



Agenda and Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

To be held on
Monday 23 March 2026
at 6:00 PM

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Peter Thompson
General Manager

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCILLORS



**Councillor Dallas Tout
(Mayor)**

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



**Councillor Georgie Davies
(Deputy Mayor)**

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



Councillor Allana Condron

Councillor Allana Condron was elected to Council in 2024.



Councillor Richard Foley

Councillor Richard Foley was elected to Council in 2021.



Councillor Mick Henderson

Councillor Michael Henderson was elected to Council in 2021 and 2026.



Councillor Jenny McKinnon

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



Councillor Amelia Parkins

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



Councillor Karissa Subedi

Cr Karissa Subedi was elected to Council in 2024.



Councillor Lindsay Tanner

Cr Lindsay Tanner was elected to Council in 2024.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

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

QUORUM

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

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND BUSINESS PAPER

MONDAY 23 MARCH 2026

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

REFLECTION

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

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 9 MARCH 2026

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Attachments

1 [↓](#). Minutes - 9 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting. 111

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - DOMESTIC FUEL SECURITY****Author:** Councillor Richard Foley**Summary:**

That Council note the strategic importance of liquid fuel security and request a report outlining the scope, process, cost and funding opportunities for a potential feasibility study into renewable fuel production in the Riverina. The motion also proposes initial advocacy and stakeholder engagement through correspondence from the Mayor and General Manager to relevant government representatives and regional stakeholders to inform future consideration of this matter.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the strategic importance of liquid fuel security and the potential role the Riverina may play in supporting domestic renewable fuel production
- b request the General Manager prepare a report outlining:
 - i the proposed scope, process and indicative cost of undertaking a feasibility study into renewable fuel production in the Riverina;
 - ii potential funding sources, including external grant opportunities, to support such a study; and
 - iii any resource and budget implications for Council.
- c request the Mayor write to the NSW Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon. Chris Bowen MP, the Federal Member for Riverina, the Hon. Michael McCormack MP and the Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP:
 - i advising of Council's interest in exploring renewable fuel production opportunities in the Riverina;
 - ii highlighting the region's agricultural and industrial capacity, including the Bomen Special Activation Precinct; and
 - iii seeking information on relevant policy settings, funding opportunities and approval pathways that may support future investigation or development;
- d request the General Manager write to relevant regional stakeholders, including industry bodies, agricultural organisations and business groups, to:
 - i advise of Council's interest in renewable fuel production opportunities in the Riverina; and
 - ii seek initial feedback on industry capability, interest and potential collaboration;

Report

The Crisis

The US-Israel-Iran conflict has exposed what was already structural: Australia has 34 days of diesel, imports 90% of its refined fuel, and has no domestic refining capacity. The international Energy Agency (IEA) has activated its largest ever emergency reserve release. The Australian Government has drawn down 762 million litres and eased fuel standards without formally declaring an emergency. Price spikes driven by panic buying are evidence of how quickly supply confidence collapses. These vulnerabilities are permanent, independent of this or any conflict.

What the Riverina has

The Riverina produces approximately 1.5 million tonnes of canola per year, the primary biodiesel feedstock, plus tallow from livestock processing. The Bomen SAP provides purpose-built industrial land with established utilities and freight connections. Oilseed crushing infrastructure already operates at commercial scale at Bomen today. The feedstock, land, freight network, and crushing capacity are all in place. The missing element is a policy decision to use them.

This Has Already Been Proven

A private sector proponent completed a full feasibility study and environmental assessment for a biodiesel refinery at Bomen in 2007-08, a facility designed to process 165,000 tonnes of Riverina canola and safflower annually and produce 75 million litres of biodiesel. Technical feasibility was confirmed. The environmental assessment was completed. The oilseed crushing stage was built and continues to operate at commercial scale today.

The biodiesel stage was not built for one reason: policy economics, no blending mandate, no subsidy parity, no fuel security imperative. Not a failure of concept, infrastructure, or feedstock. This motion is not asking for a study into an untested idea. It is asking to reinstate something already proven viable, at the same location, with existing infrastructure on site, under policy conditions that have fundamentally changed.

Vertical Integration

Riverina canola sells into commodity markets with no price certainty and no downstream value capture for the grower. A vertically integrated refinery changes that: farmers hold equity in the facility they supply, forward contracts provide price certainty for growers and supply certainty for the plant. The grower benefits at the farm gate and as an equity participant in the downstream value chain.

Council's Role

The purpose of this Notice of Motion is to seek further information to enable informed decision-making. Any future report to Council would be expected to outline potential opportunities, constraints and delivery considerations, including governance, funding and partnership arrangements, to support Council in determining its appropriate role. This may include consideration of a range of approaches, such as Council acting as an advocate, facilitator, partner, customer or other appropriate role, depending on the outcomes of further investigation.

Any future involvement by Council would be subject to detailed assessment, including financial, legal and strategic considerations, and would require a separate resolution of Council.

Local, State and National Interest

This is not a local project that happens to need state and federal support. This is a national fuel security project that happens to be best located in Wagga Wagga.

National interest

Australia has a documented, IEA non-compliant fuel reserve. The Federal Government is acting as though an emergency exists without declaring one. Domestic biodiesel from Australian agricultural feedstocks directly addresses the gap identified in the National Liquid Fuel Security Roadmap. Council is not asking for a handout, it is offering a solution to a problem the Commonwealth has acknowledged and not yet solved.

State interest

The Bomen SAP was built to attract value-adding sovereign industry to regional NSW. A biodiesel refinery is exactly what the SAP framework was designed to enable, skilled regional jobs, agricultural value retained locally, reduced freight and fuel costs across regional NSW. A government that has invested in Bomen has a direct interest in seeing it succeed.

Local interest

Guaranteed fuel supply for essential services. Cost-price fuel for Council's fleet. Income from an equity position flowing to ratepayers. Skilled employment at Bomen. Riverina farmers as equity owners in the downstream value chain of their own crop. The local interest and the national interest are, in this case, identical.

Related Media Releases

<https://minister.dcceew.gov.au/bowen/media-releases/joint-media-release-low-carbon-liquid-fuels-future-made-australia>

<https://arena.gov.au/assets/2021/11/australia-bioenergy-roadmap-report.pdf>

<https://www.cefc.com.au/media/4f2dctmf/biofuels-and-transport-an-australian-opportunity-november-2019.pdf>

Financial Implications

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this Notice of Motion.

It is expected that the preparation of the initial requested report will be undertaken within existing resources. The report will outline the proposed scope, process and indicative cost of undertaking any future feasibility study, including potential external funding opportunities and any budget implications for Council.

Any decision to proceed with a feasibility study, or to allocate funding, would be subject to a further report to Council and a separate resolution.

Policy and Legislation

Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Circular economy

Embrace new technologies to support a circular economy.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Strategic risk - There is a risk that Council does not adequately explore opportunities associated with regional economic development and fuel security. This is balanced against the need to ensure Council resources are prioritised appropriately and aligned with strategic objectives.

Financial risk - There are no direct financial commitments associated with this Notice of Motion. Any future costs, including those associated with a feasibility study or subsequent initiatives, would be subject to further consideration by Council following receipt of a detailed report.

Legal and compliance risk - Any future consideration of Council involvement in renewable fuel initiatives would need to comply with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements. Appropriate legal and governance advice would be sought as part of any future assessment.

Stakeholder and reputational risk - Early engagement and advocacy may raise expectations among stakeholders regarding potential outcomes. This risk will be managed through clear communication that Council is in an exploratory phase and has not committed to any specific course of action.

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 OATH / AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

Author: David Galloway

Executive: Scott Gray

Summary:

All councillors are required to take an Oath or Affirmation of Office in the prescribed form before acting in the office of councillor, in accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW). The oath or affirmation must be made before the General Manager or another authorised person and may be recorded by way of a signed statement or in the minutes of a Council meeting. Where the oath or affirmation is taken at a Council meeting, it is generally recorded as the first item of business. Councillor Michael Henderson took the Oath of Office before the General Manager on Friday, 13 March 2026.

Recommendation

That Council note Councillor Michael Henderson took the Oath of Office in the prescribed form before the General Manager, Peter Thompson, on Friday, 13 March 2026, in accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Report

Following the countback election, the Returning Officer published the result and issued the formal declaration of the elected candidate on 10 March 2026, confirming the election of Councillor Michael Henderson.

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, councillors (including mayors) are required to take an Oath or Affirmation of Office before undertaking the functions of their role. Following the declaration of the result, Councillor Michael Henderson was required to take the Oath or Affirmation of Office. The prescribed words of the oath and affirmation are provided below.

Oath "I [name of Councillor] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of [name of Council area] and the [name of Council] and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."

Affirmation "I [name of Councillor] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of [name of Council area] and the [name of Council] and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."

The oath or affirmation may be taken or made before the General Manager of the Council, an Australian legal practitioner, or a Justice of the Peace. Councillors must be physically present before the authorised person when taking the oath or making the affirmation.

Councillor Michael Henderson took the Oath of Office before the General Manager on Friday, 13 March 2026.

The General Manager must ensure that a record is kept of the taking of the oath or making of the affirmation. This may be done by way of a signed statement containing the oath or affirmation or by recording the taking of the oath or making of the affirmation in the minutes of a Council meeting. The recommendation in this report is to record the taking of the oath by Councillor Michael Henderson in the minutes of the meeting.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Councillors are required to take an Oath or Affirmation of Office at or before the first meeting of Council after they are elected.

Section 233A provides that a Councillor who fails, without a reasonable excuse, to take the oath of office or make an affirmation of office in accordance with this section is not entitled to attend a meeting as a Councillor (other than the first meeting of the Council after the Councillor is elected to the office or a meeting at which the Councillor takes the oath or makes the affirmation) until the Councillor has taken the oath or made the affirmation. Any absence of a Councillor from an ordinary meeting of the Council that the Councillor is not entitled to attend because of this section is taken to be an absence without prior leave of the Council.

Failure to take an oath of office or make an affirmation of office does not affect the validity of anything done by a Councillor in the exercise of the Councillor's functions.

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

Deliver accountable and transparent leadership.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

Attachments

- [1](#). Oath of Office - Councillor Michael Henderson

Councillor Oath

Presented to

Councillor Michael Henderson

On Friday 13 March 2026

I Councillor Michael Henderson swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Wagga Wagga City Council and the Wagga Wagga City Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.



Michael Henderson
Councillor



Peter Thompson
General Manager



RP-2 ELECTION OF MEMBER TO RIVERINA WATER COUNTY COUNCIL**Author:** David Galloway**Executive:** Scott Gray**Summary:**

The resignation of Councillor Tim Koschel has created a vacancy in Council's representation on the Board of Riverina Water County Council. With the newly elected Councillor now having commenced, Council can conduct an election to fill this position.

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the General Manager will act as the Returning Officer for the election, with the General Manager of Riverina Water County Council acting as scrutineer.

The successful Councillor will serve on the Board until the next Local Government election in September 2028.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the vacancy in Council's representation on the Board of Riverina Water County Council arising from the resignation of Councillor Tim Koschel
- b conduct an election for one (1) Councillor to represent Council on the Board of Riverina Water County Council until the next Local Government Election in September 2028; and
- c note that, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the General Manager will act as the Returning Officer for the election, with the General Manager of Riverina Water County Council acting as scrutineer

Report

Following the resignation of Councillor Tim Koschel, a vacancy arose in Council's representation on Riverina Water County Council. The vacancy could not be filled until the completion of the NSW Electoral Commission countback process and the formal commencement of the newly elected Councillor.

This meeting represents the first meeting of the newly elected Councillor. As Council now has its full complement of Councillors, the vacancy in representation on Riverina Water County Council can be filled.

Riverina Water County Council provides water to four (4) local government areas (with four constituent councils) and operates under the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

The governing body is a Board of nine (9) members, comprising councillors from each of the constituent councils. In accordance with the provisions of Section 390 of the Act, Council is to elect one (1) Councillor to be a member of the Riverina Water County Council until September 2028 or until the date of the next general NSW Local Government Election, with such election to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 9 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Regulations).

If the number of candidates nominated is not more than the number of vacancies to be filled (one), then the nominated candidate is declared elected.

However, if more than one (1) nomination is received then Regulation 396 specifies the method of election of members of a county council, whereby Schedule 9 requires that “[i]f there are more candidates nominated than the number to be elected, an election is to be determined by preferential ballot.” Schedule 9 of the Regulation states (in part):

1 When elections to be held

- (3) A by-election to fill an office vacated by a member is to be held within 2 months after the occurrence of the vacancy.

4 Returning officer

The General Manager of the constituent council (or a person appointed by that General Manager) is the returning officer.

5 Nomination

- (1) A Councillor of the constituent council may be nominated for election as a member of the county council.
- (2) The nomination:
 - (a) may be made without notice by any Councillor of the council
 - (b) is to be in writing delivered or sent to the returning officer prior to the council meeting at which the election is to be held
 - (c) is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing
- (3) The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at a council meeting.

6 Election

- (1) If the number of candidates nominated is not more than the number of vacancies to be filled, those candidates are to be declared elected.
- (2) If there are more candidates nominated than the number to be elected, an election is to be determined by preferential ballot. The ballot is to be conducted by the preparation, marking and counting of ballot-papers in the presence of the council.

7 Ballot-papers and voting

- (1) The ballot-papers are to contain the names of all the candidates. The Councillors are to mark their votes by placing the figures 1, 2 and so on against the various names so as to indicate the order of their preference for at least the number of candidates to be elected.
- (2) The formality of a ballot-paper under this Part is to be determined in accordance with clause 345 of this Regulation as if it were a ballot-paper referred to in that clause.
- (2) An informal ballot-paper is to be rejected at the scrutiny of votes.

8 Count

The votes are to be counted in accordance with Schedule 4 of this Regulation.

9 Result

The result of the election (including the names of the candidates elected as members) is:

- (a) to be declared to the Councillors by the returning officer at the council meeting where the election is held
- (b) to be delivered or sent to the General Manager of the county council and the Secretary

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We have leaders that represent us

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

RP-3 DA25/0175 - HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AT 91 PETER STREET, WAGGA WAGGA. LOT 1 DP 150006

Author: Amanda Gray
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary:

The development application is reported to Council for determination.

Under Section 1.11 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP), if a development application proposes a variation to a numerical control under the DCP by greater than 10% and public submissions are received objecting to the subject of the control, then the application is required to be referred to Council for determination.

The applicant has requested a variation of greater than 10% with respect to the numerical carparking controls under section 2.2 of the DCP and 86 submissions of objection have been received.

Recommendation

That Council approve DA25/0175 for hotel and motel accommodation and demolition of existing building at 91 Peter Street (Lot 1 DP 150006) subject to the conditions contained within the s4.15 Assessment Report.

Development Application Details

Applicant	HTZ Investments Pty Ltd
Owner	HTZ Investments Pty Ltd Director: Joel Berrigan
Development Cost	\$3,206,500.00.
Development Description	Five storey hotel building with parking and service areas at ground level, hotel rooms on levels 1, 2 and 3 and staff and storage area on the top floor. Demolition of all existing buildings and structures on site.

Report

Key Issues

- Suitability of the site for development.
- Variation to carparking standards under DCP 2010.
- Impacts on the streetscape and character

Site Location

- The site is legally identified as Lot 1 DP 150006 and is known as 91 Peter Street. The site is located on the eastern side of Peter Street approximately 50m to the north of the junction with Forsyth Street and extends to an area of 506m².
- The site contains an existing single storey detached building that is located at the front of the site with staff parking provided at the rear. The site is approved for use as a medical practice.
- The surrounding area is a mix of uses that are expected within the CBD area including offices, a hotel and a retail store to the south, a car-park to the north and commercial premises to the east that front onto Baylis Street. To the west on the opposite side of Peter Street are a mix of residential properties and medical practitioners.



Assessment

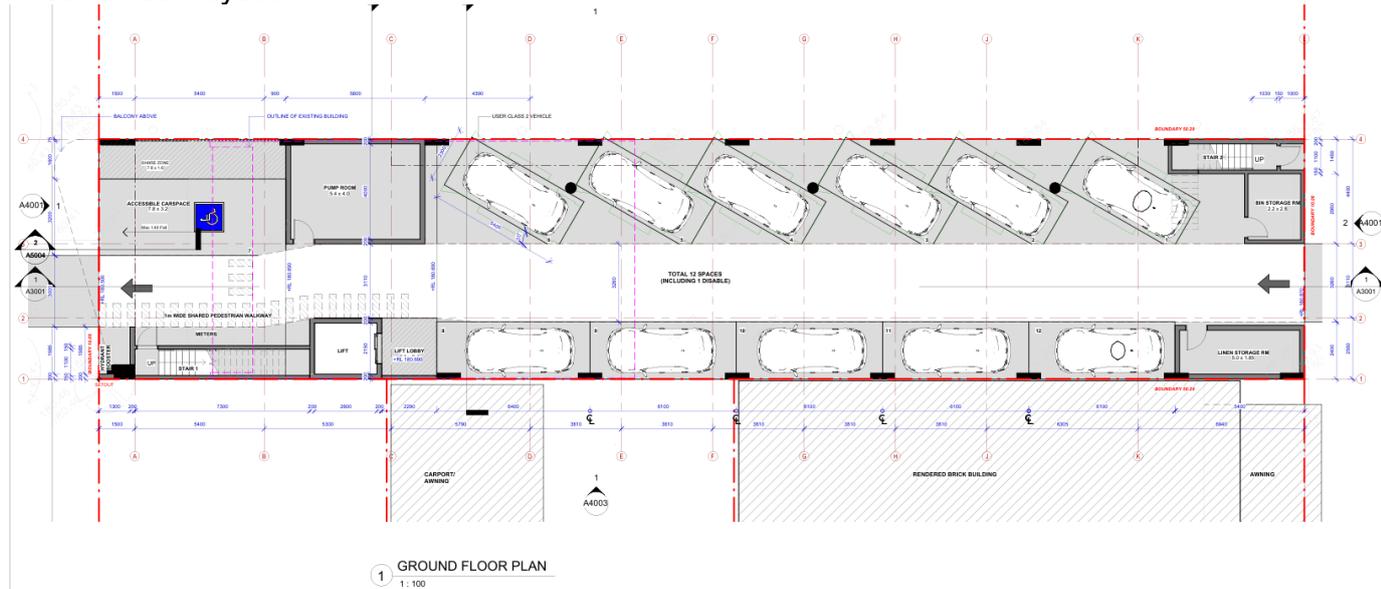
- A detailed assessment is attached as a Section 4.15 Report which examines all relevant matters in detail. The following is a brief summary of that report.
- The application is for a five-storey hotel with 30 hotel rooms, ten on each floor. Parking is provided at ground level beneath the footprint of the building; 12 car-parking spaces are proposed. The variation to car parking has been discussed in detail within the report. The CBD location, the fact that not all guests will arrive by car and the availability of overflow car parking in the locality all contribute to the variation being supported.
- The existing commercial building on site will be demolished, and the new building will be built boundary to boundary covering the whole of the site. Images of the development are included below, and full plan sets are attached.



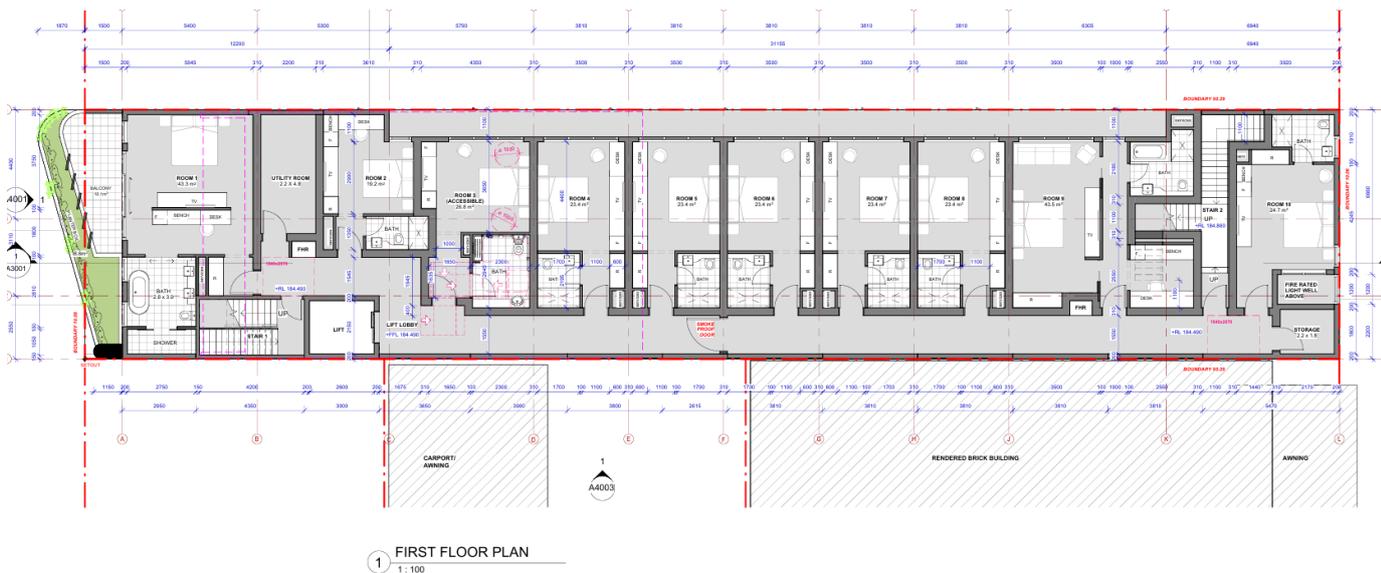
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- Under the provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP), the subject site is within the E2 Commercial Centre. The application has been assessed as being consistent with the objectives of the E2 zone and consistent with all relevant clauses under the LEP.
- The development is proposed within the CBD, maximum building heights up to 25 metres are permitted in this precinct. The building has a staggered height but extends to a maximum of 19.15m within the centre of the site.
- The hotel will provide a choice of high-quality purpose-built tourist accommodation within the central core. The hotel is targeting corporate travellers during the week and more traditional visitors and tourists at the weekends. There is a recognised demand for additional hotel accommodation within Wagga Wagga.
- The multi-storey building whilst the first of its size and scale in this precinct is consistent with the future strategic directions of the city to intensify development in the CBD. The building will be a landmark within the streetscape presenting as a modern building and maximising the space available on site.
- A number of submissions have been received to the development application. Across two separate notification periods a total of 86 individual submissions were received. Many of the letters were very similar and raised consistent issues that predominantly related to lack of car-parking, the height of the building and the impact upon the heritage area. The submissions are all addressed within the attached report.

Ground floor layout



First floor layout (second and third floors are comparable)



Reasons for Approval

1. The proposed development is consistent with the applicable objectives and clauses of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.
2. The proposed development is consistent with the objectives and controls of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010. Any variations to adopted controls within the DCP have been fully justified.
3. The impacts of the proposed development are acceptable and can be managed via the recommended conditions of consent.
4. The site is considered suitable for the proposed development.
5. The development is in the public interest and consistent with objectives contained within Council’s Community Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

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

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Sustainable built environment

Balance the built and natural environment in planning decisions.

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

Internal / External Consultation

Full details of the notification and consultation that occurred as part of the development application assessment is contained in the attached s4.15 Report.

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

Attachments

1. DA25/0175 - s4.15 Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover
2. DA25/0175 - Architectural plans set - Provided under separate cover
3. DA25/0175 - Statement of Environmental Effects - Provided under separate cover
4. DA25/0175 - Traffic impact report - Provided under separate cover
5. DA25/0175 - Acoustic Report - Provided under separate cover
6. DA25/0175 - Draft Plan of Management - Provided under separate cover
7. DA25/0175 - Redacted Submissions Round 1 - Provided under separate cover
8. DA25/0175 - Redacted Submissions Round 2 - Provided under separate cover
9. Confidential - DA25/0175 - Un-redacted Submissions - Round 1
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
10. Confidential - DA25/0175 - Un-redacted Submissions - Round 2
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.

RP-4 JOINT ORGANISATIONS FRAMEWORK**Author:** Peter Thompson**Summary:**

The NSW Minister for Local Government has written to all councils advising that the NSW Government is undertaking a review of the framework governing Joint Organisations across NSW.

As part of this process, councils have been invited to advise the Office of Local Government (OLG) whether they wish to retain membership of their current Joint Organisations, join a different Joint Organisations, establish a new Joint Organisations or withdraw from the framework.

Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) is a member of the non-active Riverina Joint Organisation (RIVJO).

WWCC currently participates as an associate member of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) and the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO).

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of for a response to the NSW Minister.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the correspondence received from the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government, regarding the review of the Joint Organisation framework
- b not seek ongoing membership of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation in any capacity.
- c remain an Associate Member of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation
- d write to the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government:
 - i noting that Wagga Wagga City Council joined the Riverina Joint Organisation at the specific request of the NSW Government; and
 - ii request that Wagga Wagga City Council be left in the Riverina Joint Organisation; and
 - iii request that the Riverina Joint Organisation remain in hiatus status pending future collaboration opportunities.

Report

The NSW Minister for Local Government has written to all councils advising that the NSW Government is undertaking a review of Joint Organisation memberships and boundaries across NSW.

The review follows feedback that some Councils do not support Joint Organisation model with some Joint Organisations currently in hiatus including the Riverina Joint Organisation (RIVJO).

The Minister has no particular preference and Councils have been invited to advise the Office of Local Government whether they wish to:

- retain membership of their current Joint Organisation
- join a different Joint Organisation
- establish a new Joint Organisation
- withdraw from the Joint Organisation framework.

Responses from councils will inform updated proclamations resetting Joint Organisation memberships, boundaries and governance arrangements across NSW.

Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO)

WWCC joined the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) in 2018 as an associate member.

The CRJO includes councils across southern NSW and the ACT region and provides a forum for regional collaboration on strategic issues such as infrastructure planning, economic development and advocacy.

This Joint Organisation has a strong proactive focus and has been fundamental to Wagga Council developing strong relationships with Canberra airport, the ACT Government and the NSW Government.

It is recommended that Council remain an associate member of the CRJO, enabling Council to continue to participate in regional discussions while maintaining flexibility regarding its broader regional collaboration arrangements.

The CRJO is very effective in identifying and delivering astute initiatives on the ground. The discussions and strategic actions undertaken at CRJO are of enormous benefit to WWCC.

Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO)

WWCC was invited to join the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) in 2024 as an associate member on the basis there would be no financial contribution.

RAMJO covers a large geographic area across southern NSW and includes a number of Riverina and Murray councils.

RAMJO has recently advised Council that amendments have been made to its Charter, including the introduction of a formal Associate Membership category, which would require associate members such as WWCC to contribute a membership fee being 50% of the full council membership fee.

Given the proposed changes to the RAMJO Charter and the evolving regional collaboration arrangements across the Riverina, it is recommended that WWCC formally withdraw from RAMJO. While the idea that WWCC be part of RAMJO has merit, this is outweighed if that membership comes at a financial cost.

Riverina Joint Organisation (RIVJO)

WWCC did not join RIVJO when it commenced.

At this time the Riverina Councils decided to operate two entities at the same time which WWCC opposed.

WWCC was subsequently requested to join the RIVJO by the NSW Government and WWCC agreed to this request. A year or so ago the other councils in RIVJO decided to put the entity into hiatus preferring the regional organisation of councils model.

Recent correspondence from the REROC advises that the REROC Board has resolved to request the NSW Minister for Local Government to formally dissolve RIVJO and reaffirm the role of REROC as the body of preference for eastern Riverina councils.

While Council acknowledges the position adopted by REROC, it is considered that the Joint Organisation framework remains an attractive long-term option due to the much stronger governance arrangements which apply to a Joint Organisation.

Accordingly, Council intends to request that the NSW Government retain RIVJO within the Joint Organisation framework rather than dissolve it. WWCC would be the only member and it could stay in hiatus until needed.

Future Regional Collaboration

WWCC has consistently advocated for stronger regional collaboration to support strategic planning, infrastructure coordination and regional advocacy.

Council has previously written to neighbouring councils proposing opportunities for collaborative regional planning arrangements and offering to support the operational costs of a regional governance structure should councils wish to pursue that option.

The current NSW Government review of Joint Organisations provides an opportunity to reconsider regional collaboration arrangements.

Council therefore proposes to request that the NSW Government retain RIVJO within the Joint Organisation framework, allowing it to be utilised as a platform for councils and regional partners wishing to participate in regional strategic planning and collaboration.

The key benefit of the Joint Organisation is that it is an entity created under local government legislation with strong governance and probity controls. This type of structure should have appeal in the future and it would be an advantage to keep the entity if at all possible.

Financial Implications

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

Council already pays a fee to be part of the CRJO and there is no other cost arising from the decision.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

Joint Organisations were the NSW Government's preferred mechanism for regional strategic planning and engagement with State agencies. This position may return in the future and if it is possible to retain RIVJO with WWCC as a member, all future scenarios can be accommodated.

Internal / External Consultation

Discussions have occurred with representatives of the RAMJO, CRJO and REROC regarding potential membership arrangements.

In addition, discussions have been held with neighbouring councils and mayors regarding potential regional collaboration arrangements and the future of Joint Organisations within the Riverina region.

Attachments

1. [Attachment 1](#) – Letter from the Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government – Review of Joint Organisations.

The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP

Leader of the House in the Legislative Assembly
Vice-President of the Executive Council
Minister for Local Government



Our Ref: A989543

His Worship the Mayor
Cr Dallas Tout
Wagga Wagga City Council

Mr Peter Thompson
General Manager
Wagga Wagga City Council

via email: Mayor@wagga.nsw.gov.au , thompson.peter@wagga.nsw.gov.au
cc: Council@wagga.nsw.gov.au

Dear Cr Tout and Mr Thompson,

I write to you regarding a refresh to the framework that governs Joint Organisations (JOs) in NSW.

While visiting councils across the State, I have heard clearly that the JO model is not delivering for all councils. Five of the 13 JOs are in hiatus and some councils wish to collaborate with different JOs than the ones they were assigned to in 2018. While some groups of Councils work very well within the JO format, others prefer to use Regional Organisations of Councils to collaborate.

As a former President of a Regional Organisation of Councils, I know first-hand that regional collaboration can deliver better policy outcomes and improved service delivery for communities – but only when it is voluntarily led by civic leaders in a region, who can see a political and organisational benefit from co-operating. Councils should be free to collaborate in a form they see fit, and I want to ensure the State is not putting unnecessary restrictions or requirements on how you may wish to come together.

I have asked the Office of Local Government to undertake a review of JO memberships and boundaries. Existing JOs that are in hiatus may apply to be wound up and councils may apply to join a different JO to the one they are currently in. Should metropolitan councils wish to form JOs, that can be considered through this process.

I intend that the arrangement of Joint Organisations produced through this review should be consistent for at least a period of four years in order to provide certainty to Government agencies that provide grants, as well as for strategic planning and organisational purposes. In the long-run, the Government intends to perform regular reviews of Joint Organisation memberships within 12 months of regularly scheduled Local Government elections.

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To deliver this opportunity, I am seeking your advice and intention on whether your council wants to be a member of a JO, and the JO that it would like to join, create, withdraw from, or retain membership of.

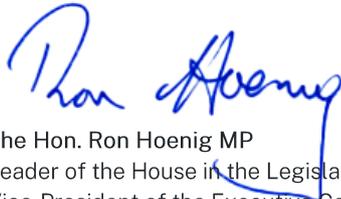
I invite you, along with all councils in NSW, to provide this information back to OLG by 5pm, Tuesday 31 March 2026. Based on your preferences, the NSW Government will then prepare a new suite of proclamations for the Governor to reset JO statuses, memberships, boundaries and governance arrangements for NSW.

By writing to every Lord Mayor and Mayor in the State, I am giving you an opportunity to talk to your colleagues and present me with a lasting, council-driven solution to regional collaboration.

I have asked Brett Whitworth PSM, Deputy Secretary of Office of Local Government in the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to organise a number of information sessions to help address any questions that you may have. More information on these sessions, and this process, will be available shortly.

Please provide your preferences directly to OLG at councilengagement@olg.nsw.gov.au. If you have any further questions, please contact OLG's Engagement team on 02 4428 4100 or your OLG Council Engagement Manager.

Yours sincerely,



The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP
Leader of the House in the Legislative Assembly
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RP-5 DRAFT INNOVATE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN**Author:** Alexandra Osgood**Executive:** Carly Hood**Summary:**

Council's revised draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026–2028 outlines a clear set of actions for Councillors and staff to strengthen understanding, advance reconciliation, and work collaboratively with the Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations community across the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area. This draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 - 2028 follows on from the success of its predecessor, the *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2022 - 2024.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a place the draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 - 2028 on public exhibition for a period of 30 days from Wednesday 25 March to Monday 27 April 2026 and invite public submissions on the draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 - 2028.
- b receive a further report following the exhibition and submission period:
 - i addressing any submissions made in respect of the proposed draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 – 2028
 - ii proposing adoption of the draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 - 2028 unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period.

Report

The draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 – 2028 (the draft RAP) is a strategic document that provides Wagga Wagga City Council with a framework of priorities and actions for the two years. It is written utilising a compulsory Reconciliation Australia *Innovate* template and in line with endorsement criteria developed by Reconciliation Australia. It works towards achieving our community's vision as outlined in the Wagga Wagga Community Strategic Plan 2050.

Strategic Alignment and Community Engagement Achieved

The Wagga Wagga Community Strategic Plan 2050 outlines Council's long term commitment to our Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations community members, ensuring that our leaders represent the First Nations community, that appropriate health, wellbeing and educational services are developed and accessible, First Nations creative practices are displayed in our precincts and First Nations peoples are actively involved in educating and engaging our community on land, environment and sustainability initiatives and practices.

The draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 - 2028 follows on from the success of its predecessor, the *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2022 - 2024.

The *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2022 - 2024 ensured there was a demonstration of commitment from Council to Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations peoples on progressing reconciliation, increasing collaboration between Council and the First Nations community in key areas such as recognition of cultural protocols, land and environmental issues, employment and education, along with access to services and facilities.

As part of Council's commitment to reconciliation and using language accurately, Council received advice from the Budyaan Trust in 2022, endorsed by Uncle Stan Grant Senior, which supports using the spelling "Wiradyuri," as the 'J' sound does not exist in the language and 'Y' is phonetically more accurate. Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri is one of the largest nations and so there are many differences in how Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri is pronounced and written across Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri Country. Upon advice from Elders, Cultural knowledge Holders and community, and due to our commitment to protecting important language such as this, Council will continue to include both spellings of Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri to demonstrate respect for both what is considered the standard national spelling (Wiradjuri) and that preferred by local Elders (Wiradyuri).

Notable achievements delivered from Council's previous *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2022 – 2024 included:

- Events were held for National Days of Significance, which included the anniversary of the National Apology to Stolen Generations and National Sorry Day. These commemorative events were developed in consultation with Elders and saw a 25% increase in attendance.
- Council facilitated the NAIDOC March and Flag Raising events, which saw increased parade participants and crowds year on year. Council strengthened relations with local First Nations organisations and community groups to present a local program.
- Culturally informed and safe return of Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri objects, which were returned to Wagga Wagga are currently being exhibited at the Museum of the Riverina's Botanic Gardens site in the Wiradyuri Gallery.
- Council engaged with a range of First Nations groups, actively participating in key interagency forums, committees and working groups such as Wagga Aboriginal Interagency Group to drive reconciliation outcomes across several strategic projects. Consultation to inform key strategic planning work included the *Wagga Wagga Destination Management Plan 2025-2034*, *Biodiversity Strategy: Maldhangilanha 2020-2030*, *Arboreal Mammal Management Plan 2023-2033*, *Marrambidya Wetland Plan of Management 2024-2034*, *Urban Cooling Strategy 2022-2052*, along with the development of other key plans focusing on housing, economic development, urban renewal and recreation.
- Council facilitated quarterly Elders & Executive meetings and regular Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group Meetings with attendance from Elders and community members.
- Council staff consistently attended Mawang Gaway community consultation meetings to share updates and seek feedback from the First Nations community on progress being made regarding events and projects, and to be guided on project and strategic planning processes.

- Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri Elders and Cultural Knowledge Holders delivered Cultural Awareness Training to all Council staff. This ensured that all staff have a shared understanding of Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations culture, and how to work closely with Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations community.
- When acquiring corporate gifts, Council purchased items from Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri artists selling their artwork at the Visitor Information Centre and Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.
- In line with Council's adopted cultural protocols a list of Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri Elders was maintained advising on who is able to perform a Welcome to Country and other cultural services at Council led events.
- To commence each calendar year at the first Ordinary Council meeting an Elder was engaged to conduct a Welcome to Country.
- Council engaged with and received design input from local Elders and the First Nations Women's group on upgrades to Pomingalarna development sites.
- Development of meaningful First Nation public programs and exhibitions across Council's Cultural facilities included Elder led artistic talks and creative engagement programs. Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri language was also included in public promotional guides and promoted locally led cultural tours.
- The Museum of the Riverina was successful in securing \$50,00 from the Community Heritage fund from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to research and record local Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations oral histories. These oral histories were produced as a podcast series and included interviews with local families who were part of the resettlement scheme to Wagga Wagga from the early 1970s and 1980s.
- A memorial plaque was installed at the Wollundry Lagoon, accompanied by a celebratory event acknowledging the late Wiradjuri Elder Aunty Violet Honeysett in September 2023.
- Two Walk of Honour plaques honouring senior Wiradjuri Elders, Aunty Isabel Reid and Aunty Kath Withers, were installed in Baylis Street in 2023.
- The Roads and Suburbs Naming Policy (POL 047) was reviewed and endorsed to prioritise the naming of unnamed roads and locations within the Local Government Area with Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri names.
- Council's First Nations People Employment and Retention Strategy was launched in December 2024.
- 105 Council staff members completed Cultural Awareness training across 7 sessions in 2022/23, with 4 sessions completed in 2023/24.
- A 12-month First Nations artist-in-residence was established at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, supported by an Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment grant.

- Recruitment of Aboriginal adult traineeships in the Community Development and Property Teams.

Draft Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2026-2028

In consultation with Reconciliation Australia, it is recommended that Council undertake an *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Reconciliation Australia determines an organisation's progress through to different stages of an organisation's reconciliation journey. An *Innovate* RAP runs for two years, and outlines actions for achieving Council's vision for reconciliation.

The draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 - 2028 commitments will allow Council to gain a deeper understanding of its sphere of influence, focusing on developing and strengthening relationships with Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations peoples, engaging staff, and stakeholders in reconciliation, and developing and piloting innovative strategies to empower Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations peoples.

There are four key areas in Council's draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action plan 2026 – 2028 as follows:

1. Relationships
2. Respect
3. Opportunities
4. Governance

The RAP document requires conditional endorsement from Reconciliation Australia. This requires a minimum of two draft submissions sent to Reconciliation Australia for review, taking approximately 6 to 10 weeks on each occasion. Two draft reviews over approximately 20 weeks have already been completed with Reconciliation Australia with conditional endorsement to progress with this current draft document. Community consultations were also undertaken during this time, utilising various engagement methods, including face-to-face RAP working group meetings, presentations at *Mawang Gaway* Aboriginal Consultative Committee, Wagga Aboriginal Interagency Group, Elders and Council Executive meetings along with one-on-one meetings with internal Council staff.

While the Reconciliation Australia *Innovate* template mandates some action items for Council to undertake, community consultation was still an essential piece of work to ensure our community were brought along on Council's RAP journey.

Financial Implications

The draft Plan contains a large proportion of activities that are currently funded through annual operating budgets as detailed in Council's Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

Where any projects are not funded, these will be subject to approval through Council's LTFP budget and business planning processes or Council will endeavour to seek federal and state grant funding opportunities in collaboration with local stakeholders.

Policy and Legislation

Wagga Wagga Community Strategic Plan 2050

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

First Nations culture

Support and acknowledge the importance of Wiradjuri and First Nations people, culture, and place in our community.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Risk management will be managed against each action when implemented.

Internal / External Consultation

Consultation with Reconciliation Australia has been undertaken in the development of the draft *Innovate* Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 – 2028.

Extensive community consultations were also undertaken during the development of the draft document, utilising various engagement methods, including face-to-face RAP working group meetings, presentations at *Mawang Gaway* Aboriginal Consultative Committee, the Wagga Aboriginal interagency Group, Aunty Jean’s program, presentations at quarterly Elders and Council Executive meetings and one-on-one meetings held at suburban community centres and with internal Council staff.

Further community consultation and engagement by staff during the public exhibition period will occur to seek further community feedback to inform this draft plan.

	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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Collaborate								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. Draft Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2026 - 2028 - Provided under separate cover.

RP-6 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JULY TO DECEMBER 2025

Author: Bradley Ristivojevic
Executive: Scott Gray

Summary: | This report provides details of Council's performance against the Operational Plan 2025/2026 as at 31 December 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Operational Performance Report for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Report

Background

The Office of Local Government Integrated Reporting Guidelines require that *"the general manager must ensure that progress reports are provided to the council, with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at least every 6 months"*.

This report is the first six-monthly report under the recently adopted Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26. This report identified service areas and reported the deliverables for each service area through service statements.

To retain consistency with the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26, reporting has been presented by service area. There are 36 service areas within the report.

Performance has been reported using the same components of the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26:

- Principal Activities – reflect the key functions a service performs and respond to any specific action identified by strategic objectives of the Community Strategic Plan.
- Service Delivery – the ongoing services and actions that comprise the business-as-usual work of a service area.
- Implementation of plan and strategies – reports the progress of scheduled delivery actions contained within plans and strategies. Not all plans and strategies contain reportable actions (e.g. Engineering Design Guidelines). Where this is the case, the plan/strategy has not been included in the reporting.
- Capital Projects – include one-off actions that either result in the development or acquisition of a new asset and recurrent (annual) programs which are usually maintenance activities or ongoing renewal of assets (e.g. library and art collections).
- Operational Projects – includes actions that are not ongoing and funded by a service's operating budget. These actions include the review and development of plans and strategies.

Report Summary

The report provides updates on progress we've made in implementing Council's Delivery Program 2025 to 2029 and Operational Plan 2025/26. The report also includes progress reporting on one-off capital projects. Actions are assigned a status (Table 1) to identify their level of completion against expected outcomes.

Table 1: Action Status

Status	Description
N/A	Indicates a deliverable is reported for transparency and does not have a performance measure status.
Not due to commence	Indicates that an action was not due to commence during the reporting period.
Off track	Indicates that an action is behind schedule or has not been met in the reporting period.
At risk	Indicates that an action may not be achieved if issues are not addressed.
On track	Indicates that an action / measure is on track for completion / achievement by the due date. Actions may span over multiple years depending on their nature (e.g. projects).
Completed	Indicates that an action has been finished and delivered to the intended service level and objective.
Closed	Indicates all retentions and administrative processes related to the project have been finalised. (capital projects only)

Performance overviews are contained on pages 7-9 of the report for each of the categories discussed above. A total of 783 actions are included in the report. 3.1% of total actions have been reported as at risk and 6.9% as off track. A summary of status by deliverable is provided in the following Deliverables table.

Table 2: Deliverables

Deliverable Category	Completed	On track	At risk	Off track	N/A & Not due to commence	Total
Principal Activities	6	111	3	10	45	175
Service Delivery Performance	27	239	8	17	49	340
Plans and Strategy implementation	2	45	1	8	4	60
Capital Projects	11	55	6	9	8	89
Operational Projects	13	62	6	10	28	119
Total	59	512	24	54	134	783

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993 - section 406

- (1) *The regulations may make provision for or with respect to integrated planning and reporting guidelines (referred to in this Chapter as the guidelines) to be complied with by councils.*
- (2) *Without limiting subsection (1), the regulations may impose requirements in connection with the preparation, development, consultation on and review of, and the contents of, the community strategic plan, resourcing strategy, delivery program, operational plan, community engagement strategy, annual report and environment reporting of a council.*

Local Government Act (General) Regulation 2021 - regulation 196A

“A council must comply with the integrated planning and reporting guidelines in the document entitled Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for Local Government in NSW, published on the website of the Department, as in force from time to time.”

Section 4.9 of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for Local Government in NSW requires that *“the general manager must ensure that progress reports are provided to the council, with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at least every 6 months”*.

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Good governance

Provide professional, innovative, accessible and efficient services.

Risk Management Issues for Council

The approval and publication of the Operational Performance Report will ensure Council meets its legislative compliance obligations for Integrated Planning and Reporting.

This report provides updates on 783 deliverables. 10% of these deliverables have been reported as ‘at risk’ or ‘off track’. This raises the potential for reputational risk associated with failure to meet service delivery expectations established in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2025-2029.

The combined Delivery Program 2025 – 2029 is currently being reviewed in conjunction with the development of the Operational Plan for 2026-2027 for presentation to the 11 May 2026 meeting of Council. To mitigate reputational risk from failure to deliver planned projects, a review of the delivery program is currently being completed to ensure the proposed projects, services and actions are within the capacity of service areas to deliver.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal collaboration with responsible officers, managers and directors was completed for the drafting, review and approval of the Operational Performance Report.

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Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. Operational Performance Report - July to December 2025 - Provided under separate cover.

RP-7 DRAFT WAGGA WAGGA RESOURCE RECOVERY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2026-2038 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Author: Andrea Baldwin

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary: This report provides details of the process in developing the draft Wagga Wagga Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and recommends the document be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a place the draft Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038 on public exhibition for 28 days from 25 March 2026 to 22 April 2026 and invite public submissions during that period
- b receive a further report following the public exhibition period:
 - i addressing any submission made in respect of the draft Plan
 - ii proposing adoption of the draft Plan unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period

Report

The draft Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038 has been developed in collaboration and engagement with the community and internal stakeholders.

In March 2025, a procurement process was initiated seeking a consultancy to develop a Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy with a focus on the circular economy for the Wagga LGA. APC Consultants were engaged to deliver a Strategy for the period from 2026 until 2038.

This Strategy seeks to have a long-term vision that meets the below objectives.

Reduce Waste: Identify strategies to minimise waste generation through reduction, reuse, and recycling initiatives.

Enhance Resource Efficiency: Explore ways to increase resource efficiency across the supply chain and within local industry sectors.

Promote Sustainable Consumption: Encourage sustainable behaviours across our community through Waste Education and practice.

Support Circular Innovation: Foster innovation in product design, waste processing, and resource recovery technologies.

Regulation and Policy Alignment: Ensure the strategy aligns with local, state, and federal regulations and policies.

Engage Stakeholders: Collaborate and consult with key stakeholders across public, private, and community sectors to build a shared vision and approach to how we want to manage our waste over the long term.

Key deliverables of the Strategy include the following:

Stakeholder Consultation Report Summarise stakeholder input and insights gathered through workshops, interviews, and community engagement.

Strategic Framework Develop a circular economy framework/strategy tailored to our LGA, outlining key actions, objectives, and measurable targets.

Implementation Plan Provide a detailed plan for the short-term (1-3 years) and long term (3-10 years), with key milestones.

Performance Metrics Identify indicators to track progress, such as waste diversion rates, recycling rates, resource use efficiency, and community engagement. In addition, the strategy included engagement, auditing and data analysis, policy and regulatory review, best practice review, to bring together a comprehensive strategy that outlines key initiatives, timelines and responsible parties.

Through a public exhibition process, Council will be able to seek feedback from the community and business sector to assist in formalising the Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038. All feedback will be collated and reported back to Council for implementation and adoption.

The key priorities within the Strategy are as follows:

- Priority 1: Avoiding waste and becoming circular
- Priority 2: Recovering, regenerating and reusing resources
- Priority 3: Best environmental management of residual waste

Each implementation action item within the Strategy has been linked to the Community Strategic Plan and falls under one of the above priorities.

The implementation plan has been separated into various categories for delivery and are broken down into the following sectors:

- Leadership and governance
- Partnerships and advocacy
- Services and infrastructure
- Education, skills and behaviour change.

Financial Implications

The Strategy has identified key budget requirements for initiatives that will require external support or expertise to complete, annual reviews of key initiatives will form part of the budget approval process.

A key aspect of the Strategy is the development of a Masterplan for the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre, this will be a key deliverable of the Strategy over the next two years. Many of the implementation items can be undertaken using existing Council resources, thus reducing the overall cost for implementation.

The New Waste Strategy Development project has a total budget of \$200,000, with \$188,362 expended to date, leaving an uncommitted balance of \$11,638.

Job consolidation number: 70025 – New Waste Strategy Development

Policy and Legislation

The Resource Recovery and Waste sector is highly regulated. International, National, State legislation and regional guidance material provide the strategic direction for local government compliance. Council is required to adhere to the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 as the key Strategy to target action for circular transition and change in the resource recovery and waste space.

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Circular economy

Embrace new technologies to support a circular economy.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Through the adoption of a Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038 this will address the risk exposure for Council. Operational, Corporate, Delivery and Financial risks are present in the absence of a Strategy which consist of the following:

Operational Risks

- Inefficient and inconsistent waste services
- Lack of clear direction for waste, recycling, organics and landfill operations
- Services may be reactive rather than planned
- Noncompliance with regulations and inadequate planning for changing legislation
- Increased likelihood of breaching EPA requirements, state waste policy or licence conditions
- Poor planning for landfill closure, transfer stations, fleet replacement and infrastructure upgrades, risk of unplanned disruptions and asset failure.
- Risk of workplace health and safety incidents

Corporate Risks

- Misalignment with Council Plan, Climate Strategy, Circular Economy goals, and State Government policy.
- Reputational damage
- Community perception that Council is not managing waste sustainably or responsibly.
- Poor accountability and transparency, no documented rationale for service levels

Delivery Risks

- Residents expect improved recycling, food and garden organics (FOGO), and waste reduction initiatives.
- Risk of dissatisfaction, complaints, and political pressure.

- Infrastructure projects (transfer stations, bin rollouts, education programs) lack a coordinated roadmap.
- Missed partnership and grant opportunities
- Poor data and performance monitoring
- No framework for targets, KPIs, or reporting (e.g. diversion from landfill, contamination rates).
- Escalating waste management costs
- No long-term financial modelling for disposal fees, landfill levies, or infrastructure investment.

Financial Risk

- Risk of investing in infrastructure that becomes obsolete or non-compliant with future policy.
- Poor sequencing of capital works.
- Missed opportunities for resource recovery income streams (recyclables, organics processing, energy from waste).
- Future remediation, landfill closure, and rehabilitation costs not strategically planned or funded.
- Potential fines or penalties for non-compliance.

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive consultation has been undertaken in the development of the Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038, notably in May and November 2025. This process included a comprehensive mix of engagement activities, comprising facilitated consultation sessions, targeted one-on-one meetings with a broad range of stakeholders (including internal teams), as well as community outreach through social media platforms and structured surveys. These activities were designed to capture key trends, insights, data and informed feedback from stakeholders and the wider community. The input received through this engagement process has been carefully considered and incorporated into the draft Strategy to ensure it reflects stakeholder priorities and community expectations.

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

Attachments

1. Draft Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038 - Provided under separate cover.

RP-8 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF REAR 82 FORSYTH STREET WAGGA WAGGA - OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION PROCESS**Author:** Matthew Dombrovski**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

Summary: This report provides feedback to Council on the public exhibition of the initial classification of the land being acquired at the rear of 82 Forsyth Street, Wagga Wagga.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note that no submissions were received during the public exhibition period
- b classify the land described as Lot 22 in an unregistered plan dated 10 April 2025 and titled "Plan of Acquisition of Part Lot B in DP 152366" as operational land in accordance with Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Report

At its ordinary meeting of 25 August 2025, Council resolved as follows.

25/280 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or delegate to enter a contract of sale to purchase Lot 22 in an unregistered plan dated 10 April 2025 and titled "Plan of Acquisition of Part Lot B DP 152366" on the terms noted in the body of this report
- b agree in principle to classifying the land acquired as operational land in accordance with s 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993
- c authorise the General Manager or delegate to place the proposed resolution to classify the land acquired as operational land on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions
- d receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period addressing any submission made in respect of the proposed classification
- e authorise the General Manager, or their delegate to complete and execute any necessary documents on behalf of the Council to give effect to this resolution
- f authorise the affixing of Council's common seal to all relevant documents as required
- g note and approve the budget variations as details in the budget section of the report

The report of 25 August 2025 outlined that the land identified as Lot 22 in an unregistered plan dated 10 April 2025 and titled "Plan of Acquisition of Part Lot B DP 152366" was being purchased by Council. As such it needed to be classified as either community land or operational land within three months of acquisition. This is a legislative requirement under Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

The consequence of not proceeding with the classification within that time frame is that the land would, on the expiration of three months, become community land by default. This is not an appropriate classification of the land given that it is currently forms part of a Council carpark.

The proposed initial classification of the site was placed on public exhibition from 2 February 2026 to 2 March 2026. During the public exhibition period no submissions were received relating to this parcel of land.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council now endorse the proposed classification of Part Lot B DP 152366 (being that part of 82 Forsyth Street identified as Lot 22 in an unregistered Plan of Subdivision) as operational land upon finalisation of the acquisition. Officers note that the settlement of the acquisition is imminent, and the proposed classification will be able to take place as soon as the acquisition is finalised.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993
Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy (POL 038)

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

Enabling infrastructure

Deliver critical community infrastructure to facilitate growth and attract business.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Council has a responsibility to appropriately manage its land assets. The initial classification of land is a statutory requirement of Council, as well as serving as a risk and cost mitigation strategy.

The proposed initial classification of the land as operational land reflects the purpose for which Council resolved to acquire the land, the use of Council's Civil Infrastructure Reserve to fund the purchase, and avoids the land being classified by default as community land, which would require reclassification to operational land at a later stage.

The Local Government Act 1993 sets out limitations on the use of community classified lands. Based on those limitations, Council would not be able to utilise the land for its existing primary purposes.

Internal / External Consultation

The draft initial classification proposal was placed on public exhibition between 2 February 2026 to 2 March 2026 with engagement undertaken as per the table below.

	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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Consult																
Involve																
Collaborate																
Other methods (please list specific details below)																

The public exhibition material was made available for viewing by the public on Council’s Have Your Say page. Notices were sent via mail to adjoining landowners. Public notices were placed in Council News.

During the public exhibition period no submissions were received.

RP-9 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026**Author:** Carolyn Rodney

Summary: This report is for Council to consider information presented on the 2025/26 budget and Long Term Financial Plan, and details Council's external investments and performance as at 28 February 2026.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the proposed budget variations and note the balanced budget position as presented in this report
- b approve the proposed budget variations to the Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program including new projects and timing adjustments
- c note the Responsible Accounting Officer's reports, in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Part 9 Division 3: Clause 203) that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made above
- d note the details of the external investments as at 28 February 2026 in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*
- e accept the grant funding offers as presented in this report

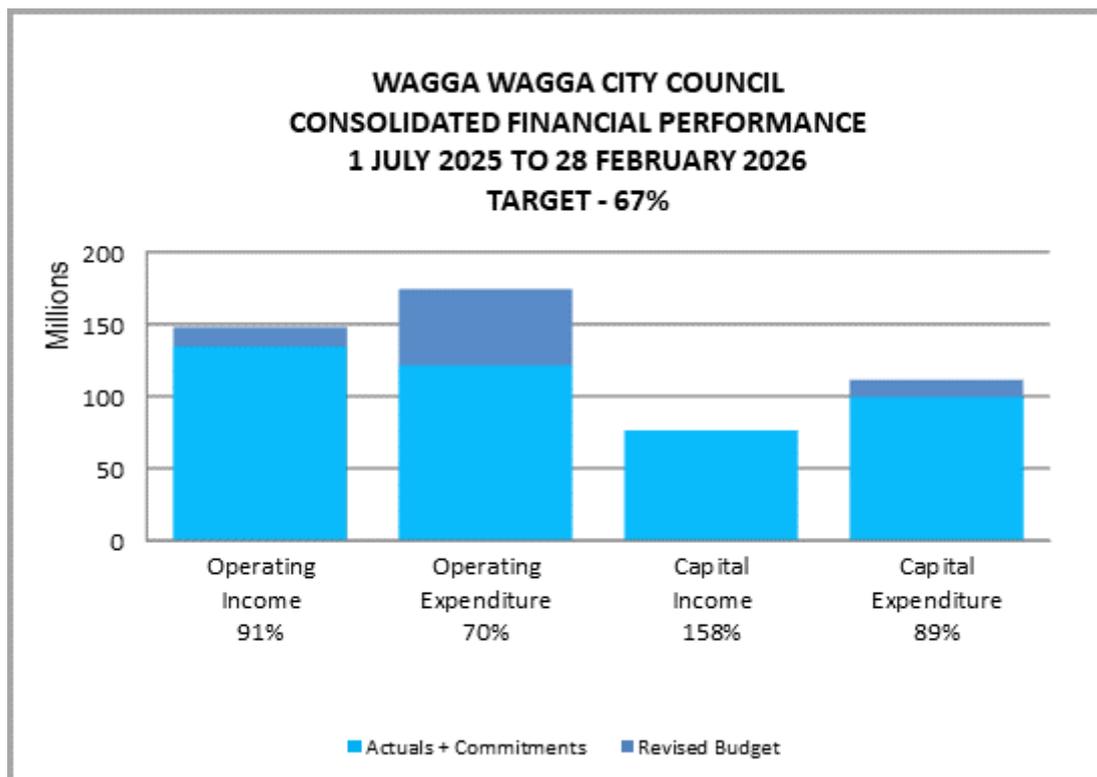
Report

Wagga Wagga City Council (Council) forecasts a balanced budget position as of 28 February 2026.

Proposed budget variations including adjustments to the capital works program are detailed in this report for Council's consideration and adoption.

Council has experienced a positive monthly investment performance for the month of February when compared to budget (\$335,916 up on the monthly budget). This is mainly due to better than budgeted returns on Council's investment portfolio, as well as a higher than anticipated investment portfolio balance – which is partly due to Council receiving upfront payment of \$48.5M in funding under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund in June 2024.

Key Performance Indicators



OPERATING INCOME

Total operating income is 91% of approved budget and is exceeding the budget due to the rates and annual charges being raised at the start of the year. Excluding the rates amount, operating income received is 78% when compared to budget which is as a result of increased interest on investments.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Total operating expenditure is 70% of approved budget and is tracking over budget at this stage of the financial year. This is in relation to commitments that have been raised for the full 2025/26 financial year.

CAPITAL INCOME

Total capital income is 158% of approved budget, which is mainly attributed to the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) grant funding that has been received. This income will be reduced and carried over to next financial year for completion of the project in line with the project budget.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Total capital expenditure including commitments is 89% of approved budget. This mainly relates to the raising of the full amount of the AIF contract against the multi-year budget. Excluding commitments, the total expenditure is 34% when compared to the approved budget.

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
1 JULY 2025 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2026

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT							
	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2025/26	BUDGET ADJ 2025/26	APPROVED BUDGET 2025/26	YTD ACTUAL EXCL COMMT'S 2025/26	COMMT'S 2025/26	YTD ACTUAL + COMMT'S 2025/26	YTD % OF BUD
Revenue							
Rates & Annual Charges	(87,770,975)	0	(87,770,975)	(87,558,405)	0	(87,558,405)	100%
User Charges & Fees	(36,430,787)	2,003,545	(34,427,242)	(25,116,563)	0	(25,116,563)	73%
Other Revenues	(3,708,908)	311,000	(3,397,908)	(2,674,579)	0	(2,674,579)	79%
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	(15,211,543)	3,053,603	(12,157,940)	(9,066,147)	0	(9,066,147)	75%
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	(55,259,649)	10,650,949	(44,608,700)	(75,343,305)	0	(75,343,305)	169%
Interest & Investment Revenue	(8,513,832)	0	(8,513,832)	(8,678,073)	0	(8,678,073)	102%
Other Income	(1,727,957)	(11,667)	(1,739,624)	(1,275,180)	0	(1,275,180)	73%
Total Revenue	(208,623,651)	16,007,430	(192,616,221)	(209,712,252)	0	(209,712,252)	109%
Expenses							
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	62,134,154	252,500	62,386,654	38,980,586	0	38,980,586	62%
Borrowing Costs	2,677,749	0	2,677,749	1,972,480	0	1,972,480	74%
Materials & Services	45,965,090	10,197,189	56,162,280	34,297,496	9,968,753	44,266,249	79%
Depreciation & Amortisation	50,925,213	0	50,925,213	33,950,142	0	33,950,142	67%
Other Expenses	2,148,317	10,412	2,158,729	1,362,432	842,171	2,204,603	102%
Total Expenses	163,850,523	10,460,102	174,310,625	110,563,137	10,810,924	121,374,061	70%
Net Operating (Profit)/Loss	(44,773,128)	26,467,532	(18,305,596)	(99,149,115)	10,810,924	(88,338,191)	
Net Operating Result Before Capital (Profit)/Loss	10,486,521	15,816,583	26,303,104	(23,805,810)	10,810,924	(12,994,886)	
Cap/Reserve Movements							
Capital Expenditure - One Off	87,100,363	(20,201,111)	66,899,252	20,668,551	55,273,738	75,942,289	114%
Capital Expenditure - Recurrent	26,147,587	12,064,016	38,211,603	13,473,492	5,939,545	19,413,037	51%
Loan Repayments	6,224,419	0	6,224,419	4,149,613	0	4,149,613	67%
New Loan Borrowings	(8,936,775)	4,512,188	(4,424,587)	0	0	0	0%
Sale of Assets	(1,427,375)	(2,281,157)	(3,708,532)	(1,073,465)	0	(1,073,465)	29%
Net Movements Reserves	(13,409,878)	(20,561,468)	(33,971,347)	0	0	0	0%
Total Cap/Res Movements	95,698,341	(26,467,532)	69,230,809	37,218,192	61,213,283	98,431,475	
Net Result after Depreciation	50,925,214	(0)	50,925,213	(61,930,923)	72,024,207	10,093,284	
Add back Depreciation Expense	50,925,213	0	50,925,213	33,950,142	0	33,950,142	67%
Cash Budget (Surplus)/Deficit	0	(0)	(0)	(95,881,066)	72,024,207	(23,856,859)	

Council's 10 year General Purpose Revenue (GPR) Bottom Line

Description	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Budget 2027/28	Budget 2028/29	Budget 2029/30	Budget 2030/31	Budget 2031/32	Budget 2032/33	Budget 2033/34	Budget 2034/35
Adopted Bottom Line (Surplus)/Deficit	0	614,465	(125,802)	323,574	1,570,849	(8,490)	652,439	188,451	786,886	686,373
Adopted Bottom Line Adjustments	0	0	0	0	(30,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Revised Bottom Line (Surplus)/Deficit	0	614,465	(125,802)	323,574	1,540,849	(8,490)	652,439	188,451	786,886	686,373

*This table does not include any proposed draft 2026/27 LTFP budget adjustments.

2025/26 Revised Budget Result – (Surplus) / Deficit	\$'000s
Original 2025/26 Budget Result as adopted by Council	\$0K
Total Budget Variations approved to date	\$0K
Budget Variations for February 2026	\$0K
Proposed Revised Budget result for 28 February 2026 - (Surplus) / Deficit	\$0K

The proposed Operating and Capital Budget Variations for 28 February 2026 which affect the current 2025/26 financial year are listed below.

Budget Variation	Amount	Funding Source	Net Impact (Fav)/ Unfav
1 – Regional Leadership			
Can We Help Grant Program	\$50K	Grand Pacific Health (\$50K)	Nil
<p>Council has been successful in securing sponsorship of \$50,000 for the “Can We Help?” Campaign from the Wagga Medicare Mental Health Centre (trading as Grand Pacific Health).</p> <p>People experiencing crisis often feel overwhelmed by the number and complexity of support services available, which can delay them seeking the support they need and contribute to further mental health decline. The “Can We Help?” campaign will address this by improving community knowledge of local mental health support and encouraging timely, confident help-seeking across all age groups specifically children and young people, adults (25-65 years), and older adults (65+).</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job Consolidation: 20878</i></p>			
ERP Cloud Storage Expansion	\$64K	Information Services Reserve (\$64K)	Nil
<p>Funds are required to increase Technology One cloud storage capacity, as Council has exceeded its current allocation and must uplift capacity to maintain system performance and vendor compliance. Growth has resulted from increased system usage, higher volumes of transactional data and document storage within existing modules. The ongoing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation will further increase data volumes as additional modules are deployed, and legacy information is migrated into the platform. This variation provides both immediate capacity and allowance for forecast growth during implementation.</p> <p>It is proposed to fund the first two years (2025/26 and 2026/27) from the Information Services Reserve and then ongoing from GPR.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job Number: 24996</i></p>			

3 - Growing			
Quarries Surface Extraction Training	\$45K	Gravel Pit Restoration Reserve (\$45K)	Nil
<p>Funds are required for the training of an additional staff member to ensure Council has enough suitably qualified staff to support our Quarries operating at a Level 2. This will allow employees to use extraction techniques and ensures that Council will continue to be compliant with legislation. The training course is delivered over a nine-month period. It is proposed to fund the training, accommodation, and staff time from the Gravel Pit Restoration Reserve.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2027</p> <p><i>Job Consolidation: 22824</i></p>			
Ashfords Rd Pavement Rehab	\$192K	Solid Waste Reserve (\$192K)	Nil
<p>Funds of \$192K are required for the pavement rehabilitation on Ashfords Road for the section between Boiling Down Road and the Gregadoo Tip entrance. These works will be funded from the Solid Waste Reserve.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job: 24959</i></p>			

The following projects have been presented to Councillors as part of the 2026/27 LTFP Councillor Budget Workshop process and are now being included below for adoption and inclusion in the 10-year Capital Works Program:

Project Title	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32
Botanic Gardens Museum Site Collection Store Asset Renewal		73,074				
Civic Theatre Superstructure Remediation Works	250,000					
Weed Hygiene Stations	18,000					
Open Space Capital Upgrades*	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000*
36-40 Gurwood Street Capital Improvements	469,229					
TOTAL	787,229	123,074	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

* Recurrent program across the 10 years of the LTFP

The following one-off capital projects have been reviewed as part of the ongoing budget review process with the adjustments to the timing of the budgets being included below for adoption. There is no proposed change to the total budgets for the projects.

Job No.	Project Title	2025/26 Current Budget	2025/26 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Current Budget	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2027/28 Current Budget	2027/28 Proposed Budget	2028/29 Current Budget	2028/29 Proposed Budget	2029/30 Current Budget	2029/30 Proposed Budget
28172	Oasis - 50m Pool Lane Ropes & Lane Storage Rollers Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$0
28177	Oasis - 50m Pool Starting Blocks	\$0	\$0	\$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
17742	Stormwater – Murray St Project	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,902,121	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,102,121
18738	Glenfield Road Drain Remediation	\$0	\$0	\$78,792	\$0	\$1,335,047	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,413,839
23126	Southern Growth Plumpton Road North	\$7,957,570	\$4,702,389	\$24,608,215	\$23,804,660	\$0	\$4,058,736	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
23127	Southern Growth Plumpton Road South	\$7,883,688	\$4,797,851	\$24,473,232	\$21,936,440	\$0	\$5,622,629	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24991	Humula Bridge Replacement	\$2,527,350	\$202,188	\$0	\$909,846	\$0	\$909,846	\$0	\$505,470	\$0	\$0
50224	Sewer Ashmont SPS (Lloyd to Ashmont Gravity Upgrade)	\$3,116,614	\$200,000	\$0	\$2,916,614	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
50447	Northern Growth Sewer Upgrades	\$5,955,326	\$985,485	\$21,845,422	\$26,815,263	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2025/26 Capital Works Summary

Capital Works	Approved Budget	Proposed Movement	Proposed Budget
One-off	\$66,899,252	(\$16,752,635)	\$50,146,617
Recurrent	\$38,211,602	\$192,000	\$38,403,602
Total Capital Works	\$105,110,854	(\$16,560,635)	\$88,550,219

Current Restrictions

RESERVES SUMMARY

28 FEBRUARY 2026

	CLOSING BALANCE 2024/25	ADOPTED RESERVE TRANSFERS 2025/26	BUDGET VARIATIONS APPROVED UP TO COUNCIL MEETING 23.02.2026	PROPOSED CHANGES for Council Resolution*	BALANCE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026
Externally Restricted					
Developer Contributions - Section 7.11	(34,255,170)	240,743	1,853,473		(32,160,955)
Developer Contributions - Section 7.12	(1,249,835)	(28,052)	20,000		(1,257,887)
Developer Contributions - Stormwater Section 64	(10,009,058)	(802,931)	31,000		(10,780,989)
Sewer Fund	(61,473,248)	(299,197)	3,892,130	4,159,699	(53,720,616)
Solid Waste	(35,184,093)	2,571,122	4,066,559	192,000	(28,354,413)
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants & Contributions	(64,727,816)	0	64,727,816		0
SRV Levee Reserve	(6,230,711)	0	50,000		(6,180,711)
Stormwater Levy	(5,711,474)	2,343,245	(1,757,647)	200,000	(4,925,876)
Total Externally Restricted	(218,841,407)	4,024,930	72,883,331	4,551,699	(137,381,447)
Internally Restricted					
Airport	0	(246,893)	(728,747)		(975,641)
Art Gallery	(22,548)	0	0		(22,548)
Bridge Replacement	(1,272,343)	0	580,470	465,032	(226,841)
Buildings	(3,872,876)	306,774	601,070		(2,965,032)
CCTV	(16,374)	0	0		(16,374)
Cemetery	(1,405,926)	(205,658)	(13,923)		(1,625,507)
Civic Theatre	(95,013)	(57,388)	30,000		(122,401)
Civil Infrastructure	(13,477,978)	2,580,634	728,627		(10,168,717)
Council Election	(27,411)	(127,418)	0		(154,829)
Economic Development	(718,754)	0	(627,513)		(1,346,268)
Emergency Events Reserve	(337,706)	(82,188)	0		(419,894)
Employee Leave Entitlements Gen Fund	(3,986,868)	0	0		(3,986,868)
Environmental Conservation	(116,578)	0	0		(116,578)
Event Attraction	(490,685)	32,500	56,000		(402,185)
Financial Assistance Grants in Advance	(6,769,742)	0	6,769,742		0
Grant Co-Funding	(313,076)	180,000	133,076		0
Gravel Pit Restoration	(647,804)	3,333	57,863	45,000	(541,608)
Information Services	(3,722,935)	136,696	385,689	63,558	(3,136,992)
Insurance Variations	(50,000)	0	0		(50,000)
Internal Loans	(9,200,817)	1,441,477	(713,098)		(8,472,438)
Lake Albert Improvements	(727,876)	601,887	85,713		(40,276)
Library	(632,518)	(191,447)	0		(823,965)
Livestock Marketing Centre	(8,155,294)	3,181,495	(3,270,503)		(8,244,302)
Museum Acquisitions	(67,114)	0	0		(67,114)

	CLOSING BALANCE 2024/25	ADOPTED RESERVE TRANSFERS 2025/26	BUDGET VARIATIONS APPROVED UP TO COUNCIL MEETING 23.02.2026	PROPOSED CHANGES for Council Resolution*	BALANCE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026
Net Zero Emissions	(337,227)	65,202	(173,823)		(445,848)
Oasis Reserve	(1,215,960)	852,154	(459,661)		(823,467)
Parks & Recreation Projects	(2,754,108)	48,771	1,416,270		(1,289,067)
Parks Water	(9,407)	(3,103)	0		(12,510)
Planning Legals	(41,747)	(20,000)	0		(61,747)
Plant Replacement	(7,234,600)	32,001	4,105,481		(3,097,117)
Project Carryovers	(4,294,961)	40,025	4,254,936		0
Public Art	(187,777)	30,000	149,432		(8,345)
Service Reviews	(200,000)	0	0		(200,000)
Sister Cities	(29,520)	0	0		(29,520)
Stormwater Drainage	(110,178)	0	0		(110,178)
Strategic Real Property	(1,943,643)	0	(2,088,647)		(4,032,290)
Subdivision Tree Planting	(637,504)	(20,000)	0		(657,504)
Unexpended External Loans	(505,756)	0	54,041		(451,715)
Visitors Economy	(33,394)	(33,572)	0		(66,966)
Workers Compensation	(137,879)	(19,282)	0		(157,161)
Total Internally Restricted	(75,801,895)	8,526,000	11,332,495	573,590	(55,369,810)
Total Restricted	(294,643,301)	12,550,929	84,215,825	5,125,289	(192,751,258)
Total Unrestricted	(14,444,000)	0	0	0	(14,444,000)
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	(309,087,301)	12,550,929	84,215,825	5,125,289	(207,195,258)

Investment Summary as at 28 February 2026

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

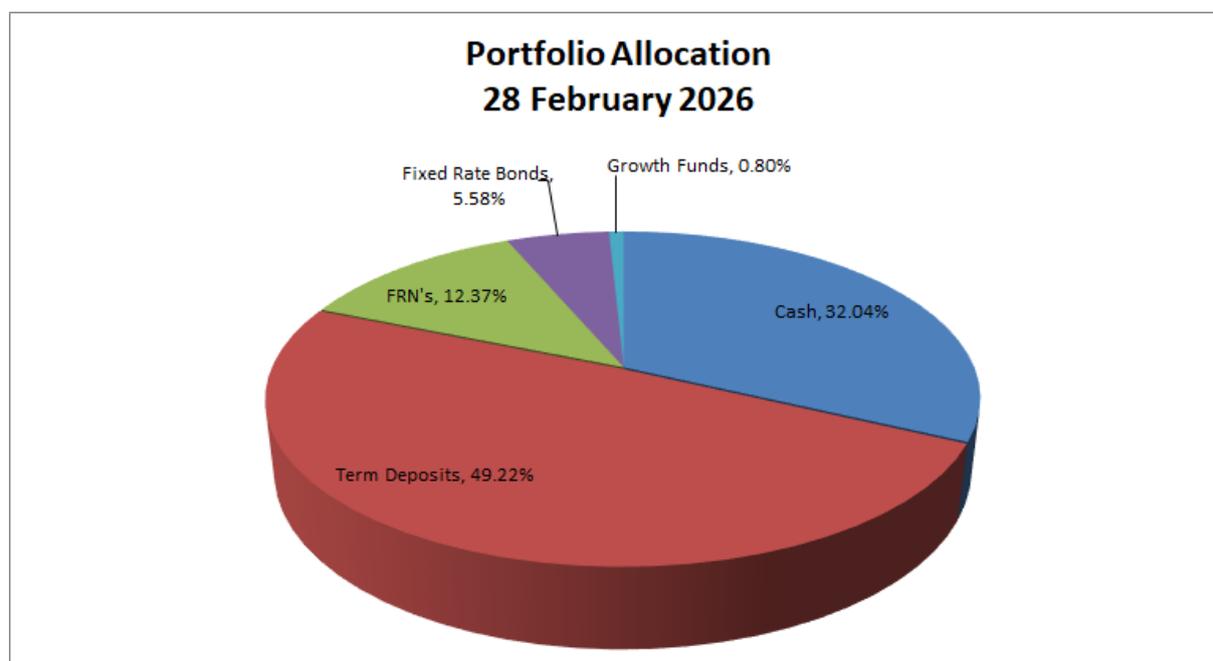
Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/01/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 28/02/2026 \$	February EOM Current Yield %	February EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
At Call Accounts								
CBA	AA-	3,690,330	11,078,580	3.85%	3.52%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	29,399,508	29,490,646	3.90%	9.36%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Macquarie Bank	A+	10,336,075	10,364,071	3.65%	3.29%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	50,046,473	49,957,856	3.85%	15.86%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total At Call Accounts		93,472,386	100,891,154	3.84%	32.04%			
Short Term Deposits								
Bank of Sydney	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.22%	0.64%	30/06/2025	30/06/2026	12
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	26/02/2025	26/02/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.10%	0.32%	7/03/2025	9/03/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.00%	0.64%	10/03/2025	10/03/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.00%	0.64%	17/03/2025	17/03/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.50%	0.32%	2/06/2025	2/06/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.30%	0.64%	25/06/2025	25/06/2026	12
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.24%	0.32%	10/07/2025	10/07/2026	12
Bank of Sydney	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.17%	0.64%	18/08/2025	18/08/2026	12
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.50%	0.64%	28/11/2025	30/11/2026	12
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.50%	0.32%	28/11/2025	30/11/2026	12
P&N Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.80%	0.95%	15/12/2025	15/12/2026	12
Total Short Term Deposits		20,000,000	19,000,000	4.59%	6.03%			
Medium Term Deposits								
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.32%	0.64%	28/06/2021	29/06/2026	60
ICBC	A	3,000,000	3,000,000	5.07%	0.95%	30/06/2022	30/06/2027	60
NAB	AA-	1,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	22/02/2021	20/02/2026	60
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.25%	0.64%	3/03/2021	2/03/2026	60
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.40%	0.64%	21/06/2021	19/06/2026	60
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.32%	0.64%	25/06/2021	25/06/2026	60
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.32%	0.32%	25/08/2021	25/08/2026	60
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.90%	0.64%	11/03/2024	11/03/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.11%	0.32%	23/05/2024	25/05/2026	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.06%	0.64%	2/09/2025	4/09/2028	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.85%	0.64%	16/12/2024	16/12/2026	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.64%	17/02/2025	17/02/2027	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.00%	0.64%	14/03/2023	15/03/2027	48
Auswide	BBB	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.95%	0.64%	13/04/2023	13/04/2026	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.64%	20/04/2023	20/04/2027	48
P&N Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.20%	0.32%	26/05/2023	26/05/2026	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.38%	0.64%	28/06/2024	28/06/2029	60
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.90%	0.32%	29/11/2024	29/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.93%	0.64%	5/01/2026	5/01/2029	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.64%	4/01/2024	4/01/2027	36
Australian Unity	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.93%	0.32%	7/03/2024	9/03/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.64%	23/04/2024	24/04/2028	48
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.64%	6/05/2024	6/05/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.12%	0.32%	24/05/2024	24/05/2027	36

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/01/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 28/02/2026 \$	February EOM Current Yield %	February EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.26%	0.32%	31/05/2024	31/05/2028	48
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.24%	0.32%	3/06/2025	4/06/2029	48
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.26%	0.64%	6/06/2024	6/06/2028	48
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.20%	0.32%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.64%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.00%	0.64%	26/06/2025	26/06/2028	36
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.64%	27/08/2024	27/08/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.63%	0.64%	30/08/2024	30/08/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.51%	0.32%	16/09/2024	18/09/2028	48
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.45%	0.64%	27/09/2024	28/09/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.79%	0.64%	17/10/2024	19/10/2026	24
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.70%	0.32%	8/10/2024	8/10/2026	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.73%	0.64%	21/10/2024	21/10/2027	36
Hume Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.95%	0.64%	7/11/2024	7/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.02%	0.64%	14/11/2024	16/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.00%	0.32%	27/11/2024	27/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.07%	0.64%	28/11/2024	28/11/2028	48
P&N Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.85%	0.95%	16/12/2024	16/12/2027	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.80%	0.64%	21/01/2025	21/01/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.82%	0.32%	30/01/2025	29/01/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.73%	0.64%	10/02/2025	10/02/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.79%	0.32%	4/02/2025	4/02/2028	36
Regional Australia Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.71%	0.64%	12/02/2025	12/02/2027	24
Hume Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.64%	12/02/2025	12/02/2029	48
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.70%	0.64%	12/02/2025	14/02/2028	36
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.77%	0.32%	26/02/2025	28/02/2028	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.62%	0.64%	3/03/2025	3/03/2028	36
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.64%	14/03/2025	15/03/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.64%	31/03/2025	31/03/2027	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.81%	0.32%	1/04/2025	1/04/2030	60
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.25%	0.64%	5/05/2025	5/05/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.25%	0.32%	29/05/2025	31/05/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.64%	25/06/2025	25/06/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.64%	2/07/2025	2/07/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.05%	0.32%	7/07/2025	7/07/2027	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.18%	0.64%	8/07/2025	9/07/2029	48
Regional Australia Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.00%	0.32%	30/07/2025	30/07/2027	24
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.00%	0.32%	12/08/2025	14/08/2028	36
Arab Bank Australia	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	3.95%	0.64%	22/08/2025	24/08/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.05%	0.64%	27/08/2025	27/08/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.07%	0.95%	29/08/2025	29/08/2028	36
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.06%	0.32%	8/09/2025	8/09/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.08%	0.32%	9/09/2025	11/09/2028	36
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.09%	0.64%	15/09/2025	15/09/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.05%	0.64%	16/09/2025	16/09/2027	24
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.64%	21/10/2025	21/10/2027	24
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.55%	0.32%	14/11/2025	15/11/2027	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.56%	0.64%	17/11/2025	17/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.45%	0.32%	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.53%	0.64%	28/11/2025	28/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.66%	0.32%	4/12/2025	4/12/2028	36

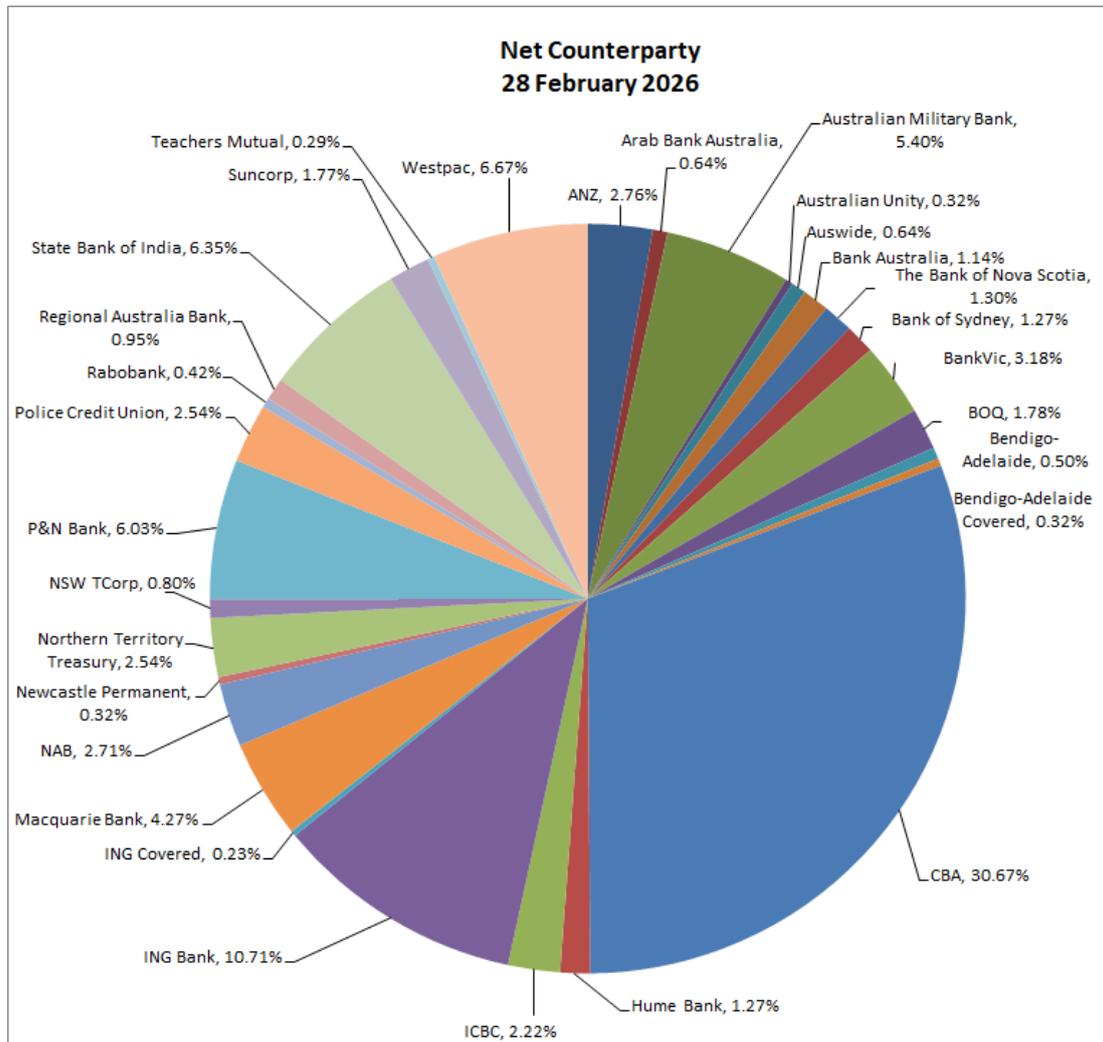
Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/01/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 28/02/2026 \$	February EOM Current Yield %	February EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.64%	0.32%	8/12/2025	8/12/2027	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.90%	0.64%	15/12/2025	15/12/2027	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.79%	0.64%	15/12/2025	15/12/2028	36
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.76%	0.32%	8/01/2026	10/01/2028	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.82%	0.64%	29/01/2026	31/01/2028	24
BankVic	BBB+	0	2,000,000	5.05%	0.64%	26/02/2026	26/02/2029	36
Total Medium Term Deposits		135,000,000	136,000,000	4.45%	43.18%			
Floating Rate Notes								
Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	1,013,541	1,005,415	BBSW + 100	0.32%	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	60
NAB	AA-	2,554,145	2,531,533	BBSW + 120	0.80%	25/11/2022	25/11/2027	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,121,349	1,125,004	BBSW + 125	0.36%	14/12/2022	14/12/2027	60
CBA	AA-	2,030,155	2,036,027	BBSW + 115	0.65%	13/01/2023	13/01/2028	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,933,425	1,915,409	BBSW + 155	0.61%	22/02/2023	22/02/2027	48
Bendigo-Adelaide Covered	AAA	1,019,435	1,023,129	BBSW + 115	0.32%	16/06/2023	16/06/2028	60
CBA	AA-	2,548,896	2,527,792	BBSW + 95	0.80%	17/08/2023	17/08/2028	60
ANZ	AA-	2,133,958	2,140,407	BBSW + 93	0.68%	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,659,818	1,665,388	BBSW + 150	0.53%	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	36
ANZ	AA-	2,555,011	2,533,573	BBSW + 96	0.80%	5/02/2024	5/02/2029	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,015,308	1,018,624	BBSW + 98	0.32%	19/03/2024	19/03/2029	60
ING Bank	A	505,077	506,844	BBSW + 95	0.16%	22/03/2024	22/03/2027	36
BoQ	A-	1,675,581	1,680,797	BBSW + 128	0.53%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	812,538	805,686	BBSW + 100	0.26%	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	36
ANZ	AA-	1,520,550	1,524,618	BBSW + 86	0.48%	18/06/2024	18/06/2029	60
Teachers Mutual	BBB+	912,192	915,304	BBSW + 130	0.29%	21/06/2024	21/06/2027	36
ING Bank	A	2,242,032	2,225,587	BBSW + 102	0.71%	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	60
CBA	AA-	1,525,537	1,512,917	BBSW + 87	0.48%	22/08/2024	22/08/2029	60
Suncorp	AA-	2,429,072	2,436,947	BBSW + 92	0.77%	27/09/2024	27/09/2029	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	755,449	758,157	BBSW + 96	0.24%	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	48
ANZ	AA-	1,319,191	1,307,854	BBSW + 81	0.42%	18/02/2025	18/02/2030	60
Rabobank	A+	1,319,945	1,308,639	BBSW + 85	0.42%	20/02/2025	20/02/2030	60
The Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	2,033,855	2,040,646	BBSW + 140	0.65%	21/03/2025	21/03/2030	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,017,152	1,008,616	BBSW + 93	0.32%	21/05/2025	21/05/2030	60
Macquarie Bank	A+	1,407,621	1,411,963	BBSW + 82	0.45%	17/07/2025	17/07/2030	60
Total Floating Rate Notes		39,060,831	38,966,876		12.37%			
Fixed Rate Bonds								
ING Covered	AAA	740,650	738,504	1.10%	0.23%	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.50%	0.95%	24/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
BoQ	A-	1,876,139	1,881,912	2.10%	0.60%	27/10/2021	27/10/2026	60
BoQ	A-	2,037,769	2,048,870	5.30%	0.65%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60
ANZ	AA-	1,212,132	1,189,408	4.65%	0.38%	18/02/2025	18/02/2030	60
The Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	2,025,056	2,038,252	5.23%	0.65%	21/03/2025	21/03/2030	60
Macquarie Bank	A+	1,659,199	1,668,337	4.37%	0.53%	17/07/2025	17/07/2030	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.50%	0.64%	6/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.50%	0.32%	14/07/2021	15/12/2026	65
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.30%	0.64%	29/04/2021	15/06/2026	61

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/01/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 28/02/2026 \$	February EOM Current Yield %	February EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
Total Fixed Rate Bonds		17,550,946	17,565,282	2.89%	5.58%			
Managed Funds								
NSW Tcorp	NR	2,490,015	2,516,793	1.08%	0.80%	17/03/2014	N/A	N/A
Total Managed Funds		2,490,015	2,516,793	1.08%	0.80%			
TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS		307,574,178	314,940,106		100.00%			

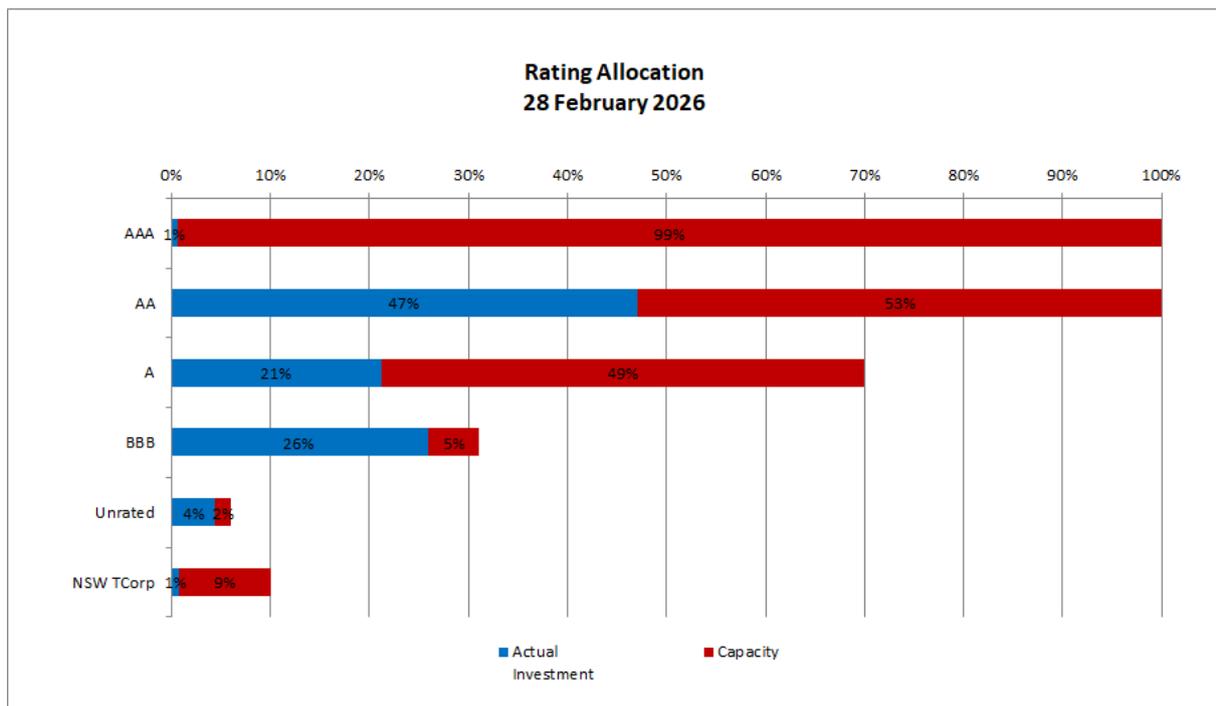
Council's investment portfolio is dominated by Term Deposits, equating to approximately 49% of the portfolio across a broad range of counterparties. Cash equates to 32%, with Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) around 12%, fixed rate bonds around 6% and growth funds around 1% of the portfolio.



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 over the past month, up from \$307.57M to \$314.94M. This increase in portfolio balance is reflective of the third quarter rates instalment being due at the end of February.

	Closing Balance Invested 31/12/2025 \$	Closing Balance Invested 31/01/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 28/02/2026 \$
TOTAL WWCC CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS	310,822,214	307,574,178	314,940,106

Monthly Investment Movements

Redemptions/Sales – Council redeemed/sold the following investment securities during February 2026:

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
ING Bank (A) Term Deposit	\$1M	12 months	4.80%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 3-year BankVic term deposit (as below).
NAB (AA-) Term Deposit	\$1M	5 years	1.08%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 3-year BankVic term deposit (as below).

New Investments – Council purchased the following investment security during February 2026:

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
BankVic (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$2M	3 years	5.05%	The BankVic rate of 5.05% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 4.98%.

Rollovers – Council did not roll over any investment securities during February 2026

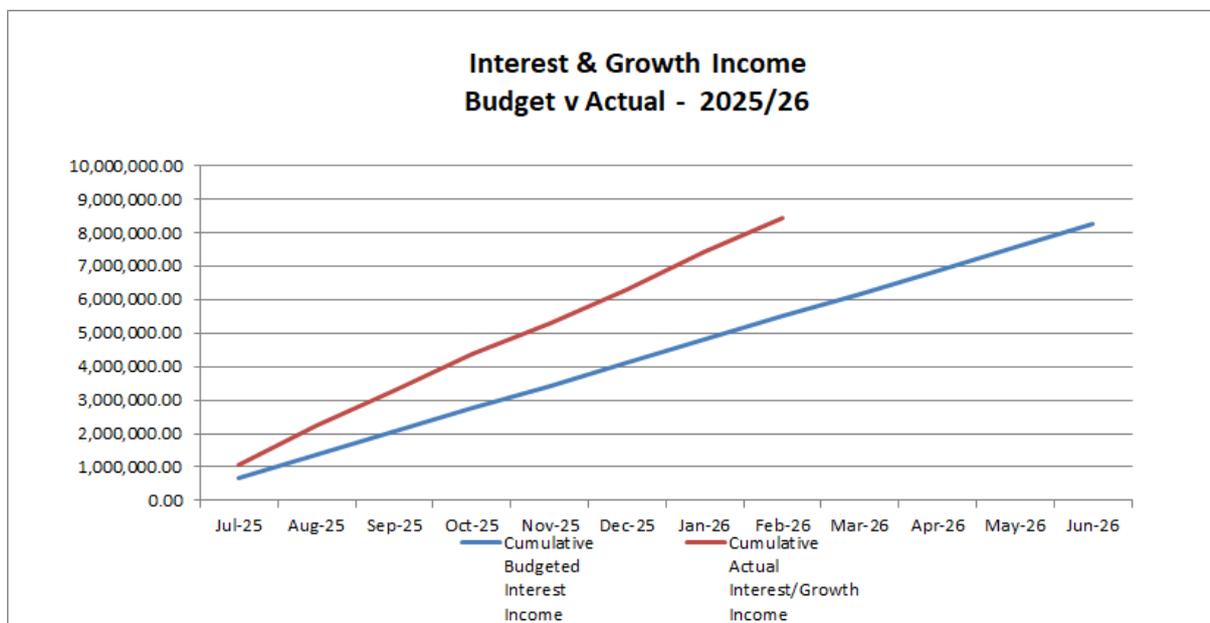
Monthly Investment Performance

Interest/growth/capital gains/(losses) for the month totalled \$1,022,198, which compares favourably with the budget for the period of \$686,282 - outperforming budget for the month by \$335,916.

Council's outperformance to budget for February is mainly due to better than budgeted returns on Council's investment portfolio as well as a higher than anticipated investment portfolio balance – which is partly due to Council receiving upfront payment of \$48.5M

in AIF funding in June 2024. For the 2025/26 financial year to date, Council has accrued \$1,220,704 on this AIF funding received. As the project commences and the funding is spent, the monthly interest will reduce.

Council experienced a positive return on its NSW T-Corp Managed Fund for the month of February, with the fund returning +1.08% (or \$26,778) with domestic (+4.11%) and international (+0.64%) shares being the main contributors to this month’s performance.



In comparison to the AusBond Bank Bill Index* of 3.76% (annualised), Council’s investment portfolio returned approximately 4.17% (annualised) for the month of February – outperforming the benchmark for the month.

Over the past year, Council’s investment portfolio has returned 4.17%, outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill index by 0.34%. Councils investment portfolio has continued to perform in line with the AusBond Bank Bill Index* over the longer-term time period, returning 4.00% per annum over the past 3 years – slightly underperforming the benchmark by -0.14% over this time.

Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.29%	0.89%	1.79%	2.42%	3.77%	4.05%	4.06%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.28%	0.90%	1.80%	2.43%	3.83%	4.15%	4.14%
Council’s Cash	0.29%	0.89%	1.78%	2.41%	3.75%	4.03%	4.04%
Council’s T/D	0.35%	1.10%	2.22%	2.99%	4.51%	4.28%	3.96%
Council’s FRN	0.38%	1.20%	2.40%	3.33%	5.17%	5.39%	5.31%
Council’s Bonds	0.22%	0.70%	1.33%	1.76%	2.55%	2.13%	1.86%
Council’s TCorp LTGF	1.08%	2.26%	5.47%	8.37%	11.89%	11.33%	12.03%
Council’s Portfolio	0.32%	1.01%	2.02%	2.73%	4.17%	4.17%	4.00%
Relative Performance	0.04%	0.11%	0.22%	0.30%	0.34%	0.02%	-0.14%

* 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: Wagga Wagga City Council leads through engaged civic governance and is recognised and distinguished by its ethical decision-making, efficient management, innovation and quality customer service

Ensure transparency and accountability

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.

Attachments

1. [Capital Works Program 2025/26 to 2034/35](#)

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN ONE-OFF CAPITAL PROJECTS - 2025/26 - 2034/35 AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026													
				66,899,252	110,904,297	21,809,635	16,647,506	87,230,430	33,370,527	15,000,059	5,161,623	4,933,184	2,034,544
Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
1	24377	12 Blake St Works In Kind Agreement	57.12		171,785								
2	24721	Active Travel Pathway - Plumpton Road	Grant (Transport for NSW)		4,892,415								
3	18812	Active Travel Plan - Stage 1 - TT26	Grant (Crown Finance Restart) \$549,693 + 57.11 \$1,488,929+ Parks & Recreation Reserve \$1,199,898 + Stormwater Levy Reserve \$755,301	3,993,821									
4	23935	Active Travel Plan - Stage 3 - Koorringal Road Link	Grant (Get Active NSW)	1,258,638									
5	47288	Airport - Bays 1-3 Upgrade	External Borrowings (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from Airport Reserve)						500,000				
6	47328	Airport - Light Aircraft Precinct Required Works	Airport Reserve						56,877				
7	47192	Airport - Redevelop terminal - Internal Baggage Claim and Retail Section	Grant (TBC) \$8,523,197 + Airport Reserve \$27,763						8,550,960				
8	47335	Airport - Remedial Works	Airport Reserve	43,660									
9	47283	Airport - Runway Lighting Upgrade	External Borrowings \$1,583,518 (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from Airport Reserve) + Airport Reserve \$3,988,982						5,572,500				
10	47323	Airport Ancillary Land Acquisition	Internal Loans Reserve (payback from Airport Reserve)						303,712				
11	24939	Alan Turner Depot Emulsion Tank Safety Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	67,000									
12	24938	Alan Turner Depot Main Office Amenities Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	77,000									
13	24936	Alan Turner Depot Main Office Kitchen & Lunchroom Refurbishment	Plant Replacement Reserve	21,000									

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14	24937	Alan Turner Depot Stores Amenities Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	47,000									
15	24461	Alan Turner Depot Stores Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	154,944									
16	22138	Alan Turner Depot Washbay Waste/Oil Separator & Pit	Plant Replacement Reserve	22,769									
17	22222	Alan Turner Depot Worker on Foot Upgrade	Civil Infrastructure Reserve					305,335					
18	15082	Amundsen Bridge Construction - TT6	S7.11			1,114,547							
19	23074	Art Gallery Cabinetry Work	Buildings Reserve \$24,285 + Grant (Responsible Gambling) \$20,880	45,165									
20	17760	Bolton Park Precinct Upgrade - ROS15	External Borrowings \$1,496,581 (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from GPR) + S7.11 \$4,118,117 + Grant (TBC) \$25,902,307					9,912,756	10,000,000	11,604,249			
21	19628	Boorooma St Upgrade - TT28	S7.11			200,000		4,202,816					
22	15083	Boorooma Street Slip Lane into Boorooma West - (2006-19 Plan)	S7.11			289,341							
23	22825	Bus Shelter Installations (CPTIGS - Fernleigh Rd x 2, Fay Ave)	Grant (Transport for NSW - CPTIGS)	2,354									
24	24463	Bus Shelter Installation (CPTIGS - Estella)	Grant (Transport for NSW - CPTIGS)	38,158									
25	23103	Chapel Refurbishment	Cemetery Reserve	57,475									
26	24934	Civic Centre Roof Gutter Renewal	Buildings Reserve	60,000									
27	24427	Civic Centre Safety Lights	Buildings Reserve	151,925									
28	24432	Civic Theatre - Orchestra Pit Upgrade	Buildings Reserve		277,898								
29	17749	Community Amenities - Gissing Oval	GPR \$232,864 + Grant (NSW Government Office of Sport) \$453,861 + Buildings Reserve \$345,881	1,032,607									
30	38639	Copland St Industrial Area - Stormwater Drainage Upgrade	Old S94 \$85,262 + Contribution \$92,358 + Stormwater DSP S64 \$481,369	107,040	551,949								

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31	24439	Currawarna Community Centre Roof Replacement	Buildings Reserve	4,263									
32	19647	Estella New Local Park (west Rainbow Drive) Embellishment - ROS1 + LA1 (Land Acquisition)	S7.11		1,363,837	1,363,838							
33	22330	Estella Road Upgrade	Grant (TBC)					700,000					
34	24440	Eternal Flame & Honour Roll Memorial	Grant (Office of Veteran Affairs)	115,909									
35	24456	Equex Filter Replacement	GPR	40,828									
36	22232	Farrer Road Upgrade - TT4	S7.11								3,481,529	700,000	
37	19617	Footpaths - Ashmont & Glenfield - TT16	S7.11 \$430,691 + Grant (TBC) \$1,841,950									2,272,641	
38	19618	Footpaths - Boorooma, Estella & Gobbagombalin - TT17	S7.11 \$155,319 + Grant (TBC) \$1,146,999					1,302,318					
39	19619	Footpaths - Bourkelands & Lloyd - TT18	S7.11 \$352,763 + Grant (TBC) \$1,738,250						2,091,013				
40	19620	Footpaths - Central & North Wagga - TT19	S7.11 \$36,304 + Grant (TBC) \$329,180						365,484				
41	19621	Footpaths - East Wagga - TT20	S7.11 \$61,350 + Grant (TBC) \$347,650									409,000	
42	19622	Footpaths - Forest Hill - TT21	S7.11 \$88,725 + Grant (TBC) \$936,160								1,024,885		
43	19623	Footpaths - Koorinal - TT22	S7.11 \$22,835 + Grant (TBC) \$587,374								610,209		
44	19624	Footpaths - Lake Albert & Tatton - TT23	S7.11 \$129,050 + Grant (TBC) \$1,297,950									1,427,000	
45	19625	Footpaths - Mount Austin, Tolland & Turvey Park - TT24	S7.11 \$232,210 + Grant (TBC) \$1,234,135						1,466,345				
46	19678	Forest Hill Upgrade Local Park - ROS16	S7.11					216,200					
47	24430	Glass Gallery Toilet	Buildings Reserve		137,099								
48	12922	Glenfield Road Corridor Works - TT1	S7.11 \$9,906,055 + External Borrowings \$9,220,794 (Future year repayments funded from S7.11)		88,681			19,038,168					
49	18738	Glenfield Road Drain Remediation	Stormwater DSP s64 \$993,792 + Stormwater Levy \$420,047		78,792	1,335,047							

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50	19649	Gobbagombalin - 2 Local Parks ROS3 + LA3 (Land Acquisition)	\$7.11			308,859							
51	19604	Gregadoo Road Corridor Works - TT7	\$7.11 \$3,237,490 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$719,610		2,412,650	765,100	772,225						
52	70195	GWMC - Cell Extension	Solid Waste Reserve	874,964									
53	70164	GWMC - Construction of a new Waste Cell	Solid Waste Reserve	200,000	3,075,196								
54	70041	GWMC - Construction of a new Waste Cell	Solid Waste Reserve				6,352,942						
55	70147	GWMC - Domestic Precinct (Transfer Station, Office Relocation, Roadworks)	Solid Waste Reserve	200,000			7,302,199						
56	70135	GWMC - Flare Upgrade & Gas Capture Network Expansion & Gas Powered Evaporator	Solid Waste Reserve	400,000				2,349,164					
57	70178	GWMC - Construction of a new Monocell	Solid Waste Reserve	200,000	3,423,697				2,600,000				
58	70197	GWMC - Land Acquisition	Solid Waste Reserve (To be paid back from the Transgrid Community Project Initiative Funding)	3,632,445									
59	70101	GWMC - Road Rehabilitation	Solid Waste Reserve	801,373									
60	70168	GWMC Plant Shed	Solid Waste Reserve	2,326,750									
61	70200	GWMC Purchase of Polystyrene Machine	Grant (NSW EPA) \$82,105 + Solid Waste Reserve \$40,000	122,105									
62	70203	GWMC Tower Installation	Solid Waste Reserve				200,000						
63	70169	GWMC Waste to Energy (Solution)	Solid Waste Reserve					5,000,000					
64	24348	Harris Park Amenities Upgrade	Grant (NSW Office of Sport) \$955,000 + GPR \$318,790 + Contribution (Wagga Rugby League) \$30,000	1,303,790									
65	24426	Historic Council Chambers Building Upgrades	Buildings Reserve	123,146									
66	24991	Humula Bridge Replacement	Grant (Department Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts) \$2,021,880 + Bridge Replacement Reserve \$505,470	2,527,350									

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67	24741	Jim Elphick Aluminium Seating	Contribution (Wagga Wagga Tennis Association)	78,565									
68	19669	Jubilee Oval - Community Meeting Space - ROS14	S7.11					384,750					
69	12941	Jubilee Oval to Red Hill Rd - Wagga West DSP Area - Implement Stormwater Drainage Improvements	Stormwater DSP S64			295,946							
70	24933	Jubilee Park Amenities Security Upgrade	Buildings Reserve	35,000									
71	19382	Jubilee Park - Replace existing synthetic surfaces at the Jubilee Park Hockey Complex	Contribution (Hockey Association) \$205,000 + External Borrowings \$195,000 (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from GPR)		400,000								
72	22317	Lake Albert Water Sports and Event Precinct	Lake Albert Reserve \$672,807 + Grant Co-Funding Reserve \$133,076 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$3,465,964 + Grant (Australian Government's Growing Regions Program) \$4,271,847	4,274,607	4,269,087								
73	24824	Land Acquisition - Part Lot B DP 152366 - Part 82 Forsyth Street, Wagga Wagga	Civil Infrastructure Reserve	161,780									
74	14048	Lawn Cemetery & Crematorium Office Refurbishment	Cemetery Reserve		500,000								
75	21273	Lawn Cemetery Master Plan Stage 2A Works - New burial area, outdoor chapel and water feature	External Borrowings (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from Cemetery Reserve)	100,000	578,601								
76	19661	Lloyd Establish 3 Local Parks - ROSS + LA4 (Deakin Ave) + LA5 (Barton Ave) + LA6 (Central Lloyd) - Land Acquisitions	S7.11 \$2,101,940 + External Borrowings \$2,401,850 (Future Years Loan repayments funded from S7.11)	50,000	749,774			3,704,016					
77	45131	LMC - Cattle Delivery Yard Rehabilitation	LMC Reserve	9,458									
78	45089	LMC - CCTV & security (partial)	LMC Reserve					41,734					
79	45121	LMC - Clean, fill and landscape all new works areas	LMC Reserve	30,000	53,825								
80	45138	LMC - Hardstand	LMC Reserve					2,250,000					

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81	45096	LMC - New circulating road (partial)	LMC Reserve	500,000				2,229,010					
82	45141	LMC - Pump Replacement	LMC Reserve	40,000									
83	45133	LMC - Realign Sheep and Cattle Draft Ramps	LMC Reserve	855,296									
84	45125	LMC - Refurbish agents offices and canteen	LMC Reserve	55,110				350,000					
85	45124	LMC - Replace existing cattle/sheep delivery ramps	LMC Reserve					1,300,000					
86	45126	LMC - Road Train facilities	LMC Reserve							1,800,000			
87	45128	LMC - Sheep & Goat Electronic (EiD) System Feasibility Study	LMC Reserve	140,757									
88	45049	LMC - Treatment of Re-use Water	LMC Reserve					353,912					
89	22379	Local Government Recovery Grant	Grant (NSW Government) \$187,609 + GPR \$20,832	208,440									
90	24446	Mates Gully Road Upgrade	Contribution (Transgrid)	3,769,137									
91	19662	Geohex Park - Establish 2nd Rugby League Field - ROS6	S7.11		939,550								
92	21797	MPS Sports Court Recoat	GPR			40,000							
93	23961	Museum Rectification Works	Buildings Reserve	14,693									
94	24932	Netball Clubhouse Security Upgrade	Buildings Reserve	35,000									
95	50447	Northern Growth Area - Sewer Upgrades	Grant (Accelerated Infrastructure Fund - AIF) \$20,850,562 + Sewer Reserve \$6,950,186	5,955,326	21,845,422								
96	18796	Northern Sporting Precinct - Sports grounds and play equipment (Peter Hastie Oval Works) - ROS11 + LA4 (Land Acquisition)	External Borrowings \$263,336 (Future Years Loan Repayments less 50% LCLU Subsidy funded from S7.11 + Building Reserve + GPR) + S7.11 \$5,258,854		50,000	213,336		5,258,854					
97	17866	North Wagga Levee Stage 2 (Detailed Design & Floodgate Relining)	Grant (Community Development Grants Programme - CDG0789 - Department of Infrastructure) \$825,716	825,716									

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98	24923	North Wagga Levee Upgrade (Construction)	Grant (NSW Reconstruction Authority) \$9,100,775 + SRV Reserve \$6,230,711 + External Borrowings \$2,870,064	100,000	10,000,000	8,101,550							
99	28174	Oasis - 25m & Program Pool Covers & Rollers Replacement	GPR			70,000							
100	28183	Oasis - 25m, Program & Leisure Pool Expansion Joints Replacement	GPR					125,000					
101	28190	Oasis - 25m Pool Dive Starting Blocks	GPR						48,000				
102	28150	Oasis - 25m Pool Lane Ropes & Lane Storage Rollers Replacement	GPR	34,441									
103	28181	Oasis - 50m Pool & Grandstand Concourse Resurfacing	GPR			175,000							
104	28154	Oasis - 50m & Dive Pool Bulkhead Tiles Upgrade	GPR	40,025									
105	28153	Oasis - 50m & Dive Pool Expansion Joints Replacement	GPR		79,790								
106	28147	Oasis - 50m Pool Covers & Rollers Replacement	GPR							85,992			
107	28177	Oasis - 50m Pool Dive Starting Blocks	GPR		42,000								
108	28172	Oasis - 50m Pool Lane Ropes & Lane Storage Rollers Replacement	GPR		85,000								
109	28179	Oasis - 50m Pool Shade covers deep end of pool	GPR		290,000								
110	28185	Oasis - 50m Pool Shade covers western side	Oasis Reserve					390,000					
111	28072	Oasis - Automatic Pool Cleaners	Oasis Reserve					60,000					
112	20840	Oasis - BBQ's	Oasis Reserve						70,000				
113	28158	Oasis - Change Rooms Upgrade	GPR	353,500									
114	28148	Oasis - Dive Pool Covers & Rollers Replacement	Oasis Reserve							45,000			
115	28076	Oasis - Diving Board Replacements	GPR							85,000			

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116	28173	Oasis - Disable/ Mixed Access Equipment / Steps - Wheel Chairs - Hoist & Extras	GPR			71,003							
117	28198	Oasis Energy Efficiency Upgrade (CEUF)	GPR \$2,878,600 + Oasis Reserve \$729,121 + S7.11 Recoupment \$828,805 + NZE Reserve \$391,772 + Grant \$2,500,000 (CEUF) + Internal Loans Reserve \$358,095 (GPR Future Year Loan Repayments) + Internal Loans Reserve \$663,540 (Oasis Reserve Future Year Loan Repayments)	1,224,933	3,000,000	4,125,000							
118	28195	Oasis - Sand Filters	GPR									79,543	
119	16393	Oasis - Floor Carpet - Entrance Pool Hall, Offices Stairs & Meeting Room	Oasis Reserve						64,000				
120	28182	Oasis - Irrigation/ Sprinkler System to Mixed Areas	Oasis Reserve			85,000							
121	28188	Oasis -Mixed Air Conditioning	GPR							125,000			
122	15143	Oasis - Point of Sale System & Entry Gates	GPR		115,000								
123	28184	Oasis - Pool Balance Tanks Service	GPR						105,000				
124	28149	Oasis - Pool Cover Winch Replacement	GPR							35,150			
125	28139	Oasis - Pool Deck Grating Replacement	Oasis Reserve	31,005									
126	28156	Oasis - Pool Hall Skylights Repair & Replacement	Oasis Reserve	233,534									
127	28176	Oasis - Public Address System Repair & Replacement	Oasis Reserve					85,000					
128	28157	Oasis - Security Lockers Replacement	Oasis Reserve	30,300									
129	28151	Oasis - Two Pool Inflatables Replacement	Oasis Reserve \$28,280 + GPR \$100,000	28,280					100,000				
130	28180	Oasis - Water Drinking Fountains	GPR					30,000					
131	28145	Oasis - Water Features Project	Grant (TBC) \$834,085 + Oasis S7.11 Recoupment \$854,173			199,135	1,489,022						

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132	19601	Pine Gully Road Corridor Works - TT2	\$7.11 \$5,408,909 + GPR \$625,000	1,902,139				4,131,771					
133	24256	Pominalarna Shed Construction	Parks & Recreation Reserve	10,669									
134	18792	Public Art - River Life	Public Art Reserve	106,695									
135	17075	Public Art Projects - TBA	Public Art Reserve		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
136	19667	Rawlings Park North - Construct a synthetic soccer facility - ROS12	\$7.11 \$699,125+ Grant (TBC) \$3,177,112	9,125				3,867,112					
137	19627	Red Hill Rd/Dalman Parkway Intersection Treatment - TT27	\$7.11	1,876,142									
138	19681	Red Hill Road Upgrade - TT3	External Borrowings \$31,596 (Future Years Loan Repayments less 50% LCLI Subsidy funded from \$7.11) + \$7.11 \$4,539,227			109,813		2,134,706	1,151,636	1,174,668			
139	21903	RIFL Stage 1A Subdivision Works	Contribution (Regional Growth Development Corporation)	1,012,825									
140	24381	Riverside Fencing Project	Grant (NSW Government LSCA Program) \$7,313 + GPR \$6,120	13,433									
141	24942	Senior Citizens Centre Upgrade	GPR	16,500									
142	50224	Sewer Ashmont SPS (Lloyd to Ashmont Gravity Main Upgrade)	Sewer Reserve	3,116,614									
143	50439	Sewer Augmentation & Upgrade Forest Hill	Sewer Reserve					10,000,000					
144	50199	Sewer - Elizabeth Avenue Forest Hill SPS22 - New Assets	Sewer Reserve										1,204,724
145	50060	Sewer - Forsyth St Pump Station - SPS02 - Renewals - Refurbishment of current wells	Sewer Reserve										784,820
146	50384	Sewer - Install Flowmeters	Sewer Reserve	73,976									
147	50221	Sewer - Narrung St Treatment Plant Flood Protection Infrastructure	Sewer Reserve	627,193									

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148	50245	Sewer - Olympic Highway - SPS13 New Assets	Sewer Reserve	8,838	874,822								
149	50274	Sewer - Pump Station - SPS06 Shaw Street - Renewals	Sewer Reserve						280,000				
150	50261	Sewer - Springvale Pump Station - SPS36 - New Assets - New pump station	Sewer Reserve					596,138					
151	50441	Sewer Telemetry Hardware Upgrades	Sewer Reserve	944,836									
152	50440	Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Kooringal	Sewer Reserve	250,000									
153	50438	Sewer Treatment Ponds Augmentation Collingullie	Sewer Reserve	200,000	800,000								
154	50291	Sewer - Uranquinty Pump Station - SPS31 - Renewals	Sewer Reserve		520,000								
155	50277	Sewer - Wiradjuri Sewer Pump Station - SPS10 Renewal	Sewer Reserve					88,518					
156	50266	Sewer Treatment Works - Forest Hill Plant - New Assets	External Borrowings \$21,683 (Future Years Loan Repayments less 50% LCL subsidy funded from Sewer Reserve) + Sewer Reserve \$2,305,184					2,326,867					
157	50444	Sewer Treatment Works - Narrung Street - Plant Shed Construction	Sewer Reserve	9,076									
158	19609	Shared path - Boorooma to Estella & Gobba TT9	\$7.11 \$60,044 + Grant (TBC) \$1,309,850					1,369,894					
159	19610	Shared path - Bourkelands to Lloyd - TT10	Grant (TBC)					56,950					
160	19612	Shared path - CBD to Forest Hill - TT12	Grant (TBC)					990,250					
161	19613	Shared path - Forest Hill - TT13	Grant (TBC)					727,600					
162	24871	Soil Bay Construction	Parks & Recreation Reserve	25,000									
163	23126	Southern Growth Area - Plumpton Road North	Grant (Accelerated Infrastructure Fund - AIF) \$2,553,217 + (NSW Treasury Restart) \$21,712,446 + External Borrowings \$8,300,122	7,957,570	24,608,215								

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164	23127	Southern Growth Area - Plumpton Road South	Grant (Accelerated Infrastructure Fund - AIF) \$24,267,690 + External Borrowings \$8,223,428	7,883,688	24,473,232								
165	50418	Southern Growth Area Sewer Augmentation	Grant (Dept Planning & Environment)	330,289									
166	20799	Stores - Barcoding System/ Shelving	Plant Replacement Reserve		30,979								
167	13673	Stormwater - Day, Higgins, Tarcutta St - Wagga West DSP Area Drainage Upgrade	Stormwater DSP s64 \$308,458 + Stormwater Drainage Reserve \$20,000				328,458						
168	12758	Stormwater - Kincaid St end to Flowerdale pumping station drainage - Wagga West DSP Area	Stormwater DSP s64 \$782,980 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$27,955					810,935					
169	13674	Stormwater - Lloyd Contour Ridge approx 5 km - Wagga West DSP Area Drainage Upgrade	Stormwater DSP s64 \$148,060 + Stormwater Drainage Reserve \$9,600				157,660						
170	17742	Stormwater - Murray St Project	Stormwater Levy	200,000		2,902,121							
171	12916	Stormwater - Tarcoola Drainage Extension	Stormwater DSP s64					495,657					
172	18524	Stormwater - Tarcutta Drainage Upgrade & Supplementary Levee	Contribution (Transport for NSW)	386,817									
173	22157	Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 Grant	Grant (NSW Stronger Country Communities Round 5)	266,404									
174	24425	Top Dressing Machine Purchase	Internal Loans Reserve (Payback from External Plant Hire over 5 years)		80,000								
175	20846	Venue Technical Events Kit	GPR	8,000									
176	24445	Visitor Information Centre - Commercial Fridge Purchase	Visitor Information Centre Reserve	10,000									
177	24870	Washout Bay Construction	Sewer Reserve \$75,000 + GPR \$75,000	150,000									
178	21777	Wiradjuri Walking Track Upgrade	Grant (Crown Reserve Improvement Fund)	235,043									
TOTAL LTFP CAPITAL PROGRAM				66,899,252	110,904,297	21,809,635	16,647,506	87,230,430	33,370,527	15,000,059	5,161,623	4,933,184	2,034,544

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN RECURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS - 2025/26 - 2034/35 AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026

Summary				38,211,602	27,452,948	30,269,375	31,054,969	30,071,019	28,775,533	28,333,896	30,750,636	31,868,873	35,434,522
Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
1	19504	Art Gallery - Acquire pieces for the Australian Print Collection	GPR	10,362	10,776	11,207	11,638	12,143	12,670	13,219	13,748	14,298	14,870
2	19505	Art Gallery - Acquire pieces for the National Art Glass Collection	GPR	25,904	26,940	28,018	29,096	30,359	31,677	33,053	34,375	35,750	37,180
3	12498	Bus Shelters Upgrade (existing)	GPR	39,720		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000	
4	19503	Civic Theatre - Backstage Equipment Upgrade	GPR	14,802	15,394	16,010	16,626	17,291	17,983	18,703	19,451	21,007	21,847
5	17986	Community Amenities - Apex Park	GPR			30,000	242,031						
6	16459	Community Amenities - Forest Hill Oval	GPR \$201,446 + Buildings Reserve \$23,641	225,087									
7	24404	Community Amenities - Forest Hill Community Hall	GPR	13,650						312,903			
8	17748	Community Amenities - Jubilee/Connolly Park	GPR	248,858									
9	19484	Community Amenities - McPherson Oval	GPR				30,000	250,192					
10	17985	Community Amenities - Tarcutta Public Convenience	GPR		30,000	234,332							
11	17039	Community Amenities - TBC	GPR								338,204	351,732	365,801
12	16583	Corporate Hardware Purchases	GPR	1,206,872	548,000	743,000	283,000	428,000	283,000	778,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
13	15230	Culverts - Renew and Replace	GPR	788,094	819,119	849,884	880,649	913,875	948,430	984,367	1,021,742	1,060,612	1,100,915
14	32514	Footpath Renewals	GPR + Internal Loans Reserve + Civil Infrastructure Reserve (for Future Years)	200,000	208,000	216,320	224,973	233,972	243,331	253,064	263,186	273,714	284,662
15	24218	Gravel Resheets	GPR	2,067,981	2,154,476	2,240,655	2,326,834	2,419,907	2,516,703	2,617,371	2,722,066	2,830,949	2,944,187

Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
16	16531	Heavy Patching Program	GPR	1,179,312	1,176,493	1,222,697	1,268,901	1,319,657	1,372,443	1,427,341	1,484,435	1,543,812	1,605,564
17	22107	Horticulture Upgrades & Renewals	Parks & Recreation Reserve \$44,000 2025/26 + Remaining & Future Years \$50,000 GPR	94,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
18	39868	Kerb and Gutter Replacement	GPR	0	628,622	653,767	678,912	706,068	734,310	763,682	794,229	825,998	859,038
19	23110	Library Acquisitions	GPR	349,153	358,043	365,540	373,186	380,986	388,942	397,057	405,335	414,667	422,960
20	24343	Open Space Upgrades & Renewals	Parks & Recreation Reserve	20,000									
21	20959	Parks Smart Irrigation	Internal Loans Reserve (Water savings payback - 2 Year Loan Repayments)	25,000	25,000								
22	16532	Pavement Rehabilitation Program	25/26 Grant (Roads to recovery - R2R) \$4,469,757 + Grant (Regional Roads Block) \$656,242 + GPR \$3,283,579 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$102,344 + 2026/27 ongoing (R2R 3% + Block 2% each year + GPR Balance)	8,511,923	6,121,448	8,342,971	7,627,363	5,782,147	6,004,564	6,235,613	6,475,628	6,686,809	6,887,414
23	39042	Pedestrian Access and Mobility Program (PAMP)	GPR	94,142	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
24	21900	Plant and Equipment Replacement	Plant Reserve	9,392,915	5,837,539	5,960,000	5,981,500	7,692,000	6,069,000	4,130,500	5,805,500	5,989,500	8,838,500
25	12231	Playground Equipment Renewal	GPR + Grant (TBC) - varies each year	423,880	536,000	387,000	1,406,000	574,000	631,000	500,000	880,000	696,000	696,000
26	21930	Playground Shade Sail Installation	Grant (TBC)	71,328	71,328	71,328							
27	21926	Public Art - Creative Light Spaces	Public Art Reserve	76,154									
28	21924	Public Art - Neighbourhood Engagement	Public Art Reserve	20,000									
29	21925	Public Art - Suburbs & Villages	Public Art Reserve	27,737									

Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
30	70209	Purchase 216 Ashfords Road Gregadoo	Solid Waste Reserve	1,325,000									
31	21091	Recreational Assets Renewal	GPR	380,848	396,082	411,925	427,769	444,878	462,672	481,178	500,425	520,442	541,260
32	23816	Regional Roads Repair Block Grant - project TBA (\$240K reallocated to Pavement Rehab in 2025/26)	2025/26 to 2026/27 GPR + 2027/28 and onwards Grant (TfNSW - Repair Block)	110,000	350,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
33	15883	Regional Roads Supplementary Block Grant - project TBA (\$94K reallocated to Reseal Program in 2025/26)	Grant (TfNSW - Block Grant Supp)	104,830	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000
34	16529	Reseal program (renewal)	25/26 Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$1,072,851 + 25/26 ongoing (RMS Block \$386,047 incrementing 3% each year + GPR balance)	4,002,531	2,960,301	3,078,713	3,197,125	3,325,011	3,458,011	3,596,331	3,740,184	3,889,791	4,045,382
35	21671	Sale of Bomen Land	Land Sales	38,117									
36	51390	Sewer Joint Connections Elimination	Sewer Reserve	56,325	57,169	58,027	58,885	59,768	60,665	61,575	62,498	64,061	65,022
37	50018	Sewer Mains Rehabilitation Program	Sewer Reserve	3,293,394	1,740,437	1,792,650	1,844,863	1,900,208	1,957,213	2,015,929	2,076,407	2,138,699	2,202,860
38	50445	Sewer Manhole Relining	Sewer Reserve	900,541	926,409	953,036	980,444	1,008,656	1,037,697	1,067,590	1,098,362	1,130,889	1,162,554
39	50024	Sewer Plant & Pumps Replacement and Renewal	Sewer Reserve	1,594,201	739,073	422,705	980,293	320,265	264,961	295,590	181,437	472,023	393,499
40	17042	Sportsground Lighting Program - Venue TBC	GPR		250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
41	12786	Street Lighting Improvements Program - Roads and Traffic Facilities (as per schedule)	GPR	173,901	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
42	15181	Traffic Committee - Implement unfunded Resolutions as adopted by Council	GPR	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
43	30044	Urban Asphalt Program	GPR	1,040,041	1,082,297	1,125,589	1,168,881	1,215,636	1,264,261	1,314,831	1,367,424	1,422,121	1,479,006

Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
44	12894	Village Community Priorities - S94A3	S7.12	40,000	18,000	18,000							
		TOTAL LTFP CAPITAL PROGRAM		38,211,602	27,452,948	30,269,375	31,054,969	30,071,019	28,775,533	28,333,896	30,750,636	31,868,873	35,434,522

RP-10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**Author:** Scott Gray**Summary:** This report is to respond to questions with notice raised by Councillors in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.**Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the report.

Report

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

Councillor J McKinnon

Would it be feasible for Wagga Council to conduct a trial of extended library opening hours on the same days that free pool entry is offered, with a view to making this a permanent arrangement on days of 41°C or more if the extended library service is well-received?

Wagga Wagga City Library operates seven days a week from 10:00am–6:00pm on weekdays and 10:00am–4:00pm on weekends, excluding gazetted public holidays and Council's Christmas–New Year closure period.

In terms of temperature, the last 10 years (2016–2025) of historical weather data indicates that Wagga Wagga experiences an average of approximately 3 days per year where temperatures reach or exceed 41°C. This average is influenced by an extreme heatwave year in 2019, which recorded a significantly higher number of days above 41°C, while more recent years have experienced very few such days, with no occurrences recorded in the most recent three-year period.

When considering the timing of these events, the likelihood of temperatures exceeding 41°C outside of standard library operating hours (i.e. before 10:00am or after 6:00pm on weekdays and after 4:00pm on weekends) is significantly lower.

It is also noted that the provision of free pool entry on extreme heat days operates within existing facility opening hours. The proposal outlined in the question would require an extension of library operating hours, which introduces additional staffing, operational and resourcing considerations.

Should Councillors wish to explore this matter further, including the feasibility and resourcing implications of a trial of extended operating hours, a Notice of Motion would be the appropriate mechanism to enable the preparation of a detailed report for Council's consideration.

Councillor R Foley

Could Council undertake spraying or treatment of Khaki Weed in affected public areas, and outline what actions are currently being taken to manage its spread within the local government area?

Council staff and Council's contractor are both currently carrying out spraying in the affected areas, following the recent rainfall that caused the latest outbreak.

Council also maintains a spray schedule for Khaki Weed throughout the summer, with follow-up spraying whenever weeds are identified thereafter. The schedule includes pre-emergent spraying in high-profile areas as well as selective broadleaf chemicals. Khaki Weed can often bloom later in the season after a dry summer followed by rainfall, as we've observed this year. Teams attempt to spray prior to seeding where possible. Additionally, when mowing areas with Khaki Weed, machinery is cleaned between sites to prevent spreading it to other locations.

Councillor L Tanner

Does Council undertake periodic audits of signage conditions across the local government area, or are signs only inspected and replaced on an as-needed basis when their condition deteriorates, or issues are reported?

Councils Asset Team has recently commenced developing an operational asset register to map and record traffic signs across the Local Government Area. As this asset data collection is still underway, a formalised inspection or renewal schedule has not yet been established.

At present, signage maintenance is primarily managed through a reactive approach, with issues identified through Customer Requests, reports from Council staff, or observations during routine operational works. When signs are reported as damaged, missing, or faded, they are inspected and repaired or replaced as required.

Currently Councils Lines and Signs Team also undertake informal condition inspections while carrying out routine maintenance activities, identifying signs that require replacement due to deterioration, loss of retro reflectivity, or non-compliance with current standards.

Once the asset register is completed, Councils Asset Team will be able to implement a more structured inspection and renewal program, allowing signage condition to be monitored systematically and maintenance works to be planned and prioritised as part of future asset management programs.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE - 18 FEBRUARY 2026

Author: Ben Creighton

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary:

This report presents the minutes of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee meeting held on 18 February 2026. The report also recommends amendments to the Committee's Terms of Reference for Council's consideration and seeks Council endorsement of actions to support the ongoing investigation of the Rail Trail proposal.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a receive the minutes of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026
- b endorse the revised Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Terms of Reference
- c note the investigative and information-gathering activities proposed by the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee, including inviting Transport for NSW to present on NSW Rail Trails Framework reforms and undertaking site visits and familiarisation inspections to support informed consideration of the Rail Trail proposal
- d approve submitting an application in principle to UGL seeking landowner consent for a potential future Rail Trail
- e approve pursuing access to the rail corridor through a third-party access licence

Report

The Minutes of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026 are presented to Council for consideration. A summary of the matters considered, and resolutions made is outlined below.

RP-1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

At its meeting, the Committee appointed Councillor Jenny McKinnon as Deputy Chairperson.

In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Deputy Chairperson must be a Councillor member of the Committee and will act in the absence of the Chairperson.

RP-2 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee reviewed the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Terms of Reference and recommends the proposed amendments to Council for consideration and adoption of the revised Terms of Reference as attached.

The proposed amendments include:

- Expansion of the Committee's purpose statement to further clarify its role in guiding and supporting development of the Wagga Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail concept.
- Expansion of the Committee objectives, including introduction of a defined task and timeframe requiring preparation of a Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail proposal within 18 months, aligned with the NSW Rail Trails Framework, to support future Council endorsement and NSW Government consideration.
- Amendment to meeting notice provisions, increasing the circulation period for agendas and business papers from three (3) working days to seven (7) days prior to meetings.
- Amendment to meeting arrangements to allow flexibility for meetings to be held at differing intervals as determined by the Committee.

RP-3 PROPOSED 2026 MEETING DATES

That the Committee endorsed a schedule of meeting dates for 2026.

RP-4 WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL STATUS UPDATE

The committee considered a report summarising council's investigations, consultation and actions undertaken to date in relation to the Wagga Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail proposal. The report outlined the historical context of council's consideration of the project, outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement, updated preliminary cost estimates, funding considerations, and relevant state government policy settings, including the NSW Rail Trails Framework.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee considered actions to support its ongoing progress and resolved to recommend that Council endorse the following investigative and engagement activities to assist the Committee in progressing consideration of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail proposal:

- Invite Mr Ian Jordan, Transport for NSW, to present to the next Committee meeting on the reforms currently being undertaken to the NSW Rail Trails Framework and to provide clarification on what constitutes a concept plan or masterplan.
- Endorse the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee undertaking a site visit to the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail and invite Mr Owen Fitzgerald to join the Committee for an onsite inspection of the Riverina Highlands Rail Trail.
- Endorse the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee to undertake a familiarisation inspection and site inspection of the proposed Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail alignment subject to landowner approval.
- Approve submitting an application in principle to UGL seeking landowner consent for a potential future Rail Trail. This does not allow for the approval of a Rail Trail but allows UGL to review information on the corridor in consideration of the suitability of this use.
- Applying for access to the rail corridor through a third-party access licence.

These actions are intended to support information gathering, stakeholder engagement and understanding of legislative, planning and corridor access requirements prior to any future Council decision regarding progression of the project.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

The Committee received Questions with Notice requesting future reports on available grant opportunities to progress the Rail Trail proposal, including application timeframes, and a summary of Council's expenditure over the past five years on cycling infrastructure across the Local Government Area, including the Pomingalarna Complex and the active travel network.

Financial Implications

The initial application fees to get the Rail Trail process underway total \$1,342 (AIP \$550- and Third-Party Access \$792). External support has been confirmed to cover these application fees:

- Bicycle Wagga Wagga Inc. are willing to fund the \$550 AIP fee, and
- Riverina Highlands Rail Trail Inc. the \$792 Third Party Access fee.

As a result, there is no direct financial impact to Council for these application costs at this stage.

Policy and Legislation

Wagga to Ladysmith Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

Attachments

1. [Minutes - Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee - 18 February 2026.](#)
2. [Draft revised Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Terms of Reference.](#)

MINUTES of the **RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE - WAGGA TO LADYSMITH** held on **Wednesday 18 February 2026.**

PRESENT

Ray Willis (Chairperson)
Councillor Richard Foley
Councillor Jenny McKinnon
Aunty Mary Atkinson
Adam Schipp
Alan Brown
Lisa Glastonbury
Kerry Pascoe
Michael Dunn
Owen Plowman
John Deuis

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Ben Creighton	Manager City Growth and Regional Assets
Mr Joshua Walsh	Recreation Coordinator
Mrs Nicole Johnson	Corporate Governance Coordinator
Ms Ruby Brodin	Business Support Officer (Minute taker)

The meeting of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee commenced at 12:30pm.

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted by the Committee for General Manager, Mr Peter Thompson and Project Engineer, Mr Jack McIntyre.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Committee members introduced themselves and outlined their interest in serving on the Committee.

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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES of the RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE - WAGGA TO LADYSMITH held on Wednesday 18 February 2026.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Recommendation:

On the Motion of K Pascoe and L Glastonbury

That the Committee appoint Councillor Jenny McKinnon as the Deputy Chairperson.

CARRIED

RP-2 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and K Pascoe

That the Committee:

- a note the adopted Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Terms of Reference attached to the report.**
- b recommend to Council the endorsed proposed amendments and seek readoption of the revised Terms of Reference.**

CARRIED

The Committee noted a vote against the recommendation by Alan Brown.

RP-3 PROPOSED 2026 MEETING DATES

Recommendation:

On the Motion of L Glastonbury and Councillor J McKinnon

That the Committee endorse the following schedule of meeting dates for 2026:

- Wednesday, 18 February 2026**
- Wednesday, 15 April 2026**
- Wednesday, 10 June 2026**
- Wednesday, 5 August 2026**
- Wednesday, 7 October 2026**
- Wednesday, 2 December 2026**

CARRIED

MINUTES of the RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE - WAGGA TO LADYSMITH held on Wednesday 18 February 2026.

RP-4 WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and M Dunn

That the Committee receive and note that background of action taken by Council to date regarding the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail proposal.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Recommendation:

On the Motion of K Pascoe and Councillor J McKinnon

The Committee recommend that Council:

- a invite Mr Ian Jordan, Transport for NSW, to present to the next Committee meeting on the reforms currently being undertaken to the NSW Rail Trails Framework and to provide clarification on what constitutes a concept plan or masterplan.
- b endorse the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee undertaking a site visit to the Tumbarrumba to Rosewood Rail Trail and invite Mr Owen Fitzgerald to join the Committee for an onsite inspection of the Riverina Highlands Rail Trail.
- c endorse the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Committee to undertake a familiarisation inspection and site inspection of the proposed Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail alignment subject to landowner approval.
- d approve submitting an application in principle to UGL seeking landowner consent for a potential future Rail Trail.
- e applying for access to the rail corridor through a third-party access licence

CARRIED

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN-1 GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

That the Committee receive a report outlining future grant opportunities to progress the Rail Trail proposal, including the timing of relevant application processes.

QWN-2 COUNCIL EXPENDITURE ON CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

That the Committee receive a report summarising Council's expenditure over the past five years to date on cycling infrastructure across the Local Government Area, including the Pomingalarna Complex and the active travel network.

The Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee rose at 1:56pm.

Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee

Terms of Reference



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1. Status and Name

The Committee shall be known as the “Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee” (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”).

This Committee is a Committee of Wagga Wagga City Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) pursuant to and in accordance with provisions contained in the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

2. Established

The Committee was established by Council resolution 25/240 on 11 August 2025.

3. Purpose, Objectives and Operational Support

The Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee has been established to guide and support the ongoing development of the Wagga Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail concept. The Committee will act as a central point for key stakeholders to provide input, oversight and advocacy for the project as it progresses through planning and potential implementation stages.

1. The objectives of the Steering Committee are to:
 - Provide strategic direction and oversight for the investigation and development of the Wagga Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail concept.
 - Assist Council staff to deliver inclusive stakeholder and community engagement.
 - Identify and support applications for external funding sources to assist in the planning and/or implementation of the project.
 - Provide advice to ensure alignment with the NSW Rail Trails Framework, Council resolutions, and regional priorities.
 - Monitor progress and ensure that risks, opportunities, and community concerns are appropriately addressed.
2. Council Committees are to operate in accordance with the legislative framework of the Council, and in line with best practice guidelines.
3. The Committee is nominated as a serviced committee by the Council. This means that the Council is responsible for:
 - Preparation of minutes, reports and agendas
 - Providing professional staff and minute taker to attend meetings if required
 - Providing feedback on Council decisions to the Committee
 - Provision of a meeting venue and refreshments as appropriate
 - Provision of insurance coverage for the Committee as appropriate
 - Provision of a Councillor or a staff member to attend in an advisory capacity when required or requested

- The agenda is to include an item for Questions with Notice. Committee members may raise a question prior to the meeting to be included in the agenda with the approval of the Chair. For items raised at the meeting, the items will be recorded in the minutes with a response to be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Ensuring that agendas will be forwarded to Committee members, all Councillors and the General Manager at least three working days prior to a meeting
- Once the minutes have been completed and approved by the Chair, they will be circulated to Committee members as the official record of the meeting. Where the Committee makes a recommendation to Council, a Council officer will prepare a report for consideration at the next available Council meeting.

4. Function and Role

The function and role of the Committee includes, but is not limited to:

- Advising on feasibility assessments, potential route alignments, and staging strategies.
- Leading or supporting planning and delivery of stakeholder and community engagement activities in collaboration with Council.
- Identifying funding opportunities and contributing to the preparation of draft funding submissions for Council's consideration.
- Advising on governance and planning to support future decision making and project implementation.
- Providing a forum for communication between affected landowners, community members, Council, and State Government representatives.
- Considering linkages with other existing and planned regional rail trail initiatives to ensure an integrated network, including the current Wagga to Ladysmith proposal and potential future connections.

5. Membership

The committee shall have a maximum of 14 members, with membership of the Committee comprising of the following:

Voting Members

- Two Councillors
- Independent Chair
- Wiradjuri Representative
- Two impacted landowners or representatives
- Two proponents being:
 - One member of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Group
 - One member of the Riverina Highland Rail Trail
- Three community members

Non-voting Members

- Three Council staff members:
 - General Manager
 - Manager City Growth and Regional Assets
 - Project Engineer

Alternate Representative

Where a Committee member is a representative of an organisation, the community or State Body representative, an alternate representative may be nominated to attend meetings of the Committee in lieu of the nominated representative and when so attending shall have the same representation and voting rights of the nominated representative. The name of the alternate representative should be forwarded to a relevant Council staff member prior to the meeting.

Selection of Members of the Committee

The Independent Chair, Organisation, Community and Interest Groups are appointed in accordance with the process detailed in Council's policy entitled "Appointment of Organisation, Community and Individual Citizen Members to Council Committees".

The Committee at its discretion, may co-opt additional members from time to time (referred to as co-opted members) to provide specialist advice or assistance in the Committee's deliberations of any matter, but such co-opted members shall serve on the Committee only for the period of time required by the Committee, and will not, whilst serving as a co-opted member, have any voting rights.

The Committee may:

- Invite observers, citizens or other representatives to attend meetings of the Committee for the purpose of clarifying any matters under consideration by the Committee.
- From time to time, invite people to attend meetings of the Committee to make representations or provide expert advice on matters of interest to and under consideration by the Committee provided that such invited persons shall not have any voting rights.

6. Authorities

The Committee is appointed under the provisions of the *Local Government Act* (1993) and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021, and the Committee shall abide at all times with the terms of reference of this governing term.

Any authorities conferred upon the Committee under this constitution may be varied or revoked by resolution of the Council at any time.

7. Terms of Office

The Committee may be dissolved by resolution of the Council at any time but otherwise members shall cease to hold office in accordance with POL117 "Appointment of Organisation Community and Individual Citizen Members to Council Committees". By resolution, Council may extend the duration of the Committee and its independent membership for a period of not more than six (6) months after the date of a local government general election.

Committee members may be re-appointed by the Council following a general election at the Council's absolute discretion.

The Council reserves the right to determine the appointment of all members and member Organisations, Community or Interest Groups.

8. Vacation of Office

The office of an elected, appointed or representative member of the Committee shall become vacant:

- i. Upon a members death.
- ii. If a member becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his or her creditors or makes an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit.
- iii. If a member becomes a medically confirmed mentally incapacitated person.
- iv. If a member resigns by notice in writing to the Committee.
- v. If a member is absent for more than three (3) consecutive meetings without prior leave of the Committee.
- vi. If a member ceases to be a member of the organisation which they represent.
- vii. If a member holds any office for profit with the Council.
- viii. If a member commits any breach of this Terms of Reference.
- ix. If a member is convicted of any indictable offence or of any summary offence related to dishonesty.
- x. If a member is disqualified or dismissed from holding civic office.
- xi. If the committee is dissolved by the Council.
- xii. If the position is used for any pecuniary interest of the individual.
- xiii. On the retirement of the Council.

Where a person who ceases to be a member of the Committee and was appointed as an organisation, community or interest group as its representative, that organisation community or interest group shall, subject to the Council's approval of its nominee, fill the vacancy so created.

Where such person was directly appointed by the Council, the vacancy shall be filled by the Council.

9. Deputy Chairperson

The Committee shall, at its first meeting following appointment, elect one of the Councillor members to be Deputy Chairperson.

The Deputy Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson.

10. Voting at Meetings of the Committee

Voting on all matters shall be on the voices except where the Chairperson otherwise determines or a challenge to voting is made, in which case the voting shall be by show of hands.

A staff member of the Council is not permitted to be a voting member of the Committee.

Each member of the Committee entitled to vote, shall have one vote. A proposition which receives a majority of votes (i.e. more than half) of the voting members present shall be a decision of the Committee. In the event of a tied vote within the Committee, the Chair will have the casting vote.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting shall record all decisions of the Committee.

Any voting member of the Committee may request that their name be recorded in the Minutes of a meeting as having voted against a recommendation of the Committee, and such shall be recorded in the Minutes.

11 Quorum

A quorum shall comprise a majority of the appointed voting members of the Committee. Noting meetings can be held in person or by video conference.

Should a quorum not be present at the start of, or during, any meeting, the voting members present may decide that the agenda items continue to be discussed, however any agreement or decision so made shall be recorded in the Minutes as "No quorum - decision of the members present", and not as a recommendation of the Committee.

The names of the Committee members present, whenever a quorum is not present, shall be recorded in the Committee minutes, and the reason as to why a quorum was not present.

12. Meetings

The Committee is to meet bi-monthly, as determined by the Committee.

Attendance at meetings may be in person or remote via video conference at the discretion of the committee.

Committee meetings will not normally be open to the general community; however, the Committee may invite members of the community to attend meetings as observers or to provide relevant information as required.

13 Notice of Meetings and Agenda/Business Paper

A Notice of, and an Agenda and Business Papers for, every meeting of the Committee shall be forwarded at least three (3) working days prior to the date of the meeting to:

- Each member of the Committee both voting and non-voting
- The Mayor and all Councillors

Items submitted for inclusion on the agenda by any of the Committee members or representatives are to be lodged with the Committee's nominated secretary a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the meeting to allow time to prepare information and/or report on the matter.

Provision will be made on each agenda for General Business to be raised at each meeting.

14 Conduct of Proceedings

The delegations conferred by this Terms of Reference empower the Committee to exercise the functions of the Council in the specific areas outlined within its roles and responsibilities.

Proceedings at all meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Council's Code of Meeting Practice applicable to meetings of committees of Council. This includes disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflicts of interest interests.

The Committee may determine other procedures for conduct of meetings so long as they are not inconsistent with this Terms of Reference.

Committee Members will be required to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.

15 Minutes

Minutes from each meeting shall be made containing details of all matters considered and the Committee recommendations formulated.

Within one (1) week of the meeting, a copy of the minutes is to be circulated to all members of the Committee and the Council.

The Minutes and recommendations of the Committee will be submitted to a meeting of the Council, before the next meeting of the Committee.

The Minutes of all meeting shall record the names of:

- All voting members, including any alternate representative, present and their representation on the Committee
- All non-voting members present
- Any co-opted, or invited non-voting people who attend the meeting

The Minutes must be prepared in accordance with the Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

16 Reports and Correspondence for Committee

The agenda for meetings shall include:

- i. Acknowledgement of Country
- ii. The Minutes of any previous meeting for confirmation as to accuracy of the proceedings and decisions of the meeting
- iii. Reports from Council officers on matters and on correspondence received by the Committee on matters the domain of the Committee's function and role
- iv. Any reports or questions with notice submitted by a member of the Committee

The agenda shall not include any business which is, or the implementation of the business would be, unlawful.

Any correspondence relevant to an item on the Agenda under the Committee's consideration may be included in the Agenda and Business Papers provided it is provided to the Committee with the Agenda and Business Papers.

Any report, correspondence or material tabled and accepted at the meeting, which was not included in the agenda, must be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting and annexed to the minutes when distributed under Clause 15.

17. Disclosure of Interests

Pecuniary Interests/Conflicts of Interest.

- i. The first item on the agenda of all Committee meetings, other than that held annually for election of the Chairperson (after apologies) shall be the declaring of pecuniary interests/conflicts of interest.
- ii. A member of the Committee shall not at meetings of the Committee vote on, or take part in the discussion of, any matter in which that person or any relation of that person, has, personally or by their partner, any pecuniary interest. Such interest shall be declared to the meeting at the earliest opportunity, and any member declaring any such interest shall refrain from any discussion of or voting on the matter.
- iii. In declaring the nature of a pecuniary or conflict of interest at a meeting, the member, adviser, staff member or delegate must ensure that:
 - The details are sufficient to enable other Committee members and the public to appreciate in general terms the connection of the person with this matter under consideration.
 - The disclosure does not reveal sensitive information which is not relevant to the matter before the Committee.
 - The disclosure does not reveal information which may be unnecessarily damaging to the reputation of some person(s) with whom the person disclosing is associated.
 - The disclosure will not unnecessarily prejudice a sensitive commercial or legal situation.

Disclosure to be recorded.

A disclosure made at a meeting of a Committee must be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

18 Dissolution

The Committee may be dissolved by a resolution of Council at any time.

M-2 **AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 26 FEBRUARY 2026**

Author: Melinda Conolly
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary: This report presents the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 26 February 2026.

Recommendation

That Council receive the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026.

Report

The minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 are presented to Council for adoption.

The Chairperson Report is provided below providing a summary of the meeting.

I am pleased to present this report summarising the key matters considered by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) at its held Thursday 26 February 2026.

The General Manager provided the Committee with a comprehensive update on key matters and emerging risks, including:

- Gregadoo Waste Management Facility: A recent fire incident and associated operational considerations.
- Airport Lease: Ongoing negotiations with the Commonwealth regarding the proposed lease agreement.
- Major Procurement Activity: Significant upcoming procurement processes and the probity measures implemented to ensure transparency and compliance.
- Executive Recruitment: Continued recruitment for several executive-level management positions.
- Modern Slavery and ESG Compliance: Council's internal monitoring activities and progress in meeting modern slavery and broader ESG requirements.
- REX Airlines: New owners have confirmed their intention to continue operating as a regional airline and remain supportive of the Australian Airline Pilot Academy in Wagga.
- Budgeting Process: An update on the budgeting process currently underway across Council.
- Inland Rail: Progress updates, particularly relating to the Edmonston Street bridge.

A representative from Council's auditor, the NSW Audit Office, presented the Audit Engagement Plan for Council's 20205/26 financial statement audit. Key areas of audit focus will include:

- Valuation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment
- Grants income
- Management override of controls
- Impact of IT risks and the transition to the new system

The Committee also received a series of operational presentations covering the quarterly budget review, capital works, enterprise risk management, insurance, governance and compliance, and People and Culture. These updates provided valuable insight into Council's financial performance, project delivery, organisational risks, and workforce initiatives, including recruitment and WHS trends.

An update from the Manager ICT Services highlighted ongoing improvements in cyber security and broader ICT operations. While progress continues, the Committee noted that resourcing constraints remain a challenge in delivering key initiatives in this critical area.

The Chief Audit Executive reported that the Fraud and Corruption Controls internal audit is currently underway and provided updates on recent advisory activities. These included reviews of Council's delegations framework and modern slavery response, as well as support provided to the Child Safe Framework working group in strengthening risk management and governance practices.

The Committee acknowledged Council's progress in implementing recommendations from the internal audit of the Reduce Reuse Recycle Shop, as well as ongoing work relating to recommendations from the External Quality Assessment, Cemetery Operations, and Child Safety Framework internal audits.

The Committee commended Council officers for the high-quality reporting and the professionalism demonstrated in preparing materials for the Committee's consideration.

Carolyn Rosetta-Walsh
Independent Chairperson
Audit Risk and Improvement Committee
Wagga Wagga City Council

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Attachments

1. [Minutes - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 26 February 2026.](#)

MINUTES of the **AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 26 February 2026**.

PRESENT

Mrs Carolyn Rosetta-Walsh (Chairperson)
Ms Liz Jeremy
Mr Shannon Buckley

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	Peter Thompson
Chief Audit Executive	Melinda Conolly
Chief Financial Officer	Carolyn Rodney
Manager Corporate Governance & Performance	David Galloway
Corporate Governance Officer	Ruby Brodin
Director Financial Audit (Audit Office of NSW)	Nirupama Mani

The meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee commenced at 8:02am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted by the Committee for Councillor Lindsay Tanner and the Mayor Councillor Dallas Tout

MINUTES of the **AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 26 February 2026**.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 20 NOVEMBER 2025

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 20 November 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record noting that the recommendations contained in the minutes of that meeting were endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 15 December 2025.

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting 20 November 2025 as a true and accurate record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES of the **AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 26 February 2026**.

REPORTS

RP-1 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee receive and note the update provided by the General Manager.

The Committee received a verbal update from the General Manager regarding the Airport Lease conditions and the Landfill fire at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre in late 2025.

Mr Shannon Buckley entered the meeting the time being 8:14am.

The General Manager also provided updates on the development of a new waste contract, the recruitment of three Director positions, setting of the Modern Slavery reporting baseline, and the status of the ESG Internal Audit Management Agreed Actions.

Updates were provided on the current budget setting process, the long-term financial sustainability of Council and the process for replacing a Councillor who has recently stood down. It was noted that Rex Airlines is now under the full control and ownership of Air T, Inc. The General Manager further noted the commencement of the new Code of Meeting Practice and the approved Development Application for a Livestock Processing Facility (Abattoir) on Oura Road.

The Committee also noted Council's unsuccessful discussions with Inland Rail regarding improved mobility access.

RP-2 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2025/26 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:

- a note the NSW Audit Office's schedule for the audit of the 2025/26 Financial Statements**
- b receive a presentation from the NSW Audit Office on the Annual Engagement Plan for the audit of the 2025/26 Financial Statements**

The Committee received and noted the NSW Audit Office's schedule for the 2025/26 Financial Statements audit and the presentation on the Annual Engagement Plan. The Committee discussed Sections 1, 3 and 5, along with the Evaluation Of Assets and Capital Expenditure. The Committee also noted the NSW Audit Office organisation-wide rollout of AI tool Copilot and the implementation of associated guidelines.

Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator Bradley Ristivojevic entered the meeting the time being 8:37am.

MINUTES of the AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 26 February 2026.

RP-3 DECEMBER 2025 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee note the Quarterly Budget Review for the quarter ended 31 December 2025 reported to Council at the 23 February 2026 Council meeting.

The Committee received an update from Council's Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Rodney on the Quarterly Budget Review. The Committee discussed the current waste contract expiry and plans moving forward, as well as the reduction in the year end forecast in the cash statement which is due to capital works being carried over from 2024/25 to 2025/26.

Manager of Information & Communications Technology Services Reece Hamblin entered the meeting the time being 8:53am.

RP-4 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee receive and note the Cyber Security and Information and Communications Technology update.

The Committee received an update from Council's Manager of Information & Communications Technology Services Reece Hamblin. In January 2026, Reece rewrote the ICT Disaster Recovery Plan, which is currently in draft, pending endorsement by the Executive. Reece also provided a further update on ICT protocols, AI protocols, server patching, and highlighted the ongoing resourcing risk.

Manager of Information & Communications Technology Services Reece Hamblin vacated the meeting the time being 9:05am.

MINUTES of the AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 26 February 2026.

RP-5 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report.

The Committee received the Capital Works update from Council's Manager of Corporate Governance & Performance, David Galloway. David outlined the trial with the Infrastructure team to improve project reporting. The Committee discussed past challenges in meeting budget targets due to the maturity of delivery processes and noted that community feedback has largely focused on recurrent maintenance rather than project delivery. Improving staff understanding of the budget variation process was identified as a priority.

RP-6 GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee note the information contained in this quarterly Governance and Compliance Report for the period October to December 2025.

The Committee received an update from Council's Manager of Corporate Governance & Performance, David Galloway, highlighting the work required for the classification of complaints.

RP-7 ARIC ACTION REGISTERS (RESOLUTION REGISTER ARIC MEETINGS)

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee note that there are no outstanding actions relating to recommendations from previous ARIC meetings.

The Committee noted that there are no outstanding actions on the Resolution Register.

MINUTES of the **AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 26 February 2026**.

RP-8 ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE QUARTERLY REPORT

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee:

- a Note the insurance update.**
- b Note the enterprise risk management update.**

The Committee received an update from Council's Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator Bradley Ristivojevic .The Committee noted the improvements that have been made to reporting, and the ongoing focus on improvement of reporting, by staff. It was clarified that the high number of incident notifications is not indicative of the number of claims. The Risk Management Improvement Plan was approved by the Executive Team on 2 February 2026, and rollout has now commenced.

Director Economy, Business & Workforce Fiona Piltz and People & Culture Coordinator Therese Reeckman entered the meeting the time being 9:26am.

Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator Bradley Ristivojevic vacated the meeting the time being 9:32am.

RP-10 PEOPLE & CULTURE UPDATE

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the People & Culture update.

The Committee received an update from Council's Director of Economy, Business & Workforce, Fiona Piltz, on the status of casual contracts, WHS statistics, and the importance of hazard reporting. The landfill fire at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre was also identified as the most significant issue in the past six months.

Director Economy, Business & Workforce Fiona Piltz and People & Culture Coordinator Therese Reeckman vacated the meeting the time being 9:34am.

MINUTES of the AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 26 February 2026.

RP-9 INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

Recommendation

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee note the Internal Audit update

The Committee received an Internal Audit Update from Council's Chief Audit Executive, Melinda Conolly. The Child Safety Audit includes a significant number of action items; and an internal working group has been established to monitor and the implementation of these actions across Council. The Chief Audit Executive confirmed that she currently has capacity to assist with the review of the Framework and creation of the Child Safe Risk Management Plans.

The Fraud and Corruption Audit is in a similar position, as no review has been conducted for some time. An update will be provided in future meetings as this is aligned with the Risk Management Framework.

The Committee agreed to close out the remaining Action Item from the Reduce Reuse Recycle Shop with Internal Audit to follow up in 6 to 12 months to determine if the controls are proving effective. Noting that this action will be undertaken by the Chief Audit Executive.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

No Questions with Notice were received.

The next meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is scheduled for 28 May 2026.

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee rose at 9:48am.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 COMMISSIONING OF PUBLIC ART PROJECT IN CBD

Author: Lauren Reynolds

Executive: Carly Hood

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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 RFT CT2026039 LAKE ALBERT PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION

Author: Ben Creighton

Executive: Fiona Piltz

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CONF-3 LICENCE FOR OFFICE AND STORAGE SPACE - MULTI-PURPOSE STADIUM, PART 150 COPLAND ST, WAGGA WAGGA - UPDATE

Author: Matthew Dombrowski

Executive: Fiona Piltz

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CONF-4 PROPOSED RENEWAL OF COMMERCIAL LEASE - 99 PETER STREET, WAGGA WAGGA

Author: Matthew Dombrovski

Executive: Fiona Piltz

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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.

**CONF-5 FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT - NSW FIRE COMMISSIONER -
7 EUNONY BRIDGE ROAD, EAST WAGGA WAGGA**

Author: Cameron Collins
General Manager: Peter Thompson

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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 FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT - NSW FIRE COMMISSIONER -
81 FITZMAURICE STREET, WAGGA WAGGA**

Author: Cameron Collins

General Manager: Peter Thompson

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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-7 RFT CT2026018 GREEN WASTE PROCESSING GWMC

Author: Diljinder Uppal

Executive: Fiona Piltz

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CONF-8 PROPOSED LAND AGREEMENT AND VOLUNTARY PLANNING PROPOSAL

Author: Fiona Piltz

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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-9 KERBSIDE RECYCLING PROCESSING CONTRACT AMENDMENT**Author:** Fiona Piltz

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

MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL** held on **Monday 9 March 2026.**

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout
Councillor Georgie Davies
Councillor Allana Condron
Councillor Richard Foley
Councillor Jenny McKinnon
Councillor Amelia Parkins
Councillor Lindsay Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Director Community (Acting)	(Mrs C Hood)
Director Infrastructure Services	(Mr H Pavitt)
Chief Financial Officer	(Mrs C Rodney)
Chief Operating Officer	(Mr S Gray)
Director Economy, Business & Workforce	(Mrs F Piltz)
Executive Director Housing & Strategic Planning	(Mrs F Hamilton)
Manager Corporate Governance & Performance	(Mr D Galloway)
Manager City Growth & Regional Assets	(Mr B Creighton)
Manager Community Services	(Ms M Scully)
Community Development Coordinator	(Ms A Osgood)
Manager Strategic Planning	(Mr M Yeomans)
Recreation Coordinator	(Mr J Walsh)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)
Communications & Engagement Officer	(Mrs M Oldaker)
Corporate Governance Officer	(Ms K West)

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

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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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

26/052 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and L Tanner
That Council grant leave of absence to Councillor A Condron for 10 August 2026.
CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

Council noted that Leave of Absence was granted to Councillor K Subedi at the 15 December 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting for the period 10 February 2026 to 10 March 2026.

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

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Monday 9 March 2026.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 23 FEBRUARY 2026

26/053 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and J McKinnon

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

Against the Motion

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-8 - DRAFT 2026/27 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES the reason being that a family member holds a pilot's licence and has a sub-lease on a hangar, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in M-1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 25 FEBRUARY 2026 the reason being that a family member has a sub-lease on a hangar at the airport, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor L Tanner declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-6 - RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - REVIEW OF BOURKE STREET the reason being that he is an employee of Transport for NSW and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

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.....MAYORGENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Monday 9 March 2026.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

26/054 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

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-7, RP-10, RP-12 and CONF-1 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

Against the Motion

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - IMPROVED RIVER ACCESS AND SAFETY AT "THE ROCKS" AT THE WAGGA BEACH PRECINCT

26/055 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

That Council receives a report from Council staff investigating options to improve river access and safety at The Rocks, Wagga Beach, including:

- a potential physical improvements to access (such as installation of steel posts and chain handrails, additional cutting or hammering of steps into the rock surface, construction of a wooden step and handrail structure upstream of the existing rock formation, and any other suitable access treatments)**

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.....MAYORGENERAL MANAGER

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- b appropriate consultation requirements, including engagement with Wiradjuri Elders and representatives of the Wiradjuri community, and**
- c an assessment of estimated costs, materials, feasibility and associated risks**
- d appropriate signage measures, including warning of river hazards, advising that only competent swimmers should undertake the float back to the beach, provision of information in English and other relevant languages, and consideration of Wiradjuri language and/or cultural acknowledgements in consultation with Wiradjuri Elders**
- e any relevant risk management, safety and policy considerations**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins

Against the Motion

L Tanner

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 LEP25/0002 - HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT - LAND RESERVATION ACQUISITION MAPS

A Motion was moved by Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council:

- a endorse planning proposal LEP25/0002 to amend the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010, 'Land Reservation Acquisition' maps
- b write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requesting a gateway determination under s3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act 1979)
- c on receipt of a Gateway Determination under section 3.34 of the EP&A Act 1979, Council enact all the requirements of the Gateway Determination and requirements of Schedule 1, clause 4 of the EP&A Act 1979
- d delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate of all functions under Section 3.36 of the EP&A Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and put into effect the planning proposal
- e delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to make any variations to the planning proposal, to correct any drafting errors or anomalies to ensure consistency with the Gateway Determination or to address any other matter that may arise during the amendment process

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- f should no objections be received, furnishes a copy of this report and other relevant information to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure 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

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor J McKinnon and seconded by Councillor A Parkins

That Council defer consideration of LEP25/0002 - Housekeeping Amendment - Land Reservation Acquisition Maps to a future meeting of Council following clarification of land use.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

<u>For the Amendment</u>	<u>Against the Amendment</u>
J McKinnon	D Tout
A Parkins	G Davies
	A Condron
	R Foley
	L Tanner

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was LOST.

26/056 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council:

- a endorse planning proposal LEP25/0002 to amend the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010, 'Land Reservation Acquisition' maps
- b write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requesting a gateway determination under s3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act 1979)
- c on receipt of a Gateway Determination under section 3.34 of the EP&A Act 1979, Council enact all the requirements of the Gateway Determination and requirements of Schedule 1, clause 4 of the EP&A Act 1979
- d delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate of all functions under Section 3.36 of the EP&A Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and put into effect the planning proposal
- e delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to make any variations to the planning proposal, to correct any drafting errors or anomalies to ensure consistency with the Gateway Determination or to address any other matter that may arise during the amendment process
- f should no objections be received, furnishes a copy of this report and other relevant information to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing

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and Infrastructure 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

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	J McKinnon
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

RP-2 PROCESS FOR A POTENTIAL FUTURE IPART APPLICATION SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

A MOTION was moved by Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the report regarding the process for investigating a potential future Special Rate Variation (SRV) application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)
- b endorse the commencement of investigations and financial modelling required to assess the need for a potential SRV application
- c endorse the commencement of a structured program of work to investigate the need, scope and implications of a potential SRV application, including:
 - i long-term financial modelling
 - ii service and infrastructure gap analysis
 - iii productivity and cost-containment review
 - iv benchmarking against comparable councils
 - v development of a community engagement strategy
- d as part of the investigation process, request that staff also examine opportunities to improve Council’s long-term financial sustainability through alternative revenue sources and income-generating assets, including but not limited to council-facilitated housing initiatives, property development opportunities, or other asset-based investment models
- e ensure that the financial modelling undertaken as part of the SRV investigation considers whether income-producing community assets could contribute to long-term infrastructure funding and assist in reducing future reliance on rate increases, in order to ensure Council is considering all available options to reduce long-term pressure on ratepayers

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An AMENDMENT was moved by The Mayor, Councillor D Tout and seconded by Councillor L Tanner

That Council:

- a note the information contained in this report regarding the Special Rate Variation (SRV) framework and requirements
- b acknowledge the emerging financial and service delivery challenges facing Council that may require consideration of a future SRV
- c endorse the commencement of a structured program of work to investigate the need, scope and implications of a potential SRV application, including:
 - i long-term financial modelling
 - ii service and infrastructure gap analysis
 - iii productivity and cost-containment review
 - iv benchmarking against comparable councils
 - v development of a community engagement strategy
- d receive a further report outlining the outcomes of this work and recommendations on whether to proceed to formal community consultation and a potential IPART application

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

For the Amendment
D Tout

Against the Amendment
G Davies
A Condon
R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

The AMENDMENT on being put to the meeting was LOST.

26/057 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the report regarding the process for investigating a potential future Special Rate Variation (SRV) application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)**
- b endorse the commencement of investigations and financial modelling required to assess the need for a potential SRV application**
- c endorse the commencement of a structured program of work to investigate the need, scope and implications of a potential SRV application, including:**
 - i long-term financial modelling**

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- ii service and infrastructure gap analysis
- iii productivity and cost-containment review
- iv benchmarking against comparable councils
- v development of a community engagement strategy
- d as part of the investigation process, request that staff also examine opportunities to improve Council’s long-term financial sustainability through alternative revenue sources and income-generating assets, including but not limited to council-facilitated housing initiatives, property development opportunities, or other asset-based investment models
- e ensure that the financial modelling undertaken as part of the SRV investigation considers whether income-producing community assets could contribute to long-term infrastructure funding and assist in reducing future reliance on rate increases, in order to ensure Council is considering all available options to reduce long-term pressure on ratepayers

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
A Condron
R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

Against the Motion

G Davies

RP-3 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - MANAGED SHORT-STAY AND TRANSITIONAL CAMPING SOLUTIONS AT WILKS PARK

26/058 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and L Tanner

That Council:

- a receive and note the report, and request the General Manager provide data on occupancy rates, average length of stay, and numbers affected at Wilks Park to inform future decisions
- b note that Wilks Park infrastructure is designed for short-stay use and is under increasing operational pressure from waste, wastewater, and cleaning costs
- c request the General Manager report on options to restore Wilks Park to its intended short-stay function, including:

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- i measures to support compliance with the 72-hour limit;
 - ii best-practice models from comparable Local Government Areas;
 - iii enforcement costs and impacts on people experiencing homelessness
- d request the General Manager commence investigating the feasibility of a managed transitional camping or safe-parking area within the LGA, including:
 - i suitable Council-owned land near existing support services;
 - ii cost-benefit analysis of required amenities;
 - iii draft management plan for Council, support agencies, and NSW Police
- e investigate a registration or engagement framework for extended stays at Wilks Park, including a permit system administered by a homelessness service provider and provisions for voluntary engagement with housing and support pathways
- f write to the NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness, The Hon. Rose Jackson, MLC requesting:
 - i funding for a feasibility study into the safe-parking proposal;
 - ii deployment of Housing NSW staff for onsite support;
 - iii additional crisis or transitional housing for the Wagga Wagga region;
 - iv a formal response within 60 days.
- g continue engagement with service providers and community organisations to connect people at Wilks Park with appropriate support
- h request a meeting with the General Manager, the Mayor, relevant DCJ representatives and Police Command representatives to discuss the escalating homelessness crisis and potential solution approach
- i write to the NSW Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP, requesting that he advocate on Council’s behalf to the NSW Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, The Hon. Yasmin Maree Catley MP, and the NSW Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, The Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, regarding housing
- j request the General Manager bring back a report within 60 days with a project plan, including the cost to complete the work identified in this motion

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

RP-4 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - IMPACTS OF SYNTHETIC TURF IN PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

26/059 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council receive and note this report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

RP-5 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON LAKE ALBERT ROAD

26/060 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council:

- a note the actions undertaken in response to the original Notice of Motion**
- b note that key safety and visibility improvements at the Lake Albert Road crossing have been implemented**
- c note that any further improvements will be addressed through Council's broader city-wide pedestrian safety and active travel planning**

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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| <u>For the Motion</u> | <u>Against the Motion</u> |
| D Tout | |
| G Davies | |
| A Condrón | |
| R Foley | |
| J McKinnon | |
| A Parkins | |
| L Tanner | |

RP-6 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - REVIEW OF BOURKE STREET

26/061 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council:

- a note the actions undertaken in response to the original Notice of Motion**
- b note that further strategic work will be progressed through the development of a future Bourke Street corridor study to inform long-term planning, safety and amenity improvements**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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| <u>For the Motion</u> | <u>Against the Motion</u> |
| D Tout | |
| G Davies | |
| A Condrón | |
| R Foley | |
| J McKinnon | |
| A Parkins | |
| L Tanner | |

RP-7 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - TURVEY PARK AND MT AUSTIN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

26/062 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

That Council:

- a note the pedestrian safety improvements delivered to date in Turvey Park and surrounding areas, including new pedestrian refuge islands and accessibility upgrades**

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- b note that further pedestrian safety enhancements will be considered through the development of Council’s new Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

RP-8 DRAFT 2026/27 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 8:08pm.

26/063 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and A Parkins

That Council:

- a place the draft 2026/27 Airport Fees and Charges on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 11 March 2026 to 7 April 2026 and invite public submissions during this period**
- b receive a further report following the exhibition and submission period:**
 - i addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft 2026/27 Airport Fees and Charges**
 - ii proposing adoption of the 2026/27 Airport Fees and Charges unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period**
 - iii proposing that the new Passenger Services Charges rates commence from 1 August 2026**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 8:11pm.

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RP-9 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF SPORTSGROUND FEES

26/064 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and L Tanner

That Council:

- a approve the request from Wagga Touch Association for a one-off waiver of the Winter Sportsground User Fee for the 2025/26 season valued at approximately \$15,000**
- b note that Council officers have undertaken a review of the application of seasonal Sportsground User Fees, policies and procedures and a service review will be completed during 2026/27 to ensure best practice within Council’s booking processes**
- c approve the budget variation as noted in the financial implications section of this report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

RP-10 APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSIDY FOR WASTE DISPOSAL FOR CHARITY ORGANISATIONS

26/065 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

That Council endorse the request for additional Financial Assistance funding, being supplementary to the previously approved grant allocation, to provide a further waste disposal subsidy of \$250 for the 2025/26 financial year to the individual listed below.

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

RP-11 2026 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE - 21 - 24 APRIL 2026

26/066 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council:

- a attend the 2026 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference to be held at the Gold Coast from 21 to 24 April 2026**
- b appoint one (1) Councillor as Council's delegate to the 2026 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

No Councillor nominated to attend the 2026 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference to be held at the Gold Coast from 21 to 24 April 2026. Councillors were advised to notify Council as soon as possible should they wish to attend.

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RP-12 CHANGE/CANCELLATION OF COUNCIL MEETING DATE - 27 APRIL 2026

26/067 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

That Council cancel the Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, 27 April 2026, due to the declaration of a new public holiday on that date and determine that no alternative meeting date be scheduled.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

RP-13 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

26/068 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and L Tanner

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	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 25 FEBRUARY 2026

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 8:27pm.

26/069 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and L Tanner

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 25 February 2026.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 8:28pm.

CLOSED COUNCIL

26/070 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 8.29pm.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

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

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 VARIATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH INLAND RAIL - PART LOT 12 DP 1136467 - CASSIDY PARADE

26/071 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

That Council:

- a endorse the proposed variation of lease on terms outlined in the body of the report**
- b authorise the General Manager or delegate to complete any documents required to give effect to this resolution**
- c authorise the affixing of Council's common seal to all documents as required**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

CONF-2 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND - 431B LAKE ALBERT ROAD, WAGGA WAGGA

26/072 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

That Council:

- a proceed with the compulsory acquisition of land identified as Lot 2 DP 577544, Lot 3 DP 597225 and Lot 11 DP 817146 and known as 431B Lake Albert Road, Lake Albert for the future public purpose of creating a wetland adjacent to Lake Albert in accordance with the provision of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991**
- b make application for the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire Lot 2 DP 577544, Lot 3 DP 597225 and Lot 11 DP 817146 by compulsory process for the future public purpose of creating a wetland**

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- adjacent to Lake Albert under section 10A of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991
- c** pay compensation to all interest holders entitled to compensation by virtue of the compulsory acquisition on the terms set out in the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991
 - d** agree that all minerals are exempt from the acquisition of Lot 2 DP 577544, Lot 3 DP 597225 and Lot 11 DP 817146
 - e** delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to take each further step necessary to obtain approval from the Minister, the Governor or any public authority as may be necessary, and take all actions as may be necessary to give notices and otherwise carry out the acquisition by means of compulsory acquisition
 - f** following receipt of the Governors approval, give effect to the acquisition by publication of an Acquisition Notice in the NSW Government Gazette and such other publication as may be required by law
 - g** approve in principle the funding source as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report
 - h** agree in principle to classify the land described as Lot 2 DP 577544, Lot 3 DP 597225 and Lot 11 DP 817146 and known as 431B Lake Albert Road, Lake Albert as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 upon acquisition of the land
 - i** authorise the General Manager or their delegate to place the proposed resolution on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and invite public submissions
- CARRIED**

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
J McKinnon
A Parkins
L Tanner

Against the Motion

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

26/073 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and L Tanner

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.33pm.

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u>	<u>Against the Motion</u>
D Tout	
G Davies	
A Condron	
R Foley	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
L Tanner	

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 8.35pm.

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MAYOR

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