

Summary of Council's 13 May 2024 Ordinary Meeting

Report to be compiled into possibilities to use existing assets to ease housing crisis

Council endorsed for staff to provide a report outlining potential programs and options to address housing and affordability within the Local Government Area.

This will include the following:

- A review of assets in Council's ownership or management that staff have identified may be suitable for housing development;
- Identification of short-term opportunities for partnerships with entities such as government, developers and/or private owners to assist in addressing housing affordability;
- Identification of longer-term opportunities to assist housing providers in approaches that lead to increased supply of affordable housing;
- Consideration of how Council can broker relationships between housing service providers and the real estate, building and construction sectors to identify alternate options to reduce rental stress, and housing gaps and to increase affordability and availability of housing.

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL OWNED HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Draft 2024/25 Budget to go on public exhibition

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

Council endorsed for the following draft documents to go on public exhibition for a period of 28 days: draft Operational Plan 2024/25, draft Fees and Charges for the financial year 2024/25, and draft Long Term Financial Plan 2024/25.

Following the public exhibition period, a further report will be presented to Council addressing any submissions and proposing adoption of the draft documents.

RP-1 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING (IP&R) - DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR EXHIBITION

Council to consider and assess planning proposals for Southern Growth Area

Council received and noted the *Southern Growth Area Strategic Context Paper* which is a high-level strategic plan for the remaining growth area and infill corridor to coordinate development outcomes across both urban releases.

Council has resolved to consider and assess planning proposals within Zone 1 of the Southern Growth Area, where they meet the existing strategic merit identified in the *Southern Growth Area Strategic Context Paper*.

RP-2 SOUTHERN GROWTH AREA CONTEXT PAPER

Council considers Riverside Stage 3 Business Case

Council considered the final business case for Riverside Stage 3 which was funded as part of the Regional NSW – Business Case and Strategy Development fund.

The report notes the outcomes of the community engagement that took place at the end of 2023, and the Riverside Stage 3 Business Case and supporting documentation.

The results of the community engagement showed strong community support for both the Riverside plan and the Civic Theatre concept, with 1089 surveys and responses submitted.

Of the community responses received 52 per cent indicated support for the Civic Theatre and 45 per cent for Riverside, with 3 per cent of participants not supporting either project.

In July 2023, the AEC Group Pty Ltd was engaged to develop a detailed business case for a major entertainment and conferencing centre incorporating a First Nations cultural centre.

The development of the business case has been informed through extensive stakeholder and community engagement including key industry sectors, community groups, local governments, arts and cultural groups and First Nations organisations.

The business case focuses on infrastructure justification, service needs, stakeholder engagement, facility specifics, and the financial and economic viability. Three development scenarios are outlined in the business case, including the concurrent development of both facilities and the development of each as standalone projects.

In line with this, a separate business case, business plan and prospectus has been developed to support the Cultural Centre as a standalone project.

The Riverside Business Case will allow Council to pursue State and/or Federal Government funding for the venue should it become available.

The draft Civic Theatre Performing Arts Masterplan public exhibition period closed on Friday 10 May 2024. Over 200 submissions received from the community are currently being collated and results are to be reported back to Council at a later date.

RP-3 RIVERSIDE STAGE 3 BUSINESS CASE

Approval for RFS to build new brigade station on Council land in Uranquinty

Council endorsed the provision of part of 80 Connorton Street, Uranquinty (being part Lot 2 DP 590564) to the NSW Rural Fire Service for the purpose of construction of a new brigade station.

NSW Rural Fire Service have identified the parcel of land on Connorton Street, which is owned by Council, as potentially suitable for the proposed relocation of their new Uranquinty brigade station.

The NSW Rural Fire Service is seeking to utilise an area of approximately 2,000sqm (being an area having dimensions of 50m x 40m) to facilitate the construction of the new rural fire brigade station.

**RP-4 PROVISION OF LAND TO NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE FOR NEW BRIGADE SHED
- PART 80 CONNORTON STREET, URANQUINTY - LOT 2 DP 590564**

Light aircraft hangar lease approved

Council agreed to the assignment of the lease of Light Aircraft Precinct Hangar 7 in the Light Aircraft Precinct at the Wagga Wagga Airport.

At its meeting of 20 November 2023, Council considered a report in relation to the proposed assignment of Hangar 7.

In accordance with the endorsed resolution at that time (Resolution 23/293), Council staff have progressed negotiations and documents have been finalised for execution by the Council.

Authority was given to the General Manager or their delegate to execute any necessary documentation on behalf of Council.

**RP-5 PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF SUBLEASE - LIGHT AIRCRAFT PRECINCT
HANGAR 7, WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT - UPDATE TO RESOLUTION 23/293**

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About Wagga Wagga City Council

Wagga Wagga City Council serves more than 68,000 residents across an area of 4825 square kilometres with an overall budget of more than \$236M.

The organisation manages more than \$2.48 billion in assets, including a 2300km road network, Wagga Wagga Airport, Livestock Marketing Centre and the Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Council also provides important community facilities such as Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga City Library, Museum of the Riverina and Civic Theatre, as well as maintaining countless parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities to ensure Wagga maintains its reputation as 'the City of Good Sports'.

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