

Summary of Council's 18 September 2023 Ordinary Meeting

Council resolves to support library

Following a Notice of Motion in relation to the availability of "Welcome to Sex" at Wagga Wagga City Library, Councillors resolved to support the book belonging to the library's physical and on-line collection.

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION - REMOVAL OF BOOK FROM LIBRARY COLLECTION

Council resolves to receive a report on road repair machine

Council resolved to receive a report on a specialised pothole repair machine which is to include a comparison of the machine against Council's existing equipment and its suitability for our road network.

NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CALL FOR A TRIAL AND DEMONSTRATION TO FIX POTHoles PROPERLY & FAST

Delegates and motions confirmed for 2023 Local Government NSW Annual Conference

Councillors endorsed the Mayor and three Councillors to attend this year's Local Government NSW Annual Conference. Mayor Dallas Tout will be accompanied by Councillors Parkins, McKinnon and Foley at the event which takes place in November.

Council also endorsed the submission of a motion, entitled "Creation of a body to supervise the decisions of Transgrid" for discussion at the conference.

RP-1 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND MOTIONS

Financial performance report endorsed; grants accepted.

Council has approved the proposed 2023/24 budget variations for the month ended 31 August 2023. Wagga Wagga City Council forecasts a balanced budget and sought approval of adjustments to the capital works program.

The budget variations reflect the acceptance of two grants:

- A \$50,000 Community Heritage Grant from the State Government, Department of Planning and Environment, secured by the Museum of the Riverina to research and

record local Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nation oral histories. This 2-year project fulfills action 7.9 in Council's Reconciliation Action Plan and is due to be completed by 30 June 2025.

- A \$20,000 grant awarded to the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre through Create NSW's 2023/24 Holiday Break Program. This grant will allow the theatre to offer a 5-day free Summer Circus Camp that will be open to young people aged 12-18 years and in particular those who are experiencing significant community and social disadvantage. The theatre will be engaging with the nationally renowned Flying Fruit Fly Circus. A team of six trainers will teach circus skills, increasing the degree of difficulty throughout the week to culminate in a performance for family and friends.

RP-2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

Request for financial assistance approved.

Council has endorsed providing financial assistance to the Rotary Club of Wagga in the form of a fee waiver for council room hire for this year's Rotary Shine Awards occurring in November.

The request and its approval align with Council's Strategic Plan "Community Place and Identity" – Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected".

RP-3 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

Leasing agreement talks with Bureau of Meteorology to progress

Council has approved negotiating entry into an agreement with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) for a formal sublease or licence over land located at the Wagga Wagga Airport. This would serve to formalise the current informal arrangement Wagga Wagga City Council has with BOM over two sites located within the airport precinct where BOM has built infrastructure on the land.

RP-4 PROPOSED LICENCE OF AIRPORT LAND TO THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY - PART LOT 6 DP 846849

Council to enter into contracts for maintenance work at Oasis.

Council agreed to accept the offers from Sperling Australia Pty Ltd (ABN:28 137 748 577) and Nibusa Pty Ltd (ABN:82 002 439 885) T/a Bowyerair Refrigeration & Air Conditioning for the plant and mechanical maintenance at the Oasis Regional Aquatic Centre. The

contract will be for two years with the option of extending the contract for 2 x 12-month periods at the sole discretion of Council.

CONF-1 RFT2024-PLANT & MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE OASIS

- Ends -

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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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