



Agenda and Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

To be held on
Monday 27 July 2026
at 5.30 PM

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(Mayor)**

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



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(Deputy Mayor)**

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



Councillor Allana Condron

Councillor Allana Condron was elected to Council in 2024.



Councillor Richard Foley

Councillor Richard Foley was elected to Council in 2021.



Councillor Mick Henderson

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



Councillor Jenny McKinnon

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



Councillor Amelia Parkins

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



Councillor Karissa Subedi

Councillor Karissa Subedi was elected to Council in 2024.



Councillor Lindsay Tanner

Councillor Lindsay Tanner was elected to Council in 2024.

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

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

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA AND BUSINESS PAPER

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

REFLECTION

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

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

Recommendation

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WINTER DISPLACEMENT OF PEOPLE SLEEPING ROUGH

Author: Councillor Richard Foley

Summary: That Council pause until 30 September 2026, any eviction or displacement of people sleeping rough from land under its care, control or management where no safe accommodation is available, so that no person is forced from shelter into the cold of the remaining winter and early spring months without somewhere safe to go. The motion is confined to Council's own land, staff and decisions.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a recognises that people sleeping rough face a real and foreseeable risk of exposure-related illness, serious harm and death during winter, and that no person should be displaced from Council land into those conditions without a safe place to go;
- b resolves that, effective immediately and until 30 September 2026, through the remaining winter and early spring months, Council will not initiate, authorise or carry out any eviction, clearing, move-on or displacement of people sleeping rough from land under its care, control or management, unless there is a specific and immediate risk to life or safety that cannot reasonably be managed by other means;
- c requires that, in any such exceptional case, staff first confirm that safe and appropriate accommodation is available for the person and offer a referral to a recognised homelessness service before any displacement occurs;
- d requests a report to Council within one meeting cycle on current homelessness pressures in the local government area and practical winter measures within Council's power to keep people safe; and
- e writes to the NSW Minister for Housing, Homes NSW and relevant homelessness service providers advocating a coordinated winter response, so that no person is displaced during the colder months without a pathway to safety and support.

Report

Winter in the Riverina brings sustained overnight temperatures at or below freezing. For a person sleeping rough, a night in the open is not a matter of discomfort but of survival, carrying a real and foreseeable risk of hypothermia, serious illness and death. The most basic thing Council can offer its most vulnerable residents through these months is the assurance that it will not be the hand that moves them from what shelter they have found into the cold.

Council manages extensive reserves, riverbank corridors and public land across the local government area, and people experiencing homelessness shelter on some of these sites, including at Wilks Park and Wagga Beach. Moving a person on from such a place does not resolve their homelessness. Where it happens without a safe and available alternative, it simply relocates risk into the most dangerous months of the year, fragments the support relationships that keep people alive, and increases the likelihood of serious harm.

This Notice of Motion is confined to what Council controls: its own land, its own staff, and its own decisions. It does not seek to override the lawful authority of the State, the Police, or any other agency. It asks something simple and humane of the organisation, that until 30 September 2026, through the remaining winter and early spring months, it will not force anyone from Council land into the cold unless there is a genuine and immediate risk to life or safety, and that even then a safe place to go is confirmed first.

Financial Implications

No additional budget allocation is sought by this Notice of Motion. Any internal staff resourcing required to prepare the report is anticipated to operate within existing governance and operational resources

Policy and Legislation

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), including the guiding principles at sections 8A and 8B
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)
- Crown Land Management Act 2016 (NSW)
- Coroners Act 2009 (NSW)
- Wagga Wagga City Council Code of Meeting Practice
- Applicable NSW homelessness and social housing frameworks

Link to Strategic Plan

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Risk Management Issues for Council

Displacing people sleeping rough during winter without a safe accommodation alternative exposes Council to foreseeable harm to life and health, engaging its duty of care and coronial considerations, and to work health and safety risk for staff directed to carry out such actions. There is also reputational risk if the community perceives Council is moving vulnerable people into the cold without alternatives. Adopting a clear winter pause enables Council to identify and manage these risks and to act consistently with its guiding principles.

Internal / External Consultation

Not applicable at this stage. Consultation with relevant internal teams, including Governance, Community Services, Legal and Risk, and with recognised homelessness service providers and Homes NSW, will be incorporated into the report process as directed.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 DA26/0098 - DEMOLITION OF DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING ANCILLARY TO EXISTING PLACE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND ASSOCIATED OFF-STREET PARKING AT 16 WOODEN STREET TURVEY PARK NSW 2650; LOT 20 DP 1313057

Author: Emma Molloy

Executive: Julie Costa

Summary:

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

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

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

Furthermore, 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. Nineteen submissions in objection and one submission in support were received in response to the public notification.

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

Recommendation

That Council approve DA26/0098 for 'Demolition of dwelling and construction of a Sunday school building ancillary to the existing place of public worship and associated off-street parking' at Lot 20 DP 1313057, 16 Wooden Street, Turvey Park, subject to the conditions outlined in the attached s4.15 Assessment Report.

Development Application Details

Applicant	Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust – Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox College – Building Fund
Owner	Coptic Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust
Development Cost	\$629,750.00
Development Description	Demolition of dwelling and construction of Sunday School building ancillary to existing place of public worship and associated off-street parking.

Report

Site Location

The site is legally described as Lot 20 DP 1313057, known as 16 Wooden Street, Turvey Park. The site is located on the southern side of Wooden Street, at the corner of Wooden and Turner Streets. It is regular in shape and has an area of 3,115m².

The site currently contains an existing church, hall and dwelling, which is presently vacant. The hall was constructed of red face brick in 1954, while the newer church building was constructed in 1962. The dwelling is understood to have been constructed shortly after the subdivision of the land in 1924.



The dwelling was previously situated on a separate lot; however, the land was consolidated with the church site in 2024. Planning approval was not required for this consolidation as it is not considered development under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.



The surrounding locality is an established residential area characterised by predominantly single-storey dwellings of varying architectural styles typical of the post-war housing boom. The land generally slopes gently from Turner Street, which forms the highest point of the site, towards Trevor Street.

The nearest adjoining dwelling, located to the east of the site, is setback approximately 965mm from the common boundary. Other surrounding dwellings are situated at a greater distance from the proposed development due to the existing church buildings being oriented towards Wooden Street and incorporating substantial rear setbacks. To the west of the development site, Turner Street is characterised by a generous road reserve, which further contributes to separation between the Church and surrounding development.

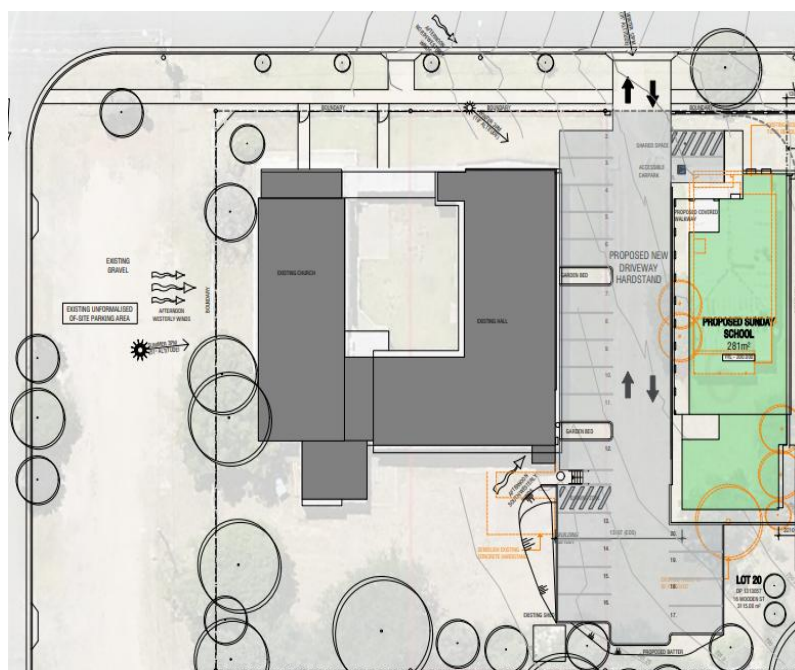
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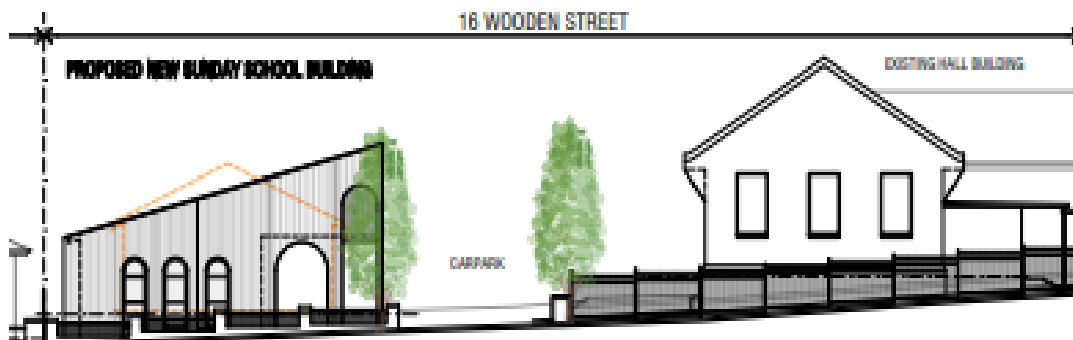
Development consent is sought for the construction of an ancillary Sunday School at an existing place of public worship. The development comprises of:

- Demolition of the existing dwelling and removal of 6 trees.
- Construction of an ancillary building to be used as a Sunday school comprising of 7 classrooms, resources room, computer and printer room, store-room and toilet facilities.
- Construction of carpark area with 20 spaces including an accessible space.

The proposed Sunday School building is a single-storey, contemporary building constructed on a concrete slab with timber framing, decorative fluted precast concrete cladding, and a skillion Colorbond roof. Architectural articulation is achieved through the use of arched openings and windows, decorative trims, textured wall panels, and the skillion roof form.

The building is located approximately 1.3m from the eastern boundary and has a gross floor area (GFA) of 258m². The roof is lowest along the eastern boundary, with a height of 3.6m, and rises to a maximum height of 6.4m along the western elevation.





The Sunday School will operate between 12:15pm and 1:45pm on Sundays only. The proposed development will not alter the operation of existing church services or associated activities and will improve the functionality of the site by providing dedicated facilities to support the ongoing use of the church. The Sunday School is ancillary to the existing place of public worship currently operating from the site and is permissible with consent.

The development seeks a variation to C1 within Section 2.2 of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan (DCP) in relation to off-street parking requirements. Control C1 requires the provision of 26 off-street car parking spaces, the proposed development provides 20 spaces, resulting in a shortfall of six spaces.

The variation has been justified as outlined in the attached assessment report. The justification is based upon the fact that there is currently no off-street parking available and that the Sunday School is already in operation within the existing Hall. The development does not seek to materially increase patronage rather improve the existing facilities and provide a dedicated building for the delivery of age-based religious education within an appropriate learning environment. The justification is supported.

The development was publicly notified for a period of 14 days from 16 to 30 March 2026 with 19 submissions in objection and 1 submission of support of the development were received. An additional submission of support was also received after the exhibition period. The submissions raised concerns regarding the building location and site layout, parking and traffic, overshadowing and solar access, privacy, noise impacts, streetscape and character, potential future use and expansion, stormwater and drainage, construction cost, general residential amenity. There were also submissions received in support of the application. The attached section 4.15 report provides further information.

The proposed development includes the removal of six trees identified on the submitted site plan. However, this includes trees that do not require approval for their removal including 'Undesirable Plant Species', fruit trees or trees under 8 metres in height and trees which have already been removed under a separate tree application. One tree requires approval for its removal. An assessment undertaken by Council's Tree Supervisor raised no concerns regarding its removal, noting that the tree is of low value and is not considered worthy of retention.

The development is generally consistent with the DCP and any significant likely impacts have been assessed as acceptable. Having regard for the information contained in the attached Section 4.15 assessment report, it is considered that the development is acceptable for the following reasons and recommended for approval.

Reasons for Approval

- The application is for a Sunday School at an existing place of public worship within the R1 General Residential zone which is permitted with consent.
- The development complies with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and will not compromise the outcomes sought within the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010.
- An assessment of the application against the relevant provisions within the DCP demonstrates that the proposed development will not cause any significant adverse impacts on the surrounding natural environment, built environment, infrastructure, community facilities or local character and amenity.
- All matters raised in submissions have been considered and addressed as part of the assessment.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy

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

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

Sustainable built environment

Balance the built and natural environment in planning decisions.

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

Internal / External Consultation

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

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

Attachments

1. DA26/0098 - s4.15 Assessment Report - Provided under separate cover
2. DA26/0098 - Plans Set - Provided under separate cover
3. DA26/0098 - Statement of Environmental Effects - Provided under separate cover
4. DA26/0098 - Traffic Impact Assessment - Provided under separate cover
5. DA26/0098 - Environmental Noise Assessment - Provided under separate cover
6. DA26/0098 - Operational Management Plan - Provided under separate cover
7. DA26/0098 - Redacted Submissions - Provided under separate cover
8. DA26/0098 - 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 WAGGA WAGGA DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT
28 – SECTION 6 VILLAGES (NORTH WAGGA NON-RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS)****Author:** Cameron Collins**Executive:** Julie Costa**Summary:**

This report presents the outcomes of the public exhibition of the 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. It summarises submissions received during the exhibition period, identifies key issues raised and provides an assessment of those matters.

The report also seeks Council's endorsement to finalise and adopt the Development Control Plan amendment following consideration of submissions received during the exhibition period.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the proposed 'Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 Amendment 28 - Section 6 - Villages (North Wagga Non-Residential Development Controls)' during the exhibition period from 5 June 2026 until 3 July 2026
- b endorse the responses to submissions as outlined in this report including Attachment 1
- c adopt the 'Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan Amendment 28 - Section 6 - Villages (North Wagga Non-Residential Development Controls)' as exhibited, and as set out in the Attachment 3 to this report, with a commencement date of 10 August 2026
- d authorise the General Manager or delegate to make any required administrative, formatting and consequential updates to the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 prior to final publication to give effect to this resolution
- e advise the authors of the submissions of Council's decision and acknowledge their contributions in relation to this matter

Report

Public Exhibition

The draft amendment to Section 6 - Villages (North Wagga Non-Residential Development Controls) of the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP) was publicly exhibited in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan (CPP) from 5 June 2026 until 3 July 2026.

Consultation undertaken as part of the exhibition included:

- Notification letters issued to landowners within North Wagga and the North Wagga Residents Association
- Publication of the draft amendment and supporting material on Council's website
- Public exhibition in accordance with Council's CPP

Council received a total of 38 submissions, and a summary of submissions and Council responses is provided in Attachment 1. A redacted copy of all submissions received is provided in Attachment 2.

Summary of Submissions

The majority of submissions expressed support for the proposed amendment and the introduction of locality specific controls for the assessment of non-residential development within North Wagga.

Submissions commonly expressed support for:

- protecting village character and residential amenity
- managing the scale and visual impact of non-residential development
- limiting the proliferation of large sheds, depot style development and storage compounds
- managing traffic generation and heavy vehicle movements
- maintaining the unique identity and community character of North Wagga
- ensuring future development remains compatible with existing infrastructure constraints and flood related considerations

Several submissions also expressed concern regarding:

- increasing numbers of large sheds and storage developments
- the cumulative impact of non-residential development on the village character of North Wagga
- traffic impacts, road safety and heavy vehicle movements
- impacts on children, pedestrians and cyclists
- impacts on flood evacuation and emergency access arrangements

A small number of submissions raised concerns that the proposed controls may impact future business investment opportunities or unnecessarily restrict development that may otherwise have limited impacts on surrounding properties.

Overall, the submissions demonstrate a strong level of community support for the amendment. The submissions received can be broadly categorised as follows:

Category	Number
Supportive	30
Supportive with suggested refinements or clarification	4
Objecting / opposing	3
Unable to be assessed	1
Total	38

One submission was unable to be meaningfully assessed as it could not be reasonably interpreted. The submission has nevertheless been included within Council's consideration of exhibition outcomes and is recorded within Attachment 1.

Key Issues Raised

The following key themes were identified in submissions:

- protection of village character and residential amenity
- scale, intensity and visual impact of non-residential development
- large sheds, storage compounds and depot style development
- cumulative impacts of non-residential development across the village
- prevention of industrialisation of North Wagga
- traffic generation, road safety and heavy vehicle movements
- impacts on children, pedestrians and cyclists
- flood evacuation, emergency access and community safety
- strong community attachment to the existing character and identity of North Wagga
- balancing development opportunities with protection of character and amenity
- potential impacts on business investment and economic activity
- clarification of the application and intent of the proposed controls

Assessment of Submissions

Submissions have been reviewed having regard to the objectives of the draft amendment, the planning context of North Wagga and the broader statutory planning framework.

The issues raised have been grouped and assessed under the following themes:

1. Need for the Amendment
2. Village Character and Community Identity
3. Traffic, Road Safety and Community Safety
4. Flood Evacuation and Emergency Access
5. Balancing Character and Economic Activity
6. Residential Development Matters

1. Need for the Amendment

A number of submissions questioned whether additional controls are necessary given the existing planning framework.

Council has identified through development assessment experience, pre-lodgement enquiries and community feedback that existing controls do not provide sufficient guidance regarding:

- operational intensity of non-residential development
- storage yard and depot style activities
- assessment of large sheds and ancillary storage areas
- cumulative impacts on village character and residential amenity
- compatibility of non-residential development with established residential areas
- development within a locality affected by flood constraints and infrastructure limitations

Whilst these matters can be considered through a merit based assessment process, the absence of locality specific controls can create uncertainty for applicants, residents and decision makers. The proposed amendment establishes a more consistent and transparent framework for the assessment of such development while retaining flexibility for merit based decision making.

2. Village Character and Community Identity

Protection of village character and community identity was the most common issue raised through submissions. Submitters consistently identified the importance of maintaining the established residential character, village atmosphere and sense of community that currently exists within North Wagga.

Many submissions expressed concern that the increasing prevalence of large sheds, storage facilities and depot style development has the potential to gradually change the character of the locality and create outcomes that are inconsistent with the intended function of a village settlement.

These concerns reinforce the strategic justification for the introduction of the North Wagga Character Statement, Village Plan and Residential Character Areas.

3. Traffic, Road Safety and Community Safety

A significant number of submissions raised concerns regarding increased traffic associated with non-residential development including:

- increased heavy vehicle movements
- traffic impacts associated with storage and depot style development
- pedestrian and cyclist safety
- impacts on school related traffic
- suitability of local roads for more intensive commercial activity

These concerns support the inclusion of controls relating to operational intensity, servicing arrangements, road suitability and vehicle movements.

4. Flood Evacuation and Emergency Access

Many submissions expressed concern regarding the potential impact of increasing non-residential development on flood evacuation and emergency management. Submitters noted that North Wagga is subject to significant flood constraints and expressed concern that storage compounds, sheds and business related activities may generate additional traffic during flood events, particularly where occupants seek to retrieve stored goods prior to evacuation.

Whilst floodplain management and emergency response arrangements are addressed through separate planning and emergency management frameworks, these submissions further highlight the unique planning constraints affecting North Wagga and support the need for locality specific consideration of development intensity and operational impacts.

One submission raised concerns regarding flood mitigation infrastructure and levee improvement projects. These matters are outside the scope of the current DCP amendment.

5. Balancing Character and Economic Activity

Several submissions highlighted the historical role of North Wagga in accommodating a mix of residential and non-residential activities and expressed concern that additional controls may impact business investment or future economic opportunities.

Council acknowledges that North Wagga has historically supported a variety of small scale business activities and that some non-residential development may operate with relatively limited impacts. Council further acknowledges that many existing and future businesses may operate with minimal traffic generation, noise, servicing requirements or off-site impacts. The proposed controls are intended to support consideration of such development through a performance based approach that recognises differing levels of impact between development types.

Several submissions also argued that North Wagga's proximity to the Wagga Wagga CBD and restrictions on additional residential development may create increasing demand for non-residential uses over time. These submissions suggested that market forces and economic opportunities should play a greater role in shaping the future function of the locality.

Council acknowledges these views. However, it is also necessary to recognise the unique environmental constraints, infrastructure limitations and established village character of North Wagga. The proposed amendment seeks to balance opportunities for investment and development with the need to manage amenity impacts and maintain the character and function of the village.

The proposed amendment does not prohibit development that is otherwise permissible within the RU5 Village zone nor does it prevent lawful business activity. Rather, the amendment provides a framework for assessing development having regard to:

- scale and footprint
- operational characteristics
- traffic generation
- visual impacts
- infrastructure constraints
- compatibility with surrounding development

Importantly, the proposed controls remain performance based and development applications will continue to be assessed on their individual merits.

Council considers that the amendment achieves an appropriate balance between protecting village character and maintaining opportunities for appropriate non-residential development.

6. Residential Development Matters

Several submissions questioned the relationship between restrictions on additional residential development and the ability to seek approval for certain forms of non-residential development. Some submissions suggested that restrictions applying to additional dwellings within North Wagga should also apply to non-residential development.

Council notes that the residential restrictions arise from specific flood related provisions contained within Clause 7.1 of the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 (LEP 2010). The purpose of this amendment is not to prohibit development that is otherwise permissible under the LEP 2010, but to provide a locality specific assessment framework that ensures development is compatible with the character, amenity and constraints of North Wagga.

A number of submissions also suggested that broader consideration should instead be given to facilitating additional residential development within North Wagga. Such matters relate to land use permissibility and flood planning provisions contained within the LEP 2010 and are beyond the scope of the current DCP amendment.

One submission suggested the inclusion of additional controls relating to residential dwelling design. As the amendment is directed toward non-residential development, it is not considered necessary to expand the scope of the review to include residential design controls.

Recommended Amendments

Following consideration of submissions, it is considered that the exhibited amendment remains appropriate and that the issues raised through the exhibition process are adequately addressed by the exhibited controls. The majority of submissions supported the amendment and its overall intent to provide a locality specific framework for managing non-residential development within North Wagga.

While a number of submissions sought either stronger controls or greater flexibility in certain areas, it is considered that the exhibited controls achieve an appropriate balance between:

- protecting village character and residential amenity
- providing clarity and consistency in development assessment
- recognising infrastructure and flood related constraints
- supporting appropriate non-residential development within the RU5 Village zone

Council also notes that the exhibited controls incorporate a performance based assessment framework that allows consideration of development proposals having regard to their individual circumstances and impacts.

Accordingly, no amendments to the exhibited controls are recommended as a result of submissions received during the exhibition period. However, minor administrative, formatting and document editing corrections may be undertaken prior to final publication where required.

Conclusion

The submissions received demonstrate strong community support for the introduction of locality specific controls to protect village character, residential amenity and community identity while ensuring development responds appropriately to local infrastructure constraints and flood related considerations. Although a small number of submissions raised concerns regarding the potential impact of the controls on business activity and investment, it is considered that the exhibited controls appropriately balance these considerations through a performance based assessment framework.

Following review of submissions, it is considered that the exhibited controls appropriately address the issues raised and continue to provide an appropriate, balanced and necessary planning response to the evolving development pressures affecting North Wagga.

It is recommended that Council adopt the North Wagga Non-Residential Development Controls as exhibited, subject only to any minor administrative and formatting amendments required prior to publication.

Financial Implications

No significant financial implications are anticipated from the preparation or exhibition of the draft amendment. The proposed amendment has been prepared by Council staff as part of Council's strategic planning and development assessment functions. Costs associated with the public exhibition process and notification are expected to be accommodated within existing operational budgets.

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 amendment provides a clearer and more consistent framework for assessing non-residential development within North Wagga and will assist in managing risks associated with incompatible land use outcomes, cumulative impacts on village character and residential amenity, and unreasonable demands on existing infrastructure and road networks.

The public exhibition process demonstrated strong community support for the amendment and reinforced the need for locality specific controls addressing the scale, intensity and operational impacts of non-residential development.

As the amendment relates to a DCP, it does not alter land use permissibility under the LEP 2010. Instead, it provides additional guidance for the assessment of development applications having regard to character, amenity, operational impacts and infrastructure constraints.

Following consideration of submissions received during the exhibition period, it is considered that the exhibited controls appropriately address the issues raised and provide a balanced and proportionate planning response to the development pressures affecting North Wagga. The adoption of the amendment is not considered to create any significant additional risk to Council and is expected to improve consistency, transparency and defensibility in future development assessment outcomes.

Internal / External Consultation

The draft amendment was publicly exhibited in accordance with Council's CPP for a period of not less than 28 days.

As part of the exhibition process, notification letters were issued to landowners within North Wagga and the North Wagga Residents Association. Information regarding the exhibition was also made available through Council's website and other communication channels in accordance with the CPP. The exhibition provided residents, landowners, stakeholders and the broader community with the opportunity to review the proposed controls and provide feedback prior to finalisation of the amendment.

The submissions generally demonstrated strong support for the proposed amendment and reinforced the need for locality specific controls to manage the scale, intensity and impacts of non-residential development within North Wagga.

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

Attachments

1. Summary of Submissions and Responses - Provided under separate cover
2. Submissions (Redacted) - Provided under separate cover
3. WWDCP2010 - Section 6 (Villages) - Tracked Changes - Provided under separate cover
4. WWDCP2010 - Section 6 (Villages) - As amended (Final) - Provided under separate cover

RP-3 NSW COUNCIL LEAGUE TABLES - WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

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Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on its 2025/26 development assessment performance. The Minister for Planning issued the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2026 commencing on 1 July 2026 introducing revised development assessment expectations and additional planning system reforms.

Council's performance placed it in the top ten highest dwelling approvals in regional NSW in the period of 1 July 2024 to February 2026 (National Housing Accord Period) making it eligible for the NSW Government's Better Open Spaces funding.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the development assessment performance and the significant improvements achieved between the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years
- b note the introduction of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2026 and the revised targets applicable from 1 July 2026
- c note that Council's performance placed it in the top ten highest dwelling approvals in regional NSW from 1 July 2024 to February 2026 under the National Housing Accord Period making it eligible for funding under the NSW Government Better Open Spaces Program
- d acknowledge the strong performance of Council's Development Assessment & Building Certification team in exceeding assessment expectations and their role in supporting continued housing and economic growth within Wagga Wagga

Report

Background

The NSW Government introduced Council League Tables in July 2024 as part of the Faster Assessments Program. The League Tables publicly report development assessment performance across NSW councils to improve transparency, accountability and housing delivery outcomes.

The Minister for Planning has issued a new Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2026 commencing on 1 July 2026.

This report details Council's performance in the 25/26 financial year against comparable councils and the expectations of the 2026 Order.

Assessment Performance Comparison - 2025/26 v 2024/25

Tables 1 and 2 below detail Council's performance compared to a group of regional councils with similar regional service roles and development assessment profiles.

Table 3 is a performance comparison between 2024/25 and 2025/26 for Wagga Wagga.

2025/26 Financial Year					
Council	Expected Days	Average Assessment Days	Applications Assessed	Applications Meeting Expectation	% Meeting Expectation
Albury	94	82	462	363	79%
Bathurst	71	52	316	260	82%
Dubbo	52	47	583	416	71%
Orange	81	68	298	221	74%
Tamworth	105	96	374	276	74%
Wagga Wagga	68	51	614	505	82%

Table 1 Comparative Performance 2025/26

2024/25 Financial Year					
Council	Expected Days	Average Assessment Days	Applications Assessed	Applications Meeting Expectation	% Meeting Expectation
Albury	99	94	527	391	74%
Bathurst	66	71	330	240	73%
Dubbo	49	54	525	359	68%
Orange	95	81	280	216	77%
Tamworth	115	132	370	232	63%
Wagga Wagga	78	68	508	388	76%

Table 2 Comparative Performance 2024/25

2024/25 v 2025/26 Performance Comparison – Wagga Wagga			
Measure	2024/25	2025/26	Change
Expected Assessment Days	78	68	-10 days
Average Assessment Days	68	51	-17 days
Applications Assessed	508	614	+106
Applications Meeting Expectation	388	505	+117
% Meeting Expectation	76%	82%	+6%

Table 3 Wagga Wagga Performance Comparison - 2024/25 and 2025/26

Key Findings

Significant Improvement in Assessment Timeframes

Council achieved a substantial reduction in average assessment times during 2025/26 from 68 days in 2024/25 to 51 days in 2025/26 (refer Table 3 above). Council's performance has been significantly better than the expectation benchmark set for the same period of 78 days (2024/25) and 68 days (2025/26). Council recorded the second-fastest average assessment timeframe amongst the comparison councils (refer Tables 1 & 2 above).

Increased Compliance with Expected Timeframes

Council increased the percentage of applications determined within the expected timeframe from 76% in 2024/25 to 82% in 2025/26 demonstrating improvements achieved across Council's overall assessment program were not limited to a small number of development applications. Among the comparison councils, Wagga Wagga achieved the highest percentage of applications meeting expectations, equal with Bathurst Regional Council (refer Table 1 above).

Highest Assessment Workload

Wagga Wagga assessed 614 development applications during 2025/26 being an increase of 106 applications compared with 2024/25. This is the highest assessment volume among the comparison councils – 31 more than Dubbo, 152 more than Albury and more than double the volume assessed by Orange (refer Tables 1 & 2 above).

Development Activity

Council assessed development applications with a total value of approximately \$247 million during 2025/26. Although lower than the \$305 million recorded during 2024/25, the value of development assessed remains significant and reflects continued investment and development activity across Wagga Wagga.

Statement of Expectations Order 2026

The Minister for Planning issued the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2026 commencing on 1 July 2026, introducing revised development assessment expectations and additional planning system reforms.

Rather than continuing with individual council-specific expectation targets, the Order establishes statewide development assessment targets that will become progressively more stringent over the next three years. It also introduces new development assessment expectations for modification applications (refer Table 4 below).

Application Type	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Development Application Assessment Targets - Statewide	90 days	80 days	65 days
Section 4.55(1) Modifications	14 days	14 days	14 days
Section 4.55(1A) Modifications	65 days	55 days	40 days
Section 4.55(2) Modifications	85 days	75 days	70 days

Table 4 Statement of Expectations Order 2026 targets

The Order also establishes other performance expectations including:

- DA lodgement within an average of 7 days of submission. This expectation has formed part of the State's performance framework since the introduction of the League Tables. Council is currently achieving this expectation, with an average DA lodgement timeframe of six (6) days in the 2025/26 financial year.
- Modification application lodgement within an average of 7 days of submission.
- Internal referrals to be completed within 21 days of lodgement.
- Determination of regionally significant development applications by Local Planning Panels within an average of 20 days of Council's completion of the assessment report.

Better Open Spaces Program

Council's performance in the delivery of housing approvals means it is eligible for Better Open Spaces funding as it was in the top ten highest dwelling approvals in regional NSW in the period of 1 July 2024 to February 2026 (being the National Housing Accord Period). There is \$36 million allocated to this round of funding with \$3.6 million allocated to the ten regional councils. Each grant will award between \$150,000 to \$2 million in funding with a council matched co-contribution of 100%. This program supports councils to deliver public open space improvements enabling upgrades to park amenities and facilities, waterways and riverfront areas and town squares and plazas. The deadline for submitting grant applications is 31 August 2026.

Conclusion

The 2025/26 financial year delivered a very strong development assessment performance, with reduced assessment timeframes, increased determination volumes which was significantly better than NSW Government expectations. These outcomes demonstrate the effectiveness of Council's development assessment service, its ability to manage a significant assessment workload while maintaining high performance outcomes and the importance of continuous improvement via the implementation of the Development Assessment and Building Certification Division Service Review (2024). The development assessment service is an important economic lever supporting the strong growth, investment and housing delivery in Wagga Wagga.

Council remains committed to the continuous improvement of its development assessment service. Opportunities to further enhance performance will be pursued through process refinement, workflow improvements, increased utilisation of technology, staff retention and development, and implementation of planning system reforms introduced by the NSW Government.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any future resource, technology or process improvement initiatives required to maintain or improve development assessment performance will be considered through Council's normal budget and operational planning processes.

Policy and Legislation

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021

Link to Strategic Plan

Sustainable

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Risk Management Issues for Council

Council's development assessment performance is monitored via the NSW Government's Council League Table framework and the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2026.

While Council is currently performing strongly against these statewide benchmarks, future assessment performance may be impacted by increasing development complexity, application volumes, staffing availability, workforce capability, agency referral timeframes and legislative or policy changes.

There is also a reputational risk associated with development assessment performance, as these metrics are publicly reported and used to benchmark councils. Additionally, development assessment is a very important economic lever supporting Wagga Wagga's strong growth.

Council mitigates these risks through ongoing performance monitoring, continuous improvement initiatives, staff development, workforce planning, process review and the implementation of systems and technologies that support efficient assessment practices.

At this point in time, Council's current development assessment performance places it in a strong position having regard to the performance targets set by the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of Expectations) Order 2026.

Internal / External Consultation

No internal or external consultation was required in the preparation of this information report.

RP-4 MANAGED SHORT-STAY AND TRANSITIONAL CAMPING SOLUTIONS AT WILKS PARK

Author: Madeleine Scully

Executive: Christine Priest

Summary: This report is presented to Council in response to RP-3 Response to Notice of Motion – Managed Short-Stay and Transitional Camping Solutions at Wilks Park adopted at the 9 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report.

Report

At the Ordinary Meeting on 9 March 2026, Council resolved the following in response to RP-3, Response to Notice of Motion - Managed Short-Stay and Transitional Camping Solutions at Wilks Park where it was resolved:

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

26/058 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and L Tanner

That Council:

- a receive and note the report, and request the General Manager provide data on occupancy rates, average length of stay, and numbers affected at Wilks Park to inform future decisions**
- b note that Wilks Park infrastructure is designed for short-stay use and is under increasing operational pressure from waste, wastewater, and cleaning costs**
- c request the General Manager report on options to restore Wilks Park to its intended short-stay function, including:**
 - i measures to support compliance with the 72-hour limit;**
 - ii best-practice models from comparable Local Government Areas;**
 - iii enforcement costs and impacts on people experiencing homelessness**
- d request the General Manager commence investigating the feasibility of a managed transitional camping or safe-parking area within the LGA, including:**
 - i suitable Council-owned land near existing support services;**
 - ii cost-benefit analysis of required amenities;**
 - iii draft management plan for Council, support agencies, and NSW Police**
- e investigate a registration or engagement framework for extended stays at Wilks Park, including a permit system administered by a homelessness**

service provider and provisions for voluntary engagement with housing and support pathways

- f write to the NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness, The Hon. Rose Jackson, MLC requesting:**
 - i funding for a feasibility study into the safe-parking proposal;**
 - ii deployment of Housing NSW staff for onsite support;**
 - iii additional crisis or transitional housing for the Wagga Wagga region;**
 - iv a formal response within 60 days.**
- g continue engagement with service providers and community organisations to connect people at Wilks Park with appropriate support**
- h request a meeting with the General Manager, the Mayor, relevant DCJ representatives and Police Command representatives to discuss the escalating homelessness crisis and potential solution approach**
- i write to the NSW Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP, requesting that he advocate on Council's behalf to the NSW Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, The Hon. Yasmin Maree Catley MP, and the NSW Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, The Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, regarding housing**
- j request the General Manager bring back a report within 60 days with a project plan, including the cost to complete the work identified in this motion**

Background

Since this Notice of Motion was resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 9 March 2026 a tragedy occurred at a rough sleeper encampment on the riverbank. A rough sleeper known to NSW agencies, gave birth at the encampment and a newborn infant died. An emergency meeting was immediately convened between senior representatives of the New South Wales Government and Wagga Wagga City Council on 7 May 2026. This resulted in the establishment of a Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan. The Wilks Park homeless encampment has been identified as a priority site in this plan. Council is a formal member of the working group tasked with developing and actioning this plan. Led by the Mayor and General Manager, staff attend the weekly meetings of the working group to provide Council's perspective and any issues arising are considered as part of the planning and deliberations of the working group membership.

The working group includes representatives from Homes NSW, Police, Council, St Vincent de Paul (Edel Quinn), Crown Land, Local Land Services, Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, First Nations, Mental Health Providers, working together to achieve the pathway options for the homelessness cohort currently residing in the identified locations of Wilks Park, Riverside CBD and Oura.

Since the establishment of the working group work there has been a focus on increased engagement with homeless people living in Wilks Park and other identified locations, encouraging a greater take up of homelessness services available, led by Homes NSW and St Vincent de Paul – Edel Quinn to offer accommodation solutions.

The following responses to RP-3, Response to Notice of Motion - Managed Short-Stay and Transitional Camping Solutions at Wilks Park are summarised in response to sections in this NOM being a) – j). The information compiled in this report has been informed by previous reports to Council, consultation with various teams across Council from Regulatory Services, Community Services, Property, Parks, Facilities Management, Strategic Planning and City Growth and Regional Assets.

RP-3 Response to Notice of Motion - Managed Short-Stay and Transitional Camping Solutions at Wilks Park

a) receive and note the report, and request the General Manager provide data on occupancy rates, average length of stay, and numbers affected at Wilks Park to inform future decisions

Current data on the occupancy rates, average length of stay and numbers affected at Wilks Park are not available. Anecdotal observations undertaken by staff recently indicate an average of 25 – 50 campers (including long term homeless residents) utilising this site on a weekly basis. These numbers fluctuate across seasons, holidays and major events in the city.

b) note that Wilks Park infrastructure is designed for short-stay use and is under increasing operational pressure from waste, wastewater, and cleaning costs

Please refer to details below describing the short-stay function of this primitive camping location.

c) Options to restore Wilks Park to its intended short-stay function, including:

- i. measures to support compliance with the 72-hour limit;**
- ii. best-practise models from comparable Local Government Areas;**
- iii. enforcement costs and impacts on people experiencing homelessness.**

As previously reported to Council in RP-3 Response to NOM – Managed Short-Stay and Transitional Camping Solutions at Wilks Park at the Ordinary Council meeting 9 March 2026, the area known as Wilks Park is Crown land with a reserve purpose of camping and public recreation. Wagga Wagga City Council manages the reserve as a designated primitive camping ground. The site contains an amenities block (toilets only), a dump point facility for caravan waste, municipal waste bins for site users, a BBQ shelter, picnic tables and an electric BBQ which has been destroyed and not replaced.

The regulatory framework sits under the Activity Approval AA24/0308 issued under the *Local Government Act 1993*. This consent is currently valid until October 2029. The general condition of use is as follows on the signage on the entry to Wilks Park:

- The maximum period of use allowed at any one time by a self-contained vehicle is 72 hours.
- Camping is only permitted within self-contained vehicles. No camping is permitted in tents or swags.
- A minimum distance of 6 metres is required to be maintained between self-contained vehicles, including any annex attached to the vehicle.
- Self-contained vehicles are not to be unoccupied for a period longer than 24 hours.
- Setting up portable showers and toilets is prohibited.
- Fires are permitted for cooking only in portable fire pits.

The Activity Approval also places a limit on the occupancy of the site, with a maximum of 74 self-contained vehicles at any one time.

In the past Council rangers regularly attended Wilks Park primitive campground. The rangers would remind campers that the site is for 72 hours use and that all campers must be self-sufficient. Regulatory enforcement options for non-compliance with conditions of use can be issued under section 632 of the *Local Government Act 1993* which incurs a penalty of \$110 or, with court action, a maximum of 10 penalty units (\$1100).

Council rangers are on location at Wilks Park more frequently at present as they are undertaking more intensive work in response to the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group's actions including issuing of compliance action requests, managing abandoned camp sites, pets and rubbish removal.

The site has CCTV directed at the amenities/BBQ shelter and entrance near the bins, with signage indicating the use of CCTV on the amenities block. Footage can be requested through Council's security contractor and given to the Wagga Police if an incident occurs. The community are encouraged to call the Police if they have concerns over safety, anti-social behaviour or criminal activity.

As part of the current emergency plan operations underway, enforcement action will eventually be applied to Wilks Park encampment residents if they breach Council's compliance requests. This would only occur after Council is satisfied that individuals have been offered alternate accommodation through Homes NSW and local service providers such as Vinnies. Council recognises that the issuing of fines to homeless people is a last resort option, as these fines will contribute to financial stress on a cohort already experiencing social and community disadvantage.

d) request the General Manager commence investigating the feasibility of a managed transitional camping or safe-parking area within the LGA, including:

- i. suitable Council-owned land near existing support services;**
- ii. cost-benefit analysis of required amenities;**
- iii. draft management plan for Council, support agencies, and NSW Police**

As previously reported to Council in CONF-7 Response to the NOM – Housing Opportunities tabled at the Ordinary Council meeting on Monday 22 July 2024, staff identified Council owned land along with other owner entities, including land parcels located near existing support services, who are predominantly based in central Wagga.

This study had a broader scope than the CBD and was specifically developed in response to worker accommodation and potential housing development. Of the 41 sites identified with potential, 17 of these were selected for further investigation and in reviewing the list they are all closed out or in progress for other initiatives. However, should Council progress a feasibility study, including detailed investigation by a land-use planning practitioner, this report and other desk top reviews undertaken by Council's Property team would provide data on the current status of any Council-owned sites near existing support services and their limitations.

Preliminary research findings

Preliminary research has been undertaken into investigating the feasibility of a managed transitional campground and/or safe-parking area within the Local Government Area. This has included advice received from consultants, non-government agencies and local government authorities that have already investigated similar concepts.

From the outset it is important to note that the concept of transitional campgrounds does not align with the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035. This strategy identifies that people sleeping rough should be supported to obtain long-term housing, and that temporary accommodation such as hotels and refuges is a last resort offering for a vulnerable person while they work with Homes NSW and partners to navigate viable long-term solutions. A transitional housing site using rudimentary shelter and facilities would be even further away from the NSW Strategy.

Staff have met with Rockhampton Regional Council and Articulous, who were appointed to undertake community consultation for Rockhampton's 'Rockhaven' transitional campground proposal in 2024. This project is relevant due to its similar scope.

Other NSW and Queensland based non-government organisations that had piloted safe-parking initiatives were also contacted. These pilots unfortunately were suspended due to public and worker safety, escalating legal, child-protection incidents and increasing operating costs, and resource demands beyond anticipated or affordable levels. The organisations shared anecdotal information confidentially but requested not to be identified. It should be noted that all these issues currently exist in the rough sleeper encampments.

A transitional campground concept

It has been challenging to identify comparable and successful Council-led projects to inform the scope of a feasibility study for this transitional camping concept. Staff contacted Rockhampton Regional Council, a local government authority who has recently investigated a similar transitional camping concept. A specialist consultant in the field advised she is not aware of any other Australian based Council's progressing transitional camp concepts.

Rockhampton Regional Council's investigation into the feasibility of a managed transitional campground in 2024-2026 is most comparable in scope to this NOM item. This council employed a project officer for two years and allocated an initial budget of \$500K to progress the project, including a feasibility study.

'Articulous' was engaged by Rockhampton Regional Council to undertake a community consultation project based on the pre identified camping site by the Council, which was the former Rockhampton Music Bowl, located 8 kilometres from the CBD. The concept was coined 'Rockhaven' and considered to be a 'last resort' concept with basic camping amenity for homeless people.

This first stage of work was a community consultation process based on a pre identified site; however, the concept was subsequently abandoned based on the community consultation that revealed the scale of risk, complexity and ongoing operational costs involved. Based on discussions with representatives from Rockhampton Regional

Council it is understood the 'Rockhaven' transitional campground concept did not proceed due to:

- **Preference for longer-term housing responses** rather than a temporary camping solution concept
- **Significant opposition to the proposed site and design by residents**, despite general support for addressing homelessness the site was not near established services and public transport.
- **Safety concerns** and costs including the need for security, clear site rules, establishment of amenities and ongoing management costs
- **Service Provider safety** who advised they lacked the resources to safely support a centralised population of vulnerable campers with complex needs.
- **Concerns about governance and operational arrangements**, including the key requirement and capacity of service providers to deliver ongoing services to the site and the increased funding required
- **Need for design and co-design with sector experts and people with lived experience** to ensure the site would be safe and functional
- **Cost and resourcing implications**, in addition to the \$500K already committed, estimated capital costs ranged from \$408,500 for mandatory upgrades to the existing infrastructure and approximately \$801,200 for recommended improvements, in addition to having to then fund annual ongoing operating and security costs

Based on these findings Rockhampton Council chose to suspend this work and resolved to convene a roundtable with State and Federal Government representatives to advocate for homelessness support, crisis accommodation, social and affordable housing, and potential funding opportunities.

It is important to note that Council is not a direct social services provider, with Homes NSW being the lead service provider of accommodation and housing products for people experiencing homelessness alongside non-government local agencies such as Vinnies (Edel Quinn Homelessness Shelter) and Aunty Clorinne's Place.

Council will remain focused on directing resources toward the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan. Based on the results of this plan, noting it includes Wilks Park encampment as a priority location, staff will pursue opportunities to advocate to government for increased funding to expand existing homelessness services reach and impact in City. This will include a focus on advocating for increased investment in long term viable housing options for social and community disadvantaged cohorts along with additional funding investment into front line homelessness and primary prevention housing services in line with the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035.

e) investigate a registration or engagement framework for extended stays at Wilks Park, including a permit system administered by a homelessness service provider and provisions for voluntary engagement with housing and support pathways

Until the results of the current Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan have been evaluated for the Wilks Park site it is recommended that this item is not progressed at this time.

f) write to the NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC requesting:

- i. Funding for a feasibility study into the safe-parking proposal;**
- ii. Deployment of Housing NSW staff onsite for support;**
- iii. Additional crisis or transitional housing for the Wagga Wagga Region;**
- iv. A formal response within 60 days.**

A letter was issued on the 1 April 2026 by Mayor Tout to the Minister for Homelessness, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, outlining the state of the homelessness crisis in the City and requesting urgent action and response to the items detailed above. The riverside death of a child has probably suspended this request.

g) Continue engagement with service providers and community organisations to connect people at Wilks Park with appropriate support.

Council staff are active participants in the Triple H Forum (Housing, Homelessness and Human Services) and a lead partner in the current Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group.

Ongoing work undertaken to connect services with vulnerable community members include the *Can We Help* community campaign which is a suite of digital and printed collateral developed by Council to assist community members in identifying key services that can support them in a crisis. This project is currently undergoing a major review and will be re-launched in October 2026 with sponsorship funding received from the Wagga Wagga Medicare Mental Health Centre.

However, in addition to the *Can We Help* resource an information pack on support services has been provided to people living at Wilks Park which includes key contact information for local service providers. This resource was reviewed and endorsed by the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group.

h) Request a meeting with the General Manager, the Mayor, relevant DCJ representatives and the police Command representatives to discuss the escalating homelessness crisis and potential solution approach.

The Hon Rose Jackson visited Wagga Wagga and chaired an interagency meeting on Thursday 21 May with the following executive representatives from key agencies such as: Wagga Wagga City Council, Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, Murrumbidgee Local Health District, RivMed, Marathon Health, Grand Pacific Health, Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council and Aunty Clorine's Place, Riverina Police Command, Homes NSW, Department of Communities and Justice, Local Land Services, Crown Land NSW, and elected officials Mayor Dallas Tout and Dr Joe McGirr.

Weekly meetings are currently occurring as part of the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group which includes executive representation from Wagga Wagga City Council and organisations as listed above.

i) write to the NSW Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP, requesting that he advocate on Council's behalf to the NSW Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, The Hon. Yasmin Maree Catley MP, and the NSW Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, The Hon. Rose Jackson MLC, regarding housing.

Dr Joe McGirr attended the emergency meeting convened between senior representatives of the New South Wales Government and Wagga Wagga City Council on 7 May 2026. He is an active member of the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group. Dr McGirr is leading the advocacy and ongoing engagement with various NSW Parliamentary ministers based on the advice and issues arising from the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group.

Recommendation

Homelessness is a complex and challenging issue that requires a whole of government and community response. As noted in this report since this Notice of Motion was resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 9 March 2026 an emergency meeting was convened between senior representatives of the New South Wales Government and Wagga Wagga City Council on 7 May 2026. This resulted in the establishment of a Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan and working group.

The Wilks Park homeless encampment has been identified as a priority site in this plan. Council is a formal member of the working group tasked with developing and actioning this plan. Led by the Mayor and GM, staff attend the weekly meetings of the working group to provide Council's progress on agreed actions, legal constraints and address any issues arising as part of the planning and actions of the working group membership.

For the immediate future Council will remain focused on directing resources toward the Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group. Based on the results of this plan, noting it includes Wilks Park encampment as a priority location, staff will pursue opportunities to advocate to government for increased funding to existing homelessness services' reach and impact in the city. This will include a focus on advocating for increased investment in long term viable housing options for social and community disadvantaged cohorts including additional funding investment into front line homelessness and primary prevention housing services in line with the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to be considered in this report.

Policy and Legislation

NSW Local Government Act (1993)

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

Reduce homelessness

Advocate for our community to access crisis accommodation and build capacity to prevent and respond to homelessness

Connect homeless people to access information and support systems

Risk Management Issues for Council

Risk management is a priority consideration as part of Council's participation in the current Homelessness Encampments – Wagga Wagga Emergency Response Plan working group. Operational plans considering the legal obligations of Council, along with site specific risk assessments are undertaken prior to any on site attendance by Council staff. Post evaluations are also undertaken to consider operational safety for staff, homeless residents in the identified encampments, service providers and Police.

It is recognised that our community expects Council to lead with empathy and respond to homelessness issues in our community as described in the Local Government Act (1993). Failing to proactively communicate Council's role and commitment to regulate public spaces, respond to community safety issues and advocate for more resources will result in reputational damage and further community concerns regarding Council's service performance.

Internal / External Consultation

Preliminary research has been undertaken into investigating the feasibility of a managed transitional campground and/or safe-parking area within the Local Government Area. This has included advice received from consultants, non-government agencies and local government authorities that have already investigated similar concepts.

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RP-5 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - EVENTS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Events category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Events category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$50,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of 13 applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 – Events category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Dallas Tout, independent community representative Belinda King, and Council's Events Officer.

Of the 13 applications received, a total of \$89,967.00 was requested with \$50,000 available. Out of these applications, twelve applications were successful, either fully-funded or part-funded. There was one unsuccessful application. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Events category funding recommendations listed below, supports five new events and a further seven established events to continue to grow and strengthen the City's annual event schedule.

The following table details the successful applications recommended. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
Hillman National Rally 2026	18th National Hillman Rally	\$7,500.00	\$3,064.00	Applicant indicated that they are willing to accept part funding. Funding to go towards: - Coach Hire - First Nations Dance Group - Welcome to Country Fee - Souvenir booklet production and name tags
Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Incorporated	Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Bookfair 2027	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	The panel noted this event promotes community connections, sustainability and important charity support.
Jared Kahlefeldt – Wagga Wagga Road Runners	Wagga5000 *	\$7,500.00	\$7,436.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
The Curious Arts Community	Pride in the Paddock *	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category. Funding to go towards artist fees only.
South Wagga Apex Incorporated	Australia Day Duck Races	\$7,500.00	\$2,500.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
				Funding to go towards equipment hire, St Johns and Facebook advertising.
Fishing for Kyan Inc.	Fishing for Kyan Community Fishing Day	\$5,748.00	\$5,600.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Wagga Wagga Malayali Association	Onam 2026 *	\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Wagga Wagga Tuskers Club	Diwali Musical Night *	\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Wagga Wagga Society of the Holy Child Jesus (Auspice: Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga Inc)	Sinulog sa Riverina Festival 2027: A Philippine Barrio Fiesta	\$7,500.00	\$4,500.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Riverina Readers Festival	Riverina Readers Festival 2027	\$5,919.00	\$4,600.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category. Funding to go towards author fees and moderators only.
Wagga City Rugby Club	Celebrating the Cultural Diversity of Rugby in Wagga Wagga	\$7,500.00	\$3,000.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
Alliance Francaise de Wagga Wagga	Paris After Dark *	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including social connection and activation of suburban neighbourhood/rural village within the Wagga LGA, supporting innovation and new offerings through social connection/positive ageing.
	Totals	\$82,467.00	\$50,000.00	

* New events recommended to be funded

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Events	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected

Activate community spaces to promote connectedness

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on Friday 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Events

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

RP-6 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - LOCAL HERITAGE**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Local Heritage category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Local Heritage category of the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 as detailed in the report totalling \$15,500.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a well-attended drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of three applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 - Local Heritage category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Michael Henderson, independent community representative Gioia Gianniotis, and Council's Senior Town Planner.

Of the three applications received a total of \$16,181.82 was requested with \$15,500 available. All three applications were successful, either fully-funded or part-funded. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications received.

Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
Madeline Clark	Kyeamba Station Breezeway	\$7,500.00	\$6,818.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category such as conservation works to a heritage building in rural area within LGA.
Frances Kendall	Household Fence	\$1,181.82	\$1,182.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including new/replacement front fence in accordance with the heritage style of the property.
Keela-Wee Trust – Lisa Goode	Wilstone court Frontage	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category by completing conservation works to a heritage building in the conservation area.
	Totals	\$16,181.82	\$15,500.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Local Heritage	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$0.00

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

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

Value our heritage

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Other methods (please list specific details below)																

RP-7 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the successful applications for the Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$28,825
- b note the 2025/26 budget transfer of \$3,825 as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a well-attended drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of eleven applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 – Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Jenny McKinnon, independent community representative Harold Gretton, and Council's Cultural Officer.

Of the eleven applications received, a total of \$43,315.06 was requested, with \$28,825 available. Out of these applications, eight applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded. Three applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category funding recommendations will support both emerging and established artists, and will provide positive cultural experiences for everyone, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Of the eight successful applications, three are either new applicants to the Annual Grants Program or have not received Annual Grants Program funding in the past five years.

The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided to Councillors under separate cover.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
Wagga and District Highland Pipe Band	Equipment – Scottish Dress	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas of funding category by supporting live music and events. It also supports cultural experiences for everyone with a particular focus on young and emerging artists and technicians.
Riverina Readers Festival	Riverina Readers Market 2027 *	\$5,283.40	\$3,997.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category. Funding to go towards infrastructure hire, promotional collateral design, event space hire,

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
				information tablecloths, way-finding flags, promotional collateral printing, A4 display signs and paid Meta advertising.
Kozmik Light Music & Events – Kayne Mills (Auspice: Eastern Riverina Arts)	PROMO – Promote Regional Original Music Opportunities	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Project supports live music and events as well as cultural experiences for everyone with a particular focus on young and emerging artists and technicians.
Wagga Wagga Bonsai Society	A weekend workshop with Scott Martin of Bonsai Matsu	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas of funding category by providing skill development workshops.
Wagga City Rugby Male Choir Inc	Amplification and accompanist equipment for Choirs performance and practice sessions	\$2,800.00	\$2,626.00	Part funding recommended as program does not fund GST. This submission demonstrates the ability to create opportunities for cultural connections in our community.
Wagga Community Brass Band	Purchase of Cymbal Unit for Band use	\$772.00	\$772.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas of funding category by

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
				supporting live music and events which creates opportunities for cultural connections.
Eastern Riverina Arts	What We Keep: Personal Archives Reimagined	\$6,881.54	\$6,882.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category by supporting emerging artists and cultural experiences for everyone and through the development of new artworks/exhibitions/performances with public outcomes.
Kyeamba Valley Woodworks (Auspice: Ladysmith Memorial Hall Incorporated)	Woodwork for good – Building community with the sustainable practice of traditional hand tool woodworking	\$3,093.12	\$3,048.00	Part funding only as program does not fund GST.
	Totals	\$30,330.06	\$28,825.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Arts, Culture & Creative Industries	\$28,825	\$28,825	\$0

Additional funding of \$3,825 to increase the 2026/27 Arts, Culture & Creative Industries category has been funded from the 2025/26 Arts, Culture & Creative Industries carryover.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

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

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on Friday 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Arts, Culture & Creative Industries

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RP-8 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - ENVIRONMENT**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Environment category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Environment category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$7,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

Four applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 – Environment category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Karissa Subedi, independent community representative Wendy De Luca, and Council's Natural Resource Management Officer.

Of the four applications received, a total of \$18,039.87 was requested, with \$7,000 available. Out of these applications, three applications were successful, either fully-funded or part-funded. There was one unsuccessful application. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0. The following table details the successful applications. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
ErinEarth Ltd	Kildare Street Verge Regeneration Project	\$4,545.45	\$4,545.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including clearly demonstrating how they will have a positive impact on the environment and by engaging the community in on-ground environmental initiatives.
Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society Inc	Solar Panels for Family History Rooms	\$4,892.22	\$1,000.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Emily Shannon (Auspice: Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists)	Bidgee Balance Boardgame	\$3,602.20	\$1,455.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Totals		\$13,039.87	\$7,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Environment	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

Objective: Our natural areas are protected and enhanced

Preserve and improve our natural assets

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Environment

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RP-9 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - RURAL HALLS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Rural Halls category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Rural Halls category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$25,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a well-attended drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of seven applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 - Rural Halls category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Georgie Davies, independent community representative David Croft, and Council's Facilities Management Coordinator.

Of the seven applications received a total of \$57,494.24 was requested with \$25,000 available. Out of these applications, four applications were successful, either fully funded or part-funded, and three applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Rural Halls category funding recommendations will support improvements to community halls in the rural districts and villages of Burrandana, Mangoplah, Ladysmith and Humula.

The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
Burrandana Recreational Reserve & Public Hall	Centenary Heating & Cooling Project	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category by enhancing the use and access to existing community infrastructure.
Mangoplah Public Hall	Mangoplah Hall Kitchen Upgrade	\$5,150.49	\$5,000.00	Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Ladysmith Memorial Hall Incorporated	All Season Climate Control Upgrade for Ladysmith Memorial Hall's Ballroom	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Humula Progress Association	Humula Soldiers Memorial Hall Repainting	\$6,675.00	\$5,000.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Total		\$31,825.49	\$25,000.00	

Financial Implications

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

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Other methods (please list specific details below)																

Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Rural Halls

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RP-10 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - YOUTH PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Youth Programs & Projects category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Youth Programs & Projects category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$15,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of eleven applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 - Youth Programs & Projects category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel

members were Councillor Georgie Davies, independent community representative Audrinna Pinney, and Council's Youth Development Officer.

Of the eleven applications received, a total of \$59,441.56 was requested with \$15,000 available. Out of these applications, three applications were successful, either fully funded or part-funded. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Youth Programs & Projects funding recommendations will support the mental health, wellbeing and skills development of Wagga Wagga's youth, including First Nations and LGBTQIA+ communities.

The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for funding / part funding
Headspace Wagga Wagga	Mellow Minds Festival	\$7,500.00	\$5,898.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Application presents a positive benefit to the community with a focus on young people, increases access/equity/participation for young people (including priority groups), improves mental health and wellbeing of young people. Application demonstrated either cash or in-kind support.
Booranga Writers Centre	Youth Writing Workshops	\$4,447.88	\$4,448.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including presenting a positive benefit to the community with a focus on young people. Application demonstrates increasing access, equity and participation for young people (including priority groups) while also demonstrating evidence of either cash or in-kind contribution.
Eastern Riverina Arts	Maker to Market	\$4,653.68	\$4,654.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for funding / part funding
				priority areas in funding category by presenting a positive benefit to the community with a focus on young people. Project increases access, equity, and participation for young people. Application demonstrates evidence of either cash or in-kind support.
	Total	\$16,601.56	\$15,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Youth Programs & Projects	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing Economy

Objective: Wagga Wagga is a hub for activity

Facilitate the development of vibrant precincts

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

	Mail			Traditional Media			Community Engagement				Digital					
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Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Youth Programs & Projects

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RP-11 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - SMALL BUSINESS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the LGA that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Small Business category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the successful applications for the Small Business category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$15,000
- b note the 2025/26 budget transfers as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of 12 applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 – Small Business category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Allana Condrón, independent community representative Annette Jarvis, and Council's Economic Development Officer.

Of the 12 applications received, a total of \$59,834.95 was requested with \$15,000.00 available. Out of these applications two applications were successful and full funding is recommended, and ten applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Small Business funding recommendations will support the growth of local small businesses. The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
Bretto's Fine Foods	Riverina Reaper Artisan Sauces: A Regional Food Innovation Project	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including support the expansion of business.
Shepley Group	Pump House Pizza	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including supporting the expansion of business. The panel noted this is an innovative project that will enhance productivity, customer experience and activation of the Fitzmaurice Street Precinct.
Totals		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Small Business	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

Additional funding to increase the 2026/27 Small Business category has been funded from the 2025/26 Small Business budget transfer of \$1,010 along with \$1,490 from the 2025/26 Economic Business Development budget line.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing Economy

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Small Business

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RP-12 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - RECREATIONAL & COMMUNITY FACILITIES**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 funding priorities continued to focus on areas within the LGA that have high levels of social and community disadvantage. The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Recreational & Community Facilities category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Recreational & Community Facilities Category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$30,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a well-attended drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of 14 applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 - Recreational & Community Facilities category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Lindsay Tanner, independent community representative Luke Olsen, and Council's Recreation Coordinator.

Of the 14 applications received, a total of \$119,871.20 was requested with \$30,000 available. Out of these applications, four applications were successful, either fully funded or part-funded, and ten applications were unsuccessful. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Recreational & Community Facilities funding recommendations will support new or improvements to facilities across multiple sporting codes and community groups across the Wagga Wagga LGA. Community infrastructure recommended for funding are located in the suburbs of Bourkelands, Lake Albert, North Wagga and South Wagga.

The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
Koorinal Little Athletics	Shelters for Bill Jacobs Athletics Track	\$20,000.00	\$7,500.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept partial funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
North Wagga Resident's Association	North Wagga – Safe and Shady Play	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including increasing activation of public community spaces.
Wagga Disc Golf Incorporated	Enhancement of Existing Disc Golf Course	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including increasing activation of public community spaces.
South Wagga Tennis Club	South Wagga Tennis Club Lighting	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept partial funding. Part funding

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
				recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
	Totals	\$45,000.00	\$30,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Recreational & Community Facilities	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

The Environment

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

Improve the facilities of our spaces and places

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Recreational & Community Facilities

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RP-13 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Community Programs & Projects category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council approve the successful applications for the Community Programs & Projects category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$30,000.

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

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Council staff organised a well-attended drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of 11 applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 - Community Programs & Projects category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel

members were Councillor Richard Foley, independent community representative Alison Reid, and Council's Community Development Officer.

Of the 11 applications received, a total of \$66,692.40 was requested with \$30,000 available. Out of these applications, six applications were successful, either fully funded or part funded. There were five unsuccessful applications. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Community Programs & Projects recommended will fund activities, events, and resource needs for local community groups. This will include Culturally & Linguistically Diverse communities and supporting community members facing food insecurity to connect with local support organisations to get the help they need.

The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
Cho Ethnic Association of Wagga Wagga (CEAW) (Auspice: Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga)	Traditional K'Cho instruments and outfits	\$6,600.46	\$3,670.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category. Panel members agreed this was a clear and inclusive project.
NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS)	Yazidi New Year 2027: A Celebration of Culture, Connection & Community	\$7,500.00	\$5,520.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category. Funding to go towards dancers/musicians, cultural workshop facilitators, tables/chairs, marquee rental and transport.
Ashmont Public School	Breakfast Program	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas by improving the mental health and

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reason for Funding
				wellbeing of people living in our community. It is a strong program that supports children/young people experiencing social and economic disadvantages.
Albury Wodonga FoodShare	Closing the Food Gap: Strengthening Wagga Wagga Relief Through Partnership	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	Full funding recommended. This is a detailed application that demonstrates a clear need for this service to assist people with social and economic disadvantages. The application demonstrates strong partnerships with local service providers and addresses food waste, waste diversion and cost-of-living challenges.
Ashmont Community Resource Centre	Together in Motion	\$6,000.00	\$4,800.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category. Panel agreed this is a very inclusive program with clear and impactful objectives.
Ladysmith Memorial Hall Incorporated	Gentle Strength, Fall Prevention & Community Connection: Rural Tai Chi Access Program	\$4,000.00	\$1,010.00	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
	Total	\$39,100.46	\$30,000.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Community Programs and Projects	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

Safe and Healthy Community

Objective: Our community feel safe

Create safe spaces and places

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on Friday 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Community Programs & Projects

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RP-14 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2026/27 - NEIGHBOURHOOD & RURAL VILLAGES**Author:** Madeleine Scully**Executive:** Christine Priest**Summary:**

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

The total amount of funding available in the 2026/27 financial year is \$232,000. The 2025/26 remaining uncommitted funds including projects that did not proceed totals \$13,825. This brings the total funding available for 2026/27 to \$245,825.

The Annual Grants Program application period opened on Monday 23 February 2026 and closed on Monday 4 May 2026. This report provides details regarding the Neighbourhood & Rural Villages category for 2026/27.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the successful applications for the Neighbourhood & Rural Villages category of the 2026/27 Annual Grants Program as detailed in the report totalling \$29,500
- b note the 2025/26 budget transfer as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report

Report

The Annual Grants Program 2026/27 consists of ten grant categories: Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Community Programs & Projects; Environment; Events; Local Heritage; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Recreational & Community Facilities; Rural Halls; Small Business; and Youth Programs & Projects.

Each category is reported as a separate report to allow Councillors to consider pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in each report and Annual Grants category. An overall total of 94 applications were received for assessment in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27, with \$245,825 available, inclusive of the 2025/26 uncommitted funds of \$13,825. The total amount of funding requested by the community across all categories was \$575,624.97.

Council staff organised a well-attended drop-in community consultation session on Friday 27 March 2026 to assist prospective applicants to discuss their project ideas and fine tune their applications so that they were competitive.

A total of seven applications were received in the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 - Neighbourhood & Rural Villages category. Applications were assessed with the panel comprising of a Councillor, an independent community representative, and staff. Panel members were Councillor Amelia Parkins, independent community representative Alison Reid, and Council's Community Development Officer.

Of the seven applications received, a total of \$37,286.87 was requested with \$29,500 available. Out of these applications, six applications were successful, either fully funded or part-funded. There was one unsuccessful application. The total amount of unallocated funds is \$0.

The 2026/27 Neighbourhood & Rural Villages category funding will support events and organisations that increase community connections and community pride, including in the Nepalese, Ezidi, Filipino and First Nations communities. Activities will be held across the LGA including the suburbs and rural villages of Forest Hill, Glenfield Park, Ladysmith and Uranquinty.

The following table details the successful applications received. A list of unsuccessful applicants has been provided under separate cover to Councillors

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
Pradeep Subedi (Wagga Nepalese Football Group) (Auspice: Multicultural Council of Wagga Wagga)	Connection and Community Building	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including increasing community connection through recreational activity / arts / leisure in neighbourhood/rural village in community centre/hall/public space.
NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS)	Healing Spaces – Ezidi Women Survivors Wellbeing Program	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category through increasing community connection through recreational activity / arts / leisure in neighbourhood/rural village in community centre/hall/public space.

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
Sunflower House Inc	Sound Healing Meditation	\$4,090.80	\$3,803.93	Applicant indicated they are willing to accept part funding. Part funding recommended due to limited funds available in a competitive category.
Eastern Riverina Arts	Small Halls Big Songs	\$7,283.89	\$7,283.89	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including increasing community connection through recreational activity / arts / leisure in neighbourhood/rural village in community centre/hall/public space.
St Vincent de Paul Society NSW	Vinnies Wagga 'Community in Motion'	\$1,412.18	\$1,412.18	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including increasing community connection through recreational activity / arts / leisure in neighbourhood/rural village in community centre/hall/public space.
Filcom Wagga (Filipino Community of Wagga Wagga) (Auspice: Multicultural Council of	Learn, Read and Speak Tagalog program	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	Full funding recommended. A project with clear objectives and outcomes. Application meets key priority areas in funding category including promoting intergenerational

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Requested	Funding Approved	Reasons for Funding
Wagga Wagga)				connections and supporting the preservation of cultural language. Community connection is increased through recreational activity / arts / leisure in neighbourhood/rural village in community centre/hall/public space.
	Totals	\$29,786.87	\$29,500.00	

Financial Implications

Annual Grants Category Description	Total Budget Available	Total funds Allocated	Total Funds Unallocated
Neighbourhood & Rural Villages	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$0

Additional funding of \$7,500 to increase the 2026/27 Neighbourhood & Rural Villages category has been funded from the 2025/26 Neighbourhood & Rural Villages budget transfer.

Policy and Legislation

POL 078 – Financial Assistance Policy.

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Place and Identity

Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected

Activate community spaces to promote connectedness

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive advertising and media communication was undertaken to promote the Annual Grants Program 2026/27 on all Council platforms. A well-attended community engagement workshop was held on 27 March 2026. Council staff proactively contacted community networks to promote the Annual Grants Program and to provide assistance in the preparation of applications.

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Attachments

1. Unsuccessful Applicants - Neighbourhood & Rural Villages

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RP-15 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF LAND - 216 ASHFORDS ROAD, GREGADOO, BEING LOT 1 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 1143881**Author:** Matthew Dombrovski**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

Summary: This report provides feedback to Council on the public exhibition of the initial classification of 216 Ashfords Road, Gregadoo and notes submissions received.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a receive and note submissions received during the public exhibition period, as summarised in this report
- b classify the land described as Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 1143881 and identified as 216 Ashfords Road, Gregadoo as operational land in accordance with section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993

Report

On 19 January 2026 Council resolved (Resolution 26/012) to:

CONF-1 LAND ACQUISITION**26/012 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That Council:

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

The report of 19 January 2026 outlined Council's legislative obligation to classify land acquired as either community land or operational land within three months of acquisition. This is a legislative requirement under Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993. The consequence of not proceeding with the classification within that time frame is that the land would, on the expiration of three months, be classified as community land by default.

Given the reason for acquiring the property in question was in order to support the future expansion of the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre, a community land classification is not appropriate. Accordingly, the 19 January 2026 resolution included in principle agreement to the classification of the property as operational land, subject to going through the relevant administrative processes.

Settlement of the purchase occurred on 29 May 2026. The initial classification process must therefore be completed by 29 August 2026, or the property will be automatically classified as community land.

The proposed initial classification of the site was placed on public exhibition from 5 June 2026 to 3 July 2026. During the public exhibition period two submissions were received. The submissions did not address the proposed initial classification but did object to the prior communication process when Council acquired the adjacent property at 232 Ashfords Road, Gregadoo.

The submissions also referenced "reclassification" of the land and other concerns relating to the proposed expansion of the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre. Whilst not relevant to the initial classification of land, the issues raised by community members are important considerations for any future development of the land and should be considered as part of the GWMC Masterplan.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

POL-038 Acquisition, Disposal and Management of Land Policy

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

Enabling infrastructure

Deliver critical community infrastructure to facilitate growth and attract business.

Risk Management Issues for Council

Council has a responsibility to appropriately manage its land assets. The initial classification of land is a statutory requirement of Council, as well as serving as a risk and cost mitigation strategy. The proposed initial classification of the land as operational land reflects the purpose for which Council resolved to acquire the land, and avoids the land being classified by default as community land, which would require reclassification to operational land at a later stage.

The *Local Government Act 1993* sets out limitations on the use of community classified lands. Based on those limitations, council would not be able to utilise the land or its existing residential and or agricultural purposes.

The two submissions received have been summarised and responded to in Attachment 1.

Internal / External Consultation

The initial classification proposal was placed on public exhibition between 5 June 2026 to 3 July 2026 with engagement undertaken as per the table below.

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

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

During the public exhibition period, two submissions were received. The submissions have been summarised and responded in Attachment 1. Full redacted copies of the submission (including copies of previous submissions provided in relation to the initial classification of the adjacent property) are provided in Attachment 2.

Attachments

1. Initial Classification Summary of Submissions 216 Ashfords Road - Attachment 1
2. Submissions Initial Classification 216 Ashfords Road- Attachment 2

Submission Summaries and Responses

Community Submissions

Theme	Submission Reference	Officer Response
Objection to Prior Communication Process	#1, #2	Noted. Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding possible future expansion. It is important to note that no decisions have been made regarding the future use or development of the site. Any proposal would require a separate process with opportunities for community input, environmental assessment and statutory approvals.
Airborne pathogens and dust, environmental health issues, erosion of peace and quiet	#1, #2	Noted. Council's acquisition of 216 Ashfords Road forms part of a broader approach to planning for the city's future waste management requirements. No specific decisions regarding the site's use have been made at this stage. The acquisition supports long-term planning to deliver benefits to the Wagga Wagga community as it continues to grow.
Access, safety and amenity concerns, environmental and livestock risks, fire risks, insurance implications	#1, #2	Noted. At this stage no operational use has been determined for the site. Any future proposal would be subject to separate planning, design and approval processes that include the consideration of safety, amenity, environmental and risk management factors.
Reclassification from community to operational	#1, #2	Noted. This is not a reclassification of land it is an initial classification. Under Local Government Act, Section 31(2) Council must resolve that acquired land be classified as either community land or operational land within three (3) months of acquisition. As a community classification is not appropriate in this instance, the public exhibition was held for an initial classification as operational land.
Opposition to future expansion	#1, #2	Noted. Council acknowledges the concerns raised regarding possible future expansion. It is important to note that no decisions have been made regarding the future use or development of the site. Any proposal would require a separate process with opportunities for community input, environmental assessment and statutory approvals.

Traffic congestion and road damage	#2	Noted. Traffic and road impacts will be carefully considered as part of any future proposal for the site. Council will undertake the necessary traffic studies and infrastructure planning to ensure local roads remain safe and functional. No development decisions have been made at this stage.
Odour nuisance, rubbish debris	#1, #2	Noted. Concerns about odour and litter are acknowledged.
Water contamination	#2	Noted. Any future proposal would require thorough environmental assessments, including water management and protection measures, to ensure compliance with relevant environmental standards and safeguards.
Fire	#1, #2	Noted. Should a future proposal proceed, fire safety, bushfire management and compliance with relevant regulations would form part of the required planning and assessment processes.

Document 1: Submission for the Parents (Incoming Retirees)

Attention: General Manager / Public Exhibition Review Team

Council Entity: Wagga Wagga City Council

Submission Portal: Wagga Wagga Have Your Say

Subject: Formal Re-Submission: Gregadoo Waste Management Centre (GWMC)
Operational Proposal & Master Plan

1. Objection to Prior Communication Process

- **Procedural failure:** We are lodging this submission as incoming residents and original respondents contacted to review the proposal due to the January notification failure.
- **Inadequate notification:** The original public exhibition period lacked clear communication regarding the scale of the long-term operational expansions, heavily impacting our retirement planning and peace of mind.
- **Deficit in community trust:** Failing to engage residents appropriately regarding a major 20-year infrastructure development limits transparent democratic feedback.

2. Critical Health Risks to Immunocompromised Retirees

- **Vulnerable residents:** We are seeking to retire at our son's residence in the immediate vicinity of the facility and are **strictly immunocompromised**.
- **Airborne pathogens and dust:** Waste baby facility expansions inherently increase dust, bio aerosols, particulate matter, and fungal spores. For immunocompromised individuals, exposure to these airborne irritants poses severe, life-threatening respiratory and systemic health risks.
- **Psychological distress:** The anxiety of moving into an area with unquantified environmental health hazards—compounded by the council's lack of transparent communication—is causing severe emotional distress during a critical life transition.
- **Erosion of peace and quiet:** Retirees choose rural-residential zones for health, peace, and clean air. Expanding a major dump compromises the liveability and safety required for vulnerable, older residents.

3. Operational & Environmental Concerns

- **Site expansion footprint:** The acquisition of land for facility growth presents distinct concerns regarding proximity to our future home and shifting boundaries.
- **Incident management and safety:** The waste cell and grass fire on 15 January highlighted the immediate physical risks localised to the Gregadoo site, which is highly alarming for residents with potential future mobility constraints.

- **Amenity impacts:** We require strict, legally binding assurances regarding day-to-day odour controls, dust mitigation, and heavy vehicle traffic management to safeguard our daily health.

4. Formal Demands for Rectification

1. **Independent health impact study:** Demand that Council commission an independent environmental health impact assessment to ensure airborne vectors, fungal spores, and dust will not impact vulnerable or immunocompromised residents in the immediate vicinity.
2. **Dust and vector eradication protocols:** Enforce legally binding, daily dust suppression management and strict pest eradication targets on-site.
3. **Mandatory notification zones:** Establish a permanent, wider geographical notification boundary for any future operational adjustments at the facility so vulnerable residents are never left uninformed.
4. **Community oversight panel:** Create a dedicated resident roundtable to ensure direct communication between council project managers and neighbours.

Submitted by:

Gary and Natalie EERDEN

Future Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Gary Eerden

Mobile: [REDACTED]

New email: [REDACTED]

Old email: [REDACTED]

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Natalie Eerden

Mobile: [REDACTED]

New email: [REDACTED]

Old email: [REDACTED]

Date: 27 June 2026

To: Wagga Wagga City Council

Date: 09 August 2025

RE: Objection to Reclassification of 232 Ashford Road, Gregadoo from Community Land to Operational Land – Pecuniary Interest in 265 Ashford Road

Dear Council Officers,

We, Gary EERDEN and Natalie EERDEN, are writing to object to the proposed reclassification of 232 Ashford Road, Gregadoo from “Community Land” to “Operational Land”.

We have a pecuniary interest in our son’s property, Joseph EERDEN, which is accessed via a right of carriageway through [REDACTED] and requires passing the entrance to the current waste management facility. Any change in classification of 232 Ashford Road will directly affect the value, safety, and amenity of this property — which we intend to make our retirement home in the next few years.

1. Reduced Protection and Increased Industrial Use

- Community land status currently ensures the land is held for public use and is subject to restrictions protecting environmental values and amenity.
- Reclassifying to operational land removes these safeguards, opening the way for intensive waste management operations without the same level of community oversight.
- This creates a precedent for further industrialisation in the Gregadoo area.

2. Impact on Property Value and Financial Interest

- As financial stakeholders in our future home, we are concerned that reclassification and subsequent industrial use will reduce property values in the surrounding area.
- Once operational, the land could be used in ways that permanently damage the rural character and desirability of the district.

3. Amenity and Lifestyle Impact

- Heavy vehicle traffic, increased noise, dust, odours, and debris are all likely outcomes of operational land use for waste purposes.
- Such impacts are incompatible with our intention to retire to a peaceful rural property in this location.

4. Environmental and Safety Risks

- The change in classification paves the way for activities that carry biosecurity, contamination, and fire risks.
- There is a real possibility of waste-related pollutants entering waterways, posing a risk to livestock and to the environment we rely upon for rural living.

Requested Action

We respectfully request that Council:

- Retains the "Community Land" classification for 232 Ashford Road, or;
- Conducts a full independent assessment of environmental, economic, and social impacts prior to any reclassification, ensuring affected stakeholders are consulted in a meaningful way.

Given our financial stake and retirement plans for the property, the potential loss of amenity, value, and environmental integrity is of serious concern.

We urge Council to preserve the protections offered by the current community land status and reject the proposed reclassification.

Sincerely,

Natalie Eerden

[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Gary John Eerden

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Document 1: Submission for Joseph Eerden (Property Owner/Resident)

Attention: General Manager / Public Exhibition Review Team

Council Entity: Wagga Wagga City Council

Submission Portal: Wagga Wagga Have Your Say

Subject: Formal Re-Submission: Gregadoo Waste Management Centre (GWMC) Operational Proposal & Master Plan

1. Objection to Prior Communication Process

- **Procedural failure:** I am lodging this submission as one of the 30 original respondents contacted to review the proposal due to the January notification failure.
- **Inadequate notification:** The original public exhibition period lacked clear communication regarding the sheer scale of the long-term operational expansions.
- **Deficit in community trust:** Failing to engage residents appropriately regarding a major 20year infrastructure development limits transparent democratic feedback.

2. Impact on Local Property Values & Financial Equity

- **Devaluation risks:** The lack of transparent communication has created significant anxiety regarding the negative impact of an expanded dump footprint on surrounding property values.
- **Proximity penalties:** Extending operations and acquiring adjoining land on Ashfords Road directly penalises nearby landowners who invested in the area under different zoning expectations.
- **Market stigma:** Incidents like the January waste fire, combined with ongoing visual, noise, and odour impacts, create a lasting market stigma that diminishes local equity.
- **Disproportionate burden:** Local ratepayers should not bear the financial burden of asset depreciation to accommodate an expanded regional waste hub.

3. Biosecurity and Veterinary Risks to Property Animals

- **Proximity of livestock and pets:** My property maintains horses and dogs in close proximity to the GWMC boundary.
- **Vector-borne diseases:** Expanded waste hubs attract increased populations of feral pests, rodents, and birds. These vectors carry diseases and parasites that pose direct biosecurity threats to domestic pets and horses.
- **Water and pasture contamination:** Windblown litter, toxic dust runoff, and potential groundwater leaching threaten the safety of pasture land and animal drinking water supplies.

4. Operational & Environmental Concerns

- **Site expansion footprint:** The acquisition of land for facility growth presents distinct concerns regarding proximity to properties and shifting boundaries.

- **Incident management and safety:** The waste cell and grass fire on 15 January highlighted the immediate physical risks localized to the Gregadoo site.
- **Amenity impacts:** Local residents require strict, legally binding assurances regarding day-to-day odour controls, dust mitigation, and heavy vehicle traffic management.

5. Formal Demands for Rectification

1. **Property value impact study:** Demand that Council commission an independent socioeconomic impact assessment to quantify the effect of the expansion on local property values.
2. **Rates relief or compensation:** Establish a framework for property rate relief or compensation for landholders worst affected by the expanded operational buffer zones.
3. **Independent biosecurity audit:** Demand that Council commission an independent veterinary biosecurity impact assessment to ensure airborne vectors and runoff will not impact local livestock.
4. **Community oversight panel:** Create a dedicated resident roundtable to ensure direct communication between council project managers and neighbours.

Submitted by:

Joseph Eerden

[REDACTED]

29 June 2026

Wagga Wagga City Council

Date: 07 August 2025

RE: Objection to Proposed Purchase and Use of 232 Ashford Road, Gregadoo as a Waste Management Site

Dear Council Officers,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed purchase and use of 232 Ashford Road, Gregadoo for waste management purposes.

I am a neighbouring landholder who accesses my private property via a right of carriageway that passes through [REDACTED] and I drive directly past the entrance to the current waste management facility on a regular basis.

While my property does not directly adjoin 232 Ashford Road, I am significantly affected by any changes to waste operations in this area due to:

1. Access, Safety, and Amenity Concerns

- My primary access route takes me past the proposed site entrance, increasing my exposure to:
 - Heavy vehicle traffic
 - Debris hazards
 - Dust, noise, and odours
- This raises significant safety and amenity concerns for both myself and any visitors or service providers needing to access my property.

2. Environmental and Livestock Risks

- Like my neighbour at [REDACTED] I have concerns about the spread of waste-related debris, especially plastics, which pose a choking and ingestion risk to livestock, including horses. - There are natural waterways and dams in the area, and I am concerned about the potential for runoff or leachate contamination reaching stock water sources.

- Pest and disease vectors from waste facilities can easily spread across paddocks and through fence lines.

3. Fire Risk and Insurance Implications

- Waste sites are well-known for their high fire load and ignition risk.
- Fire from such a site could easily travel across rural properties, especially during dry conditions, putting livestock, property, and lives at risk.
- This also increases farm insurance costs, adding a financial burden on rural landowners.

4. Negative Impact on Property Value and Rural Lifestyle

- Proximity to a waste site significantly reduces property values due to perceived contamination and nuisance risks.
- My choice to live rurally was based on privacy, peace, and agricultural use – all of which will be compromised by the increased industrialisation of the area.

Proposed Resolution

I respectfully request that Council:

- Abandons the purchase of 232 Ashford Road for waste operations, or;
- Undertakes a full risk and environmental impact assessment with proper consultation of all neighbouring landholders – including those affected via rights of carriageway and proximity to waste routes.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my concerns further and urge Council to reconsider the significant long-term impacts this proposal would have on rural residents and agricultural landholders in the Gregadoo area.

Sincerely,

Joseph Eerden

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

RP-16 MANGOPLAH AND HUMULA FLOOD STUDY PUBLIC EXHIBITION**Author:** Andrew Mason**General Manager:** Peter Thompson

Summary: WMAwater has completed the development of the flood models for both Mangoplah and Humula and completed the associated reports. The next step is to seek endorsement from the Council to place the report on Public Exhibition for 28 days.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a notes the recommendation from the Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee from the meeting held on 16 April 2026
- b receives the draft Report prepared by consultants regarding the Mangoplah and Humula Flood Study and place that Report on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days from 1 August 2026 and invite public submissions until 28 August 2026 on the draft Reports
- c receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period addressing any submission received

Report

Wagga Wagga City Council engaged WMAwater to undertake the Mangoplah and Humula Flood Studies. The studies define the existing flood behaviour within the townships of Mangoplah and Humula using computer models with the objective to improve the understanding of flood behaviour and impacts and better inform Council of the flood risk in the study areas. The studies aim to provide an understanding of the full range of flood behaviour and consequences in the study areas as per the requirements of the NSW Government Flood Risk Management Manual.

WMAWater has completed the development of the flood models for both Mangoplah and Humula and completed the associated reports. The next step in this project is to seek endorsement from the Council to place the report on public exhibition for 28 days. At the commencement of the project, the community were informed of the study and provided the opportunity to contribute their observations of flooding within the catchment. Unfortunately, no submissions were received. Community drop-in sessions were also held at Mangoplah and Humula to gather information. The sessions had low attendance.

For the Public Exhibition stage of this project, the villages will be targeted with a range of engagement practices including specific drop-in sessions, targeted online engagement and opportunities for face to face communication in the hope of getting a better response and increased engagement from the affected residents.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

N/A

Link to Strategic Plan

Vibrant

Our community feels safe.

Support public safety.

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

Attachments

1. Mangoplah and Humula Flood Study - Provided under separate cover.

RP-17 BUDGET VARIATIONS AND 30 JUNE 2026 INVESTMENT REPORT**Author:** Carolyn Rodney**Summary:**

This report is for Council to consider and approve the proposed budget variations required to manage the 2025/26 and 2026/27 budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

This report is also for Council to consider its external investments and performance as at 30 June 2026.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a approve the proposed 2025/26 and 2026/27 budget variations as presented in this report
- b approve the proposed budget variations to the Long-Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program
- c note the Responsible Accounting Officer's reports, in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Part 9 Division 3: Clause 203) that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made above
- d note the details of the external investments as of 30 June 2026 in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

Report

This report includes proposed budget variations for Council's consideration and adoption. Council is forecasting a balanced budget position for the 2026/27 financial year as at 27 July 2026.

The usual monthly financial report is not included in the Business Paper due to the commencement of the year-end process and preparation of the financial statements for auditing. The 2025/26 Financial Statements will be presented to Council in October 2026 which will highlight and provide analysis on Council's overall financial performance and position for the 2025/26 financial year. Council's Independent Auditor will present the 2025/26 Audit Report at the November 2026 Council meeting.

Council has experienced a positive monthly investment performance for the month of June when compared to budget (\$585,545 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.

Council's investment portfolio continued to perform strongly throughout the 2025/26 financial year, with the portfolio returning 4.25% for the year.

2026/27 Revised Budget Result – (Surplus) / Deficit	\$'000s
Original 2026/27 Budget Result as adopted by Council	\$0K
Total Budget Variations approved to date.	\$0K
Budget Variations for 2026/27	\$0K
Proposed Revised Budget result for 2026/27, as at 27 July 2026 – (Surplus) / Deficit	\$0K

The proposed Budget Variations to 27 July 2026 are listed below:

Budget Variation	Amount	Funding Source	Net Impact (Fav)/ Unfav
1 – Regional Leadership			
Dealing with Homelessness	\$25K	Additional Section 603 Certificate Income (\$25K)	Nil
Funds are required for legal expenses in relation to homelessness matters incurred in 2025/26 and 2026/27 regarding encampment on public areas within the WWCC Local Government Area. It is proposed to allocate \$20K in 2025/26 and \$25K in 2026/27 funded from additional Section 603 Certificates income. Estimated Completion: 30 June 2027 <i>Job Consolidation: 25168</i>			
3 – Growing			
Wagga Wagga Multi-Denominational Social and Cultural Precinct Feasibility Study and Design	\$140K	NSW Government Premiers Department (\$93K) Internal Loans Reserve (\$47K)	Nil
Council has been successful in securing grant funds from the NSW Premier's Department for a Wagga Wagga Denominational Social and Cultural Precinct Feasibility Study and Design project. The project would include the feasibility study/business case development to be prepared by a nominated consultant and a precinct concept subdivision design including servicing, 10 x 2500m2 lots with green space, vehicular access points from existing roads and a central area for parking and pedestrian movements. A proposed basic precinct plan was presented in the application for one location, but Council will investigate other sites for feasibility and suitability. It is proposed that Council deliver this co-design and feasibility project over a 12-month period as required by the funding deed to strengthen social cohesion by improving connection, belonging and trust across diverse communities. Through engagement, the project will explore			

Budget Variation	Amount	Funding Source	Net Impact (Fav)/ Unfav
experiences of racism and inform a multi-denominational precinct concept that promotes inclusion, intercultural connection and long-term community cohesion. It is proposed to fund Councils contribution from the Internal Loans Reserve with future repayments to be funded from land sales on the recommended parcel of land for the project. Estimated Completion: 30 June 2027 Job Consolidation: 25173			

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

Job No.	Project Title	2026/27 Current Budget	2026/27 Proposed Budget	2029/30 Current Budget	2029/30 Proposed Budget
45124	*LMC Replace Existing Cattle/ Sheep Delivery Ramps	\$0	\$800,000	\$1,300,000	\$500,000

**This project involves the replacement of the nine remaining original sheep loading ramps located in the sheep delivery yards (north-eastern corner) of the Livestock Marketing Centre. These ramps have reached the end of their useful life, which increases the risk of slips, injuries and creates potential workplace safety and animal welfare concerns. Ongoing maintenance repairs are no longer effective in ensuring their safe and efficient operation. Replacing these ramps will complete the installation of industry-compliant loading infrastructure across the LMC, improving safety, functionality, and operational efficiency. The LMC Masterplan identifies the need for new ramps to be installed in the future. These works need to be brought forward to ensure compliance with current safety standards. The ramps will be removable and portable to align with the final masterplan design and location.*

Investment Summary as at 30 June 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.

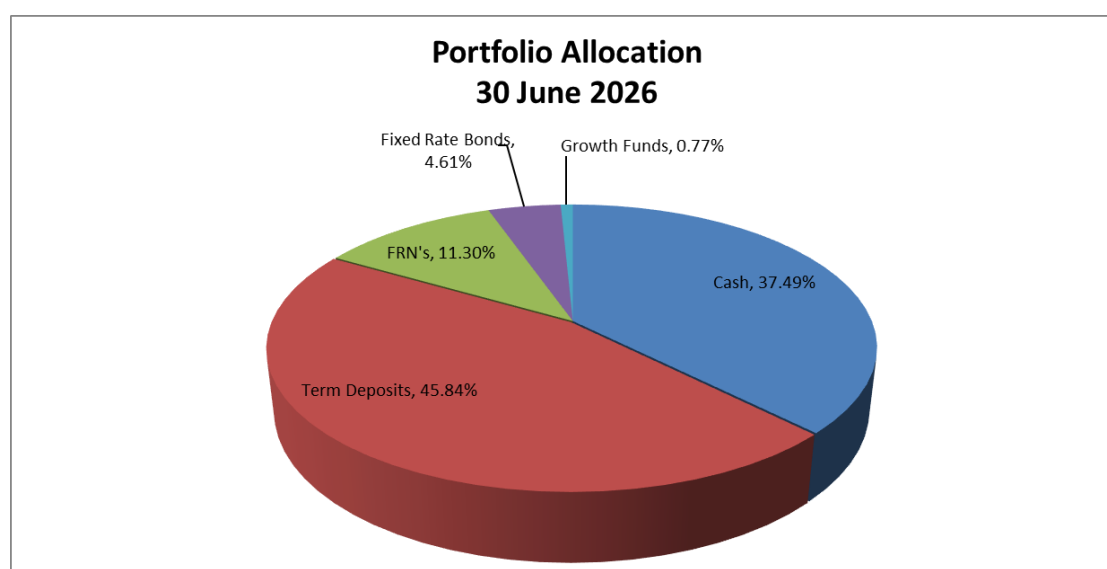
Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2026 \$	June EOM Current Yield %	June EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
At Call Accounts								
CBA	AA-	13,028,571	22,348,311	4.35%	6.61%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	29,780,313	44,890,582	4.40%	13.28%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Macquarie Bank	A+	10,464,746	10,503,228	4.15%	3.11%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CBA	AA-	49,170,240	49,011,845	4.35%	14.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total At Call Accounts		102,443,869	126,753,966	4.35%	37.49%			
Short Term Deposits								
Bank of Sydney	NR	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	30/06/2025	30/06/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	2/06/2025	2/06/2026	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.60%	0.59%	25/06/2026	25/06/2027	12
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.24%	0.30%	10/07/2025	10/07/2026	12
Bank of Sydney	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.17%	0.59%	18/08/2025	18/08/2026	12
ICBC	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.50%	0.59%	28/11/2025	30/11/2026	12
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.50%	0.30%	28/11/2025	30/11/2026	12
P&N Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.80%	0.89%	15/12/2025	15/12/2026	12
Bank of Sydney	NR	0	1,000,000	5.56%	0.30%	11/06/2026	11/06/2027	12
Bank of Sydney	NR	0	2,000,000	5.56%	0.59%	11/06/2026	11/06/2027	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	0	2,000,000	5.60%	0.59%	25/06/2026	25/06/2027	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	0	2,000,000	5.60%	0.59%	29/06/2026	29/06/2027	12
State Bank of India	BBB-	0	2,000,000	5.60%	0.59%	30/06/2026	30/06/2027	12
Total Short Term Deposits		14,000,000	20,000,000	5.10%	5.91%			
Medium Term Deposits								
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	28/06/2021	29/06/2026	60
ICBC	A	3,000,000	3,000,000	5.07%	0.89%	30/06/2022	30/06/2027	60
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	21/06/2021	19/06/2026	60
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	25/06/2021	25/06/2026	60
ICBC	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.32%	0.30%	25/08/2021	25/08/2026	60
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.06%	0.59%	2/09/2025	4/09/2028	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.85%	0.59%	16/12/2024	16/12/2026	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.59%	17/02/2025	17/02/2027	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.00%	0.59%	14/03/2023	15/03/2027	48
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.20%	0.59%	20/04/2023	20/04/2027	48
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.38%	0.59%	28/06/2024	28/06/2029	60
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.90%	0.30%	29/11/2024	29/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.93%	0.59%	5/01/2026	5/01/2029	36
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.59%	4/01/2024	4/01/2027	36
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.25%	0.30%	9/03/2026	9/03/2028	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.10%	0.59%	23/04/2024	24/04/2028	48
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.12%	0.30%	24/05/2024	24/05/2027	36
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.26%	0.30%	31/05/2024	31/05/2028	48
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.24%	0.30%	3/06/2025	4/06/2029	48

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2026 \$	June EOM Current Yield %	June EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.26%	0.59%	6/06/2024	6/06/2028	48
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	11/06/2024	11/06/2026	24
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.00%	0.59%	26/06/2025	26/06/2028	36
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.59%	27/08/2024	27/08/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.63%	0.59%	30/08/2024	30/08/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.51%	0.30%	16/09/2024	18/09/2028	48
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.45%	0.59%	27/09/2024	28/09/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.79%	0.59%	17/10/2024	19/10/2026	24
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.70%	0.30%	8/10/2024	8/10/2026	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.73%	0.59%	21/10/2024	21/10/2027	36
Hume Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.95%	0.59%	7/11/2024	7/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.02%	0.59%	14/11/2024	16/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.00%	0.30%	27/11/2024	27/11/2026	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.07%	0.59%	28/11/2024	28/11/2028	48
P&N Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.85%	0.89%	16/12/2024	16/12/2027	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.80%	0.59%	21/01/2025	21/01/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.82%	0.30%	30/01/2025	29/01/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.73%	0.59%	10/02/2025	10/02/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.79%	0.30%	4/02/2025	4/02/2028	36
Regional Australia Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.71%	0.59%	12/02/2025	12/02/2027	24
Hume Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.75%	0.59%	12/02/2025	12/02/2029	48
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.70%	0.59%	12/02/2025	14/02/2028	36
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.77%	0.30%	26/02/2025	28/02/2028	36
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.62%	0.59%	3/03/2025	3/03/2028	36
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.59%	14/03/2025	15/03/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.65%	0.59%	31/03/2025	31/03/2027	24
ING Bank	A	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.81%	0.30%	1/04/2025	1/04/2030	60
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.25%	0.59%	5/05/2025	5/05/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.25%	0.30%	29/05/2025	31/05/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.59%	25/06/2025	25/06/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.59%	2/07/2025	2/07/2027	24
State Bank of India	BBB-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.05%	0.30%	7/07/2025	7/07/2027	24
ING Bank	A	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.18%	0.59%	8/07/2025	9/07/2029	48
Regional Australia Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.00%	0.30%	30/07/2025	30/07/2027	24
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.00%	0.30%	12/08/2025	14/08/2028	36
Arab Bank Australia	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	3.95%	0.59%	22/08/2025	24/08/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.05%	0.59%	27/08/2025	27/08/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	3,000,000	3,000,000	4.07%	0.89%	29/08/2025	29/08/2028	36
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.06%	0.30%	8/09/2025	8/09/2027	24
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.08%	0.30%	9/09/2025	11/09/2028	36
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.09%	0.59%	15/09/2025	15/09/2028	36
Australian Military Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.05%	0.59%	16/09/2025	16/09/2027	24

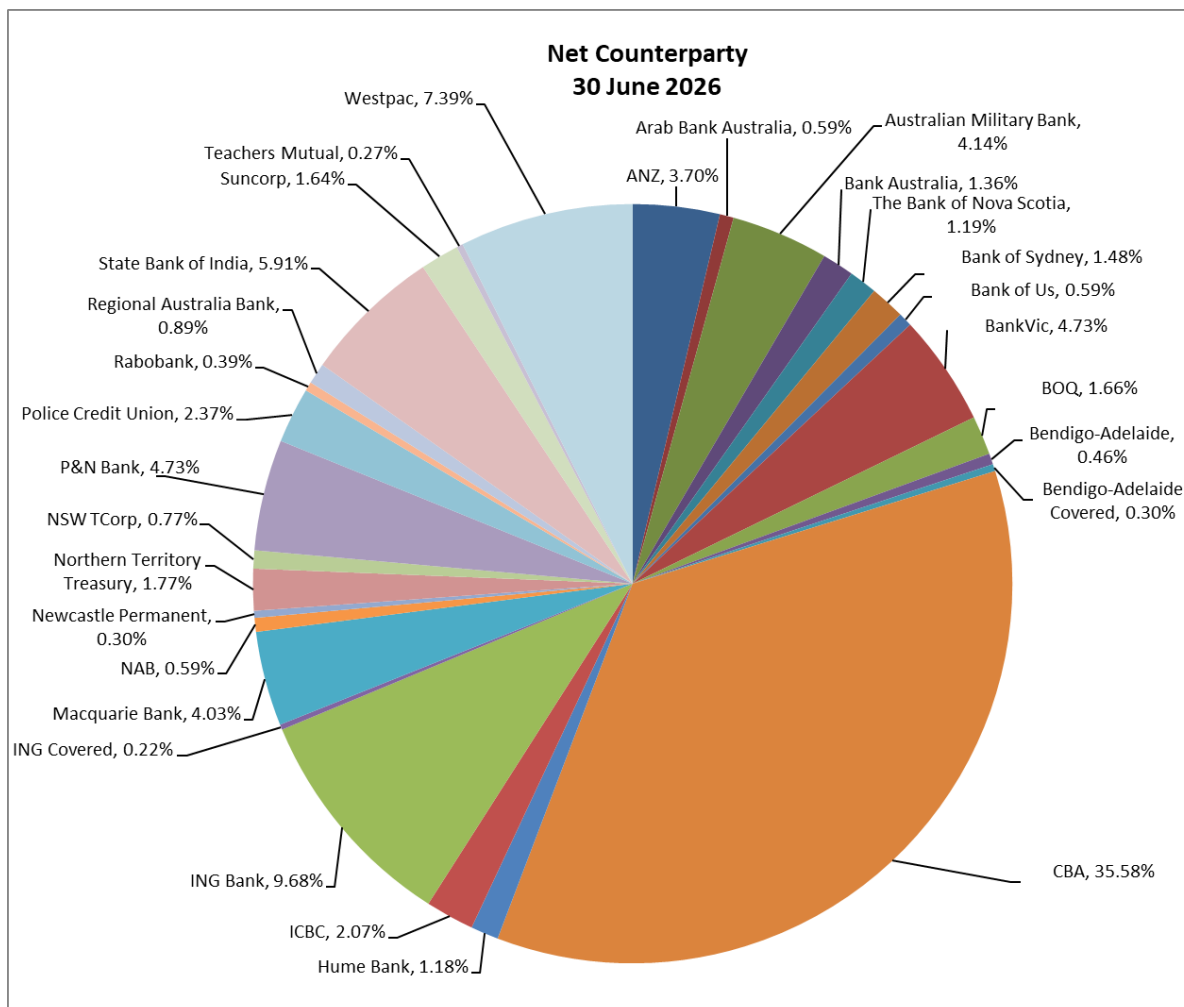
Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2026 \$	June EOM Current Yield %	June EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.15%	0.59%	21/10/2025	21/10/2027	24
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.55%	0.30%	14/11/2025	15/11/2027	24
Police Credit Union	NR	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.56%	0.59%	17/11/2025	17/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.45%	0.30%	20/11/2025	20/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.53%	0.59%	28/11/2025	28/11/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.66%	0.30%	4/12/2025	4/12/2028	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.64%	0.30%	8/12/2025	8/12/2027	24
P&N Bank	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.90%	0.59%	15/12/2025	15/12/2027	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.79%	0.59%	15/12/2025	15/12/2028	36
Police Credit Union	NR	1,000,000	1,000,000	4.76%	0.30%	8/01/2026	10/01/2028	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.82%	0.59%	29/01/2026	31/01/2028	24
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.05%	0.59%	26/02/2026	26/02/2029	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	4.90%	0.59%	2/03/2026	2/03/2029	36
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.18%	0.30%	9/03/2026	9/03/2028	24
NAB	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.15%	0.59%	10/03/2026	10/03/2028	24
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.22%	0.59%	11/03/2026	12/03/2029	36
Westpac	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.35%	0.59%	17/03/2026	19/03/2029	36
BankVic	BBB+	2,000,000	2,000,000	5.50%	0.59%	6/05/2026	8/05/2028	24
BankVic	BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.40%	0.30%	25/05/2026	25/05/2028	24
Westpac	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	5.40%	0.30%	26/05/2026	28/05/2029	36
BankVic	BBB+	0	1,000,000	5.40%	0.30%	2/06/2026	2/06/2028	24
BankVic	BBB+	0	2,000,000	5.40%	0.59%	15/06/2026	15/06/2028	24
Bank of Us	BBB+	0	2,000,000	5.35%	0.59%	19/06/2026	19/06/2028	24
Total Medium Term Deposits		139,000,000	135,000,000	4.70%	39.93%			
Floating Rate Notes								
Newcastle Permanent	BBB+	1,004,859	1,009,499	BBSW + 100	0.30%	10/02/2022	10/02/2027	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,124,276	1,114,552	BBSW + 125	0.33%	14/12/2022	14/12/2027	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,913,264	1,921,831	BBSW + 155	0.57%	22/02/2023	22/02/2027	48
Bendigo-Adelaide Covered	AAA	1,023,426	1,015,075	BBSW + 115	0.30%	16/06/2023	16/06/2028	60
CBA	AA-	2,527,537	2,539,449	BBSW + 95	0.75%	17/08/2023	17/08/2028	60
ANZ	AA-	2,141,656	2,125,066	BBSW + 93	0.63%	11/09/2023	11/09/2028	60
Bank Australia	BBB+	1,663,052	1,670,480	BBSW + 150	0.49%	30/10/2023	30/10/2026	36
ANZ	AA-	2,534,020	2,546,825	BBSW + 96	0.75%	5/02/2024	5/02/2029	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,019,279	1,011,400	BBSW + 98	0.30%	19/03/2024	19/03/2029	60
ING Bank	A	506,799	502,424	BBSW + 95	0.15%	22/03/2024	22/03/2027	36
BoQ	A-	1,679,359	1,688,108	BBSW + 128	0.50%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	805,452	809,157	BBSW + 100	0.24%	14/05/2024	14/05/2027	36
ANZ	AA-	1,526,601	1,515,335	BBSW + 86	0.45%	18/06/2024	18/06/2029	60
Teachers Mutual	BBB+	914,660	906,114	BBSW + 130	0.27%	21/06/2024	21/06/2027	36
ING Bank	A	2,224,440	2,235,284	BBSW + 102	0.66%	20/08/2024	20/08/2029	60
CBA	AA-	1,513,855	1,521,846	BBSW + 87	0.45%	22/08/2024	22/08/2029	60
Suncorp	AA-	2,439,799	2,420,895	BBSW + 92	0.72%	27/09/2024	27/09/2029	60
Bendigo-Adelaide	A-	758,400	762,546	BBSW + 96	0.23%	24/10/2024	24/10/2028	48
ANZ	AA-	1,309,796	1,317,399	BBSW + 81	0.39%	18/02/2025	18/02/2030	60
Rabobank	A+	1,308,796	1,316,052	BBSW + 85	0.39%	20/02/2025	20/02/2030	60
The Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	2,040,475	2,023,177	BBSW + 140	0.60%	21/03/2025	21/03/2030	60
Suncorp	AA-	1,009,016	1,015,289	BBSW + 93	0.30%	21/05/2025	21/05/2030	60
Macquarie Bank	A+	1,413,431	1,420,763	BBSW + 82	0.42%	17/07/2025	17/07/2030	60

Institution	Rating	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2026 \$	June EOM Current Yield %	June EOM % of Portfolio	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Term (mths)
ANZ	AA-	3,762,427	3,786,386	BBSW + 71	1.12%	12/05/2026	12/05/2031	60
Total Floating Rate Notes		38,164,674	38,194,952		11.30%			
Fixed Rate Bonds								
ING Covered	AAA	746,138	749,279	1.10%	0.22%	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	3,000,000	3,000,000	1.50%	0.89%	24/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
BoQ	A-	1,881,165	1,889,525	2.10%	0.56%	27/10/2021	27/10/2026	60
BoQ	A-	2,007,223	2,024,241	5.30%	0.60%	30/04/2024	30/04/2029	60
ANZ	AA-	1,194,773	1,206,295	4.65%	0.36%	18/02/2025	18/02/2030	60
The Bank of Nova Scotia	A+	1,994,370	2,014,548	5.23%	0.60%	21/03/2025	21/03/2030	60
Macquarie Bank	A+	1,672,434	1,689,840	4.37%	0.50%	17/07/2025	17/07/2030	60
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1.50%	0.59%	6/08/2021	15/12/2026	64
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	1,000,000	1,000,000	1.50%	0.30%	14/07/2021	15/12/2026	65
Northern Territory Treasury	AA-	2,000,000	0	0.00%	0.00%	29/04/2021	15/06/2026	61
Total Fixed Rate Bonds		17,496,103	15,573,728	3.09%	4.61%			
Managed Funds								
NSW Tcorp	NR	2,583,047	2,602,524	0.75%	0.77%	17/03/2014	N/A	N/A
Total Managed Funds		2,583,047	2,602,524	0.75%	0.77%			
TOTAL CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS		313,687,694	338,125,169		100.00%			

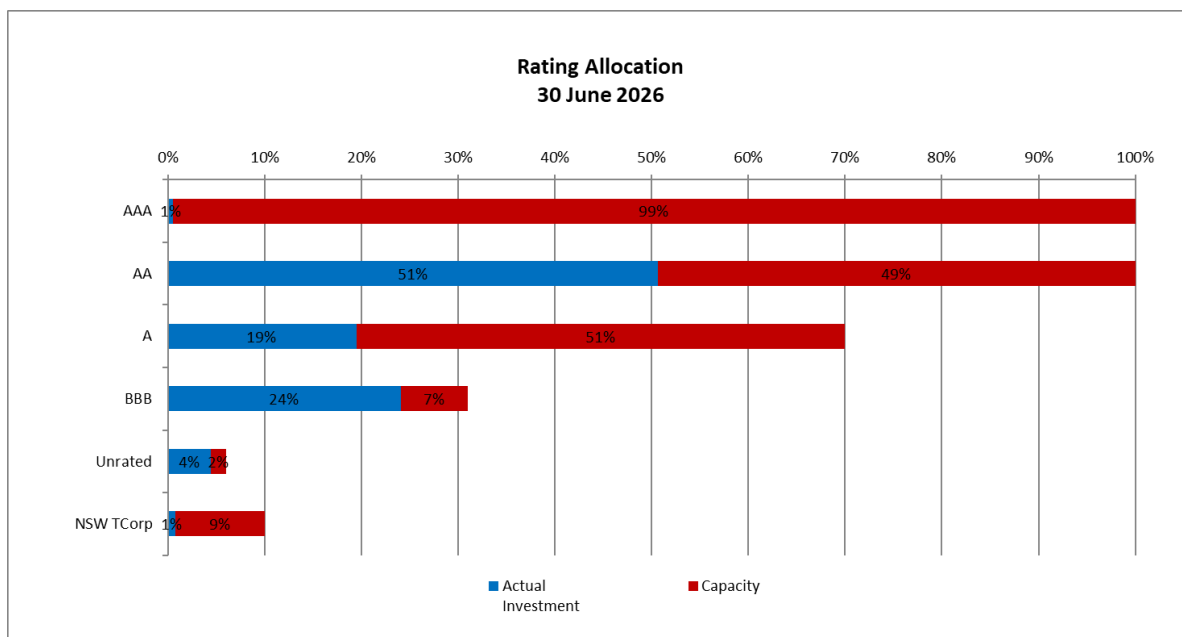
Council's investment portfolio is dominated by Term Deposits, equating to approximately 46% of the portfolio across a broad range of counterparties. Cash equates to 37%, with Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) around 11%, fixed rate bonds around 5% and growth funds around 1% of the portfolio.



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



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



Investment Portfolio Balance

Council's investment portfolio balance increased significantly over the past month, up from \$313.69M to \$338.13M. This increase is reflective of Council receiving an advanced payment of approximately 80% of its 2026/27 Financial Assistance Grant in mid-June, as well as other outstanding and advanced grant payments from other levels of government.

	Closing Balance Invested 30/04/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 31/05/2026 \$	Closing Balance Invested 30/06/2026 \$
TOTAL WWCC CASH ASSETS, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS	309,450,911	313,687,694	338,125,169

Monthly Investment Movements

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

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
State Bank of India (BBB-) Term Deposit	\$1M	12 months	4.50%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 2-year BankVic term deposit (as below).
Australian Military Bank (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$1M	2 years	5.20%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 12-month Bank of Sydney term deposit (as below).
Australian Military Bank (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$2M	2 years	5.20%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 12-month

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
				Bank of Sydney term deposit (as below).
Northern Territory Treasury (AA-) Fixed Rate Bond	\$2M	5 years	1.30%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 2-year BankVic term deposit (as below).
NAB (AA-) Term Deposit	\$2M	5 years	1.40%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 2-year Bank of Us term deposit (as below).
Westpac Bank (AA-) Term Deposit	\$2M	5 years	1.32%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 12-month State Bank of India term deposit (as below).
Westpac Bank (AA-) Term Deposit	\$2M	5 years	1.32%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 12-month State Bank of India term deposit (as below).
Bank of Sydney (Unrated) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	4.22%	This term deposit was redeemed on maturity and these funds were reinvested in a new 12-month State Bank of India term deposit (as below).

New Investments – Council purchased the following investment securities during June 2026:

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
BankVic (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$1M	2 years	5.40%	The BankVic rate of 5.40% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was also 5.40%.
Bank of Sydney (Unrated) Term Deposit	\$1M	12 months	5.56%	The Bank of Sydney rate of 5.56% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.50%.
Bank of Sydney (Unrated) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.56%	The Bank of Sydney rate of 5.56% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.50%.
BankVic (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$2M	2 years	5.40%	The BankVic rate of 5.40% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term.

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
				The next best rate for this term was 5.25%.
Bank of Us (BBB+) Term Deposit	\$2M	2 years	5.35%	The Bank of Us rate of 5.35% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.30%.
State Bank of India (BBB-) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.60%	The State Bank of India rate of 5.60% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.37%.
State Bank of India (BBB-) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.60%	The State Bank of India rate of 5.60% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.35%.
State Bank of India (BBB-) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.60%	The State Bank of India rate of 5.60% compared favourably to the rest of the market for this term. The next best rate for this term was 5.35%.

Rollovers – Council rolled over the following investment security during June 2026:

Institution and Type	Amount	Investment Term	Interest Rate	Comments
State Bank of India (BBB-) Term Deposit	\$2M	12 months	5.60%	This term deposit was a 12-month investment earning 4.30% and was rolled at maturity into a new 12-month term deposit at 5.60%.

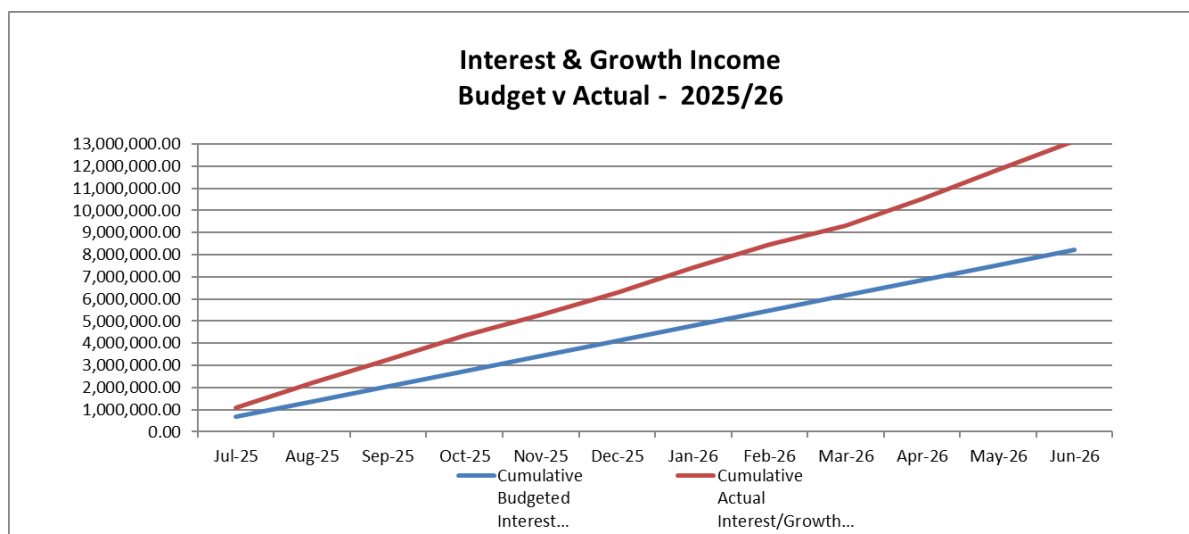
Monthly Investment Performance

Interest/growth/capital gains/(losses) for the month totalled \$1,271,827, which compares favourably with the budget for the period of \$686,282 - outperforming budget for the month by \$585,545.

Council's outperformance to budget for June is mainly due to better than budgeted returns on Council's investment portfolio as well as a higher than anticipated investment portfolio balance – which is partly due to Council receiving upfront payment of \$48.5M in AIF funding in June 2024. For the 2025/26 financial year, Council accrued \$1,911,103 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 June, with the fund returning +0.75% (or \$19,477) as domestic shares (+0.67%) and defensive fixed interest assets (+0.96%) were the main contributors, whilst international (-0.65%) detracted from this month's performance.

Council's NSW T-Corp Managed Fund returned +12.06% (or \$280,056) over the 2025/26 financial year.



As can be seen from the above graph, Council's interest on investments outperformed the budget for the 2025/26 financial year. Interest and Investment income for the year totalled \$13.14M, outperforming the original budget of \$8.24M for the 2025/26 year. This increase in income was mainly attributable to interest accrued on the \$48.5M in AIF funding received in June 2024 – which accounted for approximately \$2M in additional interest income over the financial year.

In comparison to the AusBond Bank Bill Index* of 4.86% (annualised), Council's investment portfolio returned approximately 4.65% (annualised) for the month of June – underperforming the benchmark for the month.

Over the past year, Council's investment portfolio has returned 4.25%, overperforming the AusBond Bank Bill index by +0.39%. Council's investment portfolio has continued to perform in line with the AusBond Bank Bill Index* over the longer-term time period, returning 4.12% per annum over the past 3 years – slightly underperforming the benchmark by -0.08% over this time.

Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 years	3 years
Official Cash Rate	0.35%	1.05%	1.99%	3.85%	3.85%	4.03%	4.11%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.39%	1.07%	1.99%	3.86%	3.86%	4.12%	4.21%
Council's Cash	0.35%	1.05%	1.99%	3.84%	3.84%	4.01%	4.09%
Council's T/D	0.38%	1.15%	2.28%	4.58%	4.58%	4.42%	4.15%
Council's FRN	0.45%	1.47%	2.72%	5.31%	5.31%	5.43%	5.44%
Council's Bonds	0.25%	0.74%	1.46%	2.76%	2.76%	2.37%	2.04%
Council's TCorp LTGF	0.75%	8.03%	5.38%	12.06%	12.06%	12.26%	11.71%
Council's Portfolio	0.37%	1.15%	2.16%	4.25%	4.25%	4.26%	4.12%
Relative Performance	-0.02%	0.08%	0.17%	0.39%	0.39%	0.13%	-0.08%

* 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 21 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: We have strong leadership

Outcome: We are accountable and transparent

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

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

Internal / External Consultation

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

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

RP-18 PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2026/27**Author:** Rebecca Witenden**Executive:** Carolyn Rodney

Summary: This report proposes to add new fees for 2026/27 within the Gregadoo Waste Management centre, Hospitality and Partner Program categories.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the one (1) public submission received during the exhibition period
- b adopt the following new fees:

Item Number	Fee and Charge Description	Pricing Policy ID	2026/27 Fee (excl of GST)	GST	2026/27 Fee (incl of GST)	Basis
NEW	Gregadoo Waste Disposal – Mixed Waste per Tonne – Out of Region (50% excess charge on top of the base fee)	C	\$259.09	\$25.91	\$285.00	Per Tonne
Fee Description (to be included in final Fees and Charges document): The out of region fee is for Waste that is to be landfilled from other Councils and major project waste streams outside the Local Government Area. <i>This fee is to be applied from 1 October 2026.</i>						
NEW	Council led Tourism Industry Development Programs	C	\$0 - \$3,500			Each
NEW	Tourism Partner Business	C	\$0 - \$3,500			Each
NEW	Regional Tourism Partner Council	C	\$0 - \$5,000			Each
NEW	Hospitality Catering	C	Market Value			Each
NEW	Hospitality Sales	C	Market Value			Each

Report

Council resolved at the 9 June 2026 Council meeting the following:

RP-7 ADDITIONAL FEES & CHARGES FOR 2026/27**26/178 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and L Tanner

That Council:

- a place the following new fees on public exhibition for a period for 28 days from 10 June 2026 to 8 July 2026:**

Item Number	Fee and Charge Description	Pricing Policy ID	2026/27 Fee (excl GST)	GST	2026/27 Fee (incl GST)	Basis
NEW	Gregadoo Waste Disposal – Mixed Waste per Tonne – Out of Region (50% excess charge on top of the base fee)	C	\$259.09	\$25.91	\$285.00	Per Tonne
NEW	Council led Tourism Industry Development Programs	C	\$0 - \$3,500			Each
NEW	Tourism Partner Business	C	\$0 - \$3,500			Each
NEW	Regional Tourism Partner Council	C	\$0 - \$5,000			Each
NEW	Hospitality Catering	C	Market Value			Each
NEW	Hospitality Sales	C	Market Value			Each

- b invite public submissions on the new fees until 8 July 2026**
- c receives a further report following the public exhibition period:**
- i addressing any submission made in respect of the proposed new fee**
 - ii proposing adoption of the new fee unless there are any recommended amendments that will require a further public exhibition period**

At the end of the public exhibition period, one public submission was received as detailed in the Internal / External Consultation section of the report.

Financial Implications

The introduction of new fees is intended to reflect the operational costs associated with providing these services.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Chapter 15, Part 10, Division 1:

- Section 608 Council fees for services

Chapter 15, Part 10, Division 2:

- Section 610B Fees to be determined in accordance with pricing methodologies

Chapter 15, Part 10, Division 3:

- Section 610D How does a council determine the amount of a fee for service?
- Section 610F Public notice of fees

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

Deliver accountable and transparent leadership.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

The new fees and charges were publicly exhibited through Council News and on Council's website and placed on public exhibition from 10 June 2026 to 8 July 2026.

One (1) public submission was received, please see attachment for full submission.

Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response
Nigel Smallmon – Smallmon Brothers Waste and Recycling	The submission raised concerns regarding the proposed Gregadoo Waste Disposal – Mixed Waste per Tonne – Out of Region (50% excess charge on top of the base fee) charge including: <i>Timing and Cost Impact</i> • The submission notes the significant price increase which comes after annual contracts have already been set and notes the increase cannot be realistically absorbed or	The Gregadoo Waste Management Centre is a significant asset of Wagga Wagga City Council. To protect and ensure the longevity of the asset for the local community and business sectors of the LGA, an out of region fee will be charged to any customers whereby a project that generates waste and is located outside of the council boundary, or other Councils

Submitter	Submission Summary	Officers Response
	recovered under existing agreements. <i>Practical Application</i> - Guidance was requested in relation to how consolidated loads will be treated and noted the significant administrative burden on operators. <i>Targeting the Intended Waste Streams</i> - The submission states that the wording on exhibition appears considerably broader than the intent described during discussions with industry. The submission outlines the significant financial and administrative impacts of this fee for operators and their customers, along with the need for clear definitions and sufficient notice for businesses to adjust pricing, honour existing commitments and communicate changes appropriately.	wishing to utilise the landfill facility for disposal of mixed waste will incur this fee. This fee will apply from 1 October 2026. For any waste that is separated into the product streams and presented to site, that is items able to be recovered, such as steel and or timber normal fees will apply, projects will be required to provide a waste management plan identifying the recoverable items and where they are to be taken to along with estimates of mixed waste for landfill disposal. This out of region fee will apply to all waste requiring burial at the facility and contributes to the operational landfill costs of the site. Through feedback from skip providers, it was made known that waste is collected from outside of the LGA from small business, residents, and local farmers. Often the truck starts at a location and works its way back to Wagga once full, all of this material is taken to the GWMC for burial. It is unknown the quantity of out of region waste within a load as this would differ for each truck, in this instance the intent is to not implement the Out of the Region fee for this regular work as carried out by local waste contractors.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#). Public Submission - New Fees and Charges for 2026/27

Feedback on the draft fees and charges

Name: Nigel Smallmon

Date: 05/07/2026

Submission – Proposed Out of Region Waste Levy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

We understand the proposed fee applies to businesses and Councils operating outside the Wagga Wagga LGA who seek to dispose of general waste at Gregadoo. During discussions with Council, it was explained that the primary concern relates to waste from other Councils and larger project waste streams originating outside the LGA. However, the wording currently on exhibition appears broader than that intent.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide some practical feedback on the implementation and application of the proposed fee.

Timing and Cost Impact

The proposed fee increases disposal costs from approximately \$180/t in FY2025/26 and \$190/t in FY2026/27 to approximately \$285/t. This represents a 50% increase on the current rate and approximately 58% compared to the previous \$180/t rate.

This is not a normal annual adjustment; it is a significant increase that cannot realistically be absorbed or recovered under existing agreements.

Pricing for FY2026/27 was largely established last year and most customer contracts and annual reviews have already been completed. Implementing the fee in July or September does not provide operators with sufficient time to adjust pricing, honour existing contractual commitments, or communicate changes to customers.

Practical Application

Dedicated project or council loads can generally be identified and managed separately. However, some waste is collected through routine service operations across multiple customers, locations and LGAs before being presented as a consolidated load for disposal.

Clear guidance will be required on how these consolidated loads are to be treated. Without clear definitions, there is a risk of inconsistent application and uncertainty for both operators and customers.

The fee also creates a significant administrative burden for operators. Beyond the direct increase in disposal costs, operators would need to identify qualifying waste streams, review and amend pricing structures, manage customer communications, adjust contracts where possible, and respond to disputes regarding the origin of waste. These impacts fall largely on operators, despite the fee being applied at the landfill.

Targeting the Intended Waste Streams

The wording currently on exhibition applies broadly to businesses and Councils operating outside the Wagga Wagga LGA.

However, it was explained to us that the primary concern relates to waste from other Councils and major project waste streams. If that remains the intent, the wording does not clearly distinguish those waste streams from routine service work. The wording currently on exhibition appears considerably broader than the intent described during discussions with industry.

As currently drafted, farm bins, small businesses, regular regional customers and other routine service work may ultimately bear the additional cost despite it not appearing to be Council's intention to specifically target these customers.

If the objective is to target waste from other Councils and major project waste, the wording and application of the fee should clearly reflect that intent.

Possible Path Forward

We see three potential options:

1. Clearly target the fee to waste from other Councils and major project waste streams.
2. If the fee is intended to apply broadly to all out-of-region users, provide sufficient notice and align implementation with a future pricing cycle, such as 1 July 2027, to allow operators time to adjust pricing and customer contracts.

3. If the objective is broader cost recovery, consider whether a simpler adjustment to the general gate fee would achieve the same outcome with less administration and fewer unintended consequences.

Based on our understanding, waste originating outside the Wagga Wagga LGA represents a minority of the total waste received at Gregadoo. If additional revenue is required, a transparent gate fee adjustment may ultimately be simpler to administer than identifying, monitoring and enforcing an out-of-region levy.

We welcome the opportunity to sit down with Council and work through a practical solution.

Changes of this magnitude create significant financial and administrative impacts for operators and their customers. While introducing a new fee is relatively straightforward from a council billing perspective, the burden of implementing, managing and recovering that cost sits largely with operators. This requires clear definitions, practical implementation methods and sufficient notice so businesses can adjust pricing, honour existing commitments and communicate changes appropriately.

Our preference is a coordinated and well-planned approach that clearly identifies the intended waste streams, aligns with industry pricing cycles and achieves Council's objectives while remaining practical and fair to those responsible for implementing it on the ground.

In Summary

- The published wording is broader than the intent described by Council.
- \$190/t to \$285/t is a significant increase.
- The increase is significant and comes after annual contracts have already been set.
- Operators carry most of the administrative and commercial burden.
- If the objective is cost recovery, there may be simpler ways to achieve it.
- We welcome the opportunity to work through a possible solution together.

RP-19 WAGGA WAGGA CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) PARKING AND TRAFFIC STUDY

Author: Sue Hanrahan

Executive: Fiona Piltz

Summary: A Parking and Traffic Study has been prepared on behalf of Council. This study supports the short-to-medium-term growth of the City of Wagga Wagga. It also informs the development of the CBD Masterplan and guides future strategy and investment decisions. This report is recommending the document be placed on Public Exhibition.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a endorse the Draft Wagga Wagga Central Business District (CBD) Parking and Traffic Study and place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 31 July 2026 and invite public submissions until 28 August 2026 on the study
- b receive a further report following the public exhibition and submission period:
 - i addressing any submission made in respect of the proposed study
 - ii proposing adoption of the study unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period

Report

As part of the ongoing development of the CBD Masterplan, a Wagga Wagga CBD Parking and Traffic Study was commissioned to provide a key evidence base. This report outlines the key findings of the Wagga Wagga CBD Parking and Traffic Study and identifies priority future actions to support CBD access, parking performance and traffic management to 2041.

The study provides a clear understanding of how parking, traffic and movement currently function within the CBD and identifies opportunities to support future growth. The recommendations are strategic in nature and are not intended as implementation projects. Any future infrastructure works; parking changes or traffic interventions will be subject to further business case development, feasibility assessments, detailed traffic modelling, funding availability and statutory approval processes.

The study examined existing parking supply, utilisation, traffic movements and accessibility, together with the likely impacts of population growth, increased visitation and future development within the city centre. A key focus was understanding the relationship between movement (traffic, parking and transport) and place (the function, attractiveness and usability of the CBD) to ensure future recommendations support both efficient access and a vibrant, people-focused city centre.

Study Methodology

The study combined on-ground investigations with detailed desktop analysis to establish a comprehensive understanding of current parking and traffic conditions. This included:

- Parking occupancy and turnover surveys
- Traffic movement observations and counts
- An inventory of public parking supply
- Analysis of parking restrictions and utilisation
- Nemap aerial imagery and Google Street View assessments
- Review of traffic circulation patterns and access routes
- Compass IoT parking utilisation data
- Assessment of future growth scenarios to 2041

Consultation Undertaken

Four rounds of external consultation were undertaken over an 18-month period in relation to the CBD Masterplan. The outcomes of this consultation were incorporated into the background source documentation prior to completion of the Parking and Traffic Study. Of note during a community survey when asked if they could find a car park in the CBD when needed, respondents provided an average score of 3.29 out of 5. While this was one of the lower-rated responses, it indicates moderate satisfaction rather than a critical deficiency.

Targeted consultation with CBD businesses provided additional insight. A total of 88 shop owners and workers participated in a face-to-face and email survey, with customer parking identified as an operational concern. Twenty-six respondents identified parking availability and accessibility as a challenge affecting customer visitation.

Extensive internal consultation has also been undertaken throughout the development of the Parking and Traffic Study through a dedicated Project Steering Group. The Steering Group included representatives from multiple divisions across the organisation and included Community, Environment, Major Projects, Infrastructure, Traffic, Development Assessment, Strategic Planning, Parks and Gardens, and Engineering.

Current Conditions

The study unsurprisingly found that the Wagga Wagga CBD is highly dependent on private vehicle travel, with most trips made by car. Despite this, the CBD transport network generally performs well and continues to accommodate current demand.

Importantly, the study found there is no current overall shortage of parking across the CBD and that existing parking supply is sufficient to support current demand. The primary issue is how parking is distributed, managed and uneven demand across the network.

Demand is heavily concentrated in the most convenient locations, while several larger off-street and peripheral parking areas remain underutilised. Long-stay employee parking in highly desirable locations further reduces parking turnover and can create the perception of a parking shortage for customers and visitors.

Traffic conditions were also found to be generally acceptable. While congestion is becoming an emerging constraint, particularly around the Sturt Highway (Edward Street) corridor and key CBD intersections, these issues are localised rather than network wide.

The study also identified wayfinding and circulation inefficiencies where inconsistent signage and limited visibility of available parking contribute to unnecessary circulation, inefficient use of existing parking assets and driver frustration.

Interestingly when compared to the 2008 parking strategy off street demand patterns have remained consistent, however the on-street parking demand has shifted to outer streets.

Overall, the evidence indicates that the current CBD's parking challenges are largely related to management, turnover, accessibility and user experience rather than a lack of parking spaces.

Future Conditions

Population growth, new housing development and increasing visitation will place additional pressure on the CBD transport network over time. Under the Business-as-Usual scenario, parking utilisation is forecast to increase progressively, with the CBD approaching practical parking capacity thresholds during peak periods (although only at the midday peak) from approximately 2036 onwards.

If no action is taken, increasing demand is likely to result in greater competition for convenient parking spaces, reduced parking turnover, increased vehicle circulation searching for parking, greater congestion at key access points, additional pressure on the pedestrian environment.

The study therefore concludes that early intervention focused on parking management and network efficiency will provide greater value than simply constructing additional parking supply.

The study does not identify a requirement for any major new parking infrastructure until at least 2036 when demand intensifies enough to justify the cost of the infrastructure development. However, planning for this infrastructure should be undertaken in the near future to allow for the preservation of land for this purpose and the inclusion of this infrastructure in future contribution plans. Indicative locations for parking infrastructure have been identified within the study however these locations would be subject to discussion with private landowners, project planning and commercial arrangement.

Traffic performance will also degrade without intervention particularly at the CBD gateways and high turnover corridors. The study recommends 54 possible interventions to help reduce the impacts of growth on traffic and parking (Appendix 3) and prioritises them for consideration over the next 15 years. All proposed interventions would be subject to detailed project planning, traffic modelling, funding allocation and Council reporting prior to implementation.



Recommended Strategic Directions

The study identifies a "Do Something "framework that provides a staged framework for responding to future parking and traffic pressures. The recommended approach is built around four strategic directions and key priority actions. They are:



1. Optimise Existing Parking Assets and Kerbside Assets

Improve utilisation of existing parking supply before considering additional infrastructure. This includes reviewing parking timing restrictions, improving turnover, directing long-stay parking to appropriate locations and making better use of underutilised off-street facilities. The key priorities are:

Priority	Leads to	Lever/Pathways
1.1 Review and reduce permitted parking durations in premium locations.	Higher turnover in the most desirable parking areas, allowing more visitors and short-stay trips to be accommodated within the existing supply.	Council-led parking restrictions review and implementation.
1.2 Reallocate premium spaces to short-stay, priority and equitable access uses.	Better alignment between parking supply and CBD activity needs, while improving access for mobility users, older people, parents with prams and other priority users.	Council-led kerbside allocation, accessibility planning and parking management.
1.3 Provide targeted permit or exception-based access for essential workers where justified.	Better support for operational needs in locations where essential worker access may conflict with short-stay visitor demand, such as near health and care facilities.	Better support for operational needs in locations where essential worker access may conflict with short-stay visitor demand, such as near health and care facilities.
1.4 Make alternative parking areas safer, easier to access and more attractive to use.	Better uptake of underutilised parking by improving user confidence, convenience and overall experience	Council-led improvements to lighting, access, walking links and signage.
1.5 Reallocate and make better use of tight or residual spaces.	More efficient use of space that cannot function effectively as standard car parking, while supporting broader travel choice and end-of-trip access. More efficient use of limited space through bicycle parking, motorcycle parking, small-vehicle parking and end-of-trip facilities.	Council-led Street and parking layout review and reallocation of residual space.
1.6 Consolidate parking into defined zones with uniform restrictions. (See	Easier navigation of the inner-city area in search of suitable parking, with reduced re-parking and cruising.	Council-led parking restrictions review.

Priority	Leads to	Lever/Pathways
also Lever 1, items 1.1 and 1.2).		
1.7 Prepare and implement a parking wayfinding and signage strategy.	Easier access to parking via the preferred street hierarchy, reduced conflict on high-place streets, and clearer direction to available parking.	Council-led signage strategy, installation and operation.
1.8 Provide real-time parking information for key off-street facilities.	Easier identification of alternative parking areas when preferred locations are full, with reduced cruising for parking.	Council-led technology installation and operation.
1.9 Provide app-based parking information.	Real-time online information on off-street parking availability inner-city-wide, with better decision-making before entering the CBD.	Council-led project.
1.10 Deliver education and communication campaigns.	Increased awareness of parking zones, alternative parking options and how the parking system is intended to operate.	Council-led activity across available media channels and targeted campaigns.
1.11 Infrastructure: protective amenities (bollards, barriers, fencing, kerb extensions).	Protection of vulnerable infrastructure such as footpaths, verges and pedestrian space from illegal parking where it is likely to occur and difficult to enforce otherwise	Council-led delivery.
1.12 Infrastructure: road safety elements (pedestrian islands, wombat crossings, speed bumps, etc.).	More appropriate driving speeds and levels of driver attention, improving safety including for vulnerable users.	Council-led delivery.
1.13 Human enforcement (parking inspectors).	Better compliance with parking rules and restrictions.	Council-funded team of parking inspectors.
1.14 Target human enforcement to key short-stay areas and non-compliance hotspots	More efficient use of available workforce and stronger compliance where it matters most.	Council-led planning and operations.
1.15 Education and communication campaigns focused on compliance. (See also Lever 2, item 1.10)	Greater awareness of parking rules, why they apply, and the behaviours expected in different locations.	Council-led communication and targeted education campaigns.
1.16 Security, lighting, shade, cleanliness and maintenance.	Users feeling safer and more comfortable about themselves, their vehicles	Council-led delivery and ongoing maintenance.

Priority	Leads to	Lever/Pathways
	and their property, with underutilised parking areas becoming more attractive to use.	
1.17 Accessibility routes and crossing facilities.	Safer and more convenient access between parking areas and destinations, especially where crossing a major road is required. Creating connections with existing Active Travel infrastructure ensuring clear links into CBD.	Council-led delivery; TfNSW involvement required on State roads.
1.18 Pedestrian signage to and from alternative parking areas.	Easier wayfinding between car parks and destinations, especially where laneways, arcades or indirect walking routes are involved.	Council-led delivery; coordinated with broader signage strategy.

2. Improve Access and Travel Choice

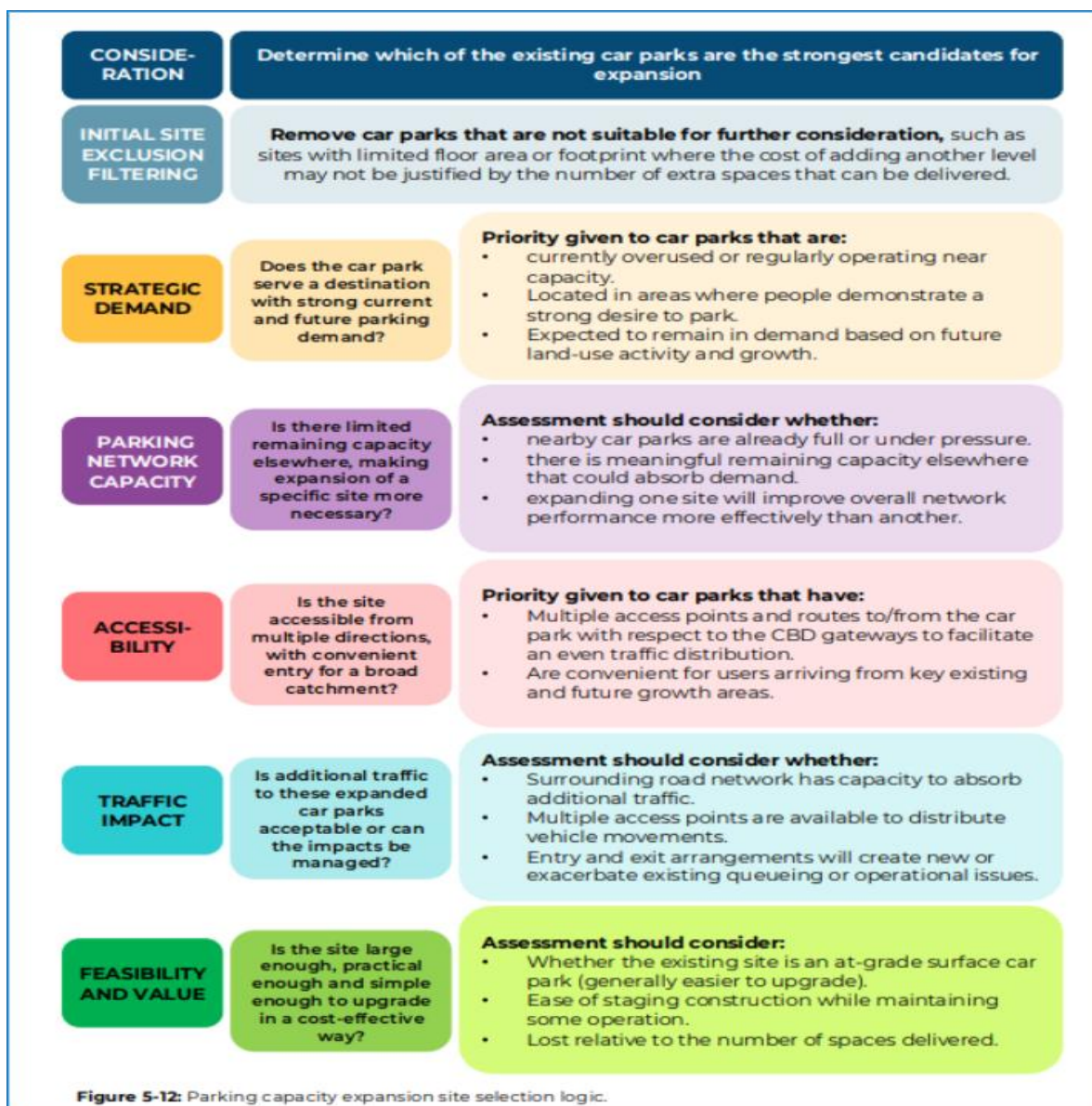
Support greater use of walking, cycling and public transport where practical, while improving connections between parking areas and key destinations. The key priorities are:

Priority	Leads to	Lever/Pathways
2.1 Prioritise place-based outcomes over transport infrastructure performance.	Better use of kerbside or parking areas for tree planting, shade, walking and cycling infrastructure, and other place outcomes.	Council-led place and streetscape improvements.
2.2 Pedestrian crossings and pedestrian paths.	A safer, more connected and more accessible walking network, including for children, older people and people with disability.	Council-led planning and delivery; traffic signals may require TfNSW involvement.
2.3 Develop a CBD cycling network.	A more complete cycling network with protected routes and end-of-trip facilities at key destinations.	Council-led planning, design and delivery
2.4 Protected cycling design where routes interact with parking	Reduced conflict between cyclists and parked or turning vehicles, including dooring risk.	Council-led delivery; potential support through State grant opportunities.
2.5 Provide a bus stop at the airport and connect it to the existing route serving the CBD.	Improved public transport access for airport staff and visitors, with a practical alternative to private vehicle travel for airport-related trips.	Council advocacy and coordination with TfNSW and service operators.

Priority	Leads to	Lever/Pathways
2.6 Public transport infrastructure improvements.	Better user experience for public transport through improved shelters, seating, lighting and stop quality.	Council-led delivery in consultation with TfNSW.
2.7 Public transport advocacy, network planning and service uplift.	Improved usefulness of public transport for CBD access, including links to growth areas, the airport and other key destinations.	Council advocacy, with State-led service planning and delivery.

3. Target Future Infrastructure Investment

Identify locations where future capital works may be justified through detailed business cases, traffic modelling and feasibility assessments. This may include intersection upgrades, access improvements or additional parking infrastructure where evidence supports investment. No specific key priorities are identified due to major parking infrastructure not being required until 2036. It is recommended the following selection process be used to test the future parking capacity expansion options during the project planning.



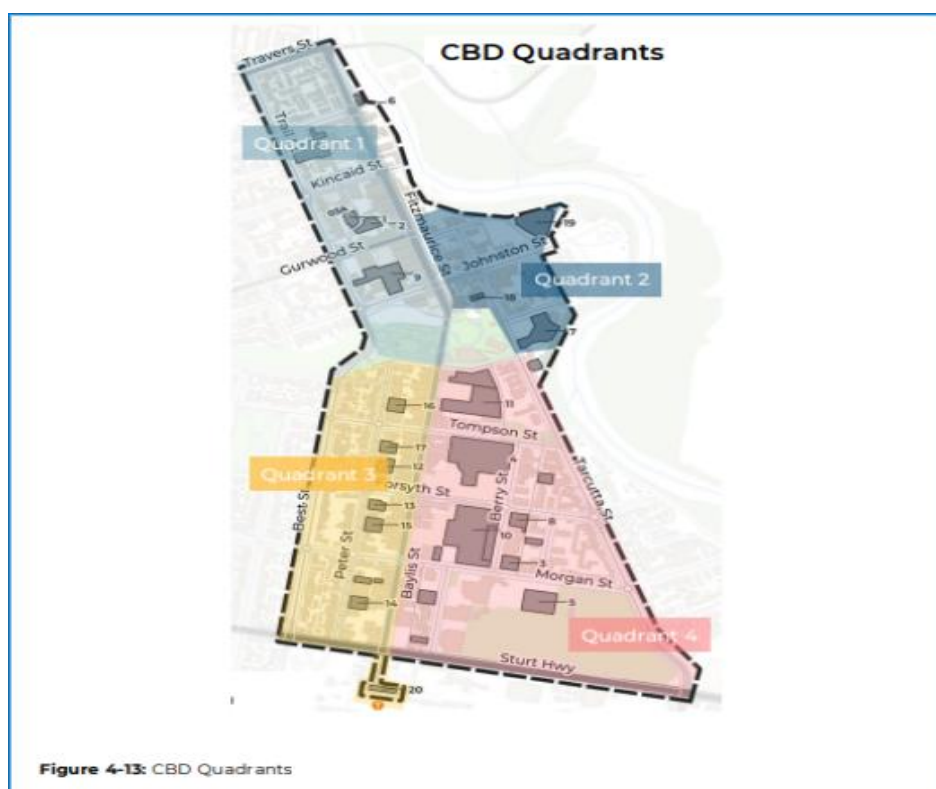
4. Support Long-Term CBD Growth

Align parking and transport planning with future land use, development and urban design outcomes to ensure parking supports CBD activation, economic growth and place-making objectives rather than constraining them.

Priority	Leads to	Lever/Pathways
Reduce or remove minimum parking requirements in appropriate CBD locations.	More feasible and market-responsive development, with parking provision better aligned to actual demand, viability and user needs.	Council-led DCP review.
4.2 Use precinct planning to coordinate CBD access and parking outcomes.	Identification of opportunities for shared parking, commercial parking, integrated access upgrades and development-linked delivery.	Council-led precinct planning activities.

Impact of BAU VS Do Something Scenario (without additional parking infrastructure)

In the Business-As-Usual scenario, by 2041, three out of four CBD quadrants are forecast to be experiencing excessive parking pressures, with little to no available parking spaces left during the weekday peak hour (12PM). Quadrant 2 remains underutilised due to the relative remoteness of the larger portion of its parking capacity. Whilst the modelling limitations do not allow to evaluate the potential shift of the parking demand into this area under changes in parking restriction management initiatives elsewhere, its capacity provides additional potential for accommodating long-time parking in this part of the city.



By 2041, during the weekday peak hour (12PM), nearly 500 cars area-wide are forecast to not be able to get a parking space where initially intended which will result in high cruising traffic volumes. In the Do-Something scenario, the proposed increase in parking capacity is forecast to result in the decrease in the total occupancy levels, leaving three out of four quadrants within the 80% occupancy threshold until 2041. The 2041 cruising volumes in the Do-Something scenario are just over half the BAU number, with approx. 318 cars seeking an alternative parking space during the peak demand period (weekday 12PM).

Conclusion

The CBD Parking and Traffic Study represents one of several key technical investigations informing the development of the CBD Masterplan. The findings provide an evidence-based understanding of parking demand, traffic movements and opportunities to improve access and mobility within the CBD. As the CBD Masterplan progresses to its final stage, the outcomes of this study will be considered alongside the Heritage Study, Urban Design investigations and other supporting technical work to develop a single strategic framework that will guide the future planning, investment and revitalisation of the Wagga Wagga CBD.

Financial Implications

There is currently no funding allocated in the Long Term Financial Plan for the actions identified in the study. Prior to implementation, all projects will require design, business case development and feasibility assessments with the funding to be determined.

Policy and Legislation

N/A

Link to Strategic Plan

Growing

A growing business sector

Develop Wagga Wagga as an attractive place to invest, establish and operate a business

Risk Management Issues for Council

Risk Management considerations related to the CBD Masterplan include:

- Strategic risk – Without an adopted masterplan future development and investment may be ad hoc and inefficient.
- Reputational risk – Community expectations for improvements are high and will need to be carefully managed, particularly with no current funding.
- Financial risk – It is anticipated that several high-cost activities will be identified within the CBD masterplan. The estimates for these activities will be high level only and detailed design and business cases will be required before true costs can be realised and projects can proceed.

Internal / External Consultation

Extensive consultation informed the development of the CBD Parking and Traffic Study. Community engagement undertaken as part of the CBD Masterplan included four rounds of consultation over an 18-month period. This included:

1. Community Engagement – "Have Your Say": Public consultation undertaken through Council's Have Your Say platform to gather community feedback on the CBD.
2. Face-to-Face Business Survey: Direct engagement with 88 CBD business owners and workers to understand current issues, opportunities and priorities for the CBD.
3. Hatch School Community Consultation: Targeted stakeholder engagement facilitated by Hatch, involving consultation with local schools to capture the perspectives of students and education providers.
4. Wagga Youth Crew: Engagement with the Wagga Youth Crew to obtain input from young people and ensure youth perspectives informed the project outcomes.

Internal consultation was conducted through a Project Steering Group comprising representatives from Community, Environment, Major Projects, Infrastructure, Traffic, Development Assessment, Strategic Planning, Parks and Gardens, and Engineering. This collaborative approach ensured that both community and organisational perspectives were considered throughout the study's development.

Attachments

1. Wagga Wagga Parking and Traffic Study - Draft - Provided under separate cover.

RP-20 PETITION - POCKET PARK IN TURVEY PARK**Author:** Joshua Walsh**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

Summary: Further investigation has been undertaken in response to the Wade St pocket park petition.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a note the outcomes of the further investigations undertaken in response to the Wade St pocket park petition
- b endorse proceeding with the sale of the Wade Street allotment at 17 Wade St, Turvey Park, subject to required statutory and planning processes
- c note that no further open space investigations are recommended at this time

Report

At its meeting of 8 September 2025, Council resolved to:

RP-2 PETITION - POCKET PARK IN TURVEY PARK**25/290 RESOLVED:**

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a receive and note the petition regarding the development of a park on Wade Street, Turvey Park**
- b receive a further report at a future Council meeting following additional review of potential options and a recommended approach**

CARRIED

This report is in response to part b of the resolution.

As noted in the previous report, Council received a petition that met the requirements of the Petitions Management Policy, receiving 171 verified signatures requesting Council investigate development of a pocket park on the vacant allotment at 17 Wade Street.

Following receipt of the petition, staff met with the lead resident and undertook further investigations into:

- the suitability of the Wade Street allotment for park development
- existing and future open space provision within the surrounding catchment
- whether any alternative future opportunities may exist to improve local open space provision

Staff have since completed further investigations into the land, easements, and potential future uses. The lot was dedicated to Council in 2018 as a drainage reserve and is approximately 435m². It is currently encumbered by stormwater, sewer and gas easements.

Council's Engineering and Planning teams provided technical comments during the review, alongside Dial Before You Dig enquiries.

This work confirmed that the original drainage function is no longer required. Overland flow previously crossed the site towards Wade Street, but new stormwater infrastructure built as part of the adjoining Signature Care Aged Care development now directs flows to Urana Street.

The 4-metre drainage easement on the northern boundary is no longer operational. The sewer easement on the western boundary remains active and must be retained and would service any future development.

Dial Before You Dig responses confirm there are no Riverina Water assets that would impede development, and minor gas infrastructure on the southern boundary is not expected to limit future use. Site inspections and photographs confirm the historical drainage function has been fully replaced.

When considering the request in the petition for a park or playground, several factors were considered. Council's Playground Strategy 2024–2044 notes that Local Minor Playgrounds require approximately 0.3–0.5 hectares (3,000–5,000m²) of usable land. The Wade Street lot, at 435m² is well below this size. While there is no formal minimum size for general open space (non-playground), a lot of this size would not usually be considered for community open space. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles also raise concerns, as the lot is fenced on three sides, reducing visibility and passive surveillance.

In consideration of these factors, staff do not consider the Wade Street allotment strategically appropriate for development as a formal local park or playground.

During the investigations, a broader review of the open space provision within the surrounding catchment was undertaken against the Recreation, Open Space and Community Strategy and the Playground Strategy.

It found that there is a planned park and playground within the adjacent residential development, at the former CSU site. The planned park and its proximity to the block is identified below.



Whilst the future park associated with the former CSU site redevelopment will improve provision within the broader locality, portions of this area of Turvey Park are still expected to remain outside preferred walking catchments for local open space access.

Given this identified gap, investigations also explored whether any future opportunities may exist to improve open space provision elsewhere within the locality. Internal discussions were held regarding the future Stage 3 subdivision land associated with DA13/0188. Planning advice noted:

- no current development application exists for Stage 3;
- no open space has been identified within the approved indicative subdivision layout; and
- there are currently limited statutory mechanisms available to require land dedication for open space purposes.

Options Analysis

Four potential options were considered internally:

- **Option 1 – Develop the Wade Street allotment as a pocket park**
Not recommended due to site constraints, lack of strategic alignment and future maintenance burden.
- **Option 2 – Take no further action**
Would not address inappropriate land uses currently occurring on the site.
- **Option 3 – Sell the Wade Street allotment**
Recommended. Sale would address inappropriate land uses and deliver a financial return to Council.
- **Option 4 – Sell the allotment and continue investigating broader open space opportunities**
Not recommended. Additional open space outside what is planned on the former CSU site would create an oversupply and cost burden.

Preferred Option

Following further investigations and an internal review, option 3 – Sell the Wade Street allotment is recommended as the preferred option. This approach:

- resolves inappropriate land uses currently occurring on the site
- avoids future maintenance and capital costs
- aligns with strategic planning advice
- provides a financial return to Council

It is not recommended that Council pursue additional open space within the precinct. While some homes will remain outside preferred walking distances, no parks were planned at the time of purchase and additional open space would create an oversupply and cost burden.

Financial Implications

If Council resolves to sell the allotment it is proposed that the net proceeds from the sale would be allocated to the Strategic Property Reserve. Any future allocation of funds would be subject to Council resolution.

Policy and Legislation

Petitions Management Policy (POL 086)
Local Government Act 1993
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Vision for the future

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

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

Meeting held with petition organiser on 25 July 2025 and ongoing contact to advise of status of the matter.

Internal consultation undertaken with Recreation, Engineering, Subdivisions and Planning staff.

RP-21 RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS REGISTERS**Author:** Nicole Johnson**Executive:** Scott Gray

Summary: This report provides Councillors with an update on the status of all active Council resolutions and Notices of Motion and recommends the closure of a historical Notice of Motion relating to Wagga Wagga Airport.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a receive and note the following registers:
 - i Active Resolutions as of 16 July 2026
 - ii Active Notice of Motions as of 16 July 2026
 - iii Resolutions including Notice of Motions completed from 24 April 2026 to 16 July 2026
- b endorse closure of the historical Notice of Motion relating to Wagga Wagga Airport concerning strategic planning as outlined in the report

Report

This report provides Council with an overview of all active Council Resolutions and Notices of Motion as at 16 July 2026. This is supported by monthly reporting to Councillors, quarterly reporting to Council, ongoing review and adjustment of target dates, and clear identification of next actions to assist with resolution completion.

At this date, Council has:

- 10 active Notices of Motion
- 75 active Council Resolutions
- 160 resolutions completed between 24 April 2026 and 16 July 2026

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

Proposed closure of historic Notice of Motion

As part of the ongoing review of Council's Resolution Register, one historical Notice of Motion relating to Wagga Wagga Airport has been identified as suitable for closure.

While this Notice of Motion has remained active on the Resolution Register, its intent has been substantially achieved through subsequent Council decisions, strategic planning, infrastructure investment and ongoing operational activities. With Council having now secured the Airport's long-term tenure and progressing the next phase of planning through the development of an Airport Master Plan, it is considered appropriate that this Notice of Motion be closed, with future actions to be progressed through Council's established planning, governance and reporting processes.

Airport Strategic Planning

At its meeting of 27 September 2021, Council resolved:

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - AIRPORT STRATEGIC PLANNING

21/304 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors D Hayes and T Koschel

That Council receive a report outlining:

- a process to develop a strategic plan for the airport for the betterment of our region**
- b key areas for inclusion in the Strategic Plan such as tourism, business development, trade, and healthcare**
- c investment and commercialisation options for the airport precinct**

CARRIED

Since this resolution, the strategic intent of the Notice of Motion has been progressed through Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, ongoing infrastructure investment and consideration of future development opportunities within the airport precinct.

This work has included the preparation of an Airport Upgrade Business Case and a comprehensive proposal to the Australian Government regarding the long-term future and operation of the airport. These documents have informed Council's understanding of the airport's infrastructure requirements, investment priorities, commercial opportunities and future development needs.

Council is also progressing negotiations with the Department of Defence to finalise the proposed long-term airport lease. The Wagga Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee is being kept informed of the progress of these negotiations and provides an important forum for Councillor, aviation industry and community input into matters affecting the airport.

While a standalone Airport Strategic Plan has not been adopted in the form originally contemplated, the key objectives of the Notice of Motion have been substantially addressed through Council's strategic planning, business planning, infrastructure investment and operational activities.

With the Airport's long-term tenure now secured, Council is well positioned to commence the development of an Airport Master Plan to guide the future growth and development of the Airport. As the intent of the Notice of Motion has been substantially achieved, and the remaining work will be progressed through the master planning process, it is considered appropriate to close this Notice of Motion.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Section 335 – Functions of the General Manager

(b) to implement, without undue delay, the lawful decisions of the council

Council's Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Ethical Leadership

Deliver accountable and transparent leadership.

Risk Management Issues for Council

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

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

Internal / External Consultation

Manager and Executive review and endorsement

Attachments

1. Active Notice of Motions as at 16 July 2026 - Provided under separate cover
2. Active Resolutions as at 16 July 2026 - Provided under separate cover
3. Completed resolutions from 24 April 2026 to 16 July 2026 - Provided under separate cover

RP-22 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

Regarding the removal of tents and personal property from Wilks Park on and from 7 July 2026, and any further clearance or enforcement action taken since that date:

- a Under what statutory authority was each removal carried out, and which specific Act and section?
- b Who within Council authorised each operation, and is that authorisation in writing?
- c If Council acted on instruction or request from Homes NSW, will Council table that correspondence in full?
- d What notice was given to occupants beforehand, and what records does Council hold of what was done with removed personal property?

Statutory Authority

Unattended property was removed from Riverside on 7 July 2026 and Wilks Park on 13 and 15 July 2026. This property was removed in accordance with the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (the Act). Part 3 Division 3 and Part 4 of the Act details Council's powers in relation to these actions.

Operation Authorisation

The Director Planning & Regulatory Services is responsible for the planning and the authorisation of the clean ups (which is provided in writing).

Instructions from Homes NSW

No instruction or request from Homes NSW was received in relation to this matter.

Removal of Property

The unattended property removed from Riverside on 7 July 2026 was the subject of a notice under the Act. This notice was placed on the unattended property and the responsible person has seven days to remove it. The property was not removed within the seven days. The unattended property was sorted by hand and personal items were set aside. Before Council was able to place the personal items into storage, they were removed by persons unknown.

The unattended property removed from Wilks Park on 13 July 2026 was also the subject of a notice under the Act which was placed on it. The property was not removed within seven days. No personal items were identified at this property at the time of the clean up.

The owners of unattended property removed from Wilks Park on 15 July 2026 relinquished their ownership to Council and as such, the provisions of the Act do not apply to this clean up.

Councillor R Foley

Regarding persons displaced by clearance actions at Wilks Park and Wagga Beach:

- a Did Council obtain any assurance from Homes NSW that displaced persons would be offered emergency or permanent accommodation before their shelter was removed? If so, will Council table it?
- b If no assurance was obtained, on what basis did Council satisfy itself that the action would not place vulnerable persons at foreseeable risk of harm?
- c Has Council made any follow-up inquiry to establish where displaced persons are now sheltering?
- d Was Council's compliance with the NSW Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places assessed before the operation proceeded?

Council is not aware of any individuals displaced by clean up actions at Wilks Park and the Riverside Precinct (Wagga Beach).

Council has only actioned the clean-up of any abandoned items in accordance with the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 to remove unattended property from council-managed land (as outlined in the responses above). There was no one currently residing at the sites that have been cleaned up.

Whilst not directly related to these questions, it is important to note that for anyone relocating from the encampments into accommodation, Council has offered to assist with storage and transport of any personal items to support individuals making the transition.

In addition, once an individual moves from the encampments into accommodation Council can assist them to dispose of any items no longer required. This only occurs once the individual has authorised this.

Homes NSW and Vinnies are responsible for the management of assertive outreach, case management and accommodation support.

Council receives regular general updates as part of the Wagga Homelessness Encampments Emergency Response Working Group, however specific details are not shared due to privacy.

Council has regard for the NSW Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places.

Councillor M Henderson

What measures does Council currently have in place, or plan to implement, to manage and reduce illegal dumping and the placement and collection of hard waste from nature strips?

Council currently has a range of measures in place to manage and reduce illegal dumping and improve the collection and recovery of hard waste placed on nature strips. These measures are being further strengthened through a recently funded NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) initiative.

Council has successfully secured \$94,000 in funding under the NSW EPA Illegal Dumping Prevention Grant Round 3 – Stream 3, complemented by \$32,000 in in-kind contributions. This project specifically targets kerbside illegal dumping by increasing community uptake of Council's free home-based bulky waste collection service, expanding the range of accepted items, and improving resource recovery outcomes.

The program will take a strategic prevention approach through a three-phase framework of education, awareness and compliance. Key initiatives include:

- Improving accessibility and awareness of the home-based bulky waste collection service.
- Expanding accepted items through the service, including the recent addition of whitegoods.
- Installation of hotspot signage and promotion of the NSW EPA's RIDonline illegal dumping reporting platform.
- Delivery of targeted behaviour change programs, including educational, awareness and compliance materials.
- A comprehensive communications campaign incorporating radio, social media, Council news stories and local newspaper advertising.
- Targeted community engagement activities in identified illegal dumping hotspot locations.
- Improved data collection and management to better identify and respond to problem areas.

Work has already commenced with Council's Media Team to develop the communication strategy for the program.

Updates to the Home-Based Collection Service and Resource Recovery

Council has recently enhanced its home-based collection service by expanding the range of acceptable materials.

- Whitegoods were added to the list of accepted items from 1 July 2026.
- Council's website and customer service information have been updated to reflect these changes.

In addition, Council has significantly improved resource recovery outcomes from the collection service. In April 2026, Council and its kerbside waste contractor implemented a two-truck collection system:

- One vehicle collects landfill-bound materials.
- A second vehicle collects recoverable items.

Recoverable materials are subsequently separated into dedicated streams such as steel, timber, cardboard and reusable household goods. Suitable items may also be directed to the GWMC Relove It Shop for reuse.

Prior to the introduction of this system, material collected through the service was compacted and transported directly to landfill, resulting in 100% disposal to landfill. The new approach is now recovering approximately 40-50% of collected material for recycling, reuse or resale, representing a significant improvement in resource recovery and landfill diversion outcomes.

Residents are reminded to make use of their annual kerbside hard waste collection which can be booked online via the Council website or by calling [1300 292 442](tel:1300292442)

Enforcement and Investigation of Illegal Dumping

Council receives hundreds of customer requests relating to illegal dumping each year across bushland areas, parks, laneways and road reserves.

Residents can report incidents directly to Council or through the NSW EPA's RIDonline website and mobile application. While the EPA investigates matters involving significant quantities of hazardous waste or toxic chemicals, most illegal dumping incidents are referred to Council as the appropriate regulatory authority.

Council investigates all reports of illegal dumping and, where evidence supports enforcement action, will pursue compliance measures and penalties. This includes circumstances where CCTV footage or other clear evidence identifies an offender.

Under Section 143 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, where there is clear evidence of illegal dumping and identification of the offending vehicle, Council may seek vehicle registration information through NSW Police or Transport for NSW and issue a Penalty Infringement Notice to the registered owner. Penalties for illegal dumping can be substantial, and individuals may face fines of up to \$50,000 for small-scale offences, with significantly higher penalties applying for more serious or large-scale illegal dumping incidents.

Council continues to encourage residents to utilise lawful disposal options, including:

- Booking the free annual kerbside hard waste collection service.
- Donating reusable goods through the GWMC Tip Shop.
- Recycling eligible materials through available resource recovery programs.
- Disposing of waste at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre in accordance with accepted waste requirements.

These combined initiatives are intended to reduce illegal dumping, improve community awareness, increase resource recovery, and ensure responsible waste management across the Local Government Area.

Councillor A Parkins

As part of the approved works to the War Memorial, Council was to undertake a condition assessment of all war memorials within the Victory Memorial Gardens to guide future conservation works. What is the current status of this assessment?

At its meeting on 28 April 2025, Council considered a report concerning grant funding under the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program. Council resolved to accept \$147,425 in grant funding and proceed with remediation works to the Wagga Wagga Honour Roll and Eternal Flame Memorial.

The report also identified three additional pieces of work that could be undertaken more broadly across the Victory Memorial Gardens: a full asset condition assessment, a detailed conservation and works plan and additional reporting covering all memorials. Quotations totalling \$51,500, excluding GST, were provided for these additional assessments.

The report advised that these broader assessments were not required to deliver the approved remediation works to the Honour Roll and Eternal Flame Memorial and were therefore not recommended as part of the grant-funded project. It also noted that the additional work could potentially be funded from the Parks and Recreation Reserve should Council resolve to proceed.

Council did not resolve at that meeting to undertake the broader condition assessment and conservation planning work, nor did it allocate the additional \$51,500 required for those works. The adopted resolution was limited to accepting the grant funding, proceeding with the specified remediation works and noting the quotations obtained for the broader assessments.

Accordingly, the broader condition assessment and conservation planning work has not commenced. A further report, Council resolution and funding allocation would be required before this work could proceed.

Councillor L Tanner

Can Council advise what preventative measures are in place to manage the risks associated with concrete cricket pitches located in the middle of football ovals?

Council has four (4) grounds that are utilised for football (Soccer and AFL) that have concrete cricket wickets with a synthetic top.

These grounds are:

- Henwood Park top and bottom ovals
 - Utilised by Henwood Park and Lake Albert Football Clubs for training.
 - Utilised by Football Wagga Wagga for competition games.
- Anderson Oval
 - Utilised by Wagga Swan JFNC and Osborne AFL Club for training.
 - Utilised by AFL Riverina for Junior competition games.
- Glenfield Park Oval
 - Utilised by Collingullie JFN Club, Ganmain AFL Club and Lake Albert Soccer Club for training.
 - Utilised by AFL Riverina for Junior competition games.

For the grounds mentioned above, Council utilises a Gecko Applicator system <https://www.geckosurfacing.com.au/products/cricket-pitch-cover-system/> to lay a secondary layer of 'Long Pile' (25mm) synthetic turf layer for protection. This second synthetic layer also has a crumb rubber incorporated into the profile for added impact protection. This system meets all AFL testing, as mentioned in the attached link.

These covers are scheduled to be placed annually following the end of the cricket season, prior to any competition games commencing for winter sports.

Other grounds with cricket wickets include:

- Bolton Park x 2
 - These wickets do not form part of the playing surface for winter sport. Grounds are allocated around these wickets.
- Ashmont Oval
 - Not used for competition games.
- Paramore Park x 2
 - These wickets do not form part of the playing surface for winter sport. Grounds are allocated around these wickets.
- Duke of Kent Oval x 2
 - These wickets do not form part of the playing surface for winter sport. Grounds are allocated around these wickets.
- Norman Duck Oval
 - Currently not utilised for winter sports.

These wickets are not covered, however provisions can be made in the future if or when required.

Financial Implications

N/A

Policy and Legislation

Code of Meeting Practice

Link to Strategic Plan

Regional Leadership

Good governance

Provide professional, innovative, accessible and efficient services.

Risk Management Issues for Council

N/A

Internal / External Consultation

N/A

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**CONF-1 PROPOSED PROPERTY TRANSACTION WITHIN WAGGA WAGGA
SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT****Author:** Ann Sutton**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

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**CONF-2 LAND ACQUISITION FOR ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE
FUND - NORTHERN GROWTH SEWER AUGMENTATION
AFFECTING PRIVATE LAND****Author:** Matthew Dombrovski**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

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**CONF-3 SUBLEASE OF HANGAR SITE 10, LIGHT AIRCRAFT PRECINCT,
WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT**

Author: Matthew Dombrovski

Executive: Fiona Piltz

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CONF-4 36-40 GURWOOD STREET, WAGGA WAGGA - UPDATE REPORT**Author:** Matthew Dombrovski**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

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**CONF-5 CONSENT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF AN EASEMENT ACROSS
COUNCIL LAND WITHIN THE WAGGA WAGGA SPECIAL
ACTIVATION PRECINCT****Author:** Ben Creighton**Executive:** Fiona Piltz

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CONF-6 RFT CT2026042 TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Author: Craig De Piazza

Executive: Henry Pavitt

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**CONF-7 RFT CT2026047 UPGRADE OF SLUDGE DEWATERING PROCESS
NARRUNG STREET SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS**

Author: Ray Graham

Executive: Henry Pavitt

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**CONF-8 RFT CT2026060 WAGGA WAGGA STRATEGIC TRAFFIC MODEL
UPGRADE**

Author: Geordi Paxton

Executive: Henry Pavitt

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

PRESENT

Councillor Dallas Tout
Councillor Allana Condron
Councillor Georgie Davies
Councillor Richard Foley
Councillor Michael Henderson
Councillor Jenny McKinnon
Councillor Amelia Parkins
Councillor Karissa Subedi
Councillor Lindsay Tanner

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Chief Financial Officer (Acting)	(Mrs S Lucas)
Director Community, Environment & Partnerships	(Mrs C Priest)
Director Economy, Business & Workforce	(Mrs F Piltz)
Director Infrastructure Services (Acting)	(Mr R Graham)
Director Planning & Regulatory Services	(Mrs J Costa)
Manager City Growth & Regional Assets	(Mr B Creighton)
Manager Plant, Fleet & Buildings	(Mr D Davey)
Manager Development Assessment & Building Certification	(Mr C Collins)
Property Coordinator	(Mr M Dombrovski)
Economic Development Officer	(Mrs S Hanrahan)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)
Communications & Engagement Officer	(Ms L Magrath)
Corporate Governance Officer	(Ms K West)

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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

REFLECTION

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance was received and accepted for the Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray, Chief Financial Officer, Mrs C Rodney and Director Infrastructure Services, Mr H Pavitt on the Motion of Councillors G Davies and L Tanner.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

26/212

RESOLVED:
On the Motion of The Mayor, Councillor D Tout and Councillor G Davies

That Council grant a leave of absence to The Mayor, Councillor D Tout for the period 11 August to the 23 August 2026 inclusive.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 22 JUNE 2026

26/213 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 June 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Condrón declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-3 NOTICE OF MOTION - GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES, the reason being that she has a professional relationship with a company that has communicated concerns directly to Councillors in relation to this Notice of Motion. She vacated the Chamber during its consideration.

Councillor A Condrón declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in CONF-2 PROPOSED LEASE OF COUNCIL OWNED OPERATIONAL LAND - PART 9 LATHE STREET, KOORINGAL BEING PART LOT 12 DP 120632, the reason being that she has an indirect relationship with the parties mentioned in the report and vacated the Chamber during its consideration.

Councillor M Henderson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-2 FEASIBILITY OF A SAILBOAT AND LIFTING FACILITY AT LAKE ALBERT, the reason being that he is a director of a business on the foreshore of Lake Albert. The Boat Club is not affiliated with the Wagga Wagga Sailing Club, and he remained in the Chamber during its consideration.

Councillor M Henderson declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-3 GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES, the reason being that he is the licensee of the Wagga Boat Club. The Wagga Boat Club does not have any gaming machines but does have one form of gambling available to members. He vacated the Chamber during its consideration.

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.....MAYOR GENERAL MANAGER

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Councillor J McKinnon declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-3 GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES, the reason being that she is a member of a local club that has written to Council and remained in the Chamber during its consideration.

Councillor L Tanner declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-3 GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES, the reason being that he is a member of a club that has written to Council and remained in the Chamber during its consideration.

Councillor L Tanner declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-4 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356, the reason being that he is a member of the veterans community and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

The Mayor, Councillor D Tout, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in NOM-3 GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES, the reason being that he is the Chair of Relay for Life, which was listed as a recipient of Club Grants funding in correspondence received that day, and vacated the Chamber during its consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

26/214 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condrón and G Davies

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

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

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

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION – FEASIBILITY OF A SAILBOAT DOCK AND LIFTING CRANE FACILITY AT LAKE ALBERT TO ATTRACT SMALL BOAT SAILING COMPETITIONS

- Mr Benjamin Morgan - Speaking in favour of the Recommendation.

The Mayor, Councillor D Tout, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the Chamber and the Chair, the time being 6.00pm.

Councillors A Condrón and M Henderson declared Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests and vacated the Chamber, the time being 6.00pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G Davies, assumed the Chair, the time being 6.00pm.

NOM-3 NOTICE OF MOTION - GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Ms Katherine Allan - Speaking in favour of the Recommendation.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor G Davies, vacated the Chair, the time being 6:07pm.

The Mayor, Councillor D Tout re-entered the Chamber and assumed the Chair, the time being 6:08pm.

Councillors A Condrón and M Henderson re-entered the Chamber, the time being 6:08pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – CHANGE OF STANDING ORDERS

26/215 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and G Davies

That Council move forward consideration of the following items of business to follow the Public Discussion Forum:

- **NOM-2 - NOTICE OF MOTION - FEASIBILITY OF A SAILBOAT DOCK AND LIFTING CRANE FACILITY AT LAKE ALBERT TO ATTRACT SMALL BOAT SAILING COMPETITIONS**
- **NOM-3 - NOTICE OF MOTION - GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION – FEASIBILITY OF A SAILBOAT DOCK AND LIFTING CRANE FACILITY AT LAKE ALBERT TO ATTRACT SMALL BOAT SAILING COMPETITIONS

26/216 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Foley and G Davies

That Council:

- a receive a report on the proposed investigation of a dedicated sailboat dock and lift crane facility at Lake Albert, including suitable siting options, accessibility considerations and alignment with the Lake Albert Plan of Management and relevant strategic plans**
- b receive advice in that report on the scope, cost, resourcing and specialist input required to undertake a detailed feasibility assessment, including any planning, environmental, operational, legal, risk and financial implications**
- c receive advice on potential external funding opportunities, including grant programs and partnership opportunities, that may be available to support any future feasibility work or delivery of the facility**
- d receive advice on appropriate stakeholder consultation that would be required should Council resolve to progress to a detailed feasibility assessment**
- e consider whether to proceed with a detailed feasibility assessment following receipt of the report**

CARRIED

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RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

NOM-3 NOTICE OF MOTION - GAMBLING LOSSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND THEIR IMPACT ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Mayor, Councillor D Tout, declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the Chamber and the Chair, the time being 6.25pm.

Councillors A Condrón and M Henderson declared Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests and vacated the Chamber, the time being 6.25pm.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor G Davies, assumed the Chair, the time being 6.25pm.

26/217 RESOLVED:
On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and R Foley

That Council:

- a notes with concern the continued growth in poker machine gambling losses across New South Wales and the associated social, health and economic impacts on communities
- b recognises gambling harm as a significant public health and community wellbeing issue affecting individuals, families and local communities, including regional communities
- c expresses its support for evidence-based gambling harm minimisation measures, including:
 - i Mandatory cashless gaming with effective harm reduction features;
 - ii Reduced operating hours for gaming machines;
 - iii Stronger self-exclusion programs;
 - iv Greater transparency around gambling losses and venue data;
 - v Increased funding for gambling counselling, treatment and community education.
- d requests the Mayor writes to the Premier of New South Wales, the NSW Minister for Gaming and Racing and the Member for Wagga Wagga seeking stronger action to reduce gambling harm across NSW

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- e requests the NSW Government continue progressing meaningful gambling reform based on recommendations from public health experts, community organisations and independent reviews**
- f receives a report outlining existing Council partnerships and opportunities for Council to partner with local health providers and community organisations to promote awareness of gambling harm and available support services, including during Gambling Harm Awareness Week and other relevant community wellbeing initiatives**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

Deputy Mayor, Councillor G Davies, vacated the Chair, the time being 6.41pm.

The Mayor, Councillor D Tout, re-entered the Chamber and assumed the Chair, the time being 6.41pm.

Councillors A Condron and M Henderson re-entered the Chamber, the time being 6.41pm.

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – ESCALATING PENALTY FRAMEWORK FOR REPEAT ILLEGAL TRAIL BIKE OFFENDING

A Motion was moved by Councillors R Foley and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a notes that illegal trail bike riding in residential streets, parks and public spaces is an escalating public safety issue, including a recent local incident in which an elderly resident using a mobility scooter was struck by a rider and that current warnings and fines are not deterring repeat offenders, creating a real risk that continued offending will result in a serious or fatal incident involving a child, an elderly person, or another vulnerable resident.**
- b requests that the Mayor write to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP, NSW Minister for Police and Counter terrorism, requesting consideration of stronger enforcement powers, vehicle seizure and forfeiture mechanisms, and sentencing options for repeat illegal trail bike offending.**
- c requests that the Mayor writes to Dr Joe McGirr MP, Independent Member for Wagga Wagga, requesting he consider introducing a Private Member's Bill for an escalating, three-tier penalty framework, confined to repeat aggravated conduct based on prior convictions rather than mere allegations:**

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- i. First offence – substantially higher fines, vehicle seizure with a forfeiture pathway, and mandatory 6 months community service
 - ii. Second offence – higher fines again, stricter forfeiture triggers, mandatory 12 months community service and
 - iii. Third offence (repeat aggravated offenders), a presumptive custodial sentence or mandatory minimum sentencing response, subject to any limited judicial exceptions Parliament considers appropriate
- d requests that any response received be reported back to Council

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor G Davies and seconded by Councillor L Tanner

That Council:

- a notes that illegal trail bike riding in residential streets, parks and public spaces is an escalating public safety issue, including a recent local incident in which an elderly resident using a mobility scooter was struck by a rider and that current warnings and fines are not deterring repeat offenders, creating a real risk that continued offending will result in a serious or fatal incident involving a child, an elderly person, or another vulnerable resident
- b requests that the Mayor write to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP, NSW Minister for Police and Counter terrorism, requesting consideration of stronger enforcement powers, vehicle seizure and forfeiture mechanisms, and sentencing options for repeat illegal trail bike offending
- c requests that the Mayor writes to Dr Joe McGirr MP, Independent Member for Wagga Wagga, requesting he consider introducing a Private Member's Bill for an escalating, stronger penalty frameworks
- d requests that any response received be reported back to Council

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT

For the Amendment

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

Against the Amendment

R Foley

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

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26/218 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and L Tanner

That Council:

- a** notes that illegal trail bike riding in residential streets, parks and public spaces is an escalating public safety issue, including a recent local incident in which an elderly resident using a mobility scooter was struck by a rider and that current warnings and fines are not deterring repeat offenders, creating a real risk that continued offending will result in a serious or fatal incident involving a child, an elderly person, or another vulnerable resident
- b** requests that the Mayor write to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP, NSW Minister for Police and Counter terrorism, requesting consideration of stronger enforcement powers, vehicle seizure and forfeiture mechanisms, and sentencing options for repeat illegal trail bike offending
- c** requests that the Mayor writes to Dr Joe McGirr MP, Independent Member for Wagga Wagga, requesting he consider introducing a Private Member's Bill for an escalating, stronger penalty frameworks
- d** requests that any response received be reported back to Council

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 DA26/0068 - MULTI DWELLING HOUSING (4 DWELLINGS) AND ASSOCIATED CARPORTS FOR DWELLINGS 1 AND 2 AT 12 SHERWOOD AVE KOORINGAL NSW 2650, LOT 8 DP 242635

26/219 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors M Henderson and R Foley

That Council approve DA26/0068 for 'multi dwelling housing (4 dwellings) and associated carports for dwellings 1 and 2' at Lot 8 DP 242635, 12 Sherwood Avenue, Koorringal, subject to the conditions outlined in the attached s4.15 Assessment Report.

CARRIED

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

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

RP-2 ENTRY POINT HOUSING PLANNING PROPOSAL

26/220 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors G Davies and R Foley

That Council:

- a support Planning Proposal LEP26/0001 to amend the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 as detailed in this report and:**
 - i write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requesting a gateway determination under s3.34 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979**
 - ii upon receipt of a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, enact all requirements of the Gateway Determination and requirements of Schedule 1, clause 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979**

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- iii delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate all functions under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and put into effect the Planning Proposal
 - iv delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to make any variations to the planning proposal, to correct any drafting errors or anomalies to ensure consistency with the Gateway Determination or to address any other matter that may arise during the amendment process
 - b support the draft amendment to the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 – Entry Point Housing Scheme and:
 - i endorse the public exhibition of the draft amendment to the Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2010 – Entry Point Housing Scheme for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with Council’s Community Participation Plan
 - ii receive a further report following the exhibition period addressing any relevant objections received or where any substantial changes are proposed and detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition prior to finalisation of the Development Control Plan amendment
 - c support the Entry Point Housing Voluntary Planning Agreement and:
 - i endorse the public exhibition of the Entry Point Housing Voluntary Planning Agreement template to be exhibited alongside the planning proposal
 - ii receive a further report after the public exhibition period addressing any relevant objections and/or proposed substantial changes made in respect of the Voluntary Planning Agreement template
- CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

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

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RP-3 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - POL 062 - MOBILE FOOD VENDOR POLICY

26/221 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and R Foley

That Council:

- a note the findings of this report and retain the current Mobile Food Vendor Trading in Public Places (Parks and Reserves) Policy (POL 062)**
- b support the implementation of the proposed controlled trial approach as part of the 24-hour economy program offerings during the following periods 30 October to 8 November 2026 and 5 March to 13 March 2027 which includes:**
 - i Location restrictions be relaxed to allow for mobile food vendors to set up in locations within 200m of existing businesses where the business is closed and not operating**
 - ii Operating hours controls be extended from 10pm to 3am to cater for late night users**
- c receive a further report to Council on the impacts of the trials**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

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RP-4 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

26/222 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condrón and G Davies

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following community group:**
 - i Invictus Australia for \$495.00**
- b note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2026/27 financial year**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

RP-5 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

26/223 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors J McKinnon and G Davies

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

M-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA TO LADYSMITH RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE - 10 JUNE 2026

26/224 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condrón and G Davies

That Council receive the minutes of the Wagga to Ladysmith Rail Trail Steering Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2026.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

M-2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - 17 JUNE 2026

26/225 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condrón and G Davies

That Council:

- a receive and note the minutes of the Wagga Wagga Airport Special Purpose Committee meeting held on 17 June 2026**
- b note the update in relation to the timing of the lease negotiations**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

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Councillor R Foley vacated the chamber, the time being 7:31pm.

CLOSED COUNCIL

26/226 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and J McKinnon

That the Council now resolve itself into a Closed Council, the time being 7.30pm.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

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

Councillor R Foley re-entered the chamber, the time being 7:32pm.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 RFT CT2026043 CLEANING OF COUNCIL BUILDINGS

26/227 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and G Davies

That Council:

- a accept the tendered offer from Command 51 Pty Ltd (ABN: 33 164 634 039) for the provision of cleaning services to Council's Buildings, Amenities and BBQ's in the schedule of rates supplied with their offer**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a Contract with Command 51 Pty Ltd (ABN: 33 164 634 039) for the provision of cleaning services to Council's Buildings, Amenities and BBQ's for a period of 24 months**
- c authorise the General Manager or their delegate to extend the Contract for 3x12 month periods subject to satisfactory performance as set out in the contract**

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- d authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

CONF-2 PROPOSED LEASE OF COUNCIL OWNED OPERATIONAL LAND - PART 9 LATHE STREET, KOORINGAL BEING PART LOT 12 DP 1206323

Councillor A Condrón declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest and vacated the chamber, the time being 7:31pm.

26/228 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors M Henderson and J McKinnon

That Council:

- a note the request from the party named in the body of this report in relation to the subdivision and sale of part Lot 12 DP 1206323**
- b not subdivide and sell the portion of land as requested**
- c authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate entry into a lease over part of Lot 12 in Deposited Plan 1206323 to SEIE Nominees Pty Ltd (or nominee) on the terms outlined in the body of this report**
- d authorise the affixing of the Council Common Seal to all relevant documents as required**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

G Davies

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Councillor A Condron re-entered the chamber, the time being 8:02pm.

CONF-3 RFT CT2026024 NORTHERN SEWER AUGMENTATION - CONSTRUCTION

26/229 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Condron and G Davies

That Council:

- a in accordance with Clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, decline all tenders for RFT CT2026024 Northern Sewer Augmentation - Construction**
- 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 construction of the Northern Sewer Augmentation Project**
- c note that the reason for entering into negotiations is that the tender submissions all included departures from contract conditions due to price volatility and uncertainty in the supply, cost, and lead times of materials**
- d note the reason for not inviting fresh tenders is that it is expected the negotiation will provide a satisfactory outcome**
- e authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract for the construction of Northern Sewer Augmentation should the negotiation be successful**
- f authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all relevant documents as required**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

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CONF-4 RFT CT2026025 GREGADOO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE MASTERPLAN

26/230 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors L Tanner and A Parkins

That Council:

- a accept the tender of SMEC Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 47 065 475 149) for the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre Masterplan for the Lump Sum Price of \$149,500 excluding GST**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a contract with SMEC Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 47 065 475 149) for the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre Masterplan**
- c authorise the affixing of Council's Common Seal to all documents that may be required**
- d approve the budget variation as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

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

Against the Motion

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

26/231 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors A Parkins and R Foley

That this meeting of the Closed Council revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 8.03pm.

CARRIED

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 8.06pm.

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MAYOR

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