



Agenda and Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

To be held on
Monday 11 May 2026
at 6:00 PM

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**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 Deputy Mayor between 2022 and 2023.



Councillor Amelia Parkins

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



Councillor Karissa Subedi

Councillor Karissa Subedi was elected to Council in 2024.



Councillor Lindsay Tanner

Councillor Lindsay Tanner was elected to Council in 2024.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

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

QUORUM

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

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND BUSINESS PAPER

MONDAY 11 MAY 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 - 13 APRIL 2026

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 April 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - BURRINJUCK DAM AUGMENTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Author: Councillor Richard Foley

Summary:

This Notice of Motion calls on Council to formally endorse the submission to the Australian Government titled 'Rebuild Burrinjuck Dam to 4,000 Gigalitres' and to write to relevant Commonwealth and NSW ministers and agencies requesting the immediate commissioning of a funded feasibility study through the National Water Grid Authority.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a endorses the submission to the Australian Government titled 'Rebuild Burrinjuck Dam to 4,000 Gigalitres
- b writes to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water, the NSW Minister for Water and the Chief Executive Officer of the National Water Grid Authority calling for the immediate commissioning of a fully funded feasibility study into the augmentation of Burrinjuck Dam to 4,000 Gigalitres
- c writes to the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Federal Member for Riverina and Shadow Minister for Water, requesting their commitment to advocate for a National Water Grid Authority feasibility study into the augmentation of Burrinjuck Dam to 4,000 Gigalitres, noting that Burrinjuck Dam lies within his electorate and directly affects his constituents
- d writes to Dr Joe McGirr MP, Member for Wagga Wagga, requesting that he advocate directly to the NSW Minister for Water and the NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure for the NSW Government's active participation in and co-funding of a National Water Grid Authority feasibility study into Burrinjuck Dam augmentation, consistent with the NSW Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy
- e forwards this resolution and the submission to Local Government NSW for the attention of Murray–Darling Basin member councils; and
- f requests that a report be brought back to Council once responses have been received from the relevant ministers, agencies and local members

Report

Burrinjuck Dam is a critical piece of nationally significant water infrastructure. Completed in 1928, the dam is now 98 years old and is one of the oldest masonry block dams in active service in the world. Its current storage capacity of 1,026 gigalitres (GL) sits upstream of Wagga Wagga (population 67,000) and downstream communities including Gundagai, Narrandera and Hay.

A comprehensive submission titled 'Rebuild Burrinjuck Dam to 4,000 Gigalitres' has been made to the Australian Government by a group of community members and irrigators from the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, including Mr Paul Pierotti, President of the Griffith Business Chamber. Mr Pierotti has previously appeared before the NSW

Upper House to advocate for Burrinjuck Dam augmentation. The submission identifies the project as nationally significant infrastructure and demonstrates that a rebuilt Burrinjuck Dam would simultaneously deliver on five Commonwealth policy priorities:

- Murray–Darling Basin Plan - providing physical infrastructure to store and deliver Commonwealth environmental water entitlements;
- Climate adaptation - capturing extreme inflow events while providing drought buffer storage for agricultural and community water needs;
- Flood mitigation - protecting Wagga Wagga and the entire downstream Murrumbidgee corridor;
- National food security - underpinning the \$30 billion annual agricultural output of the Murray Darling Basin;
- Clean energy transition - enabling 100 – 200+ MW of dispatchable hydroelectricity generation.

The submission presents compelling economic analysis. Building 3,000 GL of new storage at an estimated \$4 – 6 billion compares favourably with the Commonwealth's expenditure of \$7.2 billion on water recovery under the Basin Plan to date, with state infrastructure projects now regularly costing over \$20,000 per megalitre. The water asset value of the additional 3,000 GL storage is estimated at \$27 billion at current market rates, representing a return on investment unmatched by any alternative water recovery method.

Wagga Wagga is directly and acutely exposed to the risks of both dam failure and downstream flooding. In 2012, spillway releases caused the Murrumbidgee to peak at 10.56 metres at Wagga, requiring the evacuation of 9,000 residents and causing damage to over 240 homes. In October 2022, Burrinjuck received approximately 1,200 GL of inflow in a single month 20 per cent more than its entire storage capacity contributing to what became Australia's costliest natural disaster on record (\$5.56 billion in insured losses).

Council has invested over \$41 million in levee infrastructure that protects only the urban area of Wagga Wagga. Upstream dam storage, by contrast, protects the entire downstream corridor. This Notice of Motion builds on Council's established position: Wagga Wagga City Council previously moved a successful motion at the 2023 LGNSW Annual Conference calling for government action on Burrinjuck Dam a motion specifically referenced and cited in the submission now before the Australian Government. The submission is the product of community-led advocacy from the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, grounded in part on Council's own prior work. Council's endorsement reaffirms and amplifies that joint regional position.

Despite Council's \$41 million investment in levee infrastructure, residents of Wagga Wagga continue to face significantly elevated insurance premiums, with no discernible reduction in flood insurance costs since the levee was completed. This demonstrates that downstream flood mitigation infrastructure alone is insufficient to satisfy insurers' risk assessments for the Murrumbidgee floodplain. Only upstream storage capacity reducing the volume and frequency of major flood events at their source is likely to produce meaningful relief for ratepayers facing unaffordable insurance premiums.

The augmentation of Burrinjuck Dam to 4,000 GL would require a new dam wall to raise the crest elevation from 361 metres ASL to approximately 385 – 390 metres ASL, increasing the surface area of Lake Burrinjuck from 5,500 hectares to an estimated 12,000 – 14,000 hectares. The original plans for Burrinjuck Dam included a 4,000 GL capacity, scaled back in the early twentieth century due to constraints that no longer

apply. Brian Young's 2018 engineering study 'A Case for Enlarging Burrinjuck Storage Reservoir' found that no towns would be impacted at the 380 metre ASL contour.

The Federal Member for Riverina, the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, serves as Shadow Minister for Water in the Coalition's shadow ministry, appointed in March 2026. His Nationals leader Matt Canavan specifically identified dams as a priority, stating that Mr McCormack "will put dams back on the agenda." As the local federal member and Shadow Minister for Water, Mr McCormack is uniquely positioned to champion this feasibility study at the Commonwealth level. Council's correspondence to Mr McCormack calls on him to make a public and active commitment to that advocacy.

The Independent Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP, has committed to using his role to build bipartisan consensus to deliver outcomes for Wagga Wagga residents. His independence from both major parties positions him to advocate directly and without constraint to the NSW Minister for Water. The NSW Government's participation is essential to any National Water Grid Authority feasibility process, and the NSW Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy provides the existing policy framework within which such a study would sit. Council's correspondence to Dr McGirr requests his direct engagement with the relevant NSW ministers.

This Notice of Motion does not call on Council to commit any capital funds. It calls on Council to endorse the existing submission, write to relevant ministers and agencies, and request that the Australian Government commission a funded feasibility study through the National Water Grid Authority the appropriate mechanism under the Water Act 2007 and the National Water Grid Act 2020.

<https://rebuild-burrinjuck.netlify.app/>

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in presenting this Notice of Motion. The cost of correspondence to ministers and agencies will be absorbed within existing operational budgets. Council is not being asked to commit any capital expenditure. Any feasibility study would be funded by the Commonwealth through the National Water Grid Authority.

Policy and Legislation

- Water Act 2007 (Cth)
- Murray–Darling Basin Plan 2012 (Cth)
- National Water Grid Act 2020 (Cth)
- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- NSW Murrumbidgee Regional Water Strategy

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

Burrinjuck Dam is 98 years old and has exceeded its design life. Failure to advocate for its augmentation or replacement exposes downstream communities, including Wagga Wagga, to ongoing and increasing risks from catastrophic dam failure and extreme flooding. Advocacy through this Notice of Motion is consistent with Council's duty of care to its community and its established policy position.

Internal / External Consultation

Not applicable at this stage. The submission to the Australian Government referenced in this Notice of Motion has been prepared and is publicly available. Council's correspondence to ministers and the National Water Grid Authority will be made in accordance with Council's standard communication procedures.

NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS**Author:** Councillor Richard Foley**Summary:**

This motion directs the General Manager to refer the development of an International Engagement Policy to the Sister City Committee, to be progressed with Council staff and returned for adoption within 90 days, ensuring Wagga Wagga's Sister City relationships with Kunming, Nördlingen, and Leavenworth are governed by a formal, compliant, and strategically purposeful framework designed to improve the economic and cultural base of the City of Wagga Wagga.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a notes that Wagga Wagga City Council maintains Sister City relationships with Kunming (China), Nördlingen (Germany) and Leavenworth (USA)
- b requests the Sister City Working Group and relevant staff undertake a review of Council's existing Sister City relationships and investigates further broader international engagement opportunities, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities
- c requests Sister City Working Group and relevant staff prepare a draft International Engagement Policy, informed by the outcomes of the review and relevant legislative requirements (using the attached Wyndham City Council International Engagement Policy as a model)
- d receives a further report within 90 days outlining:
 - i the outcomes of the review, including recommendations on existing and potential future relationships; and
 - ii a draft International Engagement Policy for Council's consideration.

Report

Wagga Wagga's three Sister City relationships spanning China, Germany, and the United States, represent decades of goodwill and community investment. Yet without an upgraded contemporary formal policy framework, they remain largely ceremonial. This motion seeks to change that.

The economic opportunity is real. Wagga Wagga is home to Charles Sturt University, major defence establishments at Kapooka and Wagga Wagga Air Force Base, a world-class agricultural and food production sector, and the Bomen Special Activation Precinct. One of the most significant industrial development opportunities in regional New South Wales.

The Bomen SAP was established to attract investment and create jobs. Attracting international players, manufacturers, agribusiness investors, clean energy operators, requires Council to actively engage with the world rather than wait on Canberra or Sydney. A formal International Engagement Policy provides the framework and credibility to do exactly that and opens the door to new Sister City or Friendship City relationships strategically targeted at cities with genuine investment capacity.

This is core council business. Some will argue that international engagement is a distraction from roads, rubbish, and rates. That argument misunderstands what local government is for. Roads and rubbish are the baseline, not the ceiling.

Every international investment attracted to Bomen means construction contracts, local jobs, housing demand, and increased rate revenue that funds the very services critics claim to protect.

We should not wait for other levels of government. The federal and state governments have their own priorities. Regional communities that wait for those priorities to align with local needs will wait a long time.

Wagga Wagga has the relationships, the assets, and the ambition to pursue international partnerships in our community's interest. This motion is a first step toward doing so in a structured, compliant, and strategically purposeful way.

Financial Implications

There are no costs outside of staff time required to develop the policy. Any financial implications arising from international engagement activities recommended under the policy will be reported to Council as part of the adoption process.

Policy and Legislation

- Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice
- Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020 (Cth)
- Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018 (Cth)
- Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011 (Cth)

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

Diverse Arts and Cultural experiences

Promote, activate and support arts and cultural opportunities within our community.

Risk Management Issues for Council

- Reputational and legal risk if Council's international arrangements are not properly registered and disclosed to DFAT as required under the Foreign Relations Act.
- Risk of missed economic opportunity if the Bomen SAP and the city itself is not actively promoted through structured international engagement.
- Risk that existing Sister City relationships continue without review or accountability, reducing their value to the community.

Internal / External Consultation

The Sister City Committee will be the primary body engaged in developing the policy, working collaboratively with relevant Council staff. Further consultation with diaspora communities, local industry, and educational institutions may be identified as part of the policy development process.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Wyndham International Engagement Policy



International Engagement Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the International Engagement Policy is to provide a clear and purposeful framework for Wyndham City Council's international relationships and activities. It aims to ensure that all global engagement is strategic, aligned with Council priorities, delivers on cultural, social, and/or economic benefits to the Wyndham community and complies with regulatory requirements. The Policy positions Wyndham on the world stage as a globally connected, future focused municipality and guides decision making on how and why Council pursues international partnerships.

This Policy contributes to public value by strengthening Wyndham's economic, cultural, and educational opportunities through mutually beneficial international partnerships. It leverages the city's diverse and globally connected population, supports local diaspora engagement, and enhances Wyndham's reputation in global networks. By prioritising partnerships that align with community needs, support investment, promote innovation, and enrich cultural understanding, the Policy sets the scene to enable positive outcomes which benefits the community.

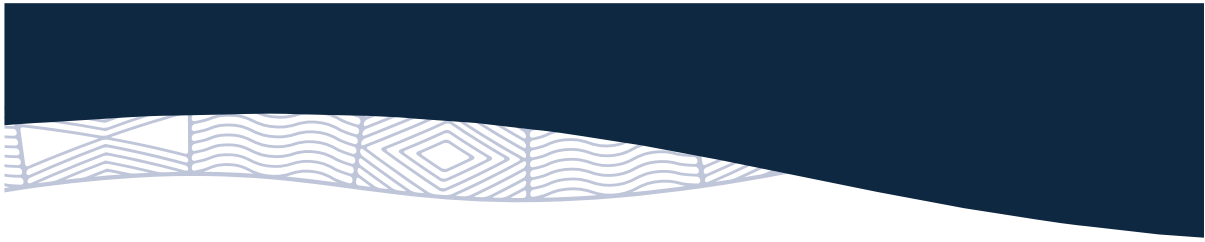
Scope

This policy applies to all people elected to, employed by, and working within Wyndham City Council: Staff (including temporary and contracted) and Volunteers (registered and student).

Policy Statement

Wyndham City Council is committed to undertaking international engagement in a purposeful, transparent, lawful and outcome driven manner. Through the International Engagement Policy, Council will aim to ensure all partnerships are aligned to strategic priorities and Council's risk appetite, deliver mutual benefit, support Wyndham's diverse community, and contribute to long term economic, cultural, and social outcomes.

Council will apply a consistent assessment framework to identify, prioritise, and evaluate international relationships. Engagement activities will be designed around clear objectives, community relevance, and where possible, measurable outcomes. Council will work collaboratively with local stakeholders, diaspora communities, educational institutions, and industry to maximise the value of each international partnership and ensure accountability through regular evaluation.



Objectives

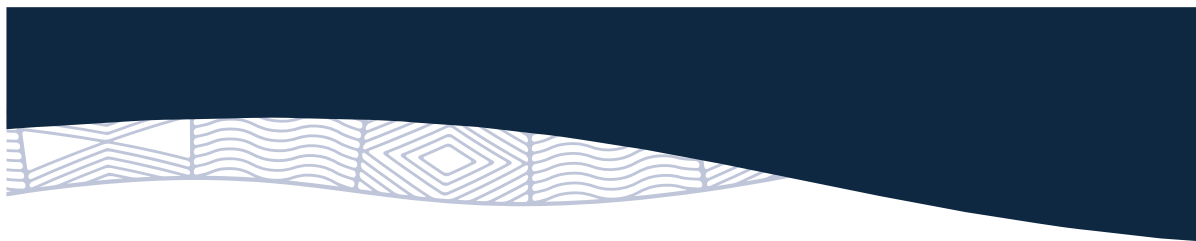
Wyndham City Council aims to:

- be a globally connected municipality that leverages purposeful international partnerships to enhance economic growth, cultural exchange, innovation, and community wellbeing.
- foster a constructive culture in international engagement, Council seeks to build a professional environment that values collaboration, cultural awareness, community inclusion, strategic thinking, and mutual respect.
- embed continuous improvement into its international engagement practices by regularly evaluating partnerships, measuring outcomes where possible, reviewing alignment with strategic priorities, and identifying opportunities for innovation. Processes will include periodic assessment of existing relationships, reporting, gaining stakeholder feedback, and adaptive planning to ensure the program remains relevant, effective, and responsive to community needs.
- act with professionalism, cultural sensitivity, accountability, and integrity. They will apply the assessment criteria consistently, communicate clearly with internal and external stakeholders, uphold Council's guiding principles, and aim for engagement activities to be purposeful, inclusive, and aligned with organisational goals.

Guiding Principles

Wyndham's international engagement will be:

1. Purpose-Driven – tied to Council Plan priorities, especially economic development, liveability, and community connections.
2. Mutually Beneficial – delivering value for both Wyndham and partner cities/countries.
3. Inclusive – reflecting the city's cultural diversity and supporting diaspora communities.
4. Future-Focused – positioning Wyndham to benefit from emerging industries, technologies, and sustainability initiatives.
5. Pragmatic – ensuring partnerships are resourced, measurable, and regularly reviewed.



Introduction

Wyndham is one of Australia's fastest-growing municipalities, located in Melbourne's west and home to a young, diverse, and globally connected community. As a growth area city, Wyndham faces unique challenges in infrastructure, economic development, and service delivery. At the same time, its strategic location, multicultural demographic, and strong community links provide opportunities to strengthen international relationships that drive cultural, social, and economic outcomes.

This policy provides a framework for Wyndham's international engagement, ensuring partnerships are purposeful, aligned to community priorities, and deliver measurable benefits.

Wyndham's Global Context

Location and Growth

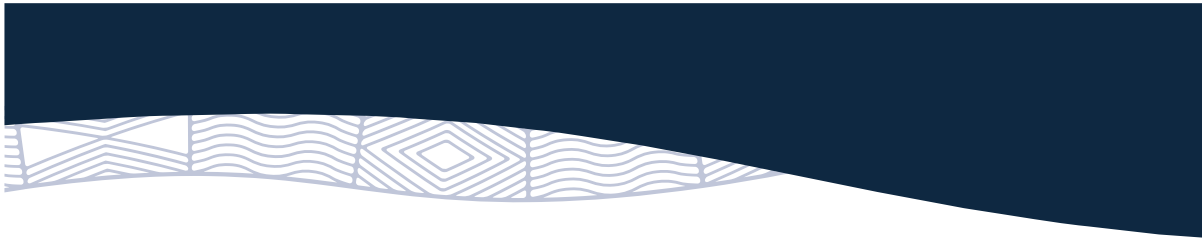
- Situated 25km southwest of Melbourne's CBD, strategically positioned on the Princes Freeway and Melbourne to Geelong corridor.
- Population (2025 estimate): ~350,000, projected to reach 500,000+ by 2040.
- One of the youngest populations in Australia (median age 32).

Demographics

- Nearly half of Wyndham's residents were born overseas.
- Top countries of birth (outside Australia): India, New Zealand, Philippines, China, England, Pakistan, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and Bangladesh.
- Over 50% of households speak a language other than English at home.
- Rapidly growing South Asian and African diaspora communities.

Economic Profile

- Gross Regional Product: ~\$16 billion.
- Major employment sectors: health care and social assistance, education and training, retail trade, construction, transport and logistics.
- Key assets: Werribee National Employment and Innovation Cluster (education, health, biosciences), Werribee Open Range Zoo, East Werribee precinct, transport hubs (Wyndham Vale, Tarneit).
- Proximity to Avalon Airport and the Port of Melbourne enables freight, logistics, and export opportunities.



Wyndham's Current International Relationships

Sister City Relationships:

- Chiryu, Japan – long-standing cultural and educational exchanges.
- Costa Mesa, USA – historic ties through people-to-people exchange.

Friendship City Agreement:

- Changzhou, China – most recent relationship government and business delegations

Community Driven International Links:

- Strong diaspora connections to India, Iraq, Vietnam, Sudan, and the Philippines.
- Local cultural associations actively foster links with their countries of origin.

Institutional Partnerships:

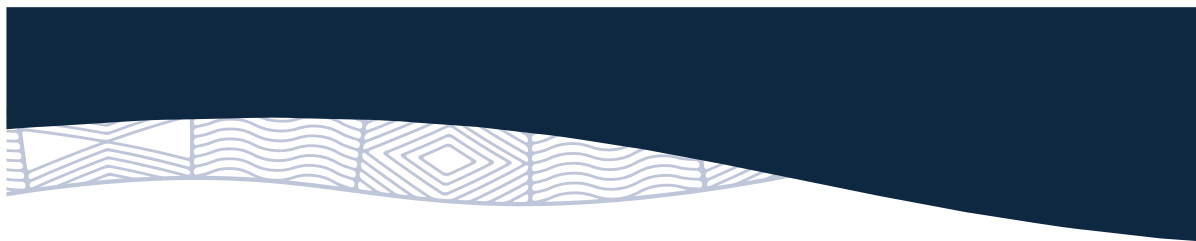
- Victoria University, Suzanne Corey High School and other education providers maintain international student programs and research collaborations.
- Local industry networks exploring export and global business links.

Business:

- Wyndham businesses who engage with international markets by exporting or importing products or services.

Priority Capability Areas

- Education & Research (Victoria University, innovation clusters, student exchange)
- Health & Biotechnology (Werribee employment cluster)
- Transport & Logistics (proximity to major ports/airports, freight opportunities)
- Tourism & Cultural Exchange (Werribee Park, Open Range Zoo, arts and multicultural festivals)
- Clean Economy & Smart Cities (sustainability, renewable energy, urban development)



Framework for Determining New International Relationships

Assessment Criteria:

- Alignment with Wyndham's Strategic Goals – Supports Council Plan, Economic Development Strategy, Advocacy Framework.
- Community Relevance – Reflects diaspora and cultural connections in Wyndham.
- Economic Potential – Trade, investment, education, tourism, or innovation opportunities.
- Reciprocity and Commitment – Clear mutual benefits and importantly, willingness from the partner.
- Practicality – Ease of engagement (language, logistics, diplomatic environment).
- Longevity – Potential for sustainable, long-term collaboration.

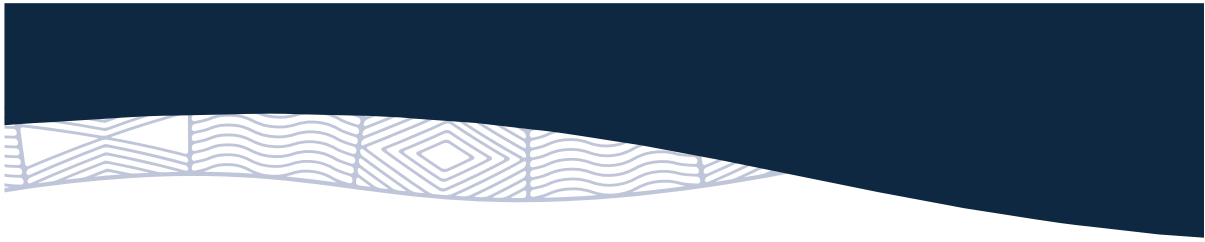
Engagement Pathways:

- Formal Relationships: Sister Cities, Friendship Cities, MoUs.
- Thematic Alliances: Smart Cities networks, UNESCO, industry clusters.
- Diaspora-Led Partnerships: Supporting local communities to establish global connections.
- Delegations and Exchanges: Mayoral visits, cultural delegations, student exchange programs.

Approvals:

- Sister City and Friendship City partnerships are subject to approval by Council.
- CEO is responsible for establishing and managing all other relationships.

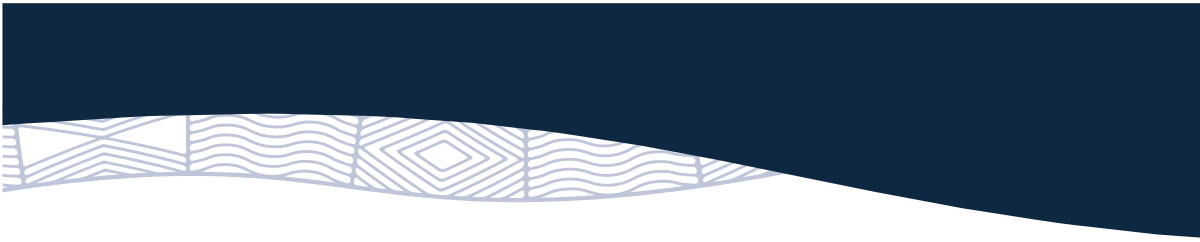
A sister city relationship is a **formal, long-term partnership** with significant administrative and financial commitment, focused on deep cultural, educational, and economic exchange. A friendship city is a **less formal, shorter-term agreement** with fewer administrative expectations, often used as a first step to gauge compatibility before a more formal sister city relationship is established.



Feature	Sister City	Friendship City
Formality	Highly formal, with a formal agreement	Less formal, but still a formal agreement
Commitment	Substantial, long-term, and often involves a specific council budget	Less formal, lower administrative and financial expectation
Scope	Broad and deep, covering cultural, educational, social, and economic exchanges	Often more limited, sometimes focused on a specific event or information exchange
Purpose	To foster long-term mutual understanding and benefits	To meet a short-term or specific need, or to test compatibility for a future sister city relationship
Relationship progression	An established relationship	Can serve as a stepping stone to a sister city relationship

Measures of Success

- Growth in international investment, trade, or education partnerships linked to Wyndham.
- Stronger profile for Wyndham in priority global networks.
- Increased participation of diaspora communities in shaping and leading engagement.
- Delivery of at least one major international partnership initiative every two years.
- Measurable cultural exchange outcomes (festivals, art, sport, youth programs).



Legal Compliance

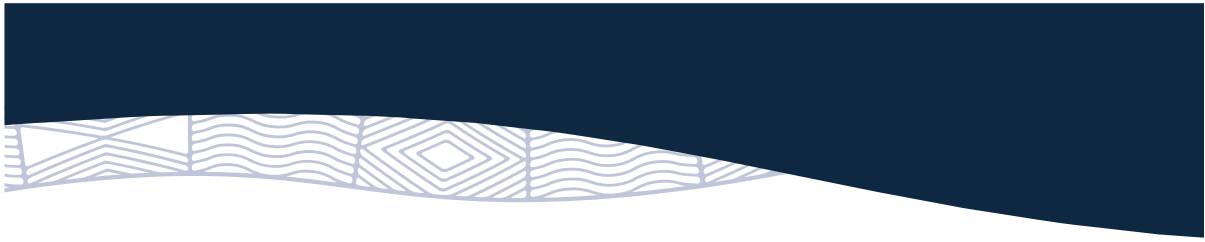
This Policy is made with respect to the following legislation which is referred to as ‘Australia’s international regulatory regime’ as it applies to Wyndham:

- a. Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011 (Cth);
- b. Charter of the United Nations Act (Cth) 1945;
- c. Australia’s Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020 (Cth) (Foreign Arrangements Act);
- d. Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act 2018 (Cth) (FIT Scheme);

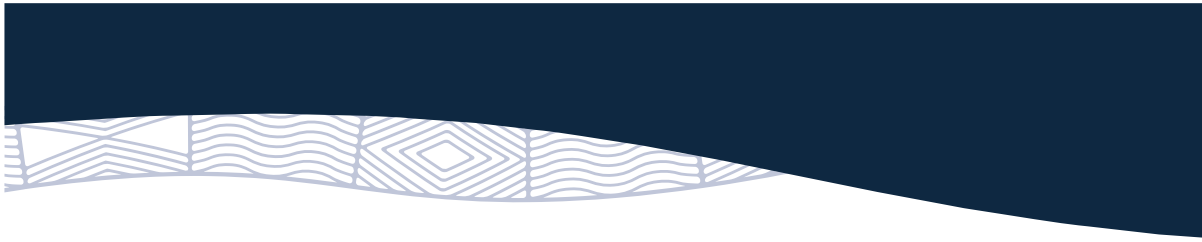
Wyndham recognises that the threat of foreign interference, foreign influence and cyber intrusion are risks to Australia’s national security as well as being a risk to Wyndham’s effective operations.

Wyndham, its Councillors, officers and staff, as well as Australian citizens and permanent residents, have legal and moral obligations to protect and act in Australia’s national interest, particularly as set out in [Australia’s international regulatory regime](#). Failure to do so may result in Wyndham being in breach of its legal obligations; and it as well as Councillors, officers and staff potentially being liable to prosecution by the Commonwealth Government.

Legislation	Description	Compliance Actions
Australia’s Foreign Relations (State and Territories Arrangements) Act	<p>Wyndham must disclose all ‘Foreign Arrangements’/written commitments with defined Foreign Entities to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).</p> <p>The Minister has the power to consider and vary or overturn any Foreign Arrangement</p>	<p>Wyndham to keep a register of Foreign Arrangements including sister city and friendship city arrangements, and any other relevant contracts, MOU’s or arrangements.</p> <p>Foreign arrangements are to be reported to</p>



	considered not to be in the national interest.	General Counsel who will be responsible for reporting them to DFAT
<p>Autonomous Sanctions Regime</p> <p>(comprised of <i>Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011 (Cth)</i>; <i>Charter of the United Nations Act 1945 (Cth)</i>)</p>	Prohibits trade and other sanctioned activities with specified individuals, organisations, and countries and their citizens due to national security and foreign policy grounds. Also prohibited is receiving payments from sanctioned individuals or entities.	The CFO is responsible for ensuring that Wyndham will not trade with nor accept payment from sanctioned individuals, organisations or countries as set out in the Australian Sanctions Consolidated List maintained by the Australian Sanctions Offices (ASO)
<p>Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Act (FIT Scheme)</p>	Requires any person who is seeking to influence the Australian Government and its decision making on behalf of a foreign power must register with the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department as a lobbyist.	All interests must be declared



Councillors, officers or staff who engage with or propose to engage with foreign nationals on behalf of Wyndham should:

- a. consider whether they have an interest to declare under the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)
- b. in relation to recruitment of staff, seek advice from People and Capability to confirm that appropriate pre-employment checks are undertaken in order to identify Foreign Influence-related concerns regarding a candidate’s previous employment with a Foreign Entity;
- c. ensure that commencing Councillors, officers and staff make relevant disclosures under the the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)
- d. consider whether they are engaging or proposing to engage in a Foreign Arrangement which requires reporting to General Counsel for disclosure to DFAT;
- e. escalate any concerns about unusual, suspicious or aberrant behaviour that is a risk to security and/or integrity to the CEO, relevant supervisor or to General Counsel.

Role Accountabilities & Responsibilities

Council	Endorses the policy, provides leadership.
Wyndham City employees	Comply with and implement the policy. Monitor implementation and outcomes. Evolve policy as required.

Breach of Policy

Our people are bound to act in line with our Code of Conduct and in compliance with the law. As public sector employees, we are required to perform our duties in accordance with our values and meet the obligations of our roles, as communicated in our organisations policies. Contravention of policy may constitute misconduct and result in disciplinary outcomes, including termination of employment.

COUNCILLOR REPORT

CR-1 2026 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Author: Councillors Jenny McKinnon, Amelia Parkins & Allana Condron

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report.

Report

The 2026 NSW Local Government Women's Association Conference was held from 26–28 March 2026 in Blacktown, NSW. The event brought together women leaders from across local government, including councillors, mayors, council staff, and sector professionals.

The overarching theme of the 2026 conference was The Phoenix Effect: Resilience and Transformation, and session speakers focused on:

- Gender equity and inclusive governance
- Leadership development for women in local government
- Collaboration and professional networking across NSW

These themes reflected ALGWA's broader mission to support women in leadership roles and build confidence, capability, and representation in local government.

The conference emphasised the importance of:

- Empowering women leaders
- Strengthening statewide connections
- Encouraging diverse and inclusive decision-making

Speakers

The conference featured a diverse lineup of high-profile speakers and industry experts. Notable speakers included:

- Sandra Sully – Journalist and conference MC
- The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP – NSW Minister for Local Government, who spoke about the growth in numbers of women Councillors and the positive impact this has had on local government. He also spoke in defence of recent changes to the Code of Meeting Conduct but indicated he is open to making some changes where necessary.
- Lucy Bingle – LinkedIn strategist and communications expert - provided a LinkedIn masterclass for networking and organisational impact.
- Amy Stewart – Emotional intelligence and critical thinking specialist - focussed on engaging groups of all sizes and strengthening communication across individuals, teams, and organisations. Her session included exercises aimed at building capability, sparking real conversations, and encouraging workplaces where people can thrive.
- Elfa Moraitakis – CEO of SydWest Multicultural Services - spoke on ways to champion policies that promote access, equity and social cohesion in culturally diverse communities.

- Dee Brooks & Fiona Miller – Community engagement experts (Jeder Institute) - provided a very hands-on session about Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD), which comes from strengths focus rather than a deficit model. They describe this model as providing the power to tap into the collective wisdom of a community to strengthen and build on what's already there.
- Cr Phyllis Miller, Cr Darriea Miller, Cr Karen Wheatland (panel session) - Vision for Women in Local Government.

Networking and Social Events

The conference included a mix of formal sessions, networking opportunities, and experiential activities designed to support learning and collaboration.

Networking and social events included:

- A Welcome function held at Sydney Zoo, which included a Welcome to Country and a dance performance by the Garabara Dance Company
- A Gala Dinner held at Bowman Hall Blacktown, which included an introduction to the new ALGWA NSW President Shannon Welch and the newly elected ALGWA executive group.

Overall the conference was extremely well organised by the events team at Blacktown Council. Conference sessions were held at a variety of Blacktown Council venues that effectively showcased the vibrancy and diversity of their facilities and community assets. Attendees were left in no doubt that the multicultural nature of the Blacktown community is warmly embraced and is central to Council's policy, planning and community development strategies.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy (POL 113)

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Good governance

Provide professional, innovative, accessible and efficient services.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 DA25/0458 - GARAGE AND SECONDARY DWELLING ABOVE - LOT 2 DP 18092 - 134 FORSYTH STREET, WAGGA WAGGA

Author: Victoria Rice

Executive: Julie Costa

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.

Recommendation

That Council refuse DA25/0458 for garage and secondary dwelling above at 134 Forsyth Street (Lot 2 DP 18092)

Development Application Details

Applicant	Dianne E Dunn
Owner	Dianne E Dunn
Development Cost	\$389,000
Development Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The demolition of a steel garden shed • The removal of 3 existing trees • The construction of a two storey structure comprising a double garage and laundry on the ground floor, and a secondary dwelling on the first floor • Landscaping and paving

Report

Key Issues

- Suitability of the site for development
- Non-compliance of controls under LEP 2010 and DCP 2010
- Impacts on amenity to adjoining neighbours

Site Location

- The site is legally identified as Lot 2 DP 18092 and is known as 134 Forsyth Street. The site is located on the southern side of Forsyth Street approximately 27m to the east of the junction with Thorne Street and extends to an area of 531.10m². The site includes an access handle for rear access from Thorne Street.
- The site contains an existing single storey detached dwelling with associated vegetation, garden shed and access to the site via the access handle.
- The locality is an established residential area characterised by predominantly single storey dwellings in varying architectural styles consistent with a Heritage Conservation Area. Adjoining the site to the east is a two-storey apartment building known as 'Parkview'. Opposite the site is Collins Park which contains items of environmental heritage and the Water Trough located on Forsyth Street.



Assessment

- A detailed assessment of the development application is attached as a Section 4.15 Report. The report examines all relevant matters in detail, and these are briefly summarised below.
- The application is for a double garage located at the rear of the site with a secondary dwelling located above.



- Under the provisions of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP), the subject site is within the R1 General Residential zone. The application has been assessed as being inconsistent with 5.10(4) of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010, 'Effect of proposed development on heritage significance'.
- The application is visually dominant and is inconsistent with Control C1 of Section 3.3.2 (Residential Precinct – Two Storey and Roof Additions) of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010.
- The proposed development has been assessed as having amenity impacts on neighbouring properties. The application does not comply with the controls in section 9.3.4 - Solar Access in the Development Control Plan 2010.
- A number of submissions have been received to the development application. There were 22 submissions in the first round and 19 in the second. Many of the submissions have raised consistent issues that predominantly related to privacy, visual bulk, inappropriate development and overshadowing. The submissions are all addressed within the attached report.

Reasons for Refusal

1. The proposed development is inconsistent with Clause 5.10(4) of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 as, having regard to its scale, form, and visibility, it fails to conserve the heritage significance of the Heritage Conservation Area and results in an unacceptable and adverse effect on its established character. Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
2. The development is inconsistent with Control C1 of Section 3.3.2 (Residential Precinct – Two Storey and Roof Additions) of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 as it constitutes a visually dominant two-storey addition within a

Heritage Conservation Area, exceeds the ridge height of the principal dwelling, is visible from the public domain, and is not subordinate to the existing residential building form. Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

3. The proposal is inconsistent with Control C4 of Section 3.3.2 (Garages) of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 as the excessive floor area and associated built form bulk result in an ancillary structure that is not subservient, causing a detrimental impact on the character of the Heritage Conservation Area. Section 4.15(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
4. The development does not comply with Control C6 of Section 9.3.4 (Solar Access) of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 as it results in the adjoining dwelling at No. 71 Thorne Street failing to receive the minimum three hours of direct sunlight to north-facing living area windows between 9.00am and 3.00pm at the winter solstice. Section 4.15(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
5. The development is not in the public interest as it would establish an undesirable precedent for visually dominant ancillary structures with habitable accommodation in non-laneway contexts within Heritage Conservation Areas, leading to cumulative impact on established character contrary to adopted planning controls. Section 4.15(1)(e) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

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

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

Increase housing supply and diversity

Facilitate housing supply and new products to better satisfy changing community needs through new concepts

Risk Management Issues for Council

The determination of the application in accordance with the recommendation is not considered to raise risk management issues for Council.

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

Attachments

1. S4.15 Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover
2. Architectural Plan Set - Provided under separate cover
3. Statement of Environmental Effects - Provided under separate cover
4. Redacted Submissions - Provided under separate cover
5. CONFIDENTIAL Un-Redacted Submissions

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it deals with: commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. - Provided under separate cover

RP-2 REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGIC PLANNING FUND - ROUND 4**Author:** Jacqueline Collins**Executive:** Fiona Piltz**Summary:**

Council has been successful in securing \$250,000 in funding through the NSW Government's (Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure) Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund – Round 4 (RHSPF R4-046).

Recommendation

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate to enter into a funding agreement with the NSW Government Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund Program
- b approve the budget variation as detailed in the financial implications section of this report
- c authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required

Report

Council has been successful in securing \$250,000 in funding through the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund – Round 4 to support the delivery of essential strategic planning instruments for the Wagga Wagga Northern Growth Area (NGA).

Council is currently undertaking the technical studies to develop the Structure Plan that will ultimately inform the Planning Proposal to rezone approximately 900 hectares of land in the NGA. The aim of this funding is to strengthen the strategic planning framework required to unlock, sequence and support housing delivery within the NGA.

The funding will support the delivery of the additional foundational instruments needed to accelerate housing readiness by informing infrastructure delivery, guiding high-quality neighbourhood design and strengthening housing affordability outcomes. The deliverables include a feasibility study for an Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme, a Development Control Plan (DCP), the Infrastructure Contributions Plan and a comprehensive Community Services Infrastructure Needs Analysis and Plan. These studies and plans will guide development and ensure well-serviced housing to meet our growth needs and deliver greater certainty for residents, developers, service providers and government partners.

Financial Implications

The estimated budget for the strategic plans and studies is \$365,000 with \$250,000 to be funded from the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund – Round 4 (RHSPF R4-046).

The remaining \$115,000 required to deliver the project will be funded from Job 22216 'Northern Growth Area LEP & DCP Amendments', which was originally General-Purpose Revenue funded. This job line has a current available balance of \$150,000.

Policy and Legislation

Community Strategic Plan 2050
Wagga Wagga Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040
Wagga Wagga LEP 2010
National Housing Accord

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

Increase housing supply and diversity

Implement initiatives to deliver an increase in housing supply and diversity of housing options to meet the needs of our community.

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

Internal / External Consultation

This project was initially identified from the recommendations of adopted Council Strategies. Internal consultation was undertaken prior to the submission of the applications.

This project will require additional internal and external consultation to deliver the required outputs.

RP-3 2026/27 AIRPORT FEES & CHARGES ADOPTION**Author:** Carolyn Rodney

Summary: The proposed Airport fees and charges for the 2026/27 financial year have been on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, from 12 March 2026 to 8 April 2026. This report outlines the one (1) public submission received, staff response, and proposes adoption of those fees and charges.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note that there was one (1) public submission received during the exhibition period for the 2026/27 Airport fees and charges
- b adopt the Airport Fees and Charges for the 2026/27 financial year, to commence from 1 July 2026
- c commence the new Passenger Service Charges from 1 August 2026

Report

Council, at its meeting of 9 March 2026, resolved:

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

The fees and charges were not placed on public exhibition until the 12 March 2026, and to ensure 28 days, were on public exhibition to the 8 April 2026.

Airport User Notification

In order for airport users to be provided with adequate notice of the change in fees and charges for the 2026/27 financial year, a three (3) month notification period is required for Airlines to enact this change – in particular for the Passenger Service Charges.

On adoption of the proposed fees and charges, Council staff will commence the notification process to airport users. Based on the required notification period, it is proposed to commence the increased Passenger Service Charges from 1 August 2026.

These adopted fees and charges will subsequently be incorporated into Councils Operational Plan for consideration and adoption by Council in its entirety in June 2026.

Financial Implications

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the financial position of the Wagga Airport has declined significantly over the past few financial years. This impact, along with the freezing of the passenger service charge from 2018/19 to 2022/23 inclusive, has resulted in the Airport reserve being reduced to a \$0 balance as at 30 June 2025.

For the Airport business to return to surplus and to fund any future capital spend at the Airport, the proposed yearly minimum increase in fees and charges is required.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993, Sections 610F
Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Vision for the future

Plan for a strong financial future for our community.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Without adequate revenue to cover the costs of operating the Wagga Wagga Airport, the Airport will not be financially sustainable into the future and will not meet the expectations of the community.

Internal / External Consultation

The draft 2026/27 Airport fees and charges were placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, from 12 March 2026 until 8 April 2026 with one (1) public submission being received. The submission received is attached and due to commercial in confidence is provided as confidential under separate cover attachment.

Below is a summary, along with response from staff.

Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response
Warrick Lodge – Regional Express (Rex) Airlines	Disagrees with any increase to the passenger service charge.	Due to prior Council resolutions that allowed the passenger charges to be frozen for many years commencing with the COVID-19 pandemic (as is

Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response																														
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Direct correspondence will be provided to the Airport users outlining Council’s decision.

Attachments

1. Rex Submission to WWCC - Draft FY27 Airport Fees and Charges

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it deals with: commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. - Provided under separate cover.

RP-4 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356**Author:** Carolyn Rodney**Summary:** Council has received one (1) fee waiver request for Council's consideration.**Recommendation**

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following community group:
 - i Cockatoo Initiative for \$560.00
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year

Report

One (1) Section 356 financial assistance request is proposed for consideration at this Ordinary Council meeting:

1. Cockatoo Initiatives - \$560.00

Cockatoo Initiative has requested a waiver of Council's booking fees for the Riverside Precinct for the Ngumbaaydyil School Holiday Gathering, scheduled to be held on 17 April 2026. Ngumbaaydyil is a community-led cultural gathering being delivered for the second consecutive year.

The event is open to the public and is expected to attract approximately 750 attendees. It will focus on celebrating local Aboriginal culture through dance, storytelling, weaving, art, music and food, alongside sport and recreation activities supported by organisations including Basketball NSW and AFL Riverina..

The above request aligns with Council's Strategic Plan "Strong sense of place and identity" – Objective: *Create a sense of identity and pride within our community*"

Financial Implications

Budget Summary	
(rounded to the nearest dollar where applicable)	
Total Section 356 Contributions, Grants and Donations 2025/26 Budget allocation	\$2,458,659
Total of Section 356 Contributions, Grants and Donations budget allocations approved during 2025/26 Operational Plan adoption*	(\$2,435,433)
Total of fee waivers approved to date this financial year	<u>(\$5,069)</u>

Revised Balance of Section 356 budget available for requests received during the 2025/26 financial year	\$18,157
1) Cockatoo Initiatives - \$560.00	(\$560.00)
Subtotal Fee Waivers included in this report proposed to be funded from the Section 356 Budget	<u>(\$560.00)</u>
Proposed Balance of Section 356 fee waiver financial assistance budget for the remainder of the 2025/26 Financial Year	\$17,597.00

**This figure includes Community leases rental subsidies (\$1,835,325); Annual Grants Programs (\$232,000); Major Events Sponsorships (\$100,000); Fee Waivers and Rates and Annual Charges Waivers (\$69,580); Contributions (\$55,587); Scholarships (\$6,000); Road Closures (\$29,000) and Other (\$107,941).*

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

Strong sense of place and identity

Create a sense of identity and pride within our community

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Cross Directorate consultation has been undertaken as required.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Ngumbaaydyil school holiday gathering - fee waiver request for Wagga Beach River Precinct.

From: "Joshua Pearson" <joshua.pearson@dcj.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tue, 17 Mar 2026 14:46:19 +1100
To: "City of Wagga Wagga" <Council@wagga.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Ngumbaaydyil school holiday gathering - fee waiver request



FAO General Manager.

Good afternoon,

My name is Joshua Pearson and I lead the Cockatoo Initiative here in Wagga, covering the Riverina PD.

We are currently working with the local Wagga and Riverina community in collaborating/planning for Ngumbaaydyil school holiday gathering – Ngumbaaydyil translates as ‘all together in one place’ in Wiradjuri. This community gathering is being held for a second successive year. The gathering will focus on celebrating local Aboriginal culture through dance, storytelling, weaving, food, painting and music and is a family gathering aimed at all members of the community.

We have a large number of local organisations, elders, Aboriginal services/groups, NGO services and individuals involved in the collaborative planning process and many more who will be attending/supporting in some capacity on the day. In addition to the above, we are hopeful of having Basketball NSW (confirmed), AFL Riverina (confirmed) and NRL Riverina (tbc), as well as other services providing sport and recreation activities for young people on the day.

Please see our event details below:

Name – Ngumbaaydyil – ‘All together in one place’
Date – 17th April 2026
Time – 10-3
Location – Wagga Beach/River precinct
Attendees – we are anticipating approximately 750 people to attend this gathering this year

I am formally requesting in writing a fee waiver for the council booking fees for the Wagga Beach/River precinct - \$560.

Please see the below additional information:

Originally identified and supported by NSW Police ACLO Tyrone Johnson and we have collaborated again in 2026. The idea for Ngumbaaydyil has continued to grow through strong community interest and collaboration. In 2026, the event has expanded

significantly, reflecting both the community's enthusiasm and the importance of creating culturally safe spaces where young people and families can come together.

The Ngumbaaydyil event is a school holiday gathering that places community voices and ideas at the centre. It aims to create a welcoming space for community members to connect, share, and experience culture together. The event will include activities for young people of all ages, providing opportunities to engage with culture, art, and meaningful community connection during the school holiday period.

The gathering focuses on supporting young people to access culture in a safe and inclusive environment, while also strengthening community relationships and cultural pride.

I note the below Council's vision and values:

Thriving
Innovative
Connected
Inclusive

I strongly believe the councils four guiding principles align with the underlying principles of the Ngumbaaydyil school holiday gathering. I would love to have the councils support for this.

If you require any further information and/or have any questions about the gathering, please feel free to reach out any time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Josh

Joshua Pearson

Team Leader – Cockatoo Initiative

Whole of Government Initiatives Team

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RP-5 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (IP&R) - DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR EXHIBITION

Author: Bradley Ristivojevic

Executive: Scott Gray

Summary: Attached for public exhibition are the draft Combined Delivery Program 2025/29 and 2026/27 Operational Plan, draft Fees and Charges 2026/27 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a place the following documents on public exhibition for 28 days commencing 12 May 2026 and concluding on 9 June 2026:
 - i draft Delivery Program 2025/2029 and 2026/27 Operational Plan
 - ii draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27
 - iii draft Fees and Charges for the financial year 2026/27
- b receive a further report after the public exhibition period:
 - i addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft documents
 - ii proposing adoption of the IP&R suite of documents

Report

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework helps Council discuss funding priorities and service levels with our community, including how these shape our local identity and how we can work together to create a more sustainable future.

The Community Strategic Plan – Wagga Wagga 2050 (CSP) identifies the objectives that the community wants to head towards over the next ten+ years and also sets out the strategies on how to get there. The CSP sits at the highest level of Council's planning hierarchy and guides all other Council strategies and plans.

Under NSW Government legislation, councils must also prepare plans and strategies detailing how they intend to deliver works and services in the short and long term. These plans are based on the community's priorities and present a balanced approach to planning that considers how our resources can be used to deliver community outcomes identified in the CSP.

These plans and strategies are listed below and detailed in Image 1 - Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework:

- Delivery Program and Operational Plan
- Resourcing Strategy
 - Long Term Financial Plan
 - Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans
 - Workforce Resourcing Strategy

Image 1 – Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) Framework



The delivery program and operational plan are developed with regard to the resources available to Council. These resources are addressed by the separate resourcing strategies, the Workforce Resourcing Strategy, Asset Management Strategy and Plans and Long-Term Financial Plan.

1. 2025/29 Combined Delivery Program & 2026/27 Operational Plan

The Combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOP) has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the NSW Office of Local Government’s (OLG) Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and the good, better, best criteria contained in OLG’s Integrated Planning and Reporting Handbook. The structure and content has been designed to increase the level of transparency and accountability of Council’s service delivery and performance.

Section one of the DPOP provides an introduction for the community to the report, our community and Council to assist reading sections two and three. This includes an overview of Council priorities.

Section two (Delivery Program) provides a primary reference point for all of Council's activities over four years. It picks up the strategies of the CSP and then links them to the principal activities Council will undertake for the four-year period of the Delivery Program. These activities guide the operational actions that will be undertaken by Council each financial year to bring us closer to our shared community vision and goals as identified in the CSP. Each principal activity includes a delivery measure and target to determine the effectiveness of the activity in achieving the objectives of the CSP.

To achieve the principal activities, Council requires a range of supporting and informing plans and strategies and processes for project governance, risk management and service improvement. The Delivery Program includes details of these plans and strategies to support a broader understanding of Council's processes and how performance is reported and improved.

Section three (Operational Plan) provides information on our annual budget and detailed service statements for each of Council's Service Areas. Service statements describe the service being delivered and outline the key actions (services delivered, capital projects, operational projects, plans and strategies) that Council will undertake each financial year that contribute to achieving the commitments of the Delivery Program and CSP.

Performance against the identified delivery measures and service output measures will be included in Council's six-monthly operational performance reporting and annual reports.

2. Long Term Financial Plan

The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is an essential element of the resourcing strategy which recognises Council's current and future financial capacity to continue delivering services, facilities and infrastructure to the community as part of the objectives and commitments outlined in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan while undertaking the initiatives and projects that will contribute towards the strategic aspirations in the Community Strategic Plan.

Council's LTFP is a ten-year financial planning document with an emphasis on long-term financial sustainability. Financial sustainability is one of the key issues facing local government due to several contributing factors including growing demands for community services and facilities and their ongoing operational costs, constrained revenue growth and ageing infrastructure.

The LTFP is formulated using a number of estimates and assumptions, to project the future revenue and expenditure required of Council to deliver those services, projects and programs expected by the community for the next ten years. In doing so, it addresses the issues that impact on Council's ability to fund its services and capital works whilst remaining financially sustainable.

As part of the LTFP review process, a financial scenario has been included to address the ongoing infrastructure maintenance and renewal shortfall as identified in Council's Asset Management Plans across all asset categories, with part-funding to be investigated from a proposed future Special Rate Variation.

Capital Projects

Council's 2026/27 Capital Works Program outlines the key infrastructure and asset investments planned for delivery over the next 12 months. The program includes both One-Off Capital Works, which deliver new or upgraded assets and Recurrent Capital Works, which support the ongoing renewal and maintenance of existing infrastructure to ensure service levels are maintained for the community.

For the 2026/27 financial year, Council has a proposed Capital Works Program of:

One Off Capital Works - \$110.6M
Recurrent Capital Works - \$27.5M

The final amount allocated for the financial year is subject to adjustment following the end-of-year carry over and works in progress process.

The 2026/27 One Off Capital Works program includes projects such as the following:

- Active Travel - Plumpton Road
- Estella New Park
- Geohex Park - Second Rugby League Field
- Gregadoo Road Corridor
- Construction of a new Waste Cell
- Construction of a new Monocell
- Lake Albert Water Sports and Event Precinct
- North Wagga Levee Upgrade
- Sewer Upgrades – Northern Growth Area
- Southern Growth – Plumpton Rd North
- Southern Growth – Plumpton Rd South

These projects represent a combination of continuing major works and new initiatives that will be progressed during the 2026/27 financial year. Delivery timeframes may span multiple years; however, each project includes planned activity within this financial year.

The Capital Works Program will continue to be monitored and adjusted as required to respond to project delivery timelines, funding availability and emerging priorities.

3. Fees and Charges

In accordance with Section 608 of the Local Government Act 1993, a council may charge and recover an approved fee for any service it provides.

The services for which an approved fee may be charged include the following provided under the Local Government Act or any other Act or the regulations, by the council:

- supplying a service, product or commodity
- giving information
- providing a service in connection with the exercise of the council's regulatory functions-including receiving an application for approval, granting an approval, making an inspection and issuing a certificate
- allowing admission to any building or enclosure.

Development Application Fees and Charges

Each year the NSW Department of Planning and Environment advise those fees contained within Schedule 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* that require updating in line with CPI increases as at 31 March each year. Due to the timing of this data release, these Development Application fees for 2026/27 will be updated during the public exhibition period and any changes outlined in the final adoption report.

Financial Implications

The proposed adoption of the suite of Integrated Planning and reporting documents will be reported to Council on 22 June 2026 after the review and response to all submissions received. The adoption of these documents will form Council's commitment to deliver activities and actions detailed in DPOP and LTFP. The financial implications of this expenditure are forecasted in the LTFP and detailed in the annual service area budgets contained within the DPOP.

Policy and Legislation

The documents have been created to meet Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government Regulations 2021.

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

The DPOP is the primary reference point for all of Council's activities to deliver on the objectives and strategies of the Community Strategic Plan. A failure to identify appropriate and relevant actions in the DPOP presents a risk that the objectives of the CSP will not be achieved, negatively impacting Council's reputation. This risk is mitigated through the internal consultation process to develop the DPOP and through the engagement plan for consultation during the public exhibition period for the report.

The LTFP ensures Council has the required resources to deliver the activities and actions of the DPOP. Delivery risk exists if these plans are not sufficiently integrated.

The DPOP provides a greater level of information to the community on Council's services and deliverables. Increased transparency is intended to improve community awareness of Council resources and priorities. There is a reputation risk if Council are unable to deliver on the identified activities and actions.

Financial sustainability is one of the key issues facing local government, due to several contributing factors, including growing demands for community services and facilities and their ongoing operational costs, constrained revenue growth and ageing infrastructure.

The LTFFP is formulated using several estimates and assumptions, to project the future revenue and expenditure required of Council to deliver those services, projects and programs expected by the community for the next ten years. If these estimates and assumptions are incorrect, Council's ability to deliver identified activities, actions and projects may be affected and require a revision to the LTFFP and/or the DPOP.

The purpose of the LTFFP is to ensure that Council is a financially viable, adequately funded, and sustainable organisation to meet community expectations of service levels. Council plans to maintain its financial position and performance, to ensure resilience and a capacity to adapt and respond to arising community needs in a measured and equitable manner through financial modelling and funding scenarios.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation was undertaken with relevant service areas to prepare the draft documents for exhibition. This has included the service planning process, capital expenditure proposals, budget reviews and further review service plans to develop service statements.

Executive briefings were held for the LTFFP on 20 January 2026 and 22 January 2026, and an Executive briefing was held for the DPOP on 6 February 2026.

Councillor workshops/discussions were held for DPOP and LTFFP with the following in attendance:

16 February 2026 – Councillor DPOP and Budget Workshop

Present: Mayor Councillor D Tout, Councillor R Foley, Councillor G Davies, Councillor A Condron, Councillor J McKinnon, Councillor A Parkins, Councillor L Tanner

16 March 2026 – Councillor Budget Workshop

Present: Mayor Councillor D Tout, Councillor R Foley, Councillor G Davies, Councillor A Condron, Councillor L Tanner, Councillor M Henderson, Councillor K Subedi

The documents will be placed on public exhibition for a 28-day period commencing from 12 May 2026 and concluding on 9 June 2026. As part of the exhibition period a variety of communication methods will be used, to inform and consult with the community on these documents.

	Mail			Traditional Media				Community Engagement				Digital				
	Rates notices insert	Direct mail	Letterbox drop	Council news	Media release	Media opportunity	TV/radio advertising	One-on-one meeting(s)	Community meeting(s)	Stakeholder workshop(s)	Drop-in session(s)	Survey/feedback form(s)	Connect.Wagga	Email newsletter	Social media	Website
Inform				<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																

Attachments

1. Draft Delivery Program 2026-29 + 2026-27 Operational Plan - Provided under separate cover
2. Draft Fee's and Charges - Provided under separate cover
3. Draft Long Term Financial Plan - Provided under separate cover

RP-6 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**Author:** Nicole Johnson**Executive:** Scott Gray**Summary:**

At its meeting of 28 October 2024, Council appointed Councillor Lindsay Tanner as a member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC), with Councillor Amelia Parkins appointed as alternate.

Due to conflicting commitments, Councillor Tanner has stepped down from the Committee, with Councillor Parkins assuming the position as the Councillor member.

As a result, Council is now required to appoint a new alternate Councillor member to the ARIC for the remainder of the current Council term.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the change in Councillor representation on the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee from Councillors Lindsay Tanner to Councillor Amelia Parkins
- b appoint an alternate Councillor member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for the remainder of the current Council term

Report

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is an advisory committee to Council, providing independent assurance and advice in relation to governance, risk management, compliance and financial reporting.

In accordance with guidance issued by the NSW Office of Local Government, councils are required to establish an ARIC that includes independent members and may include Councillor representation.

The OLG guidelines specify that where a Councillor is appointed to the ARIC:

- the Councillor is a non-voting member of the Committee
- the Councillor must not be the Mayor
- the role is to provide a governing body perspective, not to represent individual or political interests
- the Councillor must not compromise the independence of the Committee or become involved in operational matters
- confidentiality must be maintained and conflicts of interest managed in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct

The intent of Councillor participation is to strengthen the link between the Committee and the governing body, while preserving the independence and integrity of the ARIC.

At its meeting of 28 October 2024, Council appointed Councillor Lindsay Tanner as a member of the ARIC, with Councillor Amelia Parkins appointed as alternate.

Due to conflicting commitments, Councillor Tanner has stepped down from the Committee, with Councillor Parkins assuming the position as the Councillor member.

As a result, Council is now required to appoint a new alternate Councillor member for the remainder of the current Council term. The appointment of an alternate will ensure continuity of Councillor representation and allow for flexibility where the primary Councillor member is unavailable.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Councils in NSW – Guidelines
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

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Risk Management Issues for Council

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee plays a key role in providing independent assurance over Council's governance, risk management and internal control frameworks, in line with the NSW Office of Local Government *Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Councils in NSW – Guidelines*.

Failure to appoint an alternate Councillor member may result in periods where Councillor representation is unavailable, limiting the connection between the Committee and the governing body. While Councillor members are non-voting and do not form part of the independent majority, their participation supports transparency, oversight and informed reporting to Council.

The appointment of an alternate Councillor member mitigates this risk by ensuring continuity of representation and supporting the effective operation of the Committee.

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

RP-7 RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS REGISTERS

Author: Nicole Johnson

Executive: Scott Gray

Summary: | This report provides Councillors with an update on the status of all resolutions of Council including Notices of Motion.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the following registers:

- a Active Resolutions as of 24 April 2026
- b Active Notice of Motions as of 24 April 2026
- c Resolutions including Notice of Motions completed from 6 February 2026 to 24 April 2026

Report

This report provides Council with an overview of all active Council Resolutions and Notices of Motion as of 24 April 2026. This is supported by monthly reporting to Councillors, quarterly reporting to Council, ongoing review and adjustment of target dates, and clear identification of next actions to assist with resolution completion.

At this date, Council has:

- 11 active Notices of Motion
- 86 active Council Resolutions
- 84 resolutions completed between 6 February 2026 and 24 April 2026

During this reporting period, resolutions due in both the current and upcoming quarters were reviewed with responsible staff to confirm that adopted target dates remain realistic and achievable. Status updates of Notices of Motion, active resolutions and completed resolutions are also provided for noting.

This is the fourth reporting period under the revised monitoring and reporting process introduced in 2025. Building on the previous quarter, the process continues to embed a more structured and proactive approach to tracking Council resolutions, including:

- Ongoing refinement of target dates to better align with project stages, operational priorities and available resourcing
- Forward review of resolutions due in upcoming quarters to minimise the risk of items becoming overdue
- Continued engagement with operational areas when establishing or revising target dates
- Greater visibility of external dependencies, including State Government processes, third-party negotiations, legal matters and stakeholder response
- Improved consistency in timeframes for complex property, land and lease matters, which represent a significant portion of longer-term resolutions

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Section 335 – Functions of the General Manager
(b) to implement, without undue delay, the lawful decisions of the council

Council's Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

Council must maintain a transparent and efficient system for tracking progress and implementing council decisions.

Failure to implement council decisions in a timely manner is a legislative compliance risk that could lead to reputational damage for Council.

Internal / External Consultation

Manager and Executive review and endorsement

Attachments

1. Active Notice of Motions as of 24 April 2024 - Provided under separate cover
2. Active Resolutions as of 24 April 2026 - Provided under separate cover
3. [Resolutions](#) completed between 6 February 2026 and 24 April 2026 - Provided under separate cover

RP-8 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

Where is the electrification of council's fleet up to?

Council is actively working with a range of industry experts to remain informed on the latest EV options available in the market. In addition, and more critically, we are collaborating with specialists and relevant government grant bodies to address the primary challenge associated with EV adoption namely, the provision of suitable charging infrastructure.

Preliminary high-level costings have been undertaken for infrastructure upgrades at the Alan Turner Depot. These investigations confirmed that the existing main power supply is currently insufficient to support multiple DC fast chargers. In response, Council has recently trialled integrating DC charging within a battery storage system at the depot, which has demonstrated promising initial results.

Council has also engaged a consultant to commence planning for the Allan Turner Depot Master Plan. This work will incorporate the future requirements for EV charging infrastructure as part of a broader, strategic site upgrade.

At present, the limited availability of 'fit for purpose' electric light commercial vehicles particularly in relation to payload and towing capacity has necessitated the continued procurement of cost-effective diesel utilities. However, Fleet Services is actively engaging with suppliers of emerging options. A two-week trial of a potentially suitable vehicle is scheduled to commence on Tuesday, 28 April 2026.

Where operationally feasible, Council has prioritised the transition of passenger vehicles and low-usage utilities to EV or plug-in hybrid (PHEV) models.

Council remains committed to progressing the transition to EVs in a practical and sustainable manner, balancing operational requirements, market availability, and infrastructure readiness.

Councillor R Foley

Would like an update on how Council is dealing with the Khaki weed after the rain.

Council staff and Council's contractor have and continue to dedicate significant time to spraying khaki weed. The cost of the contractor's services for this period is approximately \$12,000, excluding the expenses associated with chemicals.

Council staff have adopted a proactive approach to cleaning machinery in affected areas to help limit the spread of khaki weed. This has required careful coordination, as periods of rainfall have increased demands for both spraying and mowing. Despite these challenges, Council considers that we are in a significantly stronger position than last year and will continue to build on this progress.

Councillor R Foley

What sort of money is in the budget for improvements to any other parks?

The Long Term Financial Plan includes a number of projects to improve park facilities across the local government area. It is important to note that many of the projects are contingent on receiving grant funding, which is noted in the Funding Source columns below. Staff will apply for eligible grant programs are made available.

One-off Capital Projects:

Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32
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
19647	Estella New Local Park (west Rainbow Drive) Embellishment - ROS1 + LA1 (Land Acquisition)	S7.11	1,363,837	1,363,838				
19678	Forest Hill Upgrade Local Park - ROS16	S7.11				216,200		
19649	Gobbagombalin - 2 Local Parks ROS3 + LA3 (Land Acquisition)	S7.11		308,859				
19669	Jubilee Oval - Community Meeting Space - ROS14	S7.11				384,750		
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					
19661	Lloyd Establish 3 Local Parks - ROS5 + 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)	749,774			3,704,016		
19662	Geohex Park - Establish 2nd Rugby League Field - ROS6	S7.11	939,550					
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% LCL Subsidy funded from S7.11 + Building Reserve + GPR) + S7.11 \$5,258,854	50,000	213,336		5,258,854		
19667	Rawlings Park North - Construct a synthetic soccer facility - ROS12	S7.11 \$699,125+ Grant (TBC) \$3,177,112				3,867,112		
	TOTAL LTFP CAPITAL PROGRAM		3,503,161	1,886,033	0	23,343,688	10,000,000	11,604,249

Recurrent Capital Program:

Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32
17986	Community Amenities - Apex Park	GPR		30,000	242,031			
24404	Community Amenities - Forest Hill Community Hall	GPR						312,903
19484	Community Amenities - McPherson Oval	GPR			30,000	250,192		
22107	Horticulture Upgrades & Renewals	Parks & Recreation Reserve \$44,000 2025/26 + Remaining & Future Years \$50,000 GPR	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
24343	Open Space Upgrades & Renewals	Parks & Recreation Reserve 2025/26 + GPR Future Years	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
12231	Playground Equipment Renewal	GPR + Grant (TBC) - varies each year	536,000	387,000	1,406,000	574,000	631,000	500,000
21930	Playground Shade Sail Installation	Grant (TBC)	71,328	71,328				
21091	Recreational Assets Renewal	GPR	396,082	411,925	427,769	444,878	462,672	481,178
17042	Sportsground Lighting Program - Venue TBC	GPR	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
12894	Village Community Priorities - S94A3	S7.12	18,000	18,000				
	TOTAL LTFP CAPITAL PROGRAM		1,371,410	1,268,253	2,455,800	1,619,070	1,443,672	1,644,081

Councillor M Henderson

Has Council been updated about a Lithium Recycling Plant in East Wagga?

Council was requested to provide a submission in relation to the proponent's Response to Submissions (RtS) for the proposed Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Facility at 61 Edison Road, East Wagga Wagga, and provided that submission to the Department as part of the State Significant Development assessment process.

In its submission, Council acknowledged a number of refinements made to the proposal to improve hazard and risk management, including changes to battery storage arrangements and site layout. Council also highlighted key matters requiring ongoing consideration as part of the State assessment process, including proximity to residential areas, land use compatibility, fire and safety risks, air quality impacts, and potential environmental impacts in the event of an incident. Council further emphasised the importance of appropriate community consultation and consideration of the broader strategic planning context, including the role of established industrial areas.

For councillors wishing to keep up to date on the project, further information (including all documentation and current status) is available on the NSW Planning Portal:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/wagga-wagga-lithium-ion-battery-recycling-facility>

Councillor G Davies

How long will the temporary median be in place along Pearson Street?

The temporary median will operate as an interim access management measure for approximately 24 months until either:

- a permanent median is constructed in accordance with the development consent for the service station (DA24/0377.01), or
- the Pearson Street and Bye Street intersection upgrade required under the Bunnings development (DA19/0665.03) delivers an equivalent median treatment restricting right-turn movements.

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 - 15 APRIL 2026

Author: Joshua Walsh

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary: | This report presents the minutes of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee meeting held on 18 February 2026.

Recommendation

That Council receive the minutes of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2026.

Report

The Minutes of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2026 are presented to Council for consideration. A summary of the matters considered and resolutions made is outlined below.

RP-1 Future Grant Opportunities

The Committee reviewed a report outlining current grant programs relevant to the Rail Trail proposal. During discussion, the Committee noted that one of the identified programs does not support planning-stage projects and therefore would not be eligible for the Rail Trail at its current investigative phase.

The Committee discussed the need to focus on funding programs that support early planning, feasibility work and concept development, rather than construction.

The Committee also discussed whether incorporated not-for-profit organisations may be better placed to apply for certain grants to avoid competition with other Council priorities. This matter was raised as a Question With Notice for further advice.

RP-2 Progress Update and Preparatory Work

The Committee considered a progress update on preparatory work underway to support the next phase of investigations. This included planning for familiarisation inspections and preparation for the Approval in Principle (AIP) and Third Party Access (TPA) applications.

Transport for NSW Presentation – Application Processes

Mr Ian Jordan, Transport for NSW, provided detailed advice on the NSW Rail Trails Framework and the application processes for both the AIP and TPA applications.

Key points included:

- Council should work directly with Transport for NSW and UGL Regional Linx to confirm the level of detail required at each stage.
- The AIP approval period is 12 months, with extensions available. Councils may request a two-year approval period at the time of application, with further extensions possible.

- Rail Trail projects are treated differently to standard TPA applications due to their staged development.
- Not all documentation normally required for a TPA is applicable at the early investigative stage.
- The AIP and TPA applications may be submitted simultaneously, and Council was encouraged to submit the information currently available.

Council staff will continue to work with Transport for NSW and UGL Regional Linx to refine the documentation and progress both applications.

Familiarisation Activities

The Committee discussed the broad scope for both the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail visit and the Wagga to Ladysmith familiarisation inspection. These activities will support early investigations by providing a general understanding of trail features, operational approaches and corridor conditions.

The Committee noted the need to work through stakeholder engagement and availability, including coordination with landholders, local businesses, Riverina Highlands Rail Trail, Snowy Valleys Council and other necessary group. Dates for both activities will be confirmed out of session once availability is finalised.

General Business

The Committee resolved to:

- determine a date for the Wagga to Ladysmith site meeting out of session
- receive proposed items for inclusion in the Tumbarumba visit scope
- note a leave of absence for the Chairperson for the 10 June 2026 meeting

Questions With Notice

The Committee received Questions With Notice relating to:

- suitability of not-for-profit organisations applying for Get Active grant funding
- traffic counters on the new Forest Hill Trail
- usage data for the Active Travel Plan network

Responses will be provided in future Committee reports.

Actions

Following the presentation and Committee discussion, it was agreed that:

- Council will submit both the Third Party Access (TPA) application and the Approval in Principle (AIP) application, using the information currently available and continue to refine the documentation in collaboration with Transport for NSW and UGL Regional Linx as further detail becomes available.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

WWCC Code of Conduct
WWCC Code of Meeting Practice
Committee Terms of Reference

Transport Administration Act 1988
NSW Rail Trails Framework
Crown Land Management Act 2016

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Committee Minutes - 15 April 2026.pdf

MINUTES of the **WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE** held on **Wednesday 15 April 2026**.

PRESENT

Ray Willis (Chairperson)
Councillor Jenny McKinnon
Adam Schipp (remote attendance)
Lisa Glastonbury
Kerry Pascoe
Michael Dunn
Owen Plowman
John Deuis (remote attendance)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Fiona Piltz	Director Economy, Business & Workforce
Mr Joshua Walsh	Recreation Coordinator
Ms Kori West	Corporate Governance Officer
Mr Ian Jordan	Transport for NSW

The meeting of the Rail Trail Steering Committee - Wagga to Ladysmith commenced at 12.36pm.

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.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance was received and accepted by the Committee for Aunty Mary Atkinson, Mr Alan Brown and Councillor Richard Foley.

NOTICE TO THE MEETING

The Chair advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of accurate minute-taking.

MINUTES of the WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 15 April 2026.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and L Glastonbury

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Owen Plowman declared a Non-significant Non-Pecuniary Interest as Bicycle Wagga Wagga Inc, contributed funding towards the project, and he is a member of that organisation.

Mr Kerry Pascoe declared Non-significant Non-Pecuniary Interest as Riverina Highlands Rail Trails, contributed funding towards the project, and he is a member of that organisation.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and M Dunn

That the Committee:

- a review and discuss the suitability and relevance of the listed funding opportunities**
- b comment on the scope of funding priorities**
- c advise on the development of a preferred funding strategy**
- d note that Council does not have funding allocated in the Long-Term Financial Plan for the Wagga Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Project**

CARRIED

MINUTES of the WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 15 April 2026.

RP-2 WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and O Plowman

That the Committee:

- a note the progress updates contained within this report**
- b confirm the scope of the Wagga to Ladysmith familiarisation inspection to support preparation of the Third Party Access application**
- c confirm the scope and purpose of the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail site visit**
- d note and support Council progressing preparatory work for the Approval in Principle (AIP) submission, subject to the outcomes of the familiarisation inspection and Transport for NSW guidance**
- e note the responses provided to the Questions with Notice**

CARRIED

PRESENTATION BY TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Mr Ian Jordan, Transport for NSW, presented the Committee on the reforms currently being undertaken to the NSW Rail Trails Framework and clarification on what constitutes a concept plan or masterplan and what is required in the application process for third party access.

The Steering Committee confirmed, in relation to the UGL Regional Linx application, that only items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 11 of the eleven items listed to satisfy the TPA are required for this Rail Trail proposal. It is important that this is clearly documented, noting that items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 do not apply.

The Steering Committee discussed a site inspection, noting that an initial familiarisation inspection would be undertaken from existing public vantage points. It was further noted that Council would separately contact relevant landowners to seek access, acknowledging that this process may take some time as requests must be submitted in writing. A separate site inspection may be undertaken should consent from private landholders be obtained.

The Steering Committee also discussed the AIP submission. It was noted that Council would apply for AIP approval, which is valid for 12 months and can be extended for up to a further two years if notification is provided prior to expiry, should an extension be required.

Mr Ian Jordan vacated the meeting the time being 1.43pm.

MINUTES of the WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 15 April 2026.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and L Glastonbury

That the Committee:

- a determine a date for site meeting out of session prior to the next meeting
- b receive proposed items for consideration to be including in the scope for the visit to Tumbarumba from Lisa Glastonbury
- b note Ray Willis will be a leave of absence for the 10 June 2026 meeting

CARRIED

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN-1 - GET ACTIVE GRANT FUNDING

Lisa Glastonbury asked if it would be appropriate for an incorporated not-for-profit organisation to apply for grant funding for the *Get Active grant funding* instead of the Council to eliminate the competition of other Council priorities.

QWN-2 - FOREST HILL TRAFFIC COUNTERS

Lisa Glastonbury asked are there traffic counters on the new Forest Hill Trail. If not is this likely to happen?

QWN-3 - ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN NUMBERS

Adam Schipp requested staff provide numbers of user for areas along the Active Travel Plan across the City.

The Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee rose at 2.00pm.

M-2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 22 APRIL 2026

Author: Scott Gray

Summary: This report presents the minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 22 April 2026

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 22 April 2026.

Report

The Minutes of the Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 22 April 2026 are presented to Council for consideration. A summary of the matters considered, and resolutions made is outlined below.

Lease Update

The Committee received an update on the ongoing lease negotiations with the Commonwealth Department of Defence. It was noted that discussions are progressing, with key issues including asset ownership and financial arrangements still under negotiation. The Committee acknowledged that the outcome of these negotiations will be critical in determining the long-term direction and development potential of the Airport. Members expressed general support for the approach being taken and emphasised the importance of timely feedback following negotiation milestones to inform future decision-making.

Masterplanning Process

The Committee provided feedback on potential approaches to the Airport Masterplanning process and provided feedback on key priorities. There was strong consensus that the process should be strategically-led, with the masterplan informed by a clear understanding of the Airport's long-term role within the region. Key themes included the need to plan for uncertainty and future growth scenarios, consider broader regional and transport linkages and ensure the Airport is positioned to support economic, health and emergency service functions.

Members highlighted the importance of early preparation, including development of a clear scope and brief to enable the process to commence once lease negotiations are sufficiently advanced. The value of stakeholder and community engagement was emphasised, alongside the need to involve regional partners and government agencies.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Engaged Community

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

Internal / External Consultation

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

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Confirmation of Minutes Wagga Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee 22 April 2026.

MINUTES of the **WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE** held on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Scott Gray Chief Operating Officer
Ms Ruby Brodin Business Support Officer (Minute Taker)

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

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received accepted by the Committee for Suraj Mohamed, General Manager, Mr Peter Thompson and Director Economy, Business & Workforce, Mrs Fiona Piltz.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Wagga Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MINUTES of the **WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE** held on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 LEASE UPDATE

Recommendation

That the Committee receive and note this report.

RP-2 AIRPORT MASTERPLAN PROCESS

Recommendation

That the Committee:

- a receive and note this report**
- b provide feedback on key priorities, opportunities and areas of focus to be considered as part of the Airport Masterplanning process**

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN-1 AIRPORT MASTERPLAN ENGAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Rodney Cecchini suggested that a group brainstorming session may be beneficial for engagement and planning in relation to the Airport Masterplan; can consideration be given to including this on a future Committee agenda?

The Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee rose at 1:11pm.

M-3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 16 APRIL 2026

Author: Andrew Mason
General Manager: Peter Thompson

Summary:

This report presents the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee (FRMAC) meeting held on 16 April 2026 for Council's information and noting.

The FRMAC was provided with an update on the six (6) current flood mitigation projects underway, of which three (3) are now considered complete, they being:

- The feasibility/options study for the Glenfield Drain and Flowerdale Storage Flood Mitigation Works.
- The Lake Albert Flood Mitigation Options-Feasibility Study.
- The Early Warning System Model Development

The final reports for the three (3) completed projects will be presented to Council for adoption in the future and the remaining three (3) projects are:

- The Investigation & Design Study for the Uranquinty Levee Upgrade
- Levee system upgrade- North Wagga
- Humula and Mangoplah Flood Studies

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2026.

Report

The Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee (FRMAC) Meeting held on 16 April 2026 are presented to Council for consideration. Below is a summary of items considered at the meeting.

RP-1 WWCC MOFFS FFL AMENDMENT REVIEW

The committee received a presentation from Council's Senior Town Planner, Mr Sam Robins on the Finish Floor Level (FFL) Amendment review of the MOFFS.

RP-2 2021-22-FM-0032 - URANQUINTY LEVEE UPGRADE - INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN

Andrew Morris from Haskoning provided a presentation to the Committee on the Uranquinty Levee Upgrade Project with their recommendations. This project is 80 % complete and on track for finalisation by the end of May 2026.

RP-3 2022-FMP-0103 HUMULA AND MANGOPLAH FLOOD STUDIES

The Humula & Mangoplah Flood Studies has been extended to September 2026. Erin Askew from WMAWater provided a presentation to the committee on the Humula and Mangoplah flood studies. The report for the flood modelling was presented to the FRMAC committee for review and feedback, once this is complete the draft flood model and report will be presented to Council before going on Public Exhibition.

RP-4 DCCEEW 2024 FLOODPLAIN GRANTS

Council completed an application to DCCEEW for the next round of Floodplain Management Funding. The project was targeted at the review and update of the existing Major Overland FloodFlow project and, if successful, a new, more accurate and denser flood model incorporating the broader footprint of urban development in Wagga will be developed.

RP-5 17866- LEVEE SYSTEM UPGRADE - NORTH WAGGA

The detailed design for the North Wagga Levee System Upgrade is being completed by NSW PWA and should be completed by September 2026 this will enable a tender for the construction upgrade of the levee to be called.

RP-6 2023 FMP 0073 EARLY WARNING SYSTEM MODEL DEVELOPMENT

This project has been finalised and is currently being utilised by Council staff, a presentation on this project will be provided to the next meeting of the LEMC on the 4th May.

RP-7 2021-22-FM-0039 LAKE ALBERT FLOOD MITIGATION OPTIONS FEASIBILITY STUDY

This project is complete, and some components of this study will be implemented as part of the Plumpton Road Upgrade. This project has approximately \$9M of capital works to be undertaken in the future

RP-8 2021-22-FM-0024 - GLENFIELD DRAIN AND FLOWERDALE STORAGE FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

This project is complete and has a capital works component of approximately \$35M, a program of implementation will be developed by staff over the new few months.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

The outcomes from the various studies will be critical in the terms of future amendments to the Council Local Environmental Plan and its Development Control Plan.

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Vision for the future

Adopt a sound approach to strategic planning to ensure that we are preparing for future growth requirements of the city.

Risk Management Issues for Council

No specific issues identified.

Internal / External Consultation

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW) (previously the Office of Environment and Heritage) has been heavily consulted throughout the process of planning and executing these projects. DCCEEW is the responsible funding body and receives quarterly status update reports.

Public Exhibition of the draft Lake Albert Flood Mitigation Options/Feasibility Study took place during November 2025.

Community consultation with affected stakeholders has occurred as required.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). FRMAC Minutes - 16 April 2026

MINUTES of the **FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 16 April 2026**.

PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Dallas Tout
 Councillor Jenny McKinnon
 Councillor Lindsay Tanner
 Austin Morris
 Patricia Murray
 Ros Prangnell

IN ATTENDANCE

External Members

Joshua Stanbury	State Emergency Service (SES) (remote attendance)
Steve Manwaring	Department Planning, Industry & Environment
Brian Mahoney	Uranquinty Co-opted Community Member
Andrew Morris	Haskoning
Erin Askew	WMAwater

Staff

Julie Costa	Director Planning & Regulatory
Christine Priest	Director Community & Environment
Scott Gray	Chief Operating Officer
Carly Hood	Manager Environment & Sustainability
Ray Graham	Manager Sewer & Stormwater
Sam Robins	Senior Town Planner
Andrew Mason	Project Manager
Michael Casey	Communications & Engagement Coordinator
Kori West	Corporate Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

The meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee commenced at 8:30am.

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 for Mr Michael Friend.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

MINUTES of the FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE held on Thursday 16 April 2026.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 WWCC MOFFS FFL AMENDMENT REVIEW

Recommendation:

On the Motion of P Murray and R Prangnell

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note that a detailed report is being prepared with the intent that it will be available for consideration at July's meeting.

CARRIED

Council's Senior Town Planner, Mr Sam Robins provided a presentation to the Committee on the Finish Floor Level (FFL) Amendment review of the MOFFS.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

Andrew Morris from Haskoning entered the meeting the time being 9.03am.

RP-2 2021-22-FM-0032 - URANQUINTY LEVEE UPGRADE - INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and A Morris

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided in relation to the Uranquinty Levee Upgrade Project.

CARRIED

Andrew Morris from Haskoning provided a presentation to the Committee on the Uranquinty Levee Upgrade Project with their recommendations.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

MINUTES of the **FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 16 April 2026**.

Chief Operating Officer, Mr Scott Gray vacated the meeting the time being 9:31am.

Brian Mahoney vacated the meeting the time being 9:36am.

Andrew Morris vacated the chamber the time being 9:36am.

Erin Askew from WMAWater entered the meeting the time being 9:37am.

RP-3 2022-FMP-0103 HUMULA AND MANGOPLAH FLOOD STUDIES

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and A Morris

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided in relation to the Humula and Mangoplah Flood Studies Project and endorse a the model and report to go on Public Exhibition pending a review and update.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

Erin Askew from WMAWater provided a presentation to the Committee on the Humula And Mangoplah Flood Studies.

Josh Sainsbury vacated the meeting the time being 10:01am.

Erin Askew from WMAWater vacated the meeting the time being 10:24am.

RP-4 DCCEEW 2024 FLOODPLAIN GRANTS

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and A Morris

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report with regard to the 2026-27 Floodplain Management Program and endorse the submission of the grant on the 15 April 2026 in relation to the city wide MOFFs model option.

CARRIED

MINUTES of the **FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 16 April 2026**.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

Director Community & Environment, Mrs Christine Priest vacated the room the time being 10:30am.

RP-5 17866- LEVEE SYSTEM UPGRADE - NORTH WAGGA

Recommendation:

On the Motion of Councillor J McKinnon and P Murray

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the update to the Levee System Upgrade – North Wagga.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

RP-6 2023 FMP 0073 EARLY WARNING SYSTEM MODEL DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation:

On the Motion of R Prangnell and Councillor J McKinnon

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report regarding the Early Warning and Flood Prediction Project.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

MINUTES of the FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE held on Thursday 16 April 2026.

RP-7 2021-22-FM-0039 - LAKE ALBERT FLOOD MITIGATION OPTIONS - FEASIBILITY STUDY

Recommendation:

On the Motion of R Prangnell and Councillor J McKinnon

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided in relation to the Lake Albert Flood Mitigation Project

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

RP-8 2021-22-FM-0024 - GLENFIELD DRAIN AND FLOWERDALE STORAGE FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

Recommendation:

On the Motion of A Morris and P Murray

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
J McKinnon
L Tanner
A Morris
P Murray
R Prangnell

Against the Motion

MINUTES of the FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE held on Thursday 16 April 2026.

RP-9 FLOOD PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

Recommendation:

On the Motion of R Prangnell and Councillor J McKinnon

That the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee receive and note the report in relation to Flood Project Implementation Status.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout

J McKinnon

L Tanner

A Morris

P Murray

R Prangnell

Against the Motion

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

No Questions with Notice were raised.

The Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee rose at 10:56am.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 OUTSTANDING DEBTS DEEMED UNECONOMICAL TO RECOVER - PROPOSED WRITE OFF LIST

Author: Craig Katsoolis
Executive: Carolyn Rodney

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: -

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CONF-2 RFT CT2026040 OASIS ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

Author: Ben Creighton

Executive: Fiona Piltz

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CONF-3 RFT CT2026041 SUPPLY OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Author: Diljinder Uppal

Executive: 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-4 RFT CT2026044 WHEEL LOADER GWMC

Author: Daniel Davey

Executive: Henry Pavitt

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

MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL** held on **Monday 13 April 2026.**

PRESENT

- The Mayor, Councillor Dallas Tout
- Councillor Allana Condon
- Councillor Georgie Davies
- Councillor Richard Foley
- Councillor Michael Henderson
- Councillor Jenny McKinnon
- Councillor Amelia Parkins
- Councillor Karissa Subedi
- Councillor Lindsay Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| General Manager | (Mr P Thompson) |
| Director Community & Environment | (Mrs C Priest) |
| Director Planning & Regulatory Services | (Ms J Costa) |
| Director Infrastructure (Acting) | (Mr R Graham) |
| 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 Environment & Sustainability | (Mrs C Hood) |
| Manager Corporate Governance & Performance | (Mr D Galloway) |
| Manager Development Assessment & Building Certification | (Mr C Collins) |
| Development Assessment Coordinator | (Mrs A Gray) |
| Manager Community Services | (Ms M Scully) |
| Manager Civic Theatre | (Ms C Harris) |
| Manager Strategic Planning | (Mr M Yeomans) |
| Strategic Town Planner | (Mr G Wong) |
| Recreation Coordinator | (Mr J Walsh) |
| Property Coordinator | (Mr M Dombrovski) |
| 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**

MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL held on Monday 13 April 2026.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

26/101 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and L Tanner

That Council suspend standing orders to permit approved Public Forum speakers who were unable to be heard due to time constraints to present their Public Forum addresses, the time being 6.01pm.

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	
M Henderson	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

PROCEDURAL MOTION - RE-INSTATE STANDING ORDERS

26/102 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and R Foley

That Council reinstate standing orders and continue with the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda, the time being 6:08pm.

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	
M Henderson	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

This is page 2 of the MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL of the Council of the CITY OF WAGGA WAGGA held on 13 APRIL 2026.

.....MAYORGENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL** held on **Monday 13 April 2026.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

REFLECTION

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

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted for Director Infrastructure Services, Mr H Pavitt on the Motion of Councillors A Condron and G Davies.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

26/103 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 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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| <u>For the Motion</u>
D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner | <u>Against the Motion</u> |
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.....**MAYOR****GENERAL MANAGER**

MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL** held on **Monday 13 April 2026.**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Condron declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-4 - CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME (CDS) - REFUND SHARING ARRANGEMENT, the reason being that a non-immediate family member works for the company mentioned in the report, and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA25/0175 - HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AT 91 PETER STREET, WAGGA WAGGA LOT 1 DP 150006, the reason being that she has family who own property within close proximity to the proposed development, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026, the reason being she owns a property near the site listed in the report which will be undergoing a detailed site investigation, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor M Henderson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-2 LEP24/0001 - ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE - 92 COORAMIN STREET, CARTWRIGHTS HILL - OUTCOMES OF EXHIBITION AND FINALISATION, the reason being that he has spoken to a committee member in regard to hosting functions and events on non-race days, and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor M Henderson declared a Pecuniary Interest in CONF-2 RFT CT2026038 LAKE ALBERT PUMP STATION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT, the reason being that he is the Commodore of the Wagga Boat Club, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor J McKinnon declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-10 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE AGREEMENT FEES - INITIAL REPORT, the reason being that she has a long-standing association with the Demonstration Gardens, and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor A Parkins declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-10 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE AGREEMENT FEES - INITIAL REPORT, the reason being that she is a member of the Wollundry Rotary listed within the report, and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

The Mayor, Councillor D Tout declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-10 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE AGREEMENT FEES - INITIAL REPORT, the reason being that he is a patron of an organisation listed within the report, and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

The General Manager, Mr P Thompson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA25/0175 - HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AT 91 PETER STREET, WAGGA WAGGA LOT 1 DP 150006, the reason being that he owns a property within close proximity of the proposed development, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

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Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-10 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE AGREEMENT FEES - INITIAL REPORT, the reason being that he is the President of Wagga Basketball listed within the report, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

26/104 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

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

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

That RP-2, RP-3, RP-7, RP-8, RP-9 and CONF-4 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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PROCEDURAL MOTION – CHANGE OF STANDING ORDERS

26/105 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Condrón and L Tanner

That Council move forward consideration of the following public forum items to the first items of business:

- **RP-1 DA25/0175 - HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AT 91 PETER STREET, WAGGA WAGGA LOT 1 DP 150006**
- **RP-10 - REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE AGREEMENT FEES - INITIAL REPORT**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condrón
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

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

Councillor G Davies and the General Manager, Mr P Thompson declared Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:18pm.

26/106 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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 attached s4.15 Assessment Report.

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON DEVELOPMENT OR PLANNING MATTERS - SECTION 375A(3) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

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

Councillor G Davies and the General Manager, Mr P Thompson re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:00pm.

RP-10 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE AGREEMENT FEES - INITIAL REPORT

Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 7:00pm.

A Motion was moved by Councillors G Davies and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the contents of this report
- b receive and note the petition regarding the request to waive the Council community licence fees for the Demonstration Gardens Wagga Wagga on a permanent basis
- c decline the request received from Demonstration Garden in relation to an ongoing fee waiver
- d receive a further report in relation to the outcome of a review of the Financial Assistance Policy (POL 078) and Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy (POL 038)

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor R Foley and seconded by Councillor J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the contents of this report
- b receive and note the petition regarding the request to waive the Council community licence fees for the Demonstration Gardens Wagga Wagga on a permanent basis
- c grant financial assistance by way of a one-off waiver of the community licence fee for Demonstration Gardens Wagga Wagga for the 2025/26 financial year, in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, noting that:

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- i the waiver is provided pending completion of the policy review initiated by Resolution 25/384 of 1 December 2025
- ii future community licence fee arrangements, including any tiered structure, will be considered as part of that review; and
- iii this decision does not determine ongoing arrangements for this or other licence holders
- d note that the \$880 fee waiver represents less than 0.05% of the \$1.8 million subsidy Council already provides annually to community licence holders and that declining the waiver while the policy review is incomplete would be inconsistent with the intent of Resolution 25/384
- e request a report be presented to the first Ordinary Meeting of Council in September 2026 with proposed amendments to Financial Assistance Policy (POL 078) and Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy (POL 038), specifically addressing a tiered fee structure, recognition of in-kind contributions, equity between licence holders and Crown land statutory fee obligations

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

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

The AMENDMENT being put to the meeting was carried and became the MOTION.

26/107 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the contents of this report**
- b receive and note the petition regarding the request to waive the Council community licence fees for the Demonstration Gardens Wagga Wagga on a permanent basis**
- c grant financial assistance by way of a one-off waiver of the community licence fee for Demonstration Gardens Wagga Wagga for the 2025/26 financial year, in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, noting that:**
 - i the waiver is provided pending completion of the policy review initiated by Resolution 25/384 of 1 December 2025**
 - ii future community licence fee arrangements, including any tiered structure, will be considered as part of that review; and**

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- iii this decision does not determine ongoing arrangements for this or other licence holders
- d note that the \$880 fee waiver represents less than 0.05% of the \$1.8 million subsidy Council already provides annually to community licence holders and that declining the waiver while the policy review is incomplete would be inconsistent with the intent of Resolution 25/384
- e request a report be presented to the first Ordinary Meeting of Council in September 2026 with proposed amendments to Financial Assistance Policy (POL 078) and Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy (POL 038), specifically addressing a tiered fee structure, recognition of in-kind contributions, equity between licence holders and Crown land statutory fee obligations

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

- A Condron
- R Foley
- M Henderson
- J McKinnon
- A Parkins
- K Subedi
- L Tanner

Against the Motion

- D Tout
- G Davies

Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:27pm.

RP-2 LEP24/0001 - ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE - 92 COORAMIN STREET, CARTWRIGHTS HILL - OUTCOMES OF EXHIBITION AND FINALISATION

26/108 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal for LEP24/0001
- b endorse the finalisation of the Planning Proposal for Lot 10, DP1247474 (92 Cooramin Street, Cartwrights Hill), under s3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which seeks to amend the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (WWLEP 2010) by including “Function Centre” as a land use permitted with consent under Schedule 1 and associated mapping
- c delegate authority to the General Manager (or their delegate) to make any minor amendments and corrections of a non-policy and administrative nature that may arise during the plan finalisation process relating to the Planning Proposal

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CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

RP-3 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - KERBSIDE COLLECTION CONTRACT CT2026016

26/109 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council authorise the General Manager or their delegate to execute the memorandum of understanding between Wagga Wagga City Council, Junee Shire Council and Lockhart Shire Council for the purposes of Domestic Kerbside Collection Contract RFT – CT2026016.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

Councillor R Foley vacated the chamber, the time being 7:26pm.

Councillor R Foley re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:27pm.

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RP-4 BOTANIC GARDENS MASTERPLAN

26/110 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council:

- a endorse the Draft Botanic Gardens Masterplan for the purpose of public exhibition**
- b place the Draft Masterplan on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days**
- c receive a further report following the exhibition period addressing any submissions received**
- d note that individual projects identified within the Masterplan are not funded and will be subject to detailed design, business case development and future budget considerations**

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	
M Henderson	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

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RP-5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 7:37pm.

26/111 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council:

- a approve the proposed budget variations and note the balanced budget position as presented in this report**
- b approve the proposed budget variations to the Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program including new projects and timing adjustments**
- c note the Responsible Accounting Officer's reports, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Part 9 Division 3: Clause 203) that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made above**
- d note the details of the external investments as at 31 March 2026 in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993**
- e accept the grant funding offers as presented in this report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:38pm.

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RP-6 OASIS FREE ENTRY SUMMARY

26/112 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and A Parkins

That Council:

- a endorse the budget allocation for one free entry day to be built into the 2026/27 budget and long term financial plan, with further ongoing reviews if more free entry days are experienced during a financial year**
- b note the current management plan will be reviewed in consultation with staff specifically relating to matters such as safety, cost, process for patron numbers, interactions with sporting or school carnivals etc**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

RP-7 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF LAND - LOT 574 UNDER PLAN OF SUBDIVISION OF 1 WATERHOUSE AVE LLOYD - BEING LAND DEDICATED TO COUNCIL UNDER PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

26/113 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a receive and note the submissions received during the public exhibition period, as summarised in this report**
- b classify the land described as Lot 574 in DP 1323032 as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993**

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

RP-8 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF LAND - LOTS 281, 282, 283 AND 284 UNDER PLAN OF SUBDIVISION - BEING LAND DEDICATED TO COUNCIL UNDER PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

26/114 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a receive and note the submissions received during the public exhibition period, as summarised in this report**
- b classify the land described as Lots 281, 282, 283 and 284 in plan of subdivision as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

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**RP-9 PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF SUBLEASE - LIGHT AIRCRAFT
PRECINCT HANGAR 17, WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT**

26/115 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a agree to the assignment of the sub-lease over Light Aircraft Precinct Hangar Site 17 to Little Irvines Pty Ltd ACN 682 554 758 ATF AB and BF Irvine Superannuation Fund**
- b delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to execute any necessary documentation on behalf of Council**
- c authorise the affixing of Council’s common seal to documents relating to this matter, including any Deed of Assignment, as required**

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	
M Henderson	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

RP-10 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY LEASE AND LICENCE AGREEMENT FEES - INITIAL REPORT was moved forward to the start of the meeting.

RP-11 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

26/116 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and G Davies

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 19 MARCH 2026

26/117 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That Council:

- a receive the minutes of the Local Transport Forum Meeting held on 19 March 2026**
- b note the advice provided by the Local Transport Forum on the matters considered**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

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CLOSED COUNCIL

26/118 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and A Parkins

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 7.49pm.

CARRIED

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

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 REQUEST TO SURRENDER LEASE

26/119 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and L Tanner

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate the surrender of the lease for the Riverina Playhouse with Charles Sturt University (CSU)**
- b accept the offer from CSU to transfer ownership of all equipment associated with the operation of the Riverina Playhouse to Council at no cost, subject to agreement that CSU is not required to undertake any additional make-good works**
- c approve the budget variation/s as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**
- d support Council operating the venue under Civic Theatre management**

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	
M Henderson	
J McKinnon	
A Parkins	
K Subedi	
L Tanner	

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CONF-2 RFT CT2026038 LAKE ALBERT PUMP STATION DESIGN & CONSTRUCT

Councillor M Henderson declared a Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 8:09pm.

26/120 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a in accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General Regulation) 2005, decline all tenders for the design and construction of the Lake Albert Pump Station**
- b pursuant to clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General Regulation) 2005, authorise the General Manager, or their delegate, to enter into negotiations with any person with the intention of entering into a contract for the design and construction of the Lake Albert Pump Station**
- c note that the reason for entering into negotiations is that the tender bids submitted require modifications and these variances cannot be undertaken without negotiation**
- d note the reason for not inviting fresh tenders is that it is expected negotiation will provide a satisfactory outcome**
- e authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract for the design and construction of the Lake Albert Pump Station should the negotiation be successful within the parameters outlined within the body of the report**
- f authorise the affixing of Council's common seal to all relevant documents as required**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

Councillor M Henderson re-entered the chamber, the time being 8:10pm.

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CONF-3 INLAND RAIL UPDATES

26/121 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a accept the offer from Martinus Rail to complete works for funding of \$202,700.10 ex GST to allow for a pedestrian and cycling diversion away from Cassidy's Bridge**
- b note that any cost escalation caused by the current Middle East conflict will also be required to be met by Martinus Rail**
- c authorise the General Manager or delegate to negotiate entry into lease / licence arrangements to facilitate the Cassidy Parade bridge works on the terms outlined in the body of this report**
- d authorise the execution of and affixing of Council's common seal to all relevant documents as required**
- e approve the budget variations as noted in the financial implications section of this report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

Against the Motion

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CONF-4 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME (CDS) - REFUND SHARING ARRANGEMENT

26/122 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to extend the Refund Sharing Agreement with Kurrajong Waratah (ABN 55 002 407 294) for the period beginning 3 April 2026 and ceasing 3 April 2028 according to the following refund sharing arrangement:**
 - i 60% Wagga Wagga City Council; and**
 - ii 40% Kurrajong Waratah (ABN 55 002 407 294)**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to notify the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the contract extension**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Against the Motion

D Tout
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi
L Tanner

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

26/123 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and A Condron

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8:20pm.

CARRIED

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 8.22pm.

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MAYOR

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