
**ROADS, PARKS & PATHWAYS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, 23 JULY 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), 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).

Quorum = 3

STAFF

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

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Mark Dal Bon and Will Mead that apologies be received from Pirkko Makarainen (Community Representative), Works Manager - Maintenance, Manjit Chugha and Operations Assistant, Cheryl Tucker.

Absent: Anthony Kidman (Community Representative).

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Will Mead that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 May 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 ROTARY CLUB OF GRIFFITH AVANTI - MEMORIAL PARK GRIFFITH - PEACE POLE PROJECT

Mr King informed the Committee that a request was received from the Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti, regarding the installation of a Peace Pole in Memorial Park.

Mr King highlighted the Peace Pole will have 6 languages on it and Mrs La Rocca requested that the languages be reconsidered to include Hindi in replacement of Punjabi. Mr King will provide this feedback to the organisers.

Stephen Parker entered the meeting at 4:13pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Will Mead and Jenna Thomas that the Committee support the installation of a Rotary Peace Pole in Memorial Park located on the lawn at the western end of the park.

CL02 NATIONAL TREE DAY UPDATE

Mr King provided an update on the National Tree Day 2026, highlighting it will be held on Sunday 2 August 2026, 8:30am along Citrus Road.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Shari Blumer and Ema Munro that the Committee note the information in the report and following this year's Tree Planting Day, the Committee will review the event and discuss plans for next year.

CL03 PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT – GRIFFITH CBD PRECINCT

Mr King encouraged everyone to make a submission to the Draft Plan of Management for the Griffith CBD Precinct as it is currently on exhibition.

CL04 GRIFFITH CBD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE - PRESENTATION

Mr Badenhorst presented an update to the Committee in relation to the Griffith CBD Enhancement Project. (Please find attached presentation).

An important update was that the Shared Pathway between Blumer Avenue and Jondaryan Avenue has relocated from the northern side of Banna Avenue to the Southern side.

Mr Parker suggested if Council needs to stage this project community consultation be conducted, to ask the community their preference and priority in relation to the Median strips.

Councillor Blumer requested that the suppliers providing the shade sails at Memorial Gardens join one of our meetings in the future to discuss. Mr Badenhorst indicated they will provide diagrams and they will be presented to the Committee.

Will Mead left the meeting at 5:21pm.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Carmel La Rocca and Doreen Wood that the Committee:

- (a) Note the construction works at Lake Wyangan.
- (b) Note the finalisation of the preferred shared pathway design.
- (c) Place on public exhibition the Roundabouts and Median Strips proposed design for a final community consultation, feedback and to indicate priority areas.
- (d) Endorse the revised scope of works for the Memorial Park shade structure.
- (e) Note that Council is commencing public tender processes for applicable projects in accordance with Council's procurement and requirements.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

Ms Thomas requested an update on the Prendergast Traffic Island. Mr King informed the Committee that staff are revising the plans. He will continue to liaise with the Prendergast family.

Ms Thomas left the meeting at 5:32 pm.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Bins in Banna Avenue

Mrs La Rocca asked about the changes to the bins along Banna Avenue. In response, Mr King advised that Council has undertaken a bin replacement process and have improved the strategic placement of bins throughout the area. They have been replaced with new stainless steel bins, which are more durable and easier to clean and maintain.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Roads, Parks & Pathways Enhancement Committee is to be held on Thursday, 29 October 2026 at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5:35 pm.

9 ATTACHMENTS

- (a) CBD Enhancement Project Update