

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

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

Against
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 3.

CL04 ADOPTION OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN 2026-2030

26/174

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Laurie Testoni that Council adopt the final draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

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 - GRIFFITH EMPLOYMENT & CAREERS EXPO

26/175

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

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

CL06 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR SCOTT GROAT

26/176

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Scott Groat and Shari Blumer that Council note the report.

For

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE LANDFILL FOGO COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2026

26/177

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Tony O'Grady and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Landfill FOGO Committee meeting held on 13 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 Napoli left the meeting at 8:05 pm and did not return.

MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2026

26/178

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Tony O'Grady that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Airport Committee meeting held on 27 May 2026 be adopted.

For

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

Against

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

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2026

26/179

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 28 May 2026 be adopted.

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

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

26/180

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that the report be noted.

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

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

Councillor Dal Bon requested a final costing for the Art Gallery project. This was taken on Notice.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

Set out below is Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to matters which can be dealt with in the closed part of a meeting.

The matters and information are the following:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)**
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer**
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business**
- (d) 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**
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law**
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property**
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege**
- (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on Community land.**
- (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993.**

26/181

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

- (a) Council resolve to go into closed Council to consider business identified.
- (b) Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provision of section [10A(2)] as outlined above.
- (c) The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

For
Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Scott Groat
Councillor Tony O'Grady
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Shari Blumer

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 0.

Councillor Christine Stead left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest, the time being 8:11 pm.

Council resolved that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items listed below, and that discussion of the report in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.

CC01 MAJOR EVENT REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ASSISTANCE

Reason: Council Business 10A(2)(c)

CC02 CONTRACT NO 6 - 25/26 - GWRP - MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT - PLC UPGRADE VARIATION ORDER

Reason: Commercial Advantage 10A(2)(d)

Council closed its meeting at 8:11 pm. The public and media left the Chamber. Livestream was disconnected.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

26/182

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Laurie Testoni and Christine Stead that Open Council be resumed.

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

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

Open Council resumed at 8:34 pm.

Livestream was reconnected.

Upon resuming open Council the General Manager reported that the following resolutions had been made in Closed Council:

MATTERS DEALT WITH IN CLOSED COUNCIL

The event organiser attended the meeting via Zoom to answer questions.

CC01 MAJOR EVENT REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ASSISTANCE

26/183

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Scott Groat that Council support the event as detailed in the report to the value of \$35,000.

For	Against
Mayor, Councillor Doug Curran	Councillor Mark Dal Bon
Councillor Jenny Ellis	

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

The division was declared PASSED by 6 votes to 1.

Councillor Christine Stead returned to the meeting at 8.30 pm.

CC02 CONTRACT NO 6 - 25/26 - GWRP - MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT - PLC UPGRADE VARIATION ORDER

26/184

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Laurie Testoni that:

- (a) Council approve Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions Pty Ltd VO (Variation Order) 1: PLC hardware upgrade of \$139,980.20 ex GST funded from PLC Upgrade Budget (as per "Financial Implication")
- (b) Council approve Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions Pty Ltd VO (Variation Order) 2: PLC/SCADA modifications as required anticipated by the project in the amount of \$144,020.80 ex GST funded from PLC Upgrade Budget funded from Membrane Project Contingency (as per "Financial Implication")
- (c) The General Manager is endorsed to approve expenditure in accordance with the annual budget allocation.

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

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 8 votes to 0.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:38 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON