



Agenda and Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

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



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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 25 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 - 11
MAY 2026**

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Attachments

1. [Minutes – 11 May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting](#) 132

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 DA25/0363 - SELF-STORAGE UNITS AT LOT 1 AND 2 DP 1064692, 20 AND 24 GEORGE STREET, NORTH WAGGA WAGGA

Author: Steven Cook

Executive: Julie Costa

Summary:

The report is for a development application for a self-storage premises comprising eight large self-storage units. The development application is presented to Council for determination.

Consistent with the information made publicly available on Council's website and referred to in the Community Participation Plan, applications that receive 10 or more objections are referred to Council for determination.

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

Recommendation

That Council refuse DA25/0363 for self-storage units at Lot 1 and 2 DP 1064692, 20 and 24 George Street, North Wagga Wagga, for the reasons contained in the s4.15 Assessment Report.

Development Application Details

Applicant	Mark Phegan
Owner	Mark Phegan
Development Cost	\$220,000
Development Description	Self-storage units

Report

Key Issues

- Flooding impacts, including impacts on the evacuation of North Wagga Wagga.
- Impacts on the character and streetscape of George Street, and the character of North Wagga Wagga generally.
- Impacts on the amenity of adjoining properties.
- Stormwater management.

Site Location

The site, being Lots 1 and 2 DP 1064692, 20-24 George Street, North Wagga Wagga, is located on the north-western side of George Street, approximately 80 metres southwest of its intersection with Marah Street. The site also has frontage to George Lane to the rear.

The site is a vacant, flat village lot with no structures or significant vegetation. George Street displays the typical North Wagga Wagga residential character, with kerb and guttering, well-established street trees, and generally low-density development. Opposite the site are lightweight dwellings on large lots with established gardens, contributing positively to the streetscape. Nearby, dwellings fronting Marah Street also present a residential character to George Street despite fencing. A vacant lot occupies the opposite corner of George and Marah Streets, appearing to store miscellaneous items, with an earlier consent not acted upon.

Land immediately southwest of the site is vacant, followed by a dwelling and, further along, a childcare centre set among landscaped areas. On the opposite side of George Street to the southwest is a mix of dwellings, vacant land, and a former butchery. While some non-residential uses exist in the wider area, these are generally historical and low scale.



Figure 1 - Site Location

Assessment

- A full assessment considering all relevant matters in detail is contained in the attached Section 4.15 Assessment Report. The following is a summary of the assessment. Not all relevant matters are discussed in this summary.
- The application is for eight self-storage units in two buildings with a central driveway, extensive hardstand, 200mm setbacks and a 2.4m security fence. Units are approximately 120m² plus mezzanine, with storerooms internal to six units and external to two.



Figure 2 - Perspective Drawing



Figure 3 - Site Plan

- The site is zoned RU5 Village under the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (WWLEP 2010), where self-storage is permitted with consent. Thirty submissions were received (29 objections and one in support), raising flooding, character, amenity, stormwater and traffic.

Amenity, Character and Streetscape

- The bulk, scale, setbacks and presentation are inconsistent with the low-density village character and would appear visually dominant to nearby dwellings, particularly 94 and 96 Marah Street.
- The proposal is inconsistent with the RU5 zone objective to protect and maintain rural village character, and with the objectives and several controls in Section 6.2 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (WWDCP 2010).
- When considered in the context of existing and potential future development in North Wagga Wagga, has the potential to incrementally and progressively change the overall character from a village context to a more industrial area, resulting in unacceptable cumulative impacts.
- A small number of recent non-residential approvals in North Wagga Wagga have generally occurred in locations where the residential character is less pronounced and were supported on their individual merits.

Flooding

- The site is within the Flood Planning Area (FPA) and is inundated in an approximate 12% AEP (1 in 8 year) flood event, with access cut off before levee overtopping.
- A development such as self-storage units creates a foreseeable risk that lessees will attempt to return to the units to collect belongings in the event of a flood, increasing the number of people attempting to evacuate, increasing congestion and burden on the State Emergency Service (SES) and responder resources.
- The SES has not provided a specific statement in favour or against the development, but they have provided following comments:
 - “In summary, intensifying development on the land below the Flood Planning Level will increase risk to life”,
 - “It is important to note that the SES is opposed to the imposition of development consent conditions requiring private flood evacuation plans rather than the application of sound land use planning and flood risk management”, and
 - “The proposed development would further increase the complexity of flood operations for the Wagga Wagga LGA and directly transfer the risk to the SES for warning, evacuation, and potentially rescue. Areas that do not have independent means of evacuation complicate the SES flood response”.
- The proposal does not satisfy Clause 5.21(2)(c) or (d) of the WWLEP 2010, as the absence of adverse evacuation impacts and appropriate risk-to-life measures have not been demonstrated.
- The proposal is also inconsistent with Section 4.2 of the WWDCP 2010, including the objective to “minimise the public and private costs of flood damage”, and the control which states that “industrial and high impact commercial uses are unsuitable for location at North Wagga”.

Stormwater

- Stormwater is proposed to discharge to the kerb.
- Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that additional runoff can be managed within the constrained North Wagga stormwater network.

Reasons for Refusal

Amenity, Character and Streetscape

- A.1 The development is inconsistent with the objective of the RU5 zone in the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 “to protect and maintain the rural village character of the land”.
- A.2 The development is inconsistent with Objectives O1, O2 and O3 of Section 6.2 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010.
- A.3 The development does not comply with controls C2, C7, C9, C10, C15 and C16 of Section 6.2 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010.
- A.4 The development is not in keeping with the prevailing built form and low density, village character of the area, and will result in negative impacts on the streetscape and amenity of the area.
- A.5 The development results in unacceptable impacts on the amenity of surrounding properties, and in particular those at 94 and 96 Marah Street, where the proposed development would appear dominant and overbearing.
- A.6 When considered in the context of existing and potential future development in North Wagga Wagga, the development has the potential to incrementally and progressively change the overall character of North Wagga Wagga from a village context to a more industrial area, resulting in unacceptable cumulative impacts.

Flooding

- A.7 Consent may not be granted because the consent authority is not satisfied in accordance with Section 5.21(2) of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 that the development:
 - (c) will not adversely affect the safe occupation and efficient evacuation of people or exceed the capacity of existing evacuation routes for the surrounding area in the event of a flood, and
 - (d) incorporates appropriate measures to manage risk to life in the event of a flood.
- A.8 In considering mandatory matters under Clause 5.21(3) of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010, consideration of items (a) and (c) raises unresolved concerns in relation to these matters.
- A.9 The development is inconsistent with objectives (a), (c), and (d) of Section 5.21 of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.
- A.10 In considering mandatory matters under Clause 5.22(3) of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010, consideration of items (a) and (b) raises unresolved concerns in relation to these matters.
- A.11 The development is inconsistent with objectives O1, O2, O3 and O4 of Section 4.2 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010.

- A.12 The development does not comply with Control C9 of Section 4.2 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010.
- A.13 The development:
- (a) Will result in unacceptable costs as a result of flooding,
 - (b) Will likely increase traffic and add to additional traffic congestion impacts in North Wagga Wagga during flood events and evacuations, and
 - (c) Contains insufficient measures to manage risk to life and property.
- A.14 The development, when considered in the context of existing and potential future development in North Wagga Wagga, has the potential to result in a progressive increase in the number of individuals attempting to evacuate from the area resulting in unacceptable cumulative flooding impacts.
- A.15 The SES confirms that intensifying development below the Flood Planning Level increases risk to life, that North Wagga Wagga has significant evacuation constraints, and that the proposal would increase evacuation demand and operational complexity. The SES does not support reliance on private evacuation plans or behavioural controls.

Stormwater

- A.16 Insufficient detail has been provided as to how additional runoff will be managed within the limited North Wagga Wagga stormwater network, to ensure impacts are acceptable.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

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

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Climate action

Embrace sound planning and development to reduce the impacts of natural hazards and climate change.

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

Attachments

1. DA25/0363 - Section 4.15 Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover
2. DA25/0363 - Plans for Assessment - Provided under separate cover
3. DA25/0363 - Statement of Environmental Effects - Provided under separate cover
4. DA25/0363 - Flood Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover
5. DA25/0363 - State Emergency Service Comments (Initial and Additional) - Provided under separate cover
6. DA25/0363 - Redacted Submissions - Provided under separate cover
7. DA25/0363 - Applicant Response to Submissions - Provided under separate cover
8. DA25/0363 - Unredacted Submissions

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

RP-2 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION & PETITION - RETICULATED GAS IN NEW RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS**Author:** Matthew Yeomans**Executive:** Julie Costa**Summary:**

This report responds to Council's resolution of 24 March 2025 (Resolution 25/071) regarding the petition received in relation to reticulated gas in new subdivisions and the subsequent Notice of Motion of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 7 April 2025 (Resolution 25/087) concerning gas appliances in homes and health claims.

This report outlines the investigations undertaken, key findings and provides options for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a receive and note the report
- b consider the options presented in this report and determine Council's preferred position regarding reticulated gas infrastructure in new residential development
- c write to the petition organiser advising of the outcome of this report

Report

Council received a petition on 6 March 2025 from William Adlong requesting that Council allow new residential subdivisions the option to proceed without reticulated gas. The petition received contained 198 signatures and was submitted to Council in accordance with Council's Petitions Management Policy (POL086).

This petition was reported to Council's Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 March 2025 with Council resolving the following:

25/071 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council:

- a receive and note the petition received on 6 March 2025 requesting that Council consider allowing new residential subdivisions to proceed without reticulated gas
- b receive a further report in response to the petition within 3 months

At the Ordinary Meeting of 7 April 2025 Council received a Notice of Motion relating to gas appliances in homes and health claims. In response to this Notice of Motion, Council resolved as follows:

25/087 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and G Davies

That Council:

- a writes to relevant health authorities and Standards Australia and the Australian Building Codes Board, seeking formal clarification on the following:

- i whether the use of indoor gas appliances certified to Australian Standards (e.g. AS/NZS 5263) and installed in accordance with the National Construction Code (NCC) poses any verified health risk in residential homes and buildings
 - ii whether there is any Australian peer-reviewed health research, or any current reviews underway, that support the assertion that indoor gas appliances certified to Australian Standards, present a substantial health risk under normal operating conditions and compliant ventilation systems
- b requests that the relevant agencies confirm whether existing national standards and ventilation requirements in the National Construction Code sufficiently mitigate the alleged risks being promoted by anti-gas advocate groups
 - c include any response received to the letters identified in (a) above in the report due back for resolution 25/071 on the petition regarding reticulated gas in new subdivisions

As the above Council resolution and Notice of Motion are interrelated, both matters are addressed within this single report. Each matter is discussed below.

Response to Council Resolution 25/071 – Reticulated gas connections at subdivision for new development

The provision and use of reticulated gas infrastructure and gas appliances within new development is influenced by a range of State and local planning controls, sustainability requirements, and engineering standards. These controls establish the framework within which new residential, commercial and industrial development is assessed and serviced.

Background

The following provides an overview of the current legislative and policy environment relating to gas infrastructure and appliances in new development, including relevant State environmental planning policies, local planning controls, and Council engineering standards.

Current Legislative and Policy Environment

Legislation/Policy	Overview
Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (WWLEP)	The WWLEP does not contain any provisions that prohibit or require the installation or supply of gas for any type of development.
Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010	Section 7 of the DCP relates to subdivision and includes controls relating to the servicing of new development. Section 7.2.6 outlines the following objectives and controls: <i>Objectives</i>

Legislation/Policy	Overview
	<p><i>O1 Ensure the efficient and cost-effective provision of services.</i></p> <p><i>O2 Share services trenching wherever possible for current and future provision of services and telecommunications.</i></p> <p>Controls</p> <p><i>C1 Subdivision can only be considered where there are appropriate arrangements for servicing (electricity, gas, water, sewer and communications).</i></p> <p>Similar controls are included in the Urban Release Area chapters of the DCP. There are currently no specific objectives or controls that relate to gas servicing for rural or industrial subdivision.</p> <p>The DCP control also references Council’s Engineering Guidelines for Subdivision and Developments which provide additional technical requirements relating to servicing infrastructure.</p>
Engineering Guidelines for Subdivision and Development Standards 2017	The Guidelines reference gas infrastructure only in relation to the allocation of services within nature strips. The guidelines do not explicitly require the provision of reticulated gas infrastructure or gas connections as part of new development.

In addition to the statutory planning framework, a number of regional, local and State strategies provide broader policy direction relating to infrastructure planning, sustainability, emissions reduction and energy transition.

While these documents do not generally impose direct statutory requirements regarding the provision or prohibition of reticulated gas infrastructure or gas appliances in new development, they establish strategic objectives and policy directions that may inform future planning, infrastructure delivery and decision-making.

Strategies/Plans	Overview
NSW Productivity and Equality Commission’s March 2025 Paper “Decarbonising buildings, industry and waste”.	This paper found that eliminating most gas use in buildings is essential to achieving net zero. It supports the use of local planning tools (DCP) to limit new gas connections. The Commission highlights the private and public benefits of electrification and notes the high cost of retrofitting as well as the long term burden of allowing new gas connections.

Strategies/Plans	Overview
Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2041	<p>Objective 11 of this plan is to <i>'Plan for integrated and resilient utility infrastructure'</i>.</p> <p>This objective speaks to water, telecommunications and electricity. This plan does not make comment about or express a desired direction for the role of gas within future developments.</p>
Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040 (LSPS)	<p>Under the Growing Economy section, Principal 7 is as follows: <i>Growth is supported by sustainable infrastructure.</i></p> <p><i>Integrating principles of environmental and financial sustainability will be key to meeting the infrastructure challenge. Infrastructure will be delivered in new and innovative ways that strengthen the city's resilience to natural hazards and constraints and also in response to economic, financial and engineering challenges.</i></p> <p><i>The LSPS includes the following actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECON 3 – Develop an Infrastructure Strategy to support and guide decisions regarding infill, intensification (urban fringe) and new release areas • ENV 12 - Further consider local opportunities that will contribute to achieving Net Zero through an appropriate local strategy.
Wagga Wagga Community Net Zero Emissions 2050 Roadmap	<p>The strategy does not consider residential subdivisions but does express the desire of Council (as an organisation) to move away from gas where possible.</p> <p>This report states that the generation and use of energy to power and heat our homes, offices and factories makes up approximately 52% of the Wagga Wagga Community's emissions profile. It recognises gas as a polluting fossil fuel and acknowledges that there are healthier, cleaner and cheaper alternatives available. The report makes the following statement:</p> <p><i>'While the grid is expected to continue to decarbonize and become greener in the future, it currently constitutes a significant source of emissions for the community's electricity usage and the community is responsible for these emissions as a consequence of their energy consumption.'</i></p> <p>Action EN04 - Eliminate use of gas in new assets is listed as a potential pathway to reduce emissions in which households, business & industry, and government could participate.</p> <p>Eliminating gas is not a requirement under this plan but is instead a recommendation that can be adopted if so chosen.</p>

Strategies/Plans	Overview
NSW Consumer Energy Strategy	<p>Under this strategy, Action 50 is to develop an NSW Gas Decarbonisation Roadmap.</p> <p>The NSW Government has committed to deliver this roadmap by late 2026 and will “<i>provide clarity to communities and industry on fossil gas decarbonisation and the role of gas in the future of the energy system</i>”.</p>

Trends and Emerging Policy Context

A number of local government areas across New South Wales have introduced, or are in the process of considering, planning controls relating to residential electrification and the provision of gas infrastructure in new developments. These approaches vary in scope, ranging from the prohibition of gas connections in new residential subdivisions to broader sustainability-based planning controls.

Councils that have implemented electrification changes include:

- City of Sydney
- City of Canada Bay
- City of Canterbury-Bankstown
- Hornsby Shire Council
- Lane Cove Council
- City of Newcastle
- Waverly Council
- City of Parramatta
- Blue Mountains City Council
- North Sydney Council

[A number of other councils](#), including Byron Shire Council, Inner West Council and City of Ryde are exploring options relating to electrification (attached).

Lane Cove Council has implemented planning controls restricting gas appliances including gas hot water heating units in its broader gas ban. Where outdoor gas appliances such as barbecues require gas, only bottled gas may be used.

Financial Considerations

The transition away from gas infrastructure in new development presents both upfront and long-term cost considerations for households and developers.

While electric households may achieve lower ongoing energy costs over time, there is generally a higher initial capital cost associated with electric appliance installation compared to gas alternatives. This upfront cost differential may present affordability challenges for some households, particularly those with limited savings or lower incomes.

In addition, where gas infrastructure is not provided at the subdivision stage, future retrofitting costs may arise for homeowners if gas appliances are replaced with electric alternatives at a later date.

Conversely, continued provision of reticulated gas infrastructure in new subdivisions may contribute to ongoing household energy costs over the life of the dwelling, particularly as energy markets continue to transition and gas prices remain subject to volatility.

Environmental considerations

As identified in the *Wagga Wagga Community Net Zero Emissions 2050 Roadmap*, the generation and use of energy to power and heat our homes, offices and factories makes up approximately 52% of the Wagga Wagga Community's emissions profile.

Reducing reliance on gas in new subdivisions has been identified in strategic planning documents as one mechanism to assist in reducing greenhouse emissions over time.

Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC)

On 11 December 2025, the AEMC published its [final determination and rule change](#) to update the regulatory framework for gas connections. The rule requires new gas connection customers to pay a cost-reflective upfront charge for their connection, with commencement scheduled for 1 October 2026.

The intent of the AEMC rule change is to ensure that the financial risks associated with new gas connections are borne by the connecting customer rather than being socialised across existing consumers, reflecting the expectation of declining long-term gas demand. Independent modelling by the AEMC indicates that households that fully electrify can significantly reduce total energy costs over time, despite higher upfront appliance costs, particularly as gas connection charges and fixed network costs rise under the revised gas regulatory framework.

The National Gas Rules (NGR) were drafted with the expectation of either steady or ongoing growth of gas demand. However, this expectation has been challenged by electrification policies in some jurisdictions and the projected continued decline in average demand for gas from residential and small commercial customers due to customers choosing to electrify and increased energy efficiency.

The Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) latest Gas Statement of Opportunities (GSOO) for the East Coast GSOO projects that distribution connected residential and commercial demand will fall by around 70% over the next 20 years, with a 30% reduction projected in the next 10 years.

Parliamentary and Policy Commentary

The Commonwealth Economics References Committee has identified residential electrification as a key mechanism for improving energy efficiency and supporting national emissions reduction objectives. The Committee noted that, with appropriate coordination and policy support, electrification can deliver improved household energy outcomes while contributing to broader decarbonisation goals.

Key recommendations from the Committee include:

- Encouraging the uptake consumer energy resources, including rooftop solar, home batteries, bi-direction electric vehicle chargers and home energy management systems
- Supporting participation in aggregated energy systems to improve grid responsiveness

- Prioritising investment in technologies that extend and improve the system value of rooftop solar, including home batteries and home energy management systems
- Prioritising how community batteries can spread the benefits of rooftop solar to consumers who are unable to install their own systems, such as renters, apartment dwellers or low-income earners
- Consideration of cost-effective local tuition for apprentices, such as electrical apprentices
- Supporting shared energy solutions such as community batteries to improve equity of access.

Several submissions identified the challenges and additional costs associated with retrofitting existing residences and replacing gas appliances.

The following grid implications of electrification were also identified:

- Managing the challenge of variable electricity demand.
- The importance of battery storage in managing grid stability.
- The investments in grid infrastructure needed to support electrification.

AEMO's electricity system planning explicitly assumes significant electrification of households and transport.

Demand variability is already a core design assumption in the Integrated System Plan (ISP) and Electricity Statement of Opportunities, with AEMO's modelling showing that system-wide electrification is cheaper than maintaining parallel gas and electricity systems in the long term.

While no explicit recommendation was made to prohibit new gas infrastructure for residential developments for the report strongly supports the role of residential electrification in achieving improved energy outcomes and emissions reductions while acknowledging the transitional challenges and equity considerations.

Response to Notice of Motion 25/087 – Indoor gas appliances in residential settings

Council wrote to Standards Australia, the Australian Building Codes Board and the NSW Chief Health Officer seeking clarification as per the resolution (a) and (b) above. The responses have been received and attached.

Summaries of their responses have been provided below.

NSW Health

- NSW Health acknowledged that indoor gas appliances, including those compliant with the Australian Standards produce air pollutants during operation.
- NSW Health is not aware of any Australian peer reviewed research specifically assessing the impacts of compliant indoor gas appliances and are not undertaking any review of health impacts of residential gas appliances under Australian conditions.

Standards Australia

- Potential health impacts were raised as an issue with Standards Australia in March 2024. The committee concluded that compliant appliances that are installed

correctly effectively manage associated emissions by way of ventilation requirements.

- Standards Australia are not aware of any Australian peer reviewed research or current standards reviews that suggest that certified gas appliances that are correctly installed pose substantial health risks in association with compliant ventilation systems.
- Standards Australia are continuing to monitor stakeholder input and emerging research.

Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB)

- The National Construction Codes (NCC) provisions require building sealing and ventilation in accordance with the Australian Standards.
- ABCB are not aware of any Australian peer reviewed research relating to risks presented when using gas appliances.

Planning framework – gas appliances

The Sustainable Buildings SEPP sets standards for residential 'BASIX' development (Building and Sustainability Index) and non-residential sustainability considerations.

The Sustainable Buildings SEPP was updated on 1 October 2023 to align with changes to the National Construction Code. The SEPP and remains fuel agnostic and does not prescribe or prohibit the installation of gas appliances in new developments.

BASIX is used in NSW to demonstrate compliance with a number of the energy/efficiency requirements under Section J of the National Construction Code.

Under the revised Sustainable Buildings SEPP, Councils can opt to prohibit gas appliances in new residential developments however this must be on the basis of health and economic justification to avoid inconsistency with the Sustainable Buildings SEPP.

Discussion

The NSW Government has committed to deliver the NSW Gas Decarbonation Roadmap by late 2026, which will provide clarity to communities and industry on fossil gas decarbonisation and the role of gas in the future of the energy system. This reflects a broader policy direction towards lower-emissions and more cost-effective energy sources. Councils may prohibit the installation of gas appliances where this is supported by appropriate health and economic justification.

While the strategic and policy framework demonstrates a clear longer terms direction towards reducing reliance on gas, it also recognises the transitional challenges of doing so.

These include:

- Managing the challenge of variable electricity demand.
- The importance of battery storage in managing grid stability.
- The investments in grid infrastructure needed to support electrification.
- Costs and additional red-tape associated with low or disadvantaged households, strata and rental properties moving away from gas.

The challenges faced by low-income households, renters and strata developments in transitioning away from gas largely arise where gas infrastructure has already been embedded in existing housing. Requiring or facilitating reticulated gas in new subdivisions risks replicating these challenges for future residents. Planning new developments to avoid reliance on gas infrastructure can help prevent avoidable long-term cost and transition pressures as the energy system continues to shift.

Investigations also indicate that where gas is not provided in greenfield subdivisions, homeowners will not have the option to connect to the reticulated gas network. In this instance, residents may instead rely on bottled gas which are typically more expensive than reticulated supply.

Summary of options for consideration

As a result of the analysis and research this report presents three options for Council's consideration.

These options provide alternative policy positions regarding gas infrastructure in new residential development, ranging from introducing prohibitive planning controls to maintaining the existing regulatory position without amendment.

The following sets out the options available and the relevant considerations to support each of these positions.

Option 1 – Prohibit Gas Connections for residential development

That Council:

- a receive and note the report
- b investigate the preparation of relevant planning amendments to require all-electric, gas free new residential development
- c write to the petition organiser advising of the outcome of this report

Under this option, Council would prohibit the installation of reticulated gas infrastructure in new subdivisions through appropriate planning amendments, which would effectively require all-electric development outcomes for new development in greenfield locations.

This option does not seek to prohibit gas connections or gas appliances for existing infill development or for development involving alterations and additions (retrofitting), having regard to current cost of living pressures and economic implications of retrofitting, including higher upfront costs compared to all-electric in new builds. Noting that this does not prohibit individuals choosing to retrofit to all-electric development if they chose to.

Benefits

- Provides clear policy direction and certainty for developers and infrastructure provision.
- Avoids investment in potentially underutilised, long-lived gas infrastructure (stranded assets).
- Simpler, more cost-effective subdivision delivery.
- Avoids homeowners paying the full upfront cost of their connection under new AEMC rules.

- Maximises potential for lower long-term household energy costs and avoids need for expensive retrofitting
- Reduces exposure to indoor combustion-related air pollutants
- Strong alignment with broader energy system decarbonisation objectives
- Strongly alignment with the Wagga Wagga Community NZE 2050 Roadmap
- Represents a proactive implementation mechanism at low cost

Risks to Council

- Potential for challenge if seen to be implemented only on the basis of emissions reduction.
- Reputational risk - May be perceived as limiting consumer choice.
- Potential opposition from gas network providers and possibly some developers.
- Could be perceived as limiting future low-emissions gas pathways (e.g. green hydrogen).

Note: While green hydrogen will play an important role in decarbonising industrial energy use, its application in residential gas networks is expected to be limited, with low-level blending (~10% by volume) delivering only modest emissions reductions (~5-7%) and introducing uncertainty if relied upon to justify new gas infrastructure.

Option 2 – Neither require, nor prohibit gas connections

That Council:

- a receive and note the report
- b incorporate changes into the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan (DCP) review currently being undertaken to amend any relevant sections of the DCP to not require gas connections for new residential development (including subdivision),
- c write to the petition organiser advising of the outcome of this report

Under this option Council would not require gas infrastructure but would not prohibit it either. Gas provision would be solely determined by developers and market conditions.

Benefits

- Maintains consumer choice for those who want gas
- Avoids mandating potentially unnecessary infrastructure
- Reduces risk of delivering underutilised gas assets
- Avoids upfront costs for developers where they decide not to provide gas
- May reduce household costs where all-electric homes are delivered
- Neutral planning approach
- Enables market-led uptake of electrification

Risks to Council

- The proposed amendments may be interpreted as discouraging gas without formally restricting it and may be perceived as not taking reasonable action to reduce economic, health and environmental risks.
- May result in inconsistent and mixed outcomes across developments (some gas vs some all-electric) which could result in uncertainty for utilities in planning networks
- Would likely result in mixed road reserve infrastructure width requirements

- Residents would bear upfront connection costs and later retrofit costs where gas is provided
- Enabling the facilitation of stranded assets that are highly likely to become underutilised and economically inefficient over time.

Option 3 – Continue to require gas infrastructure in new subdivisions

That Council:

- a receive and note the report
- b write to the petition organiser advising of the outcome of this report.

Under this option, Council would continue requiring gas infrastructure as part of subdivision servicing.

Benefits

- Provides certainty and consistency in development outcomes
- Ensures energy choice for residents

Risks

- Higher upfront subdivision costs for developers and residents
- Higher ongoing household costs for residents
- Likely need for costly electrification upgrades over time

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979
State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) 2022
Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010
Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010
Petitions Management Policy (POL086)

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

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

Ensure sustainable urban development

Risk Management Issues for Council

The report seeks to provide a range of strategic and financial considerations and demonstrates Council's ability to proactively align with emerging state policies and broader electrification trends. Each option presented for Council's consideration includes potential benefits and risks associated with each approach and should be read in conjunction accordingly.

From a public health perspective, a decision not to facilitate gas infrastructure in new developments may reduce the likelihood of long-term population exposure to indoor combustion pollutants and is consistent with a precautionary approach to public health risk management.

From an infrastructure and financial perspective, not requiring gas infrastructure can reduce the risk of facilitating stranded assets that are highly likely to become underutilised and economically inefficient over time, particularly as energy systems transition toward electrification, while simultaneously avoiding unnecessary upfront infrastructure costs for developers and reducing ongoing connection charges and energy costs for households.

Internal / External Consultation

In preparing this report, staff engaged with the Development Assessment and Environment teams.

Any future planning amendments will be subject to further consideration by Council.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Response - Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB)
- 2 [↓](#). Response - NSW Health
- 3 [↓](#). Response - Standards Australia
- 4 [↓](#). NSW Councils - Gas Changes Table

OFFICIAL

Councillor Dallas Tout
Mayor
City of Wagga Wagga
PO Box 20 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650



Dear Cr Tout

Request for advice – Gas Appliances, Building Standards and Health Risks

Thank you for your letter of 26 May 2025 requesting advice relative to gas appliances, building standards, and health risks. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The National Construction Code (NCC) is Australia's primary set of technical, performance-based requirements for the design, construction, and plumbing of new buildings. It sets the minimum required level for the safety, health, amenity, accessibility and sustainability of certain buildings

The NCC does not mandate the installation of any specific type of gas or electric appliance for the purpose of cooking or heating. However, if a gas appliance is chosen for heating, the NCC's energy efficiency provisions related to building sealing require that ventilation must be in accordance with relevant Australian Standards. This ensures that any potential health risks to the building occupants under normal operating conditions are appropriately managed.

In relation to the advice you seek on your second point, I am not aware of any Australian peer-reviewed research relating to risks presented when using gas appliances. I do note however, there may be some studies that address these issues as evidenced by some of the information provided to me from your office.

In relation to the advice you seek on your last point, I reiterate my comments relating to the energy efficiency provisions for building sealing. NCC Volume Two Verification Method H6V3 provides that any space with a gas-fueled combustion appliance must be ventilated. The ventilation must comply with the provisions of the relevant Australian Standards. These provisions have undergone rigorous legislative amendment process for inclusion in the NCC. They are therefore considered by the Board to be sufficient to mitigate risks to building occupants associated with indoor gas appliances.

I hope this advice is of assistance to you and clarifies the interaction between the use of gas appliances in buildings and the provisions of the NCC.

Yours sincerely

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Adrian Piani
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Building Codes Board
18 February 2026

NSW Health



Ref: DS26/8

Councillor Dallas Tout
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City of Wagga Wagga
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Health impacts of indoor gas appliances installed in accordance with Australian standards

Dear Mayor

Thank you for writing about the health impacts of indoor gas appliances installed in accordance with Australian Standards.

I acknowledge your concerns and appreciate your interest in this matter.

Indoor gas appliances, including those that comply with Australian Standards and that have been installed correctly, produce air pollutants during their operation. Appliances such as unflued gas heaters and cooktops emit pollutants indoors. This includes nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide, that can have health effects if the pollutants build up in enclosed areas leading to exposure.

NSW Health provides advice to the general public on indoor hazards, potential exposures and how to minimise exposures. NSW Health advises that when using indoor gas appliances, ensure areas are ventilated and to use exhaust fans over gas cooktops. NSW Health also advises to not use unflued gas heaters if possible, and if you do, follow the recommendations on our unflued gas heaters fact sheet. Further information is available in NSW Health fact sheets on indoor air pollution and carbon monoxide safety.

NSW Health relies on high quality scientific studies and expert advice to assist in community awareness and advisories to the public. NSW Health is not aware of any Australian peer reviewed research specifically assessing the impacts of indoor gas appliances that are certified, or that comply with the Australian Standards and National Construction Code. NSW Health is not undertaking any review of health impacts of residential gas appliances under Australian conditions.

Australian Standards provide minimum requirements for the safety, performance and use of gas appliances. As these appliances emit air pollutants with known health effects, it is important to minimise exposure as much as possible through actions such as operating extraction fans and opening windows to ventilate the area when the appliance is in use.

Thank you again for writing. For more information, please contact Dr Neil Hime, Senior Policy Analyst, Environmental Health Branch, Health Protection NSW, at neil.hime@health.nsw.gov.au or on 9391 9039.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mayor Tout

RE: Request for Clarification – Health Impacts of Indoor Gas Appliances Certified to Australian Standards

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Wagga Wagga City Council seeking clarification on the public health and safety implications of indoor gas appliances certified to Australian Standards and installed in accordance with the National Construction Code (NCC).

Standards Australia develops voluntary consensus-based standards in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including technical experts, industry representatives, regulators, and consumer bodies. We do not enforce, regulate, or certify compliance with these standards, this responsibility rests with regulators and relevant compliance bodies.

The issue of potential health impacts from gas appliances was raised with Standards Australia in March 2024 and subsequently discussed by our AG-001 Gas Appliances Technical Committee at its April 2024 meeting. The committee, which includes technical experts in appliance design, testing, and safety, considered current requirements under:

- AS/NZS 5263.1.1 Gas appliances – General requirements, which sets rigorous testing protocols for emissions including carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide; and
- AS/NZS 5601 Gas installations, which includes requirements for appropriate installation and ventilation.

The committee noted that, when gas appliances are certified to relevant Australian Standards and installed in compliance with the NCC, associated emissions are effectively managed, and appropriate ventilation requirements are in place to ensure safe operation under normal Australian residential conditions.

At present, Standards Australia is not aware of peer reviewed Australian research or current standards reviews underway that suggest certified gas appliances installed in accordance with these requirements pose a substantial health risk in homes with compliant ventilation systems. However, Standards Australia continues to monitor stakeholder input and any emerging research as part of our commitment to keeping standards current and aligned with public safety outcomes.

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We trust this information assists the Council in its deliberations on energy options for residential developments. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss these matters further or require information on how standards are developed and maintained. If the Council is seeking more detailed technical guidance, we may be able to facilitate a conversation with members of the AG 001 Gas Appliances Technical Committee, subject to their availability.

Yours sincerely,

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Rod Balding
Chief Executive Officer

Council	Date Adopted	Commercial/Industrial	All electric subdivisions	Gas appliances (new)	Gas appliances (Alts & Adds/ Infill)	LEP	DCP	Comments
City of Sydney	23/06/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City of Canada Bay	17/06/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City of Canterbury-Bankstown		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applies to all new mixed-use development, residential development, commercial premises, tourist and visitor accommodation, health services facilities and educational establishments. Additionally, the <i>Bankstown City Centre Master Plan</i> identifies <i>all-electric buildings</i> as a key sustainability measure.
Hornsby Shire Council	14/08/2024	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Only applies to indoor cooktops, ovens and heaters.
Lane Cove Council	21/09/2023	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City of Newcastle	12/12/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gas is not listed as an essential service under their subdivisions chapter and is therefore optional. Cook tops, ovens, and internal space heating systems are not permitted in residential developments. Residential developments under this DCP comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attached dwellings

Council	Date Adopted	Commercial/Industrial	All electric subdivisions	Gas appliances (new)	Gas appliances (Alts & Adds/ Infill)	LEP	DCP	Comments
								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boarding houses • co-living • dual occupancies • group homes • hostels • multi dwelling housing • residential flat buildings • semi-detached dwellings • seniors housing • shop top housing <p>but does not include single dwellings or secondary dwellings.</p>
Waverley Council	07/12/2022	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Also prohibits solid fuel in all developments.
City of Parramatta	02/12/2022	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Blue Mountains City Council	26/09/2023	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secondary dwellings associated with a primary dwelling that is connected to gas can still have gas appliances.
North Sydney Council	23/02/2026	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Encourages consideration being given to electrifying during additions and alterations.

Council	Date Adopted	Commercial/Industrial	All electric subdivisions	Gas appliances (new)	Gas appliances (Alts & Adds/ Infill)	LEP	DCP	Comments
								Adopted, but not yet implemented.
Byron Shire Council*		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On 14 August 2025, voted unanimously to consult the community on a proposal to require newly built homes and commercial buildings to be all-electric.
Inner West Council*		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Inner West Council currently has a draft DCP on public exhibition. The draft DCP proposes the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health and Air Quality • Cost Reduction and Energy Affordability • Asset Futureproofing (to avoid high future retrofitting costs) <p>The draft DCP proposes the following controls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new developments meet their energy requirements using electricity only • Gas cooktops, ovens, hot water systems, and internal heating are not gas • Solid fuel heating and cooking are not permitted in any development.
City of Ryde*		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	On 22 August 2023, City of Ryde passed a notice of motion requiring staff to provide a report to Council exploring opportunities to achieve all-electric new residential and commercial development.

* Councils currently developing electrification changes

RP-3 **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - IMPROVED RIVER ACCESS AND SAFETY AT "THE ROCKS" AT THE WAGGA BEACH PRECINCT**

Author: Joshua Walsh

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary:

This report responds to the Notice of Motion regarding improved river access and safety at "The Rocks". It outlines the initial work completed and seeks Council direction on the preferred next steps.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a receive and note the report
- b consider the options presented in this report and determine Council's preferred position next steps

Report

At the 9 March 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council, a Notice of Motion was received requesting staff investigate options to improve river access and safety at "The Rocks", Wagga Beach, with Council resolving the following:

26/055 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

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

- a **potential physical improvements to access (such as installation of steel posts and chain handrails, additional cutting or hammering of steps into the rock surface, construction of a wooden step and handrail structure upstream of the existing rock formation, and any other suitable access treatments)**
- b **appropriate consultation requirements, including engagement with Wiradjuri Elders and representatives of the Wiradjuri community, and**
- c **an assessment of estimated costs, materials, feasibility and associated risks**
- d **appropriate signage measures, including warning of river hazards, advising that only competent swimmers should undertake the float back to the beach, provision of information in English and other relevant languages, and consideration of Wiradjuri language and/or cultural acknowledgements in consultation with Wiradjuri Elders**
- e **any relevant risk management, safety and policy considerations**

When considering improvements to physical access to the river, it is important to recognise the serious and unpredictable risks associated with natural inland waterways. These include variable water levels, submerged hazards, strong currents, steep drop-offs and rapidly changing conditions.

It is also important to note that formalising or enhancing access points can intentionally or unintentionally increase use of the site. This may attract individuals who do not have the swimming ability, experience or situational awareness required for a natural river environment.

Given the potential for increased risk associated with improving access to the river, an updated, site-specific assessment and audit would be required to determine whether any proposed access works would reduce risk or instead encourage unsafe use.

To support any decisions on the matter, staff have approached Royal Life Saving (RLS) for a fee proposal to undertake an updated Inland Waterway Safety Assessment for “The Rocks” and surrounding areas. The assessment would include:


- site inspection and hazard identification
- evaluation of environmental and behavioural risks
- prioritisation of risks based on likelihood and consequence
- recommended control measures and safety improvements
- analysis of People Movement Data to understand visitation patterns, seasonal trends, and hourly activity profiles
- guidance for emergency response planning, monitoring and maintenance

Fee Proposal:

- **Option 1:** Inland Waterway Safety Assessment – **\$6,000 + GST**
- **Option 2:** Additional comparison sites – **\$531 + GST per site**

Previous audits of the Riverside Precinct have been undertaken by RLS. Existing safety signage at Wagga Beach and “The Rocks” has been installed in accordance with these recommendations and is considered best practice. “The Rocks” is already identified as a high-risk location and the current signage reflects this.

Figure 1 - Inland Water Safety Assessment – “The Rocks” signage audit

Sign 2 Wagga Beach	Sign Information
	<p>Sign Type: Primary Access</p> <p>Latitude: 35;6;28;160000000</p> <p>Longitude: 147;22;31.8100000000</p> <p>Location Description: Wiradjuri Walkway</p> <p>Siting Information: Within the recommended viewing heights.</p> <p>Sign Information:</p> <p>Emergency Identification Number or Address: (INSERT)</p> <p>Hazards: All hazards listed as sufficient</p> <p>Regulations: All regulations listed as sufficient</p> <p>Information: Parental Supervision</p> <p>Additional Symbols / Information:</p> <p>Public Rescue Equipment and AED</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p> <p>The current sign displayed along the Wiradjuri Walkway is aligned to current water safety signage best practice.</p>	

The approach outlined in this report is consistent with Council's adopted Inland Water Safety Management Plan, which emphasises risk-based assessment, evidence-informed decision-making and prioritisation of non-intrusive safety measures where appropriate.

Council already undertakes a range of education and awareness activities aligned with the Plan, including provision of life-saving equipment, seasonal water safety messaging and promotion of safe swimming practices. An updated assessment would further support these ongoing efforts.

Land Ownership and Cultural Considerations

The Riverside Precinct is made up of several parcels of Crown Land of which Council is the appointed Crown Land Manager. In making decisions about the use of Crown Land, Council must consider the implications of the following legislative acts:

1. Native Title Act 1993.

Council's appointed Native Title Managers must assess any proposed act on Crown Land to determine whether there is a valid Native Title pathway that will permit the works to occur. Depending on the proposed works, it is anticipated that Council will be able to determine a valid pathway on the basis that works are consistent with the Public Recreation purposes of the reserve.

Since 30 April 2026, a Native Title Claim has been formally registered over a large part of the Wagga Wagga LGA. In certain circumstances, Council will be required to refer certain works to the Native Title claimants (Southern West Yiradyuri/Wiradyuri/Wiradjuri People) for comment prior to undertaking any works. Depending on the commentary / feedback received, this may impact on any proposed works.

Finally, there have been broader developments in terms of compensation for Native Title across the country. The recent decision in *Yindjibarndi Ngurra Aboriginal Corporation v State of Western Australia & Ors* (including Fortescue Limited) reinforced previous decisions relating to the distinction in value between economic loss (land value) and non-economic loss (cultural harm). In this case, due to the destruction of significant cultural artefacts, the economic loss component (\$100,000) was significantly less than the non-economic loss (cultural harm) component (\$150,000,000). It is clear from the case that even minor works can cause significant non-economic loss (cultural harm) that far exceed the commercial value of the land impacted.

2. Aboriginal Land Claims Act 1983

At the time of undertaking works, Council needs to consider whether the property is subject to an Aboriginal Land Claim. Where there is an Aboriginal Land Claim lodged over a property, Council is not permitted to undertake any works that will "*have a physical impact on the land*" without the consent of the claimant Aboriginal Land Council.

There has previously been an Aboriginal Land Claim registered over the Riverside Precinct, however Council negotiated the withdrawal of the claim in order to facilitate the development of the precinct. As at 22 April 2026, there is not a current

Aboriginal Land Claim lodged over the site. However, this does not prevent a claim being lodged over the site in the future.

3. Crown Land Management Act 2016

Any proposed activity on the land must be both consistent with the identified Crown Reserve purpose (Public Recreation) and the terms of any Plan of Management developed for the site.

The latest iteration of the Plan of Management for the Riverside Precinct was developed in 2012. An updated Plan of Management is required following the introduction of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, and Council staff have scheduled to commence review of this Plan of Management in FY2026/27.

Unless the legislative requirements of all three Acts can be satisfied, works should not proceed.

Cultural Heritage

Another major consideration identified through preliminary investigations is the cultural significance of the site. Representatives of a Wiradjuri Women's Group and other Wiradjuri elders had extensive involvement during the development of the Riverside Precinct.

During that project, culturally significant items and areas were identified within the broader precinct, and cultural heritage considerations informed elements of the final design.

As part of the current investigation, staff have re-engaged with members of the Wiradjuri Women's Group. Representatives have reaffirmed that "The Rocks" is recognised as a traditional birthing site for Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri women and holds ongoing cultural significance.

Initial advice from representatives is that any works that disturb or modify the rock formation or surrounding culturally sensitive areas would not be supported which limits the feasibility of some of the options raised.

Consideration should also be given to the Native Title issues discussed above, as the identification of the site as a highly significant cultural site may mean that any development activities would render Council liable to significant compensation for non-economic loss (cultural harm).

Further, during a recent Elders and Executive meeting, advice was received from the group that the area holds cultural significance and any work in this area would not be supported.

Option Analysis

Option 1 – Proceed with further investigation

Council can resolve to continue with additional assessment, consultation and investigation, including commissioning the Royal Life Saving Inland Waterway Safety Assessment and undertaking further cultural and legislative due diligence.

Alternate recommendation: *That Council endorse further investigation including commissioning the Royal Life Saving Inland Waterway Safety Assessment, undertaking further cultural consultation with Wiradjuri representatives and investigating the access, safety, signage and feasibility matters identified in the original Notice of Motion with a further report to be provided to Council on the outcomes.*

Option 2 – Explore alternative locations or non-intrusive solutions

Council can resolve to not progress the specific access-related investigations at “The Rocks” as outlined in the Notice of Motion and instead consider alternative approaches that do not involve intrusive works at the culturally sensitive site. Council would continue with existing signage, monitoring and education measures consistent with the Inland Water Safety Management Plan.

This option could also allow staff to make preliminary enquiries into whether alternative locations upstream from “The Rocks” may offer more feasible opportunities for river access. These locations may have different cultural, environmental or safety constraints. Any enquiries would be exploratory only and would not involve physical works.

Alternate recommendation: *That Council note the interim findings and continue existing non-intrusive safety, signage and education measures, with staff to make preliminary enquiries into whether alternative upstream locations may offer more feasible opportunities for improved upstream river access.*

Option 3 – Conclude the matter at this stage

Council may determine that, based on cultural constraints, legislative requirements and safety considerations, no further work should proceed.

Alternate recommendation: *That Council note the interim findings and conclude the matter based on the constraints identified in this interim report.*

Independent of the Notice of Motion, staff are considering commissioning an updated safety audit for Wagga Beach due to the significant increase in visitation in recent years. This assessment would be part of Council’s ongoing operational due diligence.

Financial Implications

The cost to undertake the Royal Life Saving Inland Waterway Safety Assessment is \$6,000 + GST, with optional comparison sites available at \$531 + GST per site.

If Council chooses to proceed, the assessment could be funded from existing Recreation and Open Space budget which has adequate funds available this financial year (*Job number 19808 – Wagga Inland Water Safety Management Plan*).

Should Council not endorse further work, no additional expenditure will be required.

Policy and Legislation

Native Title Act 1993
Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
Local Government Act 1993
Crown Land Management Act 2016

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

Vibrant and activated spaces and opportunities

Plan for and provide suitable open spaces within our community

Risk Management Issues for Council

Council has a responsibility to appropriately manage its property assets, including Crown Land of which it is the appointed Crown Land Manager. There are significant statutory obligations that Council has in relation to the management of Crown Land, including consideration of Native Title and Aboriginal Land Rights. Failure to comply with its statutory obligations would potentially leave Council exposed to reputational risk and civil claim.

Internal / External Consultation

External consultation has included preliminary engagement with Royal Life Saving NSW and members of the Wiradjuri Women's Group.

Internal consultation has occurred with Property and Strategic Recreation staff to support the initial review of access, safety and operational implications.

RP-4 WAGGA WAGGA DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT - SECTION 6 VILLAGES (NORTH WAGGA NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS)**Author:** Cameron Collins**Executive:** Julie Costa**Summary:**

This report seeks approval from Council to place on public exhibition a draft amendment to Section 6 (Villages) of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 relating to non-residential development within the village of North Wagga.

The proposed amendment introduces a revised character statement, village plan, objectives and controls intended to guide the assessment of non-residential development having regard to the unique character, infrastructure constraints and emerging development pressures affecting North Wagga.

A further report will be provided to Council following the public exhibition period addressing any submissions received and recommending any necessary amendments prior to finalisation of the Development Control Plan amendment.

Recommendation

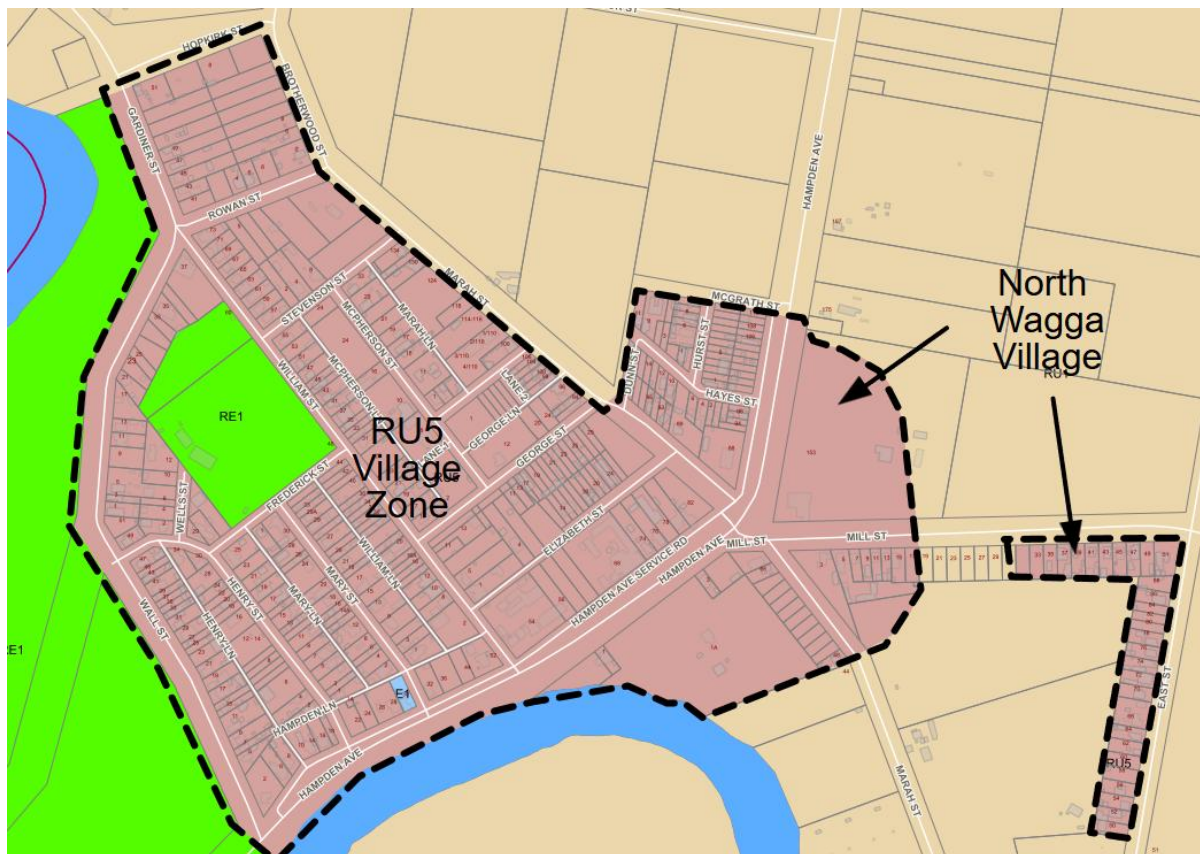
That Council:

- a place the draft amendments to Section 6 - Villages (North Wagga Non-Residential Development Controls) of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010, as shown in the Attachment (tracked changes version), on public exhibition in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan
- b receive a further report following the exhibition period addressing any submissions received and recommending any necessary amendments for Council's consideration prior to finalisation of the Development Control Plan amendment

Report

Background

North Wagga is primarily zoned RU5 Village under the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP 2010) and forms a unique village settlement immediately adjoining the Wagga Wagga urban area. Unlike all other village settlements within the local government area, North Wagga functions in close association with the broader urban area of the city and is subject to increasing development pressure arising from its proximity to commercial and industrial lands.

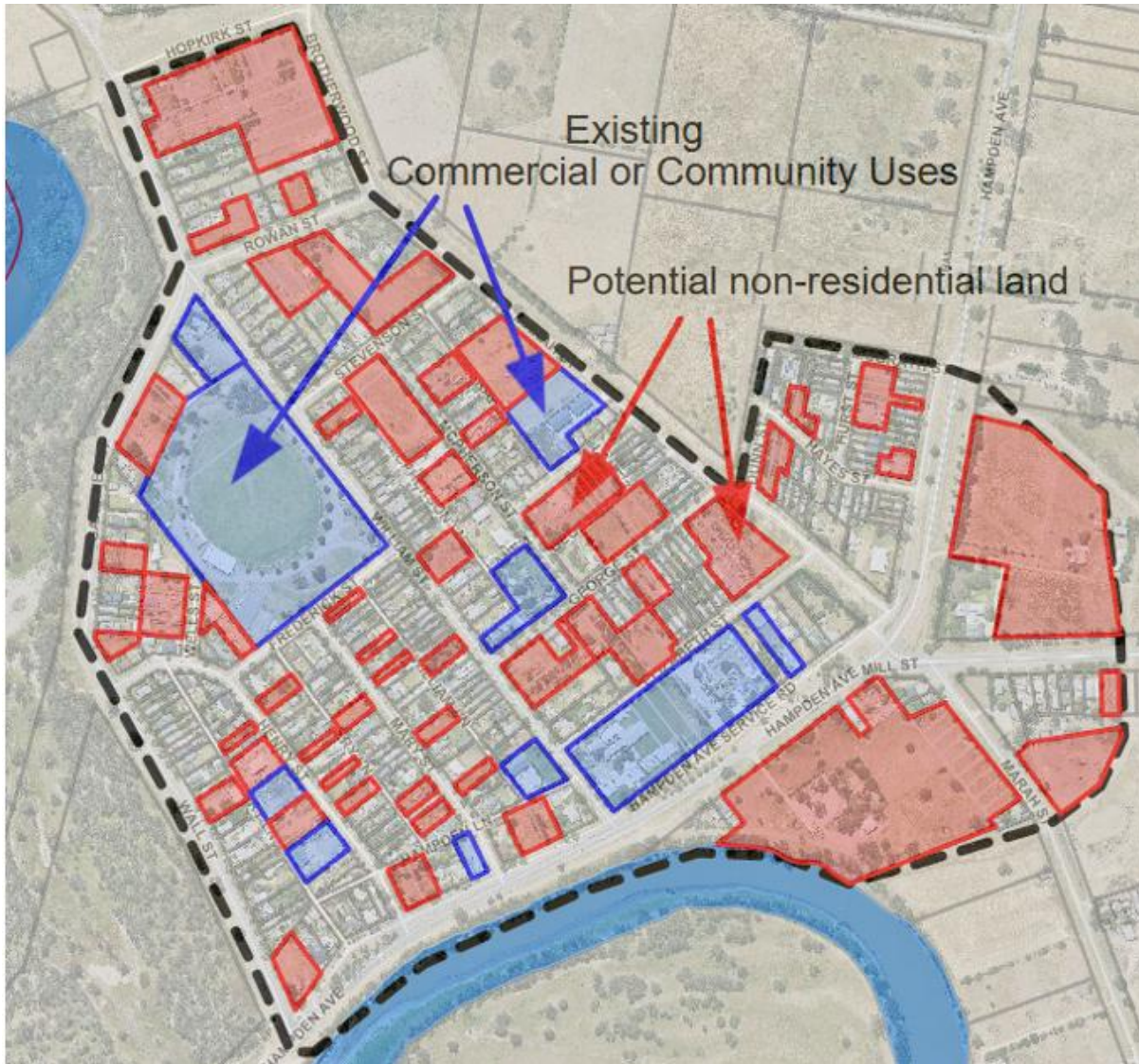
Figure 1 – Land use zoning North Wagga – Wagga Wagga LEP 2010

Historically, North Wagga has exhibited a mixed village character comprising predominantly established residential areas along with a large number of undeveloped or underutilised parcels of land. Longstanding non-residential uses exist throughout the village including the Palm and Pawn Hotel, Black Swan Hotel, North Wagga Public School, North Wagga Community Hall and McPherson Oval. Other non-residential land uses have also been established in differing parts of the village over time.

The village is also affected by significant flood-related constraints. North Wagga is located within a ring levee system and is recognised as a high-risk “low flood island” during major riverine flood events. These flood characteristics have historically influenced development patterns within the locality, including limitations on residential expansion leading to the retention of large amounts of undeveloped or underutilised land parcels.

These residential limitations are currently imposed under the provisions of the LEP 2010. Clause 7.1 specifically prevents new dwellings from being established in North Wagga unless the dwelling replaces an existing lawful dwelling located within the defined area. This restriction effectively places a cap on the number of dwellings that can exist within the village area to 213 dwellings.

An indicative illustration of the extent of the resulting undeveloped/underutilised land is depicted below. As this land is unable to be developed for additional residential purposes, it has and may continue to be subject to future development pressures for alternative non-residential land uses.

Figure 2 – Indicative representation of undeveloped or underutilised land in North Wagga

Note – This diagram is provided for illustrative purposes only and is based on a desktop assessment and site verification inspection. It is not intended to represent a complete or definitive identification of all land that may be subject to future non-residential development within North Wagga.

At the same time, North Wagga is characterised by constrained and variable infrastructure capacity, including:

- limited formal stormwater infrastructure;
- a mixture of kerbed and un-kerbed roads;
- limited drainage capacity in some locations; and
- road carriageways and transport infrastructure generally not designed for intensive industrial-style activity or frequent heavy vehicle movements.

In recent years, Council has experienced increasing pressure for non-residential forms of development within North Wagga, including storage-based development, depot-style activities and yard-based uses. This trend is evident through both development applications lodged with Council and ongoing land use enquiries relating to the potential establishment of non-residential activities within the locality.

Council has also received feedback and concerns from residents and community stakeholders, including the North Wagga Residents Association, regarding the increasing prevalence of large commercial-style sheds and other forms of non-residential development considered inconsistent with the established village character of North Wagga. In particular, concerns have been raised regarding the scale, visual prominence and operational characteristics of some recently approved developments and the cumulative impact such development may have on the long-term residential character and amenity of the locality.

In reviewing these concerns, Council also identified that character impacts within North Wagga are not limited to built form outcomes alone. Some forms of non-residential development may involve limited built form but extensive outdoor storage, hardstand areas, storage yards or operational activity that can similarly result in visual, operational and amenity impacts inconsistent with the village setting and surrounding residential development.

While some non-residential development may be compatible with the village setting, Council has identified concerns regarding the cumulative impact of more intensive or operationally focused development on:

- established residential amenity
- village character and streetscape presentation;
- traffic generation and heavy vehicle movements;
- operational noise, dust and visual impacts;
- infrastructure capacity; and
- the gradual transition of parts of North Wagga toward a quasi-industrial or storage-based character.

Council has also identified that North Wagga contains areas of differing sensitivity to change. Some parts of the village contain cohesive residential development patterns with established setbacks, streetscape qualities and residential amenity that warrant a greater level of protection from incompatible development.

Purpose of the Amendment

At present, the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 does not contain detailed locality-specific controls dealing with the assessment of non-residential development within North Wagga. Existing controls within Section 6 (Villages) of the DCP provide broad village planning guidance but do not adequately address the specific planning pressures, land use conflicts, operational impacts and character considerations currently emerging within the locality.

In particular, the current DCP framework contains limited guidance regarding:

- the operational intensity of non-residential development
- the assessment of outdoor storage areas and storage-yard style development
- the management of heavy vehicle movements and servicing impacts
- the relationship between non-residential development and established residential character; and
- the differing levels of sensitivity to change that exist across the village.

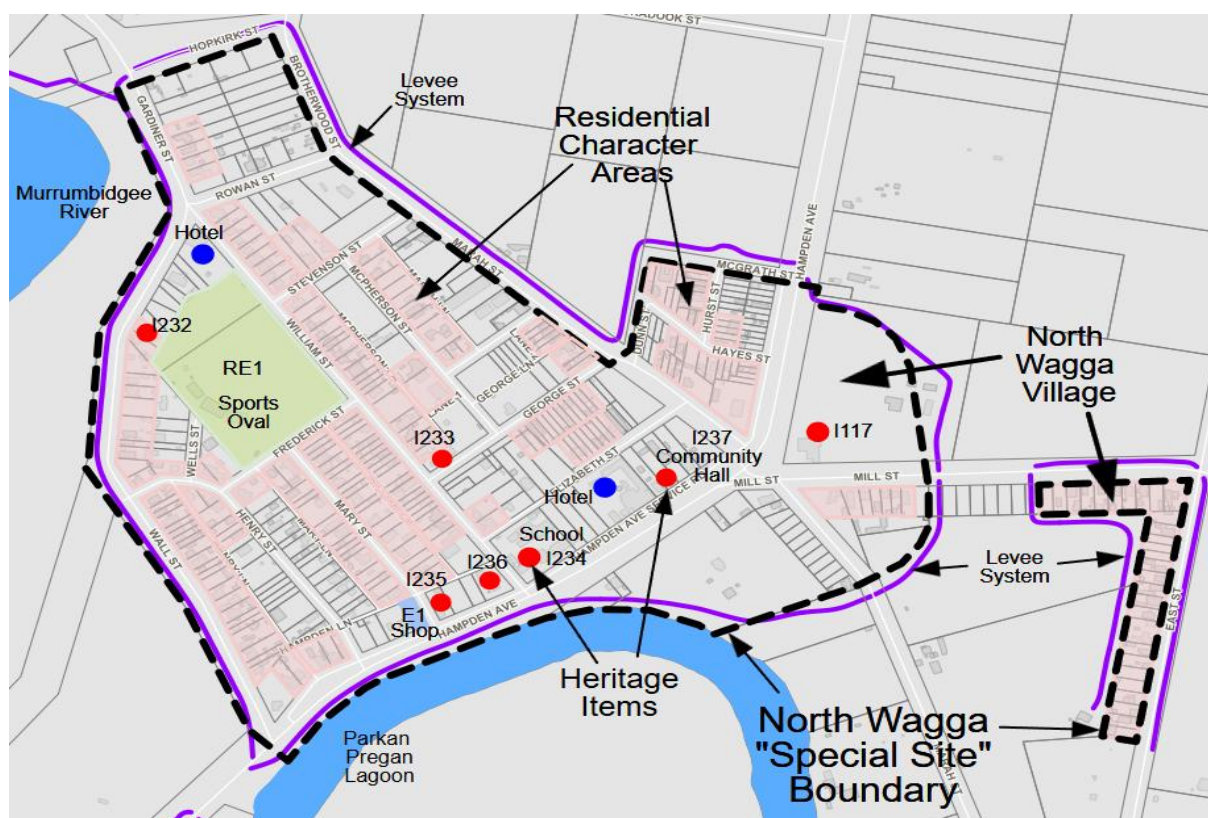
As a result, assessment of non-residential development proposals has largely relied on broader merit assessment principles without the benefit of a detailed locality-specific assessment framework.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is therefore to establish a locality-specific planning framework to guide the assessment of non-residential development within North Wagga.

The proposed amendment seeks to:

- introduce a revised North Wagga Village Character Statement
- introduce a revised North Wagga Village Plan identifying Residential Character Areas (depicted below)
- establish objectives and controls specifically tailored to non-residential development within North Wagga, including emerging forms of non-residential development such as personal storage uses on vacant or underutilised land; and
- provide a more consistent and transparent framework for the assessment of non-residential development applications within the locality.

Figure 3 – Draft North Wagga Village Plan for incorporation into Section 6 of DCP 2010



Note - Example streetscape imagery illustrating the differing built form character and streetscape qualities present within Residential Character Areas and other parts of North Wagga is also provided as Attachments to this report.

The amendment also seeks to:

- protect established village character and amenity
- recognise differing levels of sensitivity to change across the village
- ensure that non-residential development remains compatible with the village setting
- manage the operational impacts of non-residential uses
- respond to infrastructure and drainage constraints; and
- provide greater clarity and certainty for applicants, residents and Council when assessing development proposals.

- Importantly, the amendment does not prohibit non-residential development within North Wagga. Rather, it establishes a framework for assessing the scale, intensity, operation and presentation of development having regard to the specific characteristics and constraints of the locality.

The detailed amendments to Section 6 – Villages of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 are provided as an Attachment (tracked changes version) and include:

- New character statement for North Wagga under subsection 6.1.7;
- Introduction of the North Wagga Village Plan under subsection 6.2; and
- Introduction of objectives and controls for North Wagga at the conclusion of subsection 6.2.

Relationship to the RU5 Village Zone

North Wagga is primarily zoned RU5 Village under the LEP 2010.

The RU5 Village zone is intentionally broad in nature and is designed to provide flexibility for a range of land uses, services and facilities associated with rural village settlements. In addition to residential development, the zone permits a variety of non-residential uses with development consent, including light industries, neighbourhood shops, recreation facilities, self-storage units and community uses.

Importantly, the zone objectives seek not only to provide for a range of land uses, but also to protect and maintain the rural village character of the land. Specifically:

- *To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.*
- *To protect and maintain the rural village character of the land.*

The breadth of permissible uses within the RU5 zone means that land use permissibility alone does not resolve questions relating to development compatibility, operational intensity, built form outcomes or amenity impacts within North Wagga.

While certain non-residential uses may be permissible within the zone, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 establishes that development consent authorities must also consider:

- the suitability of a site for development
- impacts on the natural and built environment
- impacts on surrounding development and amenity; and
- applicable provisions of a development control plan.

The proposed amendment does not seek to prohibit development that is otherwise permissible within the RU5 Village zone. Rather, the amendment establishes locality-specific objectives and controls intended to guide how permissible development is designed, operated and assessed within the unique context of North Wagga.

In particular, the amendment seeks to ensure that permissible non-residential development:

- remains compatible with the village character and residential context of North Wagga
- responds appropriately to the locality's infrastructure and drainage constraints
- avoids unreasonable operational and amenity impacts; and
- does not contribute to a gradual transition toward an intensive storage, depot or quasi-industrial character inconsistent with the intended function of the village.

The proposed controls therefore operate as an assessment framework directed toward managing scale, intensity, operational impacts and character outcomes, rather than restricting land use permissibility established under the LEP.

Strategic and Planning Justification

Locality-Specific Response

North Wagga exhibits planning characteristics that differ substantially from other village settlements within the Wagga Wagga local government area. Its immediate proximity to the urban area, combined with flood constraints, fragmented land patterns and variable infrastructure capacity, creates development pressures and land use conflicts that are not adequately addressed through existing generic village controls.

The proposed amendment establishes a locality-specific planning response that recognises these unique characteristics and provides a more appropriate assessment framework for future non-residential development.

Protection of Village Character and Amenity

A key objective of the amendment is the protection of established village character and amenity within North Wagga, including areas that are specifically characterised by existing residential development.

The amendment introduces the concept of Residential Character Areas, identifying parts of the village where a cohesive pattern of residential development and streetscape character is evident and where a higher level of sensitivity to change exists.

Note - Two Attachments to this report provide example streetscape imagery illustrating the differing built form character and streetscape qualities present within Residential Character Areas and other parts of North Wagga.

The controls establish a differentiated assessment framework whereby:

- development within, adjoining or opposite Residential Character Areas must demonstrate that it will not result in unacceptable adverse impacts on residential character, amenity or streetscape values;
- while development in other parts of North Wagga must demonstrate that it will not result in unreasonable adverse impacts on surrounding development or the broader village character.

This framework recognises that different parts of the village exhibit different character qualities and sensitivities, while ensuring that all development within North Wagga responds appropriately to the broader village context.

The amendment also establishes controls relating to:

- building scale and footprint
- operational intensity
- external storage areas and uses; and
- fencing and streetscape presentation

These controls seek to ensure that non-residential development remains compatible with surrounding residential development and does not erode the village character of North Wagga over time.

Managing Operational Impacts of Non-Residential Development

Council has identified that many recent development pressures within North Wagga relate not simply to the physical form of development, but also to the operational characteristics of non-residential uses.

The amendment therefore includes controls directed toward:

- operational intensity
- frequency and scale of activities
- servicing arrangements
- vehicle movements
- outdoor storage
- dust and noise generation; and
- visual presentation

Council has also identified increasing interest in the establishment of personal storage (non-commercial) development on land that does not contain a dwelling, including large sheds, garages and associated outdoor storage areas used for the storage of private goods, vehicles and equipment.

While these forms of development may not involve commercial activity, they can nevertheless result in significant built form, outdoor storage and visual impacts that influence residential amenity, streetscape presentation and village character. The proposed amendment therefore includes controls intended to manage the scale, presentation and operational impacts of personal storage development within the context of the village environment.

These controls are intended to ensure that non-residential development operates at a scale and intensity compatible with a village environment and surrounding residential development.

Importantly, the controls do not prohibit otherwise permissible land uses. Rather, they provide guidance regarding the assessment of operational impacts and compatibility within the specific context of North Wagga.

Infrastructure Constraints

The proposed controls also recognise the infrastructure limitations present within North Wagga.

The locality contains constrained stormwater infrastructure, variable drainage conditions and road networks that are generally not designed for intensive industrial or freight-related activity.

The amendment therefore introduces controls relating to:

- stormwater management;
- surface treatment and dust suppression;
- drainage impacts;
- heavy vehicle access; and
- road network suitability.

These controls seek to ensure that development does not create unreasonable impacts on public infrastructure, adjoining land or the operation of the local road and drainage network.

Improved Assessment Consistency and Certainty

At present, Council assesses non-residential development proposals within North Wagga using broader strategic planning principles and generic DCP provisions. The absence of locality-specific controls can create uncertainty for applicants, residents and Council officers regarding:

- the scale and intensity of development considered appropriate
- expectations relating to operational impacts and streetscape outcomes; and
- how residential character considerations should be balanced against non-residential development opportunities.

The proposed amendment provides a clearer and more transparent assessment framework that will assist in improving consistency in development assessment outcomes.

Public Exhibition

It is recommended that the draft amendment to the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 be placed on public exhibition in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan (CPP). The CPP specifies a minimum public exhibition period of 28 days.

Public exhibition will provide landowners, residents, stakeholders and the broader community with the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the proposed controls prior to finalisation of the amendment.

As part of the exhibition process, notification letters will be issued to all landowners within the defined North Wagga area and to the North Wagga Residents Association. In addition to this a range of consultation and communication methods to inform the community of the exhibition process and opportunities for feedback will be utilised, as outlined in the consultation table later in this report.

Conclusion

The proposed amendment responds to emerging land use pressures and planning issues within North Wagga by introducing locality-specific objectives, character guidance and development controls for non-residential development.

The amendment seeks to balance opportunities for appropriate non-residential development with the need to protect residential amenity, village character and infrastructure capacity.

The proposed controls are intended to improve clarity, consistency and transparency in development assessment while recognising the unique planning context of North Wagga.

Financial Implications

The proposed amendment has been prepared internally by Council staff as part of Council's strategic planning and development assessment functions.

No significant financial implications are anticipated as a result of the preparation or exhibition of the draft amendment. Costs associated with the public exhibition process and notification are expected to be accommodated within existing operational budgets.

The amendment has not been initiated as a site-specific or applicant-led planning proposal and therefore no fees or contributions are required to be collected from any applicant in relation to the preparation of the amendment.

Policy and Legislation

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010
Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010
Wagga Wagga Community Participation Plan

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Sustainable built environment

Balance the built and natural environment in planning decisions.

Risk Management Issues for Council

The proposed amendment seeks to provide a clearer and more consistent assessment framework for non-residential development within North Wagga. The amendment is intended to assist in managing risks associated with incompatible land use outcomes, cumulative impacts on residential amenity and village character, and development that may place unreasonable pressure on existing infrastructure and road networks.

The amendment also seeks to reduce assessment uncertainty by providing locality-specific objectives and controls tailored to the unique planning context of North Wagga.

As the amendment relates to a Development Control Plan, the proposed controls do not alter land use permissibility under the LEP 2010 but instead provide guidance for the assessment of development applications having regard to character, amenity, operational and infrastructure considerations.

Public exhibition of the draft amendment will assist in identifying and addressing any issues raised by landowners, residents, industry stakeholders and the broader community prior to finalisation of the amendment.

Internal / External Consultation

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Attachments

1. Wagga Wagga DCP 2010 - Amendment to Section 6 Villages - Tracked Changes - Provided under separate cover
2. North Wagga - Residential Character Area Images - Provided under separate cover
3. North Wagga - Other Area Images - Provided under separate cover

RP-5 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - WAGGA LAKE RUN AND RIDE**Author:** Kadison Hofert**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

Summary: The current Memorandum of Understanding between Wagga Wagga City Council and Wagga Lake Run and Ride Inc has expired. It is proposed to renew the agreement for a further five-year period.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Lake Run and Ride Incorporated to provide ongoing support of the event for a period of five years commencing in 2026/27
- b allocate a \$2,500 annual funding contribution to Wagga Lake Run and Ride for the duration of the Memorandum of Understanding
- c allocate funding for the provision of Council approved Traffic Services contractor to implement all traffic control measures and associated requirements on the day of the event, up to a maximum of \$11,000

Report

The Wagga Lake Run and Ride is one of the City's largest annual participation events and one of the largest free fun run and family cycle events in Australia. The event started in 1972 and promotes a healthy active lifestyle for families.

The event attracts in excess of 1,000 registered participants each year and many thousands of spectators along the course. More than 30 volunteers assist on the day and local businesses donate their services for the event.

Event start and finish location is Apex Park, Lake Albert on the last Sunday in September. The 5km course uses Eastlakes Drive and then the shared pathway on the western side to do a lap of Lake Albert. The 10km course uses Eastlakes Drive, Lake Albert Road to Lord Baden Powell Drive and returns via the shared pathway on the western foreshores of the lake. The finish area hosts a Sports, Fitness and Health Expo where cycling, running, fitness and related groups have the opportunity to showcase their offerings. Local food vendors also provide their services.

Council first entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wagga Lake Run and Ride Committee in 2016. Two successive five-year MOUs have since been completed, with the most recent agreement commencing in 2021 and now expiring. The Committee is seeking to enter into a third MOU for a further five-year period.

Council has historically supported the event through:

- developing the traffic control management plan and associated requirements in consultation with the organising committee
- providing the traffic control barriers and associated requirements on the day of the event

- assistance with promotion of the event regionally through Council's event networks
- contributing \$2,000 exclusive of GST funded from the Recreation Programs budget to assist with event costs
- assistance in setting up in the week leading up to the event

The Wagga Lake Run and Ride Committee are now requesting that this support be reformalised via another Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a period of five (5) years (Attachment 1).

The proposed updated Council provisions in the next MOU are:

- The provision of a council approved Traffic Services contractor to develop, in consultation with the organising committee and Council staff, suitable Traffic Management/Traffic Control Plans
- The provision of a council approved Traffic Services contractor to implement all traffic control measures and associated requirements on the day of the Event, with Council covering associated costs up to a maximum of \$11,000.
- Assistance with promotions regionally
- \$2,500 sponsorship

Under previous MOUs, the traffic management budget allocation was \$5,500. Due to industry wide price increases, actual costs regularly exceeded this amount. It is proposed that the traffic management budget be increased to \$11,000 to allow for further expected growth over the proposed MOU period. Recent invoices have typically ranged from \$8,000–\$9,000.

In return for the ongoing support the Wagga Lake Run and Ride Committee are offering the following benefits:

- Recognition of Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) as a major sponsor of the event
- Recognition of Wagga Leisure as a sponsor of the event
- Inclusion of WWCC and Wagga Leisure logos on the fun run website and any promotional material on which logos are included that are in addition to the named sponsor
- Named sponsor of two of the aged category medal winners
- Verbal recognition during the event
- Book and pay for the hire of Apex Park, promotional road signs and the main street banner

Financial Implications

Included in the draft 2026/27 Delivery Program under the Section 356 table is a budget amount of \$11,000 for Road Closures/Traffic Control, and a further \$2,500 for sponsorship for the Lake Run and Ride event.

*Job numbers: 35178 – Lake Run and Ride Traffic Control - \$11,000
24998 – Lake Run and Ride Sponsorship - \$2,500*

Policy and Legislation

NA

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

A healthy community

Support initiatives to deliver improved health outcomes for identified groups within our community and address specific needs.

Risk Management Issues for Council

The risks associated with the identified elements of the proposed events are related to process, cost and Work Health and Safety.

Internal / External Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken with Council's finance team.

External consultation has been undertaken with the Lake Run and Ride committee.

Attachments

1. [Memorandum of Understanding Lake Run and Ride - WWCC 2026-2031.](#)

Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)



Wagga Lake Run and Ride Incorporated

and

Wagga Wagga City Council

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on xxx 2026
BETWEEN
WAGGA LAKE RUN AND RIDE INC of PO Box 5527, Wagga Wagga and
WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL ("Council") of Corner Baylis and Morrow Streets
Wagga Wagga.

Introduction and Purpose

Purpose

The Wagga Lake Run and Ride is a cornerstone of the Wagga Wagga social and cultural calendar. Originating in 1972 as the "Wagga City to Lake," the event celebrated its 50th running in 2023. Today, it stands as the largest free fun run and family cycle in Australia, attracting over 1,000 registrants and hundreds of spectators annually. As a not-for-profit initiative managed by a voluntary committee, the event's unique "free-to-enter" model relies on the dedicated support of approximately 30 volunteers and the financial backing of local business partners, organisations and the Wagga Wagga City Council. This MOU outlines the commitment of both parties to continue this legacy of promoting healthy, active lifestyles for all ages and fitness levels.

Objectives

The parties agree to work cooperatively to:

- Formally document the commitment required to progress the future conduct of the event.
- Facilitate the continued growth of the event into a significant regional attraction.
- Ensure the event remains inclusive, catering to everyone from elite athletes to families, young, disabled and elderly participants.

Event Overview and Outcomes

Held annually on the last Sunday in September at Apex Park, Lake Albert, the event features 5km and 10km courses utilizing local roads in Lake Albert and Koorling and Lake Albert Western foreshore shared pathways.

Intended Outcomes:

- **Active Community:** Noticeably increase physical activity and participation in the community from people across all backgrounds.
- **Pathway to Participation:** Encourage involvement in local walking, running, and cycling clubs.
- **Social Connection:** Provide a morale-boosting community participation event and a platform for local organisations and vendors

- **Civic Pride:** Increase community appreciation for Council's role in hosting regional-scale events.

The holding of the event draws on a broad level of support from across local businesses, service clubs and community groups, including:

Current Sponsors

Intersport Wagga (Naming sponsor)
Wagga Wagga City Council (Co Host)
RSL Club
Wagga Leisure
Kidsons Cycles
Synergy Healthworks
Bush and Campbell Accountants
Fitzpatricks Real Estate
Ron Crouch Transport
Riverina Orthopaedics
Riverina Cardiology
Humelink West JV

Current Supporters and Marshalls

Wagga Wagga Road Runners
Wagga Triathlon Club
Vintage Car Club
South Wagga Rotary
Koorringal Rotary

Beneficiaries

Primary beneficiaries of the outcomes of this MOU and the holding of the event are residents of Wagga and surrounds communities and visitors. Participation in local sports clubs – athletics, runners clubs, cycle clubs and walking groups, is also promoted.

Commitments

Wagga Wagga City Council to provide:

1. The provision of a council approved Traffic Services contractor to develop, in consultation with the organising committee and Council staff, suitable Traffic Management/Traffic Control Plans
2. The provision of a council approved Traffic Services contractor to implement all traffic control measures and associated requirements on the day of the Event, with Council covering associated costs up to a maximum of \$11,000.
3. Assistance with promotions regionally
4. \$2,500 sponsorship

Wagga Lake Run and Ride Committee to provide:

1. Overall responsibility for organising and running the event
2. A risk management plan each year and implement it to ensure to the best of the organisers ability, participants, spectators and the non-event community are safe
3. Recognition of Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) as a major sponsor of the event
4. Recognition of Wagga Leisure as a sponsor of the event
5. Inclusion of WWCC and Wagga Leisure logos on the fun run website and any promotional material on which logos are included that are in addition to the named sponsor
6. Named sponsor of two of the aged category medal winners
7. Verbal recognition during the event
8. Book and pay for the hire of Apex Park, promotional road signs and the main street banner

Term of the Agreement

This memorandum of understanding is for a period of FIVE (5) years, from the date of sign off by the signatories. The matter will be further reviewed after the period expires.

Wagga Wagga City Council and the Wagga Lake Run & Ride committee are to provide two-way information and updates on the progress of the Fun Run.

Signatories

Wagga Wagga City Council

Peter Thompson
General Manager – Wagga Wagga City Council
Dated:

Wagga Lake Run and Ride Inc

Phil Roy
President – Wagga Lake Run Ride Incorporated
Dated:

RP-6 DEACCESSIONING AND RELOCATION OF ARTWORKS FROM THE PUBLIC ART COLLECTION

Author: Lauren Reynolds

Executive: Christine Priest

Summary:

On the recommendation of the Public Art Advisory Panel (PAAP) and staff, this report seeks Council's support to deaccession one public artwork from Council's Public Art Collection register and relocate two artworks in accordance with POL 109 Public Art Policy.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a authorise the deaccessioning of the artwork #80 *Cyclist Bike Rack* from Council's Public Art Collection register and the relocation of artworks #47 *Salt and Pepper Bike Rack* and #46 *Hampden Bridge Bike Rack*
- b authorise Council Officers to dispose of the artwork #80 *Cyclist Bike Rack* as outlined in this report, and in accordance with POL 109 Public Art Policy

Report

Deaccessioning is the administrative process whereby an item is removed from the Public Art Collection register. An official record of the deaccessioning and disposal of artworks from the Public Art Collection will be kept on Council's Public Art Collection Register maintained by staff.

As part of Council's public art collection management, it is necessary to manage the existing collection in a sustainable manner. This takes account of maintenance and repair costs, safety, and end of life of the asset.

In March 2026 Council staff undertook annual condition reporting of the Public Art Collection which currently includes 61 artworks. This process involves assessing each artwork for any damage or deterioration of materials and determining a condition rank (1 = excellent, 5= very poor) to be recorded in Council's asset management system.

At the recent Public Art Advisory Panel (PAAP) meeting, held 1 April 2026, the PAAP reviewed the condition of three public artworks. These three artworks were commissioned as part of the same Expression of Interest process in 2012 for the Fitzmaurice Street Bike Racks project.

The PAAP have made recommendations to Council for each artwork as detailed below:

1. Cyclist Bike Rack

Name/Artist/Date	Collection number	Location
Cyclist Bike Rack Brenton Langsford 2014	PA80	Underneath the 2WG sign, Fitzmaurice Street

The Cyclist Bike Rack features a green steel cut out of a cyclist supported above two ground plaques, one plaque features the WWCC logo and year of installation, the other plaque links is a sketch of the streetscape and looped shapes referencing the contour of the hills and banks of the river.

The recent condition report noted the following issues:

- Seal at the base of the front wheel has deteriorated and worn away
- Mould infestation in plastic components
- Rusted out sections in the handle bar
- Substantial deterioration of plastic and brittle rubber in large sections of the handlebar
- Green base colour has faded and deteriorated

Due to the artworks age the PAAP and Council staff noted the artwork has met its intended lifespan and the current condition of this artwork is commensurate with the following deaccessioning criteria in POL109 Public Art Policy:

- Damage or serious deterioration in condition

Recommendation: The PAAP's recommendation to Council is for the Cyclist Bike Rack to be deaccessioned from the Public Art Collection and be removed from its current location. Council staff are to organise the removal and reinstatement of the footpath.

As stipulated in POL109 Public Art Policy, contact has been made with the artist Brenton Langsford to determine whether he would like to take ownership of the artwork. The artist has advised that he will not take back ownership upon removal and recommended appropriate disposal methods for the materials used.

2. Salt and Pepper Bike Rack

Name/Artist/Date	Collection number	Location
Salt and Pepper Bike Rack John Wood 2014	PA47	Fitzmaurice Street (out the front of Uneke Lounge)

Inspired by Art Deco architecture in Fitzmaurice St and café culture dating back to the 1940s, this bike rack is a pair of corten steel Art Deco salt and pepper shakers joined by a stainless-steel pole.

Upon enquiry, Uneke staff reported the bike rack is not used apart from children swinging on the pole. The artwork is located close to the edge of the footpath/parked cars and is not used regularly as a bike rack.

The artwork is in fair condition with general weathering to be expected from corten steel. It is attached to a concrete pad which is a different colour to the surrounding footpaths and shows more obvious signs of wear and tear than the black asphalt.

Recommendation: The PAAP's recommendation to Council is for the Salt and Pepper Bike Rack to be removed from its current location with Council staff to organise the removal and reinstatement of the footpath. Due to its fair condition the PAAP recommends an alternate location be found at the Botanic Gardens precinct near the café, zoo, and children's play area where it will be better utilised as a bike rack.

Contact with the artist John Wood has been made to advise of the intention to relocate the artwork which he is supportive of.

3. Hampden Bridge Bike Rack

Name/Artist/Date	Collection number	Location
Hampden Bridge Bike Rack Wayne Connors 2014	PA46	Fitzmaurice Street, Mr Lawrence/Knights Meats carpark

This stainless-steel bike rack draws inspiration from the architectural details of the Hampden Bridge, with the diagonal beams of the bridge becoming the supports of the bike rack, the backrest of the seat representing the levee bank, and an oval cut out below the seat representing the oval cutouts in the pillars of the bridge.

This artwork is a functional bike rack, with space for four bikes in its design. The rack is regularly graffitied with regular cleaning and maintenance scheduled and in its current location is not easily accessible with a garden bed now installed, removing its functionality on one side.

Recommendation: The PAAP's recommendation to Council is for the Hampden Bridge Bike Rack to be removed from its current location with Council staff to organise the removal and reinstatement of the grassed area. Due to its reasonable condition the PAAP recommends an alternate location be found at the Riverside: Wagga Beach precinct where it will remain connected to the Murrumbidgee River and will be better utilised as a bike rack.

Staff have attempted to contact the artist Wayne Connors to advise of the intention to relocate the artwork and staff will continue to make efforts to contact the artist to confirm this plan.

Financial Implications

Cost of removal and disposal of the artworks have been estimated to be the following, together with the relocation costs of the Salt and Pepper Bike Rack:

Artwork	Task	2025/26 Cost (Excl. GST)	2026/27 Cost (Excl. GST)
Cyclist Bike Rack	Remove artwork	\$2,972.76	

Artwork	Task	2025/26 Cost (Excl. GST)	2026/27 Cost (Excl. GST)
Salt and Pepper Bike Rack	Remove artwork	\$2,972.76	
	Relocate artwork		\$2,500.00
Hampden Bridge Bike Rack	Remove artwork	\$2,972.76	
	Relocate artwork		\$2,500.00
	Reinstate footpaths	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total		\$9,418.28	\$5,000.00

The cost of removal of these artworks and to reinstate footpaths will be funded from the 2025/26 Public Art Maintenance budget which has a budget of \$27,635 in this financial year. As at 8 May 2026, \$16,494 of this budget has been expended, leaving \$11,141 budget remaining to undertake the above \$9,418.28 works in 2025/26.

The estimated cost to relocate the Salt and Pepper Bike Rack to the Botanic Gardens precinct and the Hampden Bridge Bike Rack to the Riverside precinct will be funded from the 2026/27 Public Art Maintenance budget, which has a budget of \$28,740 for next financial year.

Job consolidation number: 21565 - Public Art Project Maintenance

Policy and Legislation

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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

The *Cyclist Bike Rack* was given a 4 rating during the annual public art condition reporting process undertaken by Council staff. This rating indicates that this asset is in poor condition and will continue to deteriorate without intervention. If left in its current condition it will negatively impact on the public amenity and attractiveness of the CBD.

The *Salt and Pepper Bike Rack* and *Hampden Bridge Bike Rack* are in fair condition however underutilised as bike racks in their current locations. The relocation of these two artworks will extend their useable life, increase their use as bike racks and contribute toward the public amenity in their proposed new locations.

Internal / External Consultation

Council staff have consulted with relevant Council departments including Property, Parks and Civil Works. As detailed in POL109 Public Art Policy consultation and approval was obtained from the Public Art Advisory Panel as part of this assessment process.

Contact has been achieved or attempted with all artists to advise them of the intention to deaccession or relocate the artworks. Neighbouring properties will be notified of any disruption to the locations ahead of the works being carried out.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Photos of artworks current condition - Bike racks
- 2 [↓](#). Public Art Policy - POL-109

#80 – Cyclist Bike Rack

Photos of current condition demonstrating rust, mould, and deterioration



#47 – Salt and Pepper Bike Rack

Photos of current condition and location



#46 – Hampden Bridge Bike Rack

Photo of current condition and location



Public Art Policy

Reference number:	POL 109
Approval date:	21 July 2025
Policy owner:	Manager Community Services
Next review:	September 2029

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

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

Purpose

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

Scope

This policy responds to Wagga Wagga's Community Strategic Plan 2050, Council's Cultural Plan 2020-2030, and Council's commitment to the New South Wales Governments 'Creative Communities' Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy 2024-2033.

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

Policy Provisions

Responsibilities

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

Reporting Requirements

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

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

Approval Arrangements

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

Review Procedures

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

Public Art Advisory Panel

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

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

Provide expert cultural, artistic and design advice.
Make recommendations for the selection of appropriate artists and proposals.
Oversee the commissioning and procurement processes for artworks.
Report back to Council for endorsement of the recommendations prior to the commissioning of the artwork over \$10,000 (excl. GST).

The PAAP should include the following representatives:

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

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

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Acquisition

Commissioning Principles

The PAAP will call for an Expression of Interest (EOI) when commissioning new public art works through public and targeted processes in line with Council's Procurement and Disposal Policy. The assessment of EOIs will be guided by the following principles:

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

Donations

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

Management

Maintenance

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

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

Promotion

The Public Art Collection will be promoted as a civic asset through all Council communication platforms.

Deaccessioning

Principles

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

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Deaccessioning criteria

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

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

Deaccessioning process

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

These recommendations will be forwarded to the PAAP for consideration.

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

Disposal of deaccessioned artwork

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

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

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

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

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

Funding

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

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

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

The cost of maintaining Council's Public Art collection is funded from General Purpose Revenue that is indexed annually. Any required maintenance above this annual allocation will be funded from the Public Art Reserve and will require a Council resolution.

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

Legislative Context

NSW *Local Government Act* 1993

Related Documents

- Public Art Plan 2022-2026
- Wagga Wagga City Council's Community Strategic Plan 2050
- Wagga Wagga City Council's Cultural Plan 2020-2030
- Integrated Planning and Policy Framework
- POL110 – Procurement and Disposal Policy
- POL 117 – Appointment of Organisation, Community and Individual Citizen Members to Council Committees
- NSW Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy 2024-2033 – Creative Communities
- NSW Public Art Toolkit
- Create NSW Aboriginal Arts & Culture ProtocolsNational Cultural Policy – Revive

Definitions

Term	Definition
Public Art	Public art is a permanent or temporary artwork or design project installed as part of a public space or public event. Public art seeks to create and inspire relationships and communication, a form of collective community expression that enhances the built or natural environment. Public art connects people and places while adding value, in aesthetic, cultural and economic terms, to places and communities.
Commission	A commission is a direct request by Council to produce a piece of art specifically for Council's Public Art Collection. A public art commission by Council is a contracted transaction.
Acquisition	This term refers to obtaining artwork through commission or donation.
Deaccessioning	Deaccessioning is the administrative process whereby an item is removed from the Public Art Collection. It is distinct from disposal which is the physical act of disposing of an item.

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Revision History

Revision number	Council resolution	Council meeting date
1	08/288	25 August 2008
2	09/077	27 July 2009
3	11/249.2	17 October 2011
4	E-Team	14 May 2013
5	Res No: 13/224.1	26 August 2013
6	Res No: 17/284	28 August 2017
7	Res No: 17/348	27 November 2017
8	General Manager approval under delegated authority	17 November 2021
9	Res No: 22/354	17 October 2022
10	Revision approval under General delegated authority	24 June 2025
11	Res No: 25/215	21 July 2025

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

Author: Andrea Baldwin

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary:

This report provides an overview of the results from the public exhibition period between 25 March 2026 and 22 April 2026 and recommendation of adoption for the Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the submissions and feedback received during the public exhibition between 25 March 2026 and 22 April 2026 for the Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038
- b adopt the Wagga Wagga Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026-2038

Report

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

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

The key priorities within the Strategy are as follows:

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

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 23 March 2026 Council endorsed the draft Strategy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 25 March 2026 – 22 April 2026 and invited submissions.

The community were provided an opportunity to provide feedback to Council and provide a formal submission via the “have Your Say” page. During the exhibition period six (6) submissions were received, five (5) via Have Your Say and one (1) via email.

Various methods were used to promote and encourage community members to have their say, this included:

- Social media posts on 26 March 2026 and 18 April 2026
- Council News article 28 March (print, online and EDM)
- Listed in the Council Newsprint version 11 April and 18 April
- Listed in the Council News EDM 28 March, 4 April, 11 April and 18 April
- Email out to the consultation groups including community members, organisations and business

- Email out to regular Gregadoo Waste Management Centre waste providers

The table below gives an overview of the key comments received in the submissions, along with staff response and recommended amendments. The full submissions are provided under separate cover.

Submission Summary	
1	Supportive Visually appealing document with clear direction around future programs. Reference made to including NSW Government Net Zero Targets
	Recommended Changes
	Amendment Recommended Include a reference to NSW Government Net Zero Targets within final copy
2	Supportive Highlighted the need to consider bin configuration options to reduce illegal dumping
	Recommended Changes
	No amendment recommended The Strategy will address kerbside collections contracts and education programs to assist with waste management as generated by the community.
3	Supportive Strong submission in support of the strategy, acknowledging change and transitioning to a more circular economy approach.
	Recommended Changes
	No amendment recommended The Strategy provides a long-term framework and direction, with implementation actions, timelines and targets included to guide delivery over the next 12 years.
4	Supportive Affirming Councils position to model best practice within the waste and resource recovery sector
	Recommended Changes
	No amendment recommended Council agrees that leadership by example is required, the Strategy supports a strong leadership position.
5	Supportive Identified an incorrect logo within the draft submission
	Recommended Changes
	Amendment recommended Incorrect logo used, this will be adjusted to reflect the correct program that Council has supported
6	Supportive Include education on circular economy activities and have partnerships with existing programs within the city

	Recommended Changes
	<p>No amendment recommended</p> <p>The Strategy priorities education, behaviour change and partnerships with community led organisations as part of the transition to a circular economy.</p>

From the submissions received the feedback was provided from both the community and business sectors. Minor amendments are recommended as a result of the feedback; these specifically are as follows:

- Page 12 - Change logo for Bag Muster to Big Bag Recovery
- Page 15 - Add NSW Government Net Zero targets to list of reference documents

It is recommended updating the Strategy to reflect the above two items. These are minor adjustments and do not change the context of the document.

Financial Implications

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

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

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

Job consolidation number: 70025 – New Waste Strategy Development and Implementation.

Policy and Legislation

The Resource Recovery and Waste sector is highly regulated. International, National, State legislation and regional guidance material provide the strategic direction for local government compliance.

Council is required to adhere to a number of acts, legislation and strategies. Some of these include:

- NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 – This is the key Strategy to target action for circular transition and change in the resource recovery and waste space.
- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act (WARR)
- NSW Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act
- Protection of Environment Operations Act POEO

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Circular economy

Promote and support opportunities to develop the circular economy, specifically within our Special Activation Precinct (SAP) and the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre.

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

Operational Risks

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

Corporate Risks

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

Delivery Risks

- Residents expect improved recycling, food and garden organics (FOGO), and waste reduction initiatives.
- Risk of dissatisfaction, complaints, and political pressure.
- Infrastructure projects (transfer stations, bin rollouts, education programs) lack a coordinated roadmap.
- Missed partnership and grant opportunities
- Poor data and performance monitoring
- No framework for targets, KPIs, or reporting (e.g. diversion from landfill, contamination rates).
- Escalating waste management costs
- No long-term financial modelling for disposal fees, landfill levies, or infrastructure investment.

Financial Risk

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

Internal / External Consultation

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

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

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

1. [Wagga Waste City Council Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy](#) - Provided under separate cover
2. Exhibition Submissions - Redacted
3. Exhibition Submissions
This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it deals with: personnel matters concerning particular individuals. - Provided under separate cover

Submissions
<p>Positives: Visually appealing document with clear who what where where and why...</p> <p>Sustainable Development Goals (SDG icons) – can these be hyperlinked to the UN page Page 15 - Reference NSW Gov Net zero targets? Page 16 & 17 are great Suggested Changes: Why page 7 – reduce GHG emissions! (bit light on with the emission side of things generally) What to do with: toner cartridges, polystyrene, mattresses, textiles ? Medication blister packs (empty) to Blooms chemists</p> <p>Pages 20 & 21 & 23 any emissions data associated with these stats? More emissions data re your landfill would be interesting.</p> <p>Do you have any images of how 'empty' the landfill was 10-20 years ago compared to now? These images are impactful in communicating the landfill issue.</p> <p>Do we have a local repair café?</p> <p>Could you explain that the FOGO collected goes back into our food systems through compost? May already be included?</p>
<p>Recycling should be weekly and garbage larger. If people could fit their rubbish in their bins it would reduce illegal dumping</p>
<p>This is a great piece of work with some excellent vision towards circularity. Still a long way to go developing applicable plans, policies to suffice this strategy. Please find the attachment with some of my comments on the strategy. <i>Attach any documentation in support of your submission. (Provided below)</i></p> <p>Comments Draft Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2026 -2038</p> <p>-Commercial and Industrial Waste - Page 20 – would be good to look at some local data on how we are going with recovery rates and link it with where we aim to be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *1.21 - Can we establish waste education hub at GWMC for community access to learn about recycling and circular practices. Education with demonstrations is good way to change people's perception. *2.7 - smartphone app (e.g. Ku-ring-gai Council), interactive kiosk station either at Relove it Wagga Wagga or an education hub as advices above. *2.8 – an excellent opportunity, can also invite business entities to expand their services locally. e.g. "The Croc Project" by Liverpool City Council (mattress recycling project can be replicated to support our region also making wagga as a hub for it. *2.14 – right time to look into this given the northern growth area is rapid. One major contributing factor for contamination is people's travel to access CRC or drop off centres. A return trip from northern part of city to GWMC is at least an hour, sometimes even more. *2.16 – right time to look at it, we need to maximise our contract services especially when net zero targets and actions are deeply embedded with waste management actions. Council has not looked into Scope 3 emissions yet; this is going to be the biggest source of Council's emissions when Scope 3 is accounted. Requiring contractors to be obliged to council's emission reduction commitments will be critical in near future. *3.10 – great to see this initiative, would also be good to have a broader explanation of this. Council's current emissions are largely from GWMC (more than 80%, close to 60,000 tonnes CO₂-e), what are the steps of cutting it down? The target suggests 50% reduction in emission by 2030, what are key actions for this? Circular initiatives play key role to accelerate emission reduction, but it is not enough by itself, other major intervention will be required. Council will also need to look into emission modelling done with all circular and resource recovery actions factored in to see what the residual waste would be - say by 2030, 2035, 2040 and so on. This will also allow council to well plan major interventions to meet its corporate and community net zero target. *3.15 & 3.16 – I believe council should also have either policy or procedure on how illegal dumping is managed. Illegal dumping is not residual waste, they can be sorted for material recovery, reuse and recycle. <p>Few other things that would be good to see in the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The future of waste compositions especially with solar and batteries that are gaining widespread popularity will be one of the biggest waste stream sources. Trials have been happening around reusing and recycling these products but better planning and recovery centres plus processing centres will be required in future. -Breaking down C&I composition and having tailored plans for them - it would be great to see industry specific waste management plans e.g. biomass management for agri industry, council can play crucial role in accelerating biomethane or biochar technologies given that Wagga is the food bowl of Australia. -The strategy does not specify how it will manage the residual waste – would it be just landfilled or will GWMC consider some other alternatives? Waste to energy has been mentioned but has been left open for public consultation. -Not just residual waste, it's right time to look into residual emissions too – council may implement all possible interventions to reduce emissions from landfill, but some operational and legacy emissions will still continue to exist. As suggested earlier, the modelling of residual emissions factoring all major interventions should be considered in order to do a detailed planning. One of the plans to deal with residual emissions in a long term is creating own offsets rather than relying on external purchases. There are couple ways that suits our region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> oThrough carbon farming project e.g. landfill gas capture and flaring or landfill gas to energy project as advanced level. The later one will also serve as revenue stream through Large-Scale generation certificates creation or renewable energy guarantee of origin (REGO) certificates in future and electricity sale. oNature based solution – creating carbon credits through carbon sequestration projects e.g. plantation projects. The size of the plantation site will depend on the residual emissions. In order to achieve the benefits to be accrued by 2040 and beyond, the plantation will need to happen asap. -It would be good if Council also advocated for the mandates of product stewardship and include some actions towards it. This is not just material recovery but also deeply connected to emissions, especially with harmful refrigerants that are used in most appliances. These refrigerants can be recycled and if not disposed off in a safe and controlled environment.
<p>WWCC can model best practice.</p>

Just a quick observation re the draft

The Big Bag recovery and Bag muster I thought were 2 different schemes

1. are you participating in both ? Bag muster I thought was only for Victoria at the moment, possibly not?
2. Maybe there are just using the wrong logo.

Feedback on Wagga's Draft Waste Management Strategy - Wagga Council should:

Educate residents on Circular economy using former Tourist Information Centre as all year round venue

WWCC could have access to South Wagga Rotary's Wagga's Youth Circular Lids Initiative Transgrid Funded Extruder & WWCC funded shredder & 4 moulds, funded by South Wagga Rotary to educate residents about the circular economy. Every workshop we run and every library display we are asked the same question "Where can we put our lids?" Discussion with Wagga's Mensshed, voted Australia's National Recyclers could assist in the circular economy as they're interested in training young people and they have acquired Transgrid funding for a 3D printer.

RP-8 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2026**Author:** Carolyn Rodney

Summary: This report is for Council to consider information presented on the 2025/26 budget and Long Term Financial Plan, and details Council's external investments and performance as at 30 April 2026.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the proposed budget variations and note the balanced budget position as presented in this report
- b approve the proposed budget variations to the Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program including new projects and timing adjustments
- c approve the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ending 31 March 2026
- d 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
- e note the details of the external investments as at 30 April 2026 in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*
- f accept the grant funding offers as presented in this report

Report

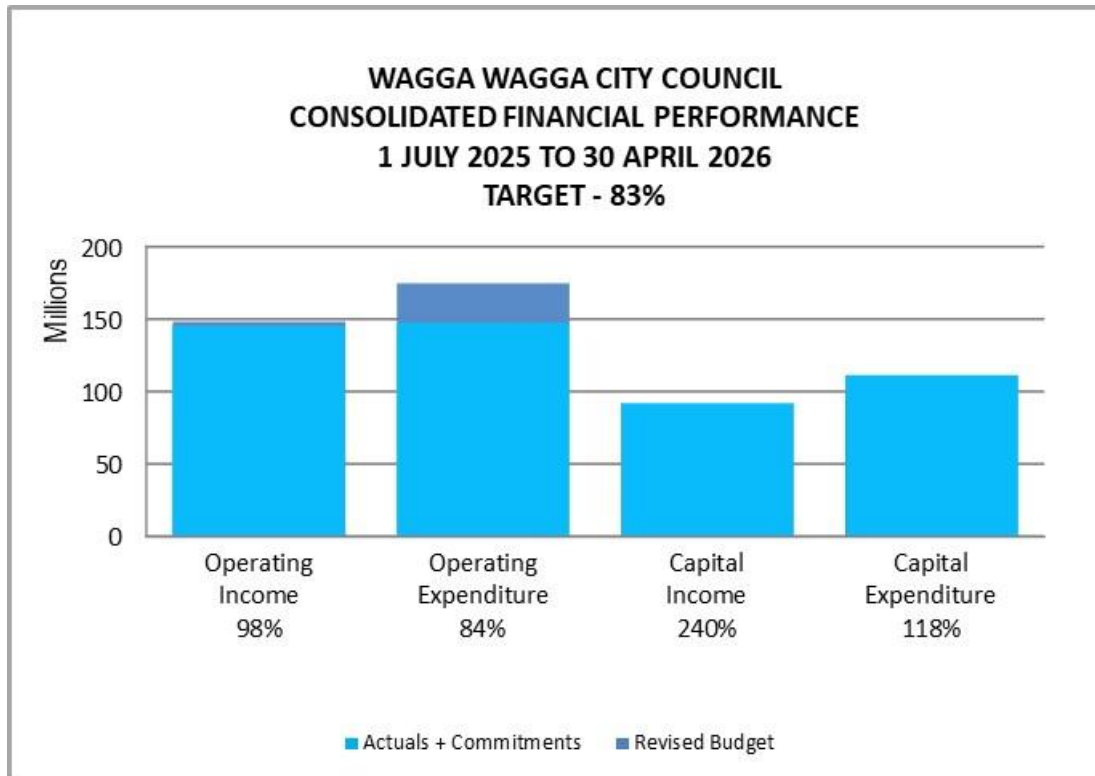
Wagga Wagga City Council (Council) forecasts a balanced budget position as of 30 April 2026.

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

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) has been included as an attachment in this report and includes a summary of Council's financial performance for the quarter ending 31 March 2026. The recommended changes that have been included in the QBRS have already been adopted at previous meetings of Council.

Council has experienced a positive monthly investment performance for the month of April when compared to budget (\$535,147 up on the monthly budget). This is mainly due to better than budgeted returns on Council's investment portfolio, as well as a higher than anticipated investment portfolio balance – which is partly due to Council receiving upfront payment of \$48.5M in funding under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund in June 2024.

Key Performance Indicators



OPERATING INCOME

Total operating income is 98% of approved budget and is exceeding the budget due to the rates and annual charges being raised at the start of the year. Excluding the rates amount, operating income received is 95% when compared to budget which is as a result of increased interest on investments.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Total operating expenditure is 84% of approved budget and is tracking slightly over budget at this stage of the financial year. This is in relation to commitments that have been raised for the full 2025/26 financial year.

CAPITAL INCOME

Total capital income is 240% of approved budget, which is mainly attributed to the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) grant funding that has been received. This income will be reduced and carried over to next financial year for completion of the project in line with the project budget.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Total capital expenditure including commitments is 118% of approved budget. This mainly relates to the raising of the full amount of the AIF contract against the multi-year budget. Excluding commitments, the total expenditure is 54% when compared to the approved budget.

WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
1 JULY 2025 TO 30 APRIL 2026

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT							
	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2025/26	BUDGET ADJ 2025/26	APPROVED BUDGET 2025/26	YTD ACTUAL EXCL COMMT'S 2025/26	COMMT'S 2025/26	YTD ACTUAL + COMMT'S 2025/26	YTD % OF BUD
Revenue							
Rates & Annual Charges	(87,770,975)	0	(87,770,975)	(87,783,779)	0	(87,783,779)	100%
User Charges & Fees	(36,430,787)	2,018,545	(34,412,242)	(32,432,941)	0	(32,432,941)	94%
Other Revenues	(3,708,908)	311,000	(3,397,908)	(3,096,805)	0	(3,096,805)	91%
Grants & Contributions provided for Operating Purposes	(15,211,543)	2,878,698	(12,332,845)	(9,466,094)	0	(9,466,094)	77%
Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	(55,259,649)	20,677,406	(34,582,243)	(90,670,852)	0	(90,670,852)	262%
Interest & Investment Revenue	(8,513,832)	0	(8,513,832)	(10,811,658)	0	(10,811,658)	127%
Other Income	(1,727,957)	(11,667)	(1,739,624)	(1,516,273)	0	(1,516,273)	87%
Total Revenue	(208,623,651)	25,873,982	(182,749,669)	(235,778,401)	0	(235,778,401)	129%
Expenses							
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	62,134,154	500,000	62,634,154	48,203,938	0	48,203,938	77%
Borrowing Costs	2,677,749	0	2,677,749	2,138,573	0	2,138,573	80%
Materials & Services	45,965,090	10,283,152	56,248,243	42,766,064	9,425,518	52,191,582	93%
Depreciation & Amortisation	50,925,213	0	50,925,213	42,437,678	0	42,437,678	83%
Other Expenses	2,148,317	10,412	2,158,729	1,795,149	449,130	2,244,279	104%
Total Expenses	163,850,523	10,793,565	174,644,088	137,341,402	9,874,648	147,216,050	84%
Net Operating (Profit)/Loss	(44,773,128)	36,667,547	(8,105,581)	(98,436,999)	9,874,648	(88,562,352)	
Net Operating Result Before Capital (Profit)/Loss	10,486,521	15,990,141	26,476,662	(7,766,147)	9,874,648	2,108,500	
Cap/Reserve Movements							
Capital Expenditure - One Off	87,100,363	(37,326,882)	49,773,481	27,441,343	55,628,082	83,069,425	167%
Capital Expenditure - Recurrent	26,147,587	12,256,016	38,403,603	18,286,019	4,758,689	23,044,708	60%
Loan Repayments	6,224,419	0	6,224,419	5,187,016	0	5,187,016	83%
New Loan Borrowings	(8,936,775)	6,097,443	(2,839,332)	0	0	0	0%
Sale of Assets	(1,427,375)	(2,281,157)	(3,708,532)	(1,313,663)	0	(1,313,663)	35%
Net Movements Reserves	(13,409,878)	(15,412,966)	(28,822,845)	0	0	0	0%
Total Cap/Res Movements	95,698,341	(36,667,547)	59,030,794	49,600,716	60,386,771	109,987,487	
Net Result after Depreciation	50,925,214	(0)	50,925,213	(48,836,284)	70,261,419	21,425,135	
Add back Depreciation Expense	50,925,213	0	50,925,213	42,437,678	0	42,437,678	83%
Cash Budget (Surplus)/Deficit	0	(0)	(0)	(91,273,962)	70,261,419	(21,012,543)	

Council's 10 year General Purpose Revenue (GPR) Bottom Line										
Description	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Budget 2027/28	Budget 2028/29	Budget 2029/30	Budget 2030/31	Budget 2031/32	Budget 2032/33	Budget 2033/34	Budget 2034/35
Adopted Bottom Line (Surplus)/Deficit	0	614,465	(125,802)	323,574	1,570,849	(8,490)	652,439	188,451	786,886	686,373
Adopted Bottom Line Adjustments	0	0	0	0	(30,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Revised Bottom Line (Surplus)/Deficit	0	614,465	(125,802)	323,574	1,540,849	(8,490)	652,439	188,451	786,886	686,373

**Please note that Council has recently reviewed the 2026/27 Long Term Financial Plan, with the draft plan currently on public exhibition. The above table is the current adopted position and not the draft plan not yet adopted.*

2025/26 Revised Budget Result – (Surplus) / Deficit	\$'000s
Original 2025/26 Budget Result as adopted by Council	\$0K
Total Budget Variations approved to date	\$0K
Budget Variations for April 2026	\$0K
Proposed Revised Budget result for 30 April 2026 - (Surplus) / Deficit	\$0K

The proposed Operating and Capital Budget Variations for 30 April 2026 which affect the current 2025/26 financial year are listed below.

<i>Budget Variation</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Net Impact (Fav)/ Unfav</i>
2 - Sustainable			
Stormwater DSP Update	\$100K	Section 64 Stormwater Reserve (\$100K)	Nil
<p>Funding is required to update Council's Stormwater Development Servicing Plan (DSP) to enable the calculation and application of updated developer charges in accordance with the NSW Government's 2016 Developer Charges Guidelines. This update follows the revaluation of stormwater assets undertaken in 2024/25 and will ensure charges are aligned with current asset values, growth assumptions and servicing requirements.</p> <p>The updated Stormwater DSP will incorporate detailed catchment analysis and the identification of required works, concept planning, cost estimates and staging to support the prioritisation and delivery of stormwater infrastructure. The budget variation will also allow for the engagement of independent audit as per the Guidelines.</p> <p>The outcomes of the DSP will directly inform contributions planning and establish a transparent basis for levying stormwater developer charges by Council.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job Consolidation: 19571</i></p>			
3 - Growing			
Livestock Marketing Centre Income	(\$1,000K)	LMC Reserve \$1,000K	Nil
<p>Increased income has been received at the Livestock Marketing Centre for 2025/26. Due to unseasonal livestock market trends and drier than normal weather conditions impacting the southeastern regions of Australia, the LMC has seen significant increases to commodity access throughout the first two quarters of the financial year resulting in meeting and exceeding budget targets at an accelerated rate. It is proposed to allocate the increased income to the LMC Reserve.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p>			
Koorinal Sewer Plant Upgrade	\$190K	Sewer Reserve (\$190K)	Nil

Budget Variation	Amount	Funding Source	Net Impact (Fav)/ Unfav
<p>Additional funding is required to complete detailed design works to ensure the Koorungal Sewer Treatment Plant can handle peak flows as the Southern Growth Area comes online.</p> <p>Flow equalisation tanks allow the plant to operate more efficiently, reducing the need for flows to be diverted to ponds and changes to the decants at the plant. This will be done by reducing the peak flows storing the excess for treatment during the periods of lower flow during the day.</p> <p>A price to undertake the design has been received which will include relevant approvals, power load assessments, structural designs and pump and pipework designs.</p> <p>This will bring the total project budget up to \$440K.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job Consolidation: 50440</i></p>			
4 - Vibrant			
Lights 4 Lake Replacement	\$24K	Parks & Recreation Reserve (\$24K)	Nil
<p>Funds are required for the replacement of nine solar lights on the pathway that surrounds Lake Albert. The lights have reached their end of life and no longer provide the lighting required. It is proposed to fund the variation from the Parks & Recreation Reserve.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job Consolidation: 25092</i></p>			
Bus Shelter Installations	\$40K	Transport for NSW Grant Funding (\$40K)	Nil
<p>Council has been successful in securing Transport for NSW grant funding under the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme (CPTIGS) for the installation of two bus shelters within the Local Government Area. The shelters will be installed at 73 Ziegler Avenue (opposite Koorungal High School) and 49 Shaw Street Wagga.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job Consolidation: 25156</i></p>			
Changeroom & Amenities Upgrade	\$134K	Office of Responsible Gambling (\$67K) Recurrent Capital Recreation Asset Renewal (\$67K)	Nil
<p>Council has been successful in securing Office of Responsible Gambling grant funds under the Clubgrants Category 3 – Infrastructure Grants: Sport and Recreation program for the upgrade of changerooms and public amenities at Geohex Park, Parramore Park and Conolly Park. The project delivers safe, accessible and inclusive facilities, including unisex changerooms, female friendly amenities, accessible toilets and servicing upgrades, supporting increased participation, particularly for women and girls enabling larger sporting events across the city. The grant requires a 50% co-contribution. Councils contribution will be funded from its existing recurrent capital 'Recreation Asset Renewal' project budget.</p> <p>Estimated Completion: 30 June 2026</p> <p><i>Job Consolidation: 25073</i></p>			

2025/26 Capital Works Summary

<i>Capital Works</i>	<i>Approved Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Movement</i>	<i>Proposed Budget</i>
One-off	\$49,773,480	\$388,040	\$50,161,520
Recurrent	\$38,403,602	(\$67,020)	\$38,336,582
Total Capital Works	\$88,177,082	\$321,020	\$88,498,102

Current Restrictions

RESERVES SUMMARY					
30 APRIL 2026					
	CLOSING BALANCE 2024/25	ADOPTED RESERVE TRANSFERS 2025/26	BUDGET VARIATIONS APPROVED UP TO COUNCIL MEETING 13.04.2026	PROPOSED CHANGES for Council Resolution*	BALANCE AS AT 30 APRIL 2026
Externally Restricted					
Developer Contributions - Section 7.11	(34,255,170)	240,743	1,853,473		(32,160,955)
Developer Contributions - Section 7.12	(1,249,835)	(28,052)	20,000		(1,257,887)
Developer Contributions - Stormwater Section 64	(10,009,058)	(802,931)	31,000	100,000	(10,680,989)
Sewer Fund	(61,473,248)	(299,197)	(266,945)	190,000	(61,849,390)
Solid Waste	(35,184,093)	2,571,122	4,308,559		(28,304,413)
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants & Contributions	(64,727,816)	0	64,727,816		0
SRV Levee Reserve	(6,230,711)	0	164,118		(6,066,593)
Stormwater Levy	(5,711,474)	2,343,245	(1,957,647)		(5,325,876)
Total Externally Restricted	(218,841,407)	4,024,930	68,880,374	290,000	(145,646,103)
Internally Restricted					
Airport	0	(246,893)	(728,747)		(975,641)
Art Gallery	(22,548)	0	0		(22,548)
Bridge Replacement	(1,272,343)	0	115,438		(1,156,905)
Buildings	(3,872,876)	306,774	809,823		(2,756,279)
CCTV	(16,374)	0	0		(16,374)
Cemetery	(1,405,926)	(205,658)	(13,923)		(1,625,507)
Civic Theatre	(95,013)	(57,388)	30,000		(122,401)
Civil Infrastructure	(13,477,978)	2,580,634	728,627		(10,168,717)
Council Election	(27,411)	(127,418)	0		(154,829)
Economic Development	(718,754)	0	(1,640,337)		(2,359,092)
Emergency Events Reserve	(337,706)	(82,188)	0		(419,894)
Employee Leave Entitlements Gen Fund	(3,986,868)	0	0		(3,986,868)
Environmental Conservation	(116,578)	0	0		(116,578)
Event Attraction	(490,685)	32,500	56,000		(402,185)
Financial Assistance Grants in Advance	(6,769,742)	0	6,769,742		0
Grant Co-Funding	(313,076)	180,000	133,076		0
Gravel Pit Restoration	(647,804)	3,333	102,863		(541,608)
Information Services	(3,722,935)	136,696	449,247		(3,136,992)
Insurance Variations	(50,000)	0	0		(50,000)
Internal Loans	(9,200,817)	1,441,477	(713,098)		(8,472,438)
Lake Albert Improvements	(727,876)	601,887	85,713		(40,276)
Library	(632,518)	(191,447)	0		(823,965)
Livestock Marketing Centre	(8,155,294)	3,181,495	(3,270,503)	(1,000,000)	(9,244,302)
Museum Acquisitions	(67,114)	0	0		(67,114)

	CLOSING BALANCE 2024/25	ADOPTED RESERVE TRANSFERS 2025/26	BUDGET VARIATIONS APPROVED UP TO COUNCIL MEETING 13.04.2026	PROPOSED CHANGES for Council Resolution*	BALANCE AS AT 31 APRIL 2026
Net Zero Emissions	(337,227)	65,202	(173,823)		(445,848)
Oasis Reserve	(1,215,960)	852,154	(459,661)		(823,467)
Parks & Recreation Projects	(2,754,108)	48,771	1,431,270	24,000	(1,250,067)
Parks Water	(9,407)	(3,103)	0		(12,510)
Planning Legals	(41,747)	(20,000)	0		(61,747)
Plant Replacement	(7,234,600)	32,001	4,105,481		(3,097,117)
Project Carryovers	(4,294,961)	40,025	4,254,936		0
Public Art	(187,777)	30,000	149,432		(8,345)
Service Reviews	(200,000)	0	0		(200,000)
Sister Cities	(29,520)	0	0		(29,520)
Stormwater Drainage	(110,178)	0	0		(110,178)
Strategic Real Property	(1,943,643)	0	(2,088,647)		(4,032,290)
Subdivision Tree Planting	(637,504)	(20,000)	0		(657,504)
Unexpended External Loans	(505,756)	0	54,041		(451,715)
Visitors Economy	(33,394)	(33,572)	0		(66,966)
Workers Compensation	(137,879)	(19,282)	0		(157,161)
Total Internally Restricted	(75,801,895)	8,526,000	10,186,950	(976,000)	(58,064,945)
Total Restricted	(294,643,301)	12,550,929	79,067,323	(686,000)	(203,711,049)
Total Unrestricted	(14,444,000)	0	0	0	(14,444,000)
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments	(309,087,301)	12,550,929	79,067,323	(686,000)	(218,155,049)

Investment Summary as at 30 April 2026

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

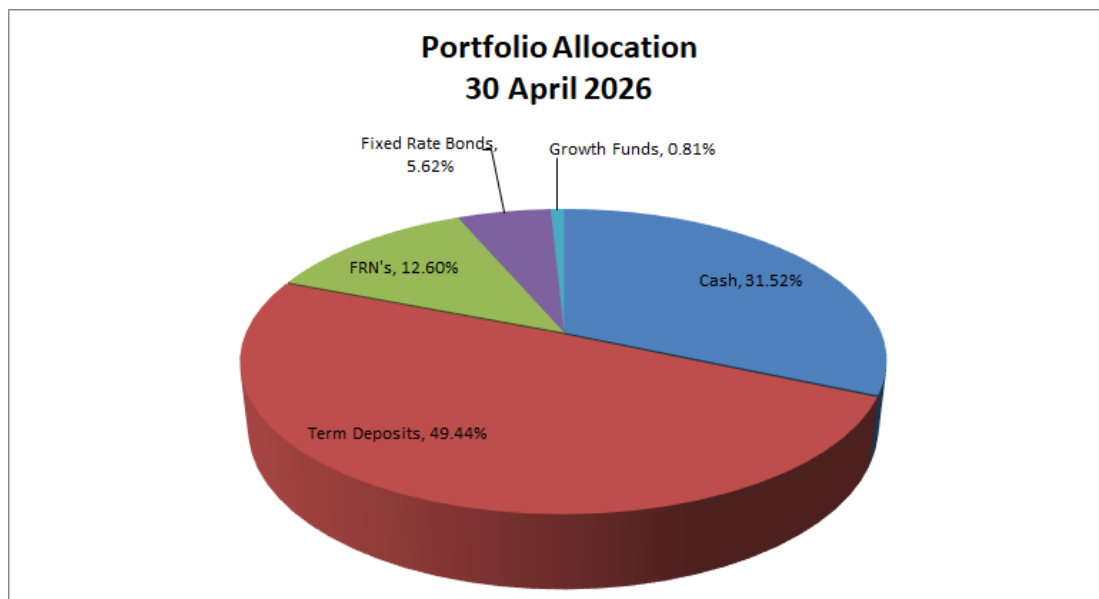
Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/03/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/04/2026 \$	April EOM Current Yield %	April EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (months)
At Call Accounts								
CBA	AA-	8,769,395	8,149,291	4.10%	2.63%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	29,578,270	29,679,079	4.15%	9.59%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Macquarie Bank	A+	10,397,746	10,431,450	3.90%	3.37%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	49,668,123	49,289,149	4.10%	15.93%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total At Call Accounts		98,413,533	97,548,970	4.09%	31.52%			
Short Term Deposits								
Bank of Sydney	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.22%	0.65%	30/06/2025	30/06/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.50%	0.32%	2/06/2025	2/06/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.30%	0.65%	25/06/2025	25/06/2026	12
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.24%	0.32%	10/07/2025	10/07/2026	12
Bank of Sydney	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.17%	0.65%	18/08/2025	18/08/2026	12
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.50%	0.65%	28/11/2025	30/11/2026	12
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.50%	0.32%	28/11/2025	30/11/2026	12
P&N Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.80%	0.97%	15/12/2025	15/12/2026	12
Total Short Term Deposits		14,000,000	14,000,000	4.43%	4.52%			
Medium Term Deposits								
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.32%	0.65%	28/06/2021	29/06/2026	60
ICBC	A	3,000,000	3,000,000	5.07%	0.97%	30/06/2022	30/06/2027	60
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.40%	0.65%	21/06/2021	19/06/2026	60
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.32%	0.65%	25/06/2021	25/06/2026	60
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.32%	0.32%	25/08/2021	25/08/2026	60
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.11%	0.32%	23/05/2024	25/05/2026	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.06%	0.65%	2/09/2025	4/09/2028	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.85%	0.65%	16/12/2024	16/12/2026	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.65%	17/02/2025	17/02/2027	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.00%	0.65%	14/03/2023	15/03/2027	48
Auswide	BBB	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	13/04/2023	13/04/2026	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.65%	20/04/2023	20/04/2027	48
P&N Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.20%	0.32%	26/05/2023	26/05/2026	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.38%	0.65%	28/06/2024	28/06/2029	60
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.90%	0.32%	29/11/2024	29/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.93%	0.65%	5/01/2026	5/01/2029	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.65%	4/01/2024	4/01/2027	36
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.25%	0.32%	9/03/2026	9/03/2028	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.65%	23/04/2024	24/04/2028	48
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.65%	6/05/2024	6/05/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.12%	0.32%	24/05/2024	24/05/2027	36
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.26%	0.32%	31/05/2024	31/05/2028	48
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.24%	0.32%	3/06/2025	4/06/2029	48
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.26%	0.65%	6/06/2024	6/06/2028	48

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/03/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/04/2026 \$	April EOM Current Yield %	April EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (months)
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.20%	0.32%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.65%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.00%	0.65%	26/06/2025	26/06/2028	36
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.65%	27/08/2024	27/08/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.63%	0.65%	30/08/2024	30/08/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.51%	0.32%	16/09/2024	18/09/2028	48
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.45%	0.65%	27/09/2024	28/09/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.79%	0.65%	17/10/2024	19/10/2026	24
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.70%	0.32%	8/10/2024	8/10/2026	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.73%	0.65%	21/10/2024	21/10/2027	36
Hume Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.95%	0.65%	7/11/2024	7/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.02%	0.65%	14/11/2024	16/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.00%	0.32%	27/11/2024	27/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.07%	0.65%	28/11/2024	28/11/2028	48
P&N Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.85%	0.97%	16/12/2024	16/12/2027	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.80%	0.65%	21/01/2025	21/01/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.82%	0.32%	30/01/2025	29/01/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.73%	0.65%	10/02/2025	10/02/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.79%	0.32%	4/02/2025	4/02/2028	36
Regional Australia Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.71%	0.65%	12/02/2025	12/02/2027	24
Hume Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.65%	12/02/2025	12/02/2029	48
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.70%	0.65%	12/02/2025	14/02/2028	36
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.77%	0.32%	26/02/2025	28/02/2028	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.62%	0.65%	3/03/2025	3/03/2028	36
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.65%	14/03/2025	15/03/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.65%	31/03/2025	31/03/2027	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.81%	0.32%	1/04/2025	1/04/2030	60
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.25%	0.65%	5/05/2025	5/05/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.25%	0.32%	29/05/2025	31/05/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.65%	25/06/2025	25/06/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.65%	2/07/2025	2/07/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.05%	0.32%	7/07/2025	7/07/2027	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.18%	0.65%	8/07/2025	9/07/2029	48
Regional Australia Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.00%	0.32%	30/07/2025	30/07/2027	24
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.00%	0.32%	12/08/2025	14/08/2028	36
Arab Bank Australia	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	3.95%	0.65%	22/08/2025	24/08/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.05%	0.65%	27/08/2025	27/08/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.07%	0.97%	29/08/2025	29/08/2028	36
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.06%	0.32%	8/09/2025	8/09/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.08%	0.32%	9/09/2025	11/09/2028	36
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.09%	0.65%	15/09/2025	15/09/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.05%	0.65%	16/09/2025	16/09/2027	24

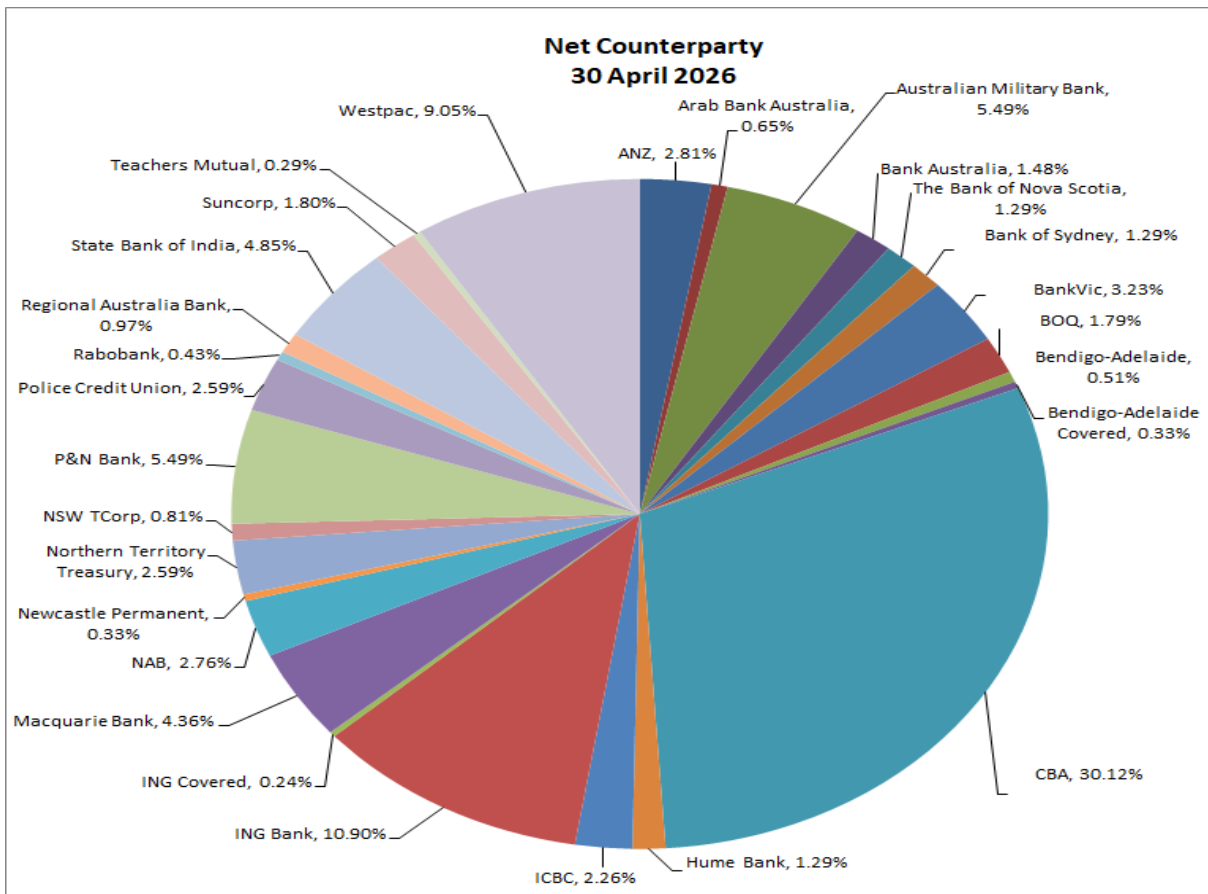
Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/03/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/04/2026 \$	April EOM Current Yield %	April EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (months)
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.65%	21/10/2025	21/10/2027	24
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.55%	0.32%	14/11/2025	15/11/2027	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.56%	0.65%	17/11/2025	17/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.45%	0.32%	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.53%	0.65%	28/11/2025	28/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.66%	0.32%	4/12/2025	4/12/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.64%	0.32%	8/12/2025	8/12/2027	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.90%	0.65%	15/12/2025	15/12/2027	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.79%	0.65%	15/12/2025	15/12/2028	36
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.76%	0.32%	8/01/2026	10/01/2028	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.82%	0.65%	29/01/2026	31/01/2028	24
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.05%	0.65%	26/02/2026	26/02/2029	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.90%	0.65%	2/03/2026	2/03/2029	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.18%	0.32%	9/03/2026	9/03/2028	24
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.15%	0.65%	10/03/2026	10/03/2028	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.22%	0.65%	11/03/2026	12/03/2029	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.35%	0.65%	17/03/2026	19/03/2029	36
Total Medium Term Deposits		141,000,000	139,000,000	4.53%	44.92%			
Floating Rate Notes								
Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	1,008,751	1,012,626	BBSW + 100	0.33%	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	60
NAB	AA-	2,538,824	2,549,355	BBSW + 120	0.82%	25/11/2022	25/11/2027	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,114,284	1,119,263	BBSW + 125	0.36%	14/12/2022	14/12/2027	60
CBA	AA-	2,041,846	2,026,531	BBSW + 115	0.65%	13/01/2023	13/01/2028	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,921,948	1,930,008	BBSW + 155	0.62%	22/02/2023	22/02/2027	48
Bendigo-Adelaide Covered	AAA	1,014,135	1,018,820	BBSW + 115	0.33%	16/06/2023	16/06/2028	60
CBA	AA-	2,533,756	2,545,576	BBSW + 95	0.82%	17/08/2023	17/08/2028	60
ANZ	AA-	2,121,521	2,131,669	BBSW + 93	0.69%	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,671,206	1,655,861	BBSW + 150	0.54%	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	36
ANZ	AA-	2,539,201	2,551,592	BBSW + 96	0.82%	5/02/2024	5/02/2029	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,008,894	1,014,279	BBSW + 98	0.33%	19/03/2024	19/03/2029	60
ING Bank	A	502,671	504,641	BBSW + 95	0.16%	22/03/2024	22/03/2027	36
BoQ	A-	1,683,657	1,671,583	BBSW + 128	0.54%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	808,261	811,463	BBSW + 100	0.26%	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	36
ANZ	AA-	1,511,418	1,519,217	BBSW + 86	0.49%	18/06/2024	18/06/2029	60
Teachers Mutual	BBB+	907,207	910,815	BBSW + 130	0.29%	21/06/2024	21/06/2027	36
ING Bank	A	2,228,820	2,239,888	BBSW + 102	0.72%	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	60
CBA	AA-	1,515,824	1,523,876	BBSW + 87	0.49%	22/08/2024	22/08/2029	60
Suncorp	AA-	2,413,643	2,427,345	BBSW + 92	0.78%	27/09/2024	27/09/2029	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	759,939	754,909	BBSW + 96	0.24%	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	48
ANZ	AA-	1,311,312	1,318,145	BBSW + 81	0.43%	18/02/2025	18/02/2030	60
Rabobank	A+	1,310,331	1,317,286	BBSW + 85	0.43%	20/02/2025	20/02/2030	60
The Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	2,016,877	2,027,581	BBSW + 140	0.66%	21/03/2025	21/03/2030	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,009,372	1,015,454	BBSW + 93	0.33%	21/05/2025	21/05/2030	60
Macquarie Bank	A+	1,414,334	1,406,156	BBSW + 82	0.45%	17/07/2025	17/07/2030	60
Total Floating Rate Notes		38,908,032	39,003,937		12.60%			

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/03/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/04/2026 \$	April EOM Current Yield %	April EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (months)
Fixed Rate Bonds								
ING Covered	AAA	740,533	743,308	1.10%	0.24%	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.50%	0.97%	24/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
BoQ	A-	1,885,439	1,873,182	2.10%	0.61%	27/10/2021	27/10/2026	60
BoQ	A-	2,030,121	1,981,782	5.30%	0.64%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60
ANZ	AA-	1,176,573	1,178,954	4.65%	0.38%	18/02/2025	18/02/2030	60
The Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	1,961,409	1,965,612	5.23%	0.64%	21/03/2025	21/03/2030	60
Macquarie Bank	A+	1,646,146	1,648,057	4.37%	0.53%	17/07/2025	17/07/2030	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.50%	0.65%	6/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.50%	0.32%	14/07/2021	15/12/2026	65
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.30%	0.65%	29/04/2021	15/06/2026	61
Total Fixed Rate Bonds		17,440,222	17,390,895	2.86%	5.62%			
Managed Funds								
NSW Tcorp	NR	2,409,087	2,507,110	4.07%	0.81%	17/03/2014	N/A	N/A
Total Managed Funds		2,409,087	2,507,110	4.07%	0.81%			
TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS		312,170,874	309,450,911		100.00%			

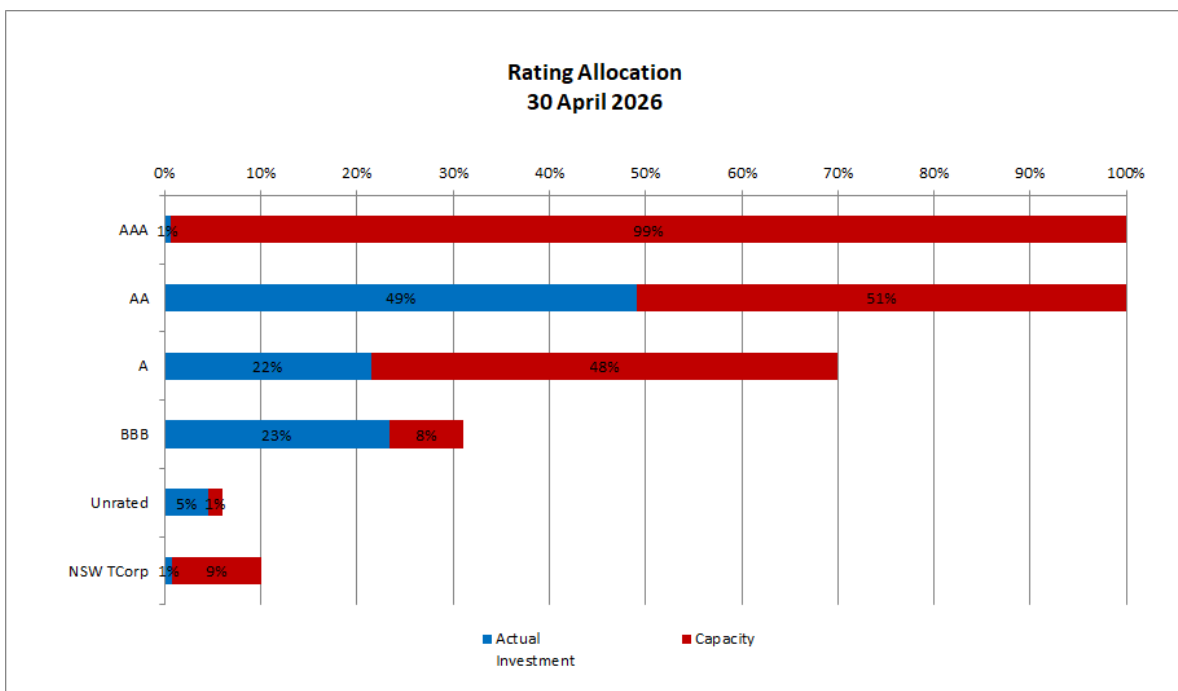
Council's investment portfolio is dominated by Term Deposits, equating to approximately 49% of the portfolio across a broad range of counterparties. Cash equates to 32%, with Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) around 12%, fixed rate bonds around 6% and growth funds around 1% of the portfolio.



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



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



Investment Portfolio Balance

Council's investment portfolio balance decreased over the past month, from \$312.17M down to \$309.45M. This decrease is a result of a number of contract payments being made during the month.

	Closing Balance Invested 28/02/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 31/03/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/04/2026 \$
TOTAL WWCC CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS	314,940,106	312,170,874	309,450,911

Monthly Investment Movements

Redemptions/Sales – Council redeemed the following investment security during April 2026:

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
Auswide Bank (BBB) Term Deposit	\$2M	3 years	4.95%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity as Auswide were offering low reinvestment rates on these funds.

New Investments – Council did not purchase any investment securities during April 2026.

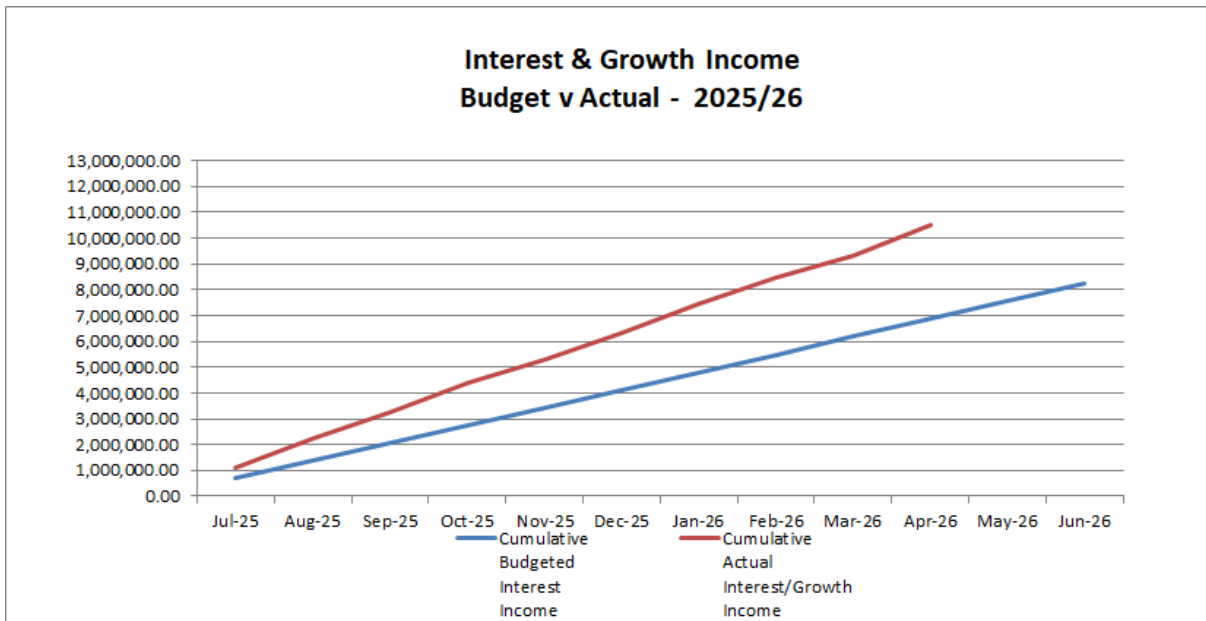
Rollovers – Council did not roll over any investment securities during April 2026.

Monthly Investment Performance

Interest/growth/capital gains/(losses) for the month totalled \$1,221,429, which compares favourably with the budget for the period of \$686,282 - outperforming budget for the month by \$535,147.

Council's outperformance to budget for April is mainly due to better than budgeted returns on Council's investment portfolio as well as a higher than anticipated investment portfolio balance – which is partly due to Council receiving upfront payment of \$48.5M in AIF funding in June 2024. For the 2025/26 financial year to date, Council has accrued \$1,555,675 on this AIF funding received. As the project progresses and the funding is spent, the monthly interest will reduce.

Council experienced a positive return on its NSW T-Corp Managed Fund for the month of April, with the fund returning +4.07% (or \$98,022) as domestic (+2.18%) and international (9.68%) shares rebounded strongly this month, as the market looked beyond the conflict in the Middle East.



In comparison to the AusBond Bank Bill Index* of 4.24% (annualised), Council’s investment portfolio returned approximately 4.56% (annualised) for the month of April – outperforming the benchmark for the month.

Over the past year, Council’s investment portfolio has returned 4.20%, outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill index by 0.41%. Council’s investment portfolio has continued to perform in line with the AusBond Bank Bill Index* over the longer-term time period, returning 4.06% per annum over the past 3 years – slightly underperforming the benchmark by -0.11% over this time.

Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.33%	0.97%	1.87%	3.11%	3.77%	4.03%	4.09%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.34%	0.95%	1.87%	3.11%	3.79%	4.12%	4.16%
Council’s Cash	0.33%	0.96%	1.87%	3.10%	3.75%	4.01%	4.07%
Council’s T/D	0.38%	1.11%	2.25%	3.78%	4.54%	4.35%	4.06%
Council’s FRN	0.43%	1.26%	2.48%	4.23%	5.14%	5.37%	5.35%
Council’s Bonds	0.24%	0.71%	1.40%	2.26%	2.66%	2.26%	1.95%
Council’s TCorp LTGF	4.07%	0.69%	1.55%	7.95%	13.42%	11.45%	10.92%
Council’s Portfolio	0.38%	1.03%	2.05%	3.46%	4.20%	4.21%	4.06%
Relative Performance	0.04%	0.09%	0.18%	0.35%	0.41%	0.08%	-0.11%

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

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that all of the above investments have been made in accordance with the provision of Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the regulations there under, and in accordance with the Investment Policy adopted by Council on 2 July 2025.

Carolyn Rodney
Responsible Accounting Officer

Policy and Legislation

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

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

Local Government Act 1993

Section 625 - How may councils invest?

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

Section 212 - Reports on council investments

Link to Strategic Plan

Community leadership and collaboration

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

Ensure transparency and accountability

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

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

Internal / External Consultation

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

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

Attachments

1. [Quarterly Budget Review Statement - March 2026](#)
2. [Capital Works Program 2025/26 to 2034/35](#)

QBRs FINANCIAL OVERVIEW											
Wagga Wagga City Council											
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/26											
DESCRIPTION	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommended changes	Projected Year End (PYE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE		
	2024/25 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	Q 1 \$'000's	Q 2 \$'000's	Q 3 \$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	
Net Operating Result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	General Fund	-20,633	-13,712	-6,720	-7,878	0	-28,310	-237	-28,547	-14,835	9,456
	Water Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sewer Fund	3,426	3,225	-855	-250	0	2,120	0	2,120	-1,105	5,063
	Consolidated	-17,207	-10,487	-7,575	-8,128	0	-26,190	-237	-26,427	-15,940	14,520
Operating Result from continuing operations (with capital grants and contributions) excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	Consolidated	80,866	95,698	901	-29,000	0	67,599	-8,836	58,763	-36,935	142,364
Borrowings	Total borrowings	6,453	-2,713	-1,066	5,579	0	1,800	1,585	3,385	6,098	4,668
Liquidity	External restrictions	218,841	-4,025	-15,503	11,058	0	-8,470	457	-8,013	-3,988	0
	Internal Allocations	75,802	-8,526	-10,170	-121	0	-18,817	-700	-19,517	-10,991	0
	Unallocated	14,444	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Cash, Cash Equivalents and	309,087	-12,551	-25,673	10,937	0	-27,287	-243	-27,530	-14,979	0
Capital	Capital Funding	78,195	113,248	30,995	-45,516	0	98,727	-10,178	88,549	-24,699	90,864
	Capital Expenditure	78,195	113,248	30,995	-45,516	0	98,727	-10,178	88,549	-24,699	41,789
	Net Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,075

	Opening Balance	Total Cash Contributions Received	Total Interest Earned	Total Expended	Total Internal Borrowings (to)/from	Held as Restricted Asset	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from
	As at 1 Jul 2025 \$'000's	As at this Q \$'000's	As at this Q \$'000's	As at this Q \$'000's	As at this Q \$'000's	As at this Q \$'000's	As at this Q \$'000's
Developer Contribution							
Total Developer Contributions	45,515	5,675	0	0	0	51,190	0

Wagga Wagga City Council Notes:

- Please refer to individual tables for further detail on the figures provided in the Overview table (other than the 'Total Borrowings' line detailed below)
- Total Borrowings includes both Loan Principal Repayments for existing loans and New Borrowings required for project funding
 - o 2024/25 actuals included Loan Principal Repayments only and no New Borrowings
 - o 2025/26 budgets included more New Borrowings than Principal Repayments resulting in a credit budget.
 - o 2025/26 actuals includes Loan Principal Repayments only as New Loan Borrowings are drawn down if required at the end of the financial year based on the expenditure incurred

Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement

Wagga Wagga City Council

Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026

Consolidated Fund

Description	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommend ed changes	Projected Year End (PYE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE	
	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	Q 1 \$000's	Q 2 \$000's	Q 3 \$000's	\$000's	\$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's
INCOME										
Rates and Annual Charges	82,801	87,771	0	0		87,771	0	87,771	0	87,556
User Charges and Fees	36,975	36,431	90	-2,122		34,399	13	34,412	-2,019	28,038
Other Revenue	5,190	3,709	-311	0		3,398	0	3,398	-311	2,915
Grants and Contributions - Operating	16,079	15,212	3,155	-6,513		11,854	354	12,208	-3,004	9,290
Grants and Contributions - Capital	46,031	55,260	8,476	-20,872		42,864	-8,599	34,265	-20,995	89,650
Interest and Investment Income	12,754	8,514	0	0		8,514	0	8,514	0	9,633
Other Income	2,913	1,726	0	12		1,738	0	1,738	12	1,414
Net gain from disposal of assets	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Income from continuing operations	202,743	208,623	11,410	-29,495	0	190,538	-8,232	182,306	-26,317	228,496
EXPENSES										
Employee benefits and on-costs	55,968	62,134	0	163		62,297	216	62,512	378	43,606
Materials & Services	50,611	45,965	10,491	-650		55,806	389	56,195	10,230	38,669
Borrowing Costs	3,219	2,678	0	0		2,678	0	2,678	0	2,069
Other Expenses	1,998	2,148	18	-8		2,158	0	2,158	10	1,788
Net Loss from Disposal of Assets	10,081	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	121,877	112,925	10,509	-495	0	122,939	604	123,543	10,618	86,132
Operating Result from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	80,866	95,698	901	-29,000	0	67,599	-8,836	58,763	-36,935	142,364
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	52,042	50,925	0	0		50,925	0	50,925	0	38,194
Operating result from continuing Operations	28,824	44,773	901	-29,000	0	16,674	-8,836	7,838	-36,935	104,170
Net Operating Result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-17,207	-10,487	-7,575	-8,128	0	-26,190	-237	-26,427	-15,940	14,520

Wagga Wagga City Council Notes:

- The net operating result for the 2024/25 actuals and 2025/26 budgets is a deficit due to this amount including the non-cash expense item of depreciation and excluding capital grants (as per the income statement format from the financial statements)
- The significant variance for Capital grants in Quarter 1 predominantly relates to the carryover of 2024/25 budgets and in Quarter 2 and the 'Recommended changes' column relates to the reset of project budgets and funding into future years
- All recommended budget changes for the March 2026 quarter have already been resolved by Council via the monthly financial performance reports and any other reports adopted in the last 9 months of Council that included a budget variation
- Any impact as a result of the recommended budget changes have been addressed previously in the individual adopted Council reports
- The significant surplus result reported for the 2025/26 actuals is due to the rates being levied for 2025/26 at the start of the financial year and the carryover of the 2024/25 capital grant funding received for the Southern and Northern Growth projects which will again be carried over at year end in line with the future year phased project budgets

Notes

Original Budget +/- approved budget changes in previous quarters = REVISED Budget

Revised Budget +/- recommended changes this quarter = PROJECTED year results

The quarterly recommended changes to the revised budget are to include:

- 1) an explanation for the recommended changes and any impact this will have on the Operational Plan, Delivery Program and Long Term Financial
- 2) any impacts of year to date expenditure on recommended changes to budget

planations are to be in plain English and in a style that is easily understood by readers of non-financial information.

The narrative is important in understanding why budget changes are necessary.

Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement
Wagga Wagga City Council
 Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026
 General Fund

Description	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommend ed changes	Projected Year End (PYE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE	
	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	Q 1 \$000's	Q 2 \$000's	Q 3 \$000's	\$000's	\$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's
INCOME										
Rates and Annual Charges	64,682	68,739	0	0		68,739	0	68,739	0	68,678
User Charges and Fees	31,480	30,630	90	-2,122		28,598	13	28,611	-2,019	25,311
Other Revenue	5,190	3,709	-311	0		3,398	0	3,398	-311	2,915
Grants and Contributions - Operating	16,034	15,202	3,155	-6,513		11,844	354	12,198	-3,004	9,217
Grants and Contributions - Capital	37,595	45,899	7,941	-17,122		36,718	-4,871	31,847	-14,052	67,329
Interest and Investment Income	9,992	7,280	0	0		7,280	0	7,280	0	9,623
Other Income	2,059	1,720	0	12		1,732	0	1,732	12	1,408
Net gain from disposal of assets	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Income from continuing operations	167,032	173,179	10,875	-25,745	0	158,309	-4,504	153,805	-19,374	184,481
EXPENSES										
Employee benefits and on-costs	51,582	57,772	0	163		57,935	215	58,150	378	40,721
Materials & Services	40,396	36,302	9,636	-900		45,038	389	45,427	9,125	31,436
Borrowing Costs	1,304	857	0	0		857	0	857	0	825
Other Expenses	1,991	2,144	18	-8		2,154	0	2,154	10	1,776
Net Loss from Disposal of Assets	10,033	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	105,306	97,075	9,654	-745	0	105,984	604	106,588	9,513	74,758
Operating Result from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	61,726	76,104	1,221	-25,000	0	52,325	-5,108	47,217	-28,887	109,723
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	44,764	43,917	0	0		43,917	0	43,917	0	32,938
Operating result from continuing Operations	16,962	32,187	1,221	-25,000	0	8,408	-5,108	3,300	-28,887	76,785
Net Operating Result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	-20,633	-13,712	-6,720	-7,878	0	-28,310	-237	-28,547	-14,835	9,456

Wagga Wagga City Council Notes:

- The net operating result for the 2024/25 actuals and 2025/26 budgets is a deficit due to this amount including the non-cash expense item of depreciation and excluding capital grants (as per the income statement format from the financial statements)
- The significant variance for Capital grants in Quarter 1 predominantly relates to the carryover of 2024/25 budgets and in Quarter 2 and the 'Recommended changes' column relates to the reset of project budgets and funding into future years
- All recommended budget changes for the March 2026 quarter have already been resolved by Council via the monthly financial performance reports and any other reports adopted in the last 9 months of Council that included a budget variation
- Any impact as a result of the recommended budget changes have been addressed previously in the individual adopted Council reports
- The significant surplus result reported for the 2025/26 actuals is due to the rates being levied for 2025/26 at the start of the financial year and the carryover of the 2024/25 capital grant funding received for the Southern and Northern Growth projects which will again be carried over at year end in line with the future year phased project budgets

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Income and Expenses Budget Review Statement
Wagga Wagga City Council
 Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026
Sewer Fund

Description	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommend ed changes	Projected Year End (PYE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE	
	2024/25 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	Q 1 \$'000's	Q 2 \$'000's	Q 3 \$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's
INCOME										
Access charges	18,119	19,032	0	0		19,032	0	19,032	0	18,748
User charges	5,495	5,801	0	0		5,801	0	5,801	0	2,856
Liquid trade-waste charges	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Fees	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Grants and contributions - Operating	45	9	0	0		9	0	9	0	73
Interest and Investment Income	2,762	1,234	0	0		1,234	0	1,234	0	11
Other Income	854	8	0	0		8	0	8	0	5
Net gain from disposal of assets	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Income from continuing operations	27,275	26,084	0	0	0	26,084	0	26,084	0	21,693
EXPENSES										
Employee benefits and on-costs	4,385	4,362	0	0		4,362	0	4,362	0	2,885
Materials & Services	10,095	9,663	855	250		10,768	0	10,768	1,105	7,233
Borrowing Costs	1,916	1,821	0	0		1,821	0	1,821	0	1,244
Calculated taxation equivalents	120	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Debt Guarantee fee	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses	7	5	0	0		5	0	5	0	12
Net Loss from Disposal of Assets	48	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	16,571	15,851	855	250	0	16,956	0	16,956	1,105	11,374
Operating Result from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	10,704	10,233	-855	-250	0	9,128	0	9,128	-1,105	10,319
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non financial assets	7,278	7,008	0	0		7,008	0	7,008	0	5,256
Surplus / (Deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts	3,426	3,225	-855	-250	0	2,120	0	2,120	-1,105	5,063
Grants and Contributions - Capital	8,436	9,361	535	-3,750		6,146	-3,727	2,419	-6,942	22,322
Surplus / (Deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts	11,862	12,586	-320	-4,000	0	8,266	-3,727	4,539	-8,047	27,385

Wagga Wagga City Council Notes:

- The net operating result for the 2024/25 actuals and 2025/26 budgets is a surplus due to this amount including capital grants (as per the special purpose statement format from the financial statements)
- The significant variance for Capital grants in Quarter 2 and the 'Recommended changes' column relates to the reset of project budgets and funding into future years
- All recommended budget changes for the March 2026 quarter have already been resolved by Council via the monthly financial performance reports and any other reports adopted in the last 9 months of Council that included a budget variation
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Capital Budget Review Statement

Wagga Wagga City Council

Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026

Description	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommended changes	Projected Year End (PYE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE	
	2024/25 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	Q 1 \$000's	Q 2 \$000's	Q 3 \$000's	\$000's	\$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's	2025/26 \$000's
CAPITAL FUNDING										
Rates & other untied funding	15,587	14,789	-37	91		14,843	17	14,860	71	0
Capital Grants & Contributions	46,031	55,260	8,476	-20,872		42,864	-8,599	34,265	-20,995	89,650
Reserves - External Restrictions	-152	17,407	12,527	-12,419		17,515	-457	17,058	-349	0
Reserves - Internally Allocated	16,729	15,428	6,682	-6,737		15,373	446	15,819	391	0
New Loans	0	8,937	1,066	-5,579		4,424	-1,585	2,839	-6,098	0
Proceeds from sale of assets	0	1,427	2,281	0		3,708	0	3,708	2,281	1,214
Other	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Funding	78,195	113,248	30,995	-45,516	0	98,727	-10,178	88,549	-24,699	90,864
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE										
WIP	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
New Assets	34,478	43,198	13,714	-4,983		51,929	166	52,095	8,897	25,492
Asset Renewal	43,717	70,050	17,281	-40,533		46,798	-10,344	36,454	-33,596	16,297
Other	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Expenditure	78,195	113,248	30,995	-45,516	0	98,727	-10,178	88,549	-24,699	41,789
Net Capital Funding - Surplus /(Deficit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,075

Notes

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Where the Total Capital Funding and the Total Capital Expenditure values do not match an explanation is to be provided.

Carry over funding from previous year should be identified and any proposed carry forwards into next financial year are to be explained.

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Wagga Wagga City Council Notes:

- The 2024/25 Carry Over budgets have been included in the Q1 Approved changes
- The significant variance for Capital grants in Quarter 2 and the 'Recommended changes' column relates to the reset of project budgets and funding into future years
- All recommended budget changes for the March 2026 quarter have already been resolved by Council via the monthly financial performance reports and any other reports adopted in the last 9 months of Council that included a budget variation
- Any impact as a result of the recommended budget changes have been addressed previously in the individual adopted Council reports
- The significant surplus result reported for the 2025/26 actuals is due to the capital grants that were carried over from 2024/25 (relating to the grant funding received for the Southern and Northern Growth projects) with minimal expenditure incurred to date for these projects
- The Works in Progress (WIP) Capital Expenditure figure is zero as these amounts are incorporated in the 'New Assets' and 'Asset Renewal' categories

Cash and Investments Budget Review Statement										
Wagga Wagga City Council										
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026										
Description	Previous Year	Current Year Original	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Approved Changes	Revised	Recommended changes	Projected Year End (PYE)	VARIANCE	ACTUAL YTD
	Actual	Budget	Review	Review	Review	Budget	for council resolution	Result	ORIGINAL budget v PYE	
	2024/25 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	Q 1 \$'000's	Q 2 \$'000's	Q 3 \$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's	2025/26 \$'000's
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Inves	309,087	-12,551	-25,673	10,937		-27,287	-243	-27,530	-14,979	0
EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED										
Water Fund	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Sewer Fund	61,473	299	-5,202	1,310		-3,593	4,159	566	267	0
Developer contributions - General	45,514	590	-2,062	1,908		436	-1,750	-1,314	-1,904	0
Developer contributions - Water	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Developer contributions - Sewer	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Transport for NSW Contributions	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Domestic waste management	35,184	-2,571	-7,095	4,988		-4,678	-2,152	-6,830	-4,259	0
Stormwater management	5,711	-2,343	-1,144	2,902		-585	200	-385	1,958	0
Other	70,959	0	0	-50		-50	0	-50	-50	0
Total Externally Restricted	218,841	-4,025	-15,503	11,058	0	-8,470	457	-8,013	-3,988	0
Cash, cash equivalents & investments not subject to external restrictions	90,246	-8,526	-10,170	-121	0	-18,817	-700	-19,517	-10,991	0
INTERNAL ALLOCATIONS										
Employee entitlements	3,987	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Civil Infrastructure Reserve	13,478	-2,581	-273	-456		-3,310	0	-3,310	-729	0
Internal Loans Reserve	9,201	-1,441	-528	1,241		-728	0	-728	713	0
Plant Replacement Reserve	7,235	-32	-3,924	31		-3,925	-212	-4,137	-4,105	0
Livestock Marketing Reserve	8,155	-3,181	-959	4,309		169	-80	89	3,270	0
Airport Reserve	0	247	728	0		975	0	975	728	0
Other	33,746	-1,538	-5,214	-5,246		-11,998	-408	-12,406	-10,868	0
Total Internally Allocated	75,802	-8,526	-10,170	-121	0	-18,817	-700	-19,517	-10,991	0
Unallocated	14,444	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wagga Wagga City Council Notes:

- All recommended budget changes for the March 2026 quarter have already been resolved by Council via the monthly financial performance reports and any other reports adopted in the last 9 months of Council that included a budget variation
- There are no actuals recorded for 2025/26 as these amounts are calculated at the end of the financial year based on the expenditure incurred for projects/programs that are funded from External Restrictions and Internal Reserve allocations. The budget is adjusted if required and reported to Council on a monthly basis for each restriction/allocation which shows this proposed balance for each of these reserves throughout the financial year.

External Restrictions - must be used for a specific purpose and not to be used for general operations. The funds are bound by legislation or third party agreement that restricts their use.

Internal Allocations - Council have allocated by resolution or policy to identified programs of work and any forward plans identified by Council. These allocations are at the discretion of Council.

Developer Contributions Summary																						
Wagga Wagga City Council																						
Budget review for the quarter ended 31/03/2026																						
Purpose	Opening Balance As at 1 July 2025 \$000's	Developer Contributions Received									Interest Earned Q1 \$000's	Interest Earned Q2 \$000's	Interest Earned Q3 \$000's	Monetary Amounts Expended Q1 \$000's	Monetary Amounts Expended Q2 \$000's	Monetary Amounts Expended Q3 \$000's	Internal Borrowings (to)/from Q1 \$000's	Internal Borrowings (to)/from Q2 \$000's	Internal Borrowings (to)/from Q3 \$000's	Held as Restricted Asset As at this Q \$000's	Cumulative balance of internal borrowings (to)/from As at this Q \$000's	
		Cash Q1 \$000's	Cash Q2 \$000's	Cash Q3 \$000's	Non-Cash Land Q1 \$000's	Non-Cash Land Q2 \$000's	Non-Cash Land Q3 \$000's	Non-Cash Other Q1 \$000's	Non-Cash Other Q2 \$000's	Non-Cash Other Q3 \$000's												
Drainage	101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0
Roads	19,051	835	237	504	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,631	0
Traffic facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open space	11,276	255	75	166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,776	0
Community facilities	776	226	74	210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,286	0
Other	3,052	297	96	267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,712	0
Total S7.11 Under plans	34,256	1,621	482	1,147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,506	0
S7.11 Not under plans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S7.12 Levies	1,250	243	227	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,822	0
S7.4 Planning agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S64 Contributions	10,009	972	472	409	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,862	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Developer Contributions	45,515	2,836	1,181	1,658	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51,190	0

Notes

All developer contributions received are to be disclosed, and distinguished as cash or non cash. Recognition occurs when council gains control over the asset (cash or non cash). Councils have obligations to provide facilities from contribution revenue levied on developers under the provisions of s7.4, s7.11 and s7.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Developer contributions may only be expended for the purpose for which the contributions were required, however council may apply contributions according to the priorities established in work schedules for the contribution. "Monetary Amounts Expended" should only include monetary expenditure. Enter positive value when expended. The amounts recorded under "Non-cash Land" and "Non-cash Other" are not included in "Monetary Amounts Expended".

Wagga Wagga City Council Notes:

- There are no actuals recorded for 2025/26 as these amounts are calculated at the end of the financial year based on the interest received and the expenditure incurred for projects/programs that are funded from Developer Contributions
- The budget is revised and adjusted if required and reported to Council on a monthly basis which shows the proposed balance for Developer Contributions throughout the financial year, with these net movements included in the Cash & Investments table

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN ONE-OFF CAPITAL PROJECTS - 2025/26 - 2034/35 AS AT 30 APRIL 2026													
				49,773,480	110,617,071	24,503,856	21,542,529	97,758,614	33,370,527	15,000,059	5,161,623	4,933,184	2,034,544
Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
1	24377	12 Blake St Works In Kind Agreement	S7.12		171,785								
2	24965	36-40 Gurwood Street Capital Improvements	Buildings Reserve		469,229								
3	24721	Active Travel Pathway - Plumpton Road	Grant (Transport for NSW)		4,892,415								
4	25091	Active Travel Plan - Cassidy's Bridge Diversion	Contribution (Martinus Rail)	202,700									
5	18812	Active Travel Plan - Stage 1 - TT26	Grant (Crown Finance Restart) \$549,693 + S7.11 \$1,488,929+ Parks & Recreation Reserve \$1,199,898 + Stormwater Levy Reserve \$755,301	3,993,821									
6	23935	Active Travel Plan - Stage 3 - Koorinal Road Link	Grant (Get Active NSW)	1,258,638									
7	47288	Airport - Bays 1-3 Upgrade	External Borrowings (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from Airport Reserve)						500,000				
8	47328	Airport - Light Aircraft Precinct Required Works	Airport Reserve						56,877				
9	47192	Airport - Redevelop terminal - Internal Baggage Claim and Retail Section	Grant (TBC) \$8,523,197 + Airport Reserve \$27,763						8,550,960				
10	47335	Airport - Remedial Works	Airport Reserve	43,660									
11	47283	Airport - Runway Lighting Upgrade	External Borrowings \$1,583,518 (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from Airport Reserve) + Airport Reserve \$3,988,982						5,572,500				
12	47323	Airport Ancillary Land Acquisition	Internal Loans Reserve (payback from Airport Reserve)						303,712				
13	24939	Alan Turner Depot Emulsion Tank Safety Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	67,000									
14	24938	Alan Turner Depot Main Office Amenities Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	77,000									
15	24936	Alan Turner Depot Main Office Kitchen & Lunchroom Refurbishment	Plant Replacement Reserve	21,000									

Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
16	24937	Alan Turner Depot Stores Amenities Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	47,000									
17	24461	Alan Turner Depot Stores Upgrade	Plant Replacement Reserve	154,944									
18	22138	Alan Turner Depot Washbay Waste/Oil Separator & Pit	Plant Replacement Reserve	22,769									
19	22222	Alan Turner Depot Worker on Foot Upgrade	Civil Infrastructure Reserve					305,335					
20	15082	Amundsen Bridge Construction - TT6	\$7.11			1,114,547							
21	23074	Art Gallery Cabinetry Work	Buildings Reserve \$24,285 + Grant (Responsible Gambling) \$20,880	45,165									
22	17760	Bolton Park Precinct Upgrade - ROS15	External Borrowings \$1,496,581 (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from GPR) + \$7.11 \$4,118,117 + Grant (TBC) \$25,902,307					9,912,756	10,000,000	11,604,249			
23	19628	Boorooma St Upgrade - TT28	\$7.11			200,000		4,202,816					
24	15083	Boorooma Street Slip Lane into Boorooma West - (2006-19 Plan)	\$7.11			289,341							
25	24961	Botanic Gardens Museum Site Collection Store Asset Renewal	GPR \$36,537 + Net Zero Emissions Reserve \$36,537			73,074							
26	22825	Bus Shelter Installations (CPTIGS - Fernleigh Rd x 2, Fay Ave)	Grant (Transport for NSW - CPTIGS)	2,354									
27	24463	Bus Shelter Installation (CPTIGS - Estella)	Grant (Transport for NSW - CPTIGS)	38,158									
28	23103	Chapel Refurbishment	Cemetery Reserve	57,475									
29	24934	Civic Centre Roof Gutter Renewal	Buildings Reserve	60,000									
30	24427	Civic Centre Safety Lights	Buildings Reserve	151,925									
31	24432	Civic Theatre - Orchestra Pit Upgrade	Buildings Reserve		277,898								
32	24962	Civic Theatre Superstructure Remediation Works	Buildings Reserve		250,000								
33	17749	Community Amenities - Gissing Oval	GPR \$232,864 + Grant (NSW Government Office of Sport) \$453,861 + Buildings Reserve \$345,881	1,032,607									

Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
34	38639	Copland St Industrial Area - Stormwater Drainage Upgrade	Old S94 \$85,262 + Contribution \$92,358 + Stormwater DSP S64 \$481,369	107,040	551,949								
35	24439	Currawarna Community Centre Roof Replacement	Buildings Reserve	4,263									
36	19647	Estella New Local Park (west Rainbow Drive) Embellishment - ROS1 + LA1 (Land Acquisition)	S7.11		1,363,837	1,363,838							
37	22330	Estella Road Upgrade	Grant (TBC)					700,000					
38	24440	Eternal Flame & Honour Roll Memorial	Grant (Office of Veteran Affairs)	115,909									
39	24456	Equex Filter Replacement	GPR	40,828									
40	22232	Farrer Road Upgrade - TT4	S7.11								3,481,529	700,000	
41	19617	Footpaths - Ashmont & Glenfield - TT16	S7.11 \$430,691 + Grant (TBC) \$1,841,950									2,272,641	
42	19618	Footpaths - Boorooma, Estella & Gobbagombalin - TT17	S7.11 \$155,319 + Grant (TBC) \$1,146,999					1,302,318					
43	19619	Footpaths - Bourkelands & Lloyd - TT18	S7.11 \$352,763 + Grant (TBC) \$1,738,250						2,091,013				
44	19620	Footpaths - Central & North Wagga - TT19	S7.11 \$36,304 + Grant (TBC) \$329,180						365,484				
45	19621	Footpaths - East Wagga - TT20	S7.11 \$61,350 + Grant (TBC) \$347,650									409,000	
46	19622	Footpaths - Forest Hill - TT21	S7.11 \$88,725 + Grant (TBC) \$936,160								1,024,885		
47	19623	Footpaths - Koorungal - TT22	S7.11 \$22,835 + Grant (TBC) \$587,374								610,209		
48	19624	Footpaths - Lake Albert & Tatton - TT23	S7.11 \$129,050 + Grant (TBC) \$1,297,950									1,427,000	
49	19625	Footpaths - Mount Austin, Tolland & Turvey Park - TT24	S7.11 \$232,210 + Grant (TBC) \$1,234,135						1,466,345				
50	19678	Forest Hill Upgrade Local Park - ROS16	S7.11					216,200					
51	19662	Geohex Park - Establish 2nd Rugby League Field - ROS6	S7.11		939,550								
52	24430	Glass Gallery Toilet	Buildings Reserve		137,099								

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53	12922	Glenfield Road Corridor Works - TT1	S7.11 \$9,906,055 + External Borrowings \$9,220,794 (Future year repayments funded from S7.11)		88,681			19,038,168					
54	18738	Glenfield Road Drain Remediation	Stormwater DSP s64 \$993,792 + Stormwater Levy \$420,047					1,413,839					
55	19649	Gobbagombalin - 2 Local Parks ROS3 + LA3 (Land Acquisition)	S7.11			308,859							
56	19604	Gregadoo Road Corridor Works - TT7	S7.11 \$1,700,165 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$719,610 + External Borrowings \$1,537,325 (Future year repayments funded from S7.11)		2,412,650	765,100	772,225						
57	70195	GWMC - Cell Extension	Solid Waste Reserve	874,964									
58	70164	GWMC - Construction of a new Waste Cell	Solid Waste Reserve	200,000	3,075,196								
59	70041	GWMC - Construction of a new Waste Cell	Solid Waste Reserve				6,352,942						
60	70147	GWMC - Domestic Precinct (Transfer Station, Office Relocation, Roadworks)	Solid Waste Reserve	200,000			7,302,199						
61	70135	GWMC - Flare Upgrade & Gas Capture Network Expansion & Gas Powered Evaporator	Solid Waste Reserve	400,000				2,349,164					
62	70178	GWMC - Construction of a new Monocell	Solid Waste Reserve	200,000	3,423,697				2,600,000				
63	70197	GWMC - Land Acquisition	Solid Waste Reserve (To be paid back from the Transgrid Community Project Initiative Funding)	3,632,445									
64	70101	GWMC - Road Rehabilitation	Solid Waste Reserve	801,373									
65	70168	GWMC Plant Shed	Solid Waste Reserve	2,326,750									
66	70200	GWMC Purchase of Polystyrene Machine	Grant (NSW EPA) \$82,105 + Solid Waste Reserve \$40,000	122,105									
67	70203	GWMC Tower Installation	Solid Waste Reserve				200,000						
68	70169	GWMC Waste to Energy (Solution)	Solid Waste Reserve					5,000,000					
69	24348	Harris Park Amenities Upgrade	Grant (NSW Office of Sport) \$955,000 + GPR \$318,790 + Contribution (Wagga Rugby League) \$30,000	1,303,790									

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70	24426	Historic Council Chambers Building Upgrades	Buildings Reserve	123,146									
71	24991	Humula Bridge Replacement	Grant (Department Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts) \$2,021,880 + Bridge Replacement Reserve \$505,470	202,188	909,846	909,846	505,470						
72	24741	Jim Elphick Aluminium Seating	Contribution (Wagga Wagga Tennis Association)	78,565									
73	19669	Jubilee Oval - Community Meeting Space - ROS14	S7.11					384,750					
74	12941	Jubilee Oval to Red Hill Rd - Wagga West DSP Area - Implement Stormwater Drainage Improvements	Stormwater DSP S64			295,946							
75	24933	Jubilee Park Amenities Security Upgrade	Buildings Reserve	35,000									
76	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								
77	22317	Lake Albert Water Sports and Event Precinct	Lake Albert Reserve \$672,807 + Grant Co-Funding Reserve \$133,076 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$3,465,964 + Grant (Australian Government's Growing Regions Program) \$4,271,847	4,274,607	4,269,087								
78	24824	Land Acquisition - Part Lot B DP 152366 - Part 82 Forsyth Street, Wagga Wagga	Civil Infrastructure Reserve	161,780									
79	14048	Lawn Cemetery & Crematorium Office Refurbishment	Cemetery Reserve		500,000								
80	21273	Lawn Cemetery Master Plan Stage 2A Works - New burial area, outdoor chapel and water feature	External Borrowings (Future Years Loan Repayments funded from Cemetery Reserve)	100,000	578,601								
81	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)	50,000	749,774			3,704,016					

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82	45131	LMC - Cattle Delivery Yard Rehabilitation	LMC Reserve	9,458									
83	45089	LMC - CCTV & security (partial)	LMC Reserve					41,734					
84	45121	LMC - Clean, fill and landscape all new works areas	LMC Reserve	30,000	53,825								
85	45138	LMC - Hardstand	LMC Reserve					2,250,000					
86	45096	LMC - New circulating road (partial)	LMC Reserve	500,000				2,229,010					
87	45141	LMC - Pump Replacement	LMC Reserve	40,000									
88	45133	LMC - Realign Sheep and Cattle Draft Ramps	LMC Reserve	855,296									
89	45125	LMC - Refurbish agents offices and canteen	LMC Reserve	55,110				350,000					
90	45124	LMC - Replace existing cattle/sheep delivery ramps	LMC Reserve					1,300,000					
91	45126	LMC - Road Train facilities	LMC Reserve							1,800,000			
92	45128	LMC - Sheep & Goat Electronic (EID) System Feasibility Study	LMC Reserve	140,757									
93	45049	LMC - Treatment of Re-use Water	LMC Reserve					353,912					
94	22379	Local Government Recovery Grant	Grant (NSW Government) \$187,609 + GPR \$20,832	208,440									
95	24446	Mates Gully Road Upgrade	Contribution (Transgrid)	3,769,137									
96	21797	MPS Sports Court Recoat	GPR			40,000							
97	23961	Museum Rectification Works	Buildings Reserve	14,693									
98	24932	Netball Clubhouse Security Upgrade	Buildings Reserve	35,000									
99	50447	Northern Growth Area - Sewer Upgrades	Grant (Accelerated Infrastructure Fund - AIF) \$20,850,562 + Sewer Reserve \$6,950,186	985,485	26,815,263								

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100	18796	Northern Sporting Precinct - Sports grounds and play equipment - ROS11 + LA4 (Land Acquisition)	External Borrowings \$263,336 (Future Years Loan Repayments less 50% LCLU Subsidy funded from S7.11 + Building Reserve + GPR) + S7.11 \$5,258,854		50,000	213,336		5,258,854					
101	17866	North Wagga Levee Stage 2 (Detailed Design & Floodgate Relining)	Grant (Community Development Grants Programme - CDG0789 - Department of Infrastructure) \$825,716	825,716									
102	24923	North Wagga Levee Upgrade (Construction)	Grant (NSW Reconstruction Authority) \$9,100,775 + SRV Reserve \$6,230,711 + External Borrowings \$2,870,064	328,235	3,572,134	4,181,904	4,188,303	5,930,974					
103	28174	Oasis - 25m & Program Pool Covers & Rollers Replacement	GPR			70,000							
104	28183	Oasis - 25m, Program & Leisure Pool Expansion Joints Replacement	GPR					125,000					
105	28190	Oasis - 25m Pool Dive Starting Blocks	GPR						48,000				
106	28150	Oasis - 25m Pool Lane Ropes & Lane Storage Rollers Replacement	GPR	34,441									
107	28181	Oasis - 50m Pool & Grandstand Concourse Resurfacing	GPR			175,000							
108	28154	Oasis - 50m & Dive Pool Bulkhead Tiles Upgrade	GPR	40,025									
109	28153	Oasis - 50m & Dive Pool Expansion Joints Replacement	GPR		79,790								
110	28147	Oasis - 50m Pool Covers & Rollers Replacement	GPR							85,992			
111	28177	Oasis - 50m Pool Dive Starting Blocks	GPR			42,000							
112	28172	Oasis - 50m Pool Lane Ropes & Lane Storage Rollers Replacement	GPR				85,000						
113	28179	Oasis - 50m Pool Shade covers deep end of pool	GPR		290,000								
114	28185	Oasis - 50m Pool Shade covers western side	Oasis Reserve					390,000					
115	28072	Oasis - Automatic Pool Cleaners	Oasis Reserve					60,000					
116	20840	Oasis - BBQ's	Oasis Reserve						70,000				
117	28158	Oasis - Change Rooms Upgrade	GPR	353,500									

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118	28148	Oasis - Dive Pool Covers & Rollers Replacement	Oasis Reserve							45,000			
119	28076	Oasis - Diving Board Replacements	GPR							85,000			
120	28173	Oasis - Disable/ Mixed Access Equipment / Steps - Wheel Chairs - Hoist & Extras	GPR			71,003							
121	28198	Oasis Energy Efficiency Upgrade (CEUF)	GPR \$2,878,600 + Oasis Reserve \$729,121 + S7.11 Recoupment \$828,805 + NZE Reserve \$391,772 + Grant \$2,500,000 (CEUF) + Internal Loans Reserve \$358,095 (GPR Future Year Loan Repayments) + Internal Loans Reserve \$663,540 (Oasis Reserve Future Year Loan Repayments)	1,224,933	3,000,000	4,125,000							
122	28195	Oasis - Sand Filters	GPR									79,543	
123	16393	Oasis - Floor Carpet - Entrance Pool Hall, Offices Stairs & Meeting Room	Oasis Reserve						64,000				
124	28182	Oasis - Irrigation/ Sprinkler System to Mixed Areas	Oasis Reserve			85,000							
125	28188	Oasis -Mixed Air Conditioning	GPR							125,000			
126	15143	Oasis - Point of Sale System & Entry Gates	GPR		115,000								
127	28184	Oasis - Pool Balance Tanks Service	GPR						105,000				
128	28149	Oasis - Pool Cover Winch Replacement	GPR							35,150			
129	28139	Oasis - Pool Deck Grating Replacement	Oasis Reserve	31,005									
130	28156	Oasis - Pool Hall Skylights Repair & Replacement	Oasis Reserve	233,534									
131	28176	Oasis - Public Address System Repair & Replacement	Oasis Reserve					85,000					
132	28157	Oasis - Security Lockers Replacement	Oasis Reserve	30,300									
133	28151	Oasis - Two Pool Inflatables Replacement	Oasis Reserve \$28,280 + GPR \$100,000	28,280					100,000				
134	28180	Oasis - Water Drinking Fountains	GPR					30,000					

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135	28145	Oasis - Water Features Project	Grant (TBC) \$834,085 + Oasis \$7.11 Recoupment \$854,173			199,135	1,489,022						
136	19601	Pine Gully Road Corridor Works - TT2	\$7.11 \$5,408,909 + GPR \$625,000	1,902,139				4,131,771					
137	24983	Playhouse Capital Works	Building Reserve	208,753	153,250	144,750	116,250	81,250					
138	24256	Pomingalarna Shed Construction	Parks & Recreation Reserve	10,669									
139	18792	Public Art - River Life	Public Art Reserve	106,695									
140	17075	Public Art Projects	Public Art Reserve		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
141	19667	Rawlings Park North - Construct a synthetic soccer facility - ROS12	\$7.11 \$699,125+ Grant (TBC) \$3,177,112	9,125				3,867,112					
142	19627	Red Hill Rd/Dalman Parkway Intersection Treatment - TT27	\$7.11	1,876,142									
143	19681	Red Hill Road Upgrade - TT3	External Borrowings \$31,596 (Future Years Loan Repayments less 50% LCL) Subsidy funded from \$7.11) + \$7.11 \$4,539,227			109,813		2,134,706	1,151,636	1,174,668			
144	24381	Riverside Fencing Project	Grant (NSW Government LSCA Program) \$7,313 + GPR \$6,120	13,433									
145	24942	Senior Citizens Centre Upgrade	GPR	16,500									
146	50224	Sewer Ashmont SPS (Lloyd to Ashmont Gravity Main Upgrade)	Sewer Reserve	200,000	2,916,614								
147	50439	Sewer Augmentation & Upgrade Forest Hill	Sewer Reserve					10,000,000					
148	50199	Sewer - Elizabeth Avenue Forest Hill SPS22 - New Assets	Sewer Reserve										1,204,724
149	50060	Sewer - Forsyth St Pump Station - SPS02 - Renewals - Refurbishment of current wells	Sewer Reserve										784,820
150	50384	Sewer - Install Flowmeters	Sewer Reserve	73,976									

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151	50221	Sewer - Narrung St Treatment Plant Flood Protection Infrastructure	Sewer Reserve	627,193									
152	50245	Sewer - Olympic Highway - SPS13 New Assets	Sewer Reserve	8,838	874,822								
153	50274	Sewer - Pump Station - SPS06 Shaw Street - Renewals	Sewer Reserve						280,000				
154	50261	Sewer - Springvale Pump Station - SPS36 - New Assets - New pump station	Sewer Reserve					596,138					
155	50441	Sewer Telemetry Hardware Upgrades	Sewer Reserve	944,836									
156	50440	Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade Koorinal	Sewer Reserve	250,000									
157	50438	Sewer Treatment Ponds Augmentation Collingullie	Sewer Reserve	200,000	800,000								
158	50291	Sewer - Uranquinty Pump Station - SPS31 - Renewals	Sewer Reserve		520,000								
159	50277	Sewer - Wiradjuri Sewer Pump Station - SPS10 Renewal	Sewer Reserve					88,518					
160	50266	Sewer Treatment Works - Forest Hill Plant - New Assets	External Borrowings \$21,683 (Future Years Loan Repayments less 50% LCU subsidy funded from Sewer Reserve) + Sewer Reserve \$2,305,184					2,326,867					
161	50444	Sewer Treatment Works - Narrung Street - Plant Shed Construction	Sewer Reserve	9,076									
162	19609	Shared path - Boorooma to Estella & Gobba - TT9	\$7.11 \$60,044 + Grant (TBC) \$1,309,850					1,369,894					
163	19610	Shared path - Bourkelands to Lloyd - TT10	Grant (TBC)					56,950					
164	19612	Shared path - CBD to Forest Hill - TT12	Grant (TBC)					990,250					
165	19613	Shared path - Forest Hill - TT13	Grant (TBC)					727,600					
166	24871	Soil Bay Construction	Parks & Recreation Reserve	25,000									

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167	23126	Southern Growth Area - Plumpton Road North	Grant (Accelerated Infrastructure Fund - AIF) \$2,553,217 + (NSW Treasury Restart) \$21,712,446 + External Borrowings \$8,300,122	4,702,389	23,804,660	4,058,736							
168	23127	Southern Growth Area - Plumpton Road South	Grant (Accelerated Infrastructure Fund - AIF) \$24,267,690 + External Borrowings \$8,223,428	4,797,851	21,936,440	5,622,629							
169	50418	Southern Growth Area Sewer Augmentation	Grant (Dept Planning & Environment)	330,289									
170	20799	Stores - Barcoding System/ Shelving	Plant Replacement Reserve		30,979								
171	13673	Stormwater - Day, Higgins, Tarcutta St - Wagga West DSP Area Drainage Upgrade	Stormwater DSP s64 \$308,458 + Stormwater Drainage Reserve \$20,000				328,458						
172	12758	Stormwater - Kincaid St end to Flowerdale pumping station drainage - Wagga West DSP Area	Stormwater DSP S64 \$782,980 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$27,955					810,935					
173	13674	Stormwater - Lloyd Contour Ridge approx 5 km - Wagga West DSP Area Drainage Upgrade	Stormwater DSP s64 \$148,060 + Stormwater Drainage Reserve \$9,600				157,660						
174	17742	Stormwater - Murray St Project	Stormwater Levy					3,102,121					
175	12916	Stormwater - Tarcoola Drainage Extension	Stormwater DSP s64					495,657					
176	18524	Stormwater - Tarcutta Drainage Upgrade & Supplementary Levee	Contribution (Transport for NSW)	386,817									
177	22157	Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 Grant	Grant (NSW Stronger Country Communities Round 5)	266,404									
178	24425	Top Dressing Machine Purchase	Internal Loans Reserve (Payback from External Plant Hire over 5 years)		80,000								
179	20846	Venue Technical Events Kit	GPR	8,000									
180	24445	Visitor Information Centre - Commercial Fridge Purchase	Visitor Information Centre Reserve	10,000									
181	24870	Washout Bay Construction	Sewer Reserve \$75,000 + GPR \$75,000	150,000									
182	24964	Weed Hygiene Stations	GPR		18,000								

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183	21777	Wiradjuri Walking Track Upgrade	Grant (Crown Reserve Improvement Fund)	235,043									
		TOTAL LTFP CAPITAL PROGRAM		49,773,480	110,617,071	24,503,856	21,542,529	97,758,614	33,370,527	15,000,059	5,161,623	4,933,184	2,034,544

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN RECURRENT CAPITAL PROJECTS - 2025/26 - 2034/35 AS AT 30 APRIL 2026

Summary				38,403,602	27,502,948	30,319,375	31,104,969	30,121,019	28,825,533	28,383,896	30,800,636	31,918,873	35,484,522
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1	19504	Art Gallery - Acquire pieces for the Australian Print Collection	GPR	10,362	10,776	11,207	11,638	12,143	12,670	13,219	13,748	14,298	14,870
2	19505	Art Gallery - Acquire pieces for the National Art Glass Collection	GPR	25,904	26,940	28,018	29,096	30,359	31,677	33,053	34,375	35,750	37,180
3	12498	Bus Shelters Upgrade (existing)	GPR	39,720		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000	
4	19503	Civic Theatre - Backstage Equipment Upgrade	GPR	14,802	15,394	16,010	16,626	17,291	17,983	18,703	19,451	21,007	21,847
5	17986	Community Amenities - Apex Park	GPR			30,000	242,031						
6	16459	Community Amenities - Forest Hill Oval	GPR \$201,446 + Buildings Reserve \$23,641	225,087									
7	24404	Community Amenities - Forest Hill Community Hall	GPR	13,650						312,903			
8	17748	Community Amenities - Jubilee/Connolly Park	GPR	248,858									
9	19484	Community Amenities - McPherson Oval	GPR				30,000	250,192					
10	17985	Community Amenities - Tarcutta Public Convenience	GPR		30,000	234,332							
11	17039	Community Amenities - TBC	GPR								338,204	351,732	365,801
12	16583	Corporate Hardware Purchases	GPR	1,206,872	548,000	743,000	283,000	428,000	283,000	778,000	450,000	450,000	450,000
13	15230	Culverts - Renew and Replace	GPR	788,094	819,119	849,884	880,649	913,875	948,430	984,367	1,021,742	1,060,612	1,100,915
14	32514	Footpath Renewals	GPR + Internal Loans Reserve + Civil Infrastructure Reserve (for Future Years)	200,000	208,000	216,320	224,973	233,972	243,331	253,064	263,186	273,714	284,662
15	24218	Gravel Resheets	GPR	2,067,981	2,154,476	2,240,655	2,326,834	2,419,907	2,516,703	2,617,371	2,722,066	2,830,949	2,944,187
16	16531	Heavy Patching Program	GPR	1,179,312	1,176,493	1,222,697	1,268,901	1,319,657	1,372,443	1,427,341	1,484,435	1,543,812	1,605,564

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17	22107	Horticulture Upgrades & Renewals	Parks & Recreation Reserve \$44,000 2025/26 + Remaining & Future Years \$50,000 GPR	94,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
18	39868	Kerb and Gutter Replacement	GPR	0	628,622	653,767	678,912	706,068	734,310	763,682	794,229	825,998	859,038
19	23110	Library Acquisitions	GPR	349,153	358,043	365,540	373,186	380,986	388,942	397,057	405,335	414,667	422,960
20	24343	Open Space Upgrades & Renewals	Parks & Recreation Reserve 2025/26 + GPR Future Years	20,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
21	20959	Parks Smart Irrigation	Internal Loans Reserve (Water savings payback - 2 Year Loan Repayments)	25,000	25,000								
22	16532	Pavement Rehabilitation Program	25/26 Grant (Roads to recovery - R2R) \$4,469,757 + Grant (Regional Roads Block) \$656,242 + GPR \$3,283,579 + Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$102,344 + Solid Waste Reserve \$192,000 + 2026/27 ongoing (R2R 3% + Block 2% each year + GPR Balance)	8,703,923	6,121,448	8,342,971	7,627,363	5,782,147	6,004,564	6,235,613	6,475,628	6,686,809	6,887,414
23	39042	Pedestrian Access and Mobility Program (PAMP)	GPR	94,142	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000
24	21900	Plant and Equipment Replacement	Plant Reserve	9,392,915	5,837,539	5,960,000	5,981,500	7,692,000	6,069,000	4,130,500	5,805,500	5,989,500	8,838,500
25	12231	Playground Equipment Renewal	GPR + Grant (TBC) - varies each year	423,880	536,000	387,000	1,406,000	574,000	631,000	500,000	880,000	696,000	696,000
26	21930	Playground Shade Sail Installation	Grant (TBC)	71,328	71,328	71,328							
27	21926	Public Art - Creative Light Spaces	Public Art Reserve	76,154									
28	21924	Public Art - Neighbourhood Engagement	Public Art Reserve	20,000									
29	21925	Public Art - Suburbs & Villages	Public Art Reserve	27,737									
30	70209	Purchase 216 Ashfords Road Gregadoo	Solid Waste Reserve	1,325,000									

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31	21091	Recreational Assets Renewal	GPR	380,848	396,082	411,925	427,769	444,878	462,672	481,178	500,425	520,442	541,260
32	23816	Regional Roads Repair Block Grant - project TBA (\$240K reallocated to Pavement Rehab in 2025/26)	2025/26 to 2026/27 GPR + 2027/28 and onwards Grant (TfNSW - Repair Block)	110,000	350,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
33	15883	Regional Roads Supplementary Block Grant - project TBA (\$94K reallocated to Reseal Program in 2025/26)	Grant (TfNSW - Block Grant Supp)	104,830	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000	199,000
34	16529	Reseal program (renewal)	25/26 Civil Infrastructure Reserve \$1,072,851 + 25/26 ongoing (RMS Block \$386,047 incrementing 3% each year + GPR balance)	4,002,531	2,960,301	3,078,713	3,197,125	3,325,011	3,458,011	3,596,331	3,740,184	3,889,791	4,045,382
35	21671	Sale of Bomen Land	Land Sales	38,117									
36	51390	Sewer Joint Connections Elimination	Sewer Reserve	56,325	57,169	58,027	58,885	59,768	60,665	61,575	62,498	64,061	65,022
37	50018	Sewer Mains Rehabilitation Program	Sewer Reserve	3,293,394	1,740,437	1,792,650	1,844,863	1,900,208	1,957,213	2,015,929	2,076,407	2,138,699	2,202,860
38	50445	Sewer Manhole Relining	Sewer Reserve	900,541	926,409	953,036	980,444	1,008,656	1,037,697	1,067,590	1,098,362	1,130,889	1,162,554
39	50024	Sewer Plant & Pumps Replacement and Renewal	Sewer Reserve	1,594,201	739,073	422,705	980,293	320,265	264,961	295,590	181,437	472,023	393,499
40	17042	Sportsground Lighting Program - Venue TBC	GPR		250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
41	12786	Street Lighting Improvements Program - Roads and Traffic Facilities (as per schedule)	GPR	173,901	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
42	15181	Traffic Committee - Implement unfunded Resolutions as adopted by Council	GPR	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
43	30044	Urban Asphalt Program	GPR	1,040,041	1,082,297	1,125,589	1,168,881	1,215,636	1,264,261	1,314,831	1,367,424	1,422,121	1,479,006
44	12894	Village Community Priorities - S94A3	S7.12	40,000	18,000	18,000							

Ref	Job No.	Project Title	Funding Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35
		TOTAL LTFP CAPITAL PROGRAM		38,403,602	27,502,948	30,319,375	31,104,969	30,121,019	28,825,533	28,383,896	30,800,636	31,918,873	35,484,522

RP-9 APPROVAL TO PREPARE EXTRACTION LICENCES**Author:** Henry Pavitt

Summary: Council is seeking authority to renew and negotiate quarry access agreements with private landowners to ensure continued supply of cost-effective gravel for road maintenance, amid rising commercial supply costs and increasing pressures on alternative quarry sources.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate with the quarry landowners to prepare extraction licence documentation for formalisation
- b note that the extraction licence document records the terms and conditions upon which Council as the pit Operator has continued rights to conduct the quarry activities on the land and source gravel from site
- c note that the extraction licence document addresses compensation arrangements for gravel royalties and the license fee for hosting the operations

Report

Public Authorities do not have access to private property without the agreement of the landholder. Council operates quarries on private land; therefore, a formal access agreement is required for continued operations.

Infrastructure Services officers, with legal assistance and in collaboration with the property services section, developed an Extraction License Agreement to address Council resolution No – 10/077.3 of March 2010 for the preparation and adoption of an extraction license. The agreement formalised access, set terms and extension conditions and documented operations of the quarry site. However, the role out time for before complete adoption across the land holder network was considerable.

The license clauses relating to operating costs and landowner indemnity was subject to legal review in February 2020. The review resulted in the drafting of a new license to provide greater clarity around operator responsibility for the cost of pit activity.

Council currently operates a network of 11 quarries spread across the Local Government Area. 10 pits are privately owned, with Council paying a royalty to the owner. Another site at Burrandana is under investigation to determine if it can make a viable extractive site.

To allow for continued operations, a license agreement needs to be in place with each of the pit owners. Some of the agreements term plus extensions has expired. See table 1 below.

Council's Civil Operations staff are seeking authorisation from Council to allow for the negotiation of access agreements going forward as license terms expire and/ or land ownership changes. This is not a fast process due to the iterations involved in the negotiation process and the period required for documentation review by both the landholders, their solicitors and Council personnel.

Table 1. Quarry Landowner Extraction licence term details			
Pit		Original Commencement Date	Current Expiry Date (inclusive of extensions)
1	McPherson*	1 May 2024	1 May 2034
9	McKenzie	Closed at LO request March 2025	
23	Haberechts	1 Nov 2010	1 Nov 2030
24	Guttler	1 Jan 2014	1 Jan 2026
33	McCullough	1 Jul 2018	1 Jul 2027
39	Siegert*	1 Jan 2020	1 Jan 2030
47	Cochrane	1 May 2016	1 May 2025
63	Dolstra*	1 Oct 2012	1 Oct 2027
72	Sykes	1 May 2021	1 May 2031
76	Angel	1 Jul 2014	1 Jul 2034
81	Bourne*	1 Jul 2019	1 Jul 2029
* New Land owner (LO) during licence term			

Council operated pits produce a gravel that is suited for use on low volume unsealed roads i.e. fit for purpose. Material is prepared ahead of need and stored on the pit floor until required, usually on works in the pit's local vicinity.

Typically, the pits supply around 40 000 tonnes per year of cost-effective material for the unsealed road maintenance program. Council produced gravel has an average Ex pit price of \$15.88/T which is approximately two thirds of the average contract commercial supply rate (\$23.80). The network of quarries also delivers environmental benefits as material is sourced closer to the job limiting haul distance and truck usage on lower order roads.

Unfortunately, no Council operation is sited on geology that readily produces material that compares well with the Transport for NSW specifications for higher grade road construction material i.e. Densely Graded Base (DGB). However, techniques such as mechanical blending and chemical stabilisation can improve the material engineering properties.

Alternate Sources

The nearest commercial sources are located close to the city, hence distant to the rural road works. The local sources are on similar geology to Council operations and have similar issues to produce the higher specification materials from in situ material. Higher quality commercial sources are typically based in igneous geology. For example, commercial operations are found near the surrounding towns of Holbrook, Culcairn, Albury, Tumbarumba, Cootamundra and Leeton. Locally Burgess

Earthmoving is known to import DGB material from their Tabletop pit to their Kapooka operations.

If commercial sources from the local suppliers were used as an alternative to rural quarries, then haul distances of over 90 plus kilometres one way could be required to service Council road works e.g. Kapooka to the south end of Westbrook Road. This remoteness has significant implication with regards to haulage cost and operational logistics.

The commercial operations are also coming under increasing pressure from resource depletion and / or urban encroachment, with complaints received about operational activities such as dust, noise and heavy vehicle traffic. Closure is underway at Turners pit in Lloyd. The implication is that increased haul distances, hence cost of gravel supply are a future inevitability.

Due to the difficulties faced by the Council quarry operations from both a supply and economic perspective, a review of the mining program of the Infrastructure Directorate and its sources is underway. The outcomes and recommendations of which will be presented to Council later.

Financial Implications

Without quarry extraction licenses in place, Operations would have to source gravel for road maintenance from commercial sources, paying a premium for material and typically additional haulage costs. At present over one third more for material (gravel-supply only) than the current preparation costs from the Council operated quarry.

Policy and Legislation

N/A

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

Enabling infrastructure

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

Denial of access to quarry by landowner.

Unexpected change in geological properties.

Geotechnical stability risks.

Increasing environmental constraints.

Increasing material demand from diminishing supply pool.

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

RP-10 2026 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE**Author:** Nicole Johnson**Executive:** Scott Gray**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for nominated Councillors/delegates to attend and represent Council at the ALGWA National Conference 2026 in Sydney from 20 to 22 August 2026.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a attend the 2026 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Conference to be held Manly 20-22 August 2026
- b appoint nominated Councillors as Council's delegate to the 2026 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Conference

Report

The Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) National Conference will be held from 20 to 22 August 2026 at the Manly Pacific Hotel in Sydney, New South Wales.

The 2026 Conference marks the 75th Anniversary of ALGWA and will be held under the theme "Bold Beginnings, Brighter Future". The conference is being delivered in partnership with Northern Beaches Council and is anticipated to bring together local government representatives, women leaders, policymakers and industry changemakers from across Australia.

The conference provides an opportunity for attendees to participate in discussions relating to leadership, governance, diversity and the future direction of local government. Attendance also provides opportunities for networking, professional development and sharing of best practice initiatives across the sector.

At the time of preparing this report, the detailed conference program has not yet been released.

Financial Implications

The full conference registration cost is \$1,455 per delegate, based on the early bird registration rate closing on 15 June 2026. Additional costs associated with transport, accommodation, gala dinner, conference events and incidentals are estimated at approximately \$1,500 per delegate, bringing the total estimated cost to approximately \$2,955 per delegate.

The conference will be funded from the Councillors' Development, Conferences and Travelling budget, which has a total allocation of \$72,000 for the 2026/27 financial year, equating to an allocation of \$8,000 per Councillor. As the conference falls within the 2026/27 financial year, the full annual allocation remains available to Councillors at this time.

Job Number: 12080 – Councillor Development / Conferences / Travelling.

Policy and Legislation

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

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

Attendance at the conference provides an opportunity to strengthen professional knowledge, support leadership development and maintain engagement with emerging issues and trends relevant to the local government sector.

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

RP-11 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 R Foley

Requested responses on the below twelve (12) questions regarding Wagga Wagga Homeless Emergency Working Group.

- 1. Can the Mayor confirm whether the ministerial funding submission I circulated to all Councillors and executive staff on 4 May 2026 was presented at the ministerial meetings in Sydney on 7 May 2026?**

No – the focus of the meeting with the Premier, Minister Housing and Homelessness, Dr Joe McGirr, Mayor and Council's General Manager on Thursday the 7 May 2026 was in response to the tragic death of a newborn at a homeless encampment in Wagga Wagga and to address the growing number of people sleeping rough at sites across the city including Wilks Park, Oura Reserve and the Murrumbidgee riverbank within the CBD.

- 2. Can the mayor provide a summary of the outcomes and any commitments arising from the meetings with Minister Jackson and Minister Catley on 7 May 2026?**

The outcome of the emergency meeting convened between senior representatives of the New South Wales Government and Wagga Wagga City Council was the establishment of a Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan. This plan is to focus on three primary sites in Wagga Wagga that have been identified as locations with significant homeless encampments including: Wagga Beach area, Wilks Park, and Oura Beach Reserve.

Please note: Minister Catley was not in attendance at this meeting.

- 3. What is the formal name and structure of the emergency working group established following the Premier's announcement, and who has been appointed to chair it?**

Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group, chaired by the Homes NSW at the specific request of the Premier.

4. Who are the members of the working group which agencies, organisations and individuals have been invited to participate and what is the process for additional participants to be included?

Chaired by Homes NSW, the members of this working group include Dr Joe McGirr, representatives from Homes NSW, Police, St Vincent de Paul Society and WWCC. On a needs basis, other agencies will be co-opted by the working group for specific advice/action as required.

5. What are the working groups terms of reference, and what decision-making powers does it hold?

Further details are expected to be released by the Minister Housing and Homelessness on Thursday 21 May 2026.

6. What funded and time bound outcomes is the working group expected to deliver, and over what timeframe?

No additional funding toward this plan has been confirmed as of 18 May 2026. Further details are expected to be released by the Minister Housing and Homelessness on Thursday 21 May 2026.

7. What interim support arrangements are currently in place for people living rough at Wilks Park and along the Murrumbidgee Riverbank this winter?

Current homelessness services available in the city remain in operation there has been no change in operations.

8. What is the current crisis accommodation bed capacity in Wagga Wagga, current demand, and the average wait time for placement?

Council staff have forwarded this question to Homes NSW, the lead agency managing crisis accommodation in the city. When a response to this question has been received this information will be provided to Councillors for their awareness via Councillor SharePoint.

9. When did DCJ cease active outreach to the Wagga Wagga riverbank, what reasons were given, and is there a plan to resume it?

Assertive Outreach Services continue to be delivered across the city; there has been no change to this service.

10. Will the working group be considering transitional accommodation models including prefabricated or temporary housing solutions as part of its deliberations?

No – this is out of scope of the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group. Further details are expected to be released by the Minister Housing and Homelessness on Thursday 21 May 2026.

11. What is the working groups meeting schedule, and will its proceedings and outcomes be reported publicly and to Council?

The working group is currently meeting weekly. The operational outcomes of this meeting will be communicated via Council channels to Councillors and the community.

12. How can community members, service providers and elected councillors engage with or make submissions to the working group?

Please contact Wagga Wagga City Council via email at council@wagga.nsw.gov.au for general inquiries, feedback or submissions.

Councillor R Foley

Will Council commit to actively supporting and fast track any private sector proposals to construct transitional housing in this city regarding the homelessness issue?

Council recognises that homelessness is a significant and growing issue within our community and acknowledges the important role that transitional housing can play in providing shorter term support for people in need.

Council would be supportive of appropriate proposals that seek to deliver transitional housing outcomes. Staff are committed to working constructively with proponents to help facilitate well prepared development applications. This includes providing pre-lodgement advice, guidance on statutory requirements and ensuring applications are as complete as possible to assist in minimising delays during the assessment process.

However, it is important to note that staff must operate within the legislated, merit-based planning framework. All development applications must be assessed on their individual merits against the relevant planning controls. Council cannot commit to prioritising or fast-tracking specific proposals outside of this established process.

Whilst Council supports the intent and need for transitional housing in our community, any proposal will be assessed fairly, transparently, and in accordance with applicable legislative planning requirements.

Councillor M Henderson

Did Council have any involvement in discussions with Transport for NSW regarding the Marshalls Creek Bridge replacement and associated traffic lane arrangements?

Council staff have been engaged in ongoing discussions with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) regarding the replacement of Marshalls Creek Bridge since 2019.

Over this period, Council has provided oversight and feedback on the Traffic Management Plan for the project, however, as the Sturt Highway is a state road managed by TfNSW, the final decision rests with them.

Council's primary concerns have been the temporary redirection of the ATP path under the bridge during construction and minimising the use of Copland Street and Koorringal Road by heavy vehicles as bypass routes.

In addition, around 2021, advocacy was undertaken by a range of local stakeholders, including the former Mayor, seeking consideration of a four-lane outcome along the Sturt Highway corridor between BBQs Galore and Tasman Road as part of the broader bridge and highway upgrade discussions. While these matters were raised with TfNSW, a four-lane arrangement was not ultimately adopted as part of the project scope.

Councillor J McKinnon

Could an update be provided on any progress made to date regarding the Forrest Hill community centre/hall previously discussed by Council?

Staff completed internal discussions with multiple Council teams, along with consultation with the Forest Hill Neighbourhood Network and other relevant government agencies, to develop a scope of proposed inclusions for the Forest Hill Community Centre. From these consultations, a draft concept plan has been prepared and a preliminary cost estimate received from an external Quantity Surveyor. Staff are now completing a value engineering exercise with the designer before finalising the design and cost estimates.

The updated concept plan and cost estimate will be presented to Council in July.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Good governance

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Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 7 MAY 2026

Author: Zain Lakho
Executive: Henry Pavitt

Summary: The Local Transport Forum (LTF) met on 7 May 2026 and considered three (3) reports relating to event traffic management and technical advisory matters.

The Forum reviewed the proposed arrangements and provided technical advice in accordance with the Transport for NSW 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a receive the minutes of the Local Transport Forum Meeting held on 7 May 2026
- b note the technical advice provided by the Local Transport Forum on the regulatory and event management matters considered

Report

The Local Transport Forum met on 7 May 2026 to consider traffic and transport matters within the Wagga Wagga City Council local government area.

The Forum operates in an advisory capacity, providing technical input to Council and reviewing Special Event Traffic Management Plans in accordance with the Transport for NSW 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument.

The Forum supported the officer recommendations for all regulatory items considered, with no technical objections raised during the proceedings. The following matters were considered at the meeting:

RP-1 – ANZAC Day 2026 – Traffic Management Plan

The Forum received the report and noted the traffic arrangements implemented for ANZAC Day 2026.

RP-2 – 2026 Festival of W – Traffic Management Plan

The Forum members supported the traffic arrangements after conducting a technical review of the plan, evaluating both affected and non-affected roads to ensure a comprehensive assessment.

Technical endorsement was provided for the temporary closure of Morrow Street (29 June – 23 July 2026) and Baylis Street (daily 5pm–10pm, 4 July – 19 July 2026).

RP-3 – 2026 NRLW Magic Round – Traffic Management Plan

The Forum supported the plan and emphasized the need for robust traffic management during event departure times to mitigate congestion.

A key technical requirement was noted to ensure the Marshalls Creek bridge remains open during the event period to prevent network conflicts.

Other Matters

The Forum addressed several operational and general business items:

- A request was noted to distribute business papers five days prior to meetings and to ensure the agenda reflects the confirmed 9:30am start time.
- NSW Police provided advice on the correct referral process for customer speeding requests to ensure appropriate monitoring and enforcement.
- Council's Technical staff and the bus operator will conduct a site meeting to determine a compliant, long-term location for the PCYC bus stop, noting the current Morgan Street arrangement is not feasible long-term.
- Information was sought regarding the timeframe for repairs to traffic signals at the Baylis/Edward Street intersection and safety rails at Koorungal Road/Hammond Avenue.
- The status of the Road Safety Officer position was queried, noting the role is part-funded by Transport for NSW.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

- Code of Meeting Practice 2025
- Roads Act 1993
- Transport for NSW 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument
- NSW Road Rules
- Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

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

The Local Transport Forum members include representatives from Transport for NSW, NSW Police, bus operator, and Council officers.

Consultation took place at the meeting on 7 May 2026.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Minutes Local Transport Forum 7 May 2026

MINUTES of the **LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM** held on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.

PRESENT

Councillor Richard Foley
Sergeant Gerard Horsley NSW Police
Greg Minehan Transport for NSW

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Geordi Paxton Manager Engineering Design Services
Mr Zain Lakho Senior Traffic Operations Engineer
Mr Richard Matto Bus About
Ms Ruby Brodin Business Support Officer (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance was received and accepted for the Director Infrastructure Services, Henry Pavitt.

The meeting of the Local Transport Forum commenced at 9:31am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Local Transport Forum held on 19 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record, noting Council's adoption of these minutes at its meeting of 13 April 2026.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES of the LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM held on Thursday 7 May 2026.

REPORTS

RP-1 ANZAC DAY 2026 – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Recommendation

That the Local Transport Forum receive and note the report and provide technical advice on the traffic management arrangements implemented for ANZAC Day 2026 under delegated authority in accordance with the TfNSW 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument.

Discussion

Nil

RP-2 2026 FESTIVAL OF W - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Recommendation

That the Local Transport Forum:

- a receive and note the report and provide technical advice on the proposed traffic management arrangements for the 2026 Festival of W; and
- b note that Council, under delegated authority in accordance with the TfNSW 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument, approve the Traffic Management Plan and associated temporary traffic control arrangements, including:
 - i the temporary closure of Morrow Street between Baylis Street and Peter Street from 7am Monday 29 June 2026 to 6pm Thursday 23 July 2026
 - ii the temporary closure of Baylis Street between Morrow Street and Fitzmaurice Street daily from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday 4 July 2026 to Sunday 19 July 2026
 - iii the implementation of the Traffic Guidance Scheme prepared by Riverina Traffic Services for the temporary road closures
 - iv associated detour routes and local access arrangements as outlined in the Traffic Management Plan

Discussion

The Committee reviewed the 2026 Festival of W Traffic Management Plan and considered all roads affected and not affected, to confirm that no elements had been overlooked. The Committee noted that the plan is adequate.

Mr Richard Matto entered the meeting the time being 9:40am.

MINUTES of the LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM held on Thursday 7 May 2026.

RP-3 2026 NRLW MAGIC ROUND – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Recommendation

That the Local Transport Forum:

- a receive and note the report and provide technical advice on the proposed traffic management arrangements for the 2026 NRLW Magic Round; and**
- b note that Council, under delegated authority in accordance with the TfNSW 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument, approve the Traffic Management Plan and associated temporary traffic control arrangements for the 2026 NRLW Magic Round event**

Discussion

The committee discussed the 2026 NRLW Magic Round traffic management plan and it was considered adequate. It was highlighted that there is a need to ensure appropriate traffic management measures are in place during event departure times, as this is when congestion and traffic disruptions are most likely to occur. The committee also discussed the importance of confirming that the Marshalls creek bridge will not be closed during this period, to avoid coinciding with this event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

BUSINESS PAPERS

Mr Greg Minehan requested that business papers are to be distributed five days prior to the next meeting and that the meeting time stated on the Agenda reflects the new meeting time of 9:30am, as confirmed at the previous meeting.

SPEEDING REQUESTS

Mr Zain Lakho stated that the majority of customer requests received by Council in relation to roads pertain to speeding concerns. Sergeant Gerard Horsley advised where such requests can be forwarded to in the future to ensure correct monitoring.

BUS STOP PCYC

Mr Richard Matto and Mr Zain Lakho will meet on site at PCYC Wagga Wagga in the coming weeks to discuss an appropriate location for a bus stop. It was noted that the current arrangement of utilising the bus stop on Morgan Street, outside Wagga Leisure Centre, is not a feasible long-term solution.

MINUTES of the **LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM** held on **Thursday 7 May 2026**.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

QWN-1 TRAFFIC LIGHT REPAIRS

Councillor R. Foley requested information on the timeframe for the replacement of the traffic lights at the intersection of Baylis Street and Edward Street / Sturt Highway.

Mr Greg Minehan responded, advising that traffic lights are generally repaired in sequence and that he will confirm when this particular repair is scheduled.

QWN-2 SAFETY RAIL REPAIRS

Councillor R. Foley sought clarification on the timeframe for repairs to the safety rail at the intersection of Koorinal Road and Hammond Avenue.

QWN -3 KERB INTERSECTION PARKING

Mr Richard Matto followed up on concerns regarding vehicles parking too close to intersections along the kerb. Clarification was sought on whether yellow line markings could be installed at appropriate locations to clearly indicate the restricted area and improve driver awareness of parking requirements.

QWM-4 SCHOOL ZONE ENFORCEMENT FEEDBACK

Sergeant Gerard Horsley sought feedback on the increased School Zone enforcement and queried whether associated parking issues have been resolved.

QWN – 5 COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY OFFICER POSITION

Sergeant Gerard Horsley requested an update on the status of the Road Safety Officer position with WWCC. It was noted that the position is part-funded by Transport for NSW.

The Local Transport Forum rose at 10:06am

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 RFT CT2026044 WHEEL LOADER GWMC

Author: Daniel Davey

Executive: Henry Pavitt

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: -

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

**CONF-2 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - LICENCE OF OFFICE SPACE AT 15
BLAKEMORE STREET, WAGGA WAGGA (NGURRA HUB)**

Author: Matthew Dombrovski
Executive Fiona Piltz

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- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
- (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

CONF-3 2025/26 LOAN FACILITY

Author: Zachary Wilson
Executive Carolyn Rodney

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

**CONF-4 PASSENGER & BAGGAGE SCREENING SERVICES WAGGA
WAGGA AIRPORT CONTRACT EXTENSION (RFT2017-20)**

Author: Fiona Piltz

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- (d) (ii) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.

MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL** held on **Monday 11 May 2026.**

PRESENT

- Councillor Georgie Davies
- Councillor Allana Condron
- Councillor Richard Foley
- Councillor Michael Henderson
- Councillor Jenny McKinnon
- Councillor Amelia Parkins
- Councillor Karissa Subedi

IN ATTENDANCE

- | | |
|---|-----------------|
| General Manager | (Mr P Thompson) |
| Director Community & Environment | (Mrs C Priest) |
| Director Infrastructure Services | (Mr H Pavitt) |
| Director Planning & Regulatory Services | (Ms J Costa) |
| Chief Financial Officer | (Mrs C Rodney) |
| Chief Operating Officer | (Mr S Gray) |
| Manager Development Assessment & Building Certification | (Mr C Collins) |
| Senior Town Planner | (Ms V Rice) |
| Manager Plant, Fleet & Buildings | (Mr D Davey) |
| Corporate Governance Coordinator | (Mrs N Johnson) |
| Communications & Engagement Officer | (Ms L Magrath) |
| Corporate Governance Officer | (Ms K West) |

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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

Apologies for non-attendance were received and accepted from The Mayor, Councillor D Tout, and the Director Economy, Business & Workforce, Mrs F Piltz, on the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

26/124 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and M Henderson

That Council grant leave of absence to Councillor L Tanner for 11 May 2026 and Councillor A Parkins for 9 June 2026.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 13 APRIL 2026

26/125 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and R Foley

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

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Condron declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA25/0458 - GARAGE AND SECONDARY DWELLING ABOVE - LOT 2 DP 18092 - 134 FORSYTH STREET, WAGGA WAGGA the reason being that she owns property in close proximity to the proposed development and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor A Condron declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-4 RFT CT2026044 WHEEL LOADER GWMC the reason being that she has a relationship with a business mentioned in the report and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-3 2026/27 AIRPORT FEES & CHARGES ADOPTION the reason being that a family member has a sub-lease hangar at the Airport and vacated the chamber during consideration of the matter.

Councillor G Davies declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in M-2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 22 APRIL 2026 the reason being that the reason being that a family member has a sub-lease hangar at the Airport and remained in the chamber during consideration of the matter.

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Councillor M Henderson declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-4 RFT CT2026044 WHEEL LOADER GWMC the reason being that a close family member works for one of the companies that submitted a tender and vacated the chamber during consideration of the matter.

Councillor J McKinnon declared a Pecuniary Interest in CONF-4 RFT CT2026044 WHEEL LOADER GWMC, the reason being that a close relative works for one of the tenderers, and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

Director Community & Environment, Mrs C Priest, declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA25/0458 - GARAGE AND SECONDARY DWELLING ABOVE - LOT 2 DP 18092 - 134 FORSYTH STREET, WAGGA WAGGA the reason being that she has family members living in the vicinity of the development, she remained in the chamber during consideration of the matter.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

26/126 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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

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

That CR-1, RP-2, RP-4, M-1 to M-3, CONF-1, CONF-3 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

<u>For the Motion</u> G Davies A Condron R Foley M Henderson J McKinnon A Parkins K Subedi	<u>Against the Motion</u>
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MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

A Motion was moved by Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

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

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
R Foley

Against the Motion
G Davies
A Condron
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

The MOTION being put to the meeting was LOST.

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NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS

26/127 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

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 national and international engagement opportunities, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities**
- c requests Sister City Working Group and relevant staff prepare a draft National and 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 six (6) months outlining:**
 - i the outcomes of the review, including recommendations on existing and potential future relationships; and**
 - ii a draft National and International Engagement Policy for Council's consideration**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

26/128 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council receives and notes the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

REPORTS FROM STAFF

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

Councillor A Condron declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 6:47pm.

26/129 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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

CARRIED

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

For the Motion

G Davies
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

Councillor A Condron re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:05pm.

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RP-2 REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGIC PLANNING FUND - ROUND 4

26/130 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Chair, Councillor G Davies, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-3 2026/27 Airport Fees & Charges Adoption and vacated the Chair and the chamber at 7.03pm, leaving the position of Chair vacant.

The General Manager, Mr P Thompson, conducted the election for the position of Chair and called for nominations. Councillor R Foley self-nominated and was duly elected Chair for the duration of consideration of agenda item RP-3 2026/27 Airport Fees & Charges Adoption.

26/131 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council appoint Councillor R Foley Chair for agenda item RP-3 2026/27 Airport Fees & Charges Adoption.

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

RP-3 2026/27 AIRPORT FEES & CHARGES ADOPTION

Councillor G Davies declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the Chair and the chamber, the time being 7.05pm.

Councillor R Foley assumed the Chair at 7.05pm.

26/132 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and J McKinnon

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, as reported to Council on 9 March 2026 and placed on public exhibition**
- c **commence the new Passenger Service Charges from 1 August 2026**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

Councillor R Foley vacated the Chair, the time being 7.06pm.

Councillor G Davies re-entered the chamber and assumed the Chair, the time being 7.06pm.

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RP-4 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

26/133 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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

26/134 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and J McKinnon

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**

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>For the Motion</u> | <u>Against the Motion</u> |
| G Davies | |
| A Condron | |
| R Foley | |
| M Henderson | |
| J McKinnon | |
| A Parkins | |
| K Subedi | |

RP-6 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

26/135 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and K Subedi

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**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>For the Motion</u> | <u>Against the Motion</u> |
| G Davies | |
| A Condron | |
| R Foley | |
| M Henderson | |
| J McKinnon | |
| A Parkins | |
| K Subedi | |

Councillor R Foley nominated Councillor M Henderson.

Councillor M Henderson accepted the nomination.

Councillor M Henderson was duly appointed as the alternate Councillor member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for the remainder of the current Council term.

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RP-7 RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS REGISTERS

26/136 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

RP-8 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

26/137 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE - 15 APRIL 2026

26/138 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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

26/139 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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

26/140 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

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

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

CLOSED COUNCIL

26/141 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and R Foley

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 7.26pm.

CARRIED

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

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

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

26/142 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council:

- a authorise in accordance with Clause 131(4)(d) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 the write off \$30,724.21 in total for four (4) debts that have been deemed not cost effective to attempt to recover, as detailed in confidential Attachment A of this report**
- b note the debts which are under \$1,000 each as detailed in confidential Attachment B have been authorised to be written off by the General Manager under his delegation 1.56**
- c approve the funding sources as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion
G Davies
A Condron
R Foley
M Henderson
J McKinnon
A Parkins
K Subedi

Against the Motion

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CONF-2 RFT CT2026040 OASIS ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

26/143 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and M Henderson

That Council:

- a in accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General Regulation) 2021, decline all tenders for the design and construction of the Oasis Regional Aquatic Centre Energy Efficiency Upgrades Project**
- b pursuant to clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General Regulation) 2021, 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 Oasis Regional Aquatic Centre Energy Efficiency Upgrades Project**
- 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 direct the General Manager to bring a report back to Council on the outcome of the negotiations which includes cost comparisons to the existing system costs**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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CONF-3 RFT CT2026041 SUPPLY OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES

26/144 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins

That Council:

- a accept the schedule of rates submitted by Phoenix Foundry Pty Ltd (ABN: 28 002 784 223) & Matthews Bronze Unit Trust Pty Ltd (ABN: 94 077 038 337) for a period of 24 months
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract with Phoenix Foundry Pty Ltd (ABN: 28 002 784 223) & Matthews Bronze Unit Trust Pty Ltd (ABN: 94 077 038 337) for a period of 24 months
- c authorise the General Manager or their delegate to extend the Contracts for 3 x 12 month periods, as set out in the Contract documents, at the sole discretion of Council
- d authorise the affixing of Council’s Common Seal to all relevant documents as required

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

CONF-4 RFT CT2026044 WHEEL LOADER GWMC

Councillors M Henderson and A Condron declared Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests and Councillor J McKinnon declared a Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, resulting in a loss of quorum. The report will be considered at the next Council Meeting on 25 May 2026.

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REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

26/145 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and A Parkins
That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 7.42pm.
CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 7.45pm.

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MAYOR

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