

Summary of Council's 25 March 2024 Ordinary Meeting

Telecommunications base station and monopole approved

Council approved DA23/0579 for a telecommunications facility (mobile phone base station incorporating a 30-metre-high monopole and associated infrastructure) at Lot 8 DP 716602, 13 Sycamore Road, Lake Albert, subject to conditions.

RP-1 DA23/0579 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY – LOT 8 DP 716602, 13 SYCAMORE ROAD, LAKE ALBERT

2024/25 Airport Fees and Charges updated

Following the public exhibition of the 2024/25 Airport Fees and Charges Council noted that there were two public submissions received during the exhibition period.

Council endorsed adopting the Airport Fees and Charges for the 2024/25 financial year, to commence from 1 July 2024 and commencing the new Passenger Service Charges from 1 August 2024.

RP-2 2024/25 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES

Inland Rail update received and noted

Council received and noted the Inland Rail Update presented by staff.

The report detailed the environmental approval process between Inland Rail and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), including an initial Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and subsequent Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR).

Council reviewed these studies and provided a response on behalf of the community of Wagga Wagga. Inland Rail has now provided a close-out response addressing Council's comments to DPE; however, the report has identified that this response is not sufficient in addressing the concerns and environmental impacts initially raised by Council.

As a result, the detrimental impact on the City of Wagga Wagga remains outstanding.

DPE is currently in the assessment phase of the project application, prior to recommendation and determination phases.

RP-3 INLAND RAIL UPDATE

Draft On-site Sewage Management Plan on Public Exhibition

Council endorsed placing the draft On-Site Sewage Management Plan 2024-2028 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 12 April 2024. Submissions are invited until 10 May 2024 on the draft document.

Following the public exhibition period Council will receive a further report addressing any submissions and proposing any amendments to the plan that are considered appropriate.

Staff have undertaken a review of the current On-Site Sewage Management Plan to ensure it is still contemporary and in line with health and environmental standards. As part of the review process, it is proposed that Council implement a consistent approach for on-site sewage management practices as the responsible authority for regulating On-Site Sewage Management Systems.

RP-4 DRAFT ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024-2028

Draft Civic Theatre Performing Arts Masterplan to go on public exhibition

Council endorsed placing the draft Civic Theatre Performing Arts Masterplan on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 12 April 2024. Public submissions on the draft document are invited until 10 May 2024.

The community will now have a chance to see the full suite of previously unreleased concept images for the proposed Civic Theatre upgrade while the plan is on exhibition.

It should be noted that the result from the Cultural Precinct community engagement held late last year is still pending. Council has two significant proposals for the city, an exhibition and performance centre and the expansion of the Civic Theatre, with each going through a series of steps to be made ready before funding could be pursued.

Council also reviewed an updated Civic Theatre business case, produced by AEC Group consultancy as part of the Riverside Stage 3 precinct business case to establish the base case and ensure it met the NSW treasury guidelines.

The draft masterplan was completed in April 2022, which was identified as an action in Council's Cultural Plan 2020-2030. The draft document includes details of the community consultation undertaken, concept design, business case, theatre design, cost plan, economic impact assessment and a traffic and parking assessment.

The expansion of the Civic Theatre is currently unfunded. Once a masterplan is endorsed detailed designs and development of the masterplan will be subject to future grant funding.

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RP-5 DRAFT CIVIC THEATRE - PERFORMING ARTS MASTERPLAN

Victory Memorial Gardens playground to benefit from Wollundry Rotary donation

The Rotary Club of Wollundry Wagga Wagga (Wollundry Rotary) have offered a \$25,185 donation for the installation of a shade sail and seat at the Victory Memorial Gardens Playground.

In this meeting Council endorsed accepting the proposed donation to allow the construction and installation and approved the budget variation as detailed in the Financial Implications section of the report.

The Victory Memorial Gardens is host to the Gears and Beers Festival which is run by Wollundry Rotary. The funds being donated were raised via the hosting of this event.

Proposed signage would recognise the donation, the Gears and Beers festival and the partnership with Council in delivering the infrastructure.

Council's contribution would be the in-kind project management of the installation to ensure the infrastructure is of a suitable quality and safe standard.

The installation of shade sails is consistent with Council's current policy of increasing shade at all Playgrounds. The Victory Memorial Playground was not identified as a priority location for the installation of shade sails but was selected by Wollundry Rotary due to its proximity to the Gears and Beers Festival location.

RP-6 VICTORY MEMORIAL GARDENS SHADE SAIL PROPOSAL - THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOLLUNDY WAGGA WAGGA

Councillor to attend Floodplain Management Australia National Conference

Council approved appointing Councillor McKinnon as Council's delegate to attend the Floodplain Management Australia National Conference to be held in Brisbane from 20 and 24 May 2024.

RP-7 2024 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Commissioning of Public Artwork in Currawarna

Council accepted the application of the recommended artist Carla Gottgens for the City, Suburbs & Villages 2023/24 commission in Currawarna, and authorised entering into a contract with the recommended artist.

CONF-1 COMMISSIONING OF PUBLIC ARTWORK IN CURRAWARNA

Commissioning of Public Art Project in Ashmont

Council accepted the application of recommended artists Amanda Newman and Natalie Simmons for the Neighbourhood Engagement 2023/24 commission in Ashmont, and authorised entering into a contract with the recommended artists.

CONF-2 COMMISSIONING OF PUBLIC ART PROJECT IN ASHMONT

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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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