
**ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2026 AT 4:00 PM**

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

Councillor Shari Blumer (Chair), Councillor Mark Dal Bon, Councillor Jenny Ellis, Amy Renouf (Community Representative), Anthony Kidman (Community Representative), Brian Savage (Community Representative), Carmel La Rocca (Community Representative), Will Mead (Community Representative), Ema Munro (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (Community Representative), Simone Murphy (Community Representative), Stephen Parker (Community Representative), Doreen Wood (Community Representative), Patricia Clarke (Alternate Member for Soroptimist), Libby Trembath (Alternate Member for Soroptimist), Pirkko Makarainen (Community Representative)

Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King; Works Manager – Maintenance, Manjit Chugha; Works Manager – Construction, Shree Shrestha; Operations Assistant, Cheryl Tucker; Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhurst, Parks & Gardens Manager, Peter Craig and Minute Secretary, Antoinette Galluzzo

Quorum = 3

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Acknowledgement 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.

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

PRESENT

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

Quorum = 3

STAFF

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

Absent: Anthony Kidman (Community Representative)

1 APOLOGIES

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

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Will Mead and Councillor Jenny Ellis that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2026, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

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

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

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

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 GRIFFITH CBD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT - PRESENTATION

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

Mr Craig entered the meeting at 4:21pm.

CBD Enhancement Project Components:

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

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

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

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

Councillor Mark Dal Bon voted against this motion.

Mr Rizzo left the meeting at 5:09pm.

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

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

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

CL03 NATIONAL TREE DAY 2026

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

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

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

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

The Committee noted the report.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8 ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

9 NEXT MEETING

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

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

CLAUSE	CL01
TITLE	Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti - Memorial Park Griffith - Peace Pole Project
FROM	Phil King, Director Infrastructure and Operations
TRIM REF	26/71108

SUMMARY

On Friday 5 May 2026, the attached correspondence was received from The Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti regarding the installation of a “Peace Pole”. Please find attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Support the installation of a Rotary Peace Pole in Memorial Park located on the lawn at the western end of the park.

REPORT

Representatives of the Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti met with Director King at Memorial Park Griffith to discuss the possible location of a “Peace Pole” in the park. The very western end was nominated in the blank garden adjacent to the wall shared with the Court House precinct. As indicated this location was not preferred by the Rotary Club due to the proximity to the entrance of the amenities block and the inability for full 360° view.

Memorial Park serves as a dedicated public space to honour, remember, and educate the community about the sacrifices made by Australian service personnel in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions. It also has a community stage at the eastern end and a tribute to the pioneers of Griffith on printed tiles installed by Griffith Lions Club.

The proposed location on the lawn within memorial park will provide a focal point to reflect on the importance of peace in our community and the wider community particularly nominating 6 commonly used languages in Griffith.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council’s Strategic Plan item 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.

ATTACHMENTS

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| (a) | Letter to Griffith City Council - Peace Pole - Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti - 5 June 2026   | 7 |
| (b) | Peace Pole - Memorial Park - Email from Griffith RSL Sub-Branch - 4 Nov 2025   | 11 |

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5 June 2026

Attention: Mr. Phil King – Director Infrastructure and Operations

Dear Phil,

Griffith Memorial Park – “Peace Pole” Project

I am writing as a follow up to a site visit by several members of our Club with you at Memorial Park during February 2026 to discuss a suitable location for the installation of a “Peace Pole” by the Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti.

It is considered that the site discussed during the meeting at Memorial Park above is unsuitable due to several factors. The site is in very close proximity to the amenities block which is not conducive to quiet contemplation and is against a wall which restricts the desired 360 degree view of the Peace Pole.

Before providing some detail in terms of our preferred location, I feel it would be helpful to provide some background to the origin of the Peace Pole concept. A Peace Pole is a monument declaring the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in the language of the country in which it is planted and usually several other languages. Peace Poles are now the most recognised international peace symbol and monument the world over with more than 200,000 Peace Poles standing in almost every country throughout the world. Rotary International has adopted Peace and Conflict Resolution as one of its seven areas of focus.

With so much conflict in our world at present, the installation of a Peace Pole in a prominent place in Griffith will represent a modest but powerful reminder of the importance of peace to this and future generations.

Our Club considers the Griffith Memorial Park to be a fitting location to erect the Peace Pole and we have approached the Griffith RSL Sub Branch seeking their endorsement of our project. **A letter of support has been received (Attachment 1).**

The following are the criteria we have used to select a suitable site.

- Visibility of the Pole (360 degree view)
- Not interfering with other prominent features of the Park eg The cenotaph.

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- Located away from the entrances to the amenities block

Features of the Pole:

- 4-sided and made of white aluminium which is weather proof and low maintenance material.
- The words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" printed on each side in 6 languages. (English, Italian, Punjabi, Samoan, Filipino-Tagalog and Mandarin). These languages have been selected from Griffith City Council web site "Community Profile, Languages used at home"
- The Rotary Symbol will also appear on each side of the pole and a small plaque may be affixed at the base.

Below are 2 images which identify the preferred site



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Below are 2 examples of the look and form of the peace pole



I would appreciate your favourable consideration of this request and appreciate that this may involve a report to the next scheduled meeting of the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee and subsequent recommendation to a meeting of Council.

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Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Vicki Stonestreet
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Yours sincerely,



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Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 9:07:12 PM
To: Vicki Stonestreet [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] <phil.king@griffithsb.org.au>
Subject: Re: Peace Pole proposal for Memorial Park

Hi Vicki

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner.

The Griffith RSL Sub Branch has no issues with the Peace Pole being installed in Memorial Park in the western end as previously discuss and in consultation with Griffith City Council

Kind Regards

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President

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CLAUSE **CL02**

TITLE **National Tree Day Update**

FROM **Phil King, Director Infrastructure and Operations**

TRIM REF **26/85114**

SUMMARY

This report outlines the progress and preparations for National Tree Day 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee note the information in the report.

REPORT

Council has been busily sourcing the proposed plants as previously considered by the RPPEC (Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee). There may be some slightly different species pending availability and suitability from the suppliers.

The site has been registered and the details are as follows:

Site ID: 10032476

Name: Griffith City Council - National Tree Day 2026

Location: Citrus Road

Council is advertising the event on social media, website and also notified a number of Volunteers who have attended the event in the past.

Pre – event registration is encouraged, and everyone is encouraged to spread the word about this opportunity to plant more than 300 trees along Citrus Road extending the already existing native vegetation along the channel bank.

Ema Munro has been speaking with WormTech, and they have agreed to supply soil for the trees to be planted at no cost to the event.

Council has installed a water metre and intend to have irrigation installed along each line of planting.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 4.4 Provide a range of cultural facilities, programs and events.

ATTACHMENTS

(a) QR Code for Sign in 

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NATIONAL TREE DAY



Volunteer Sign-In

Scan the QR code to complete the sign-in form. Parents and guardians must sign in on behalf of children under 18 years old.



All volunteers must sign in on arrival, even if you have registered online. This lets us know who attended and allows all volunteers to be covered by insurance.

SITE DETAILS



SITE ID: 10032476
ORGANISATION: Griffith City Council
SUBURB: Citrus Road, Griffith

If you are unable to complete a digital form, or do not wish for photographs of yourself or children to be taken, please see your Site Coordinator.



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CLAUSE **CL03**

TITLE **Public Exhibition - Draft Plan of Management – Griffith CBD Precinct**

FROM **Antoinette Galluzzo, Governance Officer**

TRIM REF **26/84374**

SUMMARY

Griffith City Council advises that the Draft Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct is currently on exhibition until 5 August 2026. To make a submission and for more information visit <https://connect.griffith.nsw.gov.au/> .

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

CLAUSE **CL04**

TITLE **Griffith CBD Enhancement Project Update - Presentation**

FROM **Peter Badenhorst, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager**

TRIM REF **26/85017**

SUMMARY

Mr Badenhorst to update the Committee with a presentation (to be tabled).

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee note the information.

REPORT

Nil.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 1.1 Provide clear, accessible, relevant information.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 26/81673

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

- (a) Action Report - Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee - 23 July 2026 [!\[\]\(24180132e7ad141ac8d162de88314f32_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(7535d9415afb5f4103c31b67c82b11da_img.jpg\)](#) 20

Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee Action Report
23 July 2026

Date of Meeting	Item	Action/Recommendation	Officer	Comment
5 May 2026	CL03 National Tree Day 2026	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Stephen Parker and Amy Renouf that Council: (a) Nominate 400m on the eastern side of Citrus Road for Planet Ark National Tree Day 2026. (b) Nominate Ema Munro as the Coordinator for Griffith National Tree Day 2026. (c) Investigate funding options, and if no other funding is available, a quick turnaround grant to be submitted by Ema Munro on behalf of the Committee.	Ema Munro	17/07/2026 – Grant completed. Update to 23 July 2026 Committee Meeting.
30 Mar 2026	7.2 Canopy Plan	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Stephen Parker that staff investigate a Canopy Plan for Griffith within the last quarter of the year.	Phil King	
30 Mar 2026	CL02 Griffith Playground Strategy Update	Mr Savage asked what is the cost of vandalism to our Parks each year? This question was TAKEN ON NOTICE .	Peter C	For the 2025/2026 financial year, the total cost of vandalism was \$14,058.40.
29 Jan 2026	7.2 Update on CRM System	Mr Parker requested an update from Shireen Donaldson on Council's new Customer Request Management System. He also mentioned he would like to be part of the user acceptance testing.	Shireen Donaldson	9/03/2026 : Shireen Donaldson provided Mr Parker with an update via email. 30/03/2026 : Update required in 6 months.
29 Jan 2026 30 Mar 2026	CL02 Budget for Prendergast Traffic Island	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Carmel La Rocca that: (a) Staff and Mr Kidman refine the design and costings and a report be presented to the next meeting. (b) Staff write to the Prendergast family to provide them with an update.	Phil King	30/03/2026 : Letter has been written and sent to the Prendergast family. 30/03/2026 : RECOMMENDED on the motion of Ema Munro and Jenna Thomas that Staff and Mr Kidman further simplify and revise the plans and costing, with the inclusion of

				large trees, irrigation and worms. 5/05/2026: Phil King has spoken to the family.
26 Nov 2025 30 March 2026	CL02 Concept Designs - NSW Sustainable Communities Program	The Committee RECOMMENDED that options for Roundabouts beautification, Replacement of banners, Memorial Gardens entrances, Power and Data Upgrades and Median Strip be placed on public exhibition until Friday, 27 February 2025, and if submissions are received, a report will be prepared and presented to the Committee.	Joe Rizzo	On public exhibition till Friday 27 Feb 2026. Report to 5 May 2026 Committee Meeting. 30/03/2026: 7.1 Shared Pathway – Sustainable Communities Grant RECOMMENDED on the motion Will Mead and Pirkko Makarainen that the Committee support in principle the proposed option for splitting the pedestrian and cycleway on Banna Avenue from Crossing Street to Blumer Avenue, for the Sustainable Communities Grant.
26 Nov 2025	CL03 Notice of Motion - Councillor Dal Bon - Council Meeting 28 October 2025	RECOMMENDATION on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Anthony Kidman that: (a) The Committee accept the Notice of Motion. (b) Staff investigate shade sail options and costings in Kooyoo Street Mall.	Peter B	1/12/2025: Report to Committee April 2026. 5/05/2026: Peter provided a verbal update highlighting the negative impact this will have.
23 Oct 2025	CL12 Bagtown Cemetery - Minor Works for Beautification	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Dal Bon and Elizabeth (Will) Mead that the Committee: (a) Note the report. (b) Note the importance of the Bagtown Cemetery to the Community.	Phil King / Peter B	26/01/2026: Further information required (Mr King to speak to mover and seconder).

		(c) Request that a report be presented regarding the Bagtown Cemetery that focuses on accessibility.		
23 Oct 2025	CL11 Bagtown's First Blacksmith Store Site	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Dal Bon and Stephen Parker that the Committee endorse the draft plan presented.	Phil King / Peter B	20/01/2026: Works will be scheduled for the allocated budget to be completed in prior to June 2026 30/03/2026: Budget update as moved this project to FY2026/2027
23 Oct 2025	CL07 Committee Member Request - Extending Barellan Street	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Brian Savage and Amy Renouf that correspondence be sent from Council to the various entities outlined in the report, including; Heavy Rail, Transport for NSW (TfNSW), The Country Rail Network (CRN), Rail Infrastructure Manager (RIM), UGL Regional Linx (UGLRL).	Phil King	26/01/2026: Ongoing. 30/03/2026: Correspondence has been sent 5/05/2026: No correspondence received back.
23 Oct 2025	CL06 Committee Member Requests - Ema Munro	Mr Kidman suggested looking at large scale development applications at Lake Wyangan for the tree planting. Councillor Blumer requested this be tabled at the next meeting.	Phil King	26/01/2026: Mr King to provide report to Committee.
23 Oct 2025	CL04 Items Referred from The Disability Inclusion & Access Committee	DIAC - Adult Change Facilities - Ms Owen to prepare a letter to Griffith City Council and Griffith Sports Council requesting that Adult Change Facilities be installed in at GRSC. A report be presented at the next Disability, Inclusion and Access Committee Meeting highlighting costings and options and the matter be referred to the Roads, Parks and Pathways Enhancement Committee.	Peter B	26/01/2026: More information required.
26 June 2025	CL02 Review of Griffith Playground Strategy	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Carmel La Rocca that the information be received and noted. A report is to be presented to the next meeting incorporating the updated data and review of the medium and low priority areas.	Phil King	17/09/2025: Report to Committee 23 October 2025. 15/10/2025: Data collection is continuing as part of the review of medium and low priority areas. Report in 2026.

26 June 2025	CL10 Notice of Motion - Naming of Roundabout - 10 Dec 2024	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Laurie Testoni and Ema Munro that a draft policy be presented to the next Committee meeting.	Phil King	23/10/2025: Due to current volume of reports being considered by the committee that this matter be held over to a future meeting 20/01/2026: Report to April 2026 meeting
26 March 2025	CL09 Review of Griffith CBD Strategy	RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Jenna Thomas that: (a) Council apply for funding for the upgrading of Banna Ave as reflected in the CBD Strategy. (b) Council review the CBD Strategy to identify the completed initiatives and consolidate the remaining recommendations into achievable projects with clear objectives and scope of works.	Phil King	29 April 2025 – Council staff have completed the funding submission. Further reviews will be completed of the CBD Strategy to consolidate remaining objectives 26 June 2025 – Council has not received any further advice to date regarding the funding submission. 9/10/2025: Successful in funding, 25 Sep 2025 information provided to the Committee. Report to Committee in November 2025 with the concept designs. 26/01/2026: the review of the Griffith CBD Strategy is to be undertaken following the completion of grant-funded works, anticipated in December 2027.