



REPORT

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

7 MARCH 2024

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Assistant to CEO, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Corporate Governance Officers, the Director Strategy Partnership and Engagement, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Officer, the Communications Partner, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Operations Water Supply and Sewerage, the Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage, the Director Community Culture and Places, the Manager Macquarie Regional Library, the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces, the Manager Regional Events, the Events and Partnerships Team Leader, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Environmental Compliance, the Manager Resource Recovery and Efficiency and the Organisational Sustainability Coordinator.

Councillor J Gough assumed the Chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:09 pm.

CCC24/1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID24/49)

A request for Leave of Absence was received from Councillor D Mahon who was absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge.

MOTION

That such request for Leave of Absence be accepted and Councillor D Mahon be granted leave of absence from this meeting.

CARRIED

Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey and P Wells and the Chief Executive Officer attended via audio-visual link.

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC24/2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID24/50)

The following Conflicts of Interest were declared:

- Councillor S Chowdhury – Non-pecuniary, Less than Significant – CCC24/3.
- Councillor J Gough – Non-pecuniary, Less than Significant – CCC24/3.

CCC24/3 DREAM FESTIVAL 2023 AND BEYOND (ID24/214)

The Committee had before it the report dated 2 February 2024 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding DREAM Festival 2023 and Beyond. The Committee reports having met with K Jennar, J Randell and the Manager Regional Events regarding this matter.

Moved by Councillor L Burns and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That Council determine the pathway forward for the Dream Festival.

LOST

FOR: Nil

Against: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

1. That the Chief Executive Officer facilitate an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to determine a community group or other body to deliver the DREAM festival.
2. That Council provide funding support a maximum of \$40,000, to the community group or body for the organisation, planning and delivery of the DREAM festival based on Council's procurement practice and appropriate funding conditions set by Council.
3. That Council provide event support in line with standard practices, in addition to the \$40,000 funding.

CARRIED

For: Councillors L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, and M Wright.

Against: Councillors J Black, L Burns and P Wells

Councillor J Gough declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Committee and remained in the room during the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Gough owns a business that is involved with the DREAM Festival.

Councillor S Chowdhury declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Committee and remained in the room during the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Chowdhury is a volunteer for the Cross Cultural Carnival and Multicultural event in Wellington.

CCC24/4 REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SPACES TREE COMMITTEE - MEETING 1 NOVEMBER 2023 (ID24/114)

The Committee had before it the report of the Public Spaces Tree Committee meeting held 1 November 2023.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor L Burns.

MOTION

That the report of the Public Spaces Tree Committee meeting held on 1 November 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC24/5 REPORT OF THE MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 21 NOVEMBER 2023 (ID24/452)

The Committee had before it the report of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held 21 November 2023.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge.

MOTION

That the report of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 21 November 2023, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC24/6 REPORT OF THE DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 12 DECEMBER 2023 (ID24/446)

The Committee had before it the report of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held 12 December 2023.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Black.

MOTION

That the report of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 December 2023, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CCC24/7 REPORT OF THE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP - MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2024 (ID24/286)

The Committee had before it the report of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group meeting held 5 February 2024.

Moved by Councillor L Burns and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the report of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group meeting held on 5 February 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

At this juncture, Councillor V Etheridge left the meeting, the time being 7.00 pm.

**CCC24/8 REPORT OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 6
FEBRUARY 2024 (ID24/433)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Social Justice Advisory Committee meeting held 6 February 2024.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the report of the Social Justice Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 February 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCC24/9 REPORT OF THE MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 12
FEBRUARY 2024 (ID24/434)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held 12 February 2024.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

MOTION

That the report of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 February 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCC24/10 REPORT OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 13 FEBRUARY 2024
(ID24/287)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Sister City Committee meeting held 13 February 2024.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Black.

MOTION

That the report of the Sister City Committee meeting held on 13 February 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCC24/11 REPORT OF THE DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE -
MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 2024 (ID24/436)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held 14 February 2024.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Black.

MOTION

That the report of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 February 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCC24/12 REPORT OF THE SPARC COMMITTEE - MEETING 20 FEBRUARY 2024
(ID24/435)**

The Committee had before it the report of the SPARC Committee meeting held 20 February 2024.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That the report of the SPARC Committee meeting held on 20 February 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCC24/13 PROGRESS TOWARD A COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PLAN
(ID24/259)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 10 February 2024 from the Director Community, Culture and Places regarding Progress Toward a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

- 1. That the progress report provided by Director Community, Culture and Places be noted.**
- 2. That it be noted that the Community Safety Plan will encompass ‘Crime Prevention Priorities’ and associated action plans.**
- 3. That the Chief Executive Officer develop a ‘Youth Strategy’ in collaboration with the Youth Council and other key stakeholders.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

At this juncture, Councillor L Burns left the meeting, the time being 7.10 pm.

Councillor L Burns returned to the meeting at 7.12 pm.

**CCC24/14 MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY PERFORMANCE REPORT OCTOBER TO
DECEMBER 2023 (ID24/139)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 19 February 2024 from the Manager Macquarie Regional Library regarding Macquarie Regional Library Performance Report October to December 2023.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor L Burns.

MOTION

That the Macquarie Regional Library Performance Report for October to December 2023 be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

**CCC24/15 DELROY PARKLANDS MASTER PLAN - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION
(ID23/2689)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 11 November 2023 from the Manager Recreation and Open Space regarding Delroy Parklands Master Plan - Results of Public Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

MOTION

- 1. That the Delroy Parklands Master Plan – Results of Public Exhibition report be noted.**
- 2. That the Delroy Parklands Master Plan 2023 be adopted and implemented as funding becomes available through Developer Contributions and external funding opportunities.**
- 3. That as the Delroy Parklands Master Plan 2023 is progressively implemented the identified funds required (increased by CPI from 2024) to maintain the area/s are considered for inclusion in the budget formulation process.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

That confidential item CCC24/16 be deferred to the conclusion of the Corporate Services Committee.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil.

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a confidential session of the Committee meeting closed to the press and public.

The item listed comes within the following provisions of the Act:

- *CCC24/16 – Reclassification and Rezoning of Alexander Bell Memorial Park* (Section 10A(2)(c)) - information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposed to conduct) business.

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for this item.

The closed session was held from 7.33 pm to 8.07 pm during the Corporate Services Committee meeting, where item CCC24/16 was considered. During the open session at 8.08pm, the Manager Corporate Governance read out the following resolutions:

CCC24/16 RECLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF ALEXANDER BELL MEMORIAL PARK (ID23/2688)

The Committee had before it the report dated 20 February 2024 from the Manager Recreation and Open Space regarding Reclassification and Rezoning of Alexander Bell Memorial Park.

Moved by Councillor L Burns and seconded by Councillor J Black.

MOTION

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor J Gough.

MOTION

1. **That Lot 43 DP619578 is not required for the purposes of public open space.**
2. **That Council prepare a Planning Proposal to undertake reclassification of Alexander Bell Memorial Park from Community Land to Operational Land under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and to rezone the land for the purposes of residential development under the provisions of the Dubbo Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022.**
3. **That it be noted, in accordance with the requirements of *the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and the *Local Government Act, 1993*, Council is required to undertake community consultation for a period of no less than 28 days and hold a Public Hearing.**
4. **That all documents in relation to this matter remain confidential to council.**

CARRIED

For: Councillor L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, J Gough, R Ivey, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Councillor J Black.

The meeting closed at 7:17pm.

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CHAIRPERSON