



Agenda and Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

To be held on
Monday 22 July 2024
at 6.00pm

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Peter Thompson
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WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCILLORS



**Councillor Dallas Tout
(Mayor)**

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



**Councillor Amelia Parkins
(Deputy Mayor)**

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



Councillor Georgie Davies

Councillor Georgie Davies was elected to Council in 2021.



Councillor Richard Foley

Councillor Richard Foley was elected to Council in 2021.



Councillor Michael Henderson

Councillor Michael Henderson was elected to Council in 2021.



Councillor Rod Kendall

Councillor Rod Kendall was elected to Council in 2004 and was elected Mayor in 2012 – 2015.



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 elected Deputy Mayor in 2022 – 2023.

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 22 JULY 2024

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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 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 JUNE 2024

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2024 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 - REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA

Author: Councillor Amelia Parkins

Summary: Notice of Motion seeking a review into the Heritage Conservation Area to be prepared in advance of or concurrently with the CBD Masterplan.

Recommendation

That Council receives a report that considers options to conduct a review of the Heritage Conservation Area to inform the CBD Masterplan. Such a review should include, but not be limited to:

- a an assessment of the heritage significance of the existing heritage conservation area and the extent of the conservation area;
- b consideration of new objectives and controls that retain and enhance the identified heritage significance of the conservation area while allowing appropriate new development to occur; and
- c preparation of a Heritage Design Guide to facilitate sympathetic new development in a heritage precinct and appropriate conservation outcomes

Report

The current Wagga Wagga Heritage Conservation Area is being managed in an ad hoc and inconsistent way. The value of the conservation area is not clear, which has the potential to result in missed opportunities for development or inadvertent loss of heritage significance.

In 2013 the latest Wagga Wagga Heritage Study Review was prepared by NGH Environmental. This study provided a review of heritage items but excluded any assessment of the conservation area. The review recommended “that a separate study be undertaken by heritage consultants specific to the conservation area”, which 11 years later has not occurred.

Council is currently preparing a masterplan for the CBD, which includes part of the heritage conservation area. The significance of the conservation area should be assessed and in turn, inform how and where development occurs in this precinct. Appropriate controls that ensure a balance between contemporary design and development and retention of the identified heritage significance needs to be prepared.

The Heritage Council of NSW in collaboration with the NSW Government Architect have prepared a suite of publications including the Better Placed Design Guide for Heritage. These documents should be referenced in the review of the conservation area and inform the preparation of new controls and guidelines.

A review of our conservation area is overdue and with the preparation of a CBD masterplan now is the perfect time to carry out this project. As well as providing guidance to the CBD masterplan, appropriate controls will provide certainty for landowners, developers and the community about what can occur within the

conservation areas. It would set clear expectations and allow Council staff to consistently implement controls that facilitate good design in heritage settings while protecting aspects of the conservation area that contribute to its significance.

Financial Implications

There is likely to be a cost associated with the preparation of this report, unless the scope can be captured within the work currently being undertaken for the CBD Masterplan.

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Community leadership and collaboration

Objective: Our community is informed and actively engaged in decision making and problem-solving to shape the future of Wagga Wagga

Ensure our community feels heard and understood

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

COUNCILLOR REPORT

CR-1 COUNCILLOR REPORT - 2024 ROADS CONGRESS

Author: Councillor Rod Kendall

Recommendation

That Council receive and notes the report from Councillor Rod Kendall in relation to the 2024 Local Roads Congress.

Report

I had the pleasure of attending the 2024 Local Roads Congress held in the NSW Parliament House on Monday, 3 June 2024. The congress jointly held by Local Government NSW and the NSW & ACT IPWEA (Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia).

The theme of this year's congress was "Planning for the Future".

The congress was addressed by Will Barton, Vice President, IPWEA NSW & ACT, Cr Darriea Turley AM, President of LG NSW, Mal Lanyon APM, Acting CEO, NSW Reconstruction Authority, The Hon John Graham MLC, Minister for Roads, The Hon Natalie Ward MLC, Shadow Minister for Transport and Roads, The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and David Layzell PM, Shadow Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

Technical presentations were presented by Nabil Issa, CEO, Street Opening Coordination Council, Peter Shields, Chief Engineer City of Sydney, 'Street as Shared Spaces', Scott Greenow, A/Executive Director Freight, Transport for BSW, 'Future Freight', Joshua Devitt, Chief Engineer, IPWEA NSW & ACT, 'Asset AI Project Update', Dr Austin Morris, Dir Engineering & Environmental Services Lockhart Shire Council, 'Electric Vehicle Implementation', Warren Sharp, Director, Warren Sharp Services P/L, 'Integrated Network Planning'.

At the conclusion of the congress a 'Congress Communique' was agreed to and adopted.

All congress details, presentations and the communique can be found at <https://www.ipweansw.org/roadsdirectorate/local-roads-congress>.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice 2022
Code of Conduct
Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy POL -025
Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy - POL 113

Link to Strategic Plan

Community leadership and collaboration

Objective: Wagga Wagga has strong community leadership and a shared vision for the future

Our leaders represent our community

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 DA21/0604.01 MODIFICATION OF CONSENT FOR MULTI-LEVEL COMMERCIAL OFFICE & CAR PARK - AMENDMENTS TO APPROVED PLANS, 199-205 MORGAN STREET, WAGGA WAGGA

Author: Steven Cook
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary:

The report is for an application to modify a Development Consent and is presented to Council for determination.

DA21/0604 for a 'multi-level commercial office & car park' was approved by the full Council at its meeting on 11 April 2022. An application has now been received to modify the consent, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The modification proposes amendments to the approved plans including:

- Design variations to the façade and architecture of the building.
- Increasing commercial leasable floor space from 6730m² to 6860m² across five levels.
- Increasing gross floor area from 7595m² to 7634m².
- Removal of two car parking levels (from six levels to four).
- Reduction of car parking spaces from 483 to 316.
- Reduction of motorcycle spaces from 20 to 12.
- Increase of bicycle spaces from 10 to 18.
- Overall reduction in building height by 725mm.
- Relocation of sub-station; and
- Other minor access and internal feature alterations.

Ten public submissions were received in relation to the modification application during its public exhibition period. Nine of these were by way of objection. One was in support.

Recommendation

That Council approve DA21/0604.01 to modify Development Consent DA21/0604 for a Multi-level Commercial Office and Car Park at 199-205 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga (Lot 7 DP 203835, Lot 1 DP 375748, and Lot A DP 331461) subject to the conditions outlined in the Section 4.15/4.55 Assessment Report.

Modification Application Details

Applicant	Manuel Donebus
Owner	Damasa Pty Ltd

	Directors: Daniel Donebus, Sandra Weston, Manuel Donebus
Development Cost	\$25,500,000
Development Description	Modification of Consent for Multi-level Commercial Office & Car Park - Amendments to Approved Plans including Facade Changes, Increase in Leasable Floor Area from 6730m ² to 6860m ² , Removal of Two Car Parking Levels (with Reduction in Car Parking Spaces from 483 to 316), and Reduction in Building Height by 725mm

Report

Key Issues

- Changes to parking numbers.
- Compliance with site masterplan.
- Changes to building façade.
- Submissions.

Site Location

The site, being Lot 7 DP 203835, Lot 1 DP 375748 and Lot A DP 331461, 199-205 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga, is located on the north-eastern corner of Docker Street and Morgan Street, approximately 300m north of Edward Street. Works are also proposed in the Morgan Street road reserve adjacent to the site.

An open stormwater drain also crosses Lot A, taking water from the east, and directing this water to the north, towards the Wollundry Lagoon. Works have commenced under DA21/0604, with demolition of buildings on, and removal of vegetation from, the site.

All vehicular access to the land is currently from Morgan St.

The site is flat, and subject to inundation from overland flow from heavy rainfall events.

The locality is mixed in character. To the north, west and south of the site residential uses, including single dwellings and multi-unit developments prevail. To the southwest is an area of open space.

Land to the east and northeast is used for a range of commercial purposes, including retail, medical and office space. A four storey commercial building stands on land immediately to the east. This land has not historically been used for residential uses.



Assessment

- DA21/0604 for a 'multi-level commercial office & car park' was approved by the full Council at its meeting on 11 April 2022.
- An application has now been received to modify the consent, pursuant to Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- The site is zoned MU1 Mixed Use under the provisions of the WWLEP 2010. The adjacent road reserve is zoned R1 General Residential. The development is permitted with consent.
- As set out in the attached assessment report, Council can be satisfied of relevant matters under s4.55(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, including that the consent as modified will be substantially the same development as the as the development for which the consent was originally granted.
- The development, as proposed to be modified, does not result in any new non-compliances with the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan (WWLEP) 2010, the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan (WWDCP) 2010 and relevant State Environmental Planning Policies.
- The development remains non-complaint with one non-numerical control of the WWDCP 2010, being C1 of Section 2.1. This control states that "Access should be from an alternative secondary frontage or other non-arterial road where possible". This is not a new non-compliance, with the non-compliance approved under the original consent. Access to the site is unaltered under this modification.
- The development continues to provide significantly more parking than is required for the development under Section 2.2 of the WWDCP 2010. The development, as modified, requires 170 parking spaces. The modification reduces the number of spaces on the site from 483 to 316, and therefore a surplus of 146 spaces is maintained.
- The Development Application and subsequent modification have foreshadowed that the additional parking will be used to support future developments in the precinct.

- Future stages of the development of the site will need to demonstrate that adequate parking is available to accommodate those developments at the time they are carried out. There is no requirement for Council to grant consent to those developments in future if it is not satisfied in this regard.
- The details of those developments are not known at this time and will only be understood precisely when a Development Application for those future developments is lodged. The subject development still provides additional parking which allows for flexibility in the development of the site, but a definitive number for an additional parking requirement has never been established, either under the original Development Application nor under this modification, nor is it reasonable to expect that would be the case at this time.
- The masterplan for the precinct indicates that 300 parking spaces will be provided on the site. This is not a binding figure, because as noted above, each development must be assessed on its merits. Notwithstanding, the development provides 316 spaces.
- The proposed modifications are such that the impacts of the development will be no greater than previously assessed and the previous assessment remains valid. The changes to the approved plans are considered to be acceptable and unlikely to adversely impact on the character and amenity of the area.
- The site has been previously assessed as being suitable for the proposed development. Nothing in these proposed modifications is considered to alter this previous assessment.
- The application was referred to Transport for NSW who raised no objection to the proposed modification.
- Ten submissions were received in relation to the development. Nine by way of objection, and one in support. Objections raised matters both previously assessed with the Development Application, as well as matters relevant to the proposed modifications. Submissions relating to the modifications primarily related to:
 - The reduction in parking, and the potential for this to increase impacts related to additional on-street parking now, and into the future.
 - Ensuring that parking is available for employees, customers and visitors.
 - That a reduction in parking would be inconsistent with the masterplan, and result in insufficient parking for future stages.
 - Changes to the building façade and associated impacts on the amenity of the area.
- An amended condition (C.61) is proposed to clarify that parking spaces required to meet the parking demands of the office space must not be used for the parking of plant or fleet, and must be available for employee, customer and visitor parking.
- The public interest was assessed under the original application and the development was found to be in the public interest. Nothing in these proposed modifications is considered to alter this previous assessment.
- The nature of the modification is such that consistency of the development against the provisions of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* remains as per the previous assessment.

Having regard for the information contained in the attached Section 4.55/4.15 assessment report, it is considered that the development is acceptable for the following reasons and recommended for approval.

Reasons for Approval

1. The proposed development, as modified, is consistent with the strategic intent for the site, as previously supported by Council in the rezoning and DCP amendment process.
2. The proposed development, as modified, is consistent with the provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.
3. The proposed development, as modified, is consistent with the controls and matters for consideration in relevant State Environmental Planning Policies.
4. The proposed development, as modified, is generally consistent with the objectives and controls of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010. No new non-compliances are introduced.
5. Impacts of the proposed development, as modified, are acceptable and can be managed via the recommended conditions of consent.
6. Submissions have been considered and addressed and the development, as modified, is considered to be in the public interest.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010
Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Future growth and development of Wagga Wagga is planned for in a sustainable manner

Ensure sustainable urban development







Risk Management Issues for Council

Approval of the application is not considered to raise risk management issues for Council as the proposed development is generally consistent with LEP and DCP controls.

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
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Attachments

1. DA21/0604.01 - Section 4.55/4.15 Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover 
2. DA21/0604.01 - Modified Plans - Provided under separate cover 
3. DA21/0604.01 - Statement of Environmental Effects (Modification of Consent) - Provided under separate cover 
4. DA21/0604.01 - Redacted Submissions - Provided under separate cover 
5. DA21/0604.01 - Relevant Plans Approved under DA21/0604 to be Superseded - Provided under separate cover 
6. DA21/0604.01 - Site Masterplan Referenced in Section 10.8 of Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 - Provided under separate cover 

RP-2 DA24/0017 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL DWELLINGS CREATING MULTI DWELLING HOUSING, 11 THE BOULEVARDE, KOORINGAL

Author: Steven Cook
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary:

This report is for a development application and is presented to Council for determination. The application has been referred to Council under Section 1.11 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 as the development is for Multi Dwelling Housing and a variation to a numerical control of the DCP of greater than 10% is proposed.

The Development Application seeks consent to carry out alterations and additions to an existing dwelling and to construct two additional two-bedroom dwellings on the site, resulting in multi dwelling housing on the site (as defined under the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010).

Recommendation

That Council approve DA24/0017 for alterations and additions to existing dwelling and construction of two additional dwellings, creating multi dwelling housing at 11 The Boulevarde, Kooringal NSW 2650 (Lot 56 DP 38519) subject to the conditions outlined in the Section 4.15 Assessment Report.

Development Application Details

Applicant	Andrew Jones
Owner	Old Girl Pty Ltd Directors: Gordon Saggars, Ellen Saggars
Development Cost	\$700,000
Development Description	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and construction of two additional dwellings, creating multi dwelling housing

Report

Key Issues

- Variations proposed to following controls of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan (WWDCP) 2010:
 - Control C2 of Section 9.2.2 of relating to the height of fences forward of the building line and
 - Control C1 of Section 9.3.1 relating to minimum site area per dwelling in the R1 zone.

- The variations are greater than 10% (10.04% in the case of site area per dwelling, and 25% in the case of the fence). In the case of multi-dwelling housing, Council officers do not have delegation to approve variations to numerical standards of greater than 10%.

Assessment

- Under the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan (WWLEP) 2010 the site is zoned R1 – General Residential. ‘Multi-dwelling housing’ is permitted with consent in the R1 zone.
- The proposed development is consistent with the provisions of the WWLEP 2010 and relevant State Environmental Planning Policies.
- Two variations to numerical standards in the WWDCP 2010 are proposed. Having regard to the objectives of the WWDCP 2010 in relation to these controls, and the overall impacts of the proposed development, it is recommended that these variations be supported.
- The development is otherwise generally consistent with the objectives and controls of the WWDCP 2010.
- The impacts of the development are assessed as being acceptable.
- The development was placed on public exhibition for 14 days. No public submissions in relation to the development were received.
- The site is considered suitable for the proposed development.
- The provision of a range of housing types in the city is considered to be in the public interest.
- 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 identified above in further detail and also considers all other relevant heads of consideration including the likely impacts of the development and the suitability of the site.
- Having regard to this assessment, the application is recommended for approval subject to the inclusion of recommended conditions of consent.

Reasons for Approval

1. The proposed development is consistent with the objectives and provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.
2. The proposed variations to the numerical controls of the WWDCP 2010 set out in:
 - a. Control C2 of 9.2.2 relating to the height of fences forward of the building line, and
 - b. Control C1 of Section 9.3.1 relating to minimum site area per dwelling in the R1 zone,are appropriate having regard to the assessment requirements under 1.11 of the DCP.
3. The proposed development is generally consistent with the remaining objectives and controls of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010.
4. No public submissions were received in relation to the development.
5. The site is considered suitable for the proposed development and is in the public interest.

Site Location

The site, Lot 56 DP 38519, 11 The Boulevard, Koorungal, is located on the northern side of The Boulevard, 50m east of its intersection with Tichborne Crescent.

The site is 1012m² in size, and contains an existing dwelling, and outbuildings. A number of trees are on the site, including small fruit trees (such as plum, nectarine and lemon), and medium box elders which have possibly self-seeded.

The locality is residential in character, containing a mix of older single dwelling properties, with an older unit development nearby, as well as a range of sites that have been redeveloped for dual occupancy and multi-dwelling housing.

Opposite the site is Henwood Park.



Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010
Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Future growth and development of Wagga Wagga is planned for in a sustainable manner

Provide for a diversity of housing that meets our needs




Risk Management Issues for Council

Approval of the application is not considered to raise risk management issues for Council as the proposed development is generally consistent with LEP and DCP controls, and variations are justified.

Internal / External Consultation

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Attachments

1. DA24/0017 - Section 4.15 Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover 
2. DA24/0017 - Plan Set (Redacted) - Provided under separate cover 
3. DA24/0017 - Statement of Environmental Effects - Provided under separate cover 

RP-3 DA24/0018 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING LICENCED PREMISES (TURVEY PARK HOTEL)

Author: Emma Molloy
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary:

The report is for a development application and is presented to Council for determination. The application has been referred to Council under Section 1.10 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP) as an objection has been received in relation to a numerical control that is being varied by more than 10%.

It is proposed to vary the onsite loading requirements and off-street parking requirements subject to C4 within Section 2.1 and C1 within Section 2.2 of the DCP.

The details of the submission are contained within the attached Section 4.15 Assessment Report.

Recommendation

That Council approve DA24/0018 for Alterations and Additions to Existing Licenced Premises (Turvey Park Hotel) at 71 Bolger Avenue, Mount Austin NSW 2650 (Lot 1 DP 505153) subject to the conditions outlined in the Section 4.15 Assessment Report.

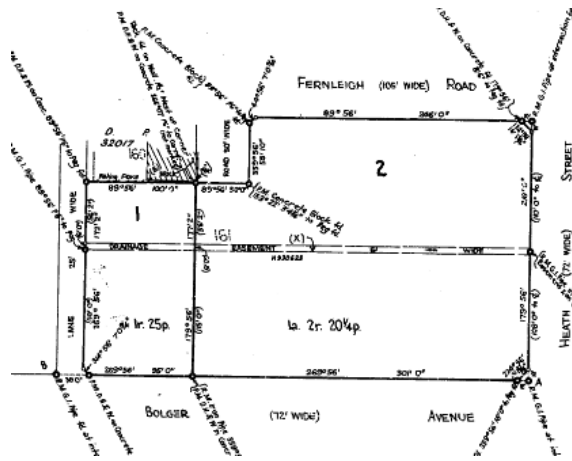
Development Application Details

Applicant	Tav Holdings Pty Ltd
Owner	Tav Holdings Pty Ltd
Development Cost	\$150,000
Development Description	Alterations and Additions to Existing Licenced Premises (Turvey Park Hotel)

Report

Site Location

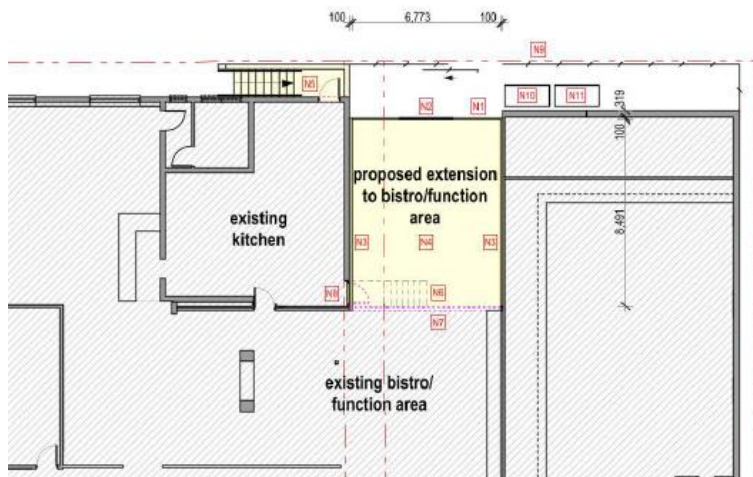
The subject site is legally known as Lot 1 DP 505153 located at 71 Bolger Avenue, Mount Austin. The site is located on the northern side of Bolger Avenue within the Turvey Tops Shopping Centre (as shown below). The lot measures 1644m² and contains an existing licensed premises known as the Turvey Park Hotel and Bottle Shop. There are public entrances from the shopping centre and from Bolger Avenue. The site is fully developed with no vegetation.



The surrounding locality is a local centre comprising of businesses and other services that serve the Turvey Park and Mount Austin communities. Residential properties and a playing oval are located around the centre.

Assessment

- The application seeks consent for the use of an extension that was built without consent. The extension comprises of 58m² in area and will be used for additional dining space for the bistro. The extension is not currently in use. As part of the works the stairs providing access to the kitchen were demolished. The kitchen is now accessed via stairs on the western side of the building off the laneway to the rear which were also constructed without approval (as shown below).



- No other changes to the hours or general operation of the premises are proposed.
- The development is generally consistent with the WWLEP and WWDCP with the exception of the below variations to DCP Controls.
- Variations are sought to C4 within Section 2.1 and C1 of Section 2.2 of the DCP in relation to loading and unloading areas and off-street parking. Written justification was received from the applicant which is addressed in the attached s4.15 report.

- In consideration of C4 within Section 2.1 of the DCP and the impacts of the development (as assessed in the attached s4.15 report). The variation requested with respect to unloading and loading areas within the development site be supported for these reasons:
 - The location of the extension was previously the loading area and bin storage area, small additions over a long period of time have decreased the ability to use this area as it was originally intended to which has resulted in deliveries for the kitchen being from the laneway itself.
 - Deliveries to the kitchen are typically between 9am and 12 pm which does not detrimentally impact the other users of the laneway.

- In consideration of C1 of Section 2.2 of the DCP and the impacts of the development (as assessed in the attached s4.15 report). The variation requested with respect to the provision of parking for this development be supported for these reasons:
 - The site is within a busy local centre where parking is also generated by other uses within the centre which also impact on off-street parking.
 - The addition results in the requirement for six car parking spaces. This is not considered to have noticeable impact on available off-street parking.
 - There is on-street parking available around the site which accommodate an overflow of car parking depending on the day of the week which is considered reasonable.
 - A courtesy bus service is provided by the Hotel which alleviate some of the dependence on car parking combined with Uber and taxi services does reduce patrons need for car parking.

- One submission was received during the notification period. The submission raised concerns in regard to off-street parking. The submission is addressed in the attached s4.15 report.

- Having regard for the information contained in the attached Section 4.15 assessment report, it is considered that the development is acceptable for the following reasons and recommended for approval.

Reasons for Approval

- The application is for the use of an existing extension to the rear of the Turvey Park Hotel within the E1 Local Centre zone which is permitted with consent.

- The development complies with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and will not compromise the outcomes sought within the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.

- An assessment of the application against the relevant provisions within the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 demonstrates that the proposed development will not cause any significant adverse impacts on the surrounding natural environment, built environment, infrastructure, community facilities or local character and amenity. Variations to the controls have been justified and assessed.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010
 Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Future growth and development of Wagga Wagga is planned for in a sustainable manner

Ensure sustainable urban development

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 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.

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Attachments

1. DA24_0018 - Statement of Environmental Effects - Provided under separate cover 

2. DA24_0018 - Plans - Provided under separate cover



3. DA24_0018 - Structural Engineers Letter - Provided under separate cover



4. DA24_0018 - Redacted Copy of Submission - Provided under separate cover



5. DA24_0018 - Submission 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

6. DA24_0018 - s4.15 report - Provided under separate cover



RP-4 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WAGGA WAGGA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2010 AND OPTIONS FOR SALE OF LAND - LOT 2, DP 7702230, BOOROOMA

Author: Paul O'Brien
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary:

Council, at its ordinary meeting of 16 December 2019 resolved (19/474) that council:

- a note the contents of this report
- b receive a further report on options for sale of the existing site, Lot 2, DP 702230, Farrer Rd, Boorooma
- c in consultation with Emergency Service Providers investigate options for an alternate site in the Bomen SAP area

This report is presented to update council in relation to that resolution and for consideration of recommendations to progress the development of Lot 2, DP 702230, Farrer Rd, Boorooma.

It is recommended that a Planning Proposal be prepared to rezone part of the subject site from R5 (Large Lot Residential) to R1 (General Residential) and remove the 2 Ha minimum lot size. This planning proposal is considered to be routine in nature and is consistent with the Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement in ensuring that appropriate housing is available while maintaining liveability, sense of community and local identity.

It is recommended that a EOI process for the sale of the land be undertaken to allow the development industry to put forward options for purchase and development of the land. This tender process will allow the industry to put forward options tailored to the best residential use of the land combined with the public interest.

Discussions between RGDC, Council and RFS have been very constructive and an alternative precinct approach at a different site on the northern side of the city is being negotiated.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a endorses the preparation of a Planning Proposal, as detailed in the attached scoping report; and
 - i forwards it to the Minister for Planning seeking an Amendment to the WLEP 2010 and requests that a Gateway Determination be issued, including the delegation of Plan making powers, so as to enable the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal pursuant to the EP&A Act 1979; and
 - ii upon receipt of a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the EP&A Act 1979, Council places the Planning Proposal and any supporting material on public exhibition pursuant to any requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, clause 4 of the EP&A Act 1979; and

- iii should no objections be received, furnishes a copy of this report and other relevant information to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and/or NSW Parliamentary Counsels Office, in accordance with the EP&A Act 1979, and requests the Minister for Planning (or a delegate on their behalf) undertake the appropriate actions to secure the making of the amendment to the WLEP 2010.
- b commence an expression of interest (EOI) process for the sale/lease of the land formulated to allow the development industry to put forward options for purchase/lease and development of the land to achieve the best residential use of the land combined with the public interest.
- c continue negotiations with RGDC and emergency services agencies to facilitate an alternative precinct approach at a different site on the northern side of the city.

Report

Amendment to Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010

This report proposes preparation of a Proposed Planning Proposal that will request an amendment to the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (WWLEP2010).

The Planning Proposal to rezone part of the subject site and remove the 2 Ha minimum lot size is considered to be routine in nature and is consistent with the Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement in ensuring that appropriate housing is available while maintaining liveability, sense of community and local identity.

Should Council endorse the attached scoping report and provide in principle support for the lodgement of a planning proposal, any subsequent Planning Proposal will be prepared in accordance with Section 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and the NSW Government's *A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals and A Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans*.



Figure 1 Aerial Image of the site and surrounds

The intended outcomes are shown in figures 2 and 3 below.

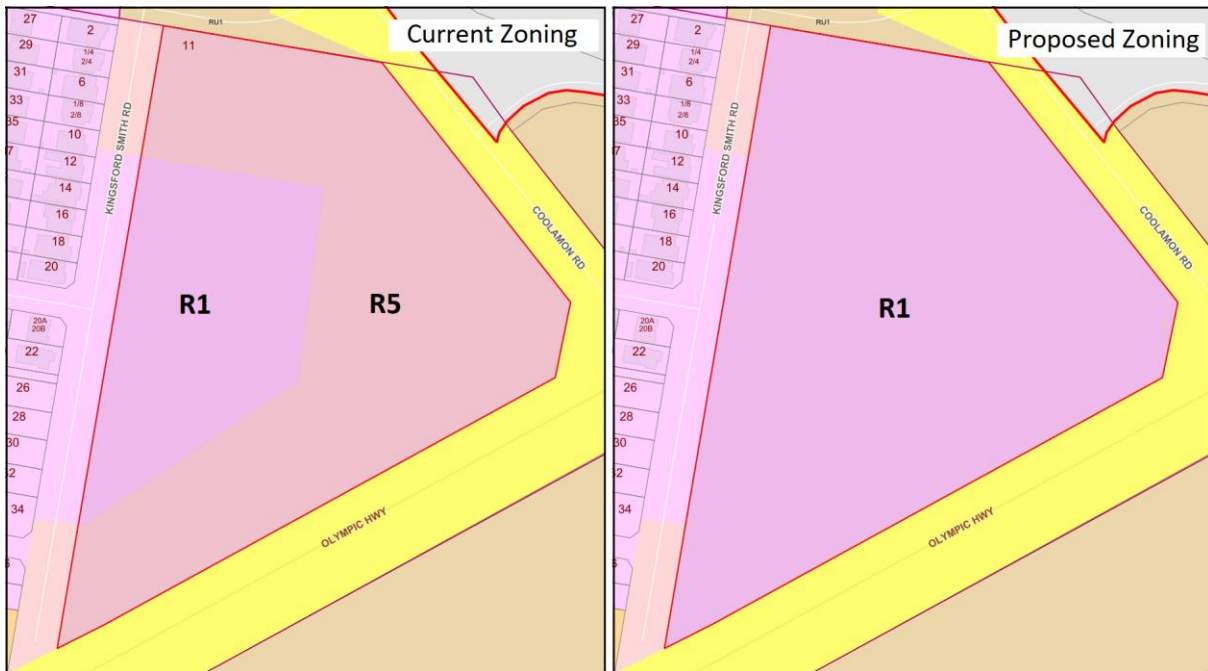


Figure 2 Current and Proposed Zoning

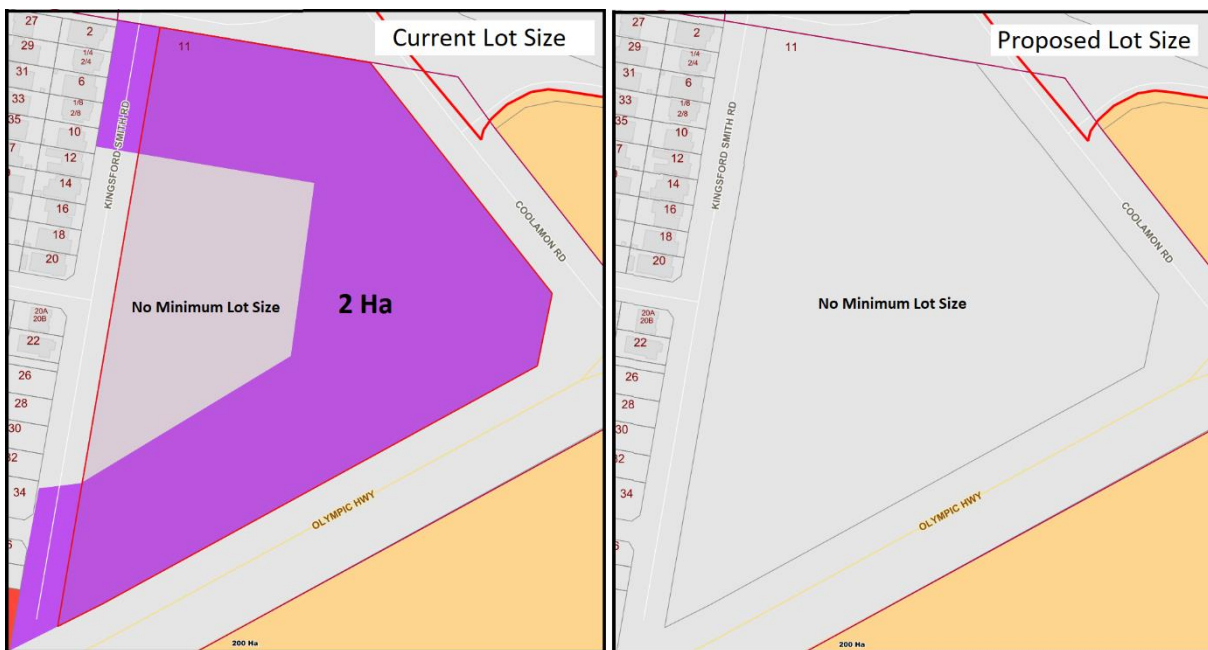


Figure 3 Current and Proposed Minimum Lot Size

Site and Locality

The site is located approximately 9.5km north and west of the of the Wagga Wagga City Centre adjacent to the intersection of the Olympic Highway and Coolamon Road. Boorooma and Charles Sturt University are located to the west of the site and Cartwrights Hill is located to the east. The site has a total area of approximately 8.18 hectares.

Key Considerations

The objective of the Planning Proposal will be to enable the subject land to be rezoned and developed for general residential purposes. The Planning Proposal will allow the site to be developed in an orderly and economic manner and will facilitate future

development that will be consistent with the adjacent residential land uses in the R1 (General Residential) zone, increasing the potential lot yield from 29 to 69.

1. Strategic Context and Strategic Planning

The Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2041 provides overarching strategic framework for the region, guiding each Council's more detailed local planning. The vision for the region, as outlined within the plan, is 'a diversified economy founded on Australia's food bowl, iconic waterways and a network of vibrant connected communities'. The proposal is consistent with the relevant principles and objectives of this plan.

The proposed rezoning is consistent with council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), providing for a diversity of housing that meets our needs and ensuring that appropriate housing is available while maintaining liveability, sense of community and local identity. The site currently includes around 30% of its area already zoned R1 (General Residential), and its location adjacent to existing developed R1 zoned land to the west further demonstrates the potential for integration of the remaining 70% of the site into the residential character of the area.

2. Contamination

The site has previously been used for agricultural activities, such as cropping and grazing. The site is not listed on councils register of potential contaminated sites.

3. Biodiversity

The site consists of paddocks containing non-native vegetation which are not considered to offer any significant conservation values.

4. Infrastructure

The proposal will locate infill residential development in an existing urban area with existing services and infrastructure

Sale of land by expression of interest (EOI)

POL 038 – Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy, sets the requirements when disposing of council owned land.

POL 038 provides that all decisions and actions in relation to the acquisition, disposal and/or management of Land should have due regard to the following fundamental principles:

- *Best value for money* – achieving 'best value' for the whole of the community may include both direct and indirect benefits in relation to economic, financial, social and environmental outcomes.
- *Transparency* – processes should be open to scrutiny and provide full information and record the reasons behind decisions.
- *Accountability* – demonstrate the best use of public resources and the highest level of performance through appropriate record keeping and audit trails.
- *Impartiality* – address perceived and/or actual conflicts of interest.

POL 038 further provides that disposal of Land should occur by an open competitive process such as auction, tender or expression of interest (EOI) unless exceptional circumstances warrant disposal by means of direct negotiation with a single party.

This report recommends that council commence an expression of interest (EOI) process for the sale/lease of the land formulated to allow the development industry to put forward options for purchase/lease and development of the land to achieve the best residential use of the land combined with the public interest.

This would have the effect of locking the potential land purchaser/lessee into a fixed agreed development outcome, deemed by council to provide the best value for the Wagga Wagga local government area.

An expression of interest (EOI) process is preferable over a tender process as it allows greater flexibility for council in negotiation of the proposal achieving 'best value' for the whole of the community. Section 55(3)(d) of the Local Government Act specifically removes the requirement for a contract for the purchase or sale by a council of land to be facilitated by tender.

Emergency Services Precinct

That Council staff continue negotiations with RGDC and emergency services agencies to facilitate an alternative precinct approach at a different site on the northern side of the city.

Discussions between RGDC, Council and RFS have been very constructive and an alternative precinct approach at a different site on the northern side of the city is being negotiated.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2041
Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement – Wagga Wagga 2040
Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing Economy

Objective: Wagga Wagga is an attractive location for people to live, work and invest
Attract and support local businesses, industry, and employment opportunities

Risk Management Issues for Council

Providing appropriate areas of residential zoned land within the Wagga Wagga local government area assists in ensuring housing options are available while maintaining liveability, sense of community and local identity.

Internal / External Consultation

Relevant internal and external consultation will be completed as part of the preparation of the proposed planning proposal and it's assessment.

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Attachments

- 1   11 Farrer Rd Boorooma R5 to R1 - Scoping-Proposal

Rezoning & Minimum Lot Size Scoping Report 11 Farrer Rd BOOROOMA

1. Introduction

PROPONENT'S DETAILS	Name: Wagga City Council (Paul O'Brien) Address: 243 Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650 Relationship to the site: Landowner Contact email: o'brien.paul@wagga.nsw.gov.au Contact phone: 0427 314 491
SITE LOCATION	11 Farrer Rd BOOROOMA NSW 2650 Lot 2 DP 702230
LEP TO BE AMENDED	Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010
SCOPE OF PROPOSAL	Amendments to the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (WWLEP 2010) to rezone part Lot 2, DP 7702230, Boorooma from R5 (Large Lot Residential) to R1 (General Residential) and remove the 2 Ha minimum lot size
OUTCOMES OF PREVIOUS CONSULTATION	Consultation with WWCC Strategic Planning unit – Provided advice on process for rezoning the site. Consultation with WWCC Executive team – Provided support for commencement of investigations for delivery of options for providing increased opportunities to deliver housing. Consultation with NSW Planning – Given the scale of the site, its location, its existing zone and its access to supporting infrastructure and services, Planning advised that a proposal to rezone the R5 portion of the site to the R1 Zone is likely to be able to demonstrate strategic merit. Site specific issues would need to be addressed in any planning proposal to satisfy the Ministerial Directions and the <i>Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2041</i> requirements.
BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT	This scoping report is a prelude to a Proposed Planning Proposal that will request an amendment to the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (WWLEP2010). The Planning Proposal to rezone part of the subject site and remove the 2 Ha minimum lot size is considered to be routine in nature and is consistent with the Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement in ensuring that appropriate housing is available while maintaining liveability, sense of community and local identity. Should Council endorse the scoping report and provide in principle support for the lodgement of a planning proposal, any subsequent Planning Proposal will be prepared in accordance with Section 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and the NSW Government's <i>A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals and A Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans</i>



Figure 1 Aerial Image of the site and surrounds

2. The Proposal

The objective of the Planning Proposal will be to enable the subject land to be rezoned and developed for general residential purposes. The Planning Proposal will allow the site to be developed in an orderly and economic manner and will facilitate future development that will be consistent with the adjacent residential land uses in the R1 (General Residential) zone, increasing the potential lot yield from 29 to 69.

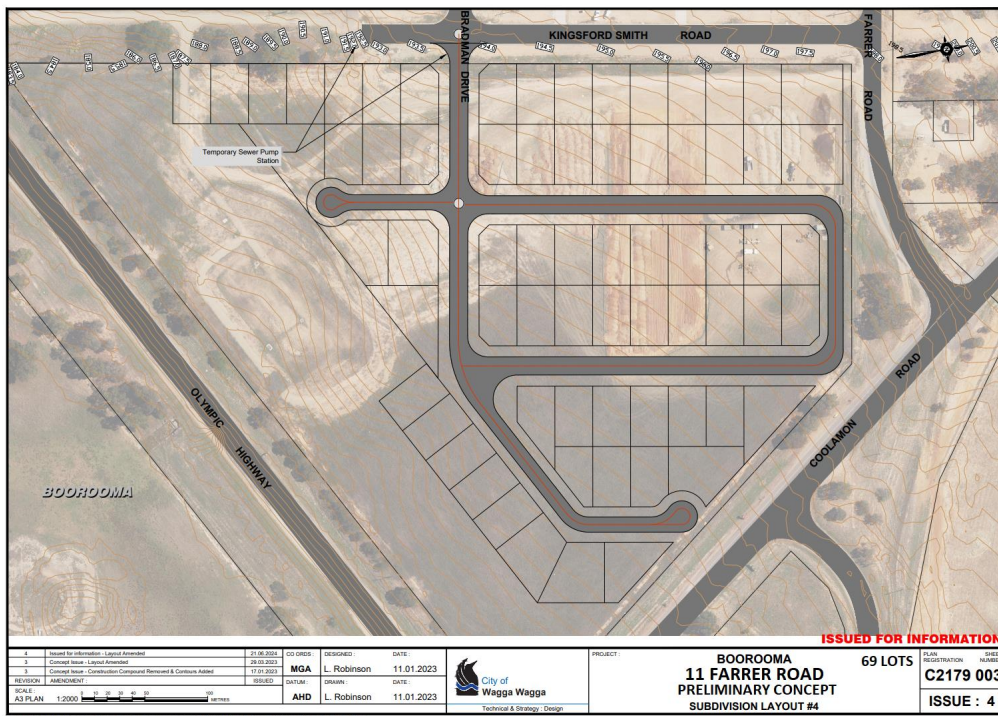


Figure 2 Preliminary Concept Subdivision Layout

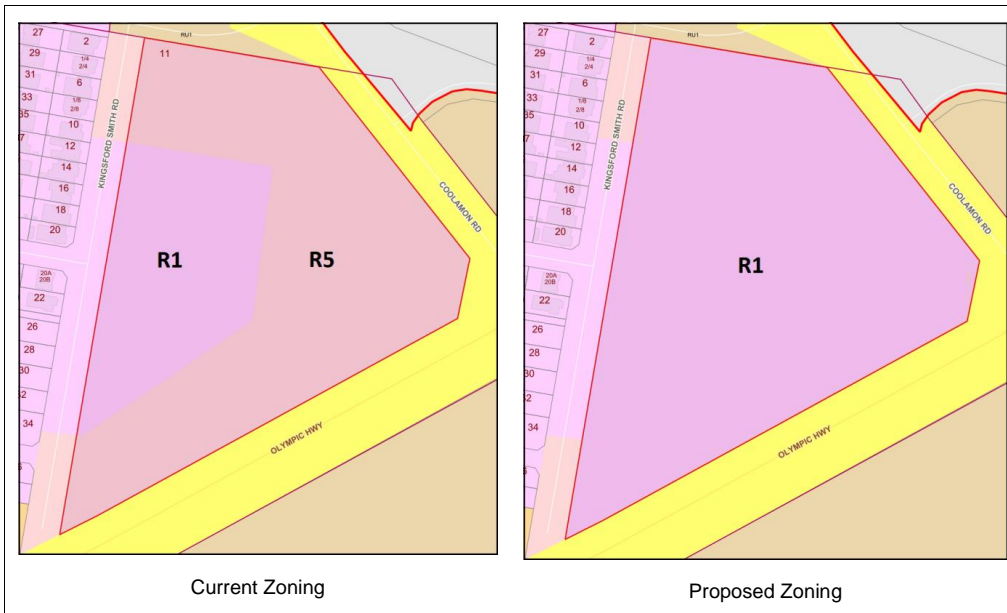


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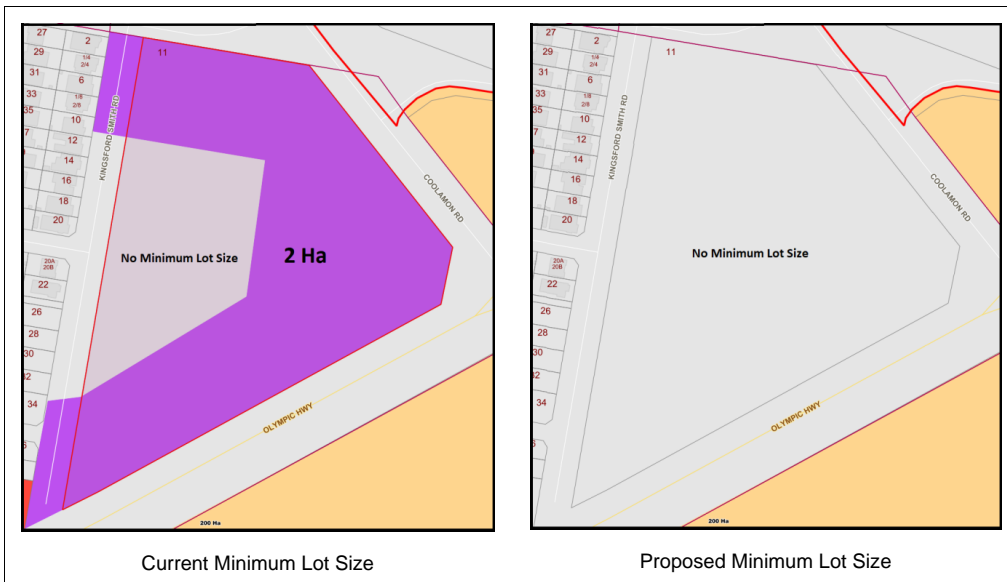


Figure 4 Current and Proposed Minimum Lot Size

Land Use Table Comparison	
Existing	Proposed
<p>Zone R5 Large Lot Residential</p> <p>1 Objectives of zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide residential housing in a rural setting while preserving, and minimising impacts on, environmentally sensitive locations and scenic quality. • To ensure that large residential lots do not hinder the proper and orderly development of urban areas in the future. • To ensure that development in the area does not unreasonably increase the demand for public services or public facilities. • To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones. • To ensure that the clearing of native vegetation is avoided or minimised as far as is practicable. <p>2 Permitted without consent Home businesses; Home occupations; Roads</p> <p>3 Permitted with consent Dwelling houses; Hardware and building supplies; Home industries; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Rural supplies; Pond-based aquaculture; Tank-based aquaculture; Timber yards; Vehicle sales or hire premises; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4</p> <p>4 Prohibited Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Amusement centres; Animal boarding or training establishments; Attached dwellings; Backpackers' accommodation; Biosolids treatment facilities; Boat building and repair facilities; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Cemeteries; Commercial premises; Correctional centres; Crematoria; Depots; Eco-tourist facilities; Entertainment facilities; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Forestry; Freight transport facilities; Function centres; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Helipads; Highway service centres; Home occupations (sex services); Hotel or motel accommodation; Industrial training facilities; Industries; Local distribution premises; Marinas; Mooring pens; Mortuaries; Multi dwelling housing; Open cut mining; Passenger transport facilities; Recreation</p>	<p>Zone R1 General Residential</p> <p>1 Objectives of zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for the housing needs of the community. • To provide for a variety of housing types and densities. • To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents. • To ensure co-ordinated and cost-effective provision of physical, social and cultural infrastructure in new residential areas. <p>2 Permitted without consent Home businesses; Home occupations; Roads</p> <p>3 Permitted with consent Attached dwellings; Boarding houses; Centre-based child care facilities; Community facilities; Dwelling houses; Group homes; Home industries; Hostels; Multi dwelling housing; Neighbourhood shops; Oyster aquaculture; Places of public worship; Pond-based aquaculture; Residential flat buildings; Respite day care centres; Semi-detached dwellings; Seniors housing; Shop top housing; Tank-based aquaculture; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4</p> <p>4 Prohibited Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Amusement centres; Animal boarding or training establishments; Backpackers' accommodation; Biosolids treatment facilities; Boat building and repair facilities; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Cemeteries; Commercial premises; Correctional centres; Crematoria; Depots; Eco-tourist facilities; Entertainment facilities; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Forestry; Freight transport facilities; Function centres; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Helipads; Highway service centres; Home occupations (sex services); Hotel or motel accommodation; Industrial training facilities; Industries; Local distribution premises; Marinas; Mooring pens; Mortuaries; Open cut mining; Passenger transport facilities; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities</p>

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It is envisaged that the planning proposal would be completed and amendments to the Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 made within six months of council's resolution to proceed.

Services and infrastructure that are generally available to meet the demands arising from the proposal. Additional augmentation of sewer infrastructure is planned for this locality in conjunction with development of the Northern Growth Area.

3. Strategic Merit

The Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2041 provides overarching strategic framework for the region, guiding each Council's more detailed local planning. The vision for the region, as outlined within the plan, is 'a diversified economy founded on Australia's food bowl, iconic waterways and a network of vibrant connected communities'.

The proposed rezoning is consistent with Objective 5 "Ensure housing supply, diversity, affordability and resilience", including Strategy 5.3 which requires development which will *minimise land use conflict with other uses, including agricultural land, freight corridors, industrial uses, and energy developments and corridors; be integrated with existing urban areas; provide a variety of housing that reflects community need; integrate land use and transport planning, including outcomes that support public and active transport opportunities; protect the viability of city and town centres; protect and enhance local character; consider access to existing, or provide new, services and infrastructure as an area is developed; be designed to support walking and cycle friendly neighbourhoods and connect to existing active transport networks; accord with staging and release plans.*

The proposed rezoning is consistent with Objective 6 "Support housing in regional cities and their sub-regions", including Strategy 6.1 which recommends strategic and statutory planning which will, *where strategically justified, transition rural residential development to a standard residential product.*

The proposed rezoning is consistent with council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) Principle 10: *Provide for a diversity of housing that meets our needs.* Further principle 10 advises that a *key element of future growth is ensuring that appropriate housing is available while maintaining liveability, sense of community and local identity.* The site currently includes around 30% of its area already zoned R1 (General Residential), and its location adjacent to existing developed R1 zoned land to the west further demonstrates the potential for integration of the remaining 70% of the site into the residential character of the area.

The proposed rezoning is not inconsistent with LSPS Principle 5 "Encourage and support investment" as the proposed residential intensification will not take place in the buffer areas nearby the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct. The site sits outside those buffers and some 880m from the nearest extent of the Regional Enterprise Zone.

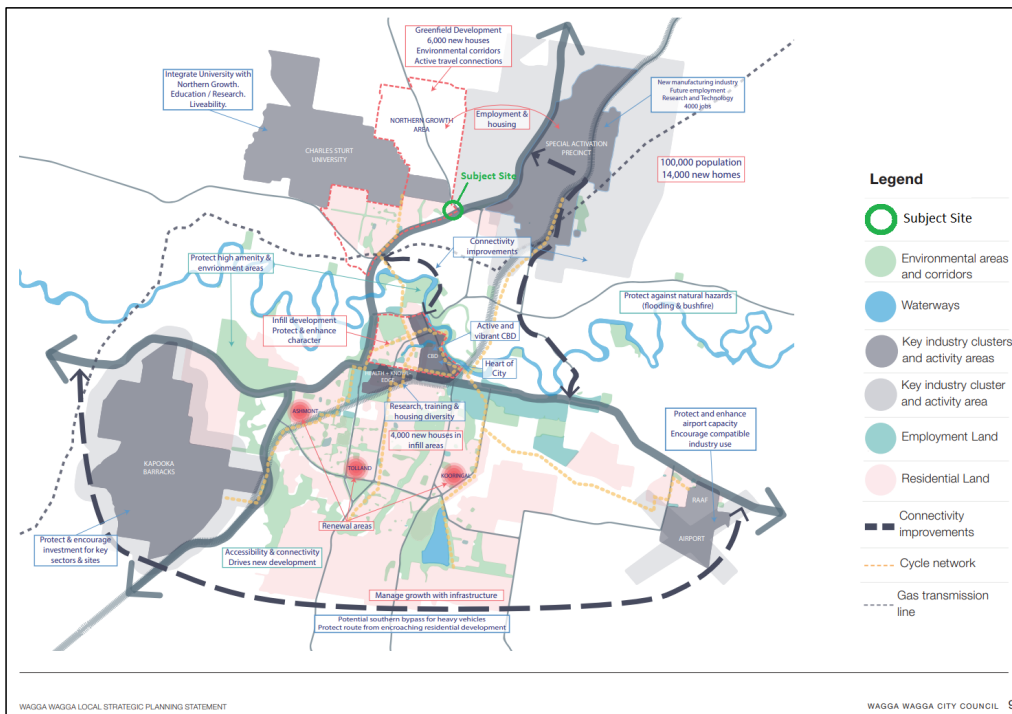


Figure 4 Subject site contextualised with WWLSPS

4. Site-specific considerations

Existing development and uses

The R5 site is vacant land clear of trees, with pasture grasses present. The site includes existing stormwater detention infrastructure associated with residential development to the east.

Surrounding development and uses

Sited adjacent to the Olympic Highway and Coolamon Road, the site is contiguous with residential development to the west and is near Charles Sturt University. To the north of the site sits rural land, being a combination of the identified northern growth area and buffer areas associated with the nearby Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct. Across the Highway to the east is rural land, the Wagga Harness Racing Club, Horseshoe Tourist & Caravan Park and Cartwrights Hill residential area.

Site Features

- Topography – the site falls 14m evenly over 330 metres from north west to south east.
- Hydrology – the site includes existing stormwater detention infrastructure associated with residential development to the west. This infrastructure, and associated easements, limit the potential development footprint. There are no water courses, as defined by blue line on 1:25000 topographical maps, traversing the site; however, the site is identified in the Wagga Wagga Major Overland Flow Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, 2021 as being impacted by 5% AEP MOFFS. This may be managed through the installation of stormwater infrastructure as part of any future subdivision of the land.

- Scenic and culturally important landscapes - The topography of the site occasions visual prominence from surrounding areas. Of particular importance is the view of the site from the Olympic Highway and Coolamon Road. Perimeter landscaping should form part of any future development of the site to soften the interface of views to the residential development.
- Ecological characteristics and values – the site consists of paddocks containing non-native vegetation which are not considered to offer any significant conservation values.
- Heritage (aboriginal and non-aboriginal) - *Aboriginal heritage Aboriginal Archaeological Sites and Deposits*: a previous investigation, supporting WLEP2010, by Kelleher Nightingale Consulting found no Aboriginal sites in the study area. It is appropriate that rezoning may occur on the condition that further investigations will be required at development assessment stage to ascertain whether aboriginal objects are present, and if there is evidence of the presence of objects and/ or sites of significance, conservation management practices will be required to be implemented. Non-Aboriginal/European heritage: There are no items of significance of Non-Aboriginal/European heritage recorded on the site.
- Access and transport - The site has access the road network via Kingsford Smith Road and Farrer Road as well as active transport routes, including cycling trails, dedicated cycling paths, and footpaths. A concept plan for a new shared pathway across the Murrumbidgee River linking through to Boorooma Street is underway further connecting the northern suburbs to the city centre.

Local bus routes (routes 960 and 966) stop across the road from the site. Buses facilitate connections across the city centre, including the Sturt Mall, Marketplace, Bolton Park, train station, TAFE NSW, Botanic Gardens, Riverside, Wagga Base Hospital and Calvary Hospital.

- Infrastructure - The proposal will locate infill residential development in an existing urban area with existing services and infrastructure.
- Hazards - the land is not subject to riverine flooding; the land is not mapped as bushfire prone land; the land is not listed as potentially contaminated land.
- High level opportunities and constraints analysis –

Opportunities

Vacant site suitable for redevelopment providing an opportunity to address the market demand for well-located housing in a key residential growth area with access to services.

Potential for increased housing choice for existing residents, via small allotment development, townhouses and apartments. These new dwelling types may provide more affordable home ownership options for new and existing residents, as well as opportunities to downsize or age in place while remaining connected to the existing northern suburb communities of Boorooma and Estella.

Contributes to vitality of existing service centres. The subject site is well located to both Boorooma and Estella shopping centres which will provide for the local convenience needs of residents and will also contribute to increased vitality and viability of these centres.

Proximity to jobs. A key factor contributing to the forecast population growth in Wagga Wagga is the establishment of the Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct (SAP), a major industrial subdivision (over 1000 ha) located 10 minutes from the CBD, with both direct and indirect access to the rail terminal, catering for import, export and domestic goods, transport and storage.

Lots within the RiFL Hub, Wagga Wagga are being offered For Sale by way of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the first stage (66ha) of this industrial subdivision which is expected to

attract national and international occupiers and on completion a workforce of over 6000. The subject site is a 5 minute drive to the SAP and also the existing Bomen Industrial Precinct.

Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga campus at is located 2.5km west and is the universities' biggest campus, spanning more than 640 hectares and including a campus farm, equine centre, vineyard, winery and huge range of technical and industry standard facilities.

The site is accessible to a number of parks and accessible open space areas that enable active and passive recreation opportunities and well connected to existing road and shared user paths.

Potential Constraints

New development has potential impact on existing character without the imposition of adequate controls.

Proximity to Olympic Highway will require a landscape buffer to be provided to the Olympic Highway

The nearest public high school is approximately 9km from the proposed site.

5. Discussion Points

No public authorities have been consulted in the process of preparing this scoping report.

Relevant State and Commonwealth authorities will be consulted in accordance with the EP&A Act 1979, following the outcome of any Gateway Determination, should council elect to prepare a Planning Proposal.

Any Planning Proposal will need to be subject to the statutory community consultation processes in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

If Council endorses preparation of a Planning Proposal, Gateway Determination from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will confirm the consultation requirements.

The Planning Proposal would be subject to an exhibition period of a minimum of 28 days.

Consultation during the compilation of a Planning Proposal would also occur with Riverina Water County Council, Essential Energy and the relevant telecommunications authority.

Any Planning Proposal will be notified in local newspapers that circulate the areas affected, Council's website, and in writing to adjoining landowners, residents and public authorities.

6. Conclusion

This scoping report outlines a proposal to amend the Wagga Wagga LEP 2010 in relation to the land located at 11 Farrer Road, Boorooma, NSW comprising part Lot 2, DP 7702230 for the purpose of enabling future R1 (General Residential) development.

The resultant Planning Proposal seeks to address a specific market demand for residential lots in the Riverina and effectively presents a natural extension of residential land adjacent to the site.

The proposed planning proposal is considered to be consistent with the NSW Government's Riverina Murray Regional Plan, the Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement, SEPPS and applicable Section 9.1 Directions.

The outcome of the Planning Proposal will provide a greater land and housing choice in Wagga Wagga LGA and address a specific housing need / demand in the area.

It is recommended that council endorses the preparation of a Planning Proposal, as detailed in this scoping report; and

- i forwards it to the Minister for Planning seeking an Amendment to the WLEP 2010 and requests that a Gateway Determination be issued, including the delegation of Plan making powers, so as to enable the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal pursuant to the EP&A Act 1979; and
- ii upon receipt of a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the EP&A Act 1979, Council places the Planning Proposal and any supporting material on public exhibition pursuant to any requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, clause 4 of the EP&A Act 1979.

RP-5 2024/25 BUDGET VARIATIONS AND 30 JUNE 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT**Author:** Carolyn Rodney**Summary:**

This report is for Council to consider and approve the proposed budget variations required to manage the 2024/25 budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

This report is also for Council to consider its external investments and performance as at 30 June 2024.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the proposed 2024/25 budget variations as presented in this report
- b 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
- c note the details of the external investments as of 30 June 2024 in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Report

This report includes proposed 2024/25 budget variations for Council's consideration and adoption. Council is forecasting a balanced budget position for the 2024/25 financial year as at 22 July 2024.

The usual monthly financial report is not included in the Business paper due to the commencement of the year-end process and preparation of the financial statements for auditing. The 2023/24 Financial Statements will be presented to Council in October 2024 which will highlight and provide analysis on Council's overall financial performance and position for the 2023/24 financial year. Council's Independent Auditor will present the 2023/24 Audit Report at the November 2024 Council meeting.

Council has experienced a positive monthly investment performance for the month of June when compared to budget (\$411,048 up on the monthly budget). This is mainly due to better than budgeted returns on Council's investment portfolio as a result of the recent movements in the interest rate environment, as well as higher than anticipated investment portfolio balances throughout the year.

Council's investment portfolio continued to perform strongly throughout the 2023/24 financial year, with the portfolio returning 3.86% for the year.

2024/25 Revised Budget Result – (Surplus) / Deficit	\$'000s
Original 2024/25 Budget Result as adopted by Council	\$0K
Total Budget Variations approved to date.	\$0K
Budget Variations for 2024/25	\$0K
Proposed Revised Budget result for 2024/25, as at 22 July 2024 – (Surplus) / Deficit	\$0K

The proposed Budget Variations to 22 July 2024 are listed below:

Budget Variation	Amount	Funding Source	Net Impact (Fav)/ Unfav
1 – Community Leadership and Collaboration			
Telco for GPS	\$50K	Plant Replacement Reserve (\$50K)	Nil
Funds are required for the additional ongoing software expenses for Geotab services. The Geotab services software will allow Council to migrate Fleet Telematics from the existing provider based on the 3G Network to 4G Network and will also allow Council to capture all 349 current assets which is a significant increase to the 188 assets that are captured with the existing 3G based system. It is proposed to fund the additional \$50K required per year from the Plant Replacement Reserve for the 10 years of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP). <i>Job Consolidation: 18114</i>			
Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Grant	\$170K	Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure Grant Income (\$170K)	Nil
Council has been successful in securing Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure grant funding under the Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Grant Program for an AI assisted platform to improve and streamline our current DA processes. Council will utilise the platform to troubleshoot applications, eliminating issues quickly to accelerate the development application process. The platform will improve assessment timeframes to enable faster delivery of housing supply. Estimated Completion: 30 June 2025 <i>Job Consolidation: 23140</i>			
3 – Growing Economy			
Regional Events Fund - Wagga Wagga Festival of W	\$20K	Destination NSW (\$20K)	Nil
Wagga Wagga's Festival of W is a premiere destination event held across 16 days in winter. Council has been advised they have been awarded \$20,000 through the Destination NSW's Regional Events Fund. This additional grant funding will be used for out-of-region marketing of the 2024 festival, for example			

Budget Variation	Amount	Funding Source	Net Impact (Fav)/ Unfav
the Canberra/ACT market, to highlight the significance of the festival and encourage both day-trippers and overnight visitation to the city. Estimated Completion: 31 July 2024 <i>Job Number: 23137</i>			
Lighting to support community awareness raising campaigns	\$5K	Parks & Recreation Reserve (\$5K)	
A Councillor workshop was held on 20 May 2024 to consider lighting options to support community awareness raising campaigns. This workshop was requested in response to the Notice of Motion "Endometriosis Awareness – Endo Enlighten Program" presented to the 20 November 2023 Council meeting. Various options were considered with Councillor support confirmed for the lighting of the Wagga Wagga Coat of Arms located on the north side of forecourt area of the Civic Centre Building facing Baylis Street and the Victory Memorial Gardens, at a cost of \$5K. It is proposed to fund these works from the Parks & Recreation Reserve, which has sufficient funding available. Estimated Completion: 30 December 2024 <i>Job Number: 23129</i>			

Investment Summary as at 30 June 2024

In accordance with Regulation 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, details of Wagga Wagga City Council's external investments are outlined below.

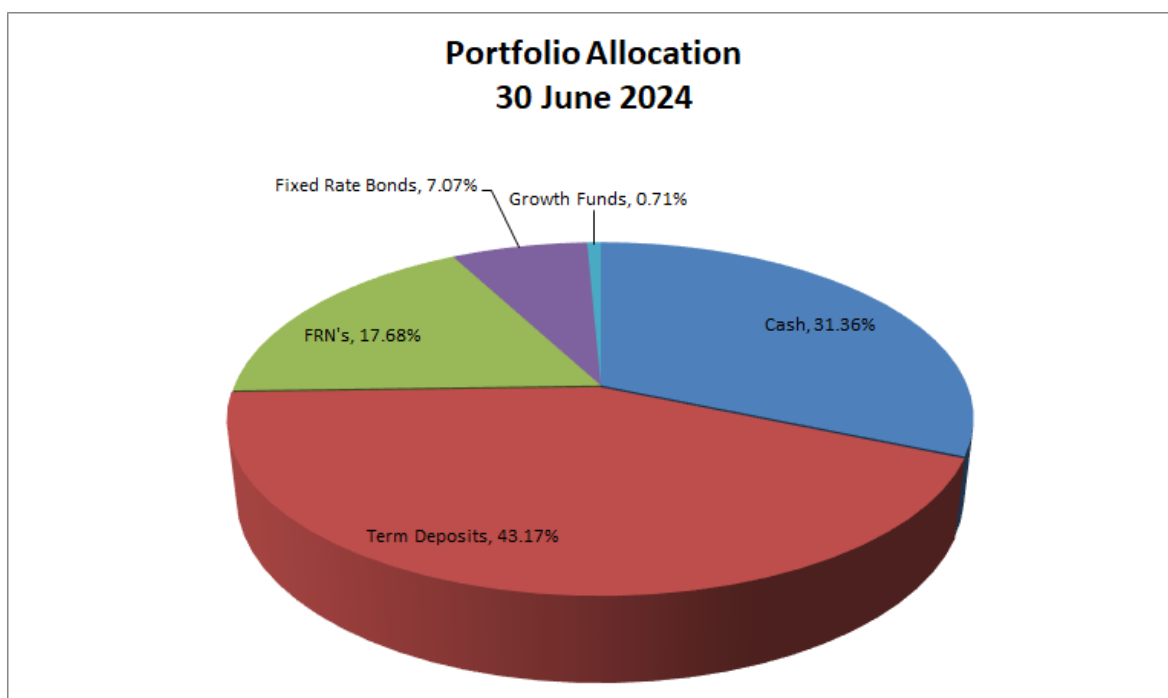
Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2024 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2024 \$	June EOM Current Yield %	June EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
At Call Accounts								
NAB	AA-	817,189	211,553	4.35%	0.07%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	6,598,321	73,244,111	4.35%	25.30%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	7,616,834	7,645,298	4.40%	2.64%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Macquarie Bank	A+	9,681,954	9,713,458	4.15%	3.35%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total At Call Accounts		24,714,298	90,814,421	4.33%	31.36%			
Short Term Deposits								
AMP	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.40%	0.35%	15/11/2023	15/11/2024	12
Australian Unity	BBB+	1,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	8/06/2023	11/06/2024	12
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	26/06/2023	26/06/2024	12
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	30/06/2023	28/06/2024	12
Heritage and People's Choice	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.80%	0.35%	10/07/2023	10/07/2024	12
CBA	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.27%	0.69%	31/08/2023	30/08/2024	12
Australian Unity	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.49%	0.35%	27/11/2023	27/11/2024	12
Suncorp	A+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.46%	0.69%	30/11/2023	29/11/2024	12
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.46%	0.35%	30/11/2023	29/11/2024	12
BankVic	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.45%	0.35%	4/12/2023	4/12/2024	12
AMP	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.35%	0.69%	14/12/2023	16/12/2024	12
Australian Unity	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.19%	0.35%	30/01/2024	30/01/2025	12
Suncorp	A+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.12%	0.35%	7/03/2024	7/03/2025	12
ING Bank	A	0	1,000,000	5.31%	0.35%	3/06/2024	3/06/2025	12
BankVic	BBB+	0	2,000,000	5.34%	0.69%	26/06/2024	26/06/2025	12
Bank of Sydney	NR	0	2,000,000	5.47%	0.69%	28/06/2024	30/06/2025	12
Total Short Term Deposits		18,000,000	18,000,000	5.39%	6.22%			
Medium Term Deposits								
BOQ	A-	1,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	1/06/2022	3/06/2024	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.32%	0.69%	28/06/2021	29/06/2026	60
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.80%	0.69%	15/11/2021	17/11/2025	48
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	2.03%	0.69%	6/11/2019	6/11/2024	60
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.83%	0.69%	28/11/2019	28/11/2024	60
BOQ	A-	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.00%	0.35%	28/02/2020	28/02/2025	60
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	2.20%	0.35%	1/04/2020	1/04/2025	60
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.85%	0.35%	29/05/2020	29/05/2025	60
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.86%	0.35%	1/06/2020	2/06/2025	60
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.75%	0.69%	25/06/2020	25/06/2025	60
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.75%	0.69%	25/06/2020	25/06/2025	60
ICBC	A	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	29/06/2020	28/06/2024	48
ICBC	A	3,000,000	3,000,000	5.07%	1.04%	30/06/2022	30/06/2027	60
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.42%	0.69%	7/07/2020	8/07/2024	48
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.50%	0.69%	17/08/2020	18/08/2025	60
BoQ	A-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.25%	0.35%	7/09/2020	8/09/2025	60
BoQ	A-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.25%	0.69%	14/09/2020	15/09/2025	60
NAB	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.23%	0.35%	14/09/2023	16/09/2024	12

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2024 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2024 \$	June EOM Current Yield %	June EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.20%	0.35%	7/12/2020	8/12/2025	60
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	0.95%	0.69%	29/01/2021	29/01/2026	60
NAB	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.08%	0.35%	22/02/2021	20/02/2026	60
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.25%	0.69%	3/03/2021	2/03/2026	60
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.40%	0.69%	21/06/2021	19/06/2026	60
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.32%	0.69%	25/06/2021	25/06/2026	60
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.32%	0.35%	25/08/2021	25/08/2026	60
AMP	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.00%	0.69%	18/10/2021	17/10/2024	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.56%	0.69%	30/11/2021	29/11/2024	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2.00%	0.69%	8/02/2022	10/02/2025	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	2.40%	0.69%	9/03/2022	10/03/2025	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.90%	0.69%	11/03/2024	11/03/2026	24
MyState	BBB	2,000,000	2,000,000	2.20%	0.69%	2/03/2022	3/03/2025	36
CBA	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	3.99%	0.69%	4/05/2022	5/05/2025	36
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.11%	0.35%	23/05/2024	25/05/2026	24
ICBC	A	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	6/06/2022	6/06/2024	24
Australian Unity	BBB+	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	8/06/2022	11/06/2024	24
MyState	BBB	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	29/06/2022	28/06/2024	24
BoQ	A-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.50%	0.35%	7/07/2022	7/07/2025	36
CBA	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.25%	0.35%	12/08/2022	12/08/2025	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.55%	1.04%	29/08/2022	29/08/2025	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.55%	0.69%	2/09/2022	2/09/2025	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.40%	0.35%	9/09/2022	9/09/2025	36
BoQ	A-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.70%	0.35%	4/10/2022	4/10/2024	24
AMP	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.95%	0.69%	21/10/2022	21/10/2024	24
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.69%	21/10/2022	21/10/2025	36
AMP	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.75%	0.35%	15/11/2022	14/11/2024	24
AMP	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.80%	0.35%	21/11/2022	20/11/2025	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.69%	16/12/2022	16/12/2024	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.04%	0.69%	15/02/2023	17/02/2025	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.94%	0.69%	14/03/2023	14/03/2025	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.00%	0.69%	14/03/2023	15/03/2027	48
Hume Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.69%	31/03/2023	31/03/2025	24
Auswide	BBB	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.95%	0.69%	13/04/2023	13/04/2026	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.69%	20/04/2023	20/04/2027	48
P&N Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.20%	0.35%	26/05/2023	26/05/2026	36
ING Bank	A	0	2,000,000	5.38%	0.69%	28/06/2024	28/06/2029	60
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.37%	0.69%	21/08/2023	21/08/2025	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.45%	0.35%	30/11/2023	28/11/2025	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.69%	14/12/2023	15/12/2025	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.14%	0.69%	3/01/2024	5/01/2026	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.69%	4/01/2024	4/01/2027	36
Suncorp	A+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.08%	0.35%	8/01/2024	8/01/2026	24
Australian Unity	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.93%	0.35%	7/03/2024	9/03/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.69%	23/04/2024	24/04/2028	48
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.69%	6/05/2024	6/05/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.12%	0.35%	24/05/2024	24/05/2027	36
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.26%	0.35%	31/05/2024	31/05/2028	48
ING Bank	A	0	2,000,000	5.26%	0.69%	6/06/2024	6/06/2028	48

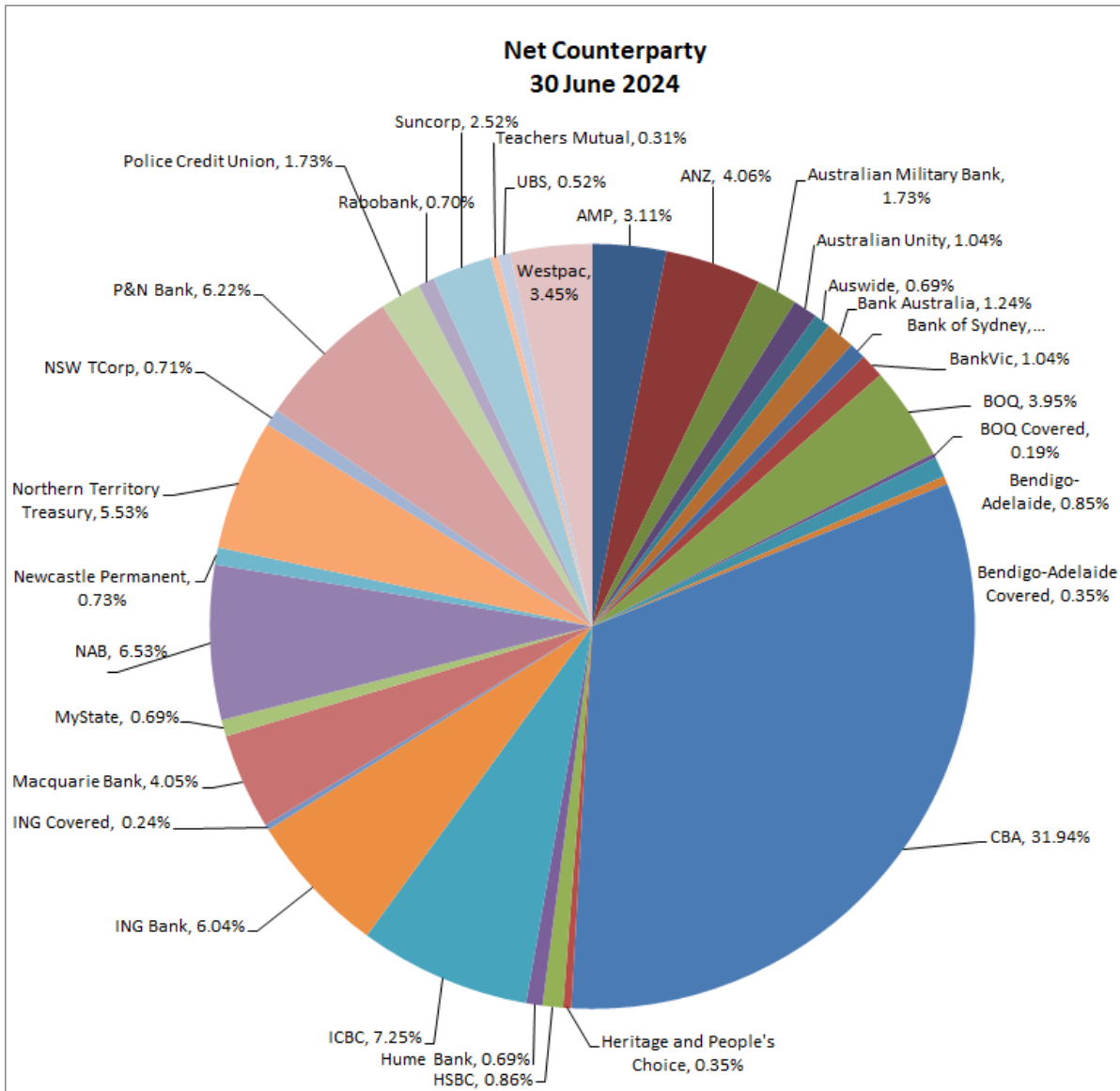
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Australian Military Bank	BBB+	0	1,000,000	5.20%	0.35%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	0	2,000,000	5.20%	0.69%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
Total Medium Term Deposits		109,000,000	107,000,000	3.58%	36.95%			
Floating Rate Notes - Senior Debt								
Suncorp	A+	1,256,102	1,260,926	BBSW + 78	0.44%	30/07/2019	30/07/2024	60
HSBC	AA-	2,525,933	2,503,419	BBSW + 83	0.86%	27/09/2019	27/09/2024	60
ANZ	AA-	1,513,110	0	0.00%	0.00%	16/01/2020	16/01/2025	60
NAB	AA-	2,016,155	2,023,701	BBSW + 77	0.70%	21/01/2020	21/01/2025	60
Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	1,105,221	1,109,887	BBSW + 112	0.38%	4/02/2020	4/02/2025	60
Macquarie Bank	A+	2,010,313	2,018,028	BBSW + 84	0.70%	12/02/2020	12/02/2025	60
BOQ Covered	AAA	553,956	556,187	BBSW + 107	0.19%	14/05/2020	14/05/2025	60
UBS	A+	1,510,891	1,516,972	BBSW + 87	0.52%	30/07/2020	30/07/2025	60
CBA	AA-	2,014,855	2,023,636	BBSW + 70	0.70%	14/01/2022	14/01/2027	60
Rabobank	A+	2,008,594	2,016,397	BBSW + 73	0.70%	27/01/2022	27/01/2027	60
Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	996,317	1,001,124	BBSW + 100	0.35%	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	60
NAB	AA-	2,404,720	2,414,343	BBSW + 72	0.83%	25/02/2022	25/02/2027	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	1,672,409	1,657,210	BBSW + 98	0.57%	17/03/2022	17/03/2025	36
ANZ	AA-	2,020,526	2,029,105	BBSW + 97	0.70%	12/05/2022	12/05/2027	60
NAB	AA-	1,708,766	1,714,990	BBSW + 90	0.59%	30/05/2022	30/05/2025	36
Suncorp	A+	905,715	909,302	BBSW + 93	0.31%	22/08/2022	22/08/2025	36
ANZ	AA-	2,545,808	2,557,747	BBSW + 120	0.88%	4/11/2022	4/11/2027	60
NAB	AA-	2,537,841	2,548,236	BBSW + 120	0.88%	25/11/2022	25/11/2027	60
Suncorp	A+	1,127,896	1,117,201	BBSW + 125	0.39%	14/12/2022	14/12/2027	60
CBA	AA-	2,040,258	2,049,420	BBSW + 115	0.71%	13/01/2023	13/01/2028	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,911,539	1,921,581	BBSW + 155	0.66%	22/02/2023	22/02/2027	48
Bendigo-Adelaide Covered	AAA	1,019,270	1,010,032	BBSW + 115	0.35%	16/06/2023	16/06/2028	60
CBA	AA-	2,520,638	2,530,535	BBSW + 95	0.87%	17/08/2023	17/08/2028	60
ANZ	AA-	2,135,708	2,116,748	BBSW + 93	0.73%	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,663,621	1,671,045	BBSW + 150	0.58%	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	36
ANZ	AA-	2,522,649	2,534,241	BBSW + 96	0.88%	5/02/2024	5/02/2029	60
ANZ	AA-	1,012,723	1,004,261	BBSW + 98	0.35%	19/03/2024	19/03/2029	60
ING Bank	A	506,398	501,822	BBSW + 95	0.17%	22/03/2024	22/03/2027	36
BoQ	A-	1,665,581	1,672,676	BBSW + 128	0.58%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	803,095	806,594	BBSW + 100	0.28%	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	36
ANZ	AA-	0	1,502,541	BBSW + 86	0.52%	18/06/2024	18/06/2029	60
Teachers Mutual	BBB+	0	901,315	BBSW + 130	0.31%	21/06/2024	21/06/2027	36
Total Floating Rate Notes - Senior Debt		50,236,607	51,201,220		17.68%			
Fixed Rate Bonds								
ING Covered	AAA	692,171	694,111	1.10%	0.24%	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.00%	1.04%	24/08/2021	16/12/2024	40
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.50%	1.04%	24/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
BoQ	A-	1,764,229	1,768,954	2.10%	0.61%	27/10/2021	27/10/2026	60
BoQ	A-	1,994,217	2,004,277	5.30%	0.69%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2024 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2024 \$	June EOM Current Yield %	June EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.50%	0.69%	6/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.50%	0.35%	14/07/2021	15/12/2026	65
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.30%	0.69%	29/04/2021	15/06/2026	61
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.00%	0.69%	30/11/2020	15/12/2025	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.00%	0.35%	20/11/2020	15/12/2025	61
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.00%	0.69%	21/10/2020	15/12/2025	62
Total Fixed Rate Bonds		20,450,618	20,467,343	1.70%	7.07%			
Managed Funds								
NSW Tcorp	NR	2,044,854	2,065,270	1.00%	0.71%	17/03/2014	1/06/2029	182
Total Managed Funds		2,044,854	2,065,270	1.00%	0.71%			
TOTAL WWCC CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS		223,741,771	288,844,506					

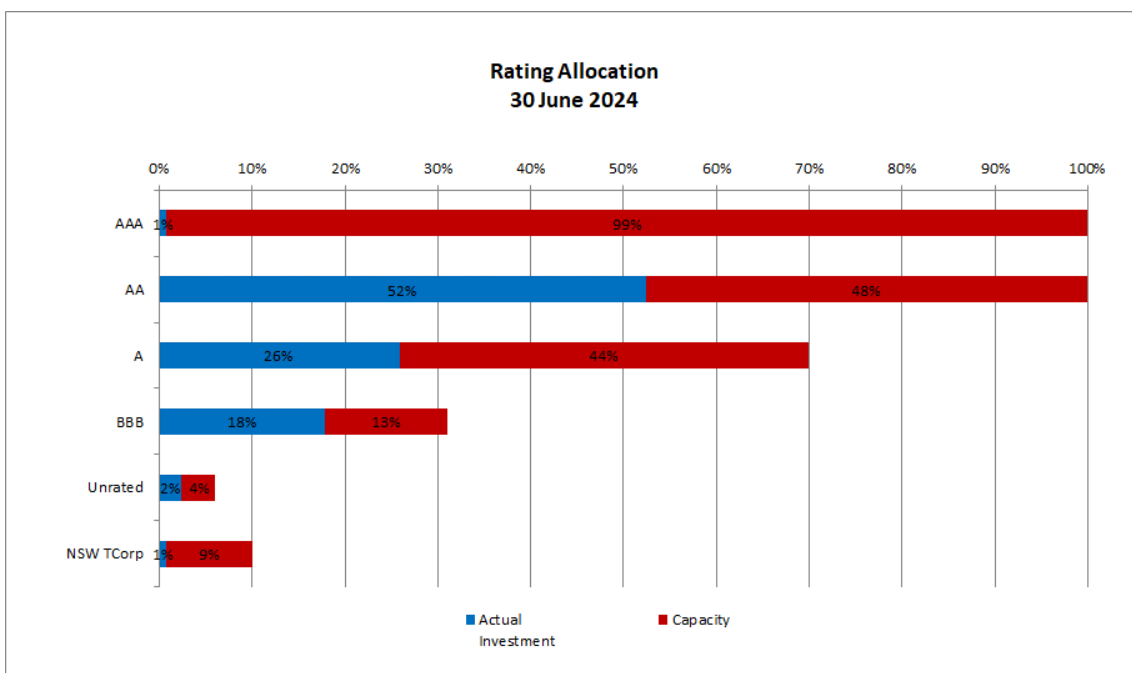
Council's investment portfolio is dominated by Term Deposits, equating to approximately 43% of the portfolio across a broad range of counterparties. Cash equates to 31%, with Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) around 18%, fixed rate bonds around 7% and growth funds around 1% of the portfolio.



Council’s investment portfolio is well diversified in complying assets across the entire credit spectrum. It is also well diversified from a rating perspective. Credit quality is diversified and is predominately invested amongst the investment grade Authorised Deposit-Taking Institutions (ADIs) (being BBB- or higher), with a smaller allocation to unrated ADIs.



All investments are within the defined Policy limits, as outlined in the Rating Allocation chart below:



Investment Portfolio Balance

Council’s investment portfolio balance increased significantly over the past month, up from \$223.74M to \$288.84M. This increase is reflective of Council receiving payment of its Accelerate Infrastructure Fund (AIF) funding in late June. Council also received an advanced payment of approximately 85% of its 2024/25 Financial Assistance Grant in late June.

	Closing Balance Invested 30/04/2024 \$	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2024 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2024 \$
TOTAL WWCC CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS	224,933,960	223,741,771	288,844,506

Monthly Investment Movements

Redemptions/Sales – Council redeemed/sold the following investment securities during June 2024:

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
Australian Unity Bank (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$1M	12 months	5.44%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 2-year Australian Military Bank term deposit (as below).
ING Bank (A) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.62%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 12-month BankVic term deposit (as below).

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
ICBC (A) Term Deposit	\$2M	2 years	3.95%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 4-year ING Bank term deposit (as below).
Australian Unity Bank (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$2M	2 years	4.15%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 2-year Australian Military Bank term deposit (as below).
ICBC (A) Term Deposit	\$2M	4 years	1.60%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 12-month Bank of Sydney term deposit (as below).
MyState Bank (BBB) Term Deposit	\$2M	2 years	4.45%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity due to poor reinvestment rates being offered.
ANZ Bank (AA-) Floating Rate Note	\$1.5M	5 years	BBSW +76bps	This floating rate note was sold prior to maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 5-year ANZ floating rate note (as below). Council recognised a capital gain of \$3,780 on this sale.

New Investments – Council purchased the following investment securities during June 2024:

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
Australian Military Bank (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$1M	2 years	5.20%	The Australian Military Bank rate of 5.20% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.15%.
BankVic (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.34%	The BankVic rate of 5.34% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.32%.
ING Bank (A) Term Deposit	\$1M	12 months	5.31%	The ING Bank rate of 5.31% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.29%.
ING Bank (A) Term Deposit	\$2M	4 years	5.26%	The ING Bank rate of 5.26% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.05%.

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Australian Military Bank (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$2M	2 years	5.20%	The Australian Military Bank rate of 5.20% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.15%.
Bank of Sydney (Unrated) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.47%	The Bank of Sydney rate of 5.47% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.45%.
ANZ Bank (AA-) Floating Rate Note	\$1.5M	5 years	BBSW +86bps	Council's independent Investment Advisor advised this Floating Rate Note represented good value with a potential grossed-up value of +110-115bps after 2-2.5 years.
Teachers Mutual Bank (BBB+) Floating Rate Note	\$900K	3 years	BBSW +130bps	Council's independent Investment Advisor advised this Floating Rate Note represented fair value with a potential grossed-up value of +150-155bps after 2-2.5 years.

Rollovers – Council rolled over the following investment security during June 2024:

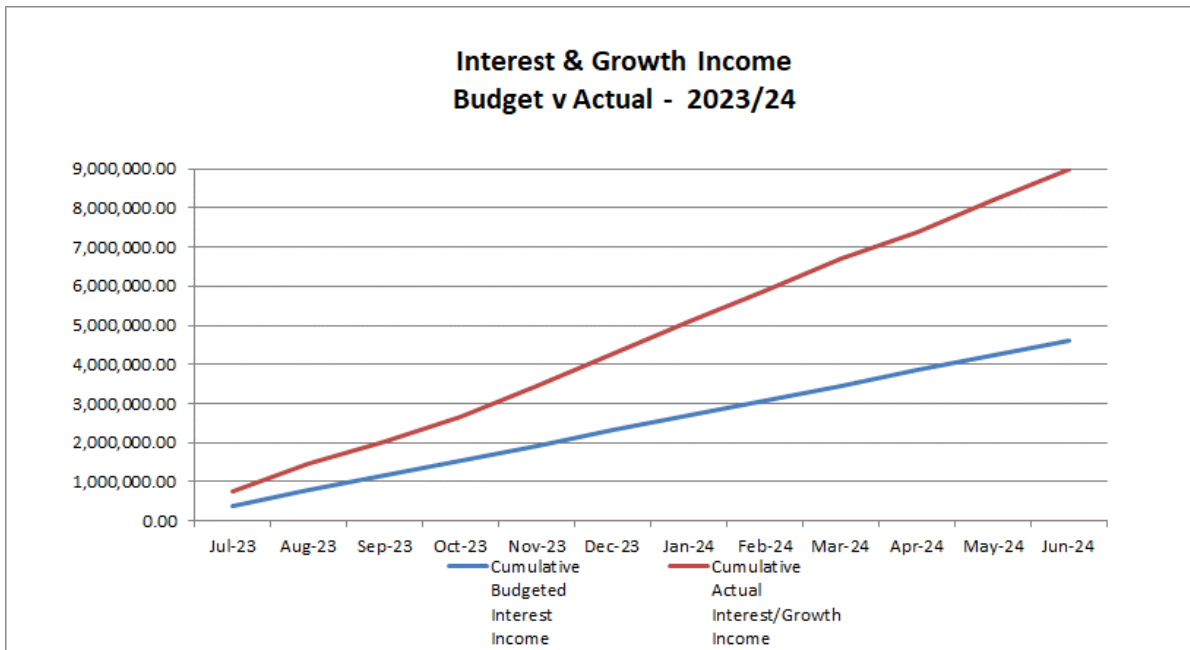
Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
ING Bank (A) Term Deposit	\$2M	5 years	5.38%	This term deposit was a 12-month investment earning 5.65% and was rolled at maturity into a new 5-year term deposit at 5.38%.

Monthly Investment Performance

Interest/growth/capital gains/(losses) for the month totalled \$795,913, which compares favourably with the budget for the period of \$384,865 - outperforming budget for the month by \$411,048.

Council's outperformance to budget for June is mainly due to better than budgeted returns on Council's investment portfolio as well as a higher than anticipated investment portfolio balance. This is a result of the ongoing movements in the cash rate made by the Reserve Bank of Australia, with the latest increase in early November 2023 bringing the cash rate to 4.35% from a record low of 0.10% in April 2022.

Council experienced a positive return on its NSW T-Corp Managed Fund for the month of June, with the fund returning +1.00% (or \$20,416) as both domestic (+1.01%) and international (+1.93%) shares finished off the financial year strongly.



As can be seen from the above graph, Council’s interest on investments outperformed the budget for the 2023/24 financial year. Interest and Investment income for the year totalled \$8.98M, outperforming the original budget of \$4.62M for the 2023/24 year. This increase in income was mainly due to increased interest rates achieved on investments made throughout the 2023/24 year – resulting from the increases in the RBA cash rate from 0.10% in April 2022 to 4.35% in November 2023.

In comparison to the AusBond Bank Bill Index* of 4.34% (annualised), Council’s investment portfolio returned 3.96% (annualised) for the month of June. This underperformance against the benchmark for the month is mainly due to lower returns on fixed deposits and bonds due to a proportion of these being locked in prior to the unexpected RBA rate hikes, as well as aggressive increases in the AusBond Bank Bill index due to the current interest rate environment.

On Cash and At-Call accounts returned 4.35% (annualised) for the month. These funds are utilised for daily cash flow management and need to be available to meet operating and contractual payments as they fall due.

Over the past year, Council’s investment portfolio has returned 3.86%, marginally underperforming the AusBond Bank Bill index by -0.51%. Council’s investment portfolio has continued to outperform the AusBond Bank Bill Index* over the longer-term time period, returning 2.67% per annum over the past 3 years – outperforming the benchmark by 0.23% over this time.

Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.35%	1.07%	2.15%	4.28%	4.28%	3.62%	2.46%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.35%	1.08%	2.18%	4.37%	4.37%	3.63%	2.44%
Council's Cash	0.35%	1.05%	2.12%	4.25%	4.25%	3.61%	2.50%
Council's T/D	0.32%	0.95%	1.87%	3.60%	3.60%	3.12%	2.65%
Council's FRN	0.45%	1.37%	2.74%	5.47%	5.47%	4.69%	3.54%
Council's Bonds	0.14%	0.41%	0.73%	1.40%	1.40%	1.35%	1.33%
Council's TCorp LTGF	1.00%	-0.41%	5.83%	10.63%	10.63%	10.80%	4.23%
Council's Portfolio	0.33%	0.96%	1.97%	3.86%	3.86%	3.38%	2.67%
Relative Performance	-0.02%	-0.12%	-0.21%	-0.51%	-0.51%	-0.25%	0.23%

* The AusBond Bank Bill Index is the leading benchmark for the Australian fixed income market. It is interpolated from the RBA Cash rate, 1 month and 3-month Bank Bill Swap rates.

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that all of the above investments have been made in accordance with the provision of Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations there under, and in accordance with the Investment Policy adopted by Council on 24 June 2024.

Carolyn Rodney
Responsible Accounting Officer

Policy and Legislation

Budget variations are reported in accordance with Council's *POL 052 Budget Policy*.

Investments are reported in accordance with Council's *POL 075 Investment Policy*.

Local Government Act 1993

Section 625 - How may councils invest?

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Section 212 - Reports on council investments

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We are accountable and transparent

Risk Management Issues for Council

This report is a control mechanism that assists in addressing the following potential risks to Council:

- Loss of investment income or capital resulting from ongoing management of investments, especially during difficult economic times
- Failure to demonstrate to the community that its funds are being expended in an efficient and effective manner

Internal / External Consultation

All relevant areas within Council have consulted with the Finance Division in relation to the budget variations listed in this report.

The Finance Division has consulted with relevant external parties to confirm Council's investment portfolio balances.

RP-6 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**Author:** Carolyn Rodney**Summary:** | Council has received three (3) fee waiver requests for Council's consideration.**Recommendation**

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following groups:
 - i Homes NSW – Tolland Clean Up: \$10,047 (Request 1)
 - ii St Aidan's Presbyterian Church – Good Friday Service: \$155 (Request 2)
 - iii Potowa Buddhist Group – Multi-faith Conference: \$450 (Request 3)
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2024/25 financial year

Report

Three (3) Section 356 financial assistance requests are proposed for consideration at this Ordinary Council meeting. Details of each request are shown below:

1. Homes NSW: Tolland Clean Up - \$10,047

Craig Smith, Delivery Director, Southern NSW, (Homes NSW (previously Department of Communities and Justice)) in the attached requests:

"Many residents that live in social housing estates have limited means to access waste removal options, with events like this greatly appreciated by the community which was echoed throughout each clean-up day. Homes NSW would like

Homes NSW is planning to hold another community clean-up day on Monday 22 July 2024 in the Tolland Estate. Similar to the previous Tolland clean-up day, we will be providing large skip bins placed around the Estate and a BBQ throughout the day at the Tolland Community Centre.

In conducting this clean-up we are again seeking Council support for the following:

- *Council to waive the tipping fees and extend the Waste Management Centre hours to allow drivers to empty skips.*
- *Council to allow two trucks and a 'bobcat' with four workers to assist the community with bulky items. Please note, an estimate of this equipment hire and staff costs is \$4,000 and will be paid by Homes NSW.*
- *The clean-up works are to be scheduled for Monday 22 July 2024 from 10:00am as well as over the following days, to enable collection of any additional rubbish that may not have been placed for collection on the designated day.*
- *Homes NSW to contribute \$25,000 to the Tolland clean-up day, in addition to the waiver of tip fees by Council"*

The estimated cost of the requested Council assistance has been compiled by Council officers based on the estimated quantities included in the request letter by Homes NSW, and is detailed below:

Item	Cost	Total
Truck Hire & labour	No cost to Council, as will be paid for by Homes NSW	-
General Rubbish	\$285 per tonne (say 23 tonnes)	\$6,555
Mattresses	\$32 per mattress (say 70 units)	\$2,240
Tyres – Bicycle	\$15 per tyre (say 15 units)	\$225
Tyres – Passenger	\$20 per tyre (say 25 units)	\$500
Refrigerate equipment CFC removal	\$31 per fridge (say 15 units)	\$465
Scrap Metal	\$31 per tonne (say 2 tonnes)	\$62
Total		\$10,047

The above request aligns with Council’s Strategic Plan “The Environment” – Objective: Our built environment is functional, attractive and health promoting”.

Council has provided similar assistance to this organisation (previously the Department of Communities and Justice) in recent years via community clean-up days at Tolland, Koorungal and Ashmont.

It is proposed that Council support the above event by contributing the above assistance funded from Council’s Solid Waste Management Operations budget which can absorb the total cost estimate of \$10,047 (Job Number 70138).

Homes NSW have not received any other funding from Council in the 2024/25 financial year.

2. St Aidans Presbyterian Church – Request for fee waiver of Hire Fees – \$155.00

Min Lee, on behalf of the St Aidans Presbyterian Church Committee of Management in the attached letter requests:

To whom it may concern,

Firstly, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Wagga Wagga City Council for graciously allowing St Aidan’s Wagga and St Andrew’s Wagga to utilize the Wollundry Lagoon Amphitheatre on Good Friday for nearly a decade. This venue has provided a wonderful setting for bringing together the Wagga Wagga community, allowing our two Presbyterian churches to host our annual Good Friday service and share in the joy of morning tea with hot cross buns.

This year's event was particularly meaningful, as the Council generously waived 50% (\$155.00) of the venue hire costs. The impact of this support allowed us to allocate the entirety of the free will collection towards assisting vulnerable children through our partnership with Compassion Australia.

We are reaching out to respectfully request the Council's consideration in either covering or reducing the venue hire cost for our future event in April 2025. As a culturally enriching experience for the Wagga Wagga community, and with the noble cause of supporting vulnerable children, we kindly ask for the Council's support by either waiving the total venue hire cost or extending the 50% reduced rate for a half-day event.

Your time and consideration are greatly appreciated, and we eagerly anticipate your response.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Min Lee On behalf of the St Aidans Presbyterian Church Committee of Management

Hire of the Wollundry Lagoon Precinct and the Civic Theatre toilets totals \$310.00. A 50% reduction in hire fees results in a total waiver of \$155.00.

The above request aligns with Council's Strategic Plan "Community Place and Identity" – Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected".

St Aidan's Presbyterian Church have not received any other financial assistance from Council this 2024/25 financial year. St Aiden's received a 50% fee waiver in the 2023/24 financial year.

3. Potowa Buddhist Group – Request for fee waiver of Hire Fees – \$450

Peir Woon, on behalf of the Potowa Buddhist Group in the attached email requests:

Dear Dallas,

I hope this message finds you well. This is Peir from Potowa Buddhist Group, and I am writing to request your support in sponsoring the council venue for our upcoming multi-faith conference.

Our event aims to bring together diverse communities in Wagga Wagga to promote understanding, tolerance, and unity. The theme of this year's conference is "Compassion," a value that is much needed in today's world. This will be the fourth time we organise this impactful event. You may recall being involved in the inaugural event in 2017, which laid a strong foundation for interfaith dialogue and cooperation in our community.

Since its inception in 2017, the conference has grown significantly. Our past conferences have attracted hundreds of participants from various faiths and backgrounds, fostering a spirit of mutual respect and understanding. Feedback from attendees has consistently highlighted the importance of such events in promoting social cohesion and community engagement. The most recent one we organised was on 'Euthanasia' in 2023, and prior to that, we had one organised at the Council venue back in 2019.

I have spoken to Scott and booked the council board room for 8 September 2024, from 12.30pm to 3.30pm; we now just need your sponsorship in waiving the booking fees of \$450 so we can offer free entrance to our local community.

We have received enthusiastic support from Hon Wes Fang (email of support attached), a respected member of the Legislative Council, who believes in the positive impact of our event.

We kindly request the sponsorship of the venue for the event. Your support would greatly contribute to the success of this event and help us continue to foster a harmonious and inclusive community.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the opportunity to receive the support from the Wagga Wagga Council once again. Please let us know if you require any further information or if we can discuss this request in more detail at your earliest convenience.

*Warm regards,
Peir Woon
Coordinator, Potowa Buddhist Group*

The above request aligns with Council’s Strategic Plan “Community Place and Identity” – Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected”.

Potowa Buddhist Group have not received any other financial assistance from Council this 2024/25 financial year.

Financial Implications

Budget Summary <i>(rounded to the nearest dollar where applicable)</i>	
Total Section 356 Contributions, Grants and Donations 2024/25 Budget allocation	\$2,190,329
Total of Section 356 Contributions, Grants and Donations budget allocations approved during 2024/25 Operational Plan adoption*	<u>(\$2,156,731)</u>
Revised Balance of Section 356 budget available for requests received during the 2024/25 financial year	\$33,598
1) Homes NSW – Tolland Clean Up: \$10,047	Funded from the Solid Waste Operating budget
2) St Aidans Presbyterian Church – Request for fee waiver of Hire Fees	(\$155)
3) Potowa Buddhist Group - Request for fee waiver of Hire Fees	(\$450)

Subtotal Fee Waivers included in this report proposed to be funded from the Section 356 Budget	<u>(\$605)</u>
Proposed Balance of Section 356 fee waiver financial assistance budget for the remainder of the 2024/25 Financial Year	\$32,993

**This figure includes Community leases rental subsidies (\$1,612,174); Annual Grants Programs (\$219,450); Major Events Sponsorships (\$100,000); Fee Waivers and Rates and Annual Charges Waivers (\$38,725); Contributions (\$45,587); Scholarships (\$6,000); Road Closures (\$29,000) and Other (\$105,795).*

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Our built environment is functional, attractive and health promoting
Create an attractive city





Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Cross Directorate consultation has been undertaken as required.

Attachments

1.  St Aidens Presbyterian Church - Section 356 Request Fee Waiver
2.  Homes NSW Tolland Clean Up Day 2024 - S356 Request Fee Waiver
3.  Potowa Buddhist Group - Section 356 Request Fee Waiver
4.  Potowa Buddhist Group - Email of support - Wes Fang



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June 14th 2024

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On behalf of the St Aidans Presbyterian Church Committee of Management

"Knowing, living, sharing, the grace of God in Jesus Christ"



Ms Alex Osgood
Social Planning Coordinator
Wagga Wagga City Council

19 June 2024

Via email: Osgood.Alexandra@wagga.nsw.gov.au

Subject: Tolland Estate Clean Up – Request for Assistance

Dear Alex,

Over the past three years Homes NSW, through its various branches, led community clean-up days in Tolland Estate, Koorungal Estate and Ashmont Estate. These days exceeded all expectations with large amounts of rubbish removed from these Estates.

Many residents that live in social housing estates have limited means to access waste removal options, with events like this greatly appreciated by the community which was echoed throughout each clean-up day. Homes NSW would like to acknowledge the vital importance of Wagga Wagga City Council in making these days a success and for your ongoing support and commitment to the community. Without Council support, these days would not be the success they are.

Homes NSW is planning to hold another community clean-up day on Monday 22 July 2024 in the Tolland Estate. Similar to the previous Tolland clean-up day, we will be providing large skip bins placed around the Estate and a BBQ throughout the day At the Tolland Community Centre.

In conducting this clean-up we are again seeking Council support for the following:

- Council to waive tipping fees (see estimate tabulated below) and extend the Waste Management Centre hours to allow drivers to empty skips.
- Council to allow two trucks and a 'bobcat' with four workers to assist the community with bulky items. Please note, an estimate of this equipment hire and staff costs is \$4,000 and will be paid by Homes NSW.
- The clean-up works are to be scheduled for Monday 22 July 2024 from 10:00am as well as over the following days, to enable collection of any

Homes NSW brings together the housing and homelessness services of the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) with NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC), the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) and key worker housing all under one roof – making the system more efficient and accessible.

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additional rubbish that may not have been placed for collection on the designated day.

- Homes NSW to contribute \$25,000 to the Tolland clean-up day, in addition to the waiver of tip fees by Council.

Based on the success of the previous rubbish removal from the Tolland Estate an estimate for rubbish removal is set out in the table below.

The area of the Tolland Estate proposed for the clean-up comprises the following streets:

- Awaba Ave Quabara Pl;; O'Connor St;; Anne St; Bruce St; Raye St; Edghill Pl; Kenny Pl; Flynn Pl; Oliver Pl; Brooks Cir; Davies Pl; Bingham Pl; Melba Pl; Jordan Pl; Boyd Pl; Dennis Cres; French Pl; Toy Pl; Tarra Pl; Lalor Pl; and Rogers Pl.

Proposed Estimate of Rubbish to be removed from the Tolland Estate:

Item	Cost	Anticipated	Total
General Rubbish	\$255 per tonne	23 tonnes	\$5,865
Mattresses	\$28 per mattress	70	\$1,960
Tyres – Bicycle	\$13 per tyre,	15	\$195
Tyres – Vehicle	\$18 per tyre,	25	\$450
Refrigeration equipment CFC removal	\$27 per fridge,	15	\$405
Scrap Metal		2 tonnes	

Sub Total

\$8,875¹

Note 1: These costs are taken from previous clean-up days and may not be current.

As we would like to schedule the Tolland clean-up day for Monday 22 July 2024, we ask if you would please review this request at the earliest opportunity and advise if Council will support Homes NSW with this event, through tip activities and on-site resources.

Should you have any further queries regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

The Homes NSW contacts for the clean-up day are the local Client Service Officer Bree Manuatu on 0428 737 774; or Adam Bower Senior Development Manager on 0437 267 557.

Yours sincerely,



Craig Smith
Delivery Director, Southern NSW
Homes NSW

For more information about Homes NSW:
Scan the QR code or visit the website at nsw.gov.au/homes-nsw



From: Potowa Buddhist Group <potowastudygroup@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 10:23 AM
To: Webster, Cassandra <Webster.Cassandra@wagga.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Request of sponsorship for a Multi-faith Conference

Dear Dallas,

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Warm regards,

Peir Woon

Coordinator, Potowa Buddhist Group

Big love,
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Instagram: [@potowabuddhist](#)
Twitter: [@potowabuddhist](#)



Potowa Prayer Hall

Potowa Study Group is a FPMT Study Group. [FPMT](#) stands for Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition.

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which I work and live, the Wiradjuri Nation, and I pay my respects to Elders, past, present and future, as well as all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their nurturing of Country, Culture, and Community.

7/2/24, 10:15 AM

Gmail - Email of support



Potowa Buddhist Group <potowastudygroup@gmail.com>

Email of support

Wes Fang <Wes.Fang@parliament.nsw.gov.au>
To: "potowastudygroup@gmail.com" <potowastudygroup@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 25, 2024 at 9:14 AM

Dear Peir

The following is an email of support, in relation to your organising of a community meeting for people of all faiths and religions.

I know, your previous community meetings were well attended and were assisted by the involvement of the Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga and MPHNN. Given the short notice nature of the meeting, it's harder to engage with those groups to assist with the organising and funding of the forum.

Given these circumstances, I am prepared to indicate my support for your group being assisted by the City of Wagga Wagga Council in relation to the organising and hosting of the meeting.

Kind regards

Hon Wes Fang MLC



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RP-7 2023/24 WORKS IN PROGRESS AND BUDGET REVOTES**Author:** Carolyn Rodney**Summary:**

This report is for Council to consider and approve the proposed 2023/24 capital and operating budget revotes and works in progress required to manage the 2024/25 budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the proposed 2023/24 capital and operating budget revotes into the 2024/25 financial year as presented in this report
- b note the 2023/24 capital and operating works in progress transfers into the 2024/25 financial year as presented in this report

Report

This report provides a summary of the 2023/24 capital works in progress and those projects that have not yet commenced as at 30 June 2024.

The adoption of the recommendation will enable the revote of the funding allocation from the 2023/24 budget for projects that have not commenced, to the 2024/25 budget.

The report also highlights the various works in progress as at 30 June 2024 noting that the unexpended funds will automatically transfer to the 2024/25 financial year without the need for a Council resolution, as per Section 211 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

It is important to note that the estimated works in progress and revote figures that are presented in this report are indicative and may be subject to change pending the finalisation of the 2023/24 financial statements.

2023/24 Project Revotes and Works in Progress Transfers

The tables included in the Attachment provide details of the total capital works program for 2023/24, the projects recommended for revoting and the works in progress. Below is a summary of each table:

Reference	Description	Amount
Table A	2023/24 Capital Works Summary	
Table B	2023/24 Capital Project Revotes	\$2,974,349
Table C	Capital Projects – Works in Progress (Capital land sale income carryover)	\$36,685,995 (\$29,665)
Table D	Operating Project Revotes	\$2,745,148
Table E	Operating Project – Works in Progress	\$8,921,569

By approving in principle these requests, the total 2024/25 revised capital works program based on the budgets adopted in the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) will be:

\$21,359,197 – 2024/25 LTFP Adopted One-off Capital Works Budget
 \$23,746,071 – 2024/25 LTFP Adopted Recurrent Capital Program
\$39,660,344 – Requested for Revote and Works in Progress Transfers
\$84,765,612 – Proposed Capital Works Program 2024/25*

*The estimated Revotes and Works in Progress figures that are presented in this report are indicative and are subject to change pending the finalisation of the 2023/24 financial statements.

Please note that the Capital Works Pending category currently has a total budget of \$35,906,215 allocated to projects for 2024/25 that has not been included in the above totals. The assumption is that these projects may also be voted into the delivery program during the 2024/25 financial year.

Please also be advised that once the financial year is finalised with all 2023/24 invoices paid and the outstanding commitments are determined as to which year they relate, the 2023/24 proposed budget revotes and works in progress transfer amounts may reduce. The \$39,660,344 figure shown above for Capital (\$2,974,349 + \$36,685,995) assumes all current outstanding commitments for the projects will be paid from the 2024/25 financial year budget.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Section 211 Authorisation of expenditure

- (1) *A council, or a person purporting to act on behalf of a council, must not incur a liability for the expenditure of money unless the council at the annual meeting held in accordance with subclause (2) or at a later ordinary meeting:*
 - (a) *has approved the expenditure, and*
 - (b) *has voted the money necessary to meet the expenditure.*
- (2) *A council must each year hold a meeting for the purpose of approving expenditure and voting money.*
- (3) *All such approvals and votes lapse at the end of a council's financial year. However, this subclause does not apply to approvals and votes relating to:*
 - (a) *work carried out or started, or contracted to be carried out, for the council, or*
 - (b) *any service provided, or contracted to be provided, for the council, or*
 - (c) *goods or materials provided, or contracted to be provided, for the council, or*
 - (d) *facilities provided or started, or contracted to be provided, for the council, before the end of the year concerned, or to the payment of remuneration to members of the council's staff.*

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We are accountable and transparent

Risk Management Issues for Council

This report is a control mechanism that assists in addressing the following potential risks to Council:

- If Council determine not to approve the operating and capital revotes, the justification for the revote relating to each project being outlined in the report, highlights some of the potential risks for Council.

Internal / External Consultation

All relevant areas within the Council have consulted with the Finance Division in relation to the works in progress and revotes listed in this report.

Attachments

1   Carryover List 2023.24

TABLE A – 2023/24 CAPITAL WORKS SUMMARY

TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM - 2023/24							
Capital Projects Categories	Original Budget	Revised Budget (incl 2022/23 Revotes + WIP)	Approved Budget	Total Exp*	% Budget Exp	Remaining Budget*	2023/24 Revotes + WIP Transfers Requested*
Capital Projects One-off	33,539,246	31,590,188	65,129,434	33,773,992	51.86%	32,427,463	29,054,355
Capital Projects Recurrent	21,649,500	9,936,494	31,585,995	17,216,456	54.51%	14,688,531	10,237,008
Pending Projects	38,732,266	(37,984,161)	748,105	0	0.00%	748,105	368,981
TOTAL	93,921,012	3,542,521	97,463,534	50,990,448	52.32%	47,864,099	39,660,344

*Figures may change pending finalisation of 2023/24 financial statements

TABLE B – 2023/24 CAPITAL PROJECT REVOTES

JOB	CAPITAL PROJECT REVOTES	AMOUNT	FUNDING	JUSTIFICATION
22825	Bus Shelter Installations	34,368	BORROW	This project is for 3 new bus shelters (2 on Fernleigh Road at Turvey Tops Shopping Centre and 1 on Faye Avenue at the Koorngal Mall). Council is currently sourcing a supplier of the shelters so the projects have been delayed.
12498	Bus Shelters Upgrade	19,720	GPR	A project is still being identified so these funds will be required for carryover to complete the project.
12846	Community Amenities – Uranquinty Sportsground	28,796	GPR	The remaining design component of the 2023/24 budget is required for carryover to complete design and include with the construction budget that is allocated in 2024/25.
12922	Glenfield Road Corridor Works	49,838	S7.11	A brief is still being prepared to contract out the design phase, so the remaining design component budget will need to be carried over to include with the construction budgets in future years.
70195	GWMC – Cell Extension	199,236	RESERVE	Project is on hold waiting for leachate levels to reduce in order to grant access to site, so funds are required for carryover to complete this project in 2024/25.
21684	Library - RFID Encoding hardware	8,084	GPR	This budgeted one-off funding allocation for the purchase of a machine to enable printing of RFID book tags in-house has been requested for carryover as the project was not able to be supplied and will be purchased in October 2024.
45049	LMC – Treatment of Re-use Water	353,912	RESERVE	This budget is required for carryover as options are still being considered with potential for new technology.
45121	LMC – Clean, fill & landscape all new works areas	83,825	RESERVE	This project is in relation to the main entrance into the facility. Inclusions of additional works require consideration as a broader project so the project has been deferred until project scope can be determined.
45096	LMC – New circulating road (partial)	49,309	RESERVE	This project has been delayed as it will be impacted by the LMC Masterplan review outcomes.
28145	Oasis – Water Features Project	199,236	S7.11	This project has been deferred awaiting an application for grant funding that has been submitted to leverage existing funds.
28156	Oasis – Repair & Replace Pool Hall Skylights	233,534	RESERVE	Carryover of funds required as there has been a hold put on the Oasis energy projects in conjunction with the Oasis Energy Savings Project budget and grant funding submissions.
28154	Oasis - Upgrade 50m & Dive Pool Bulkhead Tiles	40,025	GPR	Project is currently on hold as works cannot be performed during the Summer season as it would mean closing the pool. In addition, initial costings for replacement tiles were too high so currently looking for a better price. Works are scheduled to continue in the new financial year.
22322	Pedestrian Access Improvements (Turvey Park)	34,787	GRANT	This project was on hold throughout the 2023/24 financial year pending the result of an application for grant funding for the project, which has since been confirmed and paid so the project will now be completed in 2024/25.
22198	Pomingalarna Cultural Garden Stage 1	140,320	GRANT	Ongoing consultation with Wiradjuri Womens group prior to construction in 2024/25 so carryover will be required.
21926	Public Art - Creative Light Spaces	30,000	RESERVE	Applications for the Responsible Gambling grant program open in July 2024 with these funds to be used as a co-contribution to match grant funds therefore a carryover is required.
50384	Sewer - Install Flowmeters	74,014	RESERVE	Funds are required for carryover as needs analysis still needs to be completed to ensure the flow is captured adequately for serviceability and future planning/ modelling.
50199	Sewer - Pump Station SPS22 Elizabeth Ave Forest Hill New Assets	22,014	RESERVE	This budget is for the design of the gravity connection from the temporary pump station at the end of Mangrove Crescent to the new pump station. This project has been on hold due to the requirement for compulsory land acquisitions and will be completed in 2024/25.
50028	Sewer - Re-use Water	79,694	RESERVE	The team is investigating the type of treatment or UV system required for Reuse and technical input has been difficult to find, so will need to carryover the funds to 2024/25.
50112	Sewer - Treatment Works Tarcutta Renewals	247,340	RESERVE	This project will achieve a separate outlet from the rising main into one of the new pumps which has been delayed due to the consideration for capacity along with change of pond design.

JOB	CAPITAL PROJECT REVOTES	AMOUNT	FUNDING	JUSTIFICATION
15267	Sportsground Lighting Program - Anderson Oval	321,506	GPR/ CONTRIB	Carryover the funds to 2024/25 as partner funding is still to be determined.
17041	Sportsground Lighting Program - Ashmont Oval (Jack Misson)	322,375	GPR/ CONTRIB	Carryover the funds to 2024/25 as partner funding is still to be determined.
17040	Sportsground Lighting Program - Estella	327,590	GPR/ CONTRIB	Carryover the funds to 2024/25 as partner funding is still to be determined.
12786	Street Lighting Improvements	74,824	GPR	Carryover any remaining unspent funds to add to the 2024/25 annual budget to allow for a more substantial project to be completed
	TOTAL CAPITAL REVOTES	2,974,349		

TABLE C – 2023/24 CAPITAL PROJECTS - WORKS IN PROGRESS TRANSFERS

JOB	CAPITAL PROJECTS - WORKS IN PROGRESS TRANSFERS	AMOUNT	FUNDING
18812	Active Travel Plan - Stage 1	545,318	S7.11/GRANT
21130	Active Travel Plan - Stage 2	161,196	S7.11/GRANT
21931	Active Travel Plan - Stage 3	533,328	S7.11/GRANT/RESERVE
22222	Alan Turner Depot – Worker on Foot Upgrade	305,621	RESERVE
22138	Alan Turner Depot – Washbay Waste/Oil Separator & Pit	73,609	RESERVE
19504	Art Gallery – Print Collection Acquisitions	7,194	GPR
21275	Bakers Lane Widening + Intersection Upgrade	385,424	S7.11
22195	Bill Jacob Athletics Centre Lighting Upgrade	220,536	GRANT
21671	Bomen Land Sale Costs	38,117	SALE OF ASSET
19546	Botanic Gardens Zoo - Stage 2 CCTV	9,890	GPR
23103	Chapel Refurbishment	156,364	RESERVE
16459	Community Amenities - Forest Hill Oval	225,509	GPR/RESERVE
16458	Community Amenities - Kessler Park	489,671	GPR/RESERVE/GRANT/CONTRIB
16583	Corporate Hardware Capital Purchases	771,064	GPR/RESERVE
15230	Culverts - Renew and Replace	247,646	GPR
23084	Destination EV Charger Installation Round 2	6,826	RESERVE/GRANT
21348	Dobney Avenue & Pearson Street Pavement Rehabilitation	618,941	RESERVE/GRANT
19590	Euberta Hall & Sportsground Water Bore & Irrigation System (TRANSFER TO PARKS & RECREATION RESERVE)	41,716	GPR
18738	Glenfield Road Drain Remediation	95,237	S64
19604	Gregadoo Road Corridor Works	2,441,680	RESERVE/BORROW
70164	GWMC - Construction of New Cell	1,344,622	RESERVE/GRANT
70101	GWMC - Road Rehabilitation	491,782	RESERVE
19668	Harris Road to Open Space (shared path)	44,132	RESERVE
16531	Heavy Patching Program	320,000	GPR/GRANT
21855	Incarnie Crescent Stormwater Augmentation	422,816	RESERVE/GRANT
21089	Jim Elphick Tennis Centre Upgrade	2,897,227	S7.11/GRANT/CONTRIB
12941	Jubilee Oval to Red Hill Road - Drainage Improvements	6,928	RESERVE
19664	Jubilee Park - Athletics Park Upgrade	3,139,454	S7.11/GRANT/RESERVE
39868	Kerb & Gutter Replacement	172,549	GPR
18638	Lake Albert - Raising Water Level	125,027	RESERVE
21273	Lawn Cemetery Master Plan Stage 2A Works	53,511	BORROW
21686	Library – Agile Library Book Collection	15,045	GPR
19661	Lloyd - Establish 3 Local Parks	563,541	S7.11
45131	LMC – Cattle Delivery Yard Rehabilitation	45,388	RESERVE
45133	LMC – Realign Sheep & Cattle Draft Ramps	3,979,419	RESERVE
45128	LMC – Sheep & Goat Electronic (EiD)	237,942	RESERVE
22694	Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program - Round 4	653,143	RESERVE/GRANT
17742	Murray St Stormwater Project	159,956	RESERVE
18796	Northern Sporting Precinct	263,336	RESERVE
19648	North Gobbagombalin (Harris Rd) Park Embellishment	194,228	S7.11

JOB	CAPITAL PROJECTS - WORKS IN PROGRESS TRANSFERS	AMOUNT	FUNDING
28173	Oasis – Disable/Mixed Access Equipment/Steps	76,673	RESERVE
28162	Oasis - Energy Savings Projects	605,841	S7.11/RESERVE
28119	Oasis – Filter Sand for all Pools	72,887	RESERVE
16532	Pavement Rehabilitation Program	680,000	GPR/GRANT
39042	Pedestrian Facilities (PAMP) Program	126,534	GPR/GRANT
19601	Pine Gully Road Corridor Works	687,583	S7.11/RESERVE/BORROW
21900	Plant & Equipment Replacement	2,956,799	RESERVE/SALE OF ASSET
21924	Public Art - Neighbourhood Engagement	14,483	RESERVE
18792	Public Art - River Life	135,763	RESERVE
21925	Public Art - Suburbs & Villages	6,249	RESERVE
19681	Red Hill Road Upgrade	31,596	RESERVE
16529	Reseal Program - Capital Renewal	483,181	GPR/GRANT
17749	Renew Community Amenities – Gissing Oval	725,964	RESERVE/GRANT
22490	RFS Mangoplah Fire Station Additional Bay/Amenities	222,725	GRANT
21903	RIFL Stage 1A - Subdivision Works	1,358,692	RESERVE/CONTRIB
20550	RIFL Stage 2B - Terminal Works	62,792	CONTRIB
19545	RIFL Stage 2C - Industrial Subdivision - Civil Works	870,683	GRANT
50224	Sewer - Ashmont SPS (Lloyd to Ashmont Gravity Main Upgrade)	396,081	RESERVE
50266	Sewer – Forest Hill Treatment Works Plant	50,820	RESERVE
50018	Sewer - Mains Rehabilitation Program	2,396,324	RESERVE
50221	Sewer – Narrung St Treatment Plant Flood Protection	466,708	RESERVE
50245	Sewer – Olympic Highway SPS13	21,037	RESERVE
50418	Sewer - Southern Growth Augmentation	1,185,212	GRANT
22196	Stadium Upgrades - Equex Centre & Bolton Park	54,916	GRANT
20799	Stores - Bar Coding System/Shelving	11,154	RESERVE
21789	Tarcutta Recreation Reserve Infrastructure Upgrade	68,208	GRANT
30044	Urban Asphalt Program	153,746	GPR/GRANT
23088	Victory Memorial Gardens Shade Sails	22,000	CONTRIB
21777	Wiradjuri Walking Track Upgrade & Repair	236,412	GRANT
	TOTAL	36,685,995	
22431	RIFL Land Sale Income Budget Carryover	(29,665)	SALE OF ASSET

TABLE D – 2023/24 OPERATING PROJECT REVOTES

JOB	OPERATING PROJECT REVOTES	AMOUNT	FUNDING	JUSTIFICATION
12740	Botanic Gardens Zoo Masterplan	40,000	GPR/RESERVE	The Public exhibition process is currently occurring to determine the Masterplan requirements. This will be completed December 2024.
22206	Corporate Hardware/Software – Asset Management Solution	590,000	GPR/RESERVE	The tender for this software will not be finalised until after July 2024 so funds are required for carryover.
22319	Edmondson Street Bridge Repairs	100,000	GRANT	This project budget is required for carryover to hold the current quoted costs for fencing, barriers and AC work which will be completed in the 2024/25 financial year.
22896	Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Trainee Program	10,000	GRANT	This was a recent grant funding announcement from Training Services NSW to subsidise salaries in local government authorities. The trainee is to be employed in the 2024/25 financial year, so these funds will need to be carried over to be used as a funding source for this position.
13637	Glass Chrysalis Program (TRANSFER TO ART GALLERY RESERVE)	6,000	GPR	Unspent funds for this program are to be transferred to the Art Gallery Reserve to reallocate in 2025/26 along with the existing allocated GPR funds for a more substantial program.
70025	GWMC – New Waste Strategy Development & Implementation	100,000	RESERVE	Funds for a new Waste Strategy of \$100K in 2023/24 and a Masterplan \$125K in 2024/25 were allocated as part of the 2023/24 Long Term Financial Plan budget process. Due to resourcing constraints this project was not delivered, but is still required so has been requested for carryover.
70151	GWMC - Organic Processing Plant Feasibility Study	200,000	RESERVE	The feasibility study and construction of the organic processing plant has been on hold whilst the easement matter at the GWMC site was finalised.
22215	Health & Knowledge Precinct Planning Framework	150,000	GPR	This project is programmed to commence July 2024 with some early project set up already underway.
22213	Northern Growth Area (NGA) Technical Studies	600,000	GPR	Project was delayed in 2023/24 with the tendering process. This project is now underway with scoping in draft so the budget is required to be carried over for completion in 2024/25.
22320	Plug & Play Program (Civic Theatre)	50,000	GRANT	This program is to coincide with school term 3 and will run for 18 months so these funds are required for carryover.
13687	Recreation & Open Space Strategy	107,500	S7.11	As a result of resourcing constraints this project has been delayed in 2023/24 with this strategy to now be completed and funding fully utilised in the new financial year.
23036	Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program	450,000	GRANT	These funds are for the development of a Regional Drought Resilience Plan and implementation. A Project steering group has been formed, with the timing of completion over 12 months so a carryover of funding will be required.
51352	Sewer - Strategic Business plan	245,000	RESERVE	Funds are required for carryover for the completion of the 30 year Sewer Business Plan. NSW Public works has provided a fee proposal for Phase 1 and a scope review is in progress as a result of the development of the Southern and Northern growth concept areas.
21618	Squeeze Music Festival (tfr to FoW)	12,500	GPR	These remaining funds are to be consolidated into Festival of W to support local creatives and performers due to cancellation of the original Squeeze Music Festival event.
23093	Stormwater Quality from Residential Development	31,000	S64	Due to the lateness with this April 2024 Council resolution, these funds for the assessment of stormwater quality from residential development, will need to be carried over to be completed in 2024/25.
19626	Upgrade Trees in Baylis Street	53,148	S7.11	Once the CBD Masterplan is completed in 2024/25, these funds will be utilised for CBD plantings/trees as determined in the masterplan.
	TOTAL OPERATING REVOTES	2,745,148		

TABLE E – 2023/24 OPERATING PROJECTS - WORKS IN PROGRESS TRANSFERS

JOB	OPERATING PROJECTS – WORKS IN PROGRESS TRANSFERS	AMOUNT	FUNDING
20660	Art Gallery - Create NSW Grants	90,909	GRANT
20014	Arts & Culture Annual Grants S356	7,500	GPR
22141	Bird Island Eco Art Installation	3,254	RESERVE
23091	Bolton Park Fibre Connection	107,244	GPR/S7.11
21006	Bomen Revegetation Program	46,415	GRANT
20844	CBD Masterplan	179,642	GPR/RESERVE
22161	Central Wagga Laneway Renewal Program	12,830	GPR
21826	Covid Safe Community Events	30,607	GRANT
20792	Destination Event	80,000	RESERVE
21304	Destination/Events Strategy	12,041	GPR
20843	Economic Business Development	79,436	RESERVE
22895	Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Community Development Program	40,000	GRANT
22894	Elsa Dixon First Nations Artist in Residence Program	34,270	GRANT
15308	Events Sponsorship	2,000	GPR
15819	Fusion Festival	9,387	GPR
21795	Glenfield Drain & Flowerdale Storage Study	166,694	GPR/RESERVE/GRANT
70095	GWMC - Environmental Update & Planning (New Cells)	151,618	RESERVE
70032	GWMC - Rural Tips Rehabilitation	163,204	RESERVE
14311	Housing Strategy	83,155	GPR/GRANT
22127	Humula & Mangoplah Flood Study	83,639	RESERVE/GRANT
21946	Humula Road Blackspot Funding	119,867	GRANT
17756	Inspiring Australia - Science Week (Library)	10,037	GRANT
13933	Integrated Planning & Reporting (CSP update)	127,444	GPR/RESERVE
36196	Integrated Transport Strategy Implementation Plan	61,545	S7.11
21793	Lake Albert Flood Mitigation Study	191,912	GPR/RESERVE/GRANT
22173	Learn English and Play LEAP Program (Library)	28,581	GRANT
21960	Levee Floodgate Pump Augmentation	100,462	GRANT/RESERVE
19009	Library Business Ventures	5,421	FEE INCOME
12283	Library Priority Funding Grant	146,696	GRANT
19003	Library State Subsidy	92,265	GRANT
45068	LMC Masterplan	169,235	RESERVE
12200	Marketing Salaries (Social Media Strategy/Community Engagement Strategy)	131,081	GPR
16738	MOFFS Hot Spot Mitigation	57,964	RESERVE
20712	Museum - Exhibition & Collection Research	17,056	GPR/GRANT
20759	Museum - Travelling Exhibitions	32,605	GPR/GRANT
23130	NRLW Trial Game	58,070	RESERVE
22180	NSW Natural Disaster Recovery Funding	2,949,284	GRANT
22160	Off Street Carpark Renewal Program	20,630	GPR
21591	Performing Arts Covid Support	115,415	GRANT

JOB	OPERATING PROJECTS – WORKS IN PROGRESS TRANSFERS	AMOUNT	FUNDING
19247	Plans of Management - Public Lands	36,989	GPR/GRANT
22824	Quarries Surface Extractions Training	22,825	RESERVE
18887	RIFL - Heads of Agreement	697,558	GPR/SALE OF ASSET
22385	Robertson Oval Survey	30,000	GPR
14235	s7.11 New Plan QS Review	78,982	S7.11
20568	Shared Path Maintenance	112,889	GPR
17752	Small Business Annual Grants S356	5,486	GPR
19663	Street Canopy Plantings	90,362	S7.11
22378	Strong Start Cadetship Program	12,415	GRANT
15577	Sustainable Environments Annual Grants S356	2,572	GPR
12039	Traineeships	299,976	GPR
70193	Travers Street Site Investigation	15,000	RESERVE
21794	Uranquinty Levee Upgrade Study	147,753	GPR/GRANT
19808	Wagga Inland Water Safety Management Plan	32,855	GRANT/RESERVE
22856	Festival of W 2024	434,539	GPR/RESERVE
23128	Festival of W 2024 - Grant	123,405	GRANT
21585	Wiradjuri Landfill Contamination	895,284	RESERVE
21894	Writers on the Road (Library)	4,282	GRANT
22248	Zero Base Budget	58,980	GPR
	TOTAL	8,921,569	

RP-8 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - SMALL BUSINESS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds including from projects that did not proceed total \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 toward the Small Business category, \$14,550 toward the Events category and \$3,000 toward the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Small Business category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Small Business category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$35,487, including the budget variation from Economic Development 2023/24 operational savings and carryover of 2023/24 category funds.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of 14 applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Small Business category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Amelia Parkins, independent community representative Serena Hardwick, and Council’s Economic Development Officer.

Of the 14 applications received, a total of \$61,537.14 was requested with \$35,487 available. Out of these applications, ten applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded, four applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Sew Me School of Fashion and Design (Jessica Durman)	To support the growth of the business this project will construct a storage space that can accommodate equipment, machines, mannequins, trestle tables and chairs, fabrics, supplies, and student-owned equipment in a secure and weather-tight area.	\$3,162.50	\$3,162.50	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in the funding category, including supporting the expansion of business.
Paint Place Wagga (The Trustee for Hall Family Trust Trading as Autopaint & Trade Centre)	To purchase and have supplied blinds to the front glass windows of the store and to purchase a tinting machine to supply a new range of affordable house paint to the local market.	\$4,000.00	\$2,949.36	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes with applicant indicating they are willing to accept part funding. Application met key priority areas in the funding category, including supporting expansion of business and providing a new affordable product to the local market.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
EOM Bikes (David Brow)	To purchase device required to lift equipment to and from delivery vehicles to address accessibility issues and support the expansion of this business.	\$1,082.50	\$1,082.50	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. This application met key funding priorities, including innovative idea implementation to support the efficiency of the business as it expands.
College of Nursing Education & Training Australia Pty Ltd	Deliver an additional course (HLTHPS007- Administer and Monitor medications) to meet local industry demand from aged care, disability and hospital sector. This course will upskill current care workers and help in their professional development for employment in the local market.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. This application met key funding priorities, including innovative idea implementation to support skilled development of local employees to fill market gap. Funding to go toward training resources, ASQA summing fees, printing materials and marketing.
Cooper Law Group (Miranda Cooper)	Acquire a new computer operating system to assist in the implementation of a secure and consistent audio-visual software solution called Webex. This tool will securely connect with the NSW Court system in Wagga Wagga and other regions to support remote clients.	\$1,999.00	\$1,999.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. This application met key funding priorities, including innovative idea implementation through the use of accessible technology to support efficiency.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
The Little Yellow House Gallery & Studio (Margaret Roslynne Deall)	The project will expand the facilities available at the gallery to support exhibiting artists and businesses provide a new affordable service through the purchase of a printer.	\$1,143.64	\$1,143.64	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in the funding category including supporting expansion of business through the provision of a new affordable product to the local market.
Wagga Par 3 and Driving Range (Wagga Golf Centre Pty Ltd)	Installing seating to provide a resting point for players. While this initiative benefits all customers, it holds particular significance for older customers and people with disabilities, enhancing their overall golfing experience by ensuring accessibility and comfort throughout the course.	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in the funding category, including providing accessible seating to improve customer experience.
Roseleigh Manor Pty Ltd	To enhance the visitor experience and showcase the artistry of pie-making with the introduction of a viewing window to showcase the pie line as a tourist attraction.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in the funding category including supporting the expansion of the business and increase destination experience for visitors to the city.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Ladysmith Park Perennials (Wilbertree Pty Ltd)	Install irrigation system for the propagation area at Ladysmith Park to enable greater plant production to support the show garden and nursery. This will increase the range and volume of perennial plants and ornamental grasses available for purchase.	\$5,350.00	\$5,350.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in the funding category, including supporting the expansion of the business and increase destination experience for visitors to the city.
Little Black Duck Aboriginal Homewares (Ashleigh Rose Pengelly)	To support Little Black Duck Aboriginal Homewares to attend trade and gift fairs in Sydney and Melbourne throughout 2024 and 2025 to showcase the business' unique offerings and increase sales.	\$4,600.00	\$4,600.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in the funding category including supporting the expansion of the business.
	Totals	\$36,537.64	\$35,487.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Small Business	\$35,487.00	\$35,487.00	\$0

Additional funding of \$17,500 to increase the 2024/25 Small Business category has been funded from the Economic Development 2023/24 operational savings along with an additional \$5,487 carryover of 2023/24 uncommitted category funds.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing Economy

Objective: Wagga Wagga is an attractive location for people to live, work and invest
 Attract and support local businesses, industry, and employment opportunities

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Small Business

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RP-9 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Author: Madeleine Scully

Executive: Janice Summerhayes

Summary:

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds including from projects that did not proceed total \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 toward the Small Business category, \$14,550 toward the Events category and \$3,000 toward the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Arts, Culture & Creative Industries Category of the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 as detailed in the report totalling \$32,500, which includes the carryover of 2023/24 category funds.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of 15 applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of an independent community representative and staff. Panel members were independent community representative Fiona Durman, and Council's Cultural Officer. Due to other circumstances the councillor representative was unavailable at that time.

Of the fifteen applications received, a total of \$82,077.05 was requested with \$32,500 available. Out of these applications, eight applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded. Seven applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
The Art Factory (Riverina Community College Limited)	This funding will support a series of workshops that will provide the Art Factory artists with the tools to develop and deliver their own exhibitions in the Riverina Community College gallery.	\$6,359.50	\$3,700.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that meet key priority areas in this category, including delivery of inclusive cultural experiences. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards facilitator fee for workshops.
Wagga and District Highland Pipe Band (Strata Plan 98812)	Funding will support the purchase of new Shepherd bagpipe chanters and reeds to improve the quality of the Band's instruments.	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that support live music and events. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
Bidgee Blues Club Inc.	Funding requested to deliver professional workshops and host 3 x 'Open Mic' performances for local musicians.	\$7,000.00	\$5,127.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that supports live music and educational

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
				opportunities. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards professional musician fees for development and performance workshops.
Emily Shannon Auspice: Eastern Riverina Arts	Funding toward the project 'Cultivate' to provide workshops in Tarcutta and Uranquinty that promote sustainable artistic practices by exploring agricultural waste and priority weeds and raising awareness about critically endangered Box Gum Grassy Woodland.	\$3,691.55	\$3,200.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that supports educational opportunities in rural villages. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
Judith Lewis Auspice: Eastern Riverina Arts	Funding toward a mural on the laneway fence at 35 Galing Place. This mural will increase the vibrancy of the laneway and encourage more community engagement and increase safety in the laneway that is utilised regularly by the community.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	Fully funded. Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes that support a vibrant and safe neighbourhood, creating cultural experiences for everyone.
Eastern Riverina Arts	Funding a 9-month schedule of residencies for six participants, to support these artists in developing a project related to their art practice.	\$7,500.00	\$3,600.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that supports emerging artists and cultural experiences for everyone. Applicant

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
				indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards artist fees.
Voices of Women Inc. (Curious Rabbit)	Funding to support workshops where local women’s stories will be shared and curated into a performance. These stories will be shared on the ‘Voices of Women’ podcast and selected stories from the workshops will be performed in Wagga Wagga and Sydney.	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that supports cultural experiences for everyone. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards workshop presenter fees.
Freeroam Theatre Inc.	Funding toward a project that will provide opportunity and skill development for young creatives through workshops and mentorships by working on the production of Freeroam’s 2024 show “Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein” at the CSU Riverina Playhouse in November 2024.	\$7,000.00	\$3,873.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that supports cultural experiences for everyone with a particular focus on young and emerging artists and technicians. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
	Totals	\$47,051.05	\$32,500.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Arts, Culture & Creative Industries	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00	\$0

Additional funding of \$7,500 to increase the 2024/25 Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category has been funded from 2023/24 Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category carryover.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community are proud of where we live and our identity

Provide services and facilities that make Wagga Wagga a centre for arts and culture

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

	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)	Connect.Wagga	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
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Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Arts, Culture & Creative Industries

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RP-10 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - YOUTH PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds, including from projects that did not proceed, totals \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 towards the Small Business category, \$14,550 towards the Events category and \$3,000 towards the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Youth Programs & Projects category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the successful applications for the Youth Programs & Projects Category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$12,661
- b approve the budget transfers as detailed in the financial implications section of the report

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the

Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of three applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Youth Programs & Projects category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, independent community representative and staff. Panel members were Councillor Jenny McKinnon, independent community representative Imogen Hadler, and Council’s Community Development Coordinator.

Of the three applications received, a total of \$13,843 was requested with \$15,000 available. Out of these applications, three applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$2,339.00. The following table details the successful applications received.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Eastern Riverina Arts	Eastern Riverina Arts will coordinate 3-5 regional emerging musical acts and creatives under 24 years old, to produce a night of locally created music to be presented at The Station Creative Hub in late Spring 2024.	\$4,843.00	\$4,843.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes that meet the priorities of this category. Project presents positive benefit to the community with a focus on young people.
Tarcutta Pony Club	The Tarcutta Pony Club will run a camp for riders aged 6 - 25yrs. It will be based around safety, skill, animal husbandry, leadership, community engagement, fun & friendship. The event will be affordable and accessible for families.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes that meet the priorities of this category. Project presents positive benefits to the community with a focus on young people.
Freeroam Theatre Inc.	Freeroam Theatre will deliver a weekly program of improvisation and acting youth workshops called “Impro Jams”. The workshop program will include performances to showcase the students’ skills for their family, friends, and the general public.	\$5,000.00	\$3,818.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes that meet the priorities of this category. Partial funding only as guidelines confirm funds do not pay for wages or administration fees. Applicant indicated

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
				they are willing to accept part funding.
	Total	\$13,843.00	\$12,661.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Youth Programs & Projects	\$15,000.00	\$12,661.00	\$2,339.00

It is proposed the unallocated funds of \$2,339.00 be transferred to the 2024/25 Youth Programs cost centre, which will contribute toward the services Council can provide to the community for the financial year.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing Economy

Objective: Wagga Wagga is a hub for activity

Facilitate the development of vibrant precincts

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on Thursday 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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RP-11 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - RECREATIONAL & COMMUNITY FACILITIES**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds, including from projects that did not proceed, totals \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 towards the Small Business category, \$14,550 towards the Events category and \$3,000 towards the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Recreational & Community Facilities category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Recreational & Community Facilities Category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$30,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559, and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of eight applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Recreational & Community Facilities category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Michael Henderson, independent community representative Thomas Walker, and Council’s Strategic Recreation Officer.

Of the eight applications received a total of \$67,030 was requested with \$30,000 available. Out of these applications, five applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded, three applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Wagga Wagga Sailing Club Inc.	Electricity connection to the club sailing shed to provide light to increase safety and installation of an electric boat ramp winch to improve accessibility.	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes that meet the priorities of this category including improving accessibility and connection, improving existing assets to maximise utilisation and improve community health.
Eastern Riverina Arts	Purchase and installation of reverse cycle air conditioning and acoustic ceiling clouds to maximise the use of this building for the community year-round.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes that meet the priorities of this category including increasing activation of public community spaces and improving existing assets to maximise utilisation. Funding to go toward air conditioner only.
Wagga Wagga Rescue Squad Inc.	Purchase a Holmatro Mini Cutter, a state-of-the-art rescue tool, compact, lightweight and designed to access	\$6,130.00	\$6,130.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes that meet the priorities

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
	tight and confined spaces of motor vehicle accident scenes which will reduce patient extrication times and ultimately save lives.			of this category including improving community health outcomes.
Wagga Wagga Small Bore and Air Rifle Club Inc.	Construction of a 7m x 6.5m colourbond shed adjacent to the existing shed used by the Wagga Wagga City Pistol Club (WWCPC).	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Application met key priority areas in funding category including improving existing assets to maximise utilisation.
Koorinal Colts Cricket Club	The scope of the project includes constructing shade sails at the southern end of the nets, installing synthetic turf underneath, and adding seating to improve the existing facilities.	\$10,000.00	\$5,470.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Application met key priority areas in funding category. Funding to go towards purchase and installation of synthetic grass, excluding GST.
	Totals	\$39,530.00	\$30,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Recreational & Community Facilities	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Our built environment is functional, attractive and health promoting
 Improve the facilities of our spaces and places

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Recreational & Community Facilities

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RP-12 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - ENVIRONMENT**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds including from projects that did not proceed total \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 toward the Small Business category, \$14,550 toward the Events category and \$3,000 toward the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Environment category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Environment category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$12,572.00, which includes the carryover of 2023/24 category funds along with a budget variation from the Environment 2023/24 operational savings.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of seven applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Environment category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Rod Kendall, independent community representative Sarah Cudmore, and Council's Environmental Officer.

Of the seven applications received, a total of \$27,316.87 was requested with \$12,572 available. Out of these applications, five applications were successful and recommended for part funding while two applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list with the unsuccessful applicants' details has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Mikayla Green and Lucy Wright Auspice: Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists	The Estella Community Squirrel Glider Initiative will engage the public and increase awareness of this threatened species by hosting two arboreal mammal community spotlighting events (targeting squirrel gliders); hosting an education afternoon showcasing the squirrel glider, its habitat, ecology and threats to survival; installing nesting boxes for wildlife in public parks and reserves for education purposes and to enhance habitat in the Estella urban area and organising a colouring in competition with local school (Estella Public School).	\$4,284.00	\$3,856.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
ErinEarth Wagga Wagga (The trustee for ErinEarth)	The Sustainability Trails project aims to enhance the environmental education potential of the site and provide Wagga residents and tourists with inspiration to 'walk lightly on the Earth'. The project will	\$2,389.20	\$2,172.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
	involve creating QR-code based interpretive signage around the site that highlights the habitat, biodiversity, sustainability, and food production highlights of the ErinEarth site. High School students from Koorringal High will create QR signage using recycled milk bottles.			key funding priorities. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
Demonstration Gardens Wagga Wagga Inc.	Upgrade the existing rudimentary facilities for propagation of plants with a workbench and shelving with protection from weather and vermin; extension of the existing chicken run and making it fox-proof, and a new watering system with automatic controller.	\$1,336.00	\$1,307.37	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas, including creating awareness and action on local environment issues. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
C.R.O.W. (Climate Rescue of Wagga)	The Electrify Wagga Wagga project is designed to educate the community on how to reduce the Wagga community's carbon footprint cost-effectively. 'Electrify Wagga Wagga' will have a stand at the Wagga show as well as community events/markets. The project will be	\$3,000.00	\$2,529.72	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas, including creating awareness and

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
	promoted via stories in the media and targeted letterbox drop.			action on local environment issues. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
San Isidore Tennis Club Inc.	<p>The project will upgrade irrigation infrastructure to enable effective watering for establishment and ongoing growth for a diversity of native plants around the tennis courts and along the creek.</p> <p>Plant species will include those known to support threatened species such as superb parrots, squirrel gliders and, in the future, glossy black cockatoos</p>	\$3,007.67	\$2,706.91	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas, including creating awareness and action on local environment issues. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
Totals		\$14,016.87	\$12,572.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Environment	\$12,572.00	\$12,572.00	\$0

Additional funding of \$2,572 to increase the 2024/25 Environment category has been funded from 2023/24 Environment category carryover and operational savings carried over to 2024/25.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Our natural areas are protected and enhanced
 Preserve and improve our natural assets

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

	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)	Connect.Wagga	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
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Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

- Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Environment

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RP-13 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - EVENTS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds including from projects that did not proceed total \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 toward the Small Business category, \$14,550 toward the Events category and \$3,000 toward the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Events category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the successful applications for the Events Category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$37,534
- b approve the budget transfers as detailed in the financial implications section of the report

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of 13 applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Events category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Georgie Davies, independent community representative Katie O’Neill, and Council’s Destination & Events Coordinator and Visitor Economy & Events Officer.

Of the 13 applications received a total of \$71,434 was requested with \$50,000 available. Out of these applications, nine applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded, four applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$12,466. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
MG Car Club of Wagga Wagga Inc	The Gathering of the Faithful (GoF) event attracts MG enthusiasts from all over Australia. This year celebrates the 100th year of the MG marque and the 26th year of GoF. The event is a relaxed weekend away in Wagga Wagga with a formal dinner, car show and shine car display, a local area car 'run' and a CWA afternoon tea and a 'free for all' Saturday night to explore the many pubs, clubs and restaurants that our wonderful city has to offer.	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	Part funding only as program does not fund gifts or prizes. Funding to go toward entertainment costs for formal dinner and printing of posters and flyers. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
Wagga Wagga and District Football Trust (The trustee)	This project will bring a group of approximately 30 players and their support officials from the Afghanistan Women’s Football Team and Melbourne Victory Football Club to Wagga Wagga for a weekend, including a football match, community dinner and social cultural gatherings.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priorities in category including innovation and new offerings, supporting positive city-wide coverage for the event and city, and supports the multicultural community.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Wagga Wagga Autumn Friendship Ball Committee Auspice: The Grange Lifestyle Village Winery Wagga Wagga Inc	A Black-Tie Ball bringing older members of the community together for Old Time and Nu Vogue sequence dancing event. Attendees will bring food offerings to share with the supper to be served by the CWA volunteers. A more casual Sunday morning dance event is also planned from 10am to midday with live musician/s and dancing.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in funding category by supporting innovation and new offerings through positive ageing and social connection along with supporting local businesses through the purchase of supplies and services.
Apex Club of South Wagga Wagga Inc.	Funding support toward the Mighty Murrumbidgee Duck Race on Australia Day 2025, at the Wagga Beach precinct. The event is also accompanied by a festival with food vendors, entertainment and fun for the whole family. Entertainment will include, amusement rides, face-painting, pony rides and live music.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in funding category by supporting social connection and multiple businesses working together to deliver the event.
Riverina Readers Festival Inc.	Funding request to support the delivery of the Riverina Readers Festival, a one-day book festival to be held in Wagga Wagga in July 2025.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in funding category by supporting innovation and new offerings through social connection along with supporting local businesses through the purchase of supplies and services and gaining positive city-wide coverage for the event.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Fishing for Kyan Inc.	Funding request to support a fun-filled family day by presenting the annual Fishing for Kyan Community Fishing Day and to raise much needed funds for The Brain Foundation (aneurysm research) and programs for the youth of Wagga Wagga.	\$1,934.00	\$1,934.00	A project with clear and objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in funding category with an emphasis on commitment to reduce waste at event and supporting community health initiatives and connections.
Active Farmers Ltd	The Mangoplah 'Run4Resilience' event will offer several routes to run and walk, kids' activities, food, coffee and live entertainment. Run4Resilience is for all fitness levels, encouraging everyone to have a go.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in funding category, including social connection and activation of the rural village of Mangoplah, with the application indicating multiple organisations working together to support this event.
Women in Business Wagga Wagga Inc.	Women in Business Wagga Wagga Inc. organises an annual key speaker event as part of its initiatives to inspire, educate, and empower women in the community. This event features a prominent speaker who share their expertise, insights, and experiences with attendees.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in funding category, including creating opportunities for connection and supporting local businesses through the purchase of suppliers and services for the event along with gaining positive city wide coverage.
Water Polo ACT Association Inc.	Water Polo ACT will host its second-ever Junior Club Championships in Wagga Wagga in March 2025. This will allow all Water Polo ACT clubs and associations to unite with surrounding	\$7,500.00	\$3,100.00	Part funding only as program does not fund gifts or prizes. Project meets key priority areas of funding category, including new event offering and gaining positive city-wide coverage. Applicant

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
	regions to celebrate water polo and crown club champions. The event will be held over three days at the Oasis Regional Aquatic Centre and is expected to feature 40 teams and over 400 athletes.			indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
	Totals	\$42,934.00	\$37,534.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Events	\$50,000.00	\$37,534.00	\$12,466.00

Additional funding of \$14,550 to increase the 2024/25 Events category has been funded from 2023/24 Visitor Economy and Events operational savings.

It is proposed the unallocated funds of \$12,466.00 be transferred to the Event Attraction 2024/25 cost centre which will contribute toward the services Council can provide to the community for the financial year.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected

Activate community spaces to promote connectedness

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
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Attachments

1. Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Events

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RP-14 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - LOCAL HERITAGE**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds, including from projects that did not proceed, totals \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 towards the Small Business category, \$14,550 towards the Events category and \$3,000 towards the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Local Heritage category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Local Heritage Category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$15,500.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559, and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of ten applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Local Heritage category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a

Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Jenny McKinnon, independent community representative Peter Gissing, and Council's Senior Town Planner.

Of the ten applications received a total of \$57,506.50 was requested with \$15,500 available. Out of these applications, seven applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded, and three applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Mackenna Powell	Funding toward restoration works to windows at the front of the upstairs of 38 Fitzmaurice Street, the former School of Arts, in line with original construction of the building as per Heritage Report April 2021.	\$7,615.00	\$3,750.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that meets the priorities of this category, in particular conservation works to a heritage building in the conservation area. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
Samuel Heffernan	Funding toward restoration works of 7 Beauty Point, requiring significant work to roof structure, down pipes and rising damp which is critical to the structural integrity of this building.	\$3,368.00	\$3,368.00	Fully funded. Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that meet the priorities of this category, in particular conservation works to a heritage building.
Celia Thornton	Funding toward restoration works of 138 Morgan Street through external repaint & repair works.	\$7,500.00	\$1,000.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
				meets the priorities of this category, in particular conservation works to a heritage building. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards eaves, timber shutters and timber windows.
Trevor Holden and Tandarra Denise Holden	Funding toward restoration works of 44 Kincaid Street by underpinning and lifting to restore footings under existing original brick fence on the corner pier (cnr Kincaid and Trail Street) and the main fence between the corner pier and the front gate on Kincaid Street side.	\$2,585.00	\$2,585.00	Fully funded. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that meets the priorities of this category, in particular conservation works to a heritage building in the conservation area.
Kerri and Rodney Reberger	Funding toward restoration works of 98 Fitzmaurice Street by painting external northern side wall, cleaning and re-grouting tiled area at front of building, repairing leadlight windows and cleaning the nickel framing to the shop front.	\$13,420.00	\$1,398.50	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that meets the priorities of this category, in particular conservation works to a heritage building. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards repairing leadlight component only.
Wollundry Club Inc	Funding toward restoration works of 98 Gurwood Street, to maintain the structural	\$7,500.00	\$1,398.50	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
	integrity of the building through replacement of the old roof guttering and downpipes; additional downpipes added where needed; and spreaders to be used to distribute the water more evenly.			with clear objectives and outcomes that meets the priorities of this category, in particular conservation works to a heritage building. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards guttering and downpipes component only.
Joanne Leary and Innes Clarke	Funding toward restoration works of 28 Jackson Street by replacing timber beams and cladding on the porch, barge boards, and restoring cables on the existing building. In addition, the reinstating of the roof and eaves, fascia, gutters, and downpipes, painting the exterior of the building and timber windows, along with treatments to the garage.	\$7,500.00	\$2,000.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes that meets the priorities of this category, in particular conservation works to a heritage building in the conservation area. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards awnings component only.
	Totals	\$49,488.00	\$15,500.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Local Heritage	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$0

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community are proud of where we live and our identity

Value our heritage

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

- Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Local Heritage
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RP-15 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - RURAL HALLS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds including from projects that did not proceed total \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 toward the Small Business category, \$14,550 toward the Events category and \$3,000 toward the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Rural Halls category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Rural Halls category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$25,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of six applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Rural Halls category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor,

an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Rod Kendall, independent community representative David Croft, and Council's Facilities Management Coordinator.

Of the six applications received a total of \$47,431.36 was requested with \$25,000 available. Out of these applications, three applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded, three applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
Tarcutta Memorial Hall Land Manager	Funding required to upgrade a section of plumbing. An above-ground pipe running alongside the building needs to be changed to an underground pipe to improve safety by removing a potential trip hazard for anyone using the side entrance to the hall.	\$10,994.50	\$9,995.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. Fully funded minus GST as stated in guidelines, program does not fund GST. Application meets key category priority areas, including enhancing the use and access to an existing community facility.
Galore Hall & Recreation Committee Auspice, Wagga Wagga City Council,	Funding to upgrade the access to the Galore Hall main entrance, eliminating the uneven surface leading up to the front door, which is a tripping hazard, by installing a concrete ramp.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Detailed application with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key category priority areas, including enhancing the use and access to an existing community facility.
Ladysmith Memorial Hall Land Manager	Funding toward the restoration of the Ladysmith Hall with a fresh coat of paint for internal walls following	\$9,790.00	\$5,005.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes meeting key priority areas

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Part Funding
	Council's heritage guidelines.			in funding category, by making improvements to infrastructure in a shared community facility. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards ceiling work. As stated in guidelines, program does not fund GST.
Total		\$30,784.50	\$25,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Rural Halls	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Our built environment is functional, attractive and health promoting
Improve the facilities of our spaces and places

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Staff proactively contacted community networks

to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Rural Halls

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RP-16 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - NEIGHBOURHOOD & RURAL VILLAGES**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds including from projects that did not proceed total \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 toward the Small Business category, \$14,550 toward the Events category and \$3,000 toward the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Neighbourhood & Rural Villages category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Neighbourhood & Rural Villages Category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$22,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of seven applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Neighbourhood & Rural Villages category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Mayor Dallas Tout, independent community representative Ben Lewis, and Council's Community Development Officer.

Of the seven applications received a total of \$35,938.56 was requested with \$22,000 available. Out of these applications, six applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded. One application was unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
St Vincent de Paul Society NSW	Funding will support the purchase of bilingual educational materials, toys, and resources for the Multicultural playgroup. These resources will support young children from refugee and asylum seeking, and cultural linguistically diverse, parents and carers.	\$6,417.75	\$4,480.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Applicant met key priority areas in funding category, including increasing community connection in a suburban location at Mary Kidson Hall, Turvey Park. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards bilingual resources and catering for families element only.
Ladysmith Tourist Railway Inc.	Funding to support training for volunteer traffic controllers on the Tumbarumba Road Rail Crossing to allow for longer rides to occur as part of this visitor ride experience.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	A detailed application with clear objectives and community benefit outcomes. Applicant met key priority areas in category, including

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
				increasing community connection in rural villages and providing connection through leisure in public spaces.
Wagga Wagga Bridge Club Inc.	Funding to purchase and install a defibrillator for the safety of our members and the community.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	A detailed application with clear objectives and community benefit outcomes. Funding allocated on the condition that the club is responsible for ongoing maintenance and training.
Uranquinty Progress Association Inc.	Funding to support the design and installation of road signage to enable visitors to Uranquinty to find the Water Tower Art installation. These will be placed at the roadside rest area, Bakery, Pub and Service Station and is part of the Australian Art and Silo Trail, and Military Trail.	\$4,520.81	\$4,520.00	A detailed application with clear objectives and community benefit outcomes. Application met key priority areas, including increasing community connection in rural villages and increasing the promotion of Wiradjuri and First Nations culture and heritage.
Ladysmith P and C Association	Funding to support Tai Chi and Qigong classes for Ladysmith and surrounding communities. This will allow the community to access affordable classes that will improve physical and mental health, and strengthen social	\$7,500.00	\$4,000.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in funding category, including

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
	connection in this rural village.			increasing community connection through recreational activities in rural villages and community centres. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding; Funding to go towards the delivery of 40 lessons.
Tarcutta Pony Club	Funding to support the purchase and installation of concrete flooring in the pony club shed to make it vermin proof as well as purchasing and installing a lockable door/gate area to increase security.	\$5,500.00	\$4,000.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in category including increasing community connection and providing opportunities through recreational and leisure activity in community venues. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.
	Totals	\$28,938.56	\$22,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Neighbourhood & Rural Villages	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected

Activate community spaces to promote connectedness

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

	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)	Connect.Wagga	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
Inform																
Consult																
Involve				☒	☒	☒		☒			☒				☒	☒
Collaborate																

Attachments

1. Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Neighbourhood & Rural Villages

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RP-17 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

Council's Annual Grants Program consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business. The program offers the opportunity for individuals, community groups and organisations to apply for funding for a range of programs and activities across the Local Government Area.

The total amount of funding available in the 2024/25 financial year is \$217,450. The 2023/24 remaining uncommitted funds including from projects that did not proceed total \$15,559. This sum, along with an additional \$17,500 toward the Small Business category, \$14,550 toward the Events category and \$3,000 toward the Environment category, has been included in the carryover budget as detailed in the Finance Report within this business paper, bringing the total funding available for 2024/25 to \$268,059.

The Annual Grants Program 2024/25 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the Local Government Area that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 19 February 2024 and closed on Monday 6 May 2024. This report provides details regarding the Community Programs & Projects category for 2024/25.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Community Programs & Projects Category of the 2024/25 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$30,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 24/25 consists of ten grant categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 93 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25, with \$268,059 available inclusive of the 2023/24 uncommitted funds of \$15,559 and an additional \$17,500 to the Small Business category, \$14,550 to the Events category and \$3,000 to the Environment category. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$521,372.60.

A total of ten applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 – Community Programs & Projects category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Tim Koschel, independent community representative Anne Lowe, and Council’s Community Development Officer.

Of the ten applications received a total of \$57,258.12 was requested with \$30,000 available. Out of these applications, seven applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded. There were three unsuccessful applications. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
Greek Orthodox Parish and Community of Wagga Wagga	Funding to go towards drainage and building movement repairs at the western side of the hall to upgrade the facility to allow other community groups to use the hall.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	Fully funded. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in category, including celebrating our community’s rich social and cultural diversity and improving mental health and wellbeing of people living in our community.
Bloss - Riverina pregnancy and baby loss support group	Funding to support two workshop programs including a half-day session of interactive activities, guided discussions, and therapeutic exercises designed to support parents coping with the profound loss of a baby, and a six-week online workshop program coupled with group coaching sessions, designed to empower parents living in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area who have experienced the profound loss of a baby.	\$7,500.00	\$3,500.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives outcomes. Application met key priority areas category, including improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living in our community. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards resilience

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
				workshop fees element only.
Intereach Ltd.	Funding to support an inclusive multimedia trivia event designed to celebrate people of all abilities. Led by a professional host and supported by audio-visual equipment, participants will engage in trivia and activities tailored to accommodate individuals with disability.	\$7,280.00	\$7,280.00	Fully funded. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in category including increasing access, equity and participation for people living with a disability and improving mental health and wellbeing of people living in our community.
Wagga Wagga Toastmasters Club	Funding toward presenting a six-week 'Toastmasters Speechcraft' program for migrants to Australia and Wagga Wagga with English as a second language. The six sessions will be two hours long plus mentoring, held at the Wagga Wagga Senior Citizens Community Centre.	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00	Fully funded. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in category, including improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living in our community.
Filipino Community of Wagga Wagga Auspice: Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga	Funding to support the purchase of traditional folk-dance costumes to be used at a range of culturally significant events. This project supports traditional cultural practices such as dancing and singing and is an opportunity to learn and experience culture in a supported and celebrated way.	\$7,500.00	\$3,992.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives outcomes. Application met key priorities in funding category, including strengthening our rich cultural and social diversity. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
Bangladeshi Community in Wagga Wagga, Riverina (BCWR) Auspice: Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga	Funding to support the purchase of audio/visual equipment and catering/hospitality items that are not currently accessible to the group. The items purchased will also be accessible to other community groups to use.	\$5,423.12	\$1,683.00	Part funding due to funds available in a competitive category. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas in category, including strengthening rich cultural and social diversity. Applicant indicates they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go toward the purchase of a public address system and heated food display unit only.
Wagga Aus-Sri Lankan Cultural Association Inc.	This funding will support the presentation of the Wagga Aus-Sri Lankan Cultural Association’s annual cultural show 2024. This community event brings together Sri Lankan communities from Wagga Wagga and the region to celebrate the Sri Lankan culture together.	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00	Fully funded. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application met key priority areas, including strengthening our rich cultural and social diversity.
	Total	\$41,248.12	\$30,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Community Programs and Projects	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

Safe and Healthy Community

Objective: Our community feel safe

Create safe spaces and places

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2024/25 on all Council platforms. A community engagement workshop was held on 14 March 2024. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the annual grants program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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	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)	Connect.Wagga	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
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Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. Annual Grants Program 2024-25 - Unsuccessful Applicants - Community Projects & Programs

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RP-18 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - PUBLIC ART POLICY - POL 109**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Janice Summerhayes**Summary:**

This report has been prepared in response to a request at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 24 June 2024 that a further report be presented at the next available Council meeting with the information necessary to consider an amendment to the Public Art Policy (POL109) to remove the \$50,000 cap currently placed on Public Art funding.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a remove the annual \$50,000 cap currently placed on Public Art funding and continue collecting 1% of all capital works project budgets (excluding: Sewer; Solid Waste; Stormwater Levy; Public Art; Grants; Contributions; Developer Contribution Plan; Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) funded projects and acquisition budgets) for the purpose of the Public Art Reserve
- b note the proposed allocation of these funds will be allocated towards projects in the current adopted Public Art Plan 2022 -2026 as detailed in the financial implications of this report
- c note the financial implications for the Emergency Events Reserve as detailed in the financial implications of this report
- d amend the draft POL 109 Public Art Policy to reflect the above changes and place on public exhibition for 28 days from 26 July 2024 and invite public submissions until 23 August 2024 on the draft document
- e receive a further report following the public exhibition period
 - i) addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft POL 109 Public Art Policy
 - ii) proposing any amendments to the plan considered appropriate whether as a result of the submissions or otherwise

Report

Context

Council adopted the Outdoor Art in Public Spaces Policy in 1997, in order to help establish and manage the City's diverse collection of public art. In 2008 an updated Public Art Policy (POL 109) was adopted in response to public consultation out of the then Council Cultural Plan 2006-2015 and to further extend the vision of the Outdoor Art in Public Spaces Policy.

The updated 2008 Policy was prepared based on industry best practice and sample policies from other NSW Councils and at that time all community submissions were in support of the Policy. In adopting the POL 109, the Council of that day was recognising the need to maintain a sustainable public art program and the need to allocate funds for maintenance, commissioning, interpretation and promotion of the public art collection. Through the adoption of this Policy, Council established and allocated a 1% levy of its capital works project budgets ((excluding Sewer; Solid Waste; Stormwater Levy; Grants; Contributions; Developer Contribution Plan; Accelerated Infrastructure

Fund (AIF) funded projects and acquisition budgets) towards public art and for this to be set aside into a Public Art Reserve. This budget allocation was also to be incorporated into Council's project management documentation and a Public Art Advisory Panel was established to assess and prioritise recommended public art works for Council approval.

In 2017 POL109 was due for review and was tabled at the 26 June 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council along with the revised "Enliven" Public Art Plan 2017-2021 for adoption (see attached report). At that meeting an amendment was put and became the motion with a Council final resolution being the following:

17/190 *RESOLVED:*
 On the Motion of Councillors P Funnell and D Tout

That Council:

- a continue collecting 1% of all capital works funded by GPR (excluding sewer, grants, contributions, developer contributions, pure acquisition budgets)*
- b the first \$50,000 raised annually to go to the public art reserve*
- c establish a community works reserve where any funds over and above the \$50,000 can be held*
- d report back to Council with a scoping document which includes the ability for art projects to apply for funding from this community works reserve*
- e amend the draft POL 109 Public Art Policy to reflect the above changes and place on public exhibition*

CARRIED

This resolution placed a \$50,000 cap on the annual contribution to the Public Art Reserve with the *Enliven* Public Art Plan 2017-2021 delivering the schedule of works with these funds allocated. The remaining funds went toward the establishment of the Community Works Reserve that supported on demand requests from the community for a range of projects and programs.

As part of the 2022/23 budget process part (c) of the above resolution was changed to discontinue the funding of a Community Works Reserve, as it was deemed no longer suitable or a successful process for the original purpose it was set up for. These funds were reallocated to the Emergency Events Reserve and of which is the current status of the 1% levy minus the first \$50,000 capped for the Public Art Reserve allocation.

The current balance in the 2024/25 Public Art Reserve reflects the remaining funds available minus the funds allocated to the schedule of works to be completed in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years. The amount of \$19,332 is listed in the Long-Term Financial Plan Internal Restrictions Reserve list for the years 2026/27 to 2033/34. This is the Public Art Reserve residual amount left however, it does not include the annual allocation of funds that will be shown for 2026/27 and beyond. This will occur once the POL 109 funding parameters are defined, and a new 2026/27 Public Art Plan is endorsed.

The cost of maintaining Council's Public Art Collection is funded from general purpose revenue with an allocation of \$26,572 endorsed in the 2024/25 financial year that is indexed annually. Any required maintenance above this annual allocation is to be

funded from the Public Art Reserve which requires a Council resolution. The annual maintenance expenditure is based on an annual asset condition audit of the collection and prioritised to those works that require repair or maintenance. As part of this asset condition assessment process there is also a deaccessioning schedule so that artworks deemed to be at the end of their life as a public asset or have been heavily vandalised beyond repair are removed from the collection and disposed of accordingly. An example of this process was the recent decommissioning of the murals under the Wollundry Lagoon Bridge which were heavily vandalised and beyond their useful life as a public asset. An amount of \$5,000 is also allocated each year toward administrative costs associated with advertising expressions of interest, along with minor contract and procurement costs with any unspent funds returned to the reserve at the end of the financial year.

At the 24 June 2024 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved the following part d of an overall resolution in adopting the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents as highlighted in the below extract. This required staff to have a report back for the 22 July 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

RP-2 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (IP&R) - ADOPTION OF DOCUMENTS

24/176 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Kendall

That Council:

- a adopt the Operational Plan 2024/25**
- b adopt the Fees and Charges for the financial year 2024/25**
- c adopt the Long Term Financial Plan 2024/25**
- d receive a further report at the next available Council meeting with the information necessary to consider an amendment to the Public Art Policy (POL109) to remove the \$50,000 cap currently placed on Public Art funding**
- e sets the interest on overdue rates and charges for 2024/25, in accordance with Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 at 10.5% per annum calculated on a daily simple interest basis.**

Public Art Allocation and Projects Delivery Schedule 2017 - 2023

The Public Art Policy (POL 109) sets out the purpose, scope, provisions, reporting requirements both to the Public Art Advisory Panel (PAAP) and to Council, along with commissioning and acquisition principles, deaccessioning and funding schedule. Staff in consultation with Council's Public Art Panel (PAAP) prepare a Public Art Plan detailing a schedule of works over a four-year period for Council to endorse and of which aligns with the funding available in the Public Art Reserve where the 1% Capital Works levy is allocated. The current POL 109 document is attached and if the recommendation is supported this has the required Policy wording amendments and other minor edits for currency.

Since 2017/18 and within the current policy settings of an annual \$50,000 cap on the Public Art Reserve a schedule of projects has been delivered as per Council's previous

'Enliven' Public Art Plan 2017-2021 and current Public Art Plan 2022 -2026. This schedule is attached for Councillors reference.

In summary the completed schedule of projects have been restricted to small murals, along with minor temporary works and installations against the funds available. Since 2019 one large scale art work Riverlife Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri sculpture project has been endorsed at the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 24 June 2024. This was achieved through the reallocation of budgets from other public art projects that did not proceed during Covid and as part of the previous 'Enliven' Public Art Plan 2017-2021. It is important to note that rising costs associated with materials, transport and labour have significantly reduced the buying power of the current \$50,000 committed annually.

Staff have secured external funding to complete Stages 1 and 2 of the Audio Art Trail project along with other one off mural projects for example the 'Morning Light' mural on the corner of Baylis and Tompson Streets in 2021. However external funding opportunities to fund public art remain highly competitive. Unfortunately, no funds have been secured to date to progress any other larger scale projects in the current public art plan for 2023/24 and 2024/25 delivery. There is usually an expectation by Federal and State funding bodies that Council would contribute to any external funds being sought.

What would an increase in funding achieve in the current Public Art Plan?

The current Public Art Plan 2022-2026 identifies unfunded projects where additional funds can be allocated and of which align to Council's Community Strategic Plan, Cultural Plan 2020-2030 and Reconciliation Action Plan. The identified unfunded projects fall into the plans categories of Wiradjuri Heritage & Culture for a major work at a significant location, City, Suburbs and Villages to boost from \$15k to \$25k, Creative Light Spaces to increase by \$18k and Listen in Public Art Audio Trail at \$10k. Attached is the details for these identified projects.

The current public art plan expires at 30 June 2026, a new plan will be developed in consultation with the PAAP at this time, with project budget allocations according to the POL 109 and presented to Council for endorsement to implement from 1 July 2026. If Council was to remove the \$50,000 cap to the Public Art Reserve this would mean a change in wording in the section under the heading 'Funding' in the current POL 109. The suggested wording would be:

Council recognises the importance of incorporating public art into its planning processes and will allocate 1% of the budget of all capital works projects (excluding: Sewer; Solid Waste; Stormwater Levy; Public Art; Grants; Contributions; Developer Contribution Plan; Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) funded projects and acquisition budgets) to the Public Art Reserve.

If Council supports the removal of the \$50,000 cap in POL 109, this amendment to the Policy would be placed on public exhibition for 28 days with a further report tabled back to Council after that period to take account of any public submissions received.

Financial Implications

Current Public Art Plan 2022-2026 Schedule of Works as per current Public Art Policy (POL 109)

	2022/23 Actuals	2023/24 Actuals + Commit*	2024/25 Budget + Carryover	2025/26 Budget
Estimated Opening Balance	\$211,155	\$238,510	\$204,055	\$37,271
Public Art Annual Allocation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Reserve Funds	\$261,155	\$288,510	\$254,055	\$87,271
Projects				
Wiradjuri Heritage & Culture	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
River Life (from Enliven Public Art Plan 2017-2021)	\$4,895	\$830	**\$135,763	\$0
Events	\$0	\$20,385	\$10,000	\$10,000
Neighbourhood Engagement	\$4,220	\$34,759	\$21,021	\$20,000
City, Suburbs & Villages	\$8,195	\$23,056	\$15,000	\$15,000
Creative Light Spaces	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Listen In – Audio Art Trail	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Administration Fee	\$5,335	\$5,425	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Projects	\$22,645	\$84,455	\$216,784	\$80,000
Estimated Closing Balance	\$238,510	\$204,055	\$37,271	\$7,271

Proposed revised Public Art Plan 2022-2026 Schedule of Works if the \$50,000 cap is removed.

	2022/23 Actuals	2023/24 Actuals + Commit*	2024/25 Budget + Carryover	2025/26 Budget
Estimated Opening Balance	\$211,155	\$238,510	\$204,055	\$122,652
Public Art Annual Allocation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$159,381#	\$132,188#
Total Reserve Funds	\$261,155	\$288,510	\$363,436	\$254,840
Projects				
Wiradjuri Heritage & Culture	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
River Life (from Enliven Public Art Plan 2017-2021)	\$4,895	\$830	**\$135,763	\$0
Events	\$0	\$20,385	\$10,000	\$10,000
Neighbourhood Engagement	\$4,220	\$34,759	\$21,021	\$20,000
City, Suburbs & Villages	\$8,195	\$23,056	\$25,000	\$25,000
Creative Light Spaces	\$0	\$0	\$39,000	\$39,000
Listen In – Audio Art Trail	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Administration Fee	\$5,335	\$5,425	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Projects	\$22,645	\$84,455	\$240,784	\$254,000
Estimated Closing Balance	\$238,510	\$204,055	\$122,652	\$840

*2023/24 Actuals + Commitments are still being finalised as part of the 2023/24 financial statements. Any unexpended funds will be carried over and included in the 2024/25 financial year

** Commission endorsed by Council on 24 June 2024 and budget will be expended in 2024/25 financial year

These figures are based on the current adopted Long Term Financial Plan 2024/25 Capital Works Program and would be subject to budget adjustments/capital resets which will impact on fluctuations to the reserve.

It is important to note that Council already collects a 1% levy of all capital works project budgets (excluding: Sewer; Solid Waste; Stormwater Levy; Grants; Contributions; Developer Contribution Plan; Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) funded projects and acquisition budgets) and from its introduction in 2008 to 2017 allocated this in full to the provision of public art in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area. Rising costs associated with materials, transport and labour have significantly reduced the buying power of the current \$50,000 committed annually. This has meant that the delivery of public art projects have been restricted to small murals, along with minor temporary works and installations only due to the funds available.

If Council is to approve the recommendation to increase the Public Art Reserve annual allocation for the total of the 1% of the capital works levy (over and above the current capped \$50,000) and reduce the Emergency Event Reserve allocation by this same amount, this would result in a significant reduction to the Emergency Event Reserve.

The Emergency Event Reserve was created predominantly for Natural Disasters where Council is required to pay a contribution so that Council can claim day labour and plant for associated restoration works, as reported to Council 12 November 2018 *RP-1 DRFA 2018: Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements* and as detailed in the table below. If there was more than 1 event in a year, the amount required to be sanctioned in this reserve for Council's contribution would increase.

Restoration Cost - One Disaster Event in One year	Council Contribution
\$500,000	\$125,000
\$1,000,000	\$250,000
\$2,000,000	\$251,655
\$5,000,000	\$251,655
\$10,000,000	\$251,655
\$20,000,000	\$251,655
\$50,000,000	\$251,655

This reserve is also used for other remediation works and emergency response works such as vandalism, flooding and contaminated substance removal that may be required.

Over the past four (4) financial years, over \$1M has been funded from the Emergency Event Reserve, mainly for non-claimable flood events. The funds allocated from the 1% levee on capital works (over the \$50K cap to the Public Art Reserve) assisted Council with having sufficient reserve funding available to pay for these required, unplanned works.

If Council resolve as per the proposed recommendation, there would be less funding available in the Emergency Events Reserve, and Council would likely need to source alternative funding sources for any future emergency event.

The current Long Term Financial Plan estimates the following amounts over the \$50K cap, that would be sanctioned in the Emergency Events Reserve:

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
Capital Works 1% Levy (>\$50K) (Based on current 2024/25 LTFP Capital Program)	\$ 109,381	\$ 82,188	\$ 74,002	\$ 47,242	\$ 75,284	\$ 50,987	\$ 54,592	\$ 57,881	\$ 59,793	\$ 34,019

Policy and Legislation

(POL 109) Public Art Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community are proud of where we live and our identity

Promote a strong sense of place

Risk Management Issues for Council

As there is no alternative funding source for the annual capital works 1% levy, if this provision was to be removed the Emergency Events Reserve would not increase annually as the existing budgeted provision of \$50,000 is sanctioned in the reserve for any potential Riverside precinct flooding events. This would result in an increased risk to Council in the event of any future natural disasters or other ad hoc events to have the ability to fund these emergency works as the balance for the 10 years would be reduced significantly.





Internal / External Consultation

Staff sought feedback with members of the Public Art Advisory Panel to confirm the PAAP’s support of any additional funds available to go toward the unfunded projects listed in the current public art plan including Wiradjuri Heritage and Cultures, City, Suburbs and Villages, Creative Light Spaces and Listen In – Public Art Audio Trail. Internal consultation has also occurred in preparing this report with the Finance team. If Council supports the recommendation of this report then POL 109 would be placed on public exhibition for 28 days and a further report would be tabled back to Council after that period to take account of any public submissions received.

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Attachments

1. [↓](#) Report to Council (Monday 26 June 2017) - POL 109 Public Art Policy and Public Art Plan Review 
2. [↓](#) 'Enliven' Public Art Plan 2017-2021 and current Public Art Plan 2022 -2026 
3. [↓](#) Identified Public Art Projects 
4. [↓](#) Proposed Amendments - Public Art Policy - POL 109 - Draft amendments July 2024 

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RP-19 POL 109 PUBLIC ART POLICY AND PUBLIC ART PLAN REVIEW

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Analysis: POL109 Public Art Policy in 2017 and revised "Enliven" Public Art Plan 2017- 2021 is presented to Council for adoption after community consultation and engagement has taken place. The existing funding model within POL109 Public Art Policy is recommended as the funding stream for Council's public art program and existing collection.

Recommendation

That Council adopt POL109 Public Art Policy and endorse the revised "Enliven" Public Art Plan 2017-2021.

Background

POL109 Public Art Policy in 2017 is due for review. The purpose of the Public Art Policy to date has been to provide Council with a framework to manage public art commissioning and budgeting processes, placement, procurement and overall management of the City's public art collection. This is in order to maximise the social and economic benefits of public art as it relates to place making and contributing to a vibrant cultural and economic life of the City. The review of POL109 has made minor amendments to strengthen wording within the document which does not change the intent of the policy and therefore is considered minor changes not requiring public exhibition.

The quantum of funds collected on an annual basis to fund public art has ranged from \$91,885 to \$207,803 since its inception in 2008/09. These amounts are reflective of Council's capital works delivery program during this period. There is no alternative funding source for public art.

As reported to Council in RP-6 at the 21 November 2016 Council meeting, Council discussed the creation of a "Community Works Reserve" in replacement of the Public Art Reserve. There are competing demands across Council's entire infrastructure network and there is insufficient funding available to meet all of the community's expectations. There is funding contained within Council's Long Term Financial Plan that addresses the building of new and existing community assets, eg: playgrounds. Priorities (both new and existing) for funding of community assets are reviewed and considered as part of Council's annual budget process.

The current methodology of the public art policy ensures sufficient funds are allocated to public art with the growth of the city, and is consistent with approaches adopted by other councils.

The City of Wagga Wagga endorsed the Outdoor Art in Public Spaces Policy in 1997, in order to establish and manage the city's diverse collection of public art. In 2008 the Public Art Policy was further strengthened to respond to the cultural needs of the community as outlined in successive Community Strategic Plans. In 2017 Council marks twenty years of the city's public art policy. A community consultation process

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was undertaken during the period 4 – 24 May 2017 to inform the review of the Public Art Policy and a revised Public Art Plan 2017-21 called “*Enliven*”.

The community engagement platforms included:

- Online Have Your Say survey promoted via social media, Council news, direct to registered Your Say Wagga users, local media and direct emails to stakeholders
- Public stakeholder meeting
- One on one meetings with community members
- One on one meetings with Councillors
- Direct emails, letters and phone calls received

These various engagement points allowed for the community and stakeholders to express their views and feedback on Council’s public art policy, program of works completed to date and considerations for future public art policy and a revised plan. One hundred and ten people (110) directly participated in the consultation process by survey, workshop or one-on-one conversations with Council staff. Overall the consultation results indicated that there was a strong sense of support for public art. More specifically, the feedback received in emails, phone calls, one-on-one meetings, survey and in the stakeholder workshop demonstrated strong support for publically funded art.

There was a predominant preference for sculpture that is aesthetically pleasing, reflecting the local area and supporting the visitor economy however, participants in the stakeholder workshop also wanted to see more digital works and installations. A range of locations for new works were suggested, with entrances to the city and the Central Business District nominated as the top two locations.

This consultation was in addition to the extensive community consultation that occurred for the *Wagga View* Community Strategic Plan 2040 which clearly identified the City of Wagga Wagga being a centre for arts and culture as a desired outcome for the community.

In order for Council to implement a public art framework which includes the reviewed policy and revised plan, as well as taking account of the 2016 Public Art fund administration review, it is recommended that Council continue with its existing practice of the 1% levy being exclusively applied towards public art. It is estimated that the 1% Public Art Levy will receive \$388,146 over the next four financial years, with an opening balance of \$193,336.

The proposed Public Art Plan’s schedule of projects 2017 – 2021 is the result of extensive community consultation and includes sculptural, temporary and digital public art commissions totalling \$577,200 over four years.

Key Reasons

The guiding principles of Council’s adopted Community Strategic Plan 2040, *Wagga View*, are that the City of Wagga Wagga is committed to becoming a thriving, innovative, connected and inclusive community on the Murrumbidgee. Within *Wagga View* the community identified that in order to fulfil the objective “We are proud of where we live and our identity” that a key outcome measure was to implement the strategies from the public art plan. This was to reflect the community feedback on

the key role that public art plays in creating a strong sense of place within the local government area.

The reviewed Public Art Policy and Plan *Enliven 2017-2021* was developed in consultation with the Public Art Advisory Panel. It incorporates the vision for Wagga Wagga to be a centre for arts and culture as expressed by the community in Wagga Wagga Community Strategic Plan 2040, Wagga View. The Public Art Plan also considers the National Arts and Culture Accord, an Australian, state, territory and local intergovernmental arrangement, as well as responds to the NSW 2021 Plan, in particular, Goal 27- Enhance Cultural, Creative, Sporting and Recreation Opportunities along with aligning to the NSW Premier's Priorities.

The benefits of public art to local communities include:

- The acknowledgement of the importance of Wiradjuri cultural heritage and identity
- The opportunity to explore historical events, local stories and facilitate links to the past and community ambitions for the future
- To create environments that can contribute to the community's sense of wellbeing, safety and bring benefits of creative and social interaction and community involvement
- To enhance employment and skills development opportunities for local and regional artists.
- To enhance streetscapes, neighbourhoods and villages so that they provide interesting and stimulating experiences for community and visitors to the City.

Recent review conducted on the Public Art Fund Administration

In accordance with Council's annual internal audit plan, a compliance review was completed in April 2016 of the Public Art Fund Administration. Crowe Horwath, Council's auditors conducted the review. The review outlined that the administration of Council's public art funds was satisfactorily managed. Crowe Horwath also researched other Council's public art policies, with the following provided as a comparison to the approach adopted by other councils:

Council	Public Art Funding Methodology
City of Wagga Wagga	1% of all capital works projects funded by General Purpose Revenue (excluding sewer, grants, contributions, developer contributions, pure acquisition budgets) towards Public Art.
Albury City Council	1% of Council's Capital Works Project Management, Tendering, Risk Management And Liability, maintenance and conservation and other ongoing costs are to be covered within the 1% funding to be allocated to Public Art.
Yarra Council	The Percent for Art will be triggered by new or major renewal infrastructure projects over \$1m, be set at 1% of the budget and capped at \$1m. Council commits to allocating 1% of the total project budget for new community or significant renewal of capital infrastructure projects over \$1 million towards Public Art or arts related projects.
City of Hobart	Council will allocate the amount of \$100,000 annually from its capital works budget to Public Art.

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Council	Public Art Funding Methodology
City of Newcastle	All applications for development or redevelopment of Council owned properties, buildings and associated works which have a total value of \$1 million or over shall be subject to a mandatory percent for art contribution of not less than 1% of the total value of the development.
Bega Valley Council	Bega Valley Shire Council has recognised the need to incorporate Public Art into its planning processes and will allocate 1% of its capital works budget (excluding sewerage component).
Randwick City Council	A nationally accepted guide of 1% of construction costs will be used as a starting point for negotiations on voluntary planning agreements.

Source: Crowe Horwath Public Art Fund Administration Review – April 2016

The table above demonstrates that Council's current adopted approach of 1% of capital works projects funded by general purpose revenue (excluding sewer and solid waste reserves, storm water levy reserve and capital works projects funded in part or in whole through grants from Federal and State government sources), allocated toward Public Art is not dissimilar to other Councils' methodologies. Council's public art levy is responsive to the fluctuations of overall activity in Council's capital works schedule as detailed in the Long Term Financial Plan.

Considering this recent audit report and the strategic importance of public art to the City, it is recommended that Council continue with its existing POL 109 Public Art Policy being the 1% levy towards public art.

THE REVIEWED ENLIVEN PUBLIC ART PLAN 2017-2021

The strength of a public art policy is reliant on a sound implementation plan. The reviewed Public Art Plan 2017-2021 has significantly less projects than the previous public art plan due to the smaller projected contributions budget over the next four years. The reviewed Public Art Plan *Enliven 2017-2021* projects include:

Living Spaces: An annual public artwork will be commissioned to highlight our villages and neighbourhoods in consultation with these communities.

Living Communities: Temporary projects will be commissioned to feature in a Wagga Wagga event or festival annually.

NightLights: A leading Australian projection artist will be commissioned to create a site specific projection for the Civic Centre, and lead a training program for local young emerging artists.

BrightLights: Each year, an artist will design a workshop designed specifically for Wagga Wagga high school students where they build digital media skills to create a projection for the Civic Centre.

River Life: An artwork will be commissioned for 2019/20 financial year as part of Stage 2 of the Riverside Master Plan highlighting Wiradjuri culture.

Partnerships: The Wagga Wagga business community and other corporate entities have proposed future partnerships projects to build on the existing art work in the Riverside precinct to create a sculpture trail.

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Multipurpose Stadium: This project forms part of the current public art plan and will be carried over to this revised plan against project management schedules.

Financial Implications

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated Opening Balance*	(\$193,336)	(\$140,905)	(\$148,184)	(\$19,101)
Estimated Public Art Allocation	(\$112,869)	(\$109,720)	(\$82,217)	(\$83,340)
Projects				
Living Spaces	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Living Communities	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
NightLights	\$20,200	\$20,200	\$20,200	\$20,200
BrightLights	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$10,100
River Life			\$126,000	
Exhibition Centre	\$80,000			
Partnership projects		\$17,141		\$17,141
Administration Fee	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Projects	\$165,300	\$102,441	\$211,300	\$102,441
Estimated Closing Balance	(\$140,905)	(\$148,184)	(\$19,101)	\$0

To maintain a sustainable public art program Council has over twenty years recognised the need to allocate funds for maintenance, commissioning, interpretation and promotion of the public art collection. Over time Council has recognised the importance of incorporating public art into its planning processes and in August 2008 introduced a 1% Public Art Levy. The table above is based on the application of the current 1% Public Art Policy levy model.

An alternate to a 1% allocation methodology could be a fixed annual allocation. In order to complete the projects listed in the revised Public Art Plan, an annual budget allocation of \$145,371 would be required.

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Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: We are proud of where we live and our identity

Outcome: We have a strong sense of place

Risk Management Issues for Council

Without a designated public art funding stream the plan will not be able to be delivered over the 2017-21 period, and any other public art beyond that period for the City.

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive community consultation has been undertaken including data collected during the development of the Community Strategic Plan 2040, *Wagga View*. An online survey and a stakeholder workshop was conducted from 4 – 24 May 2017. One on one meetings with community members and Councillors occurred. Stakeholders and community members also directly phoned, mailed or emailed Council with feedback. The community consultation process overall indicated that there was a strong sense of support for public art and for Council to fund public art as part of the annual budget allocation process. Whilst the consultation aimed to gauge ideas and expectations from the community regarding public art four survey respondents out of one hundred and ten respondents were not supportive of public art in any form. Please see attached the public art plan review engagement summary.

Attachments

1. POL109 - Public Art Policy - Provided under separate cover
2. 2017 - 2021 Public Art Plan Review
3. Public Art Plan Review - Community Engagement Strategy - Provided under separate cover
4. Industry letters of support

'Enliven' Public Art Plan 2017-2021 and current Public Art Plan 2022 -2026

Enliven Public Art Plan 2017-2021*	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Living Spaces (\$35,000 per year site-specific sculpture or installation)	'Bend and Stretch' by Will Maguire - Multi-Purpose Stadium, Koorringal - Completed	'Wilga Sticks' by John Wood - Wilga Park, Koorringal - Completed	\$35,000 Budget moved to River Life as per Council resolution on 20 January 2020	\$35,000 Budget moved to River Life as per Council resolution on 20 January 2020
Living Communities (\$10,000 per year artwork or performance connected to a major event)	Scott Howie/Dagmara Gieyszor – Date Night – Wagga Wagga Art Gallery - Completed	David 'Meggs' Hooke Mural 'Murrumbidgee Flow' - Lost Lanes 2019, Cadell Place, Fitzmaurice Street Precinct - Completed	Goldberg Aberline Studio with Owen Lyons 'Lagoon' - Lost Lanes 2021, Wollundry Lagoon (Note: Lost Lanes 2020 cancelled due to COVID so this project was postponed to 2021)	\$10,000 Budget moved to River Life as per budget variation 22 March 2021
NightLights Projection (\$20,200 per year Projection Lab and commission by significant Australian digital artist)	Lucy Benson 'Cloudsilk Wollundry Brocade' - Wollundry Lagoon Outdoor Projections schedule - Completed	Cindi Drennan 'A Feathered Adventure in Light' Wollundry Lagoon Outdoor Projections schedule - Completed	Kellie O'Dempsey 'Tracing Time' Wollundry Lagoon Outdoor Projections schedule - Completed	\$20,200 Budget used for removal of projectors and reinstatement of lagoon lighting
BrightLights Projection (\$10,100 per year Youth-based projection workshop and commission)	Beck Storer – 'Re:App' Wollundry Lagoon Outdoor Projections schedule - Completed	Kellie O'Dempsey – 'We Are Now' Wollundry Lagoon Outdoor Projections schedule - Completed	Tonya Meyrick - 'Rural Type Exchange' Wollundry Lagoon Outdoor Projections schedule - Completed	\$10,100 Budget moved to River Life as per Council resolution on 20 January 2020
River Life (artwork in Riverside celebrating Wiradjuri culture and heritage)	-	-	-	\$52,136 Budget increased to \$132,136 as per Council resolution on 20 January 2020

*The total project budgets in this plan were higher than \$50,000 because there was a residual amount of funds available in the Public Art Reserve that was allocated.

Public Art Plan 2022-2026	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Wiradjuri Heritage & Culture	Not funded	Not funded	Not funded	Not funded
River Life (from Enliven Public Art Plan 2017-2021) – Budget of \$141,488 total carried over from previous plan	Consultation period	Artists Melinda Jennings & Shelby Lyons-Kschenka commissioned - - Project in progress	-	-
Events (\$10,000 per year for one temporary artwork for inclusion at a community event)	Peter McIlwain 'Many Dances' – Festival of W 2023 Wollundry Lagoon - Completed	Tom Buckland 'Flock' – LG NSW State Conference and Wagga Comedy Fest 2024 at Wollundry Lagoon - Completed	\$10,000 Not due to commence	\$10,000 Not due to commence
Neighbourhood Engagement (\$20,000 per year to engage local communities in Ashmont, Tolland,	Damien Mitchell with Mount Austin High School students – 'Mount Austin Laneways' - Completed	Natalie Simmons & Amanda Newman 'Ashmont mural' - Project in progress	\$20,000 Not due to commence	\$20,000 Not due to commence

Mount Austin & Koorinal to improve public amenity and beautify urban spaces)				
City, Suburbs & Villages (\$15,000 per year for public artworks throughout the Wagga Wagga LGA including rural villages)	Alex Sugar 'In This Together' mural – Humula - Completed	Carla Gottgens 'Eddies of the River' – Currawarna - Project in progress	\$15,000 Not due to commence	\$15,000 Not due to commence
Creative Light Spaces (\$30,000 bi-annually to commission and install creative lighting/digital works to improve public safety and amenity)	-	\$30,000 Planning currently underway – this project is dependent on external funding to proceed	-	\$30,000
Listen In – Audio Art Trail	Externally funded Stage 1	Externally funded Stage 2	Not funded	Not funded

Identified Public Art Projects

<p>1. Wiradjuri Heritage & Culture</p> <p>In partnership with the Wiradjuri community, commission site specific installation/s of Wiradjuri significance</p> <p>As detailed on page 15 in the Public Art Plan 2022-2026 a Wiradjuri Heritage & Culture project was costed at \$150,000 for 23/24 & 24/25 however remains unfunded. Regular community feedback is received from Elders, the local Wiradjuri & First Nations community, as well as from the members of the PAAP of the desire to continue developing artworks of Wiradjuri significance and make them accessible to locals and visitors as part of the Wiradjuri Trail, particularly as part of the Riverside stages of development connecting through to the Marrambidya Wetland.</p> <p>A commitment of \$150K funding toward this project would progress the aim of strengthening the presence of Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri cultural heritage as part of this significant location in the City as detailed in Council's Cultural Plan 2020 – 2030 (action 2.28 – Align public art activities to placemaking and activation objectives) and Reconciliation Action Plan (action 8.1 – Investigate opportunities to create site specific public art opportunities that share Aboriginal stories with the Wagga Wagga community.)</p>
<p>2. City, Suburbs & Villages</p> <p>Seek out opportunities to support the commissioning of public artworks throughout the Wagga Wagga LGA, including our new and growing suburbs and rural villages.</p> <p>As detailed on page 17 in the Public Art Plan 2022-2026 there is an allocation of \$15,000 per financial year for each project. In the first two years successful small-scale works have been completed in Humula (2023) and Currawarna (in progress). Acknowledging the exponential costs over recent years in materials, transport and labour an increase in the budget for these projects by \$10K per year (making a total of \$25K per year) would allow for more robust, larger scale commissions and create opportunities for a wider variety of artforms to be considered for commissioning in these locations.</p>
<p>3. Creative Light Spaces</p> <p>Commission and install creative lighting/digital works in identified locations to improve public safety and amenity.</p> <p>As detailed on page 19 in the Public Art Plan 2022-2026 there are allocations of \$30,000 in 24/25 & 25/26 FYs (total \$60K). Staff in consultation with the PAAP are applying for external funding to increase the funds available to produce a creative lighting commission of significant scale and impact. An increase of funds of \$9K in both 24/25 & 25/26 FYs would contribute toward increasing the 50% contribution that local government applicants must commit to when seeking State or Federal funding opportunities such as the NSW Responsible Gambling fund for Cultural Infrastructure to a total of \$78K.</p>
<p>4. Listen In - Public Art Audio Trail</p> <p>Develop an audio art trail that includes recorded stories of current works and new works of sound art (soundscapes, poetry, compositions etc)</p> <p>As detailed on page 19 in the Public Art Plan 2022-2026 there is no allocation of funds toward this project. However, Stages 1 and 2 of the Listen In - Public Art Audio Trail was funded from external sources. The trail is a popular free self-guided tour of some of Council's prominent artworks in the CBD and can be experienced by anyone with a smart device. Additional funding toward this initiative would see an expansion of the trail to include more of the public art collection including suburban and rural village artworks and allow for the opportunity to commission original audio works as identified in the Public Art Plan as part of this project.</p>

Public Art Policy

Reference number:	POL 109
Approval date:	17 October 2022
Policy owner:	Manager Community Services
Next review:	September 2028 ⁸⁵

Council adopted the Policy Outdoor Art in Public Spaces in 1997, in order to help establish and manage the City's diverse collection of public art. In 2008 the Public Art Policy was developed to respond to the cultural needs of the community as identified in Council's Cultural Plan (2006-2015) and to further extend the vision of the Outdoor Art in Public Spaces Policy.

Through significant engagement with the community with the various public art projects resulting in the Public Art Collection, there is a need to maintain a strategic focus for the development of public art across the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area (LGA). It is also necessary to manage the existing collection in a sustainable manner as well as accounting for 'whole of life' costs to enable adequate funding.

Purpose

This policy defines Wagga Wagga City Council's (Council's) integrated approach to public art planning, with an emphasis on enhancing Wagga Wagga's public spaces. This policy outlines how the City's public art is to be professionally managed and conserved.

Scope

This policy responds to Wagga Wagga's Community Strategic Plan 2040, ~~Wagga View, adopted by Council, Council's Cultural Plan 2020-2030,~~ and Council's commitment to the New South Wales ~~State Plan 'NSW 2021: Governments' Creative Communities' Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy 2024-2033,~~ in particular goal 27 ~~— enhance Cultural, Creative, Sporting and Recreation Opportunities.~~

This policy is to be applied to all public art in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area that has been commissioned by Council. This policy does not apply to public art not commissioned by Council, such as community murals on private buildings.

Policy Provisions

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all Council staff members and members of the Wagga Wagga City Council Public Art Advisory Panel to abide by the provisions of this policy.

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Reporting Requirements

Service and program levels will be reported through annual reporting processes in alignment with Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Implementation of commissions will be reported to the Public Art Advisory Panel through a schedule of regular monthly meetings.

Approval Arrangements

Approval arrangements for the commission and management of artworks in the Public Art Collection will be undertaken through Council's organisational structural approval processes.

Review Procedures

This policy will be reviewed every four years by the Manager Community Services in consultation with the Public Art Advisory Panel and reported to Council for final adoption in line with the four-year election term.

Public Art Advisory Panel

Council has established a Public Art Advisory Panel (PAAP) composed of stakeholder representatives to guide the commissioning of public art and management of the Public Art Collection in line with the Public Art Plan.

The PAAP's role is to provide expert advice and contribute to public art project management from commissioning to the completion and public launch of artworks within the commissioning guidelines. The PAAP has the following tasks:

Provide expert cultural, artistic and design advice.

Make recommendations for the selection of appropriate artists and proposals.

Oversee the commissioning and procurement processes for artworks.

Report back to Council for endorsement of the recommendations prior to the commissioning of the artwork over \$10,000 (excl. GST).

The PAAP should include the following representatives:

- Two (2) Councillors
- Council's Cultural Officer
- Council's Project Management-Office representative
- Council's Manager, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery Director
- One (1) Industry representative
- Two (2) Community representatives (with relevant arts background)

All representative position terms shall run for the duration of the Council term. Where appropriate, advisors (internal/external) with specialist expertise will be temporarily co-opted to the panel to assist decision making.

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Acquisition

Commissioning Principles

The PAAP will call for an Expression of Interest (EOI) when commissioning new public art works through public and targeted processes. The assessment of EOIs will be guided by the following principles:

- Artistic quality and innovation
- Uniqueness, identity, and respect for heritage
- Commitment to diversity
- Access and participation
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Environmental sustainability
- Transparency of process
- Industry best practice
- Investigation into development consent requirements
- Robust, with minimal maintenance requirements
- Knowledge exchange
- The artwork should not portray or depict material in a way which discriminates against or vilifies a person or section of the community on account of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, age, sexual preference, religion, disability, mental illness, or political belief

Donations

All donations to the Public Art Collection must be assessed by the PAAP in line with the principles outlined in the Public Art Plan.

Management

Maintenance

Council acknowledges the need to monitor the existing public art collection in order to identify maintenance needs and ensure the works maintain their original integrity.

An annual budget has been allocated to undertake necessary maintenance and conservation works, funded through General Purpose Revenue. Refer Funding.

Promotion

The Public Art Collection will be promoted as a civic asset through print media, online and social media.

Deaccessioning

Principles

Council understands that artworks may, due to a variety of circumstances such as age, damage, or location, be deemed no longer appropriate to the community's needs. In such cases, Council will follow industry standards and undertake a process of deaccessioning.

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Deaccessioning criteria

Artworks recommended for deaccessioning must be assessed against one or more of the following criteria:

- Theft or loss
- Damage or serious deterioration in condition
- Cost of repair, renovation, or replacement
- The artwork is assessed as a risk or hazard
- Nominated life span has expired

Deaccessioning process

Each item recommended for deaccessioning requires written documentation stating why the object be formally removed from the collection (using above deaccessioning criteria as a guide).

These recommendations will be forwarded to the Public Art Advisory Panel for consideration.

The Committee's recommendation will be forwarded by staff to the elected Council for approval.

Disposal of deaccessioned artwork

Once the deaccessioning of a work of art has been formally ratified by Council, it will be disposed of by one of the following processes:

- Offered to the artist, or family representative if the artist is deceased;
- Returned to the donor;
- Donation to another institution; or
- Destruction

Destruction of a work of art will be considered only if the work is dangerous, diseased or has deteriorated beyond repair. Wherever possible the artist and/or donor will be informed beforehand of WWCC's intention to destroy the work.

Council staff, members of the PAAP, Councillors and their families are prohibited from acquiring any deaccessioned item.

An official record of the deaccessioning and disposal of artworks from the Public Art Collection will be kept on the Public Art Register maintained by Council.

Funding

[Council recognises the importance of incorporating public art into its planning processes and will allocate 1% of the budget of all capital works projects funded by General Purpose Revenue to the Public Art Reserve.](#)

~~[The Public Art Reserve will receive the first \\$50,000 raised annually from the 1% levy on the budget of all capital works projects funded by General Purpose Revenue.](#)~~

This budget allocation will be incorporated into Council's project management documentation. This provision will not apply to any capital works projects funded in part or in whole through grants from State or Federal government sources; or through the Sewer Reserve, Solid Waste

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Reserve, Stormwater Levy Reserve, [Public Art Reserve](#) or Council’s Development Contribution Plans.

To maintain a sustainable public art program, Council recognises the need to allocate funds for maintenance, of the public art collection.

The cost of maintaining Council’s Public Art Infrastructure is funded from General Purpose Revenue ~~up to an annual~~^{with an} allocation of \$~~60,572,000 in the 2024/25 Financial Year that is indexed annually~~. Any required maintenance above this annual allocation will be funded from the Public Art Reserve and will require a Council resolution.

It is also recognised that alternative funding may be required, and Council will actively seek to identify grants and funding from State and Federal government sources or other external partners.

~~At the 26 June 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to establish a Community Works Reserve Fund process. Art Projects and Practitioners seeking funding outside the parameters and budget allocation of the Public Art Policy POL 109 will be able to apply for funding through the Community Works Reserve Fund application process.~~

Legislative Context

NSW *Local Government Act 1993*

Related Documents

- ~~• Public Art Plan 2022-2026~~^{Enliven Public Art Plan (2017—2021)}
- ~~Wagga View—~~[Wagga Wagga City Council](#) Community Strategic Plan 2040
- Wagga Wagga City Council Cultural Plan 2020-2030
- Integrated Planning and Policy Framework
- ~~Effective Procurement Guidelines~~[POL 110 – Procurement and Disposal Policy](#)
- ~~• Public Art Collection~~
- POL 117 – Appointment of Organisation, Community and Individual Citizen Members to Council Committees
- ~~New South Wales State Plan, New South Wales 2021~~^{NSW Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy 2024-2033 – Creative Communities}
- [NSW Public Art Toolkit](#)
- [Create NSW Aboriginal Arts & Culture Protocols](#)
- National Cultural Policy - [Revive](#)
- ~~• Community Works Reserve~~

Definitions

Term	Definition
Public Art	Public art is a permanent or temporary artwork or design project installed as part of a public space or public event. Public art seeks to create and inspire relationships and communication, a form of collective community expression that enhances the built or natural



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Term	Definition
	environment. Public art connects people and places while adding value, in aesthetic, cultural and economic terms, to places and communities.
Commission	A commission is a direct request by Council to produce a piece of art specifically for Council's Public Art Collection. A public art commission by Council is a contracted transaction.
Acquisition	This term refers to obtaining artwork through commission or donation.
Deaccessioning	Deaccessioning is the administrative process whereby an item is removed from the Public Art Collection. It is distinct from disposal which is the physical act of disposing of an item.

Revision History

Revision number	Council resolution	Council meeting date
1	08/288	25 August 2008
2	09/077	27 July 2009
3	11/249.2	17 October 2011
4	E-Team	14 May 2013
5	Res No: 13/224.1	26 August 2013
6	Res No: 17/284	28 August 2017
7	Res No: 17/348	27 November 2017
8	General Manager approval under delegated authority	17 November 2021
9	Res No: 22/354	17 October 2022

RP-19 APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSIDY FOR WASTE DISPOSAL FOR CHARITY ORGANISATIONS

Author: Darryl Woods

Executive: John Sidgwick

Summary:

This report has been prepared for applications submitted to Council by local charitable organisations, community groups and individuals seeking relief from fees for the disposal of waste at Council's Gregadoo Waste Management Centre (GWMC) for the 2024/25 financial year, on the basis that they are providing a benefit to the community.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the annual 2024/25 Financial Assistance for waste disposal subsidy for the total amount of \$3,900.00 for the below listed charities.

Report

Council's Financial Assistance Policy (POL 078) along with the delivery program and Operational Plan incorporate the specific program of waiving of Gregadoo Waste Management Centre Fee and outlines the \$10,300 budget allocation for 2024/25.

As part of this program, individuals, registered not-for-profit, non-government registered charities or community groups located in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area are able to apply for a waiver or subsidised waste disposal fees. There are two types of waivers or subsidised waste disposal fees that may be applied for:

1. An annual waiver or reduction to a maximum value of \$1,000, or
2. A waiver or fee reduction for a single, specific project up to a maximum value of \$250. This may be for advertised events such as Clean-Up Australia Day or the Adopt-A-Road Program.

Gregadoo Waste Management Centre staff emailed and called multiple and past charities inviting them to apply. The applications listed below were received before the advertised closing date of 12th May 2024.

The following table lists the amount of the subsidy requested:

No.	Name of Applicant	Requested Subsidy \$
1	Anglican Parish of Wagga Wagga	\$300.00
2	Defence Shed Wagga Wagga Inc	\$300.00
3	Menshed Wagga Wagga	\$250.00
4	Riding for the Disabled (NSW) Wagga Centre	\$300.00
5	Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga Inc	\$400.00
6	Sister Housing Enterprises Inc	\$350.00

No.	Name of Applicant	Requested Subsidy \$
7	South Wagga Anglican Church	\$1,000.00
8	The Salvation Army NSW	\$1,000.00
	Total	\$3,900.00

The above listed organisations are well known to Council for providing valuable charitable and social services that benefit the community of Wagga Wagga.

It is recommended to approve these applications and given that there are over 150 registered charities listed in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area, it is proposed that the remaining budget amount of \$6,400.00 be retained to fund any further applications for subsidised fees that may be received during the 2024/25 financial year.

Financial Implications

An allowance of \$10,300.00 for subsidised waste disposal has been made in the Solid Waste budget for 2024/25, funded from the Solid Waste Reserve. The approval of this report will leave \$6,400.00 for Council to consider any further applications received for the remainder of the financial year.

Recommendations for subsidy included in this report for 2024/2025:	
1. Anglican Parish of Wagga Wagga	\$300.00
2. Defence Shed Wagga Wagga Inc	\$300.00
3. Menshed Wagga Wagga	\$250.00
4. Riding for the Disabled (NSW) Wagga Centre	\$300.00
5. Sister Housing Enterprises Inc	\$400.00
6. Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga Inc	\$350.00
7. South Wagga Anglican Church	\$1,000.00
8. The Salvation Army NSW	\$1,000.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,900.00</u>
Proposed Budget remaining	\$ 6,400.00

Job consolidation 70035 - Charity Subsidies for Waste Disposal

Policy and Legislation

Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993
Financial Assistance Policy- POL 078.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Wagga Wagga is sustainable, liveable, and resilient to the impacts of climate change

Educate and engage our community in sustainability

Risk Management Issues for Council

No risk management issues were identified in respect to the provision of subsidised waste disposal fees provided they are applied as per the Policy.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation with the relevant sections within Council will be undertaken to ensure the operators of the landfill and finance staff are advised of the subsidy to ensure it is applied correctly and monitored appropriately.

The applicant will be advised of the resolution of Council regarding their application for subsidised disposal fees, how the subsidy will be applied and the conditions of entry into the landfill.

The charitable organisations, and community groups will be advised of the resolution of Council regarding their application for subsidised disposal fees, how the subsidy will be applied and the conditions of entry into the landfill.

RP-20 GET NSW ACTIVE 2024/25 FUNDING**Author:** Ben Creighton**Executive:** John Sidgwick**Summary:**

Council has been offered \$1,354,890 of funding via the Get NSW Active funding program for the construction of an active travel link from the Exhibition Centre to Hammond Avenue. This link will provide a 728m long concrete footpath inclusive of a pedestrian bridge over Marshalls Creek.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a endorse the General Manager or their delegate to enter into an agreement with Transport for NSW \$1,354,890 in funding for the construction of the Active Travel Plan Stage 3 Koorngal Road Link
- b approve the budget variations as detailed in the budget section of this report
- c authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required

Report

Council has previously considered the establishment of a pedestrian link between the Exhibition Centre and Hammond Avenue due to the safety issue of pedestrians utilising the vehicle travel lanes on Koorngal Road over the Marshalls Creek bridge.

At the 12 December 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council, in response to a Notice of Motion, it was noted that staff had applied for and was successful in securing design funding for this link as a part of a broader Stage 3 Active Travel design project.



In late 2023 Staff applied for funding through the Get NSW Active program to allow for the construction of this link. Council has now been offered \$1,354,890 of funding via this program to allow for the construction of this project (Attachment 1). This link will

provide a 728m long concrete footpath inclusive of a pedestrian bridge over Marshalls Creek.

The estimated cost of completing this project is \$1,354,869 inclusive of project management, escalation, and contingencies. The funding offer will allow for the entire project to be funded from grant funding.

It is anticipated that planning and procurement activities will occur during the remainder of 2024, with construction to be completed during the 2025 calendar year.

Financial Implications

Council has been offered \$1,354,890 of funding via the Get NSW Active funding program. This project is fully funded from the grant funding, with no requirement for a co-contribution from Council.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed over two financial years, with a proposed budget allocation of \$500,000 for this 2024/25 financial year, and the remaining \$854,890 to be allocated to the 2025/26 financial year.

Policy and Legislation

Recreation, Open Space and Community Strategy and Implementation Plans 2040
Wagga Wagga Integrated Transport Study
Wagga Wagga Active Travel Plan

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing Economy

Objective: Wagga Wagga is a hub for activity

Facilitate the development of vibrant precincts

Risk Management Issues for Council

The risks associated with implementing this project relate to process, cost, environmental, WHS and contractor performance. These risks are addressed as part of the Council's project management and contractor performance management systems.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Infrastructure Services, Regional Activation and Finance sections of Council.

Ongoing consultation with Exhibition Centre stakeholders and the businesses along Koorinal Road will take place during the planning and construction phases of the project.

	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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Attachments

- 1   Grant Application Outcome Letter

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CC: Mr Ben Creighton, Manager Recreation and Economic Development

Re: Get NSW Active FY2024/25 – Grant application outcome

25 June 2024

Dear Peter,

Re: Application number GNA24250067 for Get NSW Active FY2024/25 program funding.

We are pleased to advise that your application for funding has been **successful** as outlined below.

Funding stream	Project name	Funding value
Get NSW Active 2024/25	Koorungal Rd Link	\$1,354,869

Thank you for your application to the FY2024/25 Get NSW Active program. We appreciate the time and effort that went into your application, and your interest in supporting Transport for NSW to deliver improved walking and bike riding opportunities to communities across NSW.

We received an overwhelming response for the FY2024/25 funding round, with 345 projects submitted and a high number of strong applications. Your project was one of 88 successful applications.

Applications were assessed by an expert panel of staff from Transport and the Department of Education and scored across five program criteria. A graph summarising how your application scored against all of the criteria is on the following page. Page three of this letter provides some program wide feedback on key reasons why applications scored higher or lower on each of the assessment criteria. If you would like feedback specific to your application, please contact Benny Horn via benny.horn@transport.nsw.gov.au

Next steps

1. Attached is a letter of funding offer. **Council must return the signed letter to Transport within 28 days (by 23 July 2024) to accept the funding offer.** If Council requires more time to process the offer, email activetransport@transport.nsw.gov.au a minimum of 21 days before the due date (by 16 July 2024) to discuss options.
2. To assist Transport in collecting data to support the program in future years, you will shortly receive an email from SmartyGrants requesting you to **submit a form detailing your planned infrastructure delivery associated with your project.** Please complete this form as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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 Passenger, Customer and Asset
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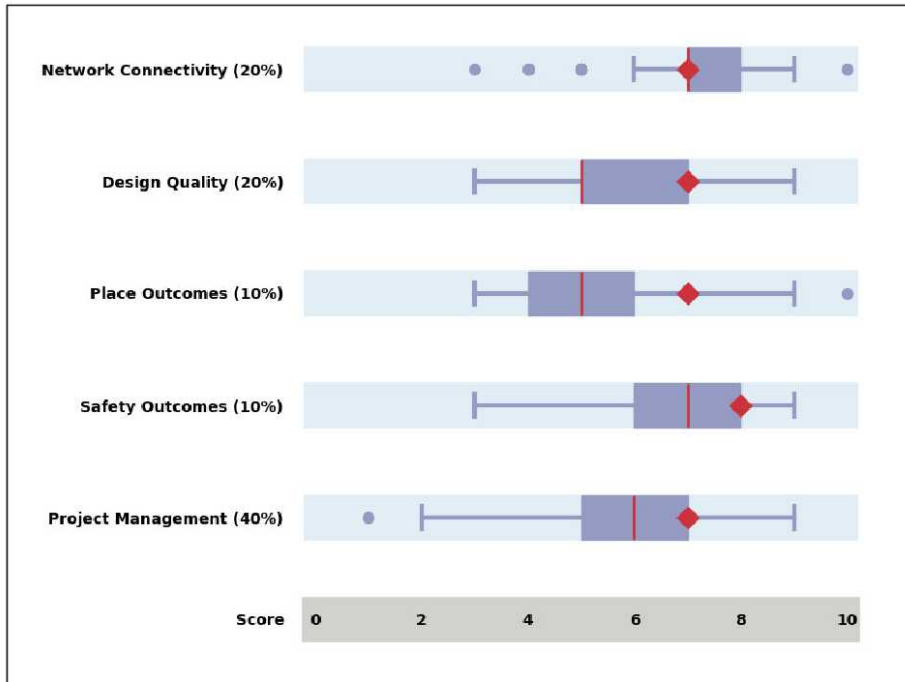
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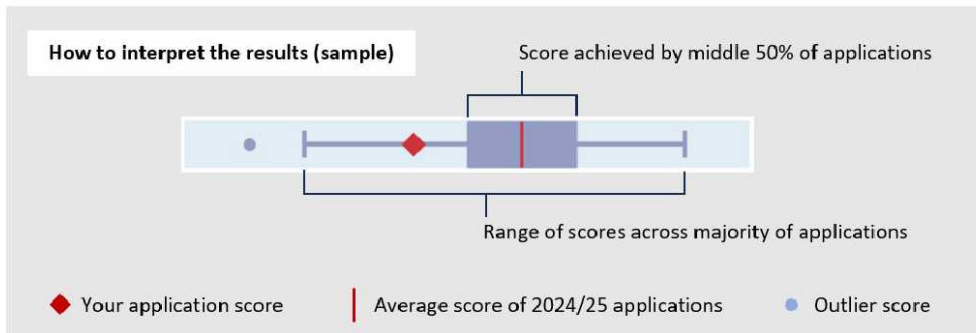
Summary of application scores

The graph below provides a summary of how your application scored against each of the Get NSW Active assessment criteria, compared to all other applications received. The graph can be read in conjunction with the table on the following page which summarises the key program wide reasons for a higher or lower score across each of the criteria. Please contact Benny Horn via benny.horn@transport.nsw.gov.au if you would like further feedback specific to your application.

Summary of scores for application number: GNA24250067



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Summary of key reasons for higher and lower scores

	Higher scoring applications	Lower scoring applications
Network connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project connects people to multiple destinations, a key destination such as a school, or is in a high use setting. The project addresses a network gap. Application showed that the project was likely to create new opportunities for walking/bike riding. The project is identified as part of a broader network in a published strategy or plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less clear in the application how the project connected people to their destinations. Sections appeared to be missing or incomplete. Less clear in the application who was likely to use the project or how it might create new opportunities for walking/bike riding. The proposal was inconsistent with a network planning document (e.g., a footpath was proposed where the document identified a shared path).
Design quality	<p style="background-color: #C00000; color: white; text-align: center; margin: 0;">Higher scoring applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project facility type and widths aligned with the Walking Space Guide and Cycleway Design Toolbox. The application specifically highlighted the link to these documents. Evidence the project would provide end to end journeys, e.g., from home to school. Combines multiple facility types (e.g., footpath and raised crossings) to deliver a consistent customer experience. The design gives priority to walking and bike riding at intersections (e.g., raised crossings, continuous footpath treatments). The proposed paths are buffered from road areas. 	<p style="background-color: #C00000; color: white; text-align: center; margin: 0;">Lower scoring applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design included paths which were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> narrower than program minimums without adequate justification and/or unlikely to be wide enough for intended use Not adequately separated or buffered from roads not adequately offset from walls or other hazards, or cluttered with signs/bus stops with no mitigation proposed indirect or included pinch points with no justification or proposed mitigation. The design included difficult road crossings, particularly at roundabouts. The design included pedestrian refuges where options for a priority crossing appeared possible.
Place outcomes	<p style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; text-align: center; margin: 0;">Higher scoring applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project included well placed trees and landscaping to provide people with shade and shelter and improve path attractiveness. The project included lighting likely to make the path usable at various times of day. Urban design/traffic management strategies had been included to encourage slower vehicle speeds and support a pedestrian friendly setting. Opportunities had been taken to expand and improve the pedestrian environment (e.g., landscaped kerb extensions). The proposed place improvements were shown on plans and included in cost estimates, providing surety they would be delivered. 	<p style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; text-align: center; margin: 0;">Lower scoring applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paths poorly shaded or lit limiting the opportunity for people to use the facilities in different weather conditions and at different times of days. Pedestrian fencing or barriers were used where other alternatives (e.g., landscaped buffers) may have been achievable. The application did not include place outcomes as described in the Program Guidelines on page 31. The application mentioned an intent to include place improvements but this was not evidenced in the attached plans and cost estimates.
Sa fe ty	<p style="background-color: #C00000; color: white; text-align: center; margin: 0;">Higher scoring applications</p>	<p style="background-color: #C00000; color: white; text-align: center; margin: 0;">Lower scoring applications</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed facilities and design were likely to encourage slower vehicle speeds. Raised priority crossing points were included. The project included measures to separate and buffer people from road areas. The project formalises an off-road walking/bike riding facilities where none exist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project crossed roundabout intersections without formalised facilities for walking/bike riding. The project results in difficult road crossings. The project proposed a shared path with insufficient circulation space to allow comfortable interaction between people walking/bike riding.
Project management approach / Ability to deliver the project	Higher scoring applications	Lower scoring applications
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design documentation clearly showed likely project outcomes (including how constraints will be managed). Cost estimate provided detail such as quantities and unit rates. For larger scale projects documents were at, or close to, 'for construction' status. Risks were well documented and management approach explained. Evidence that key approvals were in place or well progressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment panel was unable to determine 'finished product' as the design documentation was missing key details. Cost estimates only provided lump sums and/or were missing project steps or items. Project was large scale or complex but application only provided strategic or concept designs (i.e., did not include 'for construction' designs). Note: this consideration is not applicable to those applications seeking design-only funding. Potential project risks/approvals not adequately documented.

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RP-21 WAGGA WAGGA PLAYGROUND STRATEGY 2024-2044**Author:** Joshua Walsh**Executive:** John Sidgwick**Summary:**

Council currently has 100 playgrounds across the Local Government Area (LGA), valued at approximately \$10,092,673 with a combined annual usage in excess of 500,000 visitations.

Council adopted a playground strategy in 2016. A revised draft playground strategy has now been developed and publicly exhibited to inform the community and guide all aspects of Council's playground management.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note all submissions received relating to the exhibited Playground Strategy by the closing date of 7 December 2023
- b endorse the recommended amendments to the document
- c adopt the Playground Strategy 2024-2044 with the recommended changes as detailed in the report

Report

At the ordinary meeting of Council held 6 November 2023 it was resolved:

That Council:

- a *receive and note the draft Playground Strategy 2023-2043*
- b *endorse the draft Playground Strategy being placed on exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions on the draft policy*
- c *receive a further report following the public exhibition period.*
 - i *addressing any submissions made in respect of the proposed policy*
 - ii *proposing adoption of the policy unless there are recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period*
- d *note the budget implications outlined in the report will be considered during the development of the 2024/25 budget*

In response to this resolution the draft Playground Strategy (Attachment 1) was placed on public exhibition which resulted in 50 written submissions being received. (Attachment 2)

The following key themes were identified from the submissions received:

- Construction of a Water/Splash Park
- Shade
- Fencing
- More toddler friendly areas
- More BBQ/picnic areas

The draft Playground Strategy has been amended to reflect the feedback received during the submission period, as outlined below:

- Due to the timing delay, the strategy dates have been altered from 2023-2043 to 2024-2044.
- The addition of recommendation 17 - *That Council stage the installation of playground fencing at all Regional and Suburban level playgrounds.*

This additional recommendation has been added in response to the submissions received during the public exhibition period, as well as previous community requests for more fencing.

The implementation of this recommendation would see fencing installed at the following playgrounds:

- Apex Park
- Botanic Gardens
- Chambers Park
- Webb Park
- Henwood Park
- Riverside Precinct
- Bedervale
- Paddy Osborne
- Glenfield Park Oval
- Forest Hill

The cost of the installation of fencing at these playgrounds is estimated at \$300,000. Due to the cost associated with the installation, it is proposed this recommendation is delivered in staged approach. Extensive site-specific planning will be undertaken at each identified site to ensure functionality and aesthetics are maintained.

The overwhelming number of responses, 66% were related to the request for a water/splash park to be developed in Wagga Wagga. This was also identified as the key outcome during initial consultation. Recommendation 16 addresses this response and staff have been working towards realising this project by submitting applications for grant funding.

Shade was also identified as a priority area from the public exhibition submissions. This is addressed through recommendations 4, 6 & 8. As of July 2024, Council has 25 playgrounds with sails, 7 of these have been constructed since the audit was completed. A further 5 playgrounds have funding confirmed and plans for construction are in progress.

Financial Implications

In line with the recommendations of the draft strategy Council adopted a \$69,853 increase to the playground maintenance budget for the 2024/25 financial year, taking the total playground maintenance budget to \$182,100.

The cost of the installation of fencing at the identified playgrounds is estimated at \$300,000. It is proposed these projects are delivered in a staged approach with grant funding sought to fund the associated costs.

Policy and Legislation

- Recreation, Open Space and Community Strategy 2040
- Playground Strategy 2016-2036

Link to Strategic Plan

Safe and Healthy Community

Objective: Our community embraces healthier lifestyle choices and practices

Promote access and participation for all sections of the community to a full range of sports and recreational activities

Risk Management Issues for Council

The risks associated with implementing this strategy relate to process, cost, environmental, WHS and contractor performance. These risks are addresses as part of the Council's project management and contractor performance management systems.



Internal / External Consultation

The first stage of consultation in 2023 incorporated:

- Community consultation through online public survey
- Councillor workshop on the 6 March 2023
- Consultation with the Wagga Access Reference Group

The second stage of consultation was delivered through the draft Playground Strategy being placed on public exhibition. During this time, the Playground Strategy was viewed over 600 times, with 50 written community contributions received as shown in the attached document.

Attachments

1.  Draft Playground Strategy - Provided under separate cover
2.  Public Exhibition Submissions - Provided under separate cover

RP-22 PROPOSED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CAMPAIGN - COUNCIL MANAGED CROWN LAND - 8 BENT STREET, TARCUTTA (LOT 136 DP 757255)**Author:** Matthew Dombrovski**Executive:** John Sidgwick

Summary: This report recommends Council conduct an expression of interest process to determine community group interest in a potential community facility in Tarcutta. The property was previously licenced to the Tarcutta Mens Shed Incorporated who have recently vacated the site.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a undertake an Expression of Interest campaign for the occupation of 8 Bent Street, Tarcutta (being Lot 136 in Deposited Plan 757255)
- b receive a further report regarding all submissions received at the conclusion of the expression of interest process

Report

Reference is made to Crown Land managed by Council known as Crown Reserve 220001 for Bush Fire Brigade and Community Purposes at 8 Bent Street, Tarcutta (Lot 136 DP 757255), which is directly adjacent to Paddy Osborne Park. The size of the Crown Reserve is approximately 125sqm and consists of a former Rural Fire Services (RFS) shed. The shed takes up the majority of the site. The permitted uses of the Crown Reserve are Bush Fire Brigade and Community Purposes.

Council resolved on 20 January 2020 (Resolution 20/019) to enter into a licence agreement with the Tarcutta Mens Shed Incorporated (Mens Shed). It was the intention that the Mens Shed would add kitchenette and toilet amenities to the site for the use of the members, however, given the challenges associated with modifying the site to undertake those works (including potential lot consolidation and boundary adjustments), the Mens Shed made a commercial decision to return the site to Council and to seek an alternative location to undertake their activities.

The shed is in good condition and features a concrete slab, 2 roller doors, side access, lighting and single phase power. The facility does not presently have toilet amenities contained within the site; however, public toilets are available within 150m nearby at the intersection of Bent Street and Sydney Street.

With the building now having been returned to Council's operational control, consideration is given to the future use of the site. It is noted that that introduction of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 (on 1 July 2018) restricts Council's leasing and licensing options for this property prior to adoption of a Plan of Management (POM). A POM has not yet been finalised in respect of this site.

In the absence of a POM, transitional arrangements limit the opportunities available to Council to lease or licence the premises. Council can enter into a short term licence under Section 2.20 of the Crown Land Management Act for a period of up to twelve months without seeking Ministerial consent. Short-term licences may be granted for

prescribed purposes set out in Part 4, Clause 31 of the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018. Such purposes include community, education, training, meetings, organised recreational activities, and functions.

Alternatively, Council can enter into a new lease or licence for a longer period with an emergency services group, not for profit organisation or community group subject to obtaining Ministerial consent to the proposed lease.

It is recommended that an Expression of Interest campaign be undertaken to ensure all community groups in Tarcutta have an equal opportunity to apply, and to ensure use of the property is maximised for community benefit. The following selection criteria are recommended for inclusion in the expression of interest.

Criteria	Comment
Organisation Status	Confirmation of registration / incorporation details
Insurance Status	Evidence of \$20 million public liability insurance
Member Information	Information such as numbers, gender, age, place of residence of members
Equity & Inclusiveness	Whether membership is open to all community members or restricted on the basis of age, gender or other factors
Proposed Use	Required to confirm consistency with the Council's Crown Reserve Management obligations
Proposed Days / Hours of operation	Indicative of whether the proposed usage represents highest and best use of facility
Minimum Community Rent	Willingness to pay Council's minimum community rent as per the adopted fees and charges (currently \$840 per annum including GST)
Operating Costs	Willingness to pay operating costs associated with the premises such as electricity, water, non-domestic sewer charges and waste removal services
Maintenance Responsibility	Willingness to accept responsibility for the ongoing care, cleaning and maintenance of the interior and exterior of the facility.

A further report will be presented to Council at the conclusion of the expression of interest providing details of the outcome of the Expression of Interest and providing a recommendation as to a preferred tenant (if any). In the absence of a suitable applicant, Council officers will provide recommendation as to alternative uses of the site.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy POL038
Local Government Act 1993
Crown Land Management Act 2016
Crown Land Management Regulation 2018

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: We have opportunities to connect with others

Outcome: We activate our community spaces to promote connectedness

Risk Management Issues for Council

Council has a responsibility to appropriately manage its property assets. The conduct of an Expression of Interest campaign in order to determine interest in the use of the site ensures that Council is undertaking its dealings with Property assets in an open and transparent manner.

There is a risk that an Expression of Interest may not turn up a satisfactory user. In that scenario, Council may need to consider alternative uses for the site.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken with Council's Infrastructure Services and Community Directorates.

RP-23 ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - GRESHAM STREET, TARCUTTA (LOT 7009 DP 1028847 & PART LOT 16 DP 1189207)**Author:** Matthew Dombrovski**Executive:** John Sidgwick

Summary: This report provides an update to Council on the status of discussions with the proposed Lessee, following the deferral of consideration at the last Council meeting.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a agree to the assignment of the existing lease agreement for Gresham Street, Tarcutta (being Lot 7009 DP 1028847 and part Lot 16 DP 1189207) in the name of the Tarcutta Transport and Farming Museum Incorporated to Tarcutta Mens Shed Incorporated
- b delegate authority to the General Manager or delegate to negotiate a collateral Deed with Tarcutta Mens Shed Incorporated on the terms contained within this report
- c delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to execute any necessary documentation on behalf of Council
- d authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to documents relating to this matter as required

Report

This report provides additional information to Councillors following the deferral of consideration of the report submitted to Council on 24 June 2024.

Background

The land in question is a parcel of Crown Land managed by Council known as Crown Reserve 1037368 (being Lot 7009 DP 1028847 and part Lot 16 DP 1189207) at Gresham Street, Tarcutta. The Crown Reserve was gazetted on 31 May 2013 for the purpose of Community Purposes, Public Recreation, Tourist Facilities and Services. The reserve is approximately 11.74ha.

The land was originally leased to the Australian Long Distance Owners & Drivers Association Inc from 1 March 2015 for a period of ten (10) years, with an option to renew for a further period of ten (10) years. The lease was subsequently assigned to Tarcutta Transport and Farming Museum Incorporated (TTFM) effective from 21 June 2018.

The permitted use under the lease agreement is for development of road transport museum, men shed, tourist and ancillary uses.

Council staff have been advised that TTFM no longer has the capacity to meet their lease obligations or continue to support the development of the site for TTFM purposes. TTFM have engaged directly with the Tarcutta Mens Shed Incorporated (Mens Shed) and offered the site to the Mens Shed. The Mens Shed have confirmed that they are agreeable to the assignment of the lease from the TTFM on the same

terms and have undertaken an assessment of the site to determine that it is suitable for their operations.

As the leased land is Crown Land, Council is required under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* to conduct Crown Land and Native Title Assessments before entering into any lease or licence agreement. On review, Council's Native Title Managers have confirmed that should the existing lease be terminated, Council would be unable to validly enter into a new lease or licence agreement of the site without applying to the Federal Court of Australia for protection pursuant to Section 24FA of the Native Title Act 1993.

Update on Status following Deferral

In a briefing to Councillors, it was noted by the General Manager that the total area of the leased site (11.74ha) was significant and likely surplus to the needs of the proposed assignee. The site was identified as potentially having operational value to Council in the future, and it was suggested that prior to Council endorsing the proposed assignment of lease that further discussions should be had with the proposed assignee in relation to their proposed future use of the site.

Council officers have subsequently spoken to representatives of the assignee and noted the advice provided that their preference would be to retain the use of the site as this could be used to generate income from agriculture to support the current activities of the assignee. However, the assignee also noted that the land could provide significant opportunities for development for the benefit of the community, and they would not wish to stand in the way of such development.

In this scenario, if and when such an opportunity arose, Council would ordinarily negotiate with the assignee to terminate the existing lease and issue a new lease for a reduced area that would allow flexibility for that part of the land to be returned to Council's management and control. However, as noted above there are outstanding issues to be resolved in respect of the Native Title Act 1993 and also the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1976.

In respect of native title, it is noted that in or around 2012, Crown Land revoked the existing Crown Reserve over this site, and a new reserve purpose was gazetted on 31 May 2013. The revocation of the existing reserve means that Council as the now Crown Land Manager, is unable to identify a valid pathway for a future act (which includes any future lease or development of the site) to be approved. The remedy to this issue is for Council to make application to the Federal Court of Australia as a non-Native Title claimant for protection, which allows Council to undertake actions validly.

In respect of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, there is currently an incomplete Aboriginal Land Claim in relation to Lot 16 DP 1189207 (lodged 17 September 2020), which forms part of the current leased area. In the event of a successful claim, ownership of the parcel of land would vest in the Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council. Pending the resolution of the Aboriginal Land Claim, Council should not undertake or allow to be undertaken works that could impact on the value of the site. Council can seek an expedited assessment to be undertaken; however this is still anticipated to take some 12-18 months.

Given the above, it is recommended that Council endorse the proposed assignment of the existing lease subject to entering into a collateral deed with the assignee, which provides that on resolution of the outstanding Native Title and Aboriginal Land Claim issues and Council giving adequate notice to the assignee, the assignee would

surrender the existing lease and enter into a new lease with Council for a reduced area that is still suitable for the proposed use by the assignee. It is proposed that Council would only exercise this power if there was an opportunity for future development for the benefit of the broader community of Tarcutta.

Financial Implications

If the recommendation is adopted and the existing lease is assigned, there will be no budget adjustment required to the Long Term Financial Plan.

In accordance with Council's endorsed Fees and Charges for 2024/2025, an administration fee of \$550 (including GST) is payable in respect of any tenant-initiated dealings including assignment of lease. In addition, Council is entitled to recover 100% of legal costs and disbursements in relation to these matters.

In the event that Council wishes to progress discussions in terms of the Native Title and Aboriginal Land Claim issues, a further report will be provided to Council as to what work needs to be undertaken and the financial implications.

Policy and Legislation

Native Title Act 1993
Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
Crown Land Management Act 2016
Local Government Act 1993
Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy POL038

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected

Activate community spaces to promote connectedness

Risk Management Issues for Council

Council is responsible for appropriately managing its property assets. In respect of Crown land, this includes taking into consideration obligations imposed pursuant under the Native Title Act 1993, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 and the Crown Land Management Act 2016 when considering the grant of a lease or licence over Crown Land.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation has been carried out within the Regional Activation and Community Directorates.

External consultation has been carried out with the existing lessee and proposed assignee.

RP-24 HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING - STREAM 1**Author:** Jacqueline Collins**Executive:** John Sidgwick**Summary:**

Council has been successful in securing a \$420,000 grant from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts via the Housing Support Program to investigate the potential for small second homes in Wagga Wagga.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into an agreement with the Australian Government, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts for \$420,000 in funding for the development of the Wagga Wagga City Smaller Scale Second Home Initiative
- b approve the budget variations as detailed in the budget section of this report once the funding agreement is received
- c authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required

Report

The intention of this project is to understand the potential for smaller, second homes in Wagga Wagga's residential and rural areas and to promote the opportunities that exist through this housing type to our community.

In 2009 the NSW Government released the Affordable Housing State Environment Planning Policy (AHSEPP) which permits all residential homeowners to build a secondary dwelling on their property if it is considered complying development. The uptake of secondary dwellings in Wagga Wagga is considered low.

This project will include an analysis to understand the barriers to secondary dwellings, the potential opportunities for secondary dwellings to assist with housing supply and affordability in our LGA, planning amendments if required, templated plans to streamline the process and reduce costs and a campaign to market these concepts and encourage uptake.

Secondary housing can provide a wider range of housing options to meet the diverse needs of residents and key workers; these dwellings can cater to smaller household size, income levels and lifestyles, offering alternatives to traditional 3-4 bedroom homes. This project will investigate the potential for small second homes to increase supply and choice for upsizing or downsizing as life changes, opportunities for intergenerational living and the creation of more affordable living options for those priced out of the housing market.

Council will provide an in-kind contribution to the project by way of project co-ordination, administration and promotion. The project is due for completion by 30 May 2025 in line with the funding guidelines.

At the time of writing of this report staff had not received the draft funding agreement for this project. Advice from the grant funding body is that it will be received in the coming weeks.

Financial Implications

Council has been offered \$420,000 of funding via the Housing Support Program – Stream 1, offered through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

Council will provide an in-kind contribution to the project by way of project co-ordination, administration and promotion to the amount of \$30,000.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed in this financial year.

Policy and Legislation

- Community Strategic Plan 2040
- Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040
- Wagga Wagga LEP 2010
- National Housing Accord
- The National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness (NASHH)
- The State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing SEPP) 2021.

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing Economy

Objective: Wagga Wagga is an attractive location for people to live, work and invest
Encourage and support investment to develop Wagga Wagga

Risk Management Issues for Council

The risks associated with implementing this project relate to process, cost, WHS and contractor performance. These risks are addressed as part of the Council's project management and contractor performance management systems.

Internal / External Consultation

This project will require internal and 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	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback	Have your Say	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
Inform				✗	✗				✗	✗			✗		✗	✗
Consult				✗	✗				✗	✗		✗	✗		✗	✗
Involve								✗	✗	✗		✗	✗		✗	✗
Collaborate								✗		✗				✗	✗	✗

RP-25 DELEGATIONS DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD**Author:** Peter Thompson**Summary:**

Under the Local Government Act, 1993, all current councillors and mayors elected by the councillors cease to hold their civic offices on election day 14 September 2024.

This means that councils will be without a governing body from 14 September 2024 until the declaration of the election on 30 September 2024 at the earliest.

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council delegate these functions to one of the elected members for the period 14 September 2024 to 14 October 2024.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a delegate to Dallas Tout the functions of the role of mayor as described in s226 from 14 September 2024 until the first meeting of the Council elected at the 14 October 2024
- b confirms that the delegation described in (a) shall cease when a Mayor is elected at the first meeting of the newly elected Council
- c confirms that this delegation shall be limited by the restrictions on delegations identified in s377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Report

When the current Local Government Act commenced in 1993 it included a section which prescribed the term of office of mayor. It prescribed that the term of office of a mayor ends when their successor is elected to that office.

For over a quarter of a century this provision was applied according to its terms at all local government authorities across the State. The key significance of the provision is that the Local Government tier of government is never without an elected member exercising the roles and functions of the elected body. This all makes sense as Local Government, like all other tiers of government in Australia, is led by members of the community elected to office.

While all Councillors cease to hold that civic office on the day of the next occurring ordinary election, the provision in the Act identified above made it clear that the civic office of mayor continued until a successor is elected.

In 2016, the NSW State Government amended the Local Government Act (The Act). The amendment did not change the section which provides that the civic office of the Mayor continues until a successor is elected. That section remains the same and in accordance with s230 of the Act, the term of Mayor still continues until a successor is elected.

Unfortunately, the operation of s230 has been disabled by an amendment made to a different section in the Act. The amendment introduced a subclause to the section which deals with casual vacancies in the civic office of councillor. The effect of the subclause is that any civic office of Mayor elected by Councillors (approx. 90 councils in the State) also becomes vacant when the Mayor stops holding the civic office of Councillor. This happens on the day of the ordinary election. For the remaining councils in NSW with Mayors elected by popular vote there is no change, and those areas continue to have an elected member at all times.

For the other 92 councils, the change means that there is no person elected at an ordinary election performing the functions of the elected body between the date of the election and the first meeting of the new Council.

Council protested the situation to the State Government in 2021. This was to no avail and the explanation was as follows:

If the view were to be taken that mayors elected by councillors should continue to hold their office as mayor until their successor is elected at the first meeting after the ordinary election, even where that person ceases to hold elected office in the Council at the election, this leads to a range of perverse outcomes. It would potentially allow a person who was not re-elected as a councillor at an ordinary election to:

- *Exercise any functions delegated to the mayor by the previous council*
- *Exercise the policy making functions of the council in cases of necessity (section 226)*
- *...*
- *Preside as chair of the first meeting of the council until a new mayor is elected and*
- *...*

It is not relevant to this report to explore the merit of these reasons or the claim that they are perverse outcomes.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) have confirmed that Council has a power of delegation which can be used to delegate the functions of the role of Mayor to the current Mayor between the date of the election and the date of the first meeting of the new Council (copy of the OLG commentary is attached). Indeed, this delegation can be given to any person whatsoever.

Reconciling this position with the OLG's first perverse outcome of a mayor elected by councillors continuing to hold civic office, as identified in the first bullet point above is also beyond the scope of this report and the abilities of the author.

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council delegate the role and functions of Mayor to one of your number to be exercised between the date of the ordinary election and the first meeting of Council. Performance of the delegated functions would be honorary and no payment will be made during the period of the delegation.

While the OLG recommends this delegation be given to the General Manager, it is the author's view that this is not appropriate.

The Local Government Act has been crafted to recognise the role of elected members and the separate and distinct role of the bureaucracy. This distinction has a democratic pedigree that should not be disrupted.

Financial Implications

The recommendation includes delegating powers, authorities, duties or functions with potential financial implications, including the incurring of expenditure, between 14 September to 14 October 2024.

It is not proposed that any payment will be made to the person holding the delegation.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We are accountable and transparent

Risk Management Issues for Council

If an individual exercises functions which mirror the functions of the mayor (without being elected as a councillor) after the ordinary election, this would mean a person not elected to Council could exercise significant functions including, in cases of necessity, policy-making functions of Council.

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

RP-26 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**Author:** Scott Gray**Summary:** This report is to list 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 T Koschel

Is there was anything we can do in relation to children's road safety at Bolton Park now that soccer is being played there and how close the games are to the road. There have been various reports from community members, especially near the roundabout on Morgan Street and Tarcutta Street.

The proximity to major roads was discussed in the lead up to the move from Duke of Kent Oval to Bolton Park and considered in Football Wagga's sporting field layout. A majority of the fields 20m+, in most cases over 30m from the nearest road. The closest point to any road is 18m near the current oval sign on Tarcutta St. Staff in response to the QWN consulted with Football Wagga and they advised they have not received any official complaints or concerns. They advised they have received one or maybe two comments regarding the volume of traffic on the surrounding roads, however, in general they have received a large amount of positive feedback from parents and carers. Football Wagga also advised they are consistently reminding clubs to be safety aware around the roads.

Councillor R Foley

Asked for an update on the status of fines that were recently issued by Council at the Livestock Marketing Centre and requested information on how many of these fines stand and how many have been withdrawn?

After review all of the fines issued on 12 February 2024 at the Wagga Livestock Marketing Centre were withdrawn due to incorrect administration of offence codes being applied.

Councillor R Foley

Asked for an update on the status of fines that were recently issued by Council in Mortimer Place and requested information on how many of these fines stand and how many have been withdrawn?

Staff responded to a customer request/complaint on the 21 June 2024, regarding parking issues in Mortimer Place. As a result of an unregistered vehicle being parked on the road one fine was issued for standing an unregistered vehicle on road. Although Mortimer Place has had infrastructure works to install angle parking at the

time of issuing this fine those works were not an impediment. All unregistered vehicles are required to be kept on the premises themselves. The vehicle owner has the opportunity to request a review of the fine through Revenue NSW.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Community leadership and collaboration

Objective: Our community is informed and actively engaged in decision making and problem-solving to shape the future of Wagga Wagga

Ensure our community feels heard and understood

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT EXHIBITION CENTRE

Author: Ben Creighton

Executive: John Sidgwick

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- (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CONF-2 LEASE AGREEMENT FOR STORAGE – CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Author: Madeleine Scully

Executive: Janice Summerhayes

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CONF-3 RFT 2024-27 PURCHASE OF ONE (1) TRUCK MOUNTED EWP BOOM LIFT

Author: Travis Weir

Executive: Henry Pavitt

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**CONF-4 PROPOSED LEASES OF COUNCIL LAND TO INLAND RAIL - 204
URANA STREET, ASHMONT; PART 2 GLENFIELD ROAD,
GLENFIELD PARK AND PART LOT 12, CASSIDY PARADE, TURVEY
PARK**

Author: Matthew Dombrovski

Executive: John Sidgwick

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- (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CONF-5 RFT2024-27 PURCHASE OF TWO (2) STREET SWEEPER UNITS

Author: Travis Weir

Executive: Henry Pavitt

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- (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**CONF-6 43 LIVINGSTONE STATE FORREST ROAD, BURRANDANA -
PROPOSED FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

Author: Matthew Dombrovski

Executive: John Sidgwick

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- (d) (ii) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; and
- (d) (iii) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret.

CONF-7 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Author: Fiona Hamilton
General Manager: Peter Thompson

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL** held on **Monday 24 June 2024.**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout
Councillor Georgie Davies
Councillor Michael Henderson
Councillor Richard Foley
Councillor Rod Kendall
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Jenny McKinnon
Councillor Amelia Parkins

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Director Community	(Ms J Summerhayes)
Director Infrastructure Services	(Mr W Faulkner)
Director Strategy and Projects	(Mr P McMurray)
Director Regional Activation	(Mr J Sidgwick)
Chief Financial Officer	(Mrs C Rodney)
Chief Operating Officer	(Mr S Gray)
Executive Director - People & Culture	(Mrs F Piltz)
Project Director Regulatory Planning Reform	(Ms R Fox)
Town Planner	(Ms V Rice)
Destination & Events Coordinator	(Ms K Parker)
Manager Community Services	(Ms M Scully)
Executive Manager - Major Projects	(Mr D Woods)
Manager Corporate Governance & Performance	(Mr D Galloway)
Manager City Growth & Regional Assets	(Mr B Creighton)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)
Communications & Engagement Coordinator	(Mr M Casey)
Corporate Governance Officer	(Ms K West)

NOTICE TO MEETING

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.....**MAYOR****GENERAL MANAGER**

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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

No apologies were received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 11 JUNE 2024

24/172 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

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.....**MAYOR** **GENERAL MANAGER**

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CM-2 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 17 JUNE 2024

24/173 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 17 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T Koschel declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-7 - MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2024/25 ROUND 1 the reason being that he has participated in a few events as an invited guest for the charity for one of the applicants, noting he does not work or sit on the organising committee for the charity and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-8 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2024 the reason being that he works for a financial institution and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-10 - POL 075 - INVESTMENT POLICY - PROPOSED AMENDMENT the reason being that he works in the financial industry and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor R Kendall declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 - DA23/0673 - 3 X SINGLE STOREY ATTACHED DWELLINGS AND 4 LOT COMMUNITY TITLE SUBDIVISION, 16 KENNEALLY ST KOORINGAL, LOT 4 DP 847576 the reason being that a family member's business is the applicant and he regularly works for the builder and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor M Henderson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-2 PLANNING AND REPORTING (IP&R) - ADOPTION OF DOCUMENTS the reason being that there is reference to the Lake Albert Pipeline within the report and he is the Commodore of the Wagga Boat Club and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

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Councillor M Henderson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-7 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2024/25 ROUND 1 the reason being that he is a member of the Classic and Historic Automobile Club of Australia and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor M Henderson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-4 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR GRAZING LICENCES OVER MULTIPLE PARCELS OF COUNCIL LAND - OUTCOME REPORT the reason being that he knows some of the applicants and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor M Henderson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-5 TARCUTTA FOOD VAN - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF OPERATING HOURS the reason being that he has meet with the applicant and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-1 - COMMISSIONING OF 'RIVER LIFE' PUBLIC ARTWORK the reason being that a member of her family leases an office space off one of the contractors and remained in a chamber during its consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

24/174 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

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 RP-3 to RP-5, RP-8, RP-9, RP-11, CONF-1, CONF-3 and CONF-4 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

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.....**MAYOR****GENERAL MANAGER**

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 DA23/0673 - 3 X SINGLE STOREY ATTACHED DWELLINGS AND 4 LOT COMMUNITY TITLE SUBDIVISION, 16 KENNEALLY ST KOORINGAL, LOT 4 DP 847576

Councillor R Kendall declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:08pm.

24/175 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and M Henderson

That Council approve DA23/0673 for 3 x single storey attached dwellings and 4 lot community title subdivision at 16 Kenneally St, Kooringal NSW 2650 (Lot 4 DP 847576) subject to the conditions outlined in the Section 4.15 Assessment Report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON DEVELOPMENT OR PLANNING MATTERS - SECTION 375A(3) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

Councillor R Kendall re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:08pm.

RP-2 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (IP&R) - ADOPTION OF DOCUMENTS

24/176 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Kendall

That Council:

- a adopt the Operational Plan 2024/25**
- b adopt the Fees and Charges for the financial year 2024/25**
- c adopt the Long Term Financial Plan 2024/25**
- d receive a further report at the next available Council meeting with the information necessary to consider an amendment to the Public Art Policy**

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.....MAYORGENERAL MANAGER

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(POL109) to remove the \$50,000 cap currently placed on Public Art funding

e sets the interest on overdue rates and charges for 2024/25, in accordance with Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 at 10.5% per annum calculated on a daily simple interest basis.

f makes and levy the following Rates and Annual Charges for 2024/25:

i Residential – City and Suburbs rate of 0.640933 cents in the dollar in terms of Sections 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993, calculated on the land value in respect of all rateable lands situated in the centres of population defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the Village of Forest Hill, excluding Business - City and Suburbs land, rated in accordance with the provisions of Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, Residential (Other) land as defined, and also Farmland, rated in accordance with the provisions of Section 515 of the Local Government Act, within such centres of population
A minimum rate of \$810.00 for each parcel of land as prescribed under Section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 shall apply to this rate

ii Residential – Other rate of 0.357367 cents in the dollar calculated on the land value in respect of all rateable land within the Council's area, which, in the Council's opinion, is land which:

(a) is not less than two (2) hectares and not more than 40 hectares in area

(b) is either:

(i) not zoned or otherwise designated for use under an environmental planning instrument

(ii) zoned or otherwise designated for use under such an environmental planning instrument for non-urban purposes

(c) does not have a significant and substantial commercial purpose or character

Excludes Business - City and Suburbs land, rated in accordance with the provisions of Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, and also Farmland, rated in accordance with the provisions of Section 515 of the Local Government Act, within such centres of population

A minimum rate of \$362.00 for each parcel of land as prescribed under Section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 shall apply to this rate.

iii Residential – Villages rate of 0.368146 cents in the dollar in terms of Sections 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993, calculated on the land value of all rateable land situated in the centres of population defined as the villages of San Isidore, Gumly Gumly, Tarcutta, Humula, Uranquinty, Mangoplah, Oura, Currawarna, Ladysmith, Galore, Collingullie, Belfrayden and North Wagga

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excluding Business - Villages and Rural land, rated in accordance with the provisions of Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, Residential (Other) land as defined, and also Farmland, rated in accordance with the provisions of Section 515 of the Local Government Act, within such centres of population

A minimum rate of \$302.00 for each parcel of land as prescribed under section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 shall apply to this rate.

- iv **Business - City and Suburbs rate of 1.315399 cents in the dollar calculated on the land value of all rateable non-residential land, which cannot be classified as residential, or farmland land in the centres of population defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the Village of Forest Hill, in terms of Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993**

A minimum rate of \$775.00 for each parcel of land as prescribed under Section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 shall apply to this rate.

- v **Business - Villages and Rural rate of 0.322113 cents in the dollar calculated on the land value of all rateable land in the Council's area, in terms of Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993, excluding lands defined as Business - City and Suburbs, Residential, and Farmland**

A minimum rate of \$127.00 for each parcel of land as prescribed under Section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 shall apply to this rate.

- vi **Farmland rate of 0.122483 cents in the dollar, calculated on the land value of all rateable land, which, in Council's opinion, qualifies as farmland as defined in Section 515 of the Local Government Act 1993**

A minimum rate of \$349.00 for each parcel of land as prescribed under Section 548 of the Local Government Act 1993 shall apply to this rate.

- vii **Sewerage Services Annual Charge of \$638.00 per dwelling unit. Multiple residence properties are charged at \$638.00 per residence, for all residences, and non-strata title residential premises on a single allotment (flats/units) situated within the Council's centres of population, capable of being connected to the sewerage service scheme except when excluded by specific council policy, such charge being made in terms of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993**

- viii **Non Residential Sewer Charges**

Access charge based on each and every meter connection per non-residential allotment for all non-residential premises and non-residential allotments situated within the Council's centres of population, capable of being connected to the sewerage service scheme except when excluded by specific council policy, such

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charge being made in terms of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Access charge based on Meter size for 2024/25 is as follows:

20mm	\$193.00
25mm	\$302.00
32mm	\$494.00
40mm	\$772.00
50mm	\$1,206.00
80mm	\$3,088.00
100mm	\$4,825.00
150mm	\$10,856.00

Non Residential includes:

- (a) Non-residential strata**
- (b) Small community property**
- (c) land owned by the Crown, not being land held under a lease for private purposes**
- (d) land that belongs to a religious body and is occupied and used in connection with:
 - (i) a church or other building used or occupied for public worship**
 - (ii) a building used or occupied for the purpose of religious teaching or training****
- (e) land that belongs to and is occupied and used in connection with a school (being a government school or non-government school within the meaning of the Education Reform Act 1990 or a school in respect of which a certificate of exemption under section 78 of that Act is in force), including:
 - (i) a playground that belongs to and is used in connection with the school; and**
 - (ii) land that belongs to a public benevolent institution or public charity and is used or occupied by the institution or charity for the purposes of the institution or charity****
- (f) land that belongs to a public hospital**
- (g) land that is vested in the Minister for Health, the Health Administration Corporation or the New South Wales Health Foundation**

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(h) land that is vested in a university, or a university college, and is used or occupied by the university or college solely for its purposes

Usage charge

Per kl usage charge of \$2.64 per kl will apply to all Non Residential Sewer customers except excluded by specific Council Policy, such charge being made in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993.

- ix Pressure Sewer Scheme – Annual pump maintenance charge (rural residential and villages). An additional sewerage service charge of \$197.00 per pump for all premises connected to the sewerage system via a pressure service for the maintenance and replacement of the pump unit as necessary
- x Domestic Waste Management Service Charge of \$426.00 per service on a per occupancy basis per annum for a service rendered in the centres of population and within the scavenging areas defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the villages of North Wagga Wagga, Gumly Gumly, Forest Hill, Kapooka, Tarcutta, Mangoplah, Oura, Ladysmith, Brucedale, Uranquinty, Bomen and Cartwrights Hill, charged in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xi Domestic Waste Management Service Charge Rural Residential of \$426.00 per service to be applied to all properties utilising a waste collection service managed by Council, but outside Council’s defined waste collection service areas charged in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xii Domestic Waste Management Annual Charge of \$69.00 per service to be applied to all properties utilising an upgraded general waste bin in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xiii Domestic Waste Management Annual Charge of \$75.00 per service to be applied to all properties utilising an upgraded recycling bin in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xiv Domestic Waste Management Service Charge of \$44.00 for each parcel of rateable undeveloped land not receiving a service within the scavenging areas of the City of Wagga Wagga and the villages of North Wagga Wagga, Gumly Gumly, Forest Hill, Kapooka, Tarcutta, Mangoplah, Oura, Ladysmith, Brucedale, Uranquinty, Bomen and Cartwrights Hill, such charge being levied in accordance with the provisions of Sections 496 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xv Domestic Waste Management Service Charge of \$142.00 for each additional domestic bin, being an additional domestic bin provided over and above the three bins already provided by the service, rendered in the centres of population, and within the scavenging

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areas defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the villages of North Wagga Wagga, Gumly Gumly, Forest Hill, Kapooka, Tarcutta, Mangoplah, Oura, Ladysmith, Brucedale, Uranquinty, Bomen and Cartwrights Hill, charged in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993. On application, depending on individual circumstances, this fee may be waived.

- xvi Domestic Waste Scheduled Off Week Pickup Service Charge of \$565.00 per general waste bin for each domestic service within the scavenging areas defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the villages of North Wagga Wagga, Gumly Gumly, Forest Hill, Kapooka, Tarcutta, Mangoplah, Oura, Ladysmith, Brucedale, Uranquinty, Bomen and Cartwrights Hill, charged in addition to the Domestic Waste Management Service Charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- xvii Commercial Waste Management Service Charge of \$426.00 per service per annum, for a two-bin commercial waste service rendered in the centre of population and within the scavenging areas defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the villages of North Wagga Wagga, Gumly Gumly, Forest Hill, Kapooka, Tarcutta, Mangoplah, Oura, Ladysmith, Brucedale, Uranquinty, Bomen and Cartwrights Hill, charged in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xviii Commercial Waste Management Service Charge of \$213.00 per service per annum, for a one-bin commercial waste service rendered in the centre of population and within the scavenging areas defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the villages of North Wagga Wagga, Gumly Gumly, Forest Hill, Kapooka, Tarcutta, Mangoplah, Oura, Ladysmith, Brucedale, Uranquinty, Bomen and Cartwrights Hill, charged in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xix Commercial Waste Management Service Charge of \$142.00 for each additional commercial bin, being an additional bin provided over and above the bin/s already provided by the service, rendered in the centres of population and within the scavenging areas defined as the City of Wagga Wagga and the villages of North Wagga Wagga, Gumly Gumly, Forest Hill, Kapooka, Tarcutta, Mangoplah, Oura, Ladysmith, Brucedale, Uranquinty, Bomen and Cartwrights Hill, charged in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xx Commercial Waste Management Annual Charge of \$77.00 per service to be applied to all commercial properties utilising an upgraded recycling bin in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993
- xxi Urban Area: Scheduled Off Week Commercial Pickup Service Charge of \$559.00 per bin for each commercial service with 1-2 bins onsite, charged in addition to the Commercial Waste Management

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Service Charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993

xxii Urban Area: Scheduled Off Week Commercial Pickup Service Charge of \$302.00 per bin for each commercial service with 3-5 bins onsite, charged in addition to the Commercial Waste Management Service Charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993

xxiii Urban Area: Scheduled Off Week Commercial Pickup Service Charge of \$230.00 per bin for each commercial service with over 5 bins onsite, charged in addition to the Commercial Waste Management Service Charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993

xxiv Rural Areas and Villages: Scheduled Off Week Commercial Pickup Service Charge of \$559.00 per bin for each commercial service onsite, charged in addition to the Commercial Waste Management Service Charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993

xxv Multi Unit Developments (Non-Strata) Domestic Waste Management Service Charge of \$426.00 for each rateable property with an additional bin charge of \$142.00 to apply for each additional bin charged in accordance with the provisions of Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993. For the purposes of Council's Fees and Charges the definition of Multi-Unit developments (Non-Strata) involves the development of three or more residential units on a site at a higher density than general housing development. This reduced charge is available on application to Council, otherwise full Domestic Waste Service Charge of \$405.00 applies, per occupancy.

xxvi Multi Unit Developments Wheel Out Wheel In (WOWI) Services Charge of \$253.00 per occupancy. For the purposes of Council's Fees and Charges the definition of Multi-Unit developments (Non-Strata) involves the development of three or more residential units, including Strata and Non-Strata properties, on a site at a higher density than general housing development. On application, this service may be available to individual properties. Depending on individual circumstances, this fee may be waived.

xxvii Stormwater Management Service Charges

Stormwater Management Service charges will be applicable for all urban properties (i.e. residential and business) as referenced below with the following exceptions in accordance with the Division of Local Government (DLG) Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines dated July 2006:

- Non rateable land**
- Crown Land**
- Council Owned Land**
- Land held under lease for private purposes granted under the Housing Act 2001 or the Aboriginal Housing Act 1998**
- Vacant Land**

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- Rural Residential or Rural Business land not located in a village, town or city
 - Land belonging to a charity and public benevolent institutions
- (a) Residential Stormwater Management Service Charge of \$25.00 per residential property levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993
- (b) Residential Medium/High Density Stormwater Management Service Charge of \$12.50 per occupancy: Residential Strata, Community Title, Multiple Occupancy properties (flats and units), and Retirement Village style developments. Subject to a maximum charge of \$250.00 per rateable assessment levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993
- (c) Business Stormwater Management Service Charge of \$25.00 per business property. Properties are charged on a basis of \$25.00 per 350 square metres of land area. Subject to a maximum charge of \$250.00 per rateable assessment levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993
- (d) Business Medium/High Density Stormwater Management Service Charge of \$5.00 per occupancy - Business Strata and Multiple Occupancy Business properties. Subject to a maximum charge of \$250.00 per rateable assessment levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993
- CARRIED**

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

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RP-3 ADDITIONAL 2% SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE WAGGA WAGGA SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUTURE

24/177 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council:

- a endorse the draft Wagga Wagga Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2019 - 2034 Appendix G and place on public exhibition from 28 June 2024 and invite public submissions until 26 July 2024**
- b seek support from the Minister for Planning for the draft Wagga Wagga Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2019 – 2034 Appendix G**
- c receive a further report following the public exhibition period and receipt of a response from the Minister for Planning:**
 - i addressing any submissions made with respect to the proposed Wagga Wagga Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2019 - 2034 Appendix G**
 - ii proposing adoption of the Wagga Wagga Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2019 - 2034 Appendix G unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
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RP-4 FEMALE FRIENDLY AMENITIES AT MCPHERSON OVAL

24/178 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council:

- a endorse the development of new female friendly changerooms at McPherson Oval**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into an agreement with North Wagga Australian Football Club for the construction of female friendly changerooms at McPherson Oval**
- c authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

RP-5 OUTSTANDING DEBTS DEEMED UNRECOVERABLE - PROPOSED WRITE OFF LIST

24/179 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council:

- a authorise in accordance with Clause 131 of the Local Government Act the write off of \$7,746.70 in total for two (2) debts deemed unrecoverable, as detailed in the Confidential Attachment A to this report**
- b approve the budget variations as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**

CARRIED

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<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

RP-6 ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - GRESHAM STREET, TARCUTTA (LOT 7009 DP 1028847 & PART LOT 16 DP 1189207)

24/180 RESOLVED:
 On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and T Koschel

That Council defer consideration of ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - GRESHAM STREET, TARCUTTA (LOT 7009 DP 1028847 & PART LOT 16 DP 1189207) until the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

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RP-7 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2024/25 ROUND 1

Councillor M Henderson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:34pm.

24/181 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and G Davies

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into an agreement to sponsor the following events through the 2024/25 Major Events and Sponsorship budget:**
 - i Carols by Candlelight by Specialist Medical Resources Foundation to the amount of \$10,000 through the incubator event stream**
 - ii Wagga Wagga Swap Meet by Classic and Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA) to the amount of \$3,000 through the developing event stream**
 - iii Christmas with the Con by Riverina Conservatorium of Music to the amount of \$15,000 through the developing event stream**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Councillor M Henderson re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:37pm.

RP-8 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2024

24/182 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council:

- a approve the proposed 2023/24 budget variations for the month ended 31 May 2024 and note the balanced budget position as presented in this report**
- b note the Responsible Accounting Officer's reports, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Part 9 Division 3:**

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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

- c note the details of the external investments as of 31 May 2024 in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

RP-9 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

24/183 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide a financial contribution of \$13,828.86 to Pro Patria for the construction of their new community workshop rooms.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

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RP-10 POL 075 - INVESTMENT POLICY - PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Councillor T Koschel declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:38pm.

24/184 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and J McKinnon

That Council adopt the proposed temporary amendments to POL 075 Investment Policy, due to the reasons outlined in this report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

Councillor T Koschel re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:39pm.

RP-11 RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS REGISTERS

24/185 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council receive and note the following registers:

- a Active Resolutions as at 18 June 2024**
- b Active Notice of Motions as at 18 June 2024**
- c Resolutions including Notice of Motions completed from 22 April to 18 June 2024**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
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RP-12 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

24/186 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and M Henderson

That Council receive and note 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	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

CLOSED COUNCIL

24/187 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and J McKinnon

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 6.44pm.

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 COMMISSIONING OF 'RIVER LIFE' PUBLIC ARTWORK

24/188 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council:

- a accept the proposals put forward by artists Melinda Jennings and Shelby Lyons-Kschenka for the River Life public art commission**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into contracts with the recommended artists Melinda Jennings and Shelby Lyons-Kschenka for the River Life commission**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

CONF-2 RFT2024-20 FOOD ORGANICS GARDEN ORGANICS WASTE ACCEPTANCE & PROCESSING

24/189 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and T Koschel

That Council:

- a accept the offer of Wormtech Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 143 326 327) for the acceptance and processing of FOGO waste in the schedule of rates contained in their offer**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter contracts with Wormtech Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 143 326 327) for the acceptance and processing of FOGO waste**
- c authorise the General Manager or their delegate to extend the contract as set out in the RFT documents**
- d authorise the affixing of Council's Seal to any documents required**

CARRIED

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<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
R Foley	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	

CONF-3 LIVESTOCK MARKETING CENTRE - EID MANDATORY IMPLEMENTATION FOR SHEEPS AND GOATS

24/190 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993, approve an exemption from conducting a tender process for the supply of the eID system for the Livestock Marketing Centre (LMC), as it is the only system in the marketplace that is suitable for saleyard installations and Council in its justification for funding from NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) nominated Outcross Agri Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 650720451) as the supplier of the system**
- b accept the offer of Outcross Agri Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 650720451) in the lump sum amount of \$832,901.80 excluding GST for the supply of the eID system for the Livestock Marketing Centre (LMC)**
- c delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract with Outcross Agri Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 650720451) for the supply of the eID system for the Livestock Marketing Centre (LMC)**
- d authorise the affixing of Council’s Seal to any documents required**
- e 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	
M Henderson	
R Kendall	
T Koschel	
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CONF-4 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR GRAZING LICENCES OVER MULTIPLE PARCELS OF COUNCIL LAND - OUTCOME REPORT

24/191 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors T Koschel and R Kendall

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate entry into grazing licence agreements for the following land parcels with the parties named in the body of this report and on the conditions noted in the body of this report:**
 - i Parcel 1 - Smith Street, Forest Hill – Lot 1 DP 436168**
 - ii Parcel 2 - 121 Narrung Street, Wagga Wagga - Lots 16-17 DP 7050, Part Lots 18, 19, 21, 22 & 23 DP 7050, Lot 1 DP 703643, Lot 4 DP 787203 and Lot 6 DP 848787**
 - iii Parcel 3 - Part Moorong Street, Wagga Wagga - Lot 1 DP 757249, Lot 3 DP 701905 and Lot 5 DP 828547**
 - iv Parcel 4 – 31 Boorooma Street, North Wagga Wagga - Lot 3 DP 855253**
 - v Parcel 7 – 44 Wright Street, Cartwright’s Hill – Lot 7 DP 2655**
 - vi Parcel 8 - 216 Cooramin Street, North Wagga - Lot 1 DP 707289 and Lot 1 DP 701188**
 - vii Parcel 9 - Cooramin Street, North Wagga - Lots 175-180 DP 751422**
 - viii Parcel 10 - Cooramin Street, North Wagga - Lots 181-188 DP 751422**
 - ix Parcel 11 - Cooramin Street, North Wagga - Lot 2 DP 731371 and Lots 144-147 & Lot 149 DP 751422**
 - x Parcel 12 - 212, 252 & 260 Eunony Bridge Road, North Wagga - Lots 20, 21 & 22 DP 1191286**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate terms in relation to a proposed licence agreement for the following parcels of land which did not receive a submission throughout the grazing period, and/or any of the parcels of land referred to in Item a above where nominated party elects not to proceed, for a period of up to 12 months from the date of this resolution:**
 - i Parcel 5 – 2 & 22 Poiles Road, Downside – Lot 1 DP 706039 and Lot 15 DP 855254**
 - ii Parcel 6 – 2 Horseshoe Road, Cartwrights Hill – Lot 3 DP 717409**
 - iii Parcel 13 – 323 Eunony Bridge Road, North Wagga – Lot 19 DP 1191286**
- c receive a further report in relation to any proposed grazing licence agreement negotiated in accordance with Item b above.**
- d authorise the affixing of Council’s common seal to all relevant documents as required**
- e approve the budget variations as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

CONF-5 TARCUTTA FOOD VAN - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF OPERATING HOURS

Councillor M Henderson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:47pm.

24/192 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and R Kendall

That Council:

- a endorse a trial of extended operating hours from 6pm to 3am for the balance of the existing Licence Agreement on the terms set out in the body of this report**
- b authorise the General Manager or delegate to negotiate an increase to the Licence Fee on the terms set out in the body of this report**
- c approve the budget variation as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

Councillor M Henderson re-entered the chamber, the time being 6:47pm.

At this stage of the meeting all staff excluding the General Manager and the Executive Director, People and Culture vacated the chamber the time being 6:48pm.

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.....**MAYOR****GENERAL MANAGER**

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CONF-6 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

24/193 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and J McKinnon

That Council endorse the organisation structure changes and recommendations outlined in the report distributed under separate cover.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
R Kendall
T Koschel
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

24/194 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and A Parkins

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 7.09pm.

CARRIED

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 7.11pm.

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MAYOR

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.....MAYORGENERAL MANAGER