

## Summary of Council's 29 January 2024 Ordinary Meeting

### **Council to express interest in participating in AI trial**

Council endorsed the Notice of Motion calling for Council to join the Artificial Intelligence (AI) in NSW Planning pilot project to support councils in faster processing of development applications.

Council will write to the New South Wales Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully MP expressing Council's interest in participating in the pilot project.

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRIAL FOR PROCESSING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS & TOWN PLANNING

### **Application to change use of centre on Hardy Ave to childcare facility**

Council resolved to approve DA23/0516 for the change of use of a centre located at 25-27 Hardy Avenue, Wagga Wagga, to a centre based childcare facility (72 children). The application includes associated alterations and additions and a revised carpark layout.

RP-1 DA23/0516 - CHANGE OF USE TO A CENTRE BASED CHILDCARE FACILITY (72 CHILDREN) WITH ASSOCIATED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS AND REVISED CAR-PARK LAYOUT AT 25-27 HARDY AVENUE, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 2650.

### **Rezoning and reclassification of land located on Bowen Place and Boyd Place, Tolland**

Council resolved to endorse the Planning Proposal LEP23/0001 to amend the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 and submit it to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination.

The proposal is to reclassify Council-owned land located on Bowen Place and Boyd Place, Tolland, which is currently used for laneways, to residential land.

Subject to endorsement of the Planning Proposal, Council will undertake public exhibition and consultation with a report to be prepared after the public exhibition period.

RP-2 PLANNING PROPOSAL LEP23/0001 - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WAGGA WAGGA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2010 FOR REZONING AND RECLASSIFICATION OF LAND LOCATED ON BOWEN PLACE AND BOYD PLACE, TOLLAND, WAGGA WAGGA.

### **Budget variations approved**

Council approved the proposed 2023/24 budget variations for the month ended 31 December 2023 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 31 December 2023 include:**

- StateCover WHS Incentive – \$30,000

- Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre Replacement of Overhead Stage Lights – \$90,000 ClubGRANTS funding and \$20,000 operating income.
- Dunns Road Upgrade – \$242,000
- NSW State Government Grant for Strong Start Cadetship Program – \$25,000

RP-3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

### Offer of Drought Resilience Funding

Council resolved to accept funding offers from the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program of \$200,000 for development of a Regional Drought Resilience Plan and \$250,000 for the implementation of the Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

The grants are co-funded by the NSW Government and the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund. This funding application was required to be submitted in conjunction with Lockhart Shire Council, in which Wagga Wagga City Council was nominated as the lead applicant.

RP-4 2023/24 REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANNING PROGRAM – ROUND 2 – GRANT OFFER

### Tender accepted for Narrung Street former landfill site remediation

Council endorsed to approve the tender of The Civil Experts Pty Ltd in the lump sum amount of \$572,066.83 (excluding GST) for the remediation of the former landfill site located in Narrung Street in the Wiradjuri subdivision.

CONF-1 RFT2024-04 FORMER WIRADJURI LANDFILL REMEDIATION

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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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