

Summary of Council's 25 March 2024 Ordinary Meeting

Council to write to Federal Government regarding easement for a future Inland Rail bypass

Council endorsed writing to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP and the State Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon Jenny Aitchison regarding the urgent need to identify and preserve an easement for a future Inland Rail bypass.

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CALLING ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY WHAT WILL BE THE FUTURE BYPASS EASEMENT FOR THE INLAND RAIL AROUND THE CITY OF WAGGA WAGGA

Acknowledgement of Domestic and Family Violence prevention

Council received a report that outlines Council staff involvement and activities that support prevention of Domestic and Family Violence in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area.

Council commended the Wagga Women's Health Centre for their leadership in facilitating the 16 Days of Activism in Wagga Wagga.

Council acknowledged the adopted Advocacy Plan statement of commitment to the prevention of Domestic and Family Violence being:

"We will advocate for resources and funding levels that support the front-line services and other organisations addressing coercive control, abuse and violence and their delivery of preventative programs to address gender equity and respectful relationships".

RP-2 RESPONSE TO MAYORAL MINUTE - 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM IN WAGGA WAGGA

Budget variations approved

Council approved the proposed 2023/24 budget variations for the month ended 29 February 2024 and the proposed budget variations to the 2023/24 Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program including new projects and future year timing adjustments.

Operating and Capital Budget Variations for 29 February 2024 include:

- Stores Barcoding System/ Shelving \$18,000 from Plant Replacement Reserve
- Create NSW grant of \$95,000 for the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery's next two years annual programs

- Lake Albert Blue Green Algae Treatment \$150,000
- TAPE IT! 2652 Collaborative Drawing Project \$20,000 from NSW Regional Arts Grant Funding
- Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant of \$130,000 which supports Aboriginal people through the creation of training and employment opportunities
- NSW State Public Library Funding of \$76,000 be used to update current self-loan stations and associated install costs, purchase of additional large print books and mobile devices to expand the physical and digital collections
- Museum Acquisitions Reserve of \$10,000 to be used to tint windows and doors at the Museum of the Riverina - Botanic Gardens site
- \$60,000 of Existing Stormwater Operational Savings to be used for the Glenfield Drain & Flowerdale Storage Flood Mitigation Study.

Wagga Wagga City Council forecasts a balanced budget position as of 29 February 2024.

RP-3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

Approval of room hire fee waived

Council approved a request from Benefolk Foundation for the waiver of a room hire fee of \$305.00. The hire of the room at the Wagga Wagga Civic Centre is for a full day Resilient Responders workshop on Friday 3 May 2024.

The workshop offers free training for approximately 60 representatives of local charities and not-for-profits to provide the skills to help create and maintain psychological safety at work.

RP-4 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

Adoption of new recreation and community facility fees and charges

Council resolved to approve the new facilities and charges proposed for Estella Public School, Duke of Kent Hall, McPherson Oval lighting and Oasis Aqua/Fitness classes.

At the ordinary meeting of Council held December 2024, it was resolved that the new fees and charges would go on public exhibition from 30 November 2023 to 31 January 2024.

There were no public submissions received during the exhibition period.

RP-5 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITY FEES AND CHARGES

Community Licence Agreements to be negotiated for Duke of Kent Hall

Council has authorised the General Manager or delegate to negotiate Community License Agreements with the Wagga Wagga Veteran and Vintage Motor Club and the University of the Third Age who will be the primary users of the new Duke of Kent Hall located at 26 Shaw Street Wagga Wagga which is nearing completion.

Following the disposal of land at 205 Morgan Street, Council is in the final stages of construction of the community facility at 26 Shaw Street, Wagga Wagga.

This report relates to the granting of two community licences in relation to that premises.

RP-6 PROPOSED LICENCES OF OFFICE SPACE WITHIN A COMMUNITY BUILDING -
26 SHAW STREET, WAGGA WAGGA

Adjustment to Council Meeting dates

At its meeting on 23 October 2023 Council adopted its schedule of meeting dates for 2024. At that time tentative dates of 11 to 12 November 2024 had been released for the 2024 LGNSW Conference.

LGNSW have since altered that date, confirming the 2024 LGNSW Conference will be held from 17 to 19 November 2024, leading to a clash with the adopted Ordinary Council Meeting date of 18 November 2024.

Council therefore agreed to amend the adopted 2024 Council Meeting Schedule, moving the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 November 2024 to 11 November 2024 and adding an additional Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 25 November 2024 to align to the fortnightly meeting structure.

RP-7 ADJUSTMENT TO COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

Councillor Foley to attend LGNSW Water Management Conference

Council endorsed for Councillor Foley to attend on behalf of Wagga Wagga City Council the 2024 LGNSW Water Management Conference to be held in Goulburn from 23-25 July 2024.

The annual Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Water Management Conference presents a broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities.

RP-8 2024 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Mayor and Councillor Foley to attend NGA Local Government Annual Conference

Council endorsed Mayor Dallas Tout and Councillor Foley to attend at the 2024 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government Annual Conference in Canberra from 2 to 4 July 2024.

Council will submit motion/s to the National General Assembly of Local Government Annual Conference and will receive a further report at an April 2024 Council meeting, to consider and adopt any received motions.

RP-9 2024 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

-- 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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