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

PRESENT

The Mayor, Doug Curran in the Chair; Councillors, Glen Andreazza, Simon Croce, 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 Takers, Hannah Hall and Leanne Austin.

MEDIA

Cai Holroyd, The Area News

1 COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Meeting opened with Councillor Manjit Singh Lally reading the Opening Affirmation and the Acknowledgement of Country. A minute's silence was held in respect of the recent passing of Ellisa Bertoldo-Matkovic.

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

23/060

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Christine Stead that apologies be received from Councillors Shari Blumer and Laurie Testoni and a leave of absence be granted.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

23/061

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Christine Stead that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 14 March 2023, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
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Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Special Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Chris Sutton

CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

Councillor Jenny Ellis

CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

Councillor Glen Andreazza

CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

Councillor Christine Stead

CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

Councillor Manjit Singh Lally

CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

Councillor Simon Croce

CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

Councillor Melissa Marin
CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

Councillor Dino Zappacosta
CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement

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
CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement
Reason – The report identifies areas owned by some of my family members.

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.

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 Christine Stead
CL01 General Amendment Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Public Exhibition and Endorsement
Reason – I have received a phone call from Peter Budd regarding Oaks Rd.

Councillor Anne Napoli
Outstanding Action Report
Reason – One member of my family is casually employed at PCYC and one other member of my family plays soccer for the Hanwood club.

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Councillor Anne Napoli left the meeting, the time being 7:08pm having declared a Pecuniary Interest.

CL01 GENERAL AMENDMENT GRIFFITH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND ENDORSEMENT

23/062

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Jenny Ellis that the meeting suspend standing orders to allow Amanda Rasmussen and Peter Budd to address Council.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

23/063

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Christine Stead and Glen Andreazza that the meeting resume standing orders.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

23/064

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Simon Croce and Dino Zappacosta that:

- (a) Council endorse the amended Planning Proposal set out in Attachment (a) which removes Lot 2 DP 848433 (79 Smeeth Road) from SSA 14 as requested by the landowner.
- (b) Delegate the Director Sustainable Development to carry out the following actions to process and make the LEP:
 - i. Seek the concurrence of the Secretary of the DPE for any inconsistencies with the applicable directions of the Minister under Section 9.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
 - ii. Forward this report, and all required documents and plans to Parliamentary

- Counsel for an opinion and drafting of the amendments;
- iii. Make the LEP; and
 - iv. Forward the signed LEP and supporting documents to DPE to notify the amendments.
- (c) Council staff provide a submission review report to be reported back to Council within 3 months to make recommendations on how to progress with the submissions which are considered to have strategic merit in the submission review table in Attachment (c).
- (d) Council include Lot 2 DP 1267636 in the submission.

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Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 9 votes to 0.

Councillor Anne Napoli returned to the meeting, the time being 7:30pm

CL02 SHORT TERM LICENCE AGREEMENT WITH YENDA GOLF CLUB INC. OVER PART LOT 881 DP 751728, WADE PARK, YENDA

23/065

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Dino Zappacosta and Manjit Singh Lally that:

- (a) Council enter into a short-term licence agreement with Yenda Golf Club Inc. over part Lot 881 DP 751728 for a term of 1 year commencing 29 March 2023.
- (b) Annual fee be charged as per Council's adopted Revenue Policy, currently \$607 (Inc. GST) per annum for 2022/2023, plus payment of rates and charges.
- (c) No fees be charged for the preparation of the short-term licence agreement or an Administration Fee.
- (d) The General Manager be authorised to sign the short-term licence agreement on behalf of Council.

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Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	

Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION & ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2023

23/066

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Melissa Marin and Christine Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Disability Inclusion & Access Committee meeting held on 1 March 2023 be adopted.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION - LARGE SCALE EVENTS MASTERPLAN

23/067

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Christine Stead that Council prepare a masterplan, in collaboration with key stakeholders, to facilitate the hosting of large-scale events at the community gardens and memorial gardens' community stages. The masterplan will outline a phased approach to improve the facilities, with costings for each stage that are dependent on available funds and grant funding.

The masterplan should consider provisions for fencing, power, emergency service access, vendor positioning, lighting, shade, audience visibility, and safety.

Additionally, the plan should include proposals for expanding the audience space.
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Councillor Doug Curran	
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Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	
Councillor Anne Napoli	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Chris Sutton	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

NOTICE OF MOTION - PROVISIONS FOR BID FOR ALGWA CONFERENCE 2025

23/068

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Jenny Ellis and Glen Andreazza that Council will add to the ALGWA NSW conference bid for 2025 the provision: that if successful, Griffith City Council will have the right to cover all council costs accrued, including existing, and any additional or external staffing needed to organise and manage the event. We expect that through sponsorship, trade show and ticket sales that Griffith City Council will be able to cover all costs involved in putting on this event and will be in a break even position at the close of the event.

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Councillor Glen Andreazza	Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Simon Croce	Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Christine Stead	
Councillor Dino Zappacosta	

The division was declared PASSED by 7 votes to 3.

13 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT

23/069

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Glen Andreazza and Manjit Singh Lally that the report be noted.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against
Councillor Doug Curran	
Councillor Glen Andreazza	
Councillor Simon Croce	
Councillor Jenny Ellis	
Councillor Manjit Singh Lally	
Councillor Melissa Marin	

Councillor Anne Napoli
Councillor Christine Stead
Councillor Chris Sutton
Councillor Dino Zappacosta

The division was declared PASSED by 10 votes to 0.

14 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7:50 pm.

Confirmed:

CHAIRPERSON