



Agenda and Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

To be held on
Monday 9 February 2026
at 6:30 PM

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Peter Thompson
General Manager

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCILLORS



Councillor Dallas Tout (Mayor)

Councillor Dallas Tout was elected to Council in 2012 and was elected Mayor in 2022.



Councillor Georgie Davies (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Georgie Davies was elected to Council in 2021 and was elected as Deputy Mayor in 2024.



Councillor Allana Condron

Councillor Allana Condron was elected to Council in 2024.



Councillor Richard Foley

Councillor Richard Foley was elected to Council in 2021.



Councillor Tim Koschel

Councillor Tim Koschel was elected to Council in 2016.



Councillor Jenny McKinnon

Councillor Jenny McKinnon was elected to Council in 2021 and was Deputy Mayor between 2022 and 2023.



Councillor Amelia Parkins

Councillor Amelia Parkins was elected to Council in 2021 and was Deputy Mayor between 2023 and 2024.



Councillor Karissa Subedi

Councillor Karissa Subedi was elected to Council in 2024.



Councillor Lindsay Tanner

Councillor Lindsay Tanner was elected to Council in 2024.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage Conflicts of Interest.

QUORUM

The quorum for a meeting of the Council, is a majority of the Councillors of the Council, who hold office for the time being, who are eligible to vote at the meeting.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND BUSINESS PAPER

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2026

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities

REFLECTION

Councillors, let us in silence reflect upon our responsibilities to the community which we represent, and to all future generations and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING -
19 JANUARY 2026**

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Attachments

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - INCREASE PAEDIATRIC SERVICES IN WAGGA WAGGA

Author: Councillor Karissa Subedi

Summary: This Notice of Motion seeks to acknowledge the growing demand for paediatric services in Wagga Wagga and the Riverina region, and the significant impacts current service gaps have on children, families and carers. It proposes that Council advocate to the NSW Government for the establishment of a dedicated Paediatric Emergency Department (ED) and Specialist Out Patient Services (SOPS), informed by advice on current and planned service initiatives.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a acknowledges the growing demand of paediatric services in Wagga Wagga, across both physical and mental health, and recognises the profound impacts this gap has on carers, families and the wider community
- b writes to the NSW Minister for Health, the Hon. Ryan Park MP, with a copy to the Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP:
 - i requesting advice on any current or planned initiatives to expand paediatric emergency and specialist outpatient services in Wagga Wagga, including service scope and indicative timeframes; and
 - ii advocating for consideration of the establishment of a dedicated Paediatric Emergency Department (ED) and Specialist Out Patient Services (SOPS) in Wagga Wagga as a first step toward addressing these needs

Report

Background

Council acknowledges the dedication and commitment of health professionals in Wagga Wagga, specifically paediatrics staff, as the focus of this report. They continue to provide the best care possible despite the significant gaps in service availability. Their efforts are deeply valued by families and the community, yet the limitations of current resources mean that many needs remain unmet.

Families across Wagga Wagga and the Riverina region face significant challenges due to the limited paediatric services currently available. Many are required to travel outside Wagga to access specialist or urgent medical care. This travel often results in:

- Disruption to family routines, with siblings' schooling and daily life affected.
- Financial burdens, including:
 - Travel costs and accommodation expenses.
 - Loss of income of parents due to time away from work.
 - Childcare costs for siblings left at home.
 - Increased medical and prescription expenses when care is fragmented.
 - Additional food and living costs during extended stays away from home.

- Loss of employment, as parents or carers may be forced to take extended time away from work to seek treatment for their child.
- Emotional and relational strain, with marital pressure and stress on carers.
- Unmet needs of other siblings, who may be left without adequate support during prolonged absences.
- Greater challenges for families with children with special needs, who require consistent, specialised care and face heightened difficulties when services are irregular or distant.
- Added stress to families and patients in a completely new environment, highlighting a significant concern to mental health cases where admissions are currently referred to Sydney or Orange.
- Significant risks travelling long distances

Community members and health professionals have consistently raised concerns about the need for local services to reduce referrals and transfers for cases such as:

1. Oncology treatments – chemotherapy regimens lasting an average of six months.
2. Mental health admissions requiring specialised paediatric support.
3. Burns management and follow-up care.
4. Complex musculoskeletal conditions and bone surgeries.
5. ENT procedures, including cleft lip and/or palate repair.
6. Neurological conditions, including seizures and epilepsy.

The establishment of a dedicated Paediatric ED and a consistent SOPS would:

- Provide safe, child-focused care environments.
- Ensure consistency of specialist services.
- Reduce the need for families to travel long distances for care.
- Decrease the number of hospital admissions, as consistent and specialised treatment would become readily available, preventing conditions from escalating to emergency levels.
- Position Wagga Wagga as a regional leader in paediatric health services, setting a benchmark for quality and excellence.

Council's Role

Although paediatric services fall under the State Government, Council plays a critical role as the closest tier of government to families. Council is uniquely placed to:

- Advocate and represent community needs directly to state decision-makers.
- Demonstrate regional leadership, ensuring Wagga Wagga is recognised as a hub for equitable health services.
- Support partnerships with health agencies, NGOs, and community groups to strengthen delivery and awareness.
- Advance community wellbeing, as health services directly affect liveability, resilience, and family stability.

As part of this advocacy role, Council may formally seek advice from NSW Health on any existing or planned initiatives to expand paediatric services in Wagga Wagga. This enables Council to understand current service planning and timeframes, and to clearly articulate the case for further investment where gaps remain.

By leading this advocacy, Council ensures that the wellbeing of children and families in Wagga Wagga is prioritised.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

A healthy community

Work with the health sector, government and community to improve access to health services.

Risk Management Issues for Council

There are no material or direct risks arising from this Notice of Motion. The proposed actions are advocacy-based and within Council's role as a representative of community interests. Failure to advocate on this issue may present a reputational risk, given the known service gaps and community concern regarding access to paediatric health services in the region.

Internal / External Consultation

No formal consultation has been undertaken at this stage.

NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - MANAGED SHORT-STAY AND TRANSITIONAL CAMPING SOLUTIONS AT WILKS PARK (V2)**Author:** Councillor Richard Foley**Summary:**

The purpose of this Notice of Motion is to request a report outlining the current regulatory, compliance and management arrangements at Wilks Park, including applicable rules and restrictions on use, monitoring and enforcement practices, Council's approach to managing stays beyond the 72-hour limit and existing engagement with the NSW Government and other agencies in relation to homelessness in the area.

Recommendation

That Council receive a report on the current arrangements for the use and management of Wilks Park, including:

- a the rules, regulatory framework and restrictions that apply to the use of Wilks Park, including its operation as a 72-hour short-stay primitive camping area;
- b how the site is monitored, patrolled and regulated, including the roles and responsibilities of Council staff and any partner agencies;
- c Council's current approach to managing stays that exceed the 72-hour limit, including compliance processes and escalation pathways;
- d how waste and rubbish are currently managed, including collection arrangements, service frequency, costs and any constraints or issues identified;
- e existing engagement and coordination with the NSW Government and relevant agencies in relation to people experiencing homelessness at or around Wilks Park; and
- f any identified operational, financial, legal or risk considerations arising from the current arrangements.

Report

Wilks Park is a Council-managed primitive camping area that operates as a 72-hour short-stay site. Over time, the park has become a focal point for a range of uses, including short-term recreation, longer stays, vehicle-based camping and, in some cases, people experiencing homelessness. This has given rise to ongoing questions from the community regarding how the site is regulated, monitored and managed in practice.

The purpose of this Notice of Motion is to provide Council with a clear and consolidated understanding of the current arrangements that apply at Wilks Park. This includes the rules and regulatory framework governing its use, how compliance with the 72-hour limit is monitored and enforced, how Council manages instances of overstaying and how waste and rubbish are currently serviced and funded.

The report is also intended to outline the respective roles of Council staff and any partner agencies involved in patrolling or regulating the site, as well as existing engagement and coordination with the NSW Government and relevant agencies in relation to people experiencing homelessness at or around Wilks Park.

Establishing a clear baseline of current practice will assist Council in understanding the operational, legal, financial and risk considerations associated with the ongoing management of the site. Depending on the findings of the report, Council may determine that further investigation or a subsequent report is required to examine potential options or improvements to current arrangements, including any policy, operational or budgetary implications.

Financial Implications

There are no costs outside of staff time required to produce this report.

Policy and Legislation

Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

Deliver accountable and transparent leadership.

Risk Management Issues for Council

- Risk of ongoing non-compliance if measures are not implemented
- Legal and reputational risk if Crown land and homelessness issues are not addressed proactively

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

NOM-3 NOTICE OF MOTION – WAGGA WAGGA - KUNMING SISTER CITY INDUSTRY COOPERATION & INVESTMENT DELEGATION - REQUEST FOR REPORT

Author: Councillor Richard Foley

Summary: That Wagga Wagga City Council request a report from the General Manager on a proposed Wagga Wagga–Kunming Sister City Industry Cooperation & Investment Delegation, proposed for April 2026, including feasibility, risks, costs, and alignment with Council policy and Australian foreign policy.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the attached six-day proposal for a Wagga Wagga–Kunming Sister City Industry Cooperation & Investment Delegation proposed for April 2026
- b request the General Manager prepare a report for Council consideration addressing:
 - i advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) regarding foreign policy alignment, travel advisories, security considerations, and appropriate engagement protocols with Chinese government entities
 - ii the strategic merit of the proposed delegation in the context of the Wagga Wagga–Kunming sister city relationship and Council’s economic development objectives
 - iii the financial, logistical, and resourcing implications for Council, including any estimated costs associated with Councillor and/or staff participation, cost-sharing arrangements, and potential external funding opportunities
 - iv a risk assessment covering governance, financial, and travel risks, including due diligence on proposed hosts, facilitators, and counterpart organisations
 - v the outcomes of consultation with relevant local industry groups, educational and vocational institutions, and business chambers to assess interest and their potential participation
 - vi any legal, governance, or policy considerations associated with proposed memoranda of understanding or letters of intent, noting that any such documents would be non-binding and subject to Council approval
- c request that the report be presented to Council at the earliest practicable meeting, and no later than 28 February 2026, to enable Council to consider whether to proceed with participation in a proposed April 2026 delegation

Report

An attached proposal has been provided for Council’s consideration outlining a structured, six-day Wagga Wagga–Kunming Sister City Industry Cooperation & Investment Delegation proposed for April 2026. The program includes formal government engagement, industry site visits, vocational education engagement, and business-to-business meetings aligned with the region’s economic strengths, particularly agriculture, food processing, and skills development.

The proposal has been prepared by Mr Richard Yuan, Chairman of the Australia China Entrepreneurs Club, in conjunction with an Australia-based travel and logistics

provider. Mr Yuan has experience facilitating Australia–China regional government, industry, and education engagement and maintains working relationships with Kunming municipal authorities and partner institutions. Council is not being asked at this stage to endorse any individual, organisation, or proposal, but to request further assessment by the General Manager.

Given the nature of international engagement and the sensitivities involved, it is appropriate that Council receive a comprehensive report addressing feasibility, risks, costs, stakeholder interest, and alignment with Australian foreign policy before determining whether to proceed.

Financial Implications

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this Notice of Motion. Any potential financial impacts associated with Council participation would be identified and detailed in the General Manager's report.

Policy and Legislation

Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

Provide strategic direction and leadership for our region to deliver key community priorities.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Official Proposed Program - Wagga Wagga - Kunming

OFFICIAL PROPOSED PROGRAM**Wagga Wagga – Kunming****Sister City Industry Cooperation & Investment Delegation**

(Official Proposal for Council Consideration)

Proposed Title:

Wagga Wagga–Kunming Sister City Industry Cooperation & Investment Delegation

Proposed Duration:

6 Days

Proposed Delegation Size:

8–15 delegates (Council representatives, industry leaders, education and vocational sector representatives)

Host City:

Kunming, Yunnan Province, People’s Republic of China

1. Purpose and Strategic Positioning

This proposed visit is positioned as a **high-level sister-city cooperation and industry-focused delegation**, designed to:

- Upgrade and operationalise the Wagga Wagga–Kunming sister-city relationship
- Facilitate concrete cooperation in **agriculture and agri-technology, food processing, and vocational education & skills development**
- Establish long-term mechanisms for **business exchange, youth mobility, and institutional collaboration**
- Develop a **model for Australia–China regional city cooperation** with practical, replicable outcomes

The program is structured to meet **Chinese government hosting protocols** while addressing the **practical commercial and partnership interests of Australian public and private sector participants**.

2. Recommended 4-Day Program (Official Version)

Day 1-2 | 20-21 April 2026 Leaving Sydney, Official Welcome & City Development Briefings**Next Morning**

- Arrival in Kunming
- Official reception by Kunming Municipal Foreign Affairs Office
- Hotel check-in

Afternoon

- **Formal Welcome Meeting hosted by Kunming Municipal Government**
(Proposed participants: Vice Mayor or equivalent, Foreign Affairs Office, Commerce Bureau, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Bureau)

Agenda includes:

- Kunming city development and international cooperation briefing
- Investment environment and priority industries overview
- Presentation by Wagga Wagga delegation on regional strengths and cooperation priorities
- Confirmation of focus areas and follow-up liaison mechanisms

Evening

- **Official Welcome Dinner** (Government–Business mixed seating)
 - Optional cultural exchange elements
 - Structured introductions and initial project discussions

Intended Outcomes:

- Reaffirm sister-city partnership
- Identify priority cooperation sectors
- Establish official points of contact

Day 3 | 22 April 2026 Plateau Agriculture, Bio-technology & Food Processing**Morning**

- Visit to Kunming agricultural science and technology demonstration zone / agricultural research institute
 - Plateau agriculture and breeding technologies

- Digital agriculture and smart farm management
- Cold-chain logistics and supply chain systems

Midday

- **Agriculture Industry Themed Working Lunch**
Topic: *Complementarity between Australian large-scale agriculture and Kunming's plateau and tropical agriculture; potential joint R&D and pilot projects*

Afternoon

- Visits to selected **food processing and health-related enterprises**
 - Specialty foods and functional food products
 - Bio-technology and health-related manufacturing

Evening

- **Australia–China Business Matching Session (B2B)**
 - Structured meetings focused on distribution, procurement, joint R&D, and co-branding opportunities

Day 4 123 April 2026 Vocational Education, Talent Pathways & Industrial Parks

Morning

- Visit to vocational colleges or applied universities in Kunming
 - Agriculture, food engineering, logistics, healthcare and related disciplines
 - Discussion on:
 - Dual-certification programs
 - Short-term skills training
 - Student exchange, internships and applied learning pathways

Midday

- **School–Industry Working Lunch**
Topic: *Aligning vocational education with industry needs and regional development*

Afternoon

- Visit to industrial parks and investment body (e.g. National High-Tech Zone, Economic Development Zone, Modern Logistics Park)

Briefings include:

- Kunming's role as a gateway to South and Southeast Asia
- Investment policies, infrastructure, and project support mechanisms
- Identification of potential landing zones and implementation channels

Intended Outcomes:

- Clarify vocational education cooperation pathways
- Identify suitable industrial platforms for future projects

Day 5 | 24 April 2026 Outcomes, Signing Ceremony & Cultural Experience

Morning

- **Outcomes Review Meeting & Signing Ceremony**
Hosted by Kunming Municipal Government

Suggested documents include:

- Sister City Cooperation Upgrade Memorandum (framework-level)
- Agri-technology Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding
- Vocational Education & Talent Cooperation Memorandum
- Business Letters of Intent (as applicable)

Midday

- Cultural and city experience activities
 - Kunming Old Street, flower market, or Dianchi Lake ecological showcase

Afternoon

- Departure, leaving Kunming for Hongkong
Optional extension: Dali or Lijiang (1-day cultural extension, subject to delegation interest)

Day 6 | 25 April 2026 Overnight flight, arrive in Sydney in the morning

3. Program Principles

- **Protocol-compliant and outcome-oriented**
 - Balanced focus on government engagement and practical industry cooperation
 - Experience-driven design to ensure strong engagement and memorable participation
 - Flexible structure allowing adjustment based on delegation priorities
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4. Expected Deliverables

- Upgraded sister-city cooperation framework
 - Project-based cooperation pathways in agriculture, food and vocational education
 - A clear follow-up mechanism with designated contact points
 - A replicable model for Australia–China regional city cooperation
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Prepared by:

Richard YUAN, Chairman, Australia China Entrepreneurs Club,
in conjunction with ABC World Travel
Sydney, Australia

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 DA25/0067 - MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, INCLUDING MONOPOLE AND COMPOUND

Author: Steven Cook
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary:

The report is for a development application and is presented to Council for determination.

Section 1.10 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 requires any application that is the subject of 10 or more objections be referred to Council for determination.

A full assessment of the development application is provided as an attachment to this report. The assessment has considered and addressed all relevant matters raised in the submissions.

Recommendation

That Council approve DA25/0067 for a 'Mobile Telecommunications Facility, Including Monopole and Compound' at Lot 2 DP 731292, 20 Kapooka Road, San Isidore, subject to the conditions outlined in the s4.15 Assessment Report.

Development Application Details

Applicant	Chris Hayes, Waveconn Operations Pty Ltd Directors: Grant Stevenson, Stanislava Prnjatovic, Helen Wilkes, Kevork Sahagian.
Owner	Justin Paul Foley and Megan Faith Foley
Development Cost	\$110,000
Development Description	Mobile Telecommunications Facility, Including Monopole and Compound

Report

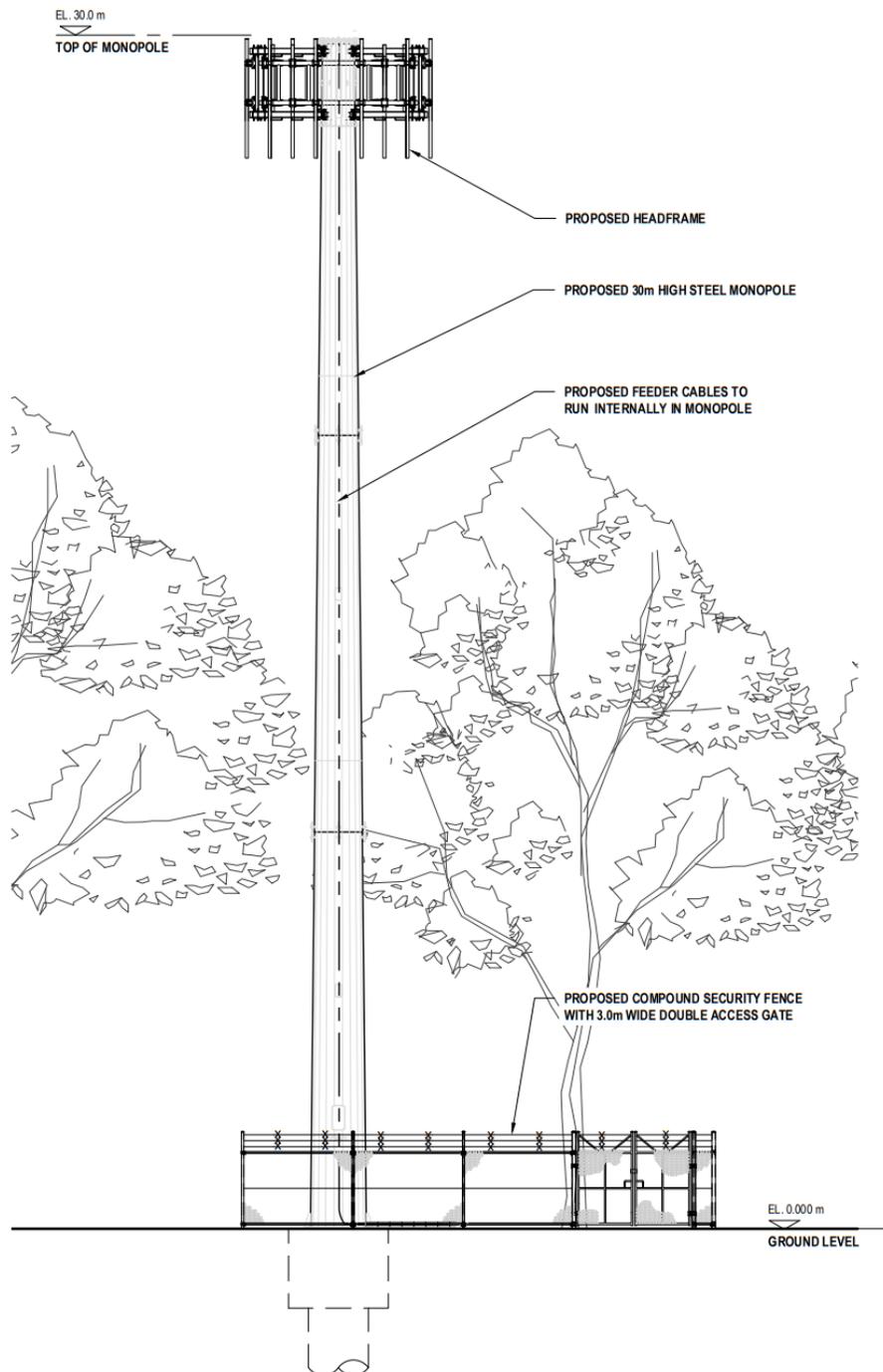
Key Issues

- Site selection
- Detrimental visual impact on rural/residential character of the area
- Flooding impacts
- Bushfire impacts
- Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Energy impacts

Assessment

- A full assessment is in the attached Section 4.15 Assessment Report which assesses all relevant matters in detail. The following is a brief summary of the assessment.
- The application is for a 30m high, slimline monopole, and 12m x 12m compound area. Electrical units, and antennae are not proposed under this Development Application.
- The applicant is Waveconn. Waveconn are not a telecommunications carrier, but rather an infrastructure owner. Waveconn seek carriers to locate on their infrastructure. No carriers have been secured at this time and Waveconn have advised the tower will not be constructed until a carrier elects to locate on it.
- Any future installation of antennas would be subject to assessment and approval at the time the works are proposed. Many types of telecommunications equipment may be installed as exempt or complying development under State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021.
- Under the provisions of the Wagga Wagga local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP), the subject site is within the R5 Large Lot Residential zone. The application has been assessed as being consistent with the objectives of the R5 zone and consistent with all relevant clauses under the LEP.
- The development is subject to the provisions of Division 21 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (the SEPP) which deals with telecommunications and other communications facilities. Clause 2.143 (subclause (1)) of the SEPP identifies that development for the purposes of telecommunications facilities may be carried out by any person with consent on any land.
- Clause 2.143 (subclause (2)) of the SEPP requires the consent authority to take into consideration the NSW Telecommunications Facilities Guideline, Including Broadband. The application has been considered against all relevant principles.
- The principles under the guideline include site selection principles including the requirement to consider alternate sites and also potential co-location and upgrade opportunities. Alternatives sites were not reasonably available. Colocation and upgrade options were not viable given the distance to existing towers.
- The principles under the guideline include impacts associated with minimising visual impact. An assessment of visual impacts has determined the visual impact of the development is acceptable.
- The principles of the guidelines include consideration of health standards for exposure to radio emissions. No radiating equipment is proposed under this application. There is a requirement for the future equipment to comply with Commonwealth legislation in this regard.
- Having regard to all of the relevant principles under the guideline, no matters have been identified that would warrant refusal of the proposal.
- The application has been assessed as being consistent with the relevant provisions of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP) including the public notification requirements under section 1.10.
- A total of 19 public submissions were received during the notification period, all in objection to the proposal. 16 of the objections were variations of the same form letter and three were unique letters. All matters raised in submissions have been considered in the assessment of the application.
- The site adjoins bushfire prone land to the south and east. The development has been assessed as being consistent with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019.

- A Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) was carried out for the site to investigate potential contamination. The PSI identified that contamination may be present on the site, particularly per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which may have migrated from the army base. Given the nature of the use, the site is considered suitable for the proposed development, subject to recommended conditions of consent.
- A comprehensive assessment report completed in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.15(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 is provided as an attachment to this report. This assessment addresses all matters



SOUTHERN ELEVATION
SCALE 1:100

Figure 1 – Tower Elevation

Reasons for Approval

1. The application is compliant with the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 including the requirement for consideration against the NSW Telecommunications Facilities Guideline, Including Broadband.
2. The proposed development is consistent with the objectives and provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.
3. The proposed development is generally consistent with the objectives and controls of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010.
4. The impacts of the proposed development are acceptable subject to the inclusion of recommended conditions of consent.
5. The site is considered suitable for the proposed development and is in the public interest.

Site Location

The site, being Lot 2 DP 731292, 20 Kapooka Road, San Isidore, is located on the western side of Kapooka Road, approximately 2km south of its intersection with the Sturt Highway.

The site of the development is a large lot residential allotment containing a dwelling and, particularly in the vicinity of the proposed development, substantial vegetation. The site also contains a dam and watercourse in proximity to the development site.

The site is immediately to the north of Commonwealth land associated with the Kapooka Military Area, however it is outside the base proper, being the site of the Kapooka Army Training Accident Memorial. To the north and west are large lot residential lots, while to the east is heavily vegetated state government owned land.

The character of the area generally is rural to rural-residential.



Figure 2 - Submitted Site Plan

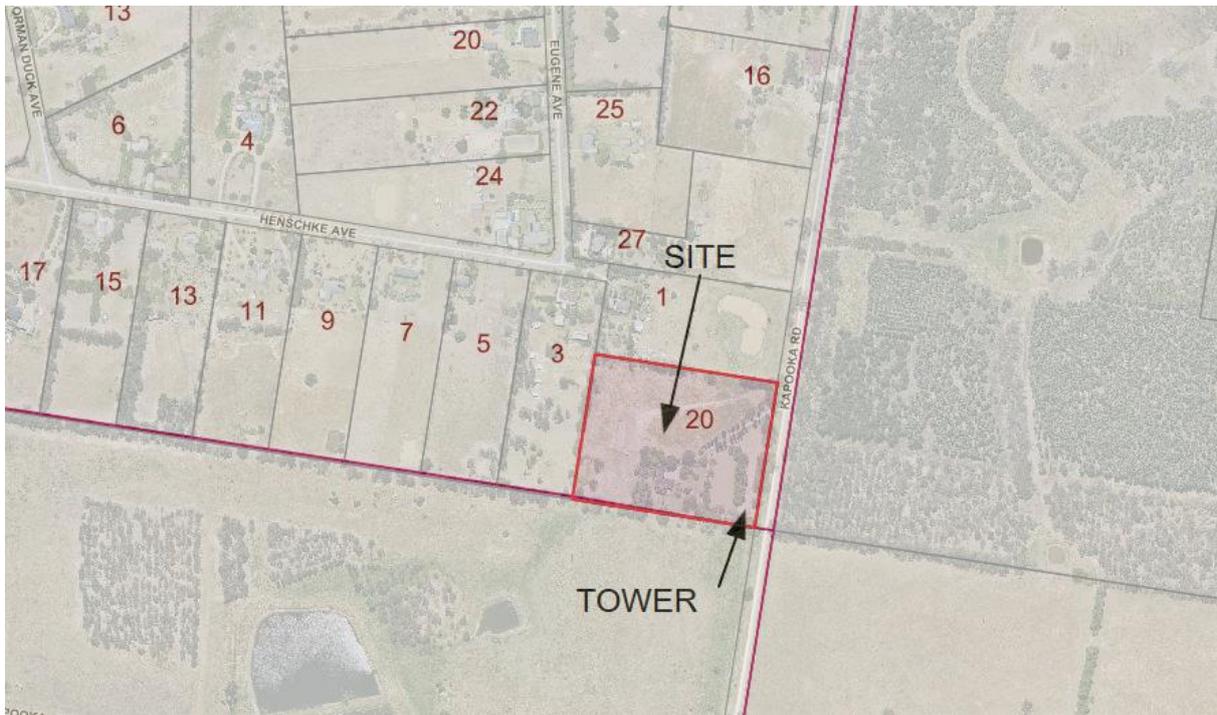


Figure 3 - Location Plan

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021
 Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010
 Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Sustainable built environment

Balance the built and natural environment in planning decisions.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Approval of the application is not considered to raise risk management issues for Council as the proposed development is consistent with SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, LEP and DCP controls.

Internal / External Consultation

Full details of the consultation that was carried out as part of the development application assessment is contained in the attached s4.15 Report.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
	Rates notices insert	Direct mail	Letterbox drop	Council news	Media release	Media opportunity	TV/radio advertising	One-on-one meeting(s)	Community meeting(s)	Stakeholder workshop(s)	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback form(s)	Have your Say	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
Inform		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>														<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consult		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>														<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involve																
Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. DA25/0067 - Section 4.15 Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover
2. DA25/0067 - Site Plans - Provided under separate cover
3. DA25/0067 - Statement of Environmental Effects and Additional Information - Provided under separate cover
4. DA25/0067 - Photomontage - Provided under separate cover
5. DA25/0067 - Flood Assessment and Additional Information - Provided under separate cover
6. DA25/0067 - Preliminary Site Investigation - Provided under separate cover
7. DA25/0067 - Submissions (Redacted) - Provided under separate cover
8. DA25/0067 - Submissions (Unredacted)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it deals with: personnel matters concerning particular individuals. - Provided under separate cover

RP-2 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF LAND - LOTS 281, 282, 283 & 284 IN PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, BEING LAND DEDICATED TO COUNCIL UNDER PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

Author: Matthew Dombrovski

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary: This report deals with the proposed dedication of land at Lloyd and the classification of this land pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993.

Recommendation

That Council:

- agree in principle to classify the land described as Lots 281, 282, 283 and 284 in a plan of subdivision as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 upon registration of the plan
- authorise the General Manager or their delegate to place the proposed resolution on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions
- receive a further report following the exhibition and submission period addressing any submission made in respect of the proposed classification

Report

Council has recently approved a subdivision of land for the residue block at 80 Lingiari Drive, Lloyd. As part of that subdivision four (4) lots were identified as land to be dedicated to Council. Three (3) lots are identified as drainage reserves, and the remaining one (1) lot contains easements that benefit Council.

The location of the four identified lots are shown in Figure 1 below

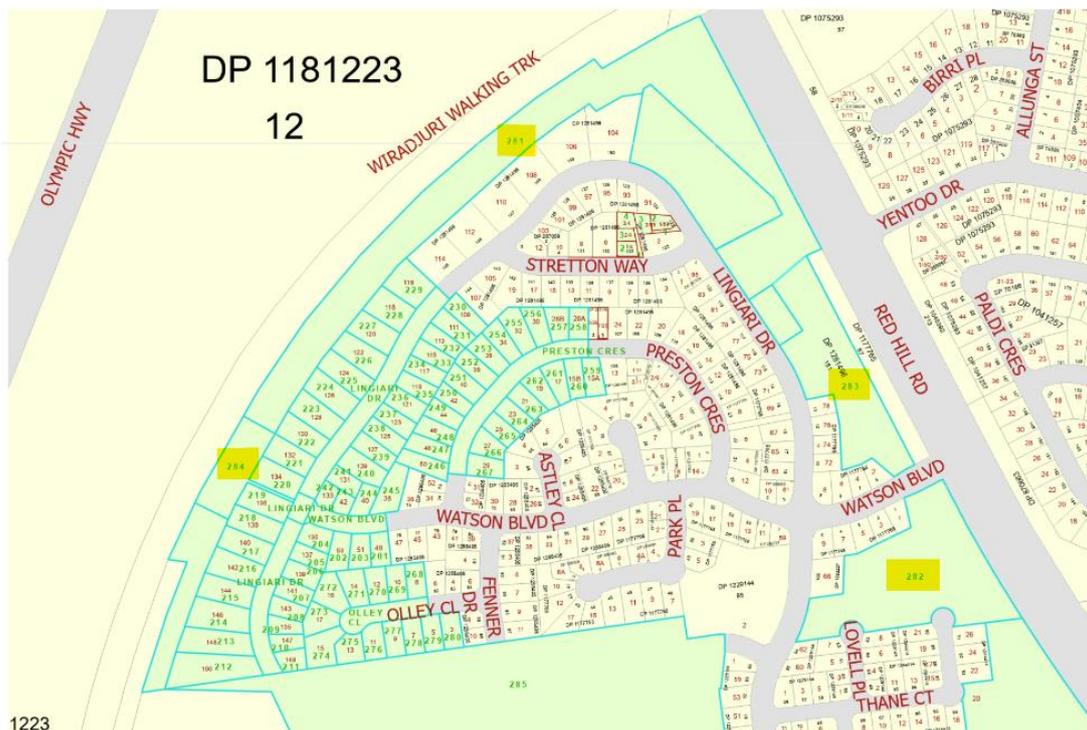


Figure 1 showing locations of proposed Lots to be classified as operational land

The Local Government Act 1993 (LGA) provides that all land owned by Council must be classified as either operational or community land. Section 27 of the LGA provides that the classification of land occurs either through a local environmental plan or in certain circumstances, through the resolution of Council. More specifically section 31(2) of the LGA provides:

(2) Before a council acquires land, or within 3 months after it acquires land, a council may resolve (in accordance with this Part) that the land be classified as community land or operational land.

There are specific provisions in the LGA that would need to be considered if the land was to be dedicated as community land. These include obligations for Council to have adopted a Plan of Management outlining how these parcels of land are managed and used, and limiting the dealings that Council can have with such parcels of land.

It is also noted that Council's current Recreation, Open Space and Community Strategy and Implementation Plan 2040 (ROSC) specifically requires that any active or passive open spaces will not be located under major power lines, or in detention basins or evidence must be provided to show that the identified location of those assets will not reduce the functionality or amenity of the open space.

Given the constraints referred to above and noting the easements proposed over the identified parcels of land to be dedicated, Council officers are of the view that classification of the identified parcels as community land is not considered appropriate. It is therefore recommended that Council classify these parcels of land as operational land.

Included in the LGA is the requirement for Council to publicly notify its intention to classify the land for a period of 28 days. During this time, the public may make submissions in relation to the proposed classification.

Upon completion of the public exhibition a further report will be provided to Council noting any submissions received and seeking endorsement of a final resolution to classify Lots 281, 282, 283 and 284 as operational land upon registration of the plan of subdivision.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993
Recreation, Open Space and Community Strategy and Implementation Plan 2040
Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy POL038

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

Enabling infrastructure

Provide essential infrastructure; including sewer, roads, key housing enabling infrastructure to support growth.

Risk Management Issues for Council

If Council does not classify the land as operational within the legislative time, the land will automatically be classified as community land under the Local Government Act 1993. Community land is subject to significant restrictions – it cannot be sold, leased or used for commercial or operational purposes unless strictly in accordance with an adopted Plan of Management.

The land being acquired, through dedication, is intended for operational purposes. If reclassification is required at a later stage, it would involve a costly and time-consuming process including the preparation of a planning proposal.

Should Council act in a manner inconsistent with the community land classification, it may risk breaching the Local Government Act, potentially exposing Council to legal challenges, judicial review or injunctive relief.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken within the Economy, Business and Workforce and Infrastructure Services directorates.

Public exhibition of the proposed resolution is required pursuant to section 34 of the Local Government Act.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
	Rates notices insert	Direct mail	Letterbox drop	Council news	Media release	Media opportunity	TV/radio advertising	One-on-one meeting(s)	Community meeting(s)	Stakeholder workshop(s)	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback form(s)	Have your Say	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
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Involve																
Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

RP-3 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF LAND - LOT 574 IN PLAN OF SUBDIVISION, 1 WATERHOUSE AVE LLOYD, BEING LAND DEDICATED TO COUNCIL UNDER PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

Author: Matthew Dombrovski
Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary: This report deals with the proposed dedication of land at Lloyd and the classification of this land pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a agree in principle to classify the land described as Lot 574 in a plan of subdivision of 1 Waterhouse Ave Lloyd, as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act on its dedication to Council.
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to place the proposed resolution on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions.
- c receive a further report following the exhibition and submission period addressing any submission made in respect of the proposed classification.

Report

Council has recently approved a subdivision of land for the residue block at 1 Waterhouse Ave, Lloyd. As part of that subdivision one (1) lot has been identified as land to be dedicated to Council. Lot 574 is identified in the plan as a drainage reserve which contains easements that benefit Council.

The location of the lot 574 is shown in Figure 1 below and outlined in green:

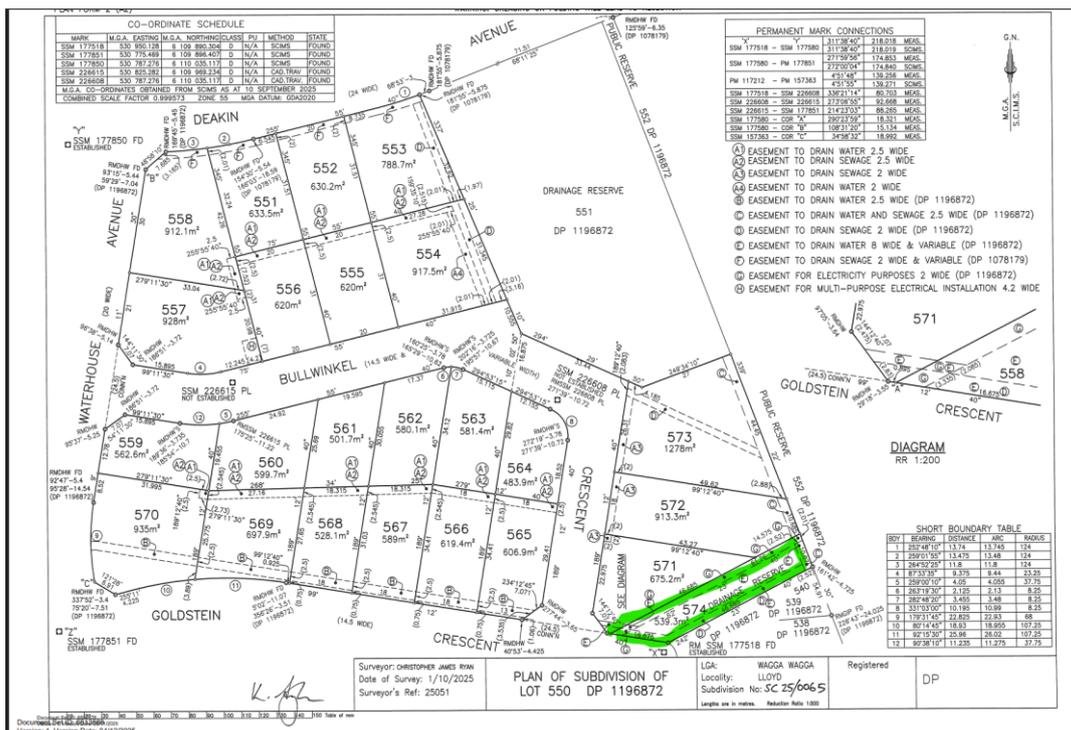


Figure 1 showing location of proposed lot to be classified as operational land

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It is also noted that Council's current Recreation, Open Space and Community Strategy and Implementation Plan 2040 (ROSC) specifically requires that any active or passive open spaces are not located under major power lines, or in detention basins or if they are, evidence must be provided to show that the identified location of those assets will not reduce the functionality or amenity of the open space.

Given the constraints referred to above and noting the easements proposed on the identified parcel of land to be dedicated, Council officers are of the view that classification of the identified parcel as community land is not appropriate. It is therefore recommended that Council classify this parcel of land as operational land.

Included in the LGA is the requirement for Council to publicly notify its intention to classify the land for a period of 28 days. During this time, the public may make submissions in relation to the proposed classification.

Upon completion of the public exhibition process, a further report will be provided to Council advising of any submissions received and seeking endorsement of a final resolution to classify proposed Lot 574 as operational land upon registration of the plan of subdivision.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993
Recreation, Open Space and Community Strategy and Implementation Plan 2040
Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy POL038

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

Enabling infrastructure

Provide essential infrastructure; including sewer, roads, key housing enabling infrastructure to support growth.

Risk Management Issues for Council

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Public exhibition of the proposed resolution is required pursuant to section 34 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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RP-4 KERBSIDE COLLECTION CONTRACT - RURAL/VILLAGE CONSULTATION OUTCOME REPORT

Author: Andrea Baldwin

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary:

This paper provides an overview of the results from the recently held rural village community consultation programs to determine if kerbside services need to be an option as part of the next Kerbside Collection Contract due for release mid 2026.

Recommendation

That Council

- a note the results of the Community Consultation for the rural residential premises located within Councils LGA as outlined in this report.
- b support the results of the community consultation which indicate that the villages and rural residential areas of Collingullie, Currawarna, Galore, Humula, Downside do not participate in the future kerbside services contract
- c support the residents of San Isidore with an opt in service for kerbside collection under the new contract
- d note the requirement for improvements in service delivery options at all existing rural transfer stations including additional options for residents with regards to separation of waste and greater resource recovery.
- e note that the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy will consider the option of a future potential site (transfer station) to the north of the city that may accept some waste types to accommodate the growing population
- f note that through Council planning processes whereby new subdivisions are constructed in the future, kerbside services are considered as part of the development process.

Report

During November 2025 consultation commenced in relation to community engagement across the villages within the Wagga municipality to ascertain if Council need to consider additional services as part of the next kerbside collection contract due for tender release mid-2026.

Areas of our community are not currently supplied a kerbside service, this was an opportunity to engage with them and seek their inclusion to be supplied with a household kerbside service. Along with this, the NSW EPA has mandated food organics and garden organics (FOGO) recycling, requiring collection services for households by July 2030. The exception to this is that if the household does not currently have a residual service, they are not mandated to have a full three bin kerbside service. For Wagga, some of the villages do not have kerbside services and therefore can be exempt from the introduction of a FOGO bin and or other bin services as supplied by Council.

The Consultation Framework

The consultation sourced feedback on access to a three-bin service which consists of a residual bin (red lid), commingled recycling bin (yellow lid) and food organics and garden organics bin (green lid bin) and the use of the rural transfer stations.

A Communications and Engagement Plan was developed identifying key items which included community concerns, potential costs, timeframes, the proposed consultation activities, and the villages in which these activities would be undertaken.

If rural villages were to consider adopting a three-bin system, the following benefits to the community were identified:

- **Convenience** – Provides residents with a regular, reliable, and easy way to manage household waste without the need to transport it to a facility.
- **Improved recycling outcomes** – Enables better separation of waste streams (e.g. recycling, FOGO, general waste), reducing contamination and increasing resource recovery.
- **Environmental benefits** – Diverts waste from landfill, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and supports more sustainable waste management practices.
- **Cleaner townships** – Reduces illegal dumping, backyard burning, or uncontrolled waste accumulation, leading to tidier and healthier communities.
- **Cost efficiencies** – Shared service delivery across a community can lower long-term waste management costs compared to individual or ad-hoc arrangements.
- **Support for organics recycling (FOGO)** – Allows food and garden waste to be processed into compost, returning nutrients to the soil and supporting local circular economy outcomes.
- **Equity of access** – Ensures all residents have the same waste management opportunities, regardless of personal capacity to self-manage waste.
- **Public health improvements** – Regular collection reduces vermin, odour, and health risks associated with unmanaged waste.
- **Alignment with state/territory policy goals** – Positions the community to comply with, or benefit from, broader regulatory requirements such as organics-to-landfill bans and FOGO mandates.
- **Enhanced community reputation** – Demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, which may support tourism, local pride, and regional development initiatives.
- **Job creation** – implementation of service, leads to creation of jobs and resources

What are the concerns of the community?

Community concerns were anticipated to centre on the perceived fairness of implementing the service. Issues were expected to arise in relation to requiring participation from residents who did not wish to receive the service, or conversely, withholding the service from those who had expressed a desire to participate. There was a high likelihood of negative feedback, expressed through social media channels, and raised through other avenues of community advocacy.

Additional concerns were anticipated regarding the impact on household cost of living, with residents questioning the affordability of the service.

Furthermore, feedback was expected to indicate a preference for a one bin service only, or for an opt-in model, rather than the proposed whole-of-township approach.

The community was also expected to seek clarity on the factors influencing Council's decision-making regarding the approval and implementation of the service. Residents were likely to want a clear understanding of what level of community buy-in would be considered sufficient, how this would be measured, and the extent to which their feedback would directly shape the final decision. Transparency around these criteria was considered important to manage expectations, build trust in the process, and demonstrate that Council's resolution was guided by both community sentiment and service viability.

Table 1 shows the activities carried out as part of the consultation process:

Activities	Method	When	Completion
Working committee meetings	Regular meetings which included internal working committee members contributing to the development of the consultation process	Completed monthly	Completed monthly
Preparation of consultation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey creation and approval • Social media prepared and approved • Direct mail out (Letter + FAQ sheet) creation and distribution • "Have Your Say" page created and approved • All consultation and marketing material refined and approved 	Prior to consultation	Completed September – October 2025
Councillor update	Overview of the project, information on consultation activities and provide updates including updates to timelines	At the initiation of consultation - Prior to first consultation sessions	Completed 23 October 2025
Council news article	Overview of the project, what consultation looks like and what we wish to achieve	At the initiation of consultation - Prior to first consultation sessions	Completed 31 October 2025
Drop in consultation sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council set up at various locations with council staff in attendance • Opportunity for community to have their say on/or suggest changes 	Throughout the consultation month	Completed throughout November 2025
Mail out to all Owners and Residents	Letter with FAQ sheet mailed out to affected residents and owners	At the initiation of consultation - Prior to first	Completed end of October – Start of

Activities	Method	When	Completion
		consultation sessions	November 2025
Have Your Say	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of the page Link to survey/s Provide updates including updates to timelines 	To go live at the start of the consultation initiation	Completed throughout November 2025
Survey	Link to survey on "Have your say"	To go live at the start of the consultation initiation	Completed throughout November 2025
Council website	Banner and notifications on Council website	To go live at the start of the consultation initiation	Completed early November 2025
Social Media Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital marketing tiles and collateral Paid social media ads 	To go live at the start of the consultation initiation	Completed throughout November 2025
Static Display – Civic Centre Foyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council set up in customer service Opportunity for community to have their say on/or suggest changes Collate feedback 	To be set up at the start of the consultation initiation	Completed at start of November 2025
Collate feedback	Analyse and collate data	Upon completion of consultation	Completed December 2025
Councillor update	Updates on community consultation outcomes	Upon completion of consultation	January 2026

Stakeholders

The engagement was directed towards residents and property owners within rural townships that currently do not receive a kerbside collection service. It is important that we included both owners and tenants, as property owners (ratepayers) will bear the cost of the service, which may also be viewed as adding value to investment properties, while tenants are likely to be the primary users and beneficiaries of the service. Targeting both audiences ensured that the full range of perspectives was captured.

Table 2: Summary shows the number of properties in our LGA Villages and townships currently receiving and paying for a kerbside waste service:

Suburb	Number of Properties	2025/26 Total Charges	Current services
Tarcutta	125	\$55,875	3-Bin System + Transfer station located in Tarcutta
Uranquinty	331	\$147,957	3-Bin System + Transfer station located in Uranquinty
Mangoplah	47	\$21,009	3-Bin System + Transfer station located in Mangoplah

Ladysmith	118	\$52,746	3-Bin System
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Tables 3: Identified villages and townships for consultation:

Suburb	Number of Properties	Current services
Collingullie	181	Transfer station located in Collingullie
Currawarna	183	Transfer station located in Currawarna
Downside	97	No current Council bin services + access to GWMC
Galore	105	Transfer station located in Galore
Humula	160	Transfer station located in Humula
San Isidore	126	No current Council bin services + access to GWMC

A consultation process was required to engage with rural residential communities that currently do not participate in a kerbside collection service to determine if they support transitioning to this service or not as part of the new contract due to start in 2027/28. Noting this opportunity is unlikely to be offered again within the next ten-year period.

For the consultation, the goal was to focus on kerbside collection services, that is residents been provided access to a three-bin service which consists of a residual bin (red lid), commingled recycling bin (yellow lid) and food organics and garden organics bin (green lid bin).

This report provides an overview of the consultation process carried out and results to inform the decision-making process of which additional areas or villages may or may not be included as part of the next contract.

Engagement Outcomes

The rural residential kerbside collection consultation program was supported by an engagement plan, this articulated all aspects of the why to engage, how to engage and particulars to ensure a seamless consultation process occurred, this was developed in conjunction with our communication team and delivered as part of their engagement to the community during November 2025.

Initially a letter was developed and delivered to 2644 recipients, this letter was sent to properties focused around the areas of Collingullie, Currawarna, Downside, San Isidore, Humula and Galore. The letter was sent to the owner of the property and or tenant where applicable. The letter provided initial information on the engagement sessions to occur for these areas, a FAQ sheet and a link to the survey to be completed.

Consultation Session Outcomes

In person engagement sessions were held during November at the following locations, with representatives from the Resource Recovery Team and Communication teams present.

Table 4: Consultation session attendance summary and by location:

Consultation session	Number of attendees
Collingullie	5
Currawarna	12
Galore	4
Humula	13
San Isidore	40
Oura	4

In addition, we received 3 phone calls to the Resource Recovery Facilities Manager. This feedback has been included in the responses.

As a result of the engagement sessions, these were well received with good attendance and feedback overall at all sessions.

Social Media Campaign Outcomes

A paid social media campaign formed part of our engagement process with results as follows:

- Advert over 14 days from 4 November to 18 November at a cost of \$251.83
- the advert reached 17,660 viewers with the main demographic being 65 plus and over
- 973 landing page views
- 13 shares
- 1326 link clicks
- 6 comments
- 47,273 impressions

Overall, the engagement program provided good engagement.

Have Your Say Survey Outcomes

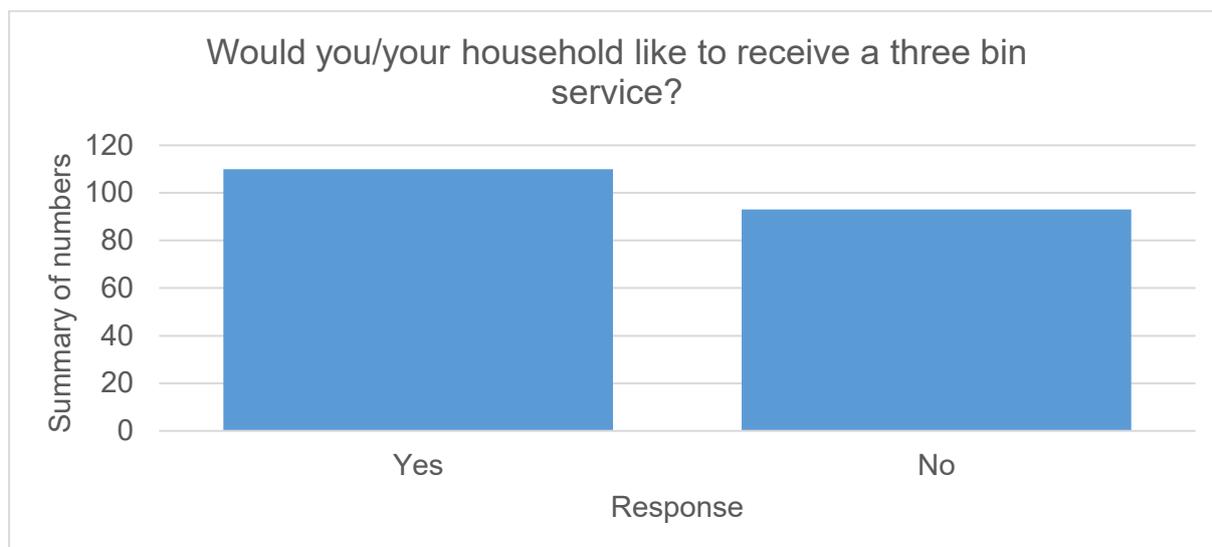
A Have a Say Survey was developed to gather information from our community around their actions and preferences, the questions included the following:

- Base details of name, address, demographic
- Owner versus tenant, occupier of a home
- How far they reside from current services
- How they manage their waste currently
- Would they like a three-bin service, if Yes/No Why, how important this is
- Use of the local transfer station and acceptance level and or improvements
- Costs associated with service, benefits and concerns

The survey was made available early November and concluded 30 November. Council received a total of 202 responses.

Primarily the results supplied are based on the Have a Survey responses however anecdotal information as supplied by some residents during the engagement sessions will also be included for consideration.

Chart 1: 202 Have a Say Surveys were completed, of these 110 responses provided a Yes to introducing a kerbside service and 92 responses said No.



The following data provided has been summarised as an overview of the survey responses of key feedback.

Table 5: To represent the Yes vote to a kerbside service the following table provides the Why to wanting a service:

Reason	Number of responses
Convenience.	70
I don't have transport options to move the waste I generate at my household.	13
Convenience and cost of taking waste to the tip.	3
We have to pay council rates and we have to pay for a skip bin service also.	1
Don't always have access to transportation.	2
Having council bin services at my property would make a huge difference in maintaining cleanliness and proper waste management. At the moment, disposing of household waste responsibly is difficult without access to council collection, and it increases the risk of waste build-up and pests. Regular bin services would not only improve hygiene and convenience for residents but also help keep the area in line with council sustainability and community standards. I'd really appreciate it if this request could be considered further.	1
Convenience and cost. Also disappointed in the recycling facility at Gregadoo.	1
I am happy to pay for waste services as part of rates as I believe it would reduce amount of waste dumping in our area.	1
Would save paying for our current disposal.	1
While we can physically manage loading bins on the trailer at the moment it is challenging. We wish to remain living here so the collection service would support that.	1
We pay for rates just like everyone else in Wagga, but we live on a dirt road that isn't maintained, and do not have a bin service. What are we paying rates for?	1

I already have this service.	3
We currently don't recycle and would start if we had a regular service	1
We pay rates and part of that is kerbside collection, I would love a weekly garbage collection and it to actually be able to utilise the one free hardware pick up per month however as a set day cannot be provided it is too dangerous due to people setting fire to hard waste left sitting for more than a day.	1
The physical demands of lifting and transferring large waste amounts poses a risk to musculoskeletal health and it is very inconvenient and costly in terms of time.	1
Make life a whole lot easier and be good to be a part of the WW recycling . also something for our rates.	1
Money - we currently pay approximately \$80 for garbage and recycling whilst paying more rates to council due to our land size than the residents in town who get bins for free.	1
We pay council rates and still have the added expense of a bin service.	1
Inadequate fortnightly collection.	1
Nothing should go to landfill. Everything is recyclable.	1
Not enough room in a smaller red bin.	1
We pay enormous rates on our farmland, a bin service would be appreciated.	1
I would only want it for recycling and general waste.	1

Table 6: To represent the No vote to a kerbside service the following table provides the why to not wanting a service:

Reason	Number of responses
Prefer to drive to a local waste transfer station.	5
Prefer to continue to manage this myself.	30
Don't want to pay for a service.	32
Would only use Yellow (mainly) and Red (for mostly non putrescible non recyclable materials). And as we need to load up bins to take to a road side location, Its only 10min further to drop at the Transfer Station.	1
I believe that on rural properties, larger skip bins collected less frequently would be better. That these services be covered instead of smaller bins collected more frequently.	1
Looking at this from a farm point of view. Green waste we can handle on site easy. Being a farm it is a household and a business so to do your system justice we should do the business waste and recycling too. 1.5 m ³ front lift bins recycling and one for general waste on about a 4 weekly basis at a guess.	1
Don't need green lid bin for waste/ organic collection. We mulch garden organic waste and feed chooks with food waste.	1
Prefer a weekly red bin and fortnightly green and yellow.	1
All bins need to be the 240L. The smaller red one is not big enough. The green waste can be smaller as some weeks it only has 2 green waste bags.	1

By the time I pull a bin down the driveway to a local pick up point I have gone past the tip already!! I have very little in the way of rubbish and take it to the tip once a quarter	1
1) end of driveway is half the distance to tip 2) will probably cost too much	1
We need a recycling collection service only, preferably monthly or fortnightly	1
I don't believe it would be cost effective to run a three bin service at Borrambola. Too far from town and too few residents.	1
Need larger red bin	1
General waste isn't big enough and there's no point having a green waste bin	1
Skip bin is reasonably priced and they come up to the house to pick up.	1
Not necessary, prefer to manage it more efficiently myself and don't want to pay extra	1
To make an informed decision I would need to know the cost of the proposed bin service	1
Big Springs Rd is incredibly narrow with little to no verge for large rubbish trucks	1
We have a good contractor (Smallmon Bros) who drive I to our property to empty our bin and I take my recycling to transfer station approximately every three months. This works well. I don't require a food /green waste bin as I use these for chickens and compost.	1
I have the option through my local contractor of how often my general waste & recycling gets emptied. The WWCC red bin is not suitable for the amount of general waste. We dispose of our own cans and green waste is composted & fed to animals.	1

The responses can be further considered under their respective suburbs, the below table shows the yes and no results regarding all areas that submitted a response via the Have Your Say survey. Other areas responses have been provided, these results have been reflected in the below table and include the above village responses for a complete overview:

Table 7: Total responses for Yes and No by suburb

Suburb	Total responses	Yes	No
Alfredtown	1	1	0
Big Springs	4	2	2
Bomen	4	4	0
Book book	2	1	1
Borambola	5	2	3
Bourkelands	1	1	0
Brookdale	1	1	0
Brucedale	5	4	1
Collingullie*	10	4	6
Currawarna*	15	7	8
Dhulura	2	1	1
Downside*	9	4	5
Estella	2	2	0

Euberta	2	2	0
Eunanoreenya	3	0	3
Eunony	1	0	1
Forest Hill	2	2	0
Galore*	8	0	8
Gelston Park	11	7	4
Glenfield Park	3	3	0
Gobbagombalin	6	5	1
Gregadoo	6	1	5
Hillgrove	1	1	0
Humula*	8	4	4
Koorinal	6	4	2
Kyeamba	3	3	0
Ladysmith	4	4	0
Lake Albert	4	3	1
Maxwell	1	1	0
Mount Austin	3	3	0
Oberne Creek	5	3	2
Rowan	2	0	2
San Isidore*	34	9	25
Springvale	2	2	0
Tarcutta	1	1	0
Tatton	1	1	0
The Gap	4	4	0
Tolland	1	0	1
Turvey Park	2	2	0
Uranquinty	4	2	2
Wagga Wagga	7	5	2
Wallacetown	1	1	0
Westby	1	0	1
Yarragundry	4	3	1
	202	110	92

*highlights the key villages for consultation purposes, noting that many other areas provided feedback.

San Isidore is a few kilometres out of the town boundary, it currently has approx. 126 properties, these properties are serviced by local waste management service providers. Residents in this area outlined that current contracts were cost effective for some residents, whilst others indicated that they were not cost effective for residents recently moved to the area. Many have long driveways and felt this was an issue along with large properties whereby they burn the material rather than take it to a facility, majority felt no real need for the services, generally all premises are placing all items into one residual waste bin.

Given the feedback from this part of the community and the proximity to existing three bin system collection areas (e.g. Llyod, Flowerdale), this report recommends that Council support the residents of San Isidore with an opt-in service for kerbside collection under the new contract.

From the above results Collingullie, Currawarna and Galore showed through the survey that most responses did not support a service but some residents in these areas do. Humula was a divided result. It needs to be noted considering the quantity of properties within these townships, a large portion of village residents did not provide a response to the consultation process.

Some of the areas as noted above have provided a response but are not eligible to receive a kerbside service due to their location, it is generally not cost effective to engage the waste contractor to travel long distances unless full truck loads can be accommodated. It remains that the following areas are under consideration for a future kerbside collection service, that is, Collingullie, Currawarna, Galore, Humula and San Isidore.

Specific responses around other key criteria are explained further below.

How do you currently manage the waste generated from your household?

- 13% Dispose of waste at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre
- 24% Use a local contractor or skip bin service
- 24% I use recycling facilities for items such as can and bottles, charity shops
- 24% I feed any food scraps to my animals
- 15% I have my own compost set up

Of the residents that responded, generally they find a way to manage their waste.

Do you use the local transfer station within close proximity?

- 68 responses said "Yes"
- 66 responses said "No"
- 31 responses said "I dispose of my material at Gregadoo Waste Management Centre"
- 25 responses said "No facilities were close to them for their use"

This is a mixed response, however looking at our available resourcing across the municipality, seven rural transfer stations are available along with a landfill facility, the shortfall may be in the north where limited facilities exist for waste management. Feedback generally supported the use of rural transfer stations however feedback supported that these sites could provide additional service options, if improvements occurred at these sites this would limit the need for kerbside services and increase use.

In person Engagement Outcomes

From the one-on-one engagement sessions where feedback was supplied direct to Council officers, the following provides an overview of results.

- Residents from Collingullie were divided – no clear preference
- Residents that attended from Currawarna were mainly outside of the town boundary and although were supportive would be ineligible to participate due to their location.
- Residents from Galore provided a No response, not wanting a service.
- Oura residents provided a Yes response

- Humula residents provided a No response.
- San Isidore's engagement was highly attended with over 40 people present, results showed that whilst some residents are happy with their current arrangements with a private waste provider, others are not. Due to the proximity to town, many were able to access waste alternatives for the management of their waste, burn it, provide to animals, recycle it at local businesses or take the material to the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre.

The results outline no clear direction in relation to villages, however considering services to the north of town is generally supported by residents.

Financial Implications

Using current financial year information, the existing Domestic Waste Management Charge (DWMC) is \$447 (incl GST) per household. This service provides a three-bin service and access to the home based collection (or hardwaste) service. In the future it is unlikely due to transport costs that a home-based collection service can be offered to the entire community due to the geographical area therefore consideration of appropriate charges will need to occur if kerbside services to villages progresses. In the absence of this pricing consideration, any consultation will reference the current domestic waste management charges.

In relation to costs for the service, approximately 65 persons responded that additional costs would be a barrier. This figure represents 32% of the respondents providing feedback. 44 respondents (22%) advised they were too far from the roadside to wheel bins to the nearest collection point and 38 (19%) respondents advised they thought the bin sizes were inappropriate for their needs. The remainder 28% had mixed responses around bins been lightweight, concerns for road damage, and only want to choose a bin of their choice rather than the suite of bins offered.

The DWMC is a direct charge for service delivery, if increased services occur, income will increase however expenditure is equalled to balance the additional costs.

Policy and Legislation

Food and Garden Organics mandates come into effect from 2030 for all households across NSW. Exemptions apply to this, which include those households that currently are not supported by a Council bin service, this applies to our current villages who are not under the existing kerbside service arrangement, therefore the mandate does not apply.

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

Limited financial risk for Council to support additional services in the village areas, as Domestic Waste Management Charges are apportioned to each household to cover costs of the service. It is noted with the current cost of living, adding additional charges to households is perceived as a barrier for some.

Delivery risk is high; it would appear from the results that the community is quite divided and no clear indication of residents or village areas wishing to progress introducing kerbside services is present. It must be noted that households within the village boundaries would need to all be included in the service for future viability and maximising transport costs to these areas.

Village area waste is predominantly managed using rural transfer stations and or other methods. The majority of this waste is landfilled and for these areas of the community, recyclable or organic waste will continue to be landfilled and not recovered, thus continuing to add volume to the landfill facility with no diversion of material undertaken. This method does not support the direction and state targets for waste management therefore upgrading rural transfer stations or providing additional initiatives at these locations will help to reduce the impact of material being landfilled.

Limited business risk at this time by not introducing a kerbside service in the villages.

Where subdivisions are earmarked for the future in villages or other areas within the municipality, the introduction of kerbside services needs to be a consideration as part of the planning development. Ensuring these developments include kerbside services assists with reducing consultation processes into the future and provide adequate waste services for residential homes.

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive community consultation has been undertaken. The results of the report will be shared with our community.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
	Rates notices insert	Direct mail	Letterbox drop	Council news	Media release	Media opportunity	TV/radio advertising	One-on-one meeting(s)	Community meeting(s)	Stakeholder workshop(s)	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback form(s)	Have your Say	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
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Involve																
Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

- 1. Consultation session and phone call summary (Redacted)

Date	Format	Suburb	Would like to receive the 3 bin kerbside service: Yes/No	Reason	Comments
05-10-25	Consultation session	Collingullie	No	Filling out an online form - they compost and take their recycling to the transfer station	Would prefer more recycling options at the T/S - nice people but didn't really want to pay but looked like people that had the capacity to pay (AB opinion)
05-10-25	Consultation session	Collingullie	Yes	Would like the service, cheaper than the current bin skip service and provides recycling options	Provided a form to fill out
05-10-25	Consultation session	Collingullie	No	Not in favor, doesn't want to pay any extra. But if town expands could see it coming in.	
05-10-25	Consultation session	Collingullie	Yes	Thinks it's a good idea	Provided a form to fill out
06-10-25	Consultation session	Currawarna	Yes	Will fill out a survey but lives outside of town	
06-10-25	Consultation session	Currawarna	Yes	will fill out a survey but lives outside of town	
06-10-25	Consultation session	Currawarna	Yes	Will fill out a survey but lives outside of town	
06-10-25	Consultation session	Matong	Yes	Easy to dispose of household items and suit aged persons in a home	
06-10-25	Consultation session	Currawarna	1 said yes the other said No	Quite strong in his views, preferred no additional costs and improve the transfer station instead, she was very environmentally conscious, intelligent and agreed with a service - they didn't live together as h/w	
06-10-25	Consultation session	Currawarna	Yes or No answer not provided	Will fill out a survey but lives outside of town	
06-10-25	Consultation session	Currawarna	Yes or No answer not provided	Will fill out a survey	
06-10-25	Consultation session	Currawarna	No	Older fellow with old thinking, wants a key to the T/S to go in at any time!!	
29-10-25	Phone call	Bellfrayden	No	Fixed income has no spare funds, he does use Collingullie Transfer Station, happy to continue to do so	Respectful on the phone, and if further feedback was needed he would be happy to receive a phone call
03-10-25	Phone call	San Isidore	No	Want to stay with skip provider - tenanted property (this is owner feedback only)	Respectful on the phone, curious of solar panels. Doesn't support moving at all - doesn't think the tenant would pay, happy to continue to mix waste material, doesn't care really. Wont be providing a survey.
17-11-25	Phone call	Mundarlo	No	Don't have a bin service too far from main roads (waste stays on the property) - little landfill on the property, not well populated area	
11-08-25	Consultation session	Oura	Yes		Attended the Oura Car Boot Sale - Currently has a service, likes it and wants to retain
11-08-25	Consultation session	Oura NSW	Yes	Getting older, wants to have the service from their door	Wanting service but wants service directly from Kerbside. 78 years old and struggling to get bins to central point for collection. Says there is a new road for J's to potentially use
11-08-25	Consultation session	Oura	Yes		Oura Reserve bins getting filled because red bins aren't big enough, proposing to upsize red bins for residents
11-08-25	Consultation session	Oura	Yes		Currently has Kurrajong Recyclers and Smallmons collect privately - On a main road and not sure why they don't get a service but access to their gate is not accessible
24-11-25	Consultation session	Galore	No	Can we opt out? What if Collingullie says yes? Will Galore residents have to pay if we say no? At the moment it is user pays, it seems fair and works for the community. Accessibility will be an issue, will it be safe for trucks to stop on the road? What about across the border who use our tip? They will not be able to get the bins if the tip closes.	
24-11-25	Consultation session	Galore	No	Will need help to cart the bins to the kerb. Much easier to just bring it to the transfer station. Bit rude to pay if I don't use it. Council didn't address our concerns when the tip was closed and replaced by a transfer station. We don't want that experience repeated again.	
24-11-25	Consultation session	Galore	No	We sort our paper, plastics, cardboard, glass etc. but people in Wagga don't have to do it. We make it easier for you. Also, it is harvest season now, this is very bad timing for any consultation with the community. It shows council's disregard towards community.	
24-11-25	Consultation session	Galore	No	Wildlife will get into the bins.	
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	No	Maybe have the transfer station open on a weekday for a few hours. Just a Sunday is not good enough. Used to have scrap metal bin at the tip. It will be good to have that.	
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	Yes or No answer not provided		
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26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	Yes or No answer not provided		
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	No	Will the truck come up my road to collect the rubbish? I am not walking my bins up the to the road. Somebody pays \$70/month for a 2cubicm bin to put everything in it, except asbestos.	
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	No	The tip is not resourced well and hard to find staff.	
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	No	Will the truck pick up 4-5km away from the village? We have been taking care of rubbish on our own for years and very happy to keep doing it. Engine oil collection?	
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	No		
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	Yes or No answer not provided		
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	No	We don't know how much it is going to cost. My rates will go up even if I am not using the service. It cost me approx. \$45 a year now to dispose off the rubbish. We have no opportunity to take our metal, washing machine etc. to the tip.	
26-11-25	Consultation session	Humula	Yes or No answer not provided	I have a short driveway. It might work for me but at what cost? Can we get a free once a year hard waste collection?	

RP-5 REVALUATION OF PROPERTY LAND VALUES AND RATING PURPOSES - BASE DATE 01/07/2025

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Summary:

The purpose of this report is to detail the results of the recent General Revaluation Base Date 01/07/2025 that has been undertaken by the Valuer General NSW on all land within the Wagga Wagga Local Government area, and the likely impact on ratepayers from 2026/27 rating year.

Council's current land value rating base applies land values with a Base Date 01/07/2022. The General Revaluation recently completed by the Valuer General of NSW with a Base date of 01/07/2025 will be used for the calculation of the 2026/27 Wagga Wagga City Council rates.

The City of Wagga Wagga's total rates income for 2026/27 is only permitted to be increased by 3.2%. This is as per the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) allowable annual rate peg percentage for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note that NSW Valuer General has conducted a general revaluation of all parcels of land within the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area - Base Date 01/07/2025.
- b note that the new land values will be applied for all properties for the 2026/27 rating year
- c note that Council is only permitted to increase the total rates income received by the IPART allowable rate peg percentage, which is 3.2% for the 2026/27 rating year

Report

The NSW Valuer General has advised that a general revaluation of all land within the City of Wagga Wagga Local Government Area has been undertaken. General revaluations occur every three years and Council must, in conjunction with the preparation of the Long-Term Financial Plan determine the rating structure on an annual basis in accordance with section 494 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Valuer General since December 2025 has been issuing to Wagga ratepayers their respective Base Date property valuation as at 01/07/2025 which will be used to calculate the 2026/27 property rates.

On average land values across Council's Rating categories have risen approximately 16% over the last three years although there is significant variation between rating categories - for example Residential Wagga land values have increased on average 33% in the last three years; Farmland land values have decreased on average by (-4%) since the last general revaluation (01/07/2022). Refer *Table 1: Total Land Values by Category*:

Table 1: Total Land Values by Rates Category Wagga City Council Base Date 01/07/2022 and Base Date 01/07/2025

Rating Category	2022 Rateable Land Valuations	2025 Rateable Land Valuations	% Variation
Residential – City and Suburbs	4,637,198,786	6,190,236,447	33%
Residential – Other	570,515,570	733,694,030	29%
Residential – Villages	145,192,620	192,524,040	33%
Business – City and Suburbs	1,019,207,213	1,274,319,233	25%
Business – Villages and Rural	49,328,470	52,193,680	6%
Farmland	4,677,707,780	4,485,066,030	(-4%)
Totals and Average %	11,099,150,439	12,928,083,460	16%

The above land values are used in the calculation of the annual rates of each rateable property in the local government area. It is important to note that a property's annual land rates will not increase by the same percentage increase of their property valuation the rate in the dollar used to calculate a property's rates is adjusted, ensuring that Council only receive the total allowable rates income across all rating categories.

Total 2025/26 Notional Rates Income and the 2026/27 Permissible Rates Income Amount Allowed

Under Section 509 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is only permitted to increase the total rates received by the annual IPART allowable rate peg percentage, which is 3.2% for the 2026/27 rating year

To calculate the allowable 3.2% increase in rates, Council's 2025/26 Notional Income is used to determine the 2026/27 Permissible Income. Note **Notional Rates Income** is the rate income that Council would raise if it simply applied the same rate in dollars as the current rating year for 2025/26 (using the 01/07/2022 Base date) i.e., no rate peg increase applied.

The **Permissible Rates Income** amount is the Notional Income amount increased by the approved IPART Rates Cap i.e., 3.2% for 2026/27 plus any existing catch up and adjusted for movements between rateable and non-Rateable status of properties throughout the current rating year. The summary below details Council's projected Notional Rates Income for 2025/26 and the Permissible Income amount permitted to be raised for 2026/27.

025/26 Notional Rates Income	\$55,207,083
3.2% allowable 26/27 IPART increase	\$ 1,766,626
Add catch up 2025/26 refer annual statements	\$ 68,000
Total 2026/27 Permissible Rates Income Allowed	\$57,041,709

Proposed Rates Structure 2026/27

To ensure Council does not exceed the IPART Rates Cap for 2026/27 approved for Wagga Wagga City Council of 3.2% total rates income, it is necessary to reduce or increase the respective rate in the dollar levied for each rate category. Refer to Table 2 that follows details the proposed rate in dollars for 2026/27 rating year.

The 2026/27 Ad Valorem rates and minimum rates are to be included in Council's Draft 2026/27 Revenue Pricing Policy.

Table 2: Comparison between 2025/26 rates in dollar (ad Valorem) and 2026/27 rates in dollar (Ad Valorem) and proposed minimum rate by Rating Category for 2026/27.

Rating Category	2025/26 Current		2026/27 Proposed	
	Ad Valorem Amount	Minimum Rate	Ad Valorem Amount	Minimum Rate
Residential - City and Suburbs	0.00666133	\$841.00	0.0052372	\$868.00
Residential - Other	0.00371356	\$376.00	0.00298275	\$388.00
Residential – Villages	0.00382762	\$313.00	0.00297369	\$323.00
Business - City and Suburbs	0.01366905	\$804.00	0.011291110	\$830.00
Business - Villages and Rural	0.00334717	\$132.00	0.00323130	\$136.00
Farmland	0.00127279	\$362.00	0.00137186	\$374.00

It is noted that the overall percentage of income from each existing rate category remains approximately the same. A catch up in rating income not taken up in 2025/26 of approximately \$20,000 (from Rateable to Non rateable which includes some Homes NSW Properties which across areas of the city are currently vacant during reconstruction) has not been factored into the 2026/27 proposed rates in the dollar which may be taken up by Council in future rating years.

This small buffer is factored in when setting the rate in dollars for the new financial year to ensure Council does not exceed the set IPART Rates Cap.

Table 3 below: details the proposed rating structure for 2026/27.

Rating Category	25/26 Notional Income	% Of total Income per rates Category Notional Income 25/26	Apply 3.2% rate cap increase per rates category	Add catch up for 25/26 carry forward to 26/27	Permissible Income 26/27 at proposed rates in \$ including catch up	% Of total Income per rates Category Proposed to be levied 26/27
Residential – City and Suburbs	\$32,345,402	58.59%	\$33,380,455	\$39,841	\$33,420,295	58.59%
Residential – Other	\$ 2,124,586	3.85%	\$ 2,192,572	\$ 2,617	\$ 2,195,189	3.85%
Residential – Villages	\$ 579,843	1.08%	\$ 616,974	\$ 736	\$ 617,710	1.08%
Business – City and Suburbs	\$13,982,111	25.33%	\$14,429,539	\$17,222	\$14,446,761	25.33%
Business – Villages and Rural	\$ 169,994	0.31%	\$ 175,434	\$ 209	\$ 175,643	0.31%
Farmland	\$ 5,987,147	10.84%	\$6,178,736	\$7,375	\$6,186,110	10.84%
Total including Catch up	\$55,207,083	100.00%	\$56,973,709	\$68,000	\$57,041,709	100.00%

Impact on ratepayers

Whilst Council is only permitted to increase its total rate income by 3.2% for the 2026/27 rating year, the application of the 1 July 2025 Land Value Revaluation will impact on ratepayers whose land values have moved either greater than or less than the average percentage for their respective rate category.

For example, **Residential Wagga rating category** land values have increased on average by 33.0% from the 2025 base date land values as shown in *Table 1: Total Land Values by Rates Category Wagga City Council Base Date 01/07/2022 and Base Date 01/07/2025*

Some residential suburbs have recorded land value **increases lower** than the overall average increase of 33% as shown below in **Table 4**: These suburbs on average will be levied a rate increase less than the rates cap of 3.2%.

Table 4 Residential land values per suburb lower than the 33% average increase

Suburb	Average 2022 Land Value	Average 2025 Land Value	Average % Increase
BOURKELANDS	227,126	252,043	11%
MOORONG	480,331	547,735	14%
LAKE ALBERT	256,481	308,229	21%
ESTELLA	221,341	279,368	23%
GLENFIELD PARK	171,952	211,550	23%
WAGGA WAGGA	327,178	402,718	25%
GUMLY GUMLY	345,255	435,220	26%
TATTON	247,109	312,615	26%
GOBBAGOMBALIN	208,182	265,064	28%
FOREST HILL	136,408	176,342	28%
BOOROOMA	226,439	291,166	29%
CARTWRIGHTS HILL	212,293	275,512	30%
EAST WAGGA WAGGA	188,233	247,627	32%

Conversely the following residential suburbs on average have had from the 01/07/2025 revaluation process recorded land value **increases higher** than the Residential Wagga rating category average land value increase of 33%.

These suburbs on average will be levied a rate increase higher than the rates cap of 3.2%

Table 5: Residential land values per suburb higher than the 33% average increase

Suburb	Average 2022 Land Value	Average 2025 Land Value	Average % Increase
SPRINGVALE	425,443	576,680	35%
TURVEY PARK	241,641	350,091	45%
KOORINGAL	164,513	241,221	47%
TOLLAND	122,529	194,943	65%
MOUNT AUSTIN	113,757	189,608	67%
ASHMONT	92,579	158,114	77%
LLOYD	173,949	305,499	83%

The examples of rates payable in **Attachment A** of this report demonstrates the impact of rates payable increases /decreases when the land value increase for a property is higher or lower than other properties in its rating category.

Financial Implications

The adjustments to land values applicable to the 1 July 2025 revaluation does not net Council any additional income. The rate in the dollar for each rating category has been adjusted down or up as applicable to achieve the IPART rates cap for 2026/27 to ensure that there is overall only a 3.2% increase in total rates income plus approved catch up allowance to be received by Council for the 2026/27 financial year.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993, section 494

This will have an impact on Council’s Revenue and Pricing Policy for 2026/27

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

The Valuer General NSW has provided commentary on the 2025 Revaluation for the City of Wagga Wagga (from 2022 to 2025) available on their website. Wagga Wagga City Council Ratepayers have been receiving receive their Notice of Valuation from approximately December 2025. A ratepayer may object to the Valuer General directly if they disagree with the Valuation advised.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
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Attachments

- 1. Attachment A - Revaluation Report

Attachment A

Examples of rates payable per each rating category:

Residential Wagga: Average Land Value increase 33% average

Examples of rates payable increases/decreases across the suburbs:

Rates Category - Residential Wagga	Example street	Land value 01/07/2022	Land value 01/07/2025	Valuation Increase	Rates levied 2025/26	rates levy proposed 26/27	\$ increase /decrease	% increase /decrease
Wagga Central	Best St	399,000	418,000	5%	\$ 2,658	\$ 2,189	-\$469	-17.64%
Bourkelands	Clifton St	315,000	349,000	11%	\$ 2,098	\$ 1,828	-\$271	-12.89%
Bourkelands	Yanko Cres	250,000	277,000	11%	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,451	-\$215	-12.89%
Lake Albert	Grevilla Cres St	203,000	238,000	17%	\$ 1,352	\$ 1,246	-\$106	-7.82%
Estella	Pugsley St	189,000	230,000	22%	\$ 1,259	\$ 1,205	-\$54	-4.32%
Estella	Comet St	224,000	274,000	22%	\$ 1,492	\$ 1,435	-\$57	-3.83%
Glenfield Park	Yentoo St	188,000	231,000	23%	\$ 1,252	\$ 1,210	-\$43	-3.40%
Tatton	Kimberley St	247,000	310,000	26%	\$ 1,645	\$ 1,624	-\$22	-1.33%
Forest Hill	Larch St	132,000	149,000	13%	\$ 879	\$ 868	-\$11	-1.29%
Lake Albert	Dalkeith St	209,000	263,000	26%	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,377	-\$15	-1.07%
Gumly Gumly	Sirus Way	324,000	409,000	26%	\$ 2,158	\$ 2,142	-\$ 16	-0.75%
Gumly Gumly	Scarborough Way	371,000	469,000	26%	\$ 2,471	\$ 2,456	-\$ 15	-0.61%
Booroma	Trumper St	236,000	302,000	28%	\$ 1,572	\$ 1,582	\$ 10	0.61%
Tolland -subject to Minimum rates	Toy St	57,600	118,000	105%	\$ 841	\$ 868	\$ 27	3.21%
Ashmont-subject to Minimum rates	Mumford St	57,600	109,000	89%	\$ 841	\$ 868	\$ 27	3.21%
Wagga Central smaller block	Broad St	230,000	303,000	32%	\$ 1,532	\$ 1,587	\$ 55	3.57%
Wagga Wagga - Unit Central	Crampton St	187,000	247,000	32%	\$ 1,246	\$ 1,294	\$ 48	3.85%
Booroma	Messenger St	227,000	302,000	33%	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,582	\$ 70	4.60%
Springvale	Dunns St	416,000	561,000	35%	\$ 2,771	\$ 2,938	\$ 167	6.03%
Springvale	Hovea St	416,000	561,000	35%	\$ 2,771	\$ 2,938	\$ 167	6.03%
Tatton	Darling St	537,000	725,000	35%	\$ 3,577	\$ 3,797	\$ 220	6.15%
Wagga Wagga - house	Kincaid St	267,000	361,000	35%	\$ 1,779	\$ 1,891	\$ 112	6.30%
Forest Hill	Paperbark St	141,000	197,000	40%	\$ 939	\$ 1,032	\$ 92	9.85%
Mount Austin	Allambie St	157,000	225,000	43%	\$ 1,046	\$ 1,178	\$ 133	12.67%
Koorngal	Henwwood St	212,000	305,000	44%	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,597	\$ 185	13.11%
Koorngal	Fairview St	195,000	281,000	44%	\$ 1,299	\$ 1,472	\$ 173	13.29%
Turvey park	Athol St	312,000	452,000	45%	\$ 2,078	\$ 2,367	\$ 289	13.90%
Turvey park	Hailoran St	250,000	363,000	45%	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,901	\$ 236	14.16%
Ashmont	Veale St	133,000	198,000	49%	\$ 886	\$ 1,037	\$ 151	17.04%
Tolland	Missouri St	157,000	250,000	59%	\$ 1,046	\$ 1,309	\$ 263	25.19%
Mount Austin	Marama St	158,000	258,000	63%	\$ 1,052	\$ 1,351	\$ 299	28.38%
Lloyd	Chisholm St	155,000	286,000	85%	\$ 1,033	\$ 1,498	\$ 465	45.07%
Lloyd	Chang St	162,000	312,000	93%	\$ 1,079	\$ 1,634	\$ 555	51.42%

Residential Other Average Land Value increase 29% average

i.e. (Residential properties over 2 Hectares)

Examples of rates payable increases/decreases across the localities:

Rates Category - Residential - Other	Example street	Suburb/Locality	Land value 01/07/2022	Land value 01/07/2025	Valuation Increase	Rates levied 2025/26	rates levy proposed 26/27	\$ increase /decrease	% increase /decrease
Brucedale	Brucedale Drive	Springvale	539,000	592,000	10%	\$ 2,002	\$ 1,766	-\$ 236	-11.78%
Gumly Gumly	Gumly Road	Gumly Gumly	355,000	409,000	15%	\$ 1,318	\$ 1,220	-\$ 98	-7.46%
Gumly Gumly	Kilpatrick Avenue	Gumly Gumly	355,000	409,000	15%	\$ 1,318	\$ 1,220	-\$ 98	-7.46%
Lake Albert	Mitchell Road	Lake Albert	424,000	511,000	21%	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,524	-\$ 50	-3.20%
Lake Albert	Kyeamba Avenue	Lake Albert	424,000	511,000	21%	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,524	-\$ 50	-3.20%
Springvale	Lloyd Road	Rates Category - Residential - Other	606,000	793,000	31%	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,365	\$ 115	5.11%
Cartwrights Hill	Hampden Avenue	Springvale	417,000	546,000	31%	1,549	\$ 1,629	\$ 80	5.17%
Cartwrights Hill	Hampden Avenue	Cartwrights Hill	417,000	546,000	31%	\$ 1,549	\$ 1,629	\$ 80	5.17%
Lake Albert	Butterbrush Road	Lake Albert	398,000	525,000	32%	\$ 1,478	\$ 1,566	\$ 88	5.95%
Springvale	Ironbark Place	Cartwrights Hill	483,000	652,000	35%	\$ 1,794	\$ 1,945	\$ 151	8.42%
Currawarna	Cleek St	Currawarna	132,000	195,000	48%	\$ 490	\$ 582	\$ 91	18.66%

Residential Village Land Value Increase 33% average

Examples of rates payable increases/decreases across the localities:

Rates Category - Village	Example street	Land value 01/07/2022	Land value 01/07/2025	Valuation Increase	Rates levied 2025/26	rates levy proposed 26/27	\$ increase /decrease	% increase /decrease
Gumly Gumly	Argus Avenue	94,700	109,000	15%	\$ 362	\$ 324	-\$ 38	-10.58%
Gumly Gumly	Lamprey Avenue	314,000	362,000	15%	\$ 1,202	\$ 1,076	-\$ 125	-10.43%
North Wagga	Wall St	114,000	142,000	25%	\$ 436	\$ 422	-\$ 14	-3.23%
North Wagga	Elizabeth St	132,000	165,000	25%	\$ 505	\$ 491	-\$ 15	-2.89%
Currawarna	Victor St	121,000	158,000	31%	\$ 463	\$ 470	\$ 7	1.45%
Mangoplah	Kane st	53,700	107,000	99%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
North Wagga - Minimum rate	Henry St	37,900	41,000	8%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
Humula - Minimum rate	Mate St	18,000	18,000	0%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
Humula - Minimum rate	Mate st	78,600	78,600	0%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
Tarcutta - Minimum rate	Myrtle St	74,700	70,000	-6%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
Tarcutta - Minimum rate	Centenary Avenue	45,000	35,000	-22%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
Currawarna - Minimum rate	Bull St	67,700	80,400	19%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
Oura - Minimum rate	Wagga Wagga St	66,100	92,500	40%	\$ 313	\$ 323	\$ 10	3.19%
Oura	Mitchell St	111,000	155,000	40%	\$ 425	\$ 461	\$ 36	8.49%
Mangoplah - Minimum	Cox st	60,600	121,000	100%	\$ 313	\$ 360	\$ 47	14.96%
San Isidore	Michael Avenue	222,000	341,000	54%	\$ 850	\$ 1,014	\$ 164	19.34%
San Isidore	Eugene St	332,000	510,000	54%	\$ 1,271	\$ 1,517	\$ 246	19.34%
Collingullie	Bristol St	84,000	134,000	60%	\$ 322	\$ 398	\$ 77	23.93%
Collingullie	Linton St	104,000	166,000	60%	\$ 398	\$ 494	\$ 96	24.01%
Ladysmith	Borambola St	119,000	218,000	83%	\$ 445	\$ 648	\$ 203	45.52%
Ladysmith	Conjura St	148,000	283,000	91%	\$ 566	\$ 842	\$ 275	48.56%

Business - City and Suburbs Land Value Increase 25% average

Examples of rates payable increases/decreases across the suburbs:

Rates Category - Business - City suburbs	Example street	Land value 01/07/2022	Land value 01/07/2025	Valuation Increase	Rates levied 2025/26	rates levy proposed 26/27	\$ increase /decrease	% increase /decrease
Turvey Park	College Avenue	2,060,000	2,060,000	0%	\$ 28,158	\$ 23,260	-\$ 4,899	-17.40%
East Wagga	Hammond Av	6,270,000	6,570,000	5%	\$ 85,705	\$ 74,183	-\$ 11,522	-13.44%
East Wagga	Koorungal Road	866,000	925,000	7%	\$ 11,837	\$ 10,444	-\$ 1,393	-11.77%
Bomen	Jersey St	1,600,000	1,710,000	7%	\$ 21,870	\$ 19,308	-\$ 2,563	-11.72%
Lake Albert	Plumpton Road	3,640,000	4,000,000	10%	\$ 49,755	\$ 45,164	-\$ 4,591	-9.23%
Wagga	Baylis street	654,000	710,000	9%	\$ 8,830	\$ 8,017	-\$ 814	-9.21%
Wagga	Baylis street	787,000	865,000	10%	\$ 10,758	\$ 9,767	-\$ 991	-9.21%
Ashmont	Dobney Avenue	2,000,000	2,310,000	16%	\$ 27,338	\$ 26,082	-\$ 1,256	-4.59%
Glenfield	Fernleigh Road	884,000	1,060,000	20%	\$ 12,083	\$ 11,969	-\$ 114	-0.95%
Koorungal	Lake Albert Road	2,560,000	3,080,000	20%	\$ 34,993	\$ 34,777	-\$ 216	-0.62%
Ashmont	Rabaul Place	267,000	322,000	21%	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,636	-\$ 14	-0.38%
Moorong	Moorong	427,000	515,000	21%	\$ 5,837	\$ 5,815	-\$ 22	-0.37%
Moorong	Flowerdale	826,000	997,000	21%	\$ 11,291	\$ 11,257	-\$ 33	-0.30%
Bomen	Dampier st	4,950,000	6,120,000	24%	\$ 67,662	\$ 69,102	\$ 1,440	2.13%
Wagga	Kincaid St	1,290,000	1,700,000	32%	\$ 17,633	\$ 19,195	\$ 1,562	8.86%
Koorungal	Fay Avenue	1,530,000	2,110,000	38%	\$ 20,914	\$ 23,824	\$ 2,911	13.92%
Turvey Park	Fernleigh Road	675,000	1,140,000	69%	\$ 9,227	\$ 12,872	\$ 3,645	39.50%
Tolland	Bourke St	1,940,000	3,290,000	70%	\$ 26,518	\$ 37,148	\$ 10,630	40.09%
Tolland	Temerloh Avenu	264,000	448,000	70%	\$ 3,609	\$ 5,058	\$ 1,450	40.18%
Glenfield	Tanda Place	3,440,000	5,840,000	70%	\$ 47,022	\$ 65,940	\$ 18,919	40.23%
Lake Albert	Gregory Crescent	1,600,000	3,700,000	131%	\$ 21,870	\$ 41,777	\$ 19,907	91.02%

Business – Village and Rural Land Value Increase 6% average

Examples of rates payable increases/decreases across the localities:

Rates Category - Business - Village	Example street	Land value 01/07/2022	Land value 01/07/2025	Valuation Increase	Rates levied 2025/26	rates levy proposed 26/27	\$ increase /decrease	% increase /decrease
Mangoplah	Darlow St	200,000	180,000	-10%	\$ 669	\$ 582	-\$ 88	-13%
Ladysmith	Tumbarumba Rd	241,000	227,000	-6%	\$ 807	\$ 734	-\$ 73	-9%
Collingullie	Sturt Highway	283,000	267,000	-6%	\$ 947	\$ 863	-\$ 84	-9%
Uranquinty	Uranquinty Cross Road	1,640,000	1,590,000	-3%	\$ 5,489	\$ 5,138	-\$ 352	-6%
Collingullie	Bristol St	340,000	331,000	-3%	\$ 1,138	\$ 1,070	-\$ 68	-6%
Humula	Mate St	47,800	47,800	0%	\$ 160	\$ 154	-\$ 6	-3%
Oura	Bozers Road	158,000	161,000	2%	\$ 529	\$ 520	-\$ 9	-2%
Currawama	Brushwood Rd	10,200	10,400	2%	\$ 132	\$ 136	\$ 4	3%
Currawama	Alleyns Road	7,710	7,900	2%	\$ 132	\$ 136	\$ 4	3%
Tarcutta	Hume Highway	209,000	229,000	10%	\$ 700	\$ 740	\$ 40	6%
Tarcutta	Sydney St	74,700	82,100	10%	\$ 250	\$ 265	\$ 15	6%
Gumly Gumly	Tasman Road	588,000	678,000	15%	\$ 1,968	\$ 2,191	\$ 223	11%
Gumly Gumly	Sturt Highway	1,140,000	1,360,000	19%	\$ 3,816	\$ 4,395	\$ 579	15%
Uranquinty	Connorton St	537,000	660,000	23%	\$ 1,797	\$ 2,133	\$ 335	19%
North Wagga	Gardiner St	441,000	555,000	26%	\$ 1,476	\$ 1,793	\$ 317	21%
North Wagga	Hampden Avenue	787,000	991,000	26%	\$ 2,634	\$ 3,202	\$ 568	22%
Mangoplah	Baylis St	26,700	53,300	100%	\$ 132	\$ 172	\$ 40	30%
Oura	Wagag Wagga St	141,000	197,000	40%	\$ 472	\$ 637	\$ 165	35%
Humula	Humula Eight Mile Road	30,100	60,200	100%	\$ 132	\$ 195	\$ 63	47%
North Wagga	Hampden Avenue	98,300	167,000	70%	\$ 329	\$ 540	\$ 211	64%
Ladysmith	Kyeamba St	112,000	202,000	80%	\$ 375	\$ 653	\$ 278	74%

Farm Land – Land Value Decrease average (4%)

Part A

Rates Category - Farm land	Example street	Land value 01/07/2022	Land value 01/07/2025	Valuation Increase /decrease	Rates levied 2025/26	rates levy proposed 26/27	\$ increase /decrease	% increase /decrease
GUMLY GUMLY	Tasman Road	1,460,000	1,150,000	-21%	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,578	-\$ 281	-15%
BROOKDALE	Sturt Highway	15,400,000	12,300,000	-20%	\$ 19,601	\$ 16,874	-\$ 2,727	-14%
EUNANOREENYA	Oura Road	2,070,000	1,660,000	-20%	\$ 2,635	\$ 2,277	-\$ 357	-14%
BULGARY	Leitch Road	3,100,000	2,490,000	-20%	\$ 3,946	\$ 3,416	-\$ 530	-13%
MOORONG	Scott Street	3,330,000	2,680,000	-20%	\$ 4,238	\$ 3,677	-\$ 562	-13%
BIG SPRINGS	Pulletp Road	2,060,000	1,700,000	-17%	\$ 2,622	\$ 2,332	-\$ 290	-11%
BOOK BOOK	Trewalla Road	15,300,000	13,700,000	-10%	\$ 19,474	\$ 18,794	-\$ 679	-3%
PULLETOP	Stewarts Lane	3,630,000	3,260,000	-10%	\$ 4,620	\$ 4,472	-\$ 148	-3%
HUMULA	Humula Road	10,500,000	9,450,000	-10%	\$ 13,364	\$ 12,964	-\$ 400	-3%
KAPOOKA	Sunset Lane	1,110,000	1,040,000	-6%	\$ 1,413	\$ 1,427	\$ 14	1%
SPRINGVALE	Holbrook Road	1,130,000	1,060,000	-6%	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,454	\$ 16	1%
ALFREDTOWN	River Road	1,460,000	1,370,000	-6%	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,879	\$ 21	1%
WAGGA WAGGA	Travers St	419,000	395,000	-6%	\$ 533	\$ 542	\$ 9	2%
ALFREDTOWN	Sturt Highway	484,000	457,000	-6%	\$ 616	\$ 627	\$ 11	2%
CARTWRIGHTS HILL	Wright St	59,200	62,100	5%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
COLLINGULLIE	Berry Jerry Road	25,700	25,700	0%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
CURRAWARNA	Cleek St	165,000	244,000	48%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
FOREST HILL	Inglewood Road	71,300	69,600	-2%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
HUMULA	Carabost Road	47,100	94,200	100%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
LITTLE BILLABONG	Westby Road	179,000	180,000	1%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
LITTLE BILLABONG	Clifton Ring Road	191,000	187,000	-2%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
OBERNE CREEK	Westbrook Road	15,400	15,800	3%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
PULLETOP	Westby Road	38,800	40,500	5%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
TARCUTTA	Westbrook Road	214,000	236,000	10%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
URANQUINTY	Bon Accord Road	17,400	17,400	0%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
YERONG CREEK	Shaws Lane	272,000	265,000	-3%	\$ 362	\$ 374	\$ 12	3%
BORAMBOLA	Mundarlo Road	2,100,000	2,030,000	-3%	\$ 2,673	\$ 2,785	\$ 112	4%
BROOKDALE	Bullenbong Road	1,380,000	1,340,000	-3%	\$ 1,756	\$ 1,838	\$ 82	5%
BORAMBOLA	Mundarlo Road	1,860,000	1,810,000	-3%	\$ 2,367	\$ 2,483	\$ 116	5%
BURRANDANA	Emu Plains Road	2,640,000	2,570,000	-3%	\$ 3,360	\$ 3,526	\$ 166	5%
BULGARY	Rohans Road	3,840,000	3,740,000	-3%	\$ 4,888	\$ 5,131	\$ 243	5%
EAST WAGGA WAGGA	Koorlingal Road	2,320,000	2,260,000	-3%	\$ 2,953	\$ 3,100	\$ 148	5%
EAST WAGGA WAGGA	Bakers Lane	5,280,000	5,150,000	-2%	\$ 6,720	\$ 7,065	\$ 345	5%
KYEAMBA	Cheviot Hills Road	10,190,000	9,940,000	-2%	\$ 12,969	\$ 13,636	\$ 667	5%
GALORE	Weir Road	4,910,000	4,790,000	-2%	\$ 6,249	\$ 6,571	\$ 322	5%
LADYSMITH	Mona Vale Road	5,320,000	5,190,000	-2%	\$ 6,771	\$ 7,120	\$ 349	5%
SPRINGVALE	Dunns Road	4,920,000	4,800,000	-2%	\$ 6,262	\$ 6,585	\$ 323	5%
LADYSMITH	Mona Vale Road	4,700,000	4,590,000	-2%	\$ 5,982	\$ 6,297	\$ 315	5%
KYEAMBA	Palmers Road	3,480,000	3,400,000	-2%	\$ 4,429	\$ 4,664	\$ 235	5%
YARRAGUNDRY	Twelve Mile Rd	3,480,000	3,400,000	-2%	\$ 4,429	\$ 4,664	\$ 235	5%
BURRANDANA	Burrandana Road	348,000	340,000	-2%	\$ 443	\$ 466	\$ 24	5%
URANQUINTY	Hanging Rock Rd	17,500,000	17,100,000	-2%	\$ 22,274	\$ 23,459	\$ 1,185	5%
FOREST HILL	Elizabeth Avenue	4,165,000	4,070,000	-2%	\$ 5,301	\$ 5,583	\$ 282	5%
BOOK BOOK	Brooklyn Lane	4,000,000	3,910,000	-2%	\$ 5,091	\$ 5,364	\$ 273	5%
YARRAGUNDRY	Yarragundry Rd	4,000,000	3,910,000	-2%	\$ 5,091	\$ 5,364	\$ 273	5%
THE ROCK	Bulloc Hill Rd	1,980,000	1,950,000	-2%	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,675	\$ 155	6%
YERONG CREEK	Shaws Lane	409,000	404,000	-1%	\$ 521	\$ 554	\$ 34	6%
THE ROCK	OI Trunk Rd	469,000	468,000	0%	\$ 597	\$ 642	\$ 45	8%
KAPOOKA	Olympic Highway	506,000	531,000	5%	\$ 664	\$ 728	\$ 64	10%

Farm Land – Land Value Decrease average (4%)

Part B

Rates Category - Farm land	Example street	Land value 01/07/2022	Land value 01/07/2025	Valuation Increase /decrease	Rates levied 2025/26	rates levy proposed 26/27	\$ increase /decrease	% increase /decrease
BRUCEDALE	Shepherds Siding Road	3,070,000	3,140,000	2%	\$ 3,907	\$ 4,308	\$ 400	10%
MARRAR	Seventeen Mile Road	3,040,000	3,110,000	2%	\$ 3,869	\$ 4,266	\$ 397	10%
THE GAP	Gap Hall to Coolamon Rd	5,050,000	5,170,000	2%	\$ 6,428	\$ 7,093	\$ 665	10%
THE GAP	Tooyal Road	2,920,000	2,990,000	2%	\$ 3,717	\$ 4,102	\$ 385	10%
DHULURA	The Gap Road	694,000	711,000	2%	\$ 883	\$ 975	\$ 92	10%
MATONG	Deepwater Road	1,630,000	1,670,000	2%	\$ 2,075	\$ 2,291	\$ 216	10%
OURA	Oura Road	4,450,000	4,560,000	2%	\$ 5,664	\$ 6,256	\$ 592	10%
DOWNSIDE	Hatwells Road	2,810,000	2,880,000	2%	\$ 3,577	\$ 3,951	\$ 374	10%
COLLINGULLIE	Mundowny Lane	361,000	370,000	2%	\$ 459	\$ 508	\$ 48	10%
DOWNSIDE	Poiles Road	681,000	698,000	2%	\$ 867	\$ 958	\$ 91	10%
OBERNE CREEK	Bemocka	1,042,800	1,070,000	3%	\$ 1,327	\$ 1,468	\$ 141	11%
MARRAR	Pamenters Lane	4,840,000	4,990,000	3%	\$ 6,160	\$ 6,846	\$ 685	11%
GANMAIN	Brushwood Road	458,000	475,000	4%	\$ 583	\$ 652	\$ 69	12%
LOCKHART	Lockhart Road	1,870,000	1,940,000	4%	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,661	\$ 281	12%
GANMAIN	Brushwood Road	820,000	854,000	4%	\$ 1,044	\$ 1,172	\$ 128	12%
BOMEN	Windmill Road	2,920,000	3,060,000	5%	\$ 3,717	\$ 4,198	\$ 481	13%
NORTH WAGGA WAG	Hillary St	1,140,000	1,250,000	10%	\$ 1,451	\$ 1,715	\$ 264	18%
MOORONG	Roach Road	2,010,000	2,230,000	11%	\$ 2,558	\$ 3,059	\$ 501	20%
TARCUITA	Lower Tarcutta Road	425,000	472,000	11%	\$ 541	\$ 648	\$ 107	20%
LOCKHART	Kings Road	5,640,000	6,290,000	12%	\$ 7,179	\$ 8,629	\$ 1,450	20%
GALORE	Kings Road	1,665,000	1,880,000	13%	\$ 2,119	\$ 2,579	\$ 460	22%
ROWAN	Plumpton Road	445,000	511,000	15%	\$ 566	\$ 701	\$ 135	24%
ROWAN	Holbrook Road	573,000	658,000	15%	\$ 729	\$ 903	\$ 173	24%
MAXWELL	Holbrook Road	588,000	676,000	15%	\$ 748	\$ 927	\$ 179	24%
GREGADOO	Ivydale Road	527,000	606,000	15%	\$ 671	\$ 831	\$ 161	24%
BIG SPRINGS	Big Springs Road	640,000	736,000	15%	\$ 815	\$ 1,010	\$ 195	24%
MAXWELL	Holbrook Road	560,000	644,000	15%	\$ 713	\$ 883	\$ 171	24%
GELSTON PARK	Gelston Park Road	625,000	720,000	15%	\$ 795	\$ 988	\$ 192	24%
GREGADOO	Gregadoo East Road	434,000	500,000	15%	\$ 552	\$ 686	\$ 134	24%
GELSTON PARK	Gelston Park Road	555,000	640,000	15%	\$ 706	\$ 878	\$ 172	24%
GUMLY GUMLY	Bakers Lane	985,000	1,180,000	20%	\$ 1,254	\$ 1,619	\$ 365	29%
MATONG	Old Narrandera Road	2,740,000	3,390,000	24%	\$ 3,487	\$ 4,651	\$ 1,163	33%
OURA	Oura Road	703,000	878,000	25%	\$ 895	\$ 1,204	\$ 310	35%
MANGOPLAH	Granville Lane	1,580,000	2,000,000	27%	\$ 2,011	\$ 2,744	\$ 733	36%
MANGOPLAH	Granville Lane	1,450,000	1,910,000	32%	\$ 1,846	\$ 2,620	\$ 775	42%
GOBBAGOMBALIN	Old Narrandera Road	957,000	1,410,000	47%	\$ 1,218	\$ 1,934	\$ 716	59%
EUBERTA	Osheas Road	1,270,000	1,880,000	48%	\$ 1,616	\$ 2,579	\$ 963	60%
EUNANOREENYA	Pattersons Road	1,040,000	1,540,000	48%	\$ 1,324	\$ 2,113	\$ 789	60%
CARTWRIGHTS HILL	Cooram St	1,560,000	2,310,000	48%	\$ 1,986	\$ 3,169	\$ 1,183	60%
DHULURA	Hatwells Road	682,000	1,010,000	48%	\$ 868	\$ 1,386	\$ 518	60%
BOMEN	Windmill Road	675,000	1,000,000	48%	\$ 859	\$ 1,372	\$ 513	60%
HAREFIELD	Newelles Lane	417,000	618,000	48%	\$ 531	\$ 848	\$ 317	60%
CURRAWARNA	Kerfoot Road	336,000	498,000	48%	\$ 428	\$ 683	\$ 256	60%
HAREFIELD	Pattersons Road	1,430,000	2,120,000	48%	\$ 1,820	\$ 2,908	\$ 1,088	60%
EUBERTA	Old Narrandera Road	670,000	994,000	48%	\$ 853	\$ 1,364	\$ 511	60%
GOBBAGOMBALIN	Hillview Lane	1,630,000	2,420,000	48%	\$ 2,075	\$ 3,320	\$ 1,245	60%
BRUCEDALE	Shepherds Siding Road	963,000	1,430,000	48%	\$ 1,226	\$ 1,962	\$ 736	60%
NORTH WAGGA WAG	Brynes Road	512,000	844,000	65%	\$ 652	\$ 1,158	\$ 506	78%

RP-6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

Author: Michael Casey

Executive: Scott Gray

Summary: The draft Community Engagement Strategy and draft Community Participation Plan was publicly exhibited from 28 October 2025 to 25 November 2025, with one submission received. Adoption of the Strategy and Plan is recommended.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note public submissions received on the draft Community Engagement Strategy and draft Community Participation Plan during the public exhibition
- b note and accept recommended amendments to the draft Community Engagement Strategy and draft Community Participation Plan
- c adopt the draft Community Engagement Strategy and draft Community Participation Plan

Report

In accordance with legislative requirements and Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, the draft Community Engagement Strategy and draft Community Participation Plan were placed on public exhibition. Council at its meeting on 27 October 2025 resolved as follows:

RP-11 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN

25/001 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and G Davies

That Council:

- a **endorse the draft Community Engagement Strategy and draft Community Participation Plan and place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 28 October 2025 to 25 November 2025 and invite public submissions during this period:**
- b **receive a further report following the public exhibition period:**
 - i **addressing any submissions made with respect to the draft documents**
 - ii **proposing adoption of both documents unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period**

CARRIED

Council staff visited villages and suburbs in person throughout the public exhibition period to promote the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Participation Plan. Staff received feedback from residents, recorded specific queries and customer service requests and promoted the Have Your Say site while encouraging involvement in public exhibitions.

The public exhibition and community engagement events were promoted through Council News online, via the weekly email and in the Weekend Advertiser, as well as via social media posts which included paid advertising.

Council received three (2) submissions during this period. A summary of the points raised in the public submissions is provided below.

Public Submission Summary	Comment
After being born bred in Collingullie and going to school here to high-school age and remembering a hotel that was open 7 days a week, and three service stations, I am now devastated at the state of our "village".	Concerns from this resident have been submitted as customer service requests to provide specific responses to issues that were identified in the community engagement process. This feedback does not impact either the CES or CPP.
"An audit of street signs, removal of old signs, and out of date signs local government say in signage. Roadworks good to see."	This feedback does not impact either the CES or CPP.

Changes around specific language and terminology have been made to both documents following recommendations from staff. The language changes centre around terminology for First Nations community members, and people living with disability and their carers.

A suggestion for an easy read version of the Community Engagement Strategy is being implemented to make the strategy more accessible, while an easy read version of the participation plan is being explored.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for Council associated with this update.

Policy and Legislation

Sec 402A of the *Local Government Act 1993* states "A council must establish and implement a strategy (called its community engagement strategy) for engagement with the local community when developing its plans, policies and programs and for the purpose of determining its activities (other than routine administrative matters)"

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act) Sec 2.23 (1) Community participation plans – preparation states "A planning authority to which this Division applies is required to prepare a community participation plan about how and when it will undertake community participation when exercising relevant planning functions"

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act) Sec 2.23 (4) Community participation plans – preparation states “A council need not prepare a separate community participation plan if it includes all the matters required under this section in its plan and strategies under the Local Government Act 1993, section 402A”

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Engaged Community

Provide real opportunities for our community to engage.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Regulatory challenge

The draft Community Engagement Strategy (CES) and Community Participation Plan (CPP) addresses the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and NSW IP&R Guidelines (2021) relating to legislative compliance and service delivery. Failure to adhere to the CES and the CPP may expose Council to legal or regulatory challenge.

Council reputation

Poorly scoped and conducted engagement activities could damage Council's reputation, increase complaints and result in service delivery that is inconsistent with the priorities established in the Community Strategic Plan, Wagga Wagga 2050.

Community expectations

The CPP details minimum standards for engagement which may differ to individual community member expectations. Increasing the standard levels of engagement comes at an additional time and cost and may have detrimental impact on activity levels.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation was undertaken with relevant service areas to prepare the final documents for exhibition.

To ensure transparency and facilitate engagement a community engagement plan has been developed that incorporates the following consultation activities:

- community drop in sessions
- community meetings at villages
- stakeholder workshops with the building and planning industry
- the documents were promoted through Council's social media channels and direct communication channels, such as through Council's weekly Council News email and publication in the Weekend Advertiser.

The public exhibition was for a period of 28 days from 28 October 2025 to 25 November 2025, which was extended until Sunday 30 November to accommodate additional engagement activities.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
	Rates notices insert	Direct mail	Letterbox drop	Council news	Media release	Media opportunity	TV/radio advertising	One-on-one meeting(s)	Community meeting(s)	Stakeholder workshop(s)	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback form(s)	Have your Say	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
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Involve																
Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. [Community Engagement Strategy](#)
2. [Community Participation Plan](#)
3. [Submissions received during the public exhibition period](#)



Acknowledgement of Country

Wagga Wagga City Council yali gulbali-yanhi ngurambang Wiradyuri.

Walumaldhaany-galang bala mayiny Wiradyuri.

Yindyamali-yanhi mudyiganggalang-bu balumbambal-bu balugirbam-bu.

Yindyamali-yanhi bagaraygan ngurambang-guwal-i yandu murunwigi Wagga Wagga-dha.

Ngiiyanhi gulbali-bu yindyamali-bu guwiinyguliyalagu buyaa-bu giilaang-galam-bu.

Ngiiyanhi gulbali-bu yindyamali-bu guwiinyguliyalagu dhaagun-bu bila-galam-bu nganha Wiradyuri-giyalang bala burrambin-bu nurranurra-bu.

Gulbali-yanhi Wiradyuri mayiny bagaraygan-guwal-bu bala yarruwala-bu waluwin-bu walanbam-bu dhirrangal-bu.

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers.

We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations Communities.

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Mayor's welcome

Welcome to Wagga Wagga City Council's Community Engagement Strategy.

Council is committed to high quality engagement with our community. As a multicultural city, Wagga Wagga is made up of a number of diverse communities, and we want every resident to have the opportunity to become involved in the decision making that impacts their lives. That's why we have produced this strategy so you can understand the opportunities available for your involvement.

Community engagement is simply the conversation between you and Council.

This conversation includes information sharing, consultation, and active participation between local government and communities. Community engagement can range from reading Council News to keep up to date with what is happening in your community, to filling out an online survey, receiving a letter about a neighbour's development application, or attending a facilitated workshop on a masterplan or project.

Council recognises that community members are all unique, with their own experiences, skills and expertise. We want to make the most of your knowledge when making decisions. Council can influence matters that affect your lives which is why we want your input. We need community participation to ensure that everyone has access to fair and informed decision making.

Council welcomes the increased role that Councillors are expected to play in community engagement. As your elected representatives, we encourage you to contact your Councillors to discuss the future of the community with us.

Contact details are available via wagga.nsw.gov.au/councillors or by phoning 1300 292 442.

We trust that this strategy will smooth the path to good communication. It is with pleasure that I commend Council's updated Community Engagement Strategy to you.

We look forward to your contribution.



Councillor Dallas Tout
Mayor of the City of Wagga Wagga

What is community engagement?

This strategy provides clarity for the community to understand their role in Council and the elected Council's decision-making process.

Community engagement is a conversation between you and Council. Sometimes referred to as public participation or participatory democracy, it's the process of involving people in the decisions that affect their lives.

Our Community Engagement Strategy provides a framework for how Wagga Wagga City Council (Council) will engage with the community to support the development of its plans, policies, programs and key activities.

Council recognises the importance of communication and engagement with our community to build trust, strengthen relationships, and improve both awareness and participation in the programs, services and activities that we deliver to the community.

Wagga Wagga City Council relies on the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) guidelines to define community engagement.

Community engagement is ...

'an intentional process with the specific purpose of working across organisations, stakeholders and communities to shape the decisions or actions of the members of the community, stakeholders or organisation in relation to a problem, opportunity or outcome.'

International Association of Public Participation (IAP2)

IAP2 is considered best practice, which is why we've used it to shape the future of community engagement at Wagga Wagga City Council. The core of the Community Engagement Strategy is to involve residents in determining the future of their Local Government Area.

IAP2 provides guidelines and considerations to ensure that our community engagement represents our community, and the engagement activities have real purpose and produce quality outcomes that are representative of the wishes and aspirations of our community.

IAP2 also provides for feedback about the activities Council facilitates so that they can always be improved upon. More information on the IAP2 can be found later in this strategy.

Alternatively, to learn more about IAP2 and its importance please visit: iap2.org.au

What is community engagement?

Community involvement in decision-making

Community engagement enhances Wagga Wagga City Council's capacity to make well-informed decisions that reflect community needs and priorities. Where possible, we will use input from the community to influence the final project outcomes or decisions. The Strategy outlines:

- Who we will engage
- When we will engage
- Tools and methods that we will use to engage
- How the community can participate
- How community feedback will inform our decision-making

Guiding principles

It's part of our charter (section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993) to provide adequate, equitable, appropriate, efficient and effective services and facilities, after community consultation.

We're committed to ensuring every single community member has an equal opportunity to participate and be involved in Council's decision making.

This Community Engagement Strategy is based on social justice principles:

- Equity
- Access
- Participation
- Rights

We also employ our Corporate Values in all our dealings:

- Innovation
- Trust
- Respect
- Teamwork

Our Community Strategic Plan also has key objectives to achieve community participation in decision-making, with a goal to be 'a community that is informed and involved in decisions impacting on us'.

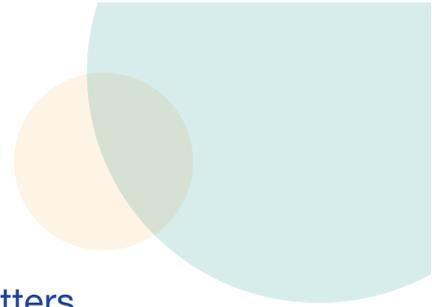
Engagement objectives

This Strategy provides a framework for how we will achieve the following engagement objectives:

- Community members are informed about our plans and have genuine opportunities to participate in our decision-making processes
- Our community has trust in the engagement process
- Community engagement is embedded in the way we work and measure success
- Engagement activities are inclusive and accessible for all members of our community

Legislative requirements

This Strategy meets Wagga Wagga City Council's legislative requirements for a Community Engagement Strategy under the Local Government Act (1993).



Community engagement in planning matters

Community participation related to strategic land use planning, such as the public exhibition of planning documents and development applications, is governed by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A Act 1979). Section 2.23 of the EP&A Act 1979 also requires that all councils outline how and when the community will be engaged across planning functions like policy-making and assessment.

Council's Community Participation Plan provides information about our commitment to engagement in planning matters.

What does this mean?

In addition to the engagement processes within this Community Engagement Strategy, we have an ongoing commitment to our community specifically in relation to planning matters:

- Our community has a right to be informed about planning matters that affect them.
- We encourage effective and on-going partnerships with our community and provide meaningful opportunities for community participation in planning.
- The information we use will be in plain language and easily accessible.
- We will use new technologies including online opportunities for engagement and notification where available and appropriate.
- We will engage with our community early in the strategic planning process.
- We will be inclusive and ensure that the views gathered are representative of the affected community.
- Our planning decisions will be made in an open and transparent manner, and our community provided with reasons for decisions made.

The purpose of the Community Participation Plan is to clearly explain how and when we will undertake community engagement in relation to planning matters such as:

- Development Consent functions, for example assessment and determination of development applications, including revised plans, modifications and review of applications.
- Strategic Planning functions, for example exhibition of draft strategic plans including a Local Strategic Planning Statement, Planning Proposal, Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP).

What is community engagement?

Roles and responsibilities

Role	Responsibility	How this applies
Community Members	Participate in processes and provide feedback, ideas and local knowledge.	Engage via Have Your Say, surveys, workshops, submissions and public forums.
Mayor and Councillors	Represent community views, participate in key engagement processes and promote public participation in strategic planning.	Attend village and community forums, participate in CSP and LSPS engagement, act as champions for inclusive participation.
General Manager and Executive Team	Oversee integration of engagement across Council, support a culture of transparency and collaboration.	Endorse engagement plans for major projects and ensure alignment with IP&R requirements.
Managers	Ensure that engagement is embedded in project and service planning. Allocate resources and staff to support effective engagement.	Approve project-specific engagement approaches and support cross-department collaboration.
Communications and Engagement Team	Provide expert advice, tools and support for engagement planning and delivery. Promote best practices and help coordinate major consultations.	Assist with planning and coordinating engagement for major strategies and infrastructure projects. Maintain the Engagement Toolkit and Have Your Say platform.
Project Leads/ Coordinators	Develop and implement engagement plans for their projects, report outcomes and evaluate impact.	Apply IAP2 principles, use toolkit templates and provide timely updates to the Communications and Engagement Team.
Council Staff (All levels)	Support community engagement by informing and referring residents, recording issues and promoting opportunities.	Act as advocates for community voice across service areas. Refer issues and feedback through appropriate internal channels.

Challenges to community engagement

Council will face, and try to overcome, the following challenges when undertaking engagement activities:

Limited participation: Engagement needs to be broadly promoted to ensure all members of the community have the opportunity to actively participate.

Scope creep and expectations: Community engagement requires proper context and scope to help manage the expectations of participants and to define engagement aims.

Accessibility: Engagement needs to include accessible materials and methods, including traditional and digital methods, and engagement activities need to take place in accessible locations across the city and surrounds.

Resource and timing constraints: Council must ensure that there are a range of opportunities and sufficient information available to enable a high level of public participation.

Lack of internal engagement: Early conversations within Council will assist in identifying opportunities to include the community.

Failure to engage hard-to-reach groups: Identifying those who may be hard to reach and following up with targeted engagement will be required to reach certain groups who may otherwise miss out on engagement opportunities.

Consultation fatigue: Where practical and possible, community engagement will be staggered to reduce the risk of overwhelming key stakeholders and the community.





Alignment with Council’s plans and strategies

Our engagement activities are generally linked to plans, strategies and activities which are part of our Integrated Planning and Reporting framework (IP&R).

The feedback provided through community engagement directly influences the priorities of Council through the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) as well as through other plans and strategies.

Integrated Planning and Reporting framework

Wagga Wagga City Council is committed to the principles of integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) and this framework guides council in bringing plans and strategies together in a way that supports a clear vision for the future and provides an agreed roadmap for delivering community priorities and aspirations.

Community is at the heart of the IP&R framework; engagement is critical to understand the community’s vision for the future and priorities to feed into key elements of the framework.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework forms part of the Local Government Act 1993. It was introduced in 2009 and has transformed the way councils in NSW develop, document and report on plans for the future of their communities.



Alignment with Council's plans and strategies

Key engagement activities

The Community Engagement Strategy (this document) guides how we will deliver key community engagement activities. The following are examples of key plans and strategies that can impact or influence our communities. As such, they require significant community engagement so that they reflect the aspirations of our communities.

Community Strategic Plan (CSP)

The 'Community Strategic Plan 2050' is the plan that defines the community's wishes for how they want to grow into the future. The plan is created through extensive community feedback and defines the direction and priorities of Council into the future.

The most recent plan was created in 2025 after months of community engagement activities that occurred across our local government area, which gathered the input of a wide variety of voices throughout the community.

Engagement for the CSP involved leveraging a combination of all Council's channels, contacting stakeholders directly, and visiting villages and communities to meet with residents and involve them in the creation of the strategy. Staff used a combination of communication and engagement methods, including via digital and print media channels, media opportunities and pop-up stalls at events.

All Abilities Inclusion Action Plan 2026

Wagga Wagga City Council is committed to making our community inclusive and accessible for all. In developing the All Abilities Inclusion Action Plan 2026, it was imperative to listen to voices that would be directly impacted by such a plan in order to create a document that reflects what the community wants and needs in relation to all abilities.

This plan was produced through a well-planned engagement process with clearly identified stakeholders across the whole of our community. A variety of methods were utilised, such as accessible communications both online and offline, as well as attending community events and liaising directly with local advocates and groups.

Reconciliation Action Plan 2022 - 2024 (RAP)

The Wagga Wagga Reconciliation Action Plan 2022 - 2024 provides a framework to demonstrate Council's commitment to the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations community members.

Wagga Wagga City Council is committed to reconciliation and developing meaningful relationships with Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations Peoples to ensure there is genuine respect and equitable opportunities.

The Reconciliation Action Plan was created and is managed in partnership with local First Nation groups and individuals, ensuring that it is a reflection of their needs and aspirations. In addition, the Reconciliation Action Plan working group includes members of the First Nations community who met with Council staff regularly throughout the process of creating this plan.

Community Safety Action Plan 2022 - 2026 (CSAP)

Wagga Wagga City Council is committed to developing a livable city which is safe, thriving, connected, innovative and inclusive.

The Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP), formerly the Wagga Wagga Crime Prevention Plan, provides a roadmap forward for key agencies and council to work together to prevent crime and increase community safety.

The plan was informed by activities involving community groups and stakeholders, including government representatives from a variety of relevant agencies, and was promoted through a variety of channels.

A key activity resulting from the creation of this plan is the Family Community Safety Day. This family-friendly event is a key outcome that occurs as part of the delivery of the plan.

Local Strategic Planning Statement - Wagga Wagga 2040 (LSPS)

The 'Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement - Wagga Wagga 2040' sets the long-term strategic framework for planning and development in the City of Wagga Wagga local government area over the next 20 years.

It addresses issues of strategic significance to the Council, guiding development through the introduction of new planning policies, strategies or actions related to land use and development.

The LSPS was informed through community-wide engagement, consultation and workshops with industry peers and interested parties, as well as a tour around our Local Government Area to visit villages and communities that could be impacted by the plan. Engagement also occurred via Council's Have Your Say platform, which was promoted online and in print media, and through media opportunities.



Our engagement approach



Overview of the engagement process

Meaningful engagement helps shape the strategic direction of our city, as well as informing the various policies and plans that support this vision.

When Council has the opportunity to control the outcome of a decision, we are committed to providing best practice engagement based on our principles of engagement and guided by the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

Our engagement approach can vary depending on the need and impact of the project. Legislation sets the minimum requirements for planning-related projects. Council is also governed by the requirements specified in the Local Government Act 1993. The IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum helps determine the scope of our community's input and the role those engaged will have in the decision-making process.

Below is an overview of what we will consider during each stage of the engagement process, from planning engagement activities through to delivery, reviewing the effectiveness of our engagement and sharing information about how the community's input was used to inform our decision-making.



Our engagement approach

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

Community engagement can involve a broad range of activities, depending on the desired outcome. It starts in the planning stages of any initiative that impacts the community. The following is considered best practice in determining the engagement activities that will take place to support the community's influence on the decision to be made.

Inform

Council uses the 'inform' level of engagement to let the community know of policies, plans or strategies where there is no opportunity for the community to influence their outcome. This could be due to legislative requirements determining the outcome, or due to other constraints such as the level of expertise required, budget or timing constraints. Council wants to ensure residents are aware of information or activities that may impact them.

Consult

When we seek input, feedback or advice from affected residents, to ensure the final project or decision takes everyone's viewpoint into consideration.

Involve and collaborate

We work directly with the community throughout the entire project.

Empower

The project is undertaken by the community, with support from Council.



IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

		Increasing impact on decision making				
		Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
		 <p>"Here's what's happening."</p>	 <p>"Here are some options, what do you think?"</p>	 <p>"Here's a problem, what ideas do you have?"</p>	 <p>"Let's work together to solve this problem"</p>	 <p>"You care about this issue and are leading an initiative, how can we support you?"</p>
Goal		To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
Promise to the public		We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.
Example tools		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets • Websites • Open houses • Social media • Newsletters • Email distribution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • Focus groups • Surveys • Public meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Deliberate polling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen advisory committees • Consensus-building • Participatory decision-making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen juries • Ballots • Delegated decisions

Our engagement approach

Why we engage

There are many reasons why we undertake community engagement and while it is often used to inform our decision-making, we may also undertake engagement to:

- Share information
- Comply with legislation
- Understand community sentiment
- Solve problems
- Improve proposals
- Build or enhance relationships
- Change behaviours
- Identify a problem or opportunity
- Manage risk
- Develop community capacity or resilience
- Generate support.

Understanding why we are engaging will help us determine who, how and when we will need to engage.

Generally, the greater the level of impact and reach of a project, the greater the level of community engagement we will undertake to inform our decision-making.

When we won't engage

There are some circumstances when we will not engage with the community. For example:

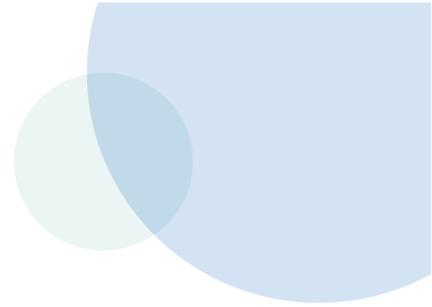
- No scope for community influence
- Public health and safety are at risk
- Immediate resolution is required, or we are responding to an emergency
- Matter is strictly confidential or commercially sensitive
- Developing or reviewing internal procedures and protocols
- Legal constraints.

Who we engage

Wagga Wagga's resident population is estimated at 68,716 in 2023*. Council is responsible for the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area (LGA) which covers an area of 4,825.9 km² and includes the city of Wagga Wagga and surrounding villages: Tarcutta, Ladysmith, Mangoplah, Uranquinty, Collingullie, Oura, Humula, Currawarna and Galore.

We'll make sure we listen to all perspectives in our community by:

- Using a wide range of communication methods to reach the widest cross section of residents
- Engaging with targeted community groups
- Accommodating participants' needs.



Our stakeholders

A stakeholder is any individual, group of individuals, organisation or entity with a specific stake in the outcome of a decision made by Council. Our stakeholders can vary significantly from project to project.

We understand that people are most interested in decisions and projects that personally impact them or their family which is why we will seek out the stakeholder groups who will be most impacted by a project.

Below is a list of the stakeholder groups who may have an interest in or be impacted by our decisions and projects.

Community engagement stakeholder groups

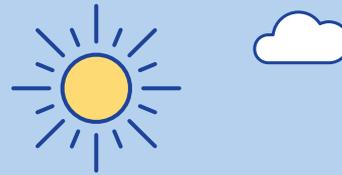
- Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations people
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities
- People living with disability and their carers
- Young people
- Older people
- Residents and visitors
- Villages and rural communities
- Community groups and organisations
- Businesses
- Industry groups, Business Associations and special interest groups
- State and Federal Members of Parliament
- Government agencies
- Councillors
- Council staff

Villages & suburbs

Council is committed to visiting Wagga Wagga’s suburbs and villages to meet and engage with communities across our Local Government Area when planning and facilitating engagement. As part of our communication and engagement processes Council will travel to locations at times preferred by local communities to encourage participation and to gather feedback. Feedback from engagement activities will be reported back to communities who attended engagement activities to continue the relationship between Council and participants. Council has created ‘Village Pages’ online to publish news and engagement opportunities and outcomes directly to residents who subscribe to the pages.

Following engagement for the Community Strategic Plan during 2024 and 2025 Council has identified the need for more direct plans to support village priorities. Council has committed to developing village-specific plans in 2026.

Our community profile



Population

68,716

Current population (ABS ERP 2023)

85,000

Expected population by 2050

35

Median age

6.6%

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population



Diversity

9%

Language at home other than English

11.4%

People in Wagga Wagga born overseas

From those born overseas, the top 3 birthplaces were:

1. India
2. United Kingdom
3. Iraq

People groups



48.6%

Male



51.4%

Female



Disadvantage

989

SEIFA score on index of disadvantage¹

10.3%

Mental health condition

5.9%

Need for assistance due to disability

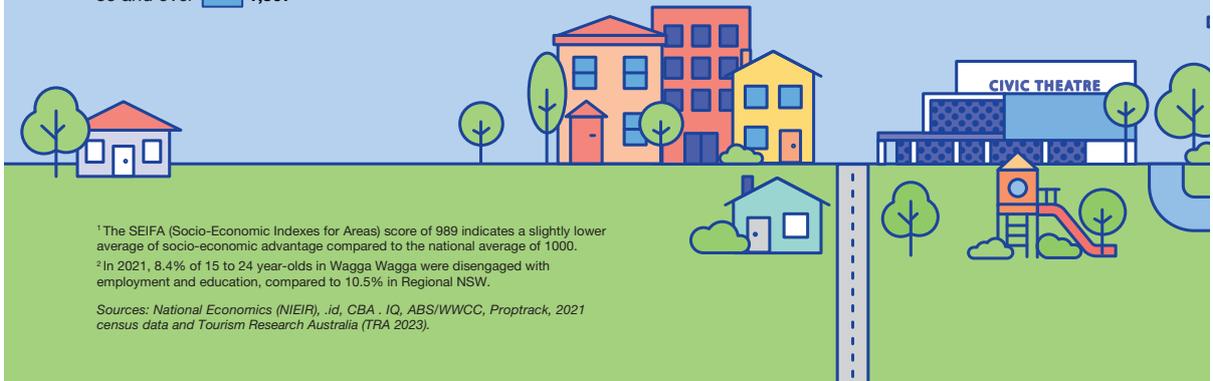
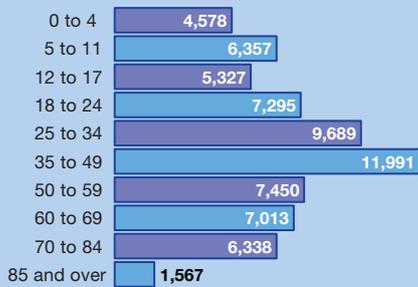
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Homeless persons estimated (.id)

8.4%

Disengaged youth²

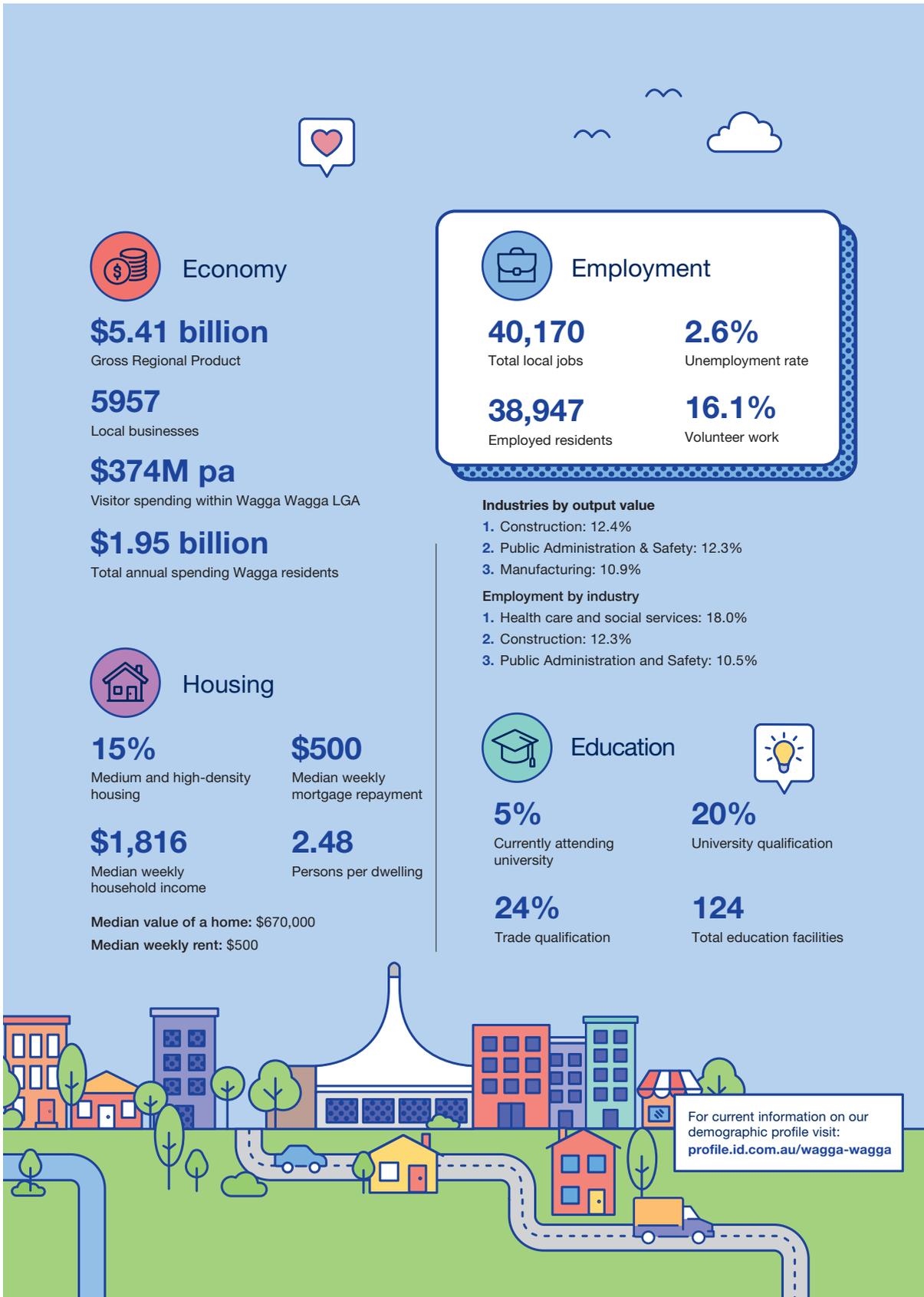
Age groups



¹ The SEIFA (Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas) score of 989 indicates a slightly lower average of socio-economic advantage compared to the national average of 1000.

² In 2021, 8.4% of 15 to 24 year-olds in Wagga Wagga were disengaged with employment and education, compared to 10.5% in Regional NSW.

Sources: National Economics (NIEIR), .id, CBA .IQ, ABS/WWCC, Protrack, 2021 census data and Tourism Research Australia (TRA 2023).



Our engagement approach

How we engage

Guiding documents

Community engagement at Wagga Wagga City Council is guided by these documents:

Community Engagement Strategy (this document)

- Overview of how Council will engage with the community
- Summary of methods and techniques
- Identification of the main groups we will focus on engaging with
- Reference to best practice required under the Local Government Act 1993.
- Resources dedicated to engaging with the community

Community Engagement Toolkit

This is an internal resource that provides templates and resources to help Council staff identify and engage with community stakeholders. This toolkit will be supported through internal training and information sessions with staff who need to engage with the community.

Community Participation Plan

Our Community Participation Plan at the back of this document details our commitment to engagement in planning matters.

Inclusive and accessible engagement

We want to hear from all members of our community to make sure that what we deliver for our community is informed, relevant and responsive to community needs. We recognise that some groups are less likely to participate and may face additional barriers or challenges in engaging with us. These groups include:

- First Nations People
- People with disabilities and their carers
- Older people
- People from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background
- Children and young people
- LGBTQIA+ community
- Residents in more remote locations

We know from our past engagement activities across strategies and plans that we need to prioritise the inclusion of diverse and hard to reach groups.

Some of the ways we will do this are:

- Identifying hard-to-reach groups during engagement planning
- Using a range of engagement methods and tools that cater to the needs of hard-to-reach groups
- Continuing to engage with First Nations' groups to provide advice on strategic matters of importance to local communities
- Providing our engagement materials in accessible formats
- Translating our engagement materials when required
- Hosting our engagement events in accessible venues and locations
- Providing more in-person opportunities, where appropriate.

What you told us

The Community Engagement Strategy 2025 has been shaped by what our community shared with us through surveys, pop-up engagements, village visits, and feedback received during the development of the Community Strategic Plan 2050.

Through this engagement, the community told us:

How you want to engage

- You want clearer timelines for when decisions will be made and how feedback will be used.
- Many community members prefer a mix of engagement methods – online surveys and Have Your Say are valued, but you also want more face-to-face opportunities.
- Residents want to be informed early, not after decisions are made. “Tell us early and often” was a common theme.

Inclusion matters

- Youth and multicultural communities want to be involved more consistently and not only when topics directly affect them.
- Village residents value in-person sessions tailored to their locality – “come to us, don’t expect us to come to you.”
- There is increasing interest in accessible engagement, including plain English materials and non-digital options for older residents.

Feedback on Council’s approach

- There is general trust in Council’s engagement efforts when the process is transparent and you can see how your input was used.
- Some feedback suggested engagement fatigue when too many consultations overlap or when feedback appears to be disregarded.
- Many supported councillor involvement in engagement, noting their presence at community events and forums is valued.



Community satisfaction snapshot

The following key findings are drawn from the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey. These results reflect how residents perceive Council's performance in engaging the community and involving them in decisions that affect their lives.

Overall satisfaction with engagement



51% of respondents were satisfied with how Council engages the community.



31% felt neutral or unsure, indicating a potential gap in awareness or communication follow-through.



18% were dissatisfied, citing lack of follow-up or limited impact of feedback on final decisions.

Positive engagement areas



Village visits and face-to-face engagement scored well, particularly among older and rural residents.



Social media was the preferred digital tool for engagement, followed by Council's 'Have Your Say' platform.

Areas for improvement



Young people (18 to 34 years) and culturally diverse communities reported lower engagement satisfaction.



Requests for better timing of consultations to reduce consultation fatigue.



More clarity on how community feedback influences Council decisions.

How we engage for integrated planning and reporting

The following table shows how we will engage with our community about plans and strategies, as well as other work we do, so our community knows what to expect of us. Planning-related projects have specific exhibition timeframes that must be met, which are outlined in the following pages.

Project, plan or policy	Level of engagement	How	What	Exhibition period (calendar days)
Council's key long-term plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Strategic Plan • Delivery Program • Resourcing Strategy • Community Engagement Strategy • Local Strategic Planning Statement 	Involve	Involve the community to ensure priorities are reflected in the decision. Provide a range of opportunities/ channels for the community to share their views. Prior to public exhibition there may be engagement undertaken with stakeholders to develop a draft plan.	Directly reflect community concerns and aspirations in the finalised plan.	28 days (minimum)
Council's annual Operational Plan, budget and fees and charges	Consult	Involve the community to ensure priorities are reflected in the decision. Provide a range of opportunities/ channels for the community to share their views.	Directly reflect community concerns and aspirations in the finalised plan.	28 days (minimum)
Key Council Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Meeting Practice • Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy • Others as required 	Consult	Council's website	Acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	28 days or 42 days as specified by legislative requirements of Council resolution
Preparation of master plans and strategies	Involve	Involve the community to ensure priorities are reflected in the decision. Provide a range of opportunities/ channels for the community to share their views.	Directly reflect community concerns and aspirations in the finalised plan.	28 days (minimum)

Our engagement approach

How we will engage the community

Level of participation	Channel of Information	Activities
Inform	Website, social media and e-newsletters	Inform the community of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects and programs being undertaken by Council • Changes to plans, proposals and policies • community events, disruptions or emergencies
	Advertisements, signs, letters, postcards and posters, Council News articles or advertisements, public notices	This information could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting the community to participate in engagement • Describing the matter, project or issue • Outlining how people can find out information • Inviting the community to get involved • Outlining the process and the timeline • Following up on the results of community engagement
	Customer service centre at the Civic Arcade	Display of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • petitions, • participation opportunities • educational programs
Consult and involve	Have Your Say website (haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au)	The Have Your Say online platform is Council's community engagement portal where the community has the opportunity to learn about engagement opportunities and provide feedback. The feedback that is provided on policies, projects and plans is provided to Council to influence the decisions being made. Tools include emailed updates, interactive mapping, surveys, idea walls, questions and answers.
	Community meetings and workshops	Meetings (in-person, online or a mix of both) with community members and stakeholders to provide an opportunity to work through an issue or gather feedback on particular aspects of a project.
	Council meetings	Members of the community can participate in Council's formal meeting process prior to a decision being made, as outlined in Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This can include speaking at a Public Forum or submitting a petition as per Council's Petition Policy.
	Public exhibitions	The exhibition process seeks community and stakeholder feedback on a plan, development application, policy or project.
	Surveys	Online or printed surveys are used to gather feedback for events, gather ideas or sentiment, or allow the community to have a say in decisions.
	Drop-in sessions and pop-up stalls	These activities provide an opportunity for the community to talk to staff and give feedback face-to-face in different locations that are more convenient to them.
Collaborate and Empower	Council committees	Council may establish committees in accordance with relevant laws and Council policies and procedures, to assist in achieving objectives under the Community Strategic Plan. Membership can be made up of Councillors, Council staff, external agencies and skilled community members.
	Community and stakeholder reference groups	Groups of community and stakeholders that meet with staff, Councillors, or others to work through an issue, provide insight into a project or project and influence outcomes.
	Elections	Although usually not managed directly by Council, elections are the ultimate engagement in that Councillors are determined through the voting process.

What is a public exhibition?

Public exhibition is a vital step in giving the community a voice in the planning process. In this context the planning process can also refer to the process of considering Development Applications (DAs). Public Exhibition is the official period in which draft documents or certain development applications are made available for feedback. Public exhibition of draft documents must first be endorsed by Council before they are made available for public comment.

Publicly exhibited plans, applications and other matters cannot be determined or finalised until after the minimum public exhibition period. If a plan or other matter is placed on public exhibition for an extended period, then it cannot be finalised until the end of that period.

Anyone with an interest in a planning matter is welcome to make a submission that is relevant to the plan. Submissions by the community may be made during the public exhibition period only.

Public exhibitions can be found at wagga.nsw.gov.au/public.



Closing the loop on engagement

We want to make sure that when our community has participated in community engagement activities, you feel your contribution is valued and utilised during the process.

Listening and responding to community feedback

How we review feedback from the community

Once the engagement is completed, we'll review all feedback provided by the community and analyse the data. This may include:

- Collating and reviewing all responses
- Analysing the data to identify sentiment, themes, issues and priorities
- Assessing any gaps in participation and information needs
- Identifying any feedback that is out of scope and doesn't refer to this engagement
- Responding to community members where a response is required
- Where appropriate, incorporate ideas and suggestions from the community.

Closing the loop

We want to make sure that when our community has participated in community engagement activities, you feel your contribution is valued and utilised during the process. Council undertakes a commitment, that where appropriate, the information we collect through consultation with the community is reported back to detail the opinions and feedback from the community.

Council will endeavor to provide information about:

- Communication and promotion of the engagement
- Engagement reach, and who we heard from
- Summary of key themes and feedback
- What we intend to do next

Formal reports to Standing Committees and to Council will contain a statement about how we engaged with the community when providing recommendations.

How we will communicate back to the community

Where possible, the methods used to report back to our community on how their input has affected a change will reflect how the feedback was gathered. In the case of large-scale engagement, such as for the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) Council will endeavour to re-visit the communities and villages that participated in the engagement that helped create the plan.

Other media channels will be used to provide feedback or to update the community on the results of an engagement via traditional media, social media, Council's website and Have Your Say site, and e-newsletter, as appropriate.

Evaluating engagement activities and measuring success

To evaluate the success of the engagement activity staff look at who was engaged, and in what way, and question if messages were communicated effectively to stakeholders, and feedback correctly recorded. This self-evaluation is an important step for any engagement activity undertaken by Council.

Council staff will look at:

- Process – how well was the process designed and implemented?
- Appropriateness – was the engagement appropriate to the audience and the outcome being sought?
- Reach - were the people reached representative of those affected by the decision?
- Outcomes – were the intended outcomes of the engagement achieved?

Council staff undertaking engagement activities are also encouraged to evaluate the effectiveness of the engagement with participants – this may be via a follow-up survey or questionnaire. Honest feedback will help Council ensure that future communication and engagement techniques are improved to make them more relevant. All feedback will be considered in the spirit in which it is offered.

Ongoing community engagement

Council is dedicated to ensuring that ongoing Community Engagement activities evolve to meet the needs of the community. To ensure the ongoing needs of both Council and the community are met effectively, Council will:

- Continually review and update methods of engagement for relevance
- Try to combine, where possible, engagement activities to ensure convenience, value and reduced duplication of activities.
- Communicate through a variety of platforms, both online and offline so that no-one in the community is purposely disadvantaged.
- Continue to provide updates to the community and stakeholders.

Community sentiment

Council undertakes a community survey through an independent researcher every 4 years to check in with the community's sentiment towards Council. The Community Satisfaction Survey is conducted by phone with a random selection of residents aged over 18 that is reflective of our community profile. Participants are asked to rank Council's performance based on indicators like customer service, community facilities and service delivery with the results from the survey shared back to the community. Council uses this sentiment survey to track how we are delivering on community priorities, including 'community input into decision-making'. We will use this survey to track how we are meeting our commitments to increased opportunities for residents to have their say and provide real input into the decisions that affect their lives.



How can you participate?

Participation can be as easy as providing feedback on plans or proposals, participating in surveys, or attending engagement activities.

Members of the community can attend Council Meetings in person, or watch live on our website or on Facebook.

To learn more about engagement opportunities community members are encouraged to subscribe to Council News online or follow Council's various social media pages. Information about participation opportunities will be advertised in Council's weekly news publication as well as promoted through social media.

Projects and engagement can be found at haveyoursay.wagga.nsw.gov.au or community members can always contact Council via 1300 292 442 to ask questions or lodge requests.

Giving feedback on this strategy

Your feedback on the ongoing development and review of this strategy is encouraged.



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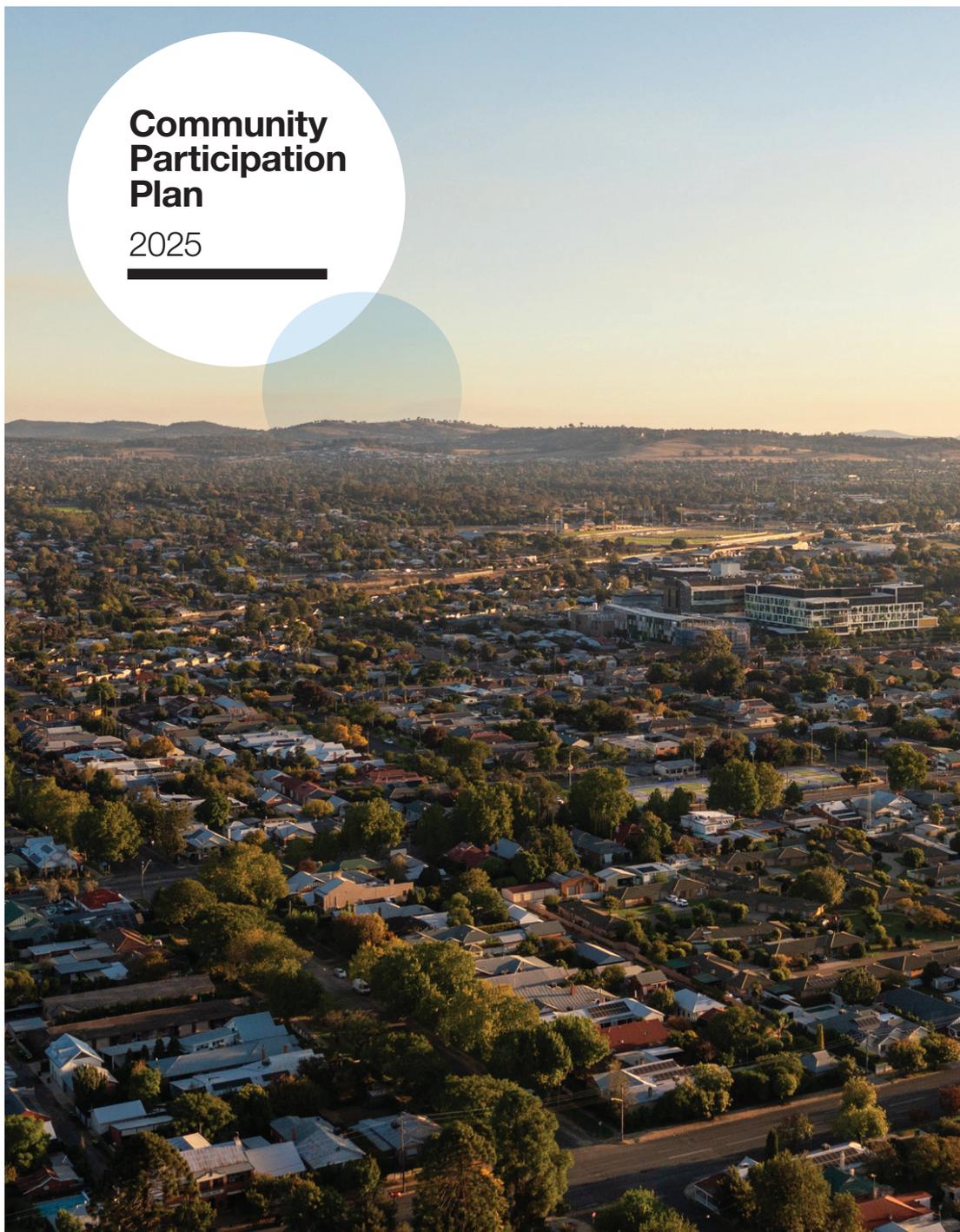
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Acknowledgement of Country

Wagga Wagga City Council yali gulbali-yanhi ngurambang Wiradyuri.

Walumaldhaany-galang bala mayiny Wiradyuri.

Yindyamali-yanhi mudyiganggalang-bu balumbambal-bu balugirbam-bu.

Yindyamali-yanhi bagaraygan ngurambang-guwal-i yandu murunwigi Wagga Wagga-dha.

Ngiiyanhi gulbali-bu yindyamali-bu guwiinyguliyalagu buyaa-bu giilaang-galam-bu.

Ngiiyanhi gulbali-bu yindyamali-bu guwiinyguliyalagu dhaagun-bu bila-galam-bu nganha Wiradyuri-giyalang bala burrambin-bu nurranurra-bu.

Gulbali-yanhi Wiradyuri mayiny bagaraygan-guwal-bu bala yarruwala-bu waluwin-bu walanbam-bu dhirrangal-bu.

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers.

We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations Communities.

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Introduction

This Community Participation Plan guides how and when Council will undertake community engagement when exercising its role as a planning authority.

This Plan fulfils Council's obligation under Division 2.6 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, which requires planning authorities, including Council, to prepare a Community Participation Plan.

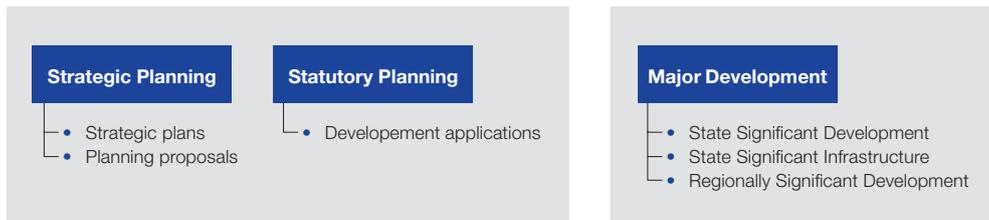
Section 2.23 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* states:

(1) A planning authority to which this Division applies is required to prepare a community participation plan about how and when it will undertake community participation when exercising relevant planning functions.

Purpose

This Community Participation Plan details how community members will be provided opportunity to participate in the development assessment and plan-making processes occurring within the local government area. The Plan aims to provide clear guidance on how Council will engage with the community with regard to the following functions:

- Major Development: This includes large-scale projects assessed by the NSW Government or Regionally Significant Developments assessed by Regional Planning Panels.



Introduction

Strategic Planning

Strategic planning is undertaken by Council to provide high-level guidance for the future of Wagga Wagga. In our strategic plans, we cover key issues, such as how we want our economy to perform; where we would like housing to be located, how much and what types of housing we want to see; as well as how we will protect the environment, rural land and local character.

Strategic Plans

Strategic Plans are critical to ensuring Wagga Wagga is a liveable, accessible and sustainable Local Government Area, and an incredible place to live. Without strategic plans guiding development, the best possible outcomes may not be achieved for the community.

Currently, Council has one major strategic plan in place to be this guide – the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). Other strategic plans that are considered during the planning process include our biodiversity strategy, active travel plan and integrated transport strategy.

As Wagga Wagga continues to grow and move forward into the future, we will prepare new strategic plans and update existing plans, to ensure we provide the best possible future for current and future members of the community. We will do this in collaboration with our community to ensure their aspirations for the future of Wagga Wagga are taken into consideration.

Planning Proposals

Another part of the strategic planning process is Planning Proposals. A Planning Proposal seeks to change provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP), including the zoning of land and other controls that apply to the land. They provide a local framework for the way land can be developed and used.

Planning Proposals can be introduced by Council or by private applicants. A Planning Proposal may seek to change the controls relating to a specific precinct so that it performs differently in the future.

The Planning Proposal process is complex and involves Council, the community, government agencies and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Statutory planning

The statutory planning functions of the Council deal with the assessment of applications for the development of land within our Local Government Area against relevant state and local planning policies including the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP) and the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP).

Development Applications

A Development Application (DA) is an application lodged with Council by a person seeking to develop land. This may include a range of development types including the construction of buildings for different land uses such as housing or industry, alterations and additions to existing buildings and landuses and the subdivision of land including the establishment of associated infrastructure.

Council assesses the DA against the relevant planning controls (including Council's strategic plans, State Environmental Planning Policies, the Wagga Wagga LEP and DCP) and determines whether it should or should not be granted development consent. This process also involves the consideration of submissions received from the public resulting from the community participation processes outlined in this plan.

Major Developments

Major developments in Wagga Wagga may be assessed and determined by the NSW Government or Regional Planning Panels, rather than by Council. These include:

State Significant Development (SSD)

SSD refers to large-scale projects considered to be of state-level economic, environmental or social importance. Examples may include hospitals, educational facilities and large-scale industrial or resource projects. These developments follow a specific planning pathway through the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

State Significant Infrastructure (SSI)

SSI includes critical infrastructure such as highways, water pipelines, railways or energy transmission corridors. These projects often follow a streamlined assessment process and are assessed directly by the Minister for Planning or their delegate.

Although Council is not the consent authority for these major developments, it plays a key role in:

- Making formal submissions during the exhibition period
- Informing the community about major proposals
- Representing community views in discussions with State authorities

Community members can access details and make submissions via the NSW Planning Portal.

Regionally Significant Development (RSD)

RSD's are assessed by Council but determined by the Southern Regional Planning Panel. These typically involve high-value or sensitive developments, including:

- Proposals valued at over \$30 million
- Certain developments on Council-owned land
- Developments with significant regional impacts

Public notification and exhibition is conducted by Council in accordance with this Community Participation Plan.

Assessment of the application and preparation of a recommendation report is completed by Council.

Submissions are made during Council's public exhibition process and are included in the report to the Regional Planning Panel, which makes the final decision.

Community engagement in all planning matters

Council's community engagement in all planning matters aspires to several key outcomes:

- To identify the requirements, motivations and aspirations of Wagga Wagga's population and make effective plans in response.
- To provide broad public awareness of the ongoing development of the city and its future trajectory.
- To facilitate a wide range of people in the Wagga Wagga community to put forward their position on planning matters.
- To manage the risks associated with adverse planning outcomes by understanding and anticipating issues before they eventuate or escalate.
- Additionally, Council recognises our responsibilities to our community and will continue to work on ensuring our planning processes are easily understood, accessible and relevant to our community.

Council will do this by:

- Recognising the right of our community to be informed about planning matters.
- Encouraging participation in planning by providing meaningful opportunities to be involved.
- Ensuring plain language is used, and explanations of key concepts specific to planning are provided to ensure understanding by our community.
- Using technology to increase the accessibility of planning information and decision making.
- Being inclusive when looking for feedback to ensure an accurate representation of the affected community is represented in feedback.
- Ensuring planning decisions are made in an open and transparent manner.

While other Council policies provide guidance for the organisation's community engagement overall, this Plan guides community engagement specifically in relation to planning matters. Council has detailed its commitment to community engagement for other services and projects in our Community Engagement Strategy.

Community engagement in Strategic Planning

Plans to guide the future direction of Wagga Wagga

Strategic planning involves making plans that guide future development in the city and wider Local Government Area.

These projects can include master and structure planning for specific precincts and localities or may affect land zoning and other rules and provisions in the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP).

Planning Proposals to alter the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan

A key strategic planning project conducted by Council is a Planning Proposal. A Planning Proposal seeks to change provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan, including the zoning of land.

A Planning Proposal also requires the approval of the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to proceed, via what is called 'Gateway Determination'. When a Planning Proposal is formally exhibited to the public, any specific engagement requirements set out by the Gateway Determination for that Planning Proposal must also be fulfilled.

Council may also conduct preliminary consultations with the community before a planning proposal is referred to the Department for Gateway Determination in some instances. This assists Council, at a very early stage of the process, to generate community awareness of potential future change in an area and help to better understand various perspectives existing in the community before the full process is pursued.

If adopted into the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan, the amended provisions become the legal standard by which all subsequent development is assessed.

Public exhibition

To enable public engagement during strategic planning projects, Council will endorse a draft document for exhibition to the public. The requirements for different types of strategic planning projects are detailed in Table 1.

Exhibited documents will be made available upon request for in-person public viewing at Council's Civic Centre, at the corner of Baylis and Morrow Streets. Documents will be available on Council's website: wagga.nsw.gov.au/the-council/planning-and-reporting/public-exhibitions for the duration of the exhibition.

Public exhibitions for strategic planning will be advertised through Council News, which is published in the local newspaper and via Council's other media channels. This advertising will state the start and end dates of the public exhibition.

Endorsement of engagement methods

Draft strategic planning items will be accompanied by a project engagement plan when provided to Council for preliminary endorsement. This will detail methods of consultation to be pursued for that project. This provides Council with the opportunity for oversight of engagement activity.

Public exhibition can be supported by various engagement methods to generate community awareness, depending upon the type of strategic planning project being pursued or the level of public interest generated. Council may target engagement efforts where relevant. For example, if a matter is specific to a location, notification by mail can provide information directly to affected properties.

Community engagement in Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning engagement

This table outlines the minimum commitments to engagement with our community for the listed plans. Other consultation methods may be used, with the extent and methods depending on the complexity of the plans and their potential impacts to our community.

Draft strategy or plan	Minimum public exhibition period (calendar days)	Written notice to property owners	Newspaper advert via Council News	Council website
Draft Community Participation Plan (this plan).	28 days	Not applicable	Yes	Yes
Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) sets out the 20-year vision for land use in the local area, the shared community values that are to be maintained and enhanced, how growth and change will be managed into the future.	28 days	Not applicable – engagement plan will detail complete consultation program	Yes	Yes
Planning Proposals (Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan (LEP) amendments subject to a Gateway determination): Planning proposals can be prepared to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rezone land to change the uses allowed on the land revise other provisions that influence development outcomes administrative amendments to the Wagga Wagga LEP (e.g. addition of heritage items, changes to permitted land uses in certain zones, updates to clauses and maps). 	28 days* (see note below)	Engagement plan may be prepared at the discretion of the Strategic Planning Team - determined based on a range of factors such as likely impact, the type of changes proposed, and whether changes are minor or major.	Yes	Yes
Draft Development Control Plan (DCP) (or amendments): The Wagga Wagga DCP provides detailed planning and design guidelines, which are considered in the assessment of development applications.	28 days	Property owners will be notified for site specific DCP changes. An engagement plan may be prepared.	Yes	Yes
Draft Contribution Plans: Plans that levy new development for facilities such as transport, community and recreational facilities required to service new development.	28 days	Engagement plan prepared – may relate to a specific precinct	Yes	Yes

Draft strategy or plan	Minimum public exhibition period (calendar days)	Written notice to property owners	Newspaper advert via Council News	Council website
<p>Reclassification of Land: Land under Council ownership must be classified for either community or operational use under the Local Government Act 1993. Community land is for land designated for community use such as community halls, libraries and recreational facilities. Operational land serves a commercial or operational function such as offices, work depots or land that is being retained for strategic reasons. When land comes into community ownership, such as new sportsgrounds, they need to be classified correctly. In addition, Council sometimes reclassifies land that it no longer requires for community use to allow leasing or sale of land.</p>	28 days^ (see note below)	Engagement plan may be prepared at the discretion of the Strategic Planning Team - determined based on a range of factors such as likely impact, the type of changes proposed, and whether changes are minor or major.	Yes	Yes
<p>Other planning strategies, structure plans and master plans that may result in changes to LEP and DCP through implementation.</p>	28 days	Engagement plan prepared – the project may relate to a specific location or area	Yes	Yes
<p>Local Approvals Policy: (only where significant changes or new uses added). This policy identifies low impact activities that can be undertaken without approval from Council, such as community events, footway dining and mobile vending, provided they meet certain criteria.</p>	28 days	When the document relates to a specific location or area	Yes	Yes

Notes:

* Or as dictated by the 'Gateway Determination' Schedule 1, Part1, Division 1, Cl(4)(a):
Minimum public exhibition period for planning proposals for local environmental plans subject to a gateway determination –

- (a) if the gateway determination for the proposal specifies a period of public exhibition—the period so specified, or
- (b) if the gateway determination for the proposal specifies that no public exhibition is required because of the minor nature of the proposal—no public exhibition, or
- (c) otherwise—28 days.

^ Public hearing into reclassification:

1. A council must arrange a public hearing under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in respect of a planning proposal under Part 3 of that Act to reclassify community land as operational land, unless a public hearing has already been held in respect of the same matter as a result of a determination under section 56(2)(e) of that Act.
2. A council must, before making any resolution under section 32 - Local Government Act 1993, arrange a public hearing in respect of any proposal to reclassify land as operational land by such a resolution.

Public holidays are counted for the purpose of strategic planning exhibition periods. However, the period between 20 December and 10 January (inclusive) is excluded from the calculation of a period of public exhibition. This does not preclude exhibition from occurring during this period, however the exclusion period will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the minimum public exhibition requirement

Community engagement in Statutory Planning (when assessing development)

During the development assessment process, development applications may be exhibited for viewing by the public. The notification and exhibition process aims to engage with potentially affected property owners and occupants and to provide them with the opportunity to comment on and inform the assessment process. This plan identifies when notification will be provided with regard to the exhibition of an application for development and how this notification will occur.

The process conducted depends on the development that is proposed under the application and its performance against established development standards in the Wagga Wagga DCP 2010. There are minimum requirements for notification and exhibition of different types of development applications listed in Table 2 below.

Development applications lodged with us will be notified and exhibited in accordance with the guidelines in Table 2.

Exemptions to notification and exhibition requirements

There are circumstances where the application is exempt from notification and exhibition requirements. The exemptions apply to the application types marked with an asterisk (*) in the table. Details of the exemptions are provided at the end of the table.

Despite these exemptions, following an inspection of the site and surrounds, and consideration of the proposed development, the assessing officer, at their discretion, may elect to notify the property owner and occupant of adjoining land or any other land.

Table 2: Statutory Planning minimum requirements for notification and exhibition

Type of Application	Notified *subject to exemptions	Minimum notification period (calendar days, including weekends)	Application exhibited on council website	Written (postal) notice issued	Signpost notice on development site
Development Application	*Yes	14 days	Yes	Yes	No
Development Application – New or alterations and additions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwellings • Secondary Dwellings • Rural Workers Dwellings • Dual Occupancies (Attached and Detached) • Residential outbuildings • Signage • Farm Buildings 	*Yes	7 days	Yes	Yes	No
Section 4.55(1) Modification of consent (involving minor error, misdescription or miscalculation)	No	-	-	-	-
Section 4.55(1A) Modification of consent (involving minimal environmental impact)	No	-	-	-	-
Section 4.55(2) Modification of consent (other modifications)	* Notified consistent with the original application (if the original application was previously notified) including the notification of any previous submitter.	Consistent with the original application	Yes	Yes	No
Section 4.56 Modification by consent authorities of consents granted by the Court					
Application for review of a determination (under Division 8.2 of the Act)					
Amended application (prior to determination)					
Application for Designated Development	Yes	28 Days	Yes	Yes	Yes

Community engagement in Statutory Planning

Type of Application	Notified *subject to exemptions	Minimum notification period (calendar days, including weekends)	Application exhibited on council website	Written (postal) notice issued	Signpost notice on development site
Development Application including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated Integrated Development Threatened Species Development Class 1 Aquaculture Development Category 1 Remediation Work DA 	Yes	28 days	Yes	Yes	No
Council related Development Application					
Concept Development Application as alternative to a DCP (Section 4.23 of the EP&A Act 1979)					

Exemptions

The following types of applications are exempt from exhibition and notification requirements:

- Application for review of a determination (under Division 8.2 of the Act) where there has been no amendment to the original application, or an amendment is proposed and the assessing officer determines that the amendment is not likely to result in additional environmental impact. Despite this exemption, any previous submitter will still be notified.
- Amended application (prior to determination) where the assessing officer determines that the amendment proposed is not likely to result in additional environmental impact.
- Internal alterations to buildings which do not alter the height, external configuration or siting of the previously approved development. This exemption does not apply to heritage items.
- Change of use within the E1 Local Centre zone or the E2 Commercial Centre zone to a business premises, office premises, shop, kiosk or public administration building.
- Applications for the strata subdivision or community title subdivision of existing dual occupancies, multi dwelling housing or residential flat buildings, or those for which development consent has been previously granted.
- Applications for subdivision for the adjustment of boundaries not resulting in the creation of an additional allotment.
- Single storey residential dwellings, alterations and additions to dwellings and residential outbuildings on residential or rural zoned land that comply with the controls of the DCP 2010. This exemption does not apply to heritage items and buildings located within heritage conservation areas.
- Farm buildings on rural zoned land where the building is located at least 50m from a boundary with a public road and 10m from any other boundary. This exemption does not apply to properties that contain heritage items.
- Demolition of any building or structure. This exemption does not apply to heritage items and buildings located within heritage conservation areas.
- Minor temporary events and structures (as determined by Council Assessment Officers).
- Minor signage (as determined by Council Assessment Officers).
- Any Development Application that in the opinion of the assessing officer is unlikely to result in any significant impacts on adjoining properties.

Community engagement for major developments

Major developments assessed outside of Council's normal development application process include:

State Significant Development (SSD) and State Significant Infrastructure (SSI)

These projects are assessed directly by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure or the Minister's delegate. They include proposals of state-level significance such as:

- Hospitals, schools and major resource or industrial facilities (SSD)
- Transport, energy, water and communications infrastructure (SSI)

Council is not the consent authority for these types of developments, but still plays an important engagement role by:

- Informing the community of proposals lodged with the Department
- Encouraging residents to make formal submissions via the NSW Planning Portal
- Making its own submission to represent community views and local planning considerations

All information, exhibition periods and submission options for SSD and SSI proposals are managed through the NSW Planning Portal.

Regionally Significant Development (RSD)

RSDs are assessed by Council but determined by the Southern Regional Planning Panel. Council manages the assessment process, including community engagement. RSDs typically involve high-value or sensitive developments, including:

- Proposals valued at over \$30 million
- Council-related development over \$5M
- Private infrastructure (which includes electricity generating works) that has an estimated development cost of more than \$5 million
- Developments with significant regional impacts

Although Council is not the consent authority for Regionally Significant Developments, it plays a key role in:

- Undertaking public notification and exhibition in accordance with Council Policy
- Assessment of the application and preparation of a recommendation report

Other information

Exempt and complying development

There is no requirement for exempt or complying development to be publicly notified by Council under any State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) or Local Environmental Plan (LEP). Despite this, nothing in this plan exempts a proponent from undertaking any required notification procedures that they may be responsible for under any policy or under the conditional requirements of a Complying Development Certificate.

Viewing exhibited development applications

Plans and information lodged with a Development Application will be available for inspection online during the specified notification period.

The information will be available on the 'Public Exhibitions' page of our website at: <https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/public>, or search on our website for 'public exhibitions'.

Alternatively, development applications can be viewed at the Customer Service Centre at the Civic Centre office, from Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 5pm, at the corner of Baylis and Morrow Streets, during the specified notification period.

If you require further clarification with regard to the application, you are welcome to contact us to discuss the matter with our assessing officer or alternatively with the duty town planner.

Submissions

Anyone is entitled to make a submission in response to an application, plan or strategy during a public exhibition period. Entities which may make a submission may include businesses and community organisations. You do not need to be directly notified of a matter to make a submission.

Submissions can be made online via the Development Application Submission Form on our 'Public Exhibitions' page at <https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/public>, or wherever the public exhibition is located online.

Submissions can also be made in writing to the General Manager and delivered to us as follows:

1. Emailed to council@wagga.nsw.gov.au, or
2. Delivered in Person to the Civic Centre offices at the corner of Baylis and Morrow Streets, or
3. Posted to:

General Manager
Wagga Wagga City Council
PO Box 20
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Postal and hand delivered submissions must be received by Council prior to close of business (5pm) on the final day of the specified notification period of the subject application. Emailed submissions must be received prior to midnight on the final day of the specified notification period.

Further information

Further information relating to the content of Table 2 and the processes relating to notification and exhibition, is available on Council's website and can be accessed using the following link:

<https://wagga.nsw.gov.au/building-and-development/statutory-planning>

This includes information on the following matters:

- How Council determines the period of exhibition to meet required exhibition timeframes.
- How Council identifies affected property owners and occupants that will be notified.
- How the public can view exhibited development applications.
- How a submission in relation to the exhibited development application can be made.
- How submissions received will be processed and considered by Council.
- How Council will notify submitters of its decision regarding the development application.

Glossary

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) sets out the 20-year vision for land use in the local area, the shared community values that are to be maintained and enhanced, how growth and change will be managed into the future, and the special characteristics which contribute to local identity.

Additionally, the LSPS responds to land use questions for a Local Government Area (LGA); gives effect to Regional and District Plans; informs amendments to Local Environmental Plans (LEP) and Development Control Plans (DCP); acts as a mechanism to introduce change into the LGA; and integrates land use planning across the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and the Local Government Act.

Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) guide planning decisions for local government areas through zoning and development controls.

They provide a local framework for the way land can be developed and used. LEPs are the main planning tool to shape the future of communities by ensuring local development is carried out appropriately. Changes to LEPs are important to maintain up-to-date local planning controls. The LEP making process aims to make sure these changes are strategically aligned and deliver good planning outcomes.

A Development Control Plan (DCP) provides detailed planning and design guidelines to support the planning controls in the Local Environmental Plan developed by a council. Each council is required to publish their Development Control Plan/s on the Planning Portal.

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A): <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1979-203>

Local Government Act 1993: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1993-030>

Giving feedback on this strategy

Your feedback on the ongoing development and review of this strategy is encouraged.

Feedback can be directed to: engage@wagga.nsw.gov.au

Or: Contact customer service at the Civic Centre, on the corner of Baylis and Morrow Streets

Or via: 1300 292 442





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Make a submission - Draft Community Engagement Strategy and Community Participation Plan Results

Nov 19, 2025 - Dec 08, 2025

Project: Draft Community Engagement Strategy and Community Participation Plan

Form: Make a submission - Draft Community Engagement Strategy and Community Participation Plan

Tool Type: Form

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Response No:
1

Contribution ID: 17926
Member ID: 57
Date Submitted: Dec 08, 2025, 10:15 AM

Q1	First Name
Short Text	Russell
Q2	Last Name
Short Text	Meyers
Q3	Email Address
Email	
Q4	Phone Number
Telephone	
Q5	Which document are you providing feedback on?
Select Box	Both documents
Q6	Submission
Long Text	After being born bred in Collingullie and going to school here to high-school age and remembering a hotel that was open 7 days a week, and three service stations, I am now devastated at the state of our "village".

Response No:
2

Contribution ID: 17608
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 21, 2025, 03:49 PM

Q1 First Name

Short Text Alexandra

Q2 Last Name

Short Text Osgood

Q3 Email Address

Email

Q4 Phone Number

Telephone

Q5 Which document are you providing feedback on?

Select Box Both documents

Q6 Submission

Long Text Hi Team

A couple of questions and suggestions from our team:

- On the Acknowledgment to Country page, I noticed that the Yirra Miya illustrations are used, does Council have a license for this? We have paid for separate licensing for the RAP.
- Recommend including image credits to identify people, activities and locations of the image.
- On page 14 it looks like the heading for the "All Abilities Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026" has gone missing.
- As guided by Reconciliation Australia, we know longer use possessive terms when speaking about the First Nations communities. For example on page 14 "... to our Wiradjuri and First Nations community members." should now be "to the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations community members."
- Recommend including both spellings when referring the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri culture, community and places generally.
- Page 21: "recommend that you replace "people of all abilities" with "people living with disability and their carers"
- What do the village-specific plans look like? Who is leading this project?
- Is there an opportunity to reference the First Nations Cultural Protocols document as a key source of information around culturally appropriate ways to engage the First Nations community?
- In the public participation plan, for access/inclusion - can Council provide a verbal submission option? (pg.14)
- Could these two documents be combined?
- Will there be a easy read version?

Response No:
3

Contribution ID: 17604
Member ID: 57
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 04:24 PM

Q1	First Name
Short Text	N/A
Q2	Last Name
Short Text	Smith
Q3	Email Address
Email	
Q4	Phone Number
Telephone	
Q5	Which document are you providing feedback on?
Select Box	draft Community Participation Plan
Q6	Submission
Long Text	An audit of street signs, removal of old signs, and out of date signs local government say in signage. Roadworks good to see.

RP-7 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**Author:** Nicole Johnson**Executive:** Scott Gray

Summary: The purpose of this report is to nominate delegates to attend the 2026 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government Annual Conference in June as outlined in the report and endorse any motion/s to be submitted.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a attend the National General Assembly (NGA) to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 23 - 25 June 2026
- b appoint one (1) Councillor and one (1) alternate Councillor to attend the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government Annual Conference with the Mayor in Canberra from 23 - 25 June 2026
- c consider submitting motion/s to the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government Annual Conference as outlined in the report

Report

The 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is being held in Canberra from 23 June - 25 June 2026.

The 2026 NGA theme is "Stronger Together: Resilient. Productive. United". Further details on the conference including the Conference Program are yet to be released.

The attached [2026 National General Assembly Discussion Paper](#) is provided to you for review and consideration of Motions.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and for debate to occur on the floor of the NGA, you must:

- Submit a new motion that has not been debated at an NGA in the preceding two years as found in previous business papers on the ALGA website.
- Ensure your motion is relevant to the work of local government across the nation, not focused on a specific location or region, unless the project has national implications.
- Align your motion with the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.
- Propose a clear action and outcome on a single issue, calling on the Australian Government to take action. Motions covering more than one issue will not be accepted.
- Ensure the motion does not seek to advantage one or a few councils at the expense of others.
- Avoid being prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

Motions should seek the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs.

Councillors were requested to provide draft motions, with no motions received.

Council is provided with one (1) vote. Therefore, it recommended that the Mayor represent Council as its voting member, with one other Councillor to be appointed by Council to attend the conference with the Mayor and General Manager. It is also recommended that Council appoint an alternate Councillor, in the event that either the Mayor or appointed Councillor are unable to attend.

The 2026 NGA Proposed Conference Program is provided for your reference via [this link](#).

Financial Implications

The registration cost per delegate is \$1,549. Transport, accommodation and incidentals are estimated at approximately \$1,200 per delegate, bringing the total estimated cost to attend this conference to \$2,749 per delegate.

This conference will be funded from the Councillors' Development, Conference and Travel budget, which has a total allocation of \$8,000 per Councillor for the 2025/26 financial year.

The expenditure and remaining budget for each Councillor is detailed in the table below.

Councillor	Amount spent YTD 2025/26	Remaining budget 2025/26
Allana Condron	\$ 5,230.15	\$ 2,769.85
Georgie Davies	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,000.00
Richard Foley	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,000.00
Jenny McKinnon	\$ 5,553.99	\$ 2,446.01
Amelia Parkins	\$ 7,368.97	\$ 631.03
Karissa Subedi	\$ 1,543.60	\$ 6,456.40
Lindsay Tanner	\$ 1,570.54	\$ 6,429.46
Dallas Tout	\$ 999.31	\$ 7000.69

Job number: 12080 – Councillor Development/Conferences/Travelling

Policy and Legislation

Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy (POL 025)
Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy (POL 113)

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We are accountable and transparent

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Councillors

Executive staff

RP-8 REVISED TIME OF 2026 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS**Author:** Nicole Johnson**Executive:** Scott Gray

Summary: Council, at its meeting held on 27 October 2025, adopted a schedule of Ordinary Council Meeting dates with a commencement time of 6.30pm. This report recommends that the commencement time of Ordinary Council Meetings be amended to 6.00pm, while retaining the same meeting dates previously adopted by Council.

Recommendation

That Council approve the amendment to the Ordinary Council Meeting commencement time to 6.00pm for the period February 2026 to December 2026.

Report

Council approval is sought to amend the commencement time of Ordinary Council Meetings for the 2026 calendar year from 6.30pm to 6.00pm. The meeting dates previously adopted by Council will remain unchanged.

The proposed amendment is administrative in nature and does not affect legislative compliance, the number of meetings held, or the distribution of meetings across the calendar year.

The previously adopted commencement time of 6.30pm was intended to allow sufficient time for a Public Forum to be held between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Where no applications are received, the Public Forum does not proceed and is cancelled.

Where a Public Forum is held and a Public Forum applicant is unable to be heard due to time constraints, Council may resolve to suspend standing orders to permit the applicant to address Council during the Ordinary Council Meeting. Any such address will be limited to the same subject matter and speaking time that would have applied during the Public Forum session.

Amending the commencement time to 6.00pm enables meetings to commence earlier on occasions where a Public Forum is not held, reducing unnecessary delays to the start of meetings while retaining flexibility to accommodate a Public Forum where required.

The earlier commencement time is intended to improve meeting efficiency, reduce the likelihood of meetings extending late into the evening, better align with staff and Councillor availability, and maintain community access to Council meetings.

Financial Implications

There are costs associated with conducting Council meetings, including livestreaming services provided by an external contractor. These costs are already accommodated within Council's approved annual budget, and the proposed change to the meeting commencement time will not result in any additional financial impact.

Policy and Legislation

In accordance with Chapter 12, Part 2, Section 365 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), the Council is required to meet at least 10 times per year (financial year), each time in a different month.

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

Deliver accountable and transparent leadership.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

RP-9 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**Author:** Scott Gray

Summary: This report is to respond to questions with notice raised by Councillors in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report.

Report

The following questions with notice were received prior to the meeting, in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

Councillor J McKinnon

In 2023, Council voted to note a report from the NSW Chief Scientist and to await NSW government guidelines regarding management of synthetic sports fields in public open spaces.

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has subsequently released a 2025 report entitled: Synthetic turf sports fields in public open space: Guideline for decision-makers. When can Councillors expect a Wagga Council response for consideration?

The NSW Government Guidelines for Synthetic turf sports fields in public open space were released last year. The guidelines do not make specific recommendations on the replacement of natural grass sporting fields with synthetic turf. Instead, it looks to provide an overview of the potential options for playing fields and provide a practical decision-making framework that considers all impacts when planning and delivering future public open spaces.

[Synthetic turf sports fields in public open spaces - Guideline for decision-makers](#)

The guide focuses on synthetic turf used for sports field purposes only. The guide does not address synthetic turf used in private or residential settings, indoors, streetscapes or play spaces.

Council currently has only one identified future synthetic sports field for delivery (Rawlings Park North). Staff have already been in discussion with Football Wagga regarding the planning and delivery of this proposed facility. A report will be provided to Council in March that discusses the guidelines in detail and the proposed delivery of the future Rawlings Park project.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Good governance

Provide professional, innovative, accessible and efficient services.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 22 JANUARY 2026

Author: Kori West

Executive: Scott Gray

Summary:

The Local Transport Forum (LTF) met on 22 January 2026 and considered one (1) report.

The report relates to the Junior Championship Touch Football competition from 13 to 15 February 2026.

Recommendation

That Council receive the minutes of the Local Transport Forum Meeting held on 22 January 2026.

Report

RP-1 - TOUCH NSW - JUNIOR STATE CUP SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

This report related to the Touch NSW Junior State Cup Southern Conference, scheduled to be held in Wagga Wagga from 13 to 15 February 2026.

The proposed traffic management arrangements associated with the event. The LTF reviewed the submitted Traffic Guidance Scheme, Traffic Management Plan and supporting documentation and raised no objections to the proposed arrangements. The minutes of that meeting record the Forum's support for the traffic controls as outlined.

The event will be held at Jubilee Park, Bourkelands, and is expected to attract teams and spectators from across southern New South Wales. Temporary traffic controls and road closures will be implemented to support safe vehicle and pedestrian movement, minimise disruption to local residents and maintain access for emergency services.

The proposal has been assessed as consistent with the TfNSW delegation framework and standard event traffic management practices for events of this scale.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice 2025

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Good governance

Provide professional, innovative, accessible and efficient services.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

	Mail			Traditional Media			Community Engagement				Digital					
	Rates notices insert	Direct mail	Letterbox drop	Council news	Media release	Media opportunity	TV/radio advertising	One-on-one meeting(s)	Community meeting(s)	Stakeholder workshop(s)	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback form(s)	Have your Say	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
Inform																<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consult									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
Involve																
Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																
Public Transport Operators are invited to the meeting.																

Attachments

- 1. [Minutes - Local Transport Forum - 22 January 2026](#)

MINUTES of the **LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM** held on **Thursday 22 January 2026**.

PRESENT

Sergeant Gerard Horsley NSW Police
Mr Greg Minehan Transport for NSW

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Peter Thompson General Manager
Mr Zain Lakho Senior Traffic Officer Operations Engineer
Ms Kori West Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for non-attendance and accepted for Peter Bramley, Dr Joe McGirr MP and Director Infrastructure Services, Henry Pavitt.

The meeting of the Local Transport Forum commenced at 9.01am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 5 DECEMBER 2025 - LOCAL
TRANSPORT FORUM**

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Local Transport Forum held on 5 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record, noting Council's adoption of these minutes at its meeting of 15 December 2025.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES of the LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM held on Thursday 22 January 2026.

REPORTS

RP-1 TOUCH NSW - JUNIOR STATE CUP SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Recommendation

That the Local Transport Forum support the traffic management arrangements for the conduct of the Touch NSW – Junior State Cup Southern Conference on 13, 14 and 15 February 2026 in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area.

Discussion

The Forum Members present agreed with the Officer's Recommendation.

The representative for Transport for NSW advised in previous years Transport NSW have received complaints about traffic confusion and the traffic controllers not giving adequate advice to people attending the carnival. This has been an ongoing issue throughout the past few years.

The General Manager advised that Council will write to the traffic control contractor to ensure adequate traffic management advice is in place throughout the carnival, with clear road mapping provided to minimise confusion during this period.

Staff confirmed that the affected transport companies have been advised and briefed on the upcoming event.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The General Manager advised that staff will liaise with bus companies to determine a suitable time for their participation in the forum.

The Local Transport Forum rose at 9.18am.

M-2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 28 JANUARY 2026**Author:** Scott Gray**Summary:** | This report presents the minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 28 January 2026.**Recommendation**

That Council:

- a receive and note the minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 28 January 2026
- b endorse Council's submission to the Senate Inquiry into Regional Aviation

Report

The Minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 28 January 2026 are presented to Council for consideration. A summary of the matters considered and resolutions made is outlined below.

RP-1 SENATE INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL AVIATION

The Committee considered an outline of the proposed themes for Council's submission to the Senate Inquiry into Regional Aviation. The outline explained that the inquiry is examining matters including the affordability and reliability of regional air services, the cost and regulatory environment affecting regional aviation, and the policy settings required to sustain long-term regional connectivity.

The Committee discussed Council's proposed focus areas for the submission, including the importance of regional aviation to workforce mobility, economic participation and national productivity; the role of aviation in supporting regional population growth and decentralisation; affordability challenges for regional communities even on profitable routes where limited competition and network pricing structures result in higher fares; the need for stable, long-term and coherent policy settings to address regulatory, security and infrastructure cost pressures; the contribution regional airports can make to national network resilience and innovation; and the importance of supporting the financial sustainability of regional airports to help contain costs over time.

The Committee provided input, examples and data to assist Council in preparing the draft submission for presentation to Council on 9 February 2026, prior to lodgement of the submission to the Inquiry on 10 February 2026.

The submission is attached for Council's consideration and endorsement.

RP-2 LEASE UPDATE

The Committee was advised by the General Manager that the draft lease documentation from Defence had been received on 27 January 2026. The General Manager outlined the key provisions of the proposed lease, which were discussed by the Committee.

A further detailed report will be provided to the Committee to enable formal review and advice on the terms and conditions of the proposed lease.

Any decision regarding acceptance of the lease will be subject to formal consideration by Council.

RP-3 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The Committee noted information provided by Council regarding access to key Airport documentation, including the current (outdated) Airport lease for information, clarification of “commercial activities” and income-earning opportunities at the Airport, and Council’s strategic direction and priorities for the Committee over the next six months, including lease arrangements, security screening requirements, fees and charges and development of a new Airport Masterplan.

The Committee also noted that Council will make a submission to the Senate inquiry into regional aviation, with an approved extension allowing the submission to be informed by Committee input and considered by Council prior to lodgement, and that further information regarding the Airport Cottage will be provided at a future meeting.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Engaged Community

Establish partnerships and relationships with community and foster opportunities for collaboration and action.

Risk Management Issues for Council

No specific risks are identified in noting the minutes. Adoption of the updated Terms of Reference will strengthen governance clarity and reduce the risk of role ambiguity.

Internal / External Consultation

The Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee comprises Councillors, independent members and senior Council staff. Relevant internal and external stakeholders will continue to be consulted as required in relation to airport operations, strategic planning and future development.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Minutes Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee - 28 January 2026
- 2 [↓](#). Submission - Senate Inquiry into Regional Aviation

MINUTES of the **WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE** held on **Wednesday 28 January 2026**.

PRESENT

Councillor Richard Foley (Chairperson)
The Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout
Councillor Jenny McKinnon
Councillor Amelia Parkins
Geoff Breust
Rodney Cecchini
Rod Kendall
Daniel Logan
Suraj Mohamed

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Peter Thompson	General Manager
Mr Scott Gray	Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Nicole Johnson	Corporate Governance Coordinator
Ms Ruby Brodin	Business Support Officer (Minute taker)

The meeting of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee commenced at 12:30pm.

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 17 DECEMBER 2025

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Wagga Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee Meeting held on 17 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MINUTES of the **WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE** held on **Wednesday 28 January 2026**.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Rodney Cecchini declared a general declaration of interest due to his role as Director of Oz Airports, his background as a commercial pilot, aircraft ownership, regular use of Wagga Wagga Airport, and his business supporting airport operators.

Rodney Kendall declared a general declaration of interest due to his hangar sub-lease at the Wagga Wagga Airport, aircraft ownership and operation and his membership of Wagga City Aero Club.

Geoff Breust declared a general declaration of interest due to his hangar lease at the Wagga Wagga Airport, aircraft ownership and operation and his role as a Director of the Wagga City Aero Club.

Daniel Logan declared a general declaration of interest due to his aircraft ownership and operation and lease of privately owned hangar at Wagga Wagga Airport, his role as a commercial pilot for Regional Express and his residency in Forest Hill.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 SENATE INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL AVIATION

Recommendation

That the Committee provide feedback on the proposed themes to inform the draft submission prior to its presentation to Council at its meeting on 9 February 2026.

RP-2 LEASE UPDATE

Recommendation

That the Committee:

- a receive and note this update on the status of lease negotiations with Defence**
- b note that a verbal update will be provided at the meeting, including any further information received after distribution of the business papers**

MINUTES of the **WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE** held on **Wednesday 28 January 2026**.

RP-3 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Recommendation

That the Committee receive and note the responses outlined in this report.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN-1 REVIEW MASTERPLAN

Rod Kendall requested Committee members to be provided with access to the existing Airport Masterplan.

QWN-2 REQUEST MEETING WITH AIRT INC

Councillor Richard Foley requested that Council formally invite Air T, Inc. to provide a presentation to the Committee outlining the company's future plans, including any proposed activities, developments, or initiatives that may be relevant to the Committee and Council's strategic considerations.

QWN-3 FEES AND CHARGES

Suraj Mohamed requested Committee members be provided Council's current Airport Fees and Charges, along with the number of arrivals and departures by each airline.

The Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee rose at 1:30pm.



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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: Submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Wagga Wagga City Council welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee inquiry into regional aviation services.

As a major regional centre servicing a broad catchment across southern New South Wales, Wagga Wagga is highly dependent on reliable, affordable and resilient aviation services. Air connectivity plays a critical role in supporting access to healthcare, education, emergency services, defence operations, business activity, workforce mobility and broader regional productivity.

Council's submission draws on its experience as the long-term operator of a regional airport and reflects the practical challenges faced by regional airports, airlines and communities. The submission is intended to support a balanced, forward-looking and evidence-based inquiry outcome.

1. Role of Regional Airports and Air Services

Regional airports serve functions that extend well beyond commercial passenger transport. In addition to scheduled airline services, regional airports support:

- aeromedical and emergency response operations;
- Defence and national security activities;
- general aviation, training and workforce development;
- business, tourism and freight connectivity; and
- disaster response and recovery.

For many regional communities, aviation is not a discretionary service but essential infrastructure that supports entire regional catchments, not just the communities in which airports are located.

2. Market Structure, Competition and Fare Outcomes

Council supports examination of the impacts of market concentration and limited competition on regional air routes. Many regional routes are effectively serviced by a single operator, resulting in higher fares, limited schedule flexibility and reduced service resilience.

The inquiry may wish to consider:

- the role of network pricing and price discrimination in regional fare structures;
- the transparency of fare-setting mechanisms; and
- whether current market settings adequately support affordability for regional passengers.

Improved competition is closely linked to infrastructure capability. In some cases, the absence of suitable runway, terminal or airfield infrastructure can limit the ability of new entrants or alternative aircraft types to operate regional routes.

3. Regional Aviation as Essential Infrastructure

Council submits that regional aviation should be recognised as essential national economic and social infrastructure, comparable to road, rail and telecommunications networks.

This recognition would:

- support more coherent long-term policy settings;
- acknowledge the role of aviation in workforce mobility and access to essential services; and
- strengthen the case for targeted investment and support mechanisms.

Most transport systems in Australia rely on some form of government investment or subsidy. Treating regional aviation solely as a commercial activity risks underestimating its broader public value.

4. Proportionate and Risk-Based Regulatory Settings

Council supports consideration of whether regulatory and aviation security requirements are appropriately scaled to the size, risk profile and passenger volumes of regional airports.

While safety and security outcomes must remain paramount, proportionate and risk-based approaches may:

- reduce cost pressures on regional airports;
- improve operational flexibility; and
- enhance long-term sustainability without compromising standards.

5. Passenger Affordability and Access

Affordability remains a key concern for regional residents. Increasingly, passengers are weighing long-distance road travel as an alternative to air travel due to fare costs.

Council supports exploration of targeted, demand-side measures that directly address passenger affordability, including:

- resident fare concessions;

- capped fares on monopoly routes; and
- other passenger-focused affordability mechanisms.

Such approaches could complement existing airline and airport support programs and more directly address cost pressures experienced by regional communities.

6. Health, Education and Emergency Access

Reliable and affordable air services are critical to regional access to:

- specialist healthcare and aeromedical transfers;
- higher education and training opportunities;
- emergency response and disaster recovery.

These social and service-delivery impacts warrant consideration alongside commercial performance metrics.

7. Workforce Sustainability in Regional Aviation

Workforce shortages across pilots, engineers, ground handling and related aviation roles present a growing risk to service reliability.

Council supports policy settings that:

- strengthen regional training pathways;
- support workforce retention in regional locations; and
- encourage decentralised skills development.

8. Decarbonisation and Regional Equity

Council supports aviation decarbonisation objectives but emphasises the need to avoid disproportionate cost impacts on regional communities.

Regional airports may offer opportunities to trial lower-emissions technologies and operational practices, provided:

- transitional costs are appropriately supported; and
- regional equity considerations are embedded in policy design.

9. Data Transparency and Ongoing Monitoring

Enhanced public reporting on regional aviation performance—including fares, cancellations and on-time performance—would support more informed policy development.

Consideration could also be given to establishing ongoing monitoring mechanisms beyond the life of the current inquiry to track long-term outcomes, regional connectivity and service reliability.



Conclusion

Regional aviation is fundamental to the social, economic and service-delivery fabric of regional Australia. Wagga Wagga City Council encourages the Committee to adopt a holistic approach that recognises aviation as essential infrastructure, balances commercial realities with community needs and supports long-term sustainability. Council appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the inquiry and would welcome further engagement as the Committee progresses its work.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Thompson
General Manager



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PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout
Councillor Georgie Davies
Councillor Richard Foley
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Jenny McKinnon
Councillor Karissa Subedi
Councillor Lindsay Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Director Community (Acting)	(Mrs C Hood)
Director Infrastructure Services (Acting)	(Mr R Graham)
Chief Financial Officer	(Mrs C Rodney)
Chief Operating Officer	(Mr S Gray)
Executive Director Housing & Strategic Planning	(Mrs F Hamilton)
Manager Corporate Governance & Performance	(Mr D Galloway)
Property Coordinator	(Mr M Dombrovski)
Economic Development Officer	(Mrs S Hanrahan)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)
Corporate Governance Officer	(Ms K West)

NOTICE TO MEETING

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WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Respected Wiradjuri Elder, Aunty Mary Atkinson performed the Welcome to Country.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Wagga Wagga City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri people, and pays respect to Elders past, present and future and extends our respect to all First Nations Peoples in Wagga Wagga.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the land and rivers. We also recognise the resilience, strength and pride of the Wiradjuri and First Nations communities.

REFLECTION

Councillors, let us in silence reflect upon our responsibilities to the community which we represent, and to all future generations and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted for Director Economy, Business & Workforce, Mrs F Piltz and Director Infrastructure, Mr H Pavitt on the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and Councillor L Tanner.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council noted that leave of absence was granted to Councillor A Condron at the 17 November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting and Councillor A Parkins at the 15 December 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 11 DECEMBER 2025

26/001 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and G Davies

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u> D Tout G Davies R Foley J McKinnon T Koschel K Subedi L Tanner	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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CM-2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 15 DECEMBER 2025

26/002 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u> D Tout G Davies R Foley J McKinnon T Koschel K Subedi L Tanner	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 17 DECEMBER 2025 the reason being that a family member has a sub-lease on a hangar at the airport and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - BANKING AND POSTAL SERVICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA the reason being that he works in the finance industry and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - REQUEST FOR REPORT: TARGETED REVIEW OF MOBILE FOOD VENDOR POLICY (POL 062) the reason being that he has family members that work in the retail food industry and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

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Councillor T Koschel declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025 the reason being that he works in the finance industry, and his workplace is named in this report and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor K Subedi declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - REQUEST FOR REPORT: TARGETED REVIEW OF MOBILE FOOD VENDOR POLICY (POL 062) the reason being that she has a family member who operates a catering business and a cafe in Wagga Wagga. The type of business does not directly affect a review of the mobile food vendor policy and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

26/003 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and J McKinnon

That the standing orders be varied for the meeting as set out hereunder:

- **Items where councillors wish to speak**
- **Items where no councillors wish to speak**
- **Confidential**
- **Matter of urgency**
- **Closure of Meeting**

That CR-1 and RP-2 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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G Davies	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
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MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - BANKING AND POSTAL SERVICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:41pm.

26/004 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the ongoing closure of regional bank branches across Australia and the growing pressure this place on already-stretched post offices which are also facing closure or downgrading of services**
- b acknowledge the findings of the 2023–24 Senate Inquiry into Bank Closures in Regional Australia, which recommended that access to banking and cash be designated as an essential service and that the Federal Government investigate the feasibility of a government-owned bank operating through post offices**
- c recognise the significant and predictable negative impacts these closures have on regional communities, small businesses, older residents, and local economies reliant on reliable access to cash and essential services**
- d write to the Prime Minister, the Treasurer, and the Minister for Communications requesting an urgent response to the Senate Inquiry report, commitment to its recommendations, and the commissioning of an expert panel to investigate the establishment of a government post office bank**
- e provide copies of this resolution to the Member for Riverina and the Member for Farrer seeking their support for immediate Federal action**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
J McKinnon
K Subedi

Against the Motion

L Tanner

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NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - REQUEST FOR REPORT: TARGETED REVIEW OF MOBILE FOOD VENDOR POLICY (POL 062)

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and remained vacated from the chamber.

26/005 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and G Davies

That Council:

- a note the Mobile Food Vendor Trading in Public Places (Parks and Reserves) Policy has local approvals provisions and that Council has the authority and responsibility to ensure its policies remain contemporary, proportionate, and evidence-based**
- b note that the current policy contains fixed caps, blanket exclusion distances, and prescriptive controls that limit activation of public spaces and restrict participation by mobile food vendors without demonstrated evidence of benefit**
- c acknowledge that a modern, outcomes-based approach to mobile food vending can:

 - i activate parks, reserves, and public spaces, particularly outside standard business hours**
 - ii provide low-barrier business opportunities that support small operators and reduce reliance on high-rent commercial premises; and**
 - iii improve public safety and amenity through increased legitimate use and passive surveillance.****
- d affirm that any revised policy must:

 - i continue to meet approval, safety, and amenity requirements**
 - ii protect Council from undue financial and legal risk; and**
 - iii be cost-neutral or revenue-positive through appropriate fees, compliance, and enforcement mechanisms.****
- e request the General Manager to prepare a report within six (6) months that:

 - i replaces fixed permit caps and blanket exclusion rules with evidence-based, location- and time-specific controls**
 - ii introduces trial and temporary approvals to test activation outcomes without long-term commitment or increased risk**
 - iii improves transparency and consistency in assessment, renewal, and enforcement processes; and**
 - iv ensures the policy continues to operate effectively as a Local Approvals Policy****

CARRIED

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R Foley	
J McKinnon	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

Councillor T Koschel re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:04pm.

COUNCILLOR REPORT

CR-1 COUNCILLOR REPORT - LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2025

26/006 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and J McKinnon

That Council receive and note the report on attendance to the 2025 LGNSW Water Management Conference.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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G Davies	
R Foley	
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REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

26/007 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That Council:

- a approve the proposed budget variations and note the balanced budget position as presented in this report**
- b approve the proposed budget variations to the Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program including new projects and timing adjustments**
- c note the Responsible Accounting Officer’s reports, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Part 9 Division 3: Clause 203) that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made above**
- d note the details of the external investments as at 31 December 2025 in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993**
- e accept the grant funding offers as presented in this report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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RP-2 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

26/008 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following community groups:**
 - i Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Education Consultative Group – AECG Meeting for \$400.00**
 - ii Army 125th Birthday Community Event for \$290.00**
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
T Koschel	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

RP-3 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

26/009 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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J McKinnon	
T Koschel	
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COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 17 DECEMBER 2025

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 7:12pm.

26/010 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a receive and note the minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 17 December 2025**
- b adopt the amended Terms of Reference for the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u> D Tout G Davies R Foley J McKinnon T Koschel K Subedi L Tanner	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:13pm.

CLOSED COUNCIL

26/011 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 7.13pm.

CARRIED

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING THE PRESS AND PUBLIC GALLERY RETIRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 LAND ACQUISITION

26/012 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to proceed with the negotiations and purchase of land as outlined in the body of this report.**
- b authorise the affixing of Council’s common seal to any documents as required**
- c agree in principle, on finalisation of the acquisition, to classify the land described as Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 1143881 and identified as 216 Ashfords Road, Gregadoo as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993**
- d authorise the General Manager or delegate to place the proposed resolution on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions**
- e receive a further report following the exhibition and submission period addressing any submission made in respect of the proposed classification**
- f approve the budget variation/s as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	G Davies
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
T Koschel	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

26/013 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and L Tanner

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 7.23pm.

CARRIED

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R Foley	
J McKinnon	
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K Subedi	
L Tanner	

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 7.35pm.

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MAYOR

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