

Summary of Council's 29 April 2024 Ordinary Meeting

Council to commence Airport lease advocacy campaign

Council noted the Mayoral Minute which recommends Wagga Wagga City Council commence an advocacy campaign for the Commonwealth Department of Defence to enter into a new and improved lease with Council to operate Wagga Wagga Airport.

Council will write to stakeholders by the end of this week requesting letters of support to retain the lease and operation of the airport.

Council has delegated the Mayor and General Manager to meet exclusively with the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Defence and the Assistant Minister for Defence to advocate and lobby for Council to retain the lease of Wagga Wagga Airport.

MM-1 MAYORAL MINUTE - WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT LEASE ADVOCACY

Five storey commercial and residential building at 115 Fitzmaurice Street approved

Council approved the Development Application DA23/0264 for the demolition of the existing building and construction of a five-storey building containing two ground floor commercial tenancies and shop top housing consisting of 16 dwellings: Lot 12 DP 759031, Lot 2 DP 913838, Lot 1 DP 913839 and Lot 3 DP 913840, 115 Fitzmaurice Street, Wagga Wagga.

RP-1 DA23/0264 - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A 5 STOREY BUILDING CONTAINING 2 GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL TENANCIES AND SHOP TOP HOUSING CONSISTING OF 16 DWELLINGS - 115 FITZMAURICE STREET, WAGGA WAGGA

Budget variations approved

Council approved the proposed 2023/24 budget variations for the month ended 31 March 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 31 March 2024 include:

- Fibre Connection to Bolton Park, \$107,000 from Section 7.11 Reserve (\$87K) Existing IT Recurrent Capital Budgets (\$20K)
- Destination Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Installation, \$13,000 NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change Grant Round 2 (\$8K) Net Zero Emissions (NZE) Reserve (\$5K)
- Stormwater Quality from Residential Development Assessment \$31,000 from Stormwater DSP Reserve
- Oasis Aquatic Centre pool filters, \$153,000 from Internal Loans Reserve
- Duke of Kent Community Building, \$70,000 from Buildings Reserve

RP-2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

Procurement and Disposal Policy and Corporate Purchase Card Policy adopted

Council adopted the Procurement and Disposal Policy (POL 110) and the Corporate Purchase Card Policy (POL 053) after the drafts were placed on public exhibition for 28 days from 12 March 2024 to 9 April 2024.

No submissions were received during this period.

RP-3 PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL POLICY (POL 110) AND CORPORATE PURCHASE CARD POLICY (POL 053)

Council approved requests for financial assistance

Council approved two fee waiver requests and in accordance with Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, will provide financial assistance to the following organisations:

- The Riverina Conservatorium of Music - \$895.00 (Request 1)
- Euberta Hall Trustee Board – Up to \$75.00 (Request 2)

RP-4 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SECTION 356

Unreasonable Complainant Contact Policy adopted

Council adopted the Unreasonable Complainant Contact Policy (POL 056) after the draft document was placed on public exhibition on 2 March 2024 to 30 March 2024.

No submissions were received during this period.

RP-6 UNREASONABLE COMPLAINANT CONTACT POLICY (POL 056)

Wagga Wagga Airport Upgrade business case accepted

Council accepted the Wagga Wagga Airport Upgrade business case documentation which was prepared after Council received funding through Regional NSW - Business Case and Strategy Development Fund.

Following approval of this business case council will submit the final business case to Regional NSW as part of the grant acquittal.

CONF-1 WAGGA WAGGA AIRPORT UPGRADE BUSINESS CASE

Airport passenger and baggage screening services contract extension

Council endorsed the proposed extension to the current contract for passenger and baggage screening services at the Wagga Wagga Airport. The contract has been extended for 12 months to 30 June 2025.

CONF-2 PASSENGER & BAGGAGE SCREENING SERVICES WAGGA WAGGA
AIRPORT CONTRACT EXTENSION (RFT2017-20)

New commercial lease agreement for 84 Treatment Works Access Road, Forest Hill

Council approved to negotiate entry into a commercial lease agreement with J.J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd ABN 000 805 425 over the land located at 84 Treatment Works Access Road, Forest Hill (being part Lot 2 DP 581941).

The property is zoned SP2 (Infrastructure) and has an area of approximately 1200 metres squared.

CONF-3 PROPOSED COMMERCIAL LEASE - 84 TREATMENT WORKS ACCESS ROAD,
FOREST HILL, BEING PART LOT2 DP 581941

Rehabilitation of sewer mains

Council accepted the tender offers of Benex Group Pty Ltd for the provision sewer mains rehabilitation services in the lump sum amount of \$2,398,373.50 excluding GST.

The rehabilitation of sewer mains will use pipe bursting techniques to renew the sewer mains as well as the junctions, laterals and risers attached to it.

The rehabilitation program is primarily focused on older areas of Wagga Wagga (such as Wagga Central, Turvey Park, Mount Austin, Tolland, Ashmont, Koorungal and Lake Albert) where the mains are mainly vitreous clay and concrete that is subject to cracking and collapse.

CONF-4 RFT2024-24 SEWER MAINS REHABILITATION

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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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