
**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Glen Andreazza, Shari Blumer, Jenny Ellis, Manjit Singh Lally, Melissa Marin, Anne Napoli, Christine Stead, Chris Sutton, Laurie Testoni and Dino Zappacosta

STAFF

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Economic & Organisational Development, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Phil King, Director Business, Cultural, Financial Services, Steve Saffioti, Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs and Minute Taker, Leanne Austin

MEDIA

Cai Holroyd, The Area News

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Melissa Marin 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

23/047

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Glen Andreazza that an apology be received from Councillor Simon Croce and a leave of absence granted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

23/048

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Chris Sutton that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 14 February 2023, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

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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 Chris Sutton
CL03 – 2023 Riverina Field Days Sponsorship Request
Reason – Councillor Sutton works at the Riverina Field Days as a ground announcer.

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.

Councillor Christine Stead
CL03 – 2023 Riverina Field Days Sponsorship Request
Reason – Councillor Stead is the President of the Showground Trust in which there is a fee paid to the Showground for Hire.

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 Anne Napoli
Outstanding Action Report – CRM No 121041 Minute No 22/192 – Re. Funding Option
Hanwood Sports Complex Upgrade

Reason – A member of Councillor Napoli's family plays soccer for the Hanwood Club.

Councillor Dino Zappacosta

CL02 – Community Grant Program 2022/23

Reason – Councillor Zappacosta is a former committee member of Meals on Wheels and Griffith Aged Services. Hanwood Public School application – Councillor Zappacosta owns a business near the school.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

CL01 SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022/23 - BUDGET REVIEW AND OPERATIONAL PLAN INCORPORATING THE DECEMBER DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

23/049

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Manjit Singh Lally that:

- (a) Council note the variations to the 2022/23 original budget for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 as presented in this report.
- (b) The Financial Review and any additional approved variations for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 be adopted.
- (c) Council adopt the 31 December 2022 Operational Plan Review advising the extent to which the Operational Plan Actions (Performance Indicators) have been achieved.
- (e) Council endorse minor amendments to the Organisational Structure as per this report.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

CL02 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM - 2022/23

23/050

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Shari Blumer and Melissa Marin that Council endorse the following complying Community Grant Applications as received for 2022/23.

CWA	\$2,300.00
Griffith Aged Support Services	\$2,500.00
Griffith Community Centre	\$2,500.00
Griffith Musicians Club	\$1,500.00
Murrumbidgee Regional High School	\$2,500.00
Soroptimist International Griffith	\$2,197.00
Hanwood Public School	\$1,000.00

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

Councillor Chris Sutton left the meeting having declared a Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:17 pm.

Councillor Christine Stead left the meeting having declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, the time being 7:17 pm.

CL03 2023 RIVERINA FIELD DAYS - SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

23/051

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Laurie Testoni that:

- Council approve (from the Industry, Attraction & Development – Sponsorship budget line item) \$5,000 to provide sponsorship to Riverina Field Days.
- Council provide in-kind support to the Riverina Field Days by way of mowing around Griffith Showgrounds, the provision of rubbish removal and waiving of fees for display of hanging banners at key entrance roads to Griffith.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli

Against

Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Councillors Chris Sutton and Christine Stead returned to the meeting, the time being 7:18 pm.

CL04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW 2023 DESTINATION AND VISITOR ECONOMY TOURISM CONFERENCE

23/052

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Christine Stead that:

- (a) Council be represented at the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) 2023 Destination and Visitor Economy Tourism Conference in Manly from 29 May to 31 May 2023 by Councillors Christine Stead, Jenny Ellis and the General Manager or his delegate.
- (b) Expenses to attend the Local Government NSW 2023 Destination and Visitor Economy Tourism Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities policy.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

CL05 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

23/053

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

- (a) Council be represented at the 2022 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference to be held in Sydney from 23 – 26 May 2023.
- (b) Councillor Dino Zappacosta and the General Manager or his delegate attend the Conference.
- (c) Expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally

Against

Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

CL06 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2023

23/054

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Chris Sutton that:

- (a) Council nominate the Mayor, Councillors Anne Napoli, Chris Sutton, Glen Andreazza and the General Manager or his delegate to attend the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 13 to 16 June 2023.
- (b) Councillors proposing to submit draft motion(s) for the National General Assembly of Local Government to forward to the General Manager by Friday 3 March 2023. The draft motion(s) will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 for Council's consideration.

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

CL07 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

23/055

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Dino Zappacosta that:

- (a) Council be represented at the 2023 ALGWA Conference to be held at Forbes 27 – 29 April 2023.
- (b) Councillors Anne Napoli, Jenny Ellis, Christine Stead and the General Manager or his delegate attend the Conference.
- (c) Councillor expenses to attend the Conference be paid by Council in accordance with the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities Policy.

For

Against

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza

Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

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9 INFORMATION REPORTS

CL08 DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS RETURN - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

23/056

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Manjit Singh Lally that the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return for Council's Environmental Health Officer be noted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

Against

The division was declared **PASSED** by 11 votes to 0.

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL PRECINCT MASTERPLAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2023

23/057

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Laurie Testoni that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Cultural Precinct Masterplan Committee meeting held on 13 February 2023 be adopted.

For

Councillor Doug Curran
Councillor Glen Andreazza
Councillor Shari Blumer
Councillor Jenny Ellis
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally
Councillor Melissa Marin
Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead

Against

Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2023

23/058

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Anne Napoli and Chris Sutton that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 14 February 2023 be adopted.

The Traffic Committee is to be notified of community concerns regarding speed limits on Abattoir Road in relation to the location of the bus stop.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Laurie Testoni	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 11 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

Nil

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

23/059

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Christine Stead that the report be noted.

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Shari Blumer	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	

Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Laurie Testoni
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

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14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:31 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON