

Summary of Council's 5 August 2024 Ordinary Meeting

2024 Floodplain Management Australia Conference

Council endorsed receiving and noting a report on in relation to the 2024 Floodplain Management Australia Conference, held in Brisbane from 21-24 May.

CR-1 COUNCILLOR REPORT - 2024 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

Request for financial assistance

Council endorsed waiving the \$155 fee for the hire of the Council Meeting Room by the Wagga Wagga RSL Sub-Branch for the Korean Veterans Day Memorial Service on Saturday 27 July 2024.

RP-1 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

Update on planning and operational activities for Lake Albert

Council received and noted a report providing an update on several planning and operational activities that will impact Lake Albert.

Council also endorsed the consideration of allocating funding during the 2025/26 Financial Year towards the provision of sediment mapping, and towards implementing the actions and projects identified in the Lake Albert Management Plan and will continue to investigate the option to permanently increase the maximum height level of the lake to alleviate the impact of sedimentation.

Lake Albert Water Treatment

The report included an update on the Waterzyme blue-green algae (BGA) treatment trial in Lake Albert, which commenced on 8 January 2024, and coincided with testing results that indicated a Red Alert level for BGA.

Staff continue to have discussions with other Government organisations and suppliers of possible emerging treatments of BGA. It is recommended that Staff continue to explore all available options, including Waterzyme, and provide further advice to Council closer to the summer season on what treatments would be available for the upcoming season.

Sedimentation Of Lake Albert

As part of the ongoing planning for Lake Albert staff engaged PESAC to conduct a hydrographic survey of Lake Albert, with the goal of producing accurate depths of the lake in its current state, provide an indication of the sediment hardness, and an overall comparison to previous surveys that was conducted in 2015.

The survey was completed from Sunday 26 May to Friday 31 May 2024.

It is recommended that staff continue to monitor the sediment accumulation and movement within the lake and continue to explore future sediment mitigation measures.

Lake Albert Plan of Management

Following multiple rounds of consultation, staff have received correspondence from the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure that the draft Lake Albert Plan of Management has been approved for public exhibition.

Public Exhibition of the draft Plan of Management will commence during August 2024.

During this period, in addition to the broader public consultation detailed consultation will be undertaken with the Lake users, surrounding residents and the Wiradjuri community.

Following the public exhibition period if no significant changes are required, the department has also consented to the plan's adoption following its consideration by Council.

RP-2 LAKE ALBERT UPDATE

Funding for Lake Albert foreshore works and pipeline

Council approved delegating authority to the General Manager or their delegate to negotiate to enter into a funding agreement with the Australian Government for the development and construction of the Lake Albert Pipeline, foreshore remediation and weir works.

Council was successful in its application for \$4,493,776 from the Growing Regions Program – Round 1 to undertake the project. Alongside the approved funding, Council is required to co-contribute \$4,493,776 towards the delivery of this project.

RP-3 GROWING REGIONS FUND - ROUND 1

Wagga Cricket Ground Masterplan adopted

Council endorsed the Wagga Cricket Ground Masterplan and noted the submissions and feedback received during the public exhibition of the draft plan over 30 days from 14 June to 14 July 2024.

During the exhibition period, 9 responses were received. One additional submission was received by Council Officers through email. There were no submissions that required alterations to the draft concept Masterplan.

It is intended that the masterplan serves as a long-term strategic document, developed to guide future works by ensuring they are completed in line with identified priorities derived from stakeholder and community consultation.

The total cost of implementing all items identified within the masterplan is estimated to be in excess of \$4.2M, which is currently unfunded. Prior to consideration of funding, each project element will be subject to further analysis including a business case and detailed costing estimate during that project's planning phase.

RP-4 WAGGA CRICKET GROUND MASTERPLAN

Extension of Council advisory committee membership

Council approved extend the appointment of independent members of the following Committees for not more than six months post the 2024 Local Government Election, being held on 14 September 2024:

- i. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
- ii. Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee
- iii. Australia Day Committee
- iv. Public Art Advisory Panel

RP-5 EXTENSION OF COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Civic Reception for Afghanistan Women's Football team

Council endorsed holding a Civic Reception for the Afghanistan Women's Football team, who will be in Wagga between 11-13 October 2024.

The visit will include some training clinics as well as a match against a regional representative team.

RP-6 CIVIC RECEPTION - AFGHANISTAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM

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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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