

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Greg Conkey OAM
Councillor Yvonne Braid OAM
Councillor Dan Hayes
Councillor Vanessa Keenan
Councillor Rod Kendall
Councillor Tim Koschel
Councillor Kerry Pascoe
Councillor Dallas Tout

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager	(Mr P Thompson)
Director Community	(Mrs J Summerhayes)
Director Infrastructure Services	(Mr W Faulkner)
Director Regional Activation	(Mr M Keys)
Chief Financial Officer	(Mrs C Rodney)
Chief Operating Officer	(Mr S Gray)
Manager Audit, Risk & Governance	(Ms I Hensley)
Corporate Governance Coordinator	(Mrs N Johnson)

PRAYER

Almighty God,

Help protect our Mayor, elected Councillors and staff.

Help Councillors to govern with justice, integrity, and respect for equality, to preserve rights and liberties, to be guided by wisdom when making decisions and settling priorities, and not least of all to preserve harmony.

Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CM-1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 9 AUGUST 2021

21/ RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and Y Braid OAM

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 August 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor T Koschel declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2021 the reason being that his workplace is mentioned in the report and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor K Pascoe declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in RP-4 WAGGA WAGGA SOCIETY MODEL ENGINEERS - REQUEST FOR FENCING the reason being that he is a patron of the Wagga Wagga Society Model Engineers and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Councillor D Tout declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in MM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE - SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN the reason being that a family member of his works in the industry and remained in the chamber during its consideration.

Chief Operating Officer, Mr S Gray declared a Pecuniary Interest in RP-1 DA21/0292 - ERECTION OF A TWO BEDROOM DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING TO CREATE A DUAL OCCUPANCY the reason being that he owns a property in the vicinity of the proposed development and vacated the chamber during its consideration.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - CHANGE OF STANDING ORDERS

21/272 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and T Koschel

That Council bring forward consideration of ENGLOBO to precede the public discussion forum.

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ENGLOBO

21/273 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors K Pascoe and R Kendall

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

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

That RP-2, RP-3, RP-5, RP-8, RP-9 and CONF-1 be adopted as recommended in the business papers.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

RP-1 DA21/0292 - ERECTION OF A TWO BEDROOM DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING TO CREATE A DUAL OCCUPANCY

- Mr Stephen Lawler - Speaking against the report - Remote attendance.

RP-4 WAGGA WAGGA SOCIETY MODEL ENGINEERS - REQUEST FOR FENCING

- Mr Peter Micenko - Speaking in favour of the report - In person attendance.

PROCEDURAL MOTION - CHANGE OF STANDING ORDERS

21/274 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and K Pascoe

That Council bring forward consideration of the following reports to follow the public discussion forum:

- **RP-1 DA21/0292 - ERECTION OF A TWO BEDROOM DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING TO CREATE A DUAL OCCUPANCY**
- **RP-4 WAGGA WAGGA SOCIETY MODEL ENGINEERS - REQUEST FOR FENCING**

CARRIED

RP-1 DA21/0292 - ERECTION OF A TWO BEDROOM DWELLING TO THE REAR OF THE EXISTING DWELLING TO CREATE A DUAL OCCUPANCY

21/275 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and D Hayes

That Council approve DA21/0292 for the erection of a two bedroom dwelling to the rear of the existing dwelling to create a dual occupancy at 8 Brookong Avenue, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 subject to the conditions outlined in the Section 4.15 Assessment Report.

CARRIED

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

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

T Koschel

RP-4 WAGGA WAGGA SOCIETY MODEL ENGINEERS - REQUEST FOR FENCING

21/276 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors R Kendall and Y Braid OAM

That Council:

- a receive the report**
- b note that a lease agreement is in place with the Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers that required fencing around the miniature railway at the Botanical Gardens**
- c contribute 50% of the final cost to construct the missing boundary fence between the Botanic Gardens Entwine Playground and the spiral track section of the miniature rail facility in accordance with the Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers requirements**
- d establish a medium term financial arrangement with the Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE - SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

21/277 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of The Mayor, Councillor G Conkey OAM

- 1. That Council writes to the Prime Minister and the Member for Riverina calling on the Federal Government to:**
 - a continue to do everything possible in coming days to evacuate people who are at grave risk within Afghanistan, including those who have worked for or assisted the Australian Government and Australian organisations (including the embassy, armed forces, NGOs and media), human rights defenders and women and girls whose lives and security are under great threat**
 - b urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, particularly the governments of Pakistan and Iran**
 - c offer additional refugee resettlement places for Afghan refugees;**
 - d immediately increase Australian aid to the region to support programs to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan**
 - e extend permanent protection to 4300 Afghans on temporary protection visas, recognising that members of this group are unlikely to be able to return in safety for many years to come and need the assurance that they can continue to live in Australia without the constant fear of forced return**
 - f assist Afghan Australians, including people with temporary and permanent protection visas, with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are at particular risk, as members of minorities targeted by the Taliban or people likely to be targeted because of their connections to western nations**
 - g acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices made by members of the Australian Defence Force in Afghanistan and ensure appropriate supports are in place for defence and ex-defence personnel who may also be impacted**
- 2. That Council encourage members of the Wagga Wagga and regional community to reach out to Afghan Australians in our community in whatever practical and moral/supportive way possible in this time of crisis.**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 - DA21/0292 - Erection of a two bedroom dwelling to the rear of the existing dwelling to create a dual occupancy was moved forward to follow the public discussion forum.

RP-2 DRAFT WIRADJURI TRAIL MASTER PLAN

21/278 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors K Pascoe and R Kendall

That Council:

- a receive and note the report**
- b place the draft Wiradjuri Trail Master Plan on public exhibition and invite submissions for a period of 28 days**
- c receive a further report on the outcomes of the public exhibition period and any submissions received**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

**RP-3 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP
OF MOWER TO COLLINGULLIE GLENFIELD PARK AUSTRALIAN
FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB**

21/279 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors K Pascoe and R Kendall

That Council:

- a authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into negotiations with officials of The Collingullie Glenfield Park Australian Football and Netball Club (Club) to form an agreement for mowing services at the Collingullie Recreation Ground subject to the terms as outlined in this report**
- b delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to sign all necessary documents in regard to the agreement**
- c approve the budget variations as detailed in the Financial Implications section of this report**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

RP-4 - Wagga Wagga Society Model Engineers - request for fencing was moved forward to follow the public discussion forum.

RP-5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2021

21/280 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors K Pascoe and R Kendall

That Council:

- a approve the proposed 2021/22 budget variations for the month ended 31 July 2021 and note the balanced budget position as presented in this report**
- b note the Responsible Accounting Officer's reports, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Part 9 Division 3: Clause 203) that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made above**
- c note the amendment to the 2021/22 Fees and Charges document as presented in this report**
- d note the details of the external investments as at 31 July 2021 in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

RP-6 SECTION 356 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A Motion was moved by Councillors V Keenan and D Hayes

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following group:
 - i. Wagga Wagga Rescue Squad - \$2,165.00 (Request 1)
- b fund through the Solid Waste Reserve for the 2021/22 charges only as per the request from the following group:
 - i. St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (Request 2)
- c note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2021/22 financial year

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor R Kendall and seconded by Councillor K Pascoe

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following group:
 - i. Wagga Wagga Rescue Squad: \$2,165.00 (Request 1)
- b defer consideration of the Section 356 request from St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (Request 2) to allow Council officers to obtain additional information from that organisation in regards to its funding application for the Shelter to the NSW Government and to receive further information on financial accounts of the Shelter which will enable Council to make an informed decision
- c note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2021/22 financial year

The AMENDMENT on being put to the Meeting was CARRIED and became the Motion.

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Amendment

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
R Kendall
K Pascoe

Against the Amendment

D Hayes
V Keenan
T Koschel
D Tout

With the vote being tied, the Mayor, Councillor G Conkey OAM used his casting vote for the AMENDMENT.

21/281 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and D Hayes

That Council:

- a in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, provide financial assistance to the following group:**
 - i. Wagga Wagga Rescue Squad: \$2,165.00 (Request 1)**
- b defer consideration of the Section 356 request from St Vincent de Paul Society NSW (Request 2) to allow Council officers to obtain additional information from that organisation in regards to its funding application for the Shelter to the NSW Government and to receive further information on financial accounts of the Shelter which will enable Council to make an informed decision**
- c note the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2021/22 financial year**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

RP-7 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - CITY BRAND

21/282 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and R Kendall

That Council:

- a receive and note this report**
- b include a City Brand refresh project as an item for consideration during the 2022/23 budget process**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

RP-8 RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS REGISTERS

21/283 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors K Pascoe and R Kendall

That Council receive and note the following registers:

- a Active Resolutions as at 17 August 2021**
- b Active Notice of Motions as at 17 August 2021**
- c Resolutions including Notice of Motions completed from 21 July 2021 to 17 August 2021**

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

RP-9 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS/BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

21/284 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors K Pascoe and R Kendall

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION

For the Motion

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

QUESTIONS/BUSINESS WITH NOTICE

Councillor V Keenan requested an update on the return of the removed geese to the Victory Memorial Gardens.

Councillor V Keenan requested advice on what support Council are currently providing to the Afghan community.

Councillor T Koschel requested advice in relation to inspection and tree/vegetation maintenance on Koorringal Road.

Councillor D Hayes requested advice on accessibility of seating at the Wetlands given the surrounding vegetation growth.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

CONF-1 PROPOSED SALE OF COMMERCIAL LAND - TASMAN ROAD

21/285 RESOLVED:

On the Motion of Councillors K Pascoe and R Kendall

That Council:

- a provide formal endorsement to conducting an Expression of Interest campaign in respect of the properties referred to in this report**
- b authorise the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate the terms of the sale of land within the parameters outlined in the body of this report**
- c authorise the General Manager or their delegate to complete and execute any necessary documents on behalf of the Council**
- 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

Y Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D Tout

Against the Motion

THIS COMPLETED THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WHICH ROSE AT 7:40pm.

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MAYOR