
**MEMORIAL PARK GARDENS EMBELLISHMENT COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 4:00PM**

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DISTRIBUTION LIST

Councillor Laurie Testoni (Chair), Councillor Jenny Ellis, Kay Borland (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (Community Representative), Hendrik Veenhuizen (Community Representative), Terrence Walsh (Community Representative)

Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs; Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badenhorst; Project Officer, Melanie Vella; Parks & Gardens Manager, Peter Craig and Minute Secretary, Joanne Bollen

Quorum = 3

If you are unable to attend this meeting please notify the Minute Secretary prior to commencement of the meeting by email or by telephoning Council on 1300 176 077.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional custodians of this land on which we meet. We pay our respects to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to the Aboriginal Community and Aboriginal people from other tribal groups as well.

**MEMORIAL PARK GARDENS EMBELLISHMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GRIFFITH ON
WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 4:01PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Laurie Testoni (Chair), Kay Borland (Community Representative), Jenna Thomas (Community Representative), Hendrik Veenhuizen (Community Representative), Terrence Walsh (Community Representative)

Quorum = 3

STAFF

Director Sustainable Development, Bruce Gibbs, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager, Peter Badendorst, Manager Parks & Gardens, Peter Craig and Minute Taker, Joanne Bollen

1 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Henk Veenhuizen that apologies be received from Councillor Jenny Ellis and Project Planner, Melanie Vella.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Terrence Walsh and Hendrik Veenhuizen that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 August 2022, having first been circulated amongst all members, be confirmed.

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Maintenance in Memorial Park

- Water main in the park has been fixed.
- Tree boxes and planter boxes to be repaired prior to Remembrance Day.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no significant non-pecuniary interests declared.

5 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

CL01 PHOTOS OF MEMORIAL PARK

The Committee viewed some photos of Memorial Park and held discussion around priorities of the embellishment of the park. The Committee agreed that seating, access and plants are the priority. The Committee also agreed that the carpark should stay and there is no need for the park to be extended.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Jenna Thomas and Hendrik Veenhuizen that Council engage Garry Moore to draft a Landscape Plan for the embellishment of Memorial Park.

CL02 PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2023

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Hendrik Veenhuizen and Terrence Walsh that the Committee note the proposed meeting dates for 2023.

6 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Hendrik Veenhuizen and Terrence Walsh that the report be noted.

Kay Borland left the meeting, the time being 4:43pm.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Memorial Park Gardens Embellishment Committee is to be held at Memorial Park on Wednesday, 9 November 2022 at 11:30am.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 4:50pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON

CLAUSE **CL01**

TITLE **Draft Landscaping Design Presentation by Garry Moore**

TRIM REF **23/9797**

Garry Moore to present the Draft Landscaping Design to the Committee.

CLAUSE **CL02****TITLE** **Lions Club Shelter Request****FROM** **Peter Badenhorst, Urban Strategic Design & Major Projects Manager****TRIM REF** **23/8965**

SUMMARY

At the time of the initial request from the Lions Club to build and install the tiled walls in Memorial Gardens, Council raised concerns regarding potential fading of the tiles as well as the long term maintenance of the project. The Lions Club made it clear that the quality of the printing on the tiles would ensure its longevity and no fading would occur. During a discussion with one of the Lions Club members, it was also made clear that a shelter would not be considered as it will distract from the cenotaph and clutter the park.

In January 2022 Council received a request from the Griffith Lions Club to install an awning above the historic photo wall in Memorial Gardens. Please see design attached.

Council's recommendation at the time was that the proposed industrial steel shelter would not be in keeping with the overall character of Memorial Gardens and would not be considered. Council indicated that a pergola type of structure, softened with plants as part of the landscaping, will blend better with the environment, enhance the park and may be considered by Council, depending on the design.

In November 2022, Council received a letter from the Lions Club requesting Council to reconsider the steel structure as a pergola with vines would not protect the historic photo wall.

Council's recommendation is not to approve the proposed steel shelter over the historic photo walls.

- A structure will not be respectful and in keep with the architectural language and sentiment of Memorial Gardens,
- A structure will negatively impact the aesthetic appeal of the tile walls by enclosing the space,
- It would create a visual barrier between Banna Avenue and Memorial Gardens, very similar to an additional oversized bus shelter / shed in the CBD.

RECOMMENDATION

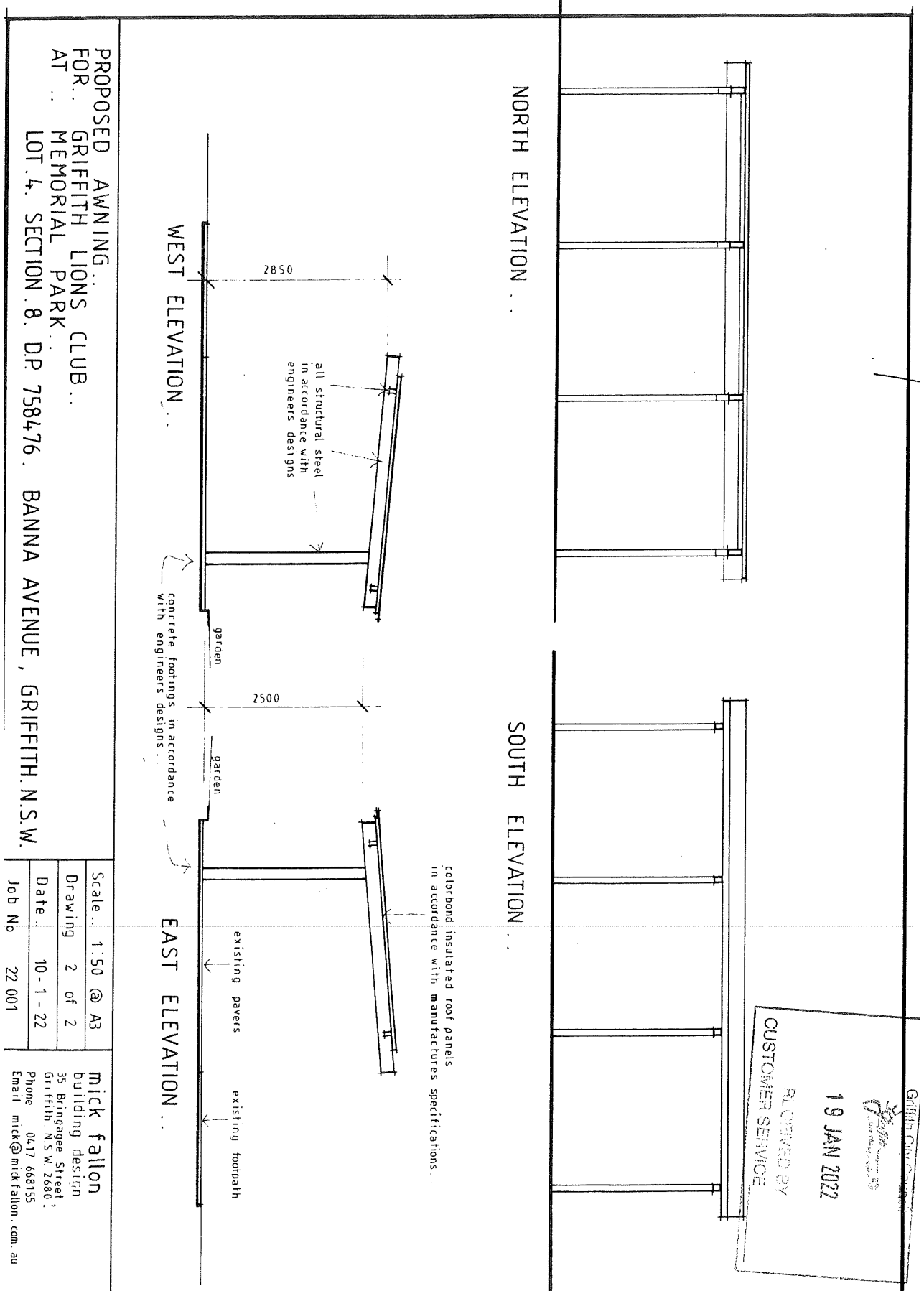
That the proposal not be approved.

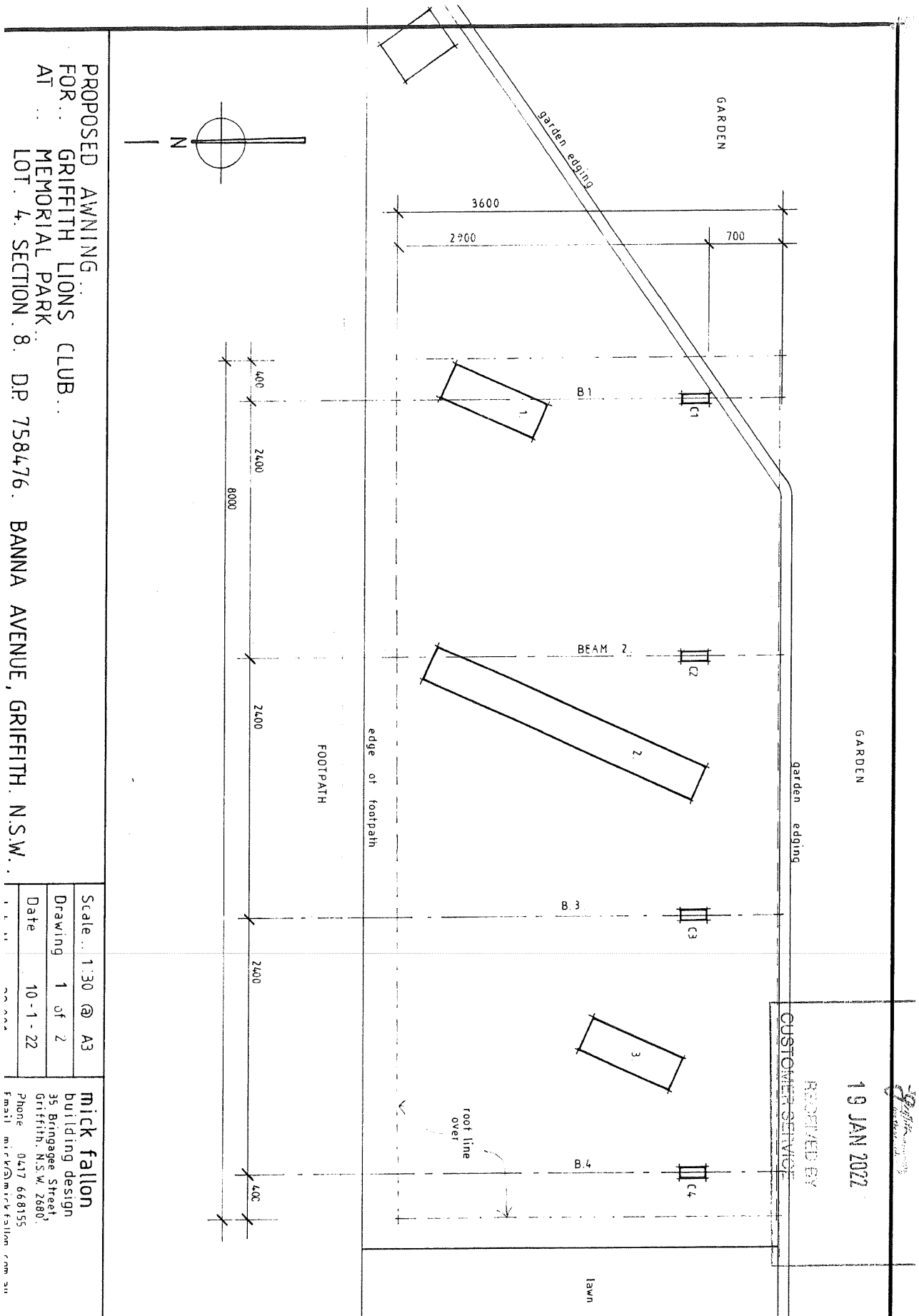
LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This item links to Council's Strategic Plan item 7.3 Protect our heritage buildings and precincts.

ATTACHMENTS

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| (a) | Proposed Design ↓ | 6 |
| (b) | Letter from Lions Club of Griffith - November 2022 ↓ | 8 |





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10 November, 2022.

The Griffith City Council,
General Manager,
1 Benerembah St.,
GRIFFITH, 2680.

Dear General Manager,

Earlier this year we received telephone advice from one of the council officers who was reviewing our club's earlier suggestion that an overhead shelter needs to be provided over the centenary photo walls in Memorial Park, to help preserve the tiled photos from the direct sunlight.

Our club was to take care of the cost of this proposal, and we commenced to have suitable plans drawn up, to be advised by a council officer that the steel roof construction we had in mind was not suitable, and that a growing vine / trellis covering was now the required type of covering for the walls.

Our club board have instructed me to write to express our club's view that a trellis vine covering the three photo walls would cause more damage to the tiled photos than the direct sunlight, with deposits from the vine combined with rain water and bird droppings.

We are requesting Council to reconsider this decision.

Yours Sincerely,

Richard Paul,
Club Secretary.

TITLE Outstanding Action Report

TRIM REF 23/8428

RECOMMENDATION

The report be noted.

ATTACHMENTS

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| (a) | Action Report - Memorial Park Gardens Embellishment Committee - 1 Feb 2023 ↓ | 10 |
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ACTION REPORT**MEMORIAL PARK GARDENS EMBELLISHMENT COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Action Officer	Comment
31 August 2022	CL01 MEMORIAL PARK GARDENS MASTERPLAN	<p>The Committee is conscious of the budget allocated for this project being \$200,000. The Committee therefore considered that the existing Memorial Park needed a <u>refresh</u>. The following items were endorsed to progress the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape Plan – invite a local landscaper for preliminary discussions and provide a quote to provide two (2) Landscape Plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Plan 1.</u> Refresh the existing layout of Memorial Park within its current boundaries. ○ <u>Plan 2.</u> Refresh the existing layout of Memorial Park and extending into Railway Street Car Park area. <p>ACTION: Urban Strategic Design and Major Projects Manager to consult with Parks and Gardens Manager.</p>	Peter Badenhorst	02/11/2022: Ongoing.
31 August 2022	CL02 EXAMPLES OF PARK SEATING	ACTION: Options for park seating to be investigated by Urban Design team.	Peter Badenhorst	
31 August 2022	CL03 INVESTIGATE GRANT OPTIONS	ACTION: Councillor Testoni to investigate grant options in consultation with Council staff.	Councillor Testoni	02/11/2022: Staff investigating if any grants are available.