

Summary of Council's 22 July 2024 Ordinary Meeting

Heritage Conservation Area review

Council endorsed receiving a report that considers options to conduct a review of the Heritage Conservation Area to inform the CBD Masterplan.

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREA

Modification to Development Application for Morgan Street development

Council approved DA21/0604.01 to modify Development Consent DA21/0604 for a Multi-level Commercial Office and Car Park at 199-205 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga (Lot 7 DP 203835, Lot 1 DP 375748, and Lot A DP 331461) subject to a number of conditions.

Ten public submissions were received in relation to the modification application during its public exhibition period. Nine of these were by way of objection. One was in support.

RP-1 DA21/0604.01 MODIFICATION OF CONSENT FOR MULTI-LEVEL COMMERCIAL OFFICE & CAR PARK - AMENDMENTS TO APPROVED PLANS, 199-205 MORGAN STREET, WAGGA WAGGA

Development Application approved for multi-dwelling housing

Council approved DA24/0017 for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling and construction of two additional dwellings, creating multi dwelling housing at 11 The Boulevarde, Kooringal (Lot 56 DP 38519).

RP-2 DA24/0017 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL DWELLINGS CREATING MULTI DWELLING HOUSING, 11 THE BOULEVARDE, KOORINGAL

DA approved for alterations Turvey Park Hotel

Council approved DA24/0018 for Alterations and Additions to Existing Licenced Premises (Turvey Park Hotel) at 71 Bolger Avenue, Mount Austin NSW 2650 (Lot 1 DP 505153).

The extension comprises of 58m² in area and will be used for additional dining space for the bistro.

RP-3 DA24/0018 - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING LICENCED PREMISES (TURVEY PARK HOTEL)

Boorooma site rezoning underway to make way for housing

Council endorsed the preparation of a Planning Proposal for an amendment to the Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010 to enable the rezoning of part of Lot 2, DP 702230, Farrer Road, from R5 (Large Lot Residential) to R1 (General Residential) and remove the 2-hectare minimum lot size.

Council will request a Gateway Determination from NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment before placing the draft planning proposal on public exhibition.

Council also endorsed commencing an expression of interest (EOI) process for the potential sale/lease of the land to allow the development industry to put forward options to achieve the best residential use of the land combined with the public interest.

RP-4 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WAGGA WAGGA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2010 AND OPTIONS FOR SALE OF LAND - LOT 2, DP 7702230, BOOROOMA

2024/25 Budget Variations report

Council approved the proposed 2024/25 budget variations for the month ended 30 June 2024. The Budget Variations include:

Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Grant - \$170,000 from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's Artificial Intelligence Early Adopter Grant Program for an AI assisted platform to improve and streamline Council's DA processes.

Wagga Wagga Festival of W - \$20,000 from Destination NSW's Regional Events Fund for out-of-region marketing of the 2024 festival.

Lighting to support community awareness raising campaigns – \$5000 from Parks & Recreation Reserve or the lighting of the Wagga Wagga Coat of Arms located on the north side of forecourt area of the Civic Centre building.

RP-5 2024/25 BUDGET VARIATIONS AND 30 JUNE 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

Requests for financial assistance

Council approved providing financial assistance to the following groups:

- Homes NSW – Tolland Clean Up – \$10,047;
- St Aidan's Presbyterian Church – Good Friday Service – \$155;
- Potowa Buddhist Group – Multi-faith Conference – \$450.

RP-6 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Works in progress and budget revotes

Council approved the proposed 2023/24 capital and operating budget revotes into the 2024/25 financial year and noted the 2023/24 capital and operating works in progress transfers into the 2024/25 financial year.

RP-7 2023/24 WORKS IN PROGRESS AND BUDGET REVOTES

Community groups share in slice of Annual Grants 2024/25 funding

Council has approved the allocation of a total of \$268,059 in funding to be shared by 63 successful applicants as part of the Annual Grants Program 2024/25.

The funding covers 10 categories: Community Programs & Projects; Recreational & Community Facilities; Neighbourhood & Rural Villages; Rural Halls; Arts, Culture & Creative Industries; Local Heritage; Events; Environment; Youth Programs & Projects; and Small Business.

Details about the successful recipients are in a separate Media Release.

RP-8 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - SMALL BUSINESS / RP-9 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES / RP-10 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - YOUTH PROGRAMS & PROJECTS / RP-11 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - RECREATIONAL & COMMUNITY FACILITIES / RP-12 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 – ENVIRONMENT / RP-13 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 – EVENTS / RP-14 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - LOCAL HERITAGE / RP-15 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - RURAL HALLS / RP-16 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - NEIGHBOURHOOD & RURAL VILLAGES / RP-17 ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024/25 - COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Amendments to Council’s Public Art Policy (POL 109)

Council voted to maintain its existing funding arrangements for Public Art.

RP-18 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - PUBLIC ART POLICY - POL 109

Waste disposal subsidy for charity organisations

Council endorsed the annual 2024/25 Financial Assistance for waste disposal subsidy for the total amount of \$3900, for the following charitable organisations, seeking relief from fees for the disposal of waste at Council’s Gregadoo Waste Management Centre:

- Anglican Parish of Wagga Wagga – \$300
- Defence Shed Wagga Wagga Inc – \$300
- Menshed Wagga Wagga – \$250
- Riding for the Disabled (NSW) Wagga Centre – \$300
- Rotary Club of South Wagga Wagga Inc – \$400
- Sister Housing Enterprises Inc – \$350
- South Wagga Anglican Church – \$1000
- The Salvation Army NSW – \$1000

RP-19 APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSIDY FOR WASTE DISPOSAL FOR CHARITY ORGANISATIONS

Get NSW Active funding for the ATP Stage 3 Koorinal Road Link

Council endorsed entering into an agreement with Transport for NSW for \$1,354,890 in funding for the construction of the Active Travel Plan Stage 3 Koorinal Road Link.

This link will provide a 728m long concrete footpath inclusive of a pedestrian bridge over Marshalls Creek.

It is anticipated that planning and procurement activities will occur during the remainder of 2024, with construction to be completed during the 2025 calendar year.

RP-20 GET NSW ACTIVE 2024/25 FUNDING

Wagga Wagga Playground Strategy 2024-2044 adopted

Council adopted the draft Playground Strategy 2024-2044 and noted all the submissions received during the public exhibition of the document in November and December 2023.

The draft Playground Strategy was amended to reflect the feedback received during the submission period to include an additional recommendation that 'Council stage the installation of playground fencing at all Regional and Suburban level playgrounds'.

The implementation of this recommendation would see fencing installed at 10 playgrounds at an estimated cost of \$300,000. It is proposed these projects are delivered in a staged approach with grant funding sought to fund the associated costs.

RP-21 WAGGA WAGGA PLAYGROUND STRATEGY 2024-2044

Expression of Interest campaign for Tarcutta property

Council approved undertaking an Expression of Interest campaign for the occupation of 8 Bent Street, Tarcutta (being Lot 136 in Deposited Plan 757255) which is directly adjacent to Paddy Osborne Park.

The size of the Crown Reserve is approximately 125sqm and consists of a former Rural Fire Services (RFS) shed. The property was previously licenced to the Tarcutta Mens Shed Incorporated who have recently vacated the site.

A further report will be presented to Council at the conclusion of the expression of interest providing details of the outcome of the Expression of Interest and providing a recommendation as to a preferred tenant.

RP-22 PROPOSED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CAMPAIGN - COUNCIL MANAGED CROWN LAND - 8 BENT STREET, TARCUTTA (LOT 136 DP 757255)

Assignment of lease for property in Gresham Street, Tarcutta

Council agreed to the assignment of the existing lease agreement for Gresham Street, Tarcutta (being Lot 7009 DP 1028847 and part Lot 16 DP 1189207) in the name of the Tarcutta Transport and Farming Museum Incorporated to Tarcutta Men's Shed Incorporated.

RP-23 ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - GRESHAM STREET, TARCUTTA (LOT 7009 DP 1028847 & PART LOT 16 DP 1189207)

Housing Support Program funding

Council endorsed entering into an agreement with the Australian Government, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts for \$420,000 in funding for the development of the Wagga Wagga City Smaller Scale Second Home Initiative.

The intention of this project is to understand the potential for smaller, second homes in Wagga Wagga's residential and rural areas and to promote the opportunities that exist through this housing type to our community.

This project will include an analysis to understand the barriers to secondary dwellings, the potential opportunities for secondary dwellings to assist with housing supply and affordability in our LGA, planning amendments if required, templated plans to streamline the process and reduce costs and a campaign to market these concepts and encourage uptake.

RP-24 HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING - STREAM 1

Delegations during the Local Government elections process

Council endorsed delegating to Dallas Tout the functions of the role of mayor, as described in s226 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, from 14 September 2024 until the first meeting of the newly elected Council on 14 October 2024.

Performance of the delegated functions would be honorary, and no payment will be made during the period of the delegation.

RP-25 DELEGATIONS DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD

Exhibition Centre sponsorship opportunity

Council approved to enter into an agreement with Wagga Rugby League Inc. to sell the naming rights for Field 2A at the Wagga Wagga Exhibition Centre for a three-year period with an option to extend this for an additional three years

CONF-1 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT EXHIBITION CENTRE

Council land leased to Inland Rail

Council approved authorising the General Manager or their delegate to enter into a Lease for each of several parcels of Council land to Inland Rail for the purpose of facilitating the Inland Rail Project.

The three sites – 204 Urana Street, 2 Glenfield Road, and Part Lot 12 Cassidy Parade – would provide operational access to the railway line and some operational laydown and stockpile areas during the construction phase.

CONF-4 PROPOSED LEASES OF COUNCIL LAND TO INLAND RAIL - 204 URANA STREET, ASHMONT; PART 2 GLENFIELD ROAD, GLENFIELD PARK AND PART LOT 12, CASSIDY PARADE, TURVEY PARK

Housing Opportunities explored by Council

Council noted the information provided in a report in response to the Notice of Motion – Council Owned Housing Opportunities, reported at the 13 May 2024 Ordinary Meeting, and has supported the key project opportunity areas identified in the report.

This report outlined potential options to address housing availability and affordability in the city and surrounds in response to feedback provided through Housing Strategy workshops. The report included a review of assets in Council's ownership or management that staff have identified may be suitable for housing development.

The report also identified potential short-term opportunities for partnerships with entities such as government, developers and/or private owners to assist in addressing the housing affordability crisis and to identify longer term opportunities to assist housing providers in approaches that lead to increased supply of affordable housing.

A summary of key actions areas was provided in the report which included the development of a Wagga Wagga Housing Strategy, which is underway; development of an Affordable Housing Strategy; a broader strategic review into Council property; and the continuation of a collaborative relationship with key organisations such as Homes NSW and DPFI, among others.

Council endorsed receiving a further report that will provide greater detail on the original Notice of Motion and will provide updates on progress of the key action areas identified in the report.

CONF-7 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

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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 \$240 million.

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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