

Summary of Council's 26 February 2024 Ordinary Meeting

Call for Gobbagombalin Bridge duplication

Council noted that the State Government is responsible for the Gobbagombalin Bridge and its duplication and agreed to write to the NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon. Jenny Aitchison and Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr seeking an update in relation to investigations into the feasibility of duplicating the Gobbagombalin Bridge as per the Wagga Transport Plan.

NOM-1 NOTICE OF MOTION – CALL FOR AN ALTERNATIVE LOWER GOBBAGOMBALIN BRIDGE DUPLICATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Proposed pedestrian crossing at Boorooma Street roundabout

Council endorsed receiving a report outlining options for an appropriate crossing to enable a safer crossing for pedestrians of Boorooma Street, adjacent to the new shopping centre and outlining the process for developing a Pedestrian Improvement Plan for safe access for pedestrians in the Northern Suburbs.

NOM-2 NOTICE OF MOTION – PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT BOOROOMA ST ROUNDABOUT AREA

Approval of works on Henschke Avenue, San Isidore

Council approved DA23/0381 for the demolition of two existing sheds and construction of new shed at 10 Henschke Avenue, San Isidore, subject to conditions outlined in the s4.15 Assessment Report.

RP-1 DA23/0381 - 10 HENSCHKE AVENUE, SAN ISIDORE DEMOLITION OF TWO EXISTING SHEDS AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SHED

Council refuses planning proposal at Forest Hill

Council refused planning proposal LEP22/0002 to change land zoning and minimum lot size provisions for land located in Forest Hill.

The risk of future noise complaints from residents should the area be developed and the impact on the operation of the airport was cited as one of the main reasons for the refusal.

Council noted the importance of the airport as a key transport hub for the growth of the city, while also noting the housing crisis and the need for suitable land for development.

RP-2 PLANNING PROPOSAL (LEP22/0002) BRUNSLEA PARK, FOREST HILL TO CHANGE LAND ZONING AND MINIMUM LOT SIZE PROVISIONS OF THE WAGGA WAGGA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2010

Nappy and Menstrual product rebate to become permanent offering

Council has resolved to convert the reusable nappy and menstrual product rebate scheme to an ongoing community offering from 2024/25 financial year onwards.

The program will maintain the rebate conditions of 50 percent of the purchase price of up to a maximum rebate of \$100 per child for reusable nappies and 50 percent of the purchase price of up to a maximum rebate of \$50 per person for reusable menstrual products. The program will now also include 50 percent of the purchase price of up to a maximum rebate of \$100 per personal user for reusable adult nappies.

Council will undertake an annual review of the program (commencing January 2025) and noted the proposed annual budget allocation that will be included in the 2024/25 long term financial plan process.

RP-3 REUSABLE CLOTH NAPPY AND MENSTRUAL PRODUCT REBATE

Major events funding awarded

Council resolved to authorise the General Manager or their delegate to enter into an agreement to sponsor the following events through the 2023/24 Major Events and Sponsorship budget:

Writers in the Woolshed by Red Crane Consulting to the amount of \$5,740 through the Incubator Event stream. This two-day festival will bring together writers and readers with an interest and shared connection of the country landscape to Wagga Wagga.

Bushfood Talks & Weed Walks by Australian Bushfood Education Centre to the amount of \$10,000 through the Incubator Event stream. This is a new event series which aims to raise awareness and educate attendees on Wiradjuri/Wiradyuri and First Nations culture that is unique to Wagga Wagga.

RP-4 MAJOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND FILMS SPONSORSHIP 2023/24 - FINAL ROUND

Council's Fees and Charges to go on public exhibition.

Council resolved to place the draft 2024/25 Airport Fees and Charges on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 27 February 2024 to 26 March 2024. Public submissions are invited during this period.

Council will receive a further report following the exhibition and submission period addressing any submissions made in respect of the draft fees and charges and proposing adoption of the 2024/25 Airport Fees and Charges, unless there are any recommended amendments deemed to be substantial and requiring a further public exhibition period and proposes that the new Passenger Services Charges rates commence from 1 August 2024.

RP-5 2024/25 AIRPORT FEES AND CHARGES

Council's financial report deferred

Council deferred consideration of the proposed 2023/24 budget variation pending a council workshop to be held on 18 March 2024 and further information being supplied.

Council otherwise approved the proposed budget variations to the 2023/24 Long Term Financial Plan Capital Works Program including new projects and future year timing adjustments, and noted the Responsible Accounting Officer's reports that the financial position of Council is satisfactory having regard to the original estimates of income and expenditure and the recommendations made.

Council noted that a detailed project and budget review paper regarding the Active Travel Plan Stage 1 project will be presented to a Council Workshop in March 2024, in advance of a Council meeting for determination.

RP-6 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

Financial assistance granted to Riverina Racing Pigeon Federation

Council approved providing financial assistance to Riverina Racing Pigeon Federation, a small not-for-profit club of less than 10 members. The request for \$400 was deemed to align with Council's Strategic Plan "Community Place and Identity" – Objective: Our community feel welcome, included and connected", and it was noted that Riverina Racing Pigeon Federation have not received any other financial assistance from Council this financial year.

Council noted the proposed budget available for financial assistance requests for the remainder of the 2023/24 financial year.

RP-7 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

Expressions of Interest sought for grazing land

Council endorsed conducting an Expression of Interest campaign for the licensing of various parcels of Council owned land on Eunony Bridge Road for grazing.

Council will receive a further report at the conclusion of the Expression of Interest campaign.

RP-8 PROPOSED GRAZING LICENCES - EUNONY BRIDGE ROAD

Expressions of Interest campaign to commence for grazing land across Wagga

Council endorsed conducting an Expression of Interest campaign for the licensing of various parcels of Council owned land currently used for grazing purposes under existing licence agreements. Council will receive a further report at the conclusion of the Expression of Interest process. 13 parcels of land across Wagga will be included in the process.

RP-9 PROPOSED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CAMPAIGN - GRAZING LICENCES

Sewerage works completed

Council received and noted the report of the completion of sewerage works in Turvey Park. Council had previously resolved to approve the installation of private wastewater pipework within 41 Collins Street, Turvey Park.

RP-10 COMPLETION OF PRIVATE WORKS - ELIMINATION OF A JOINT SEWER CONNECTION AT 41-43 COLLINS STREET, TURVEY PARK

Unreasonable Complainant Contact Policy endorsed

A review of Council's Unreasonable Complaint Contact Policy has been undertaken to align to the NSW Ombudsman's Managing Unreasonable Conduct by Complainants Model Policy. Amendments being proposed to this policy require the endorsement of Council prior to the policy being placed on public exhibition.

Council has endorsed placing the draft policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 2 March 2024 to 30 March 2024 and invite public submissions until 13 April 2024.

RP-11 UNREASONABLE COMPLAINANT CONTACT POLICY (POL 056)

Mangoplah RFS shed upgrade tender awarded

Council approved accepting the tender offer of OCS Building Maintenance Pty Ltd T/A Midcity Group (ABN: 93 120 524 905) for the Design & Construction of an extension to the Rural Fire Shed at Mangoplah.

In 2023/24, NSW RFS received funding to complete an extension to the Rural Fire Service (RFS) shed located at Burke St, Mangoplah. The extension involves the construction of a third vehicle bay, new store-room area, amenities and meeting space. Council staff will manage the project, with the expenditure incurred to be reimbursed by the RFS at the end of the project.

The new facilities from the extension will increase the capacity and usability of the existing shed and links to Safe and Happy communities under the Community Strategic Plan.

CONF-1 RFT2024-18 MANGOPLAH RURAL FIRE SERVICES SHED EXTENSION D&C

Trade services contracts awarded

Council endorsed accepting tender offers of trade service professionals for the provision of trade services to Council for a period of 12 months and authorised the General Manager or their delegate to extend the contact for 2 x 12-month periods as allowed for in the contract and at the sole discretion of Council.

CONF-2 RFT2021-11 REFRESH TRADE SERVICES PANEL CONTRACT

Land acquired to facilitate Dunns Road widening

Council endorsed authorising the General Manager or their delegate to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of proposed Lot 41 in DP 1298634, (currently part Lot 1 in DP 1068577), to facilitate the road widening at Dunns Road.

Council will now submit compulsory acquisition (by consent) paperwork to the Office of Local Government for Governor's consent to the publication of a gazettal notice.

CONF-3 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND - PART 6318 OLYMPIC HIGHWAY, URANQUINTY, BEING PART LOT 1 DP 1068577

- 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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