

## REPORT

# CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

### 8 JULY 2025

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**PRESENT:** Councillors J Black, L Butler J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** The Chief Executive Officer, the Acting Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Acting Manager Strategic Partnerships and Investment, the Communications Partner, the IT Support Officer, the IT Support Officer Wellington, the Director Development and Environment, the Acting Manager Growth Planning, the Manager Building and Development Services, the Acting Senior Strategic Planner, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Operations Water Supply and Sewerage, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Community Services and the Manager Recreation and Open Space.

Councillor J Black assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:43pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber.

#### **CCC25/29 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/477)**

Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors S Chowdhury and A Ryan who were absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

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

#### **MOTION**

**That such requests for leave of absence be accepted and Councillors S Chowdhury and A Ryan be granted leave of absence from this meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Councillor P Wells attended via audiovisual link.**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

*Councillor A Ryan was a late apology and absent from all votes.*

**CCC25/30 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/478)**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**CCC25/31 REPORT OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 2 JUNE 2025 (ID25/1139)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Sister City Committee meeting held 2 June 2025.

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

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Sister City Committee meeting held on 2 June 2025, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCC25/32 2025/2026 AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES AND SEASON LENGTH (ID25/766)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 23 June 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding 2025/2026 Aquatic Leisure Centre Fees and Charges and Season Length.

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

**MOTION**

1. That Council determine the Aquatic Leisure Centre Fees and Charges be increased by 2.4% for the 2025/2026 season to align with CPI.
2. That Council approve the current season lengths for Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre (33 weeks), Wellington Aquatic Centre (31 weeks) and Geurie Pool (18 weeks).
3. Council note that the season lengths may be extended at Belgravia Leisure's discretion dependent on prevailing weather conditions and training requirements for National / State Swimming Championships.

**LOST**

**For:** Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey, and M Wright.

**Against:** Councillor J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, K Richardson, P Toynton and P Wells.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and Seconded by Councillor K Richardson.

**AMENDMENT**

1. That Council determine there be no increase to the Aquatic Leisure Centre Fees and Charges for the 2025/2026 season.
2. That Council approve the current season lengths for Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre (33 weeks), Wellington Aquatic Centre (31 weeks) and Geurie Pool (18 weeks).
3. Council note that the season lengths may be extended at Belgravia Leisure's discretion dependent on prevailing weather conditions and training requirements for National / State Swimming Championships.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, P Toynton and P Wells.

**Against:** Councillors M Dickerson and M Wright.

**CCC25/33 2025-2029 YOUTH ACTION PLAN (ID25/1234)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 26 June 2025 from the Youth Development Officer regarding 2025-2029 Youth Action Plan.

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

**MOTION**

1. That the submissions received during the public exhibition, as well as the contributions made by the community during the community engagement phase, be acknowledged.
2. That Council endorse the 2025 – 2029 Youth Action Plan.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Butler, J Cowley, M Dickerson, R Ivey, K Richardson, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

The meeting closed at 7:08pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**