

REPORT

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

12 AUGUST 2025

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officer, the Manager Airport Strategy and Operations, the Manager Property and Land Development, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Communication Services Team Leader, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Team Leader, the Manager Customer Experience and Engagement, the Director Development and Environment, the Senior Strategic Planner, the Team Leader Growth Planning Projects, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Operations Water Sewer and Sewerage, the Water and Sewer Client Services Coordinator, the Manager Fleet and Depot Services, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Recreation and Open Space, the Events and Partnerships Co-ordinator, the Manager Arts and Culture, the Events Support Officer and the Cultural Development Coordinator.

Councillor P Wells assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5:58pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber.

CCC25/34 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/485)

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillor M Dickerson who was absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

MOTION

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

CARRIED

Councillor S Chowdhury attended via audio visual link.

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/35 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/486)

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CCC25/36 REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL - MEETING 1 JULY 2025 (ID25/1389)

The Committee had before it the report of the Youth Council meeting held 1 July 2025.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

That the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 1 July 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/37 OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION FOR VICTORIA PARK AND OLD DUBBO GAOL CROWN LANDS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT (ID25/1322)

The Committee had before it the report dated 3 July 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Outcome of Public Exhibition for Victoria Park and Old Dubbo Gaol Crown Lands Plan of Management.

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

MOTION

- 1. That Council adopt the Plan of Management for the Old Dubbo Gaol and Plan of Management Victoria Park.**
- 2. That the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands be notified that the Plan of Management for the Old Dubbo Gaol and Plan of Management Victoria Park have been adopted without changes.**
- 3. That the Plan of Management for the Old Dubbo Gaol and Plan of Management Victoria Park be placed on Council's website to make them publicly available.**

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/38 DRAFT 2025-2030 DUBBO REGION EVENTS STRATEGY (ID25/1497)

The Committee had before it the report dated 29 July 2025 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding Draft 2025-2030 Dubbo Region Events Strategy.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

MOTION

1. That Council endorse the 2025-2030 Dubbo Region Events Strategy for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer provide a report detailing feedback received during the public exhibition period.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/39 AUSTRALIAN KART CHAMPIONSHIPS - MULTI-YEAR OPPORTUNITY TO HOST (ID25/1443)

The Committee had before it the report dated 24 July 2025 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding Australian Kart Championships - Multi-year Opportunity to Host.

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

MOTION

1. That the CEO be authorised to offer \$20,000 sponsorship assistance to Karting Australia to attract the Australian Kart Championships in 2026.
2. That as part of the 2026/2027 budget process, Council allocate \$20,000 to meet hosting fees for a potential year two of the Australian Kart Championships in 2027.
3. That funding be conditional to the Australian Karting Championships being held outside a school holiday or long weekend period.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/40 UPDATE ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS (ID25/1446)

The Committee had before it the report dated 24 July 2025 from the Cultural Development Coordinator regarding Update on Sister City Relationships.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor R Ivey.

MOTION

That the update on sister city relationships be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CCC25/41 TENDER - VICTORIA PARK AMENITY BLOCK, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT (ID25/1515)

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 July 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Tender - Victoria Park Amenity Block, Design and Construct.

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

MOTION

That this item be deferred to be dealt with in confidential session at the conclusion of the Corporate Services Committee.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CONFIDENTIAL

The closed session was held from 6:45pm during the Corporate Services Committee meeting, where item CCC25/41 was considered. The resolutions of the closed session of Council were displayed on the screen on recommencement of live stream at 7:25pm.

CCC25/41 TENDER - VICTORIA PARK AMENITY BLOCK, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT (ID25/1515)

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 July 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Tender - Victoria Park Amenity Block, Design and Construct.

Moved by Councillor J Cowley and seconded by Councillor P Wells.

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)).

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor M Wright.

MOTION

That the item be deferred to the August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

The meeting closed at 6:31pm.

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CHAIRPERSON