

REPORT

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

14 OCTOBER 2025

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, the IT Support Team Leader, the Communications Services Team Leader, the Communications Partner, the Manager Customer Experience, the Manager Customer Experience and Engagement, the Director Development and Environment, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Arts and Culture and the Events and Partnerships Coordinator.

Councillor J Black assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:03pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber.

CCC25/48 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/495)

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey and P Wells who were absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

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

MOTION

That such request for Leave of Absence be accepted and Councillors M Dickerson, R Ivey and P Wells be granted leave of absence from this meeting.

Councillor J Cowley attended the meeting via Audio-Visual link.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CCC25/49 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/496)

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CCC25/50 PRESENTATION BY YOUTH COUNCIL (ID25/1620)

The Committee reports having met with a representative from the Youth Council.

CCC25/51 REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL - MEETING 4 SEPTEMBER 2025 (ID25/1861)

The Committee had before it the report of the Youth Council meeting held 4 September 2025.

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

MOTION

That the report of the Youth Council meeting held on 4 September 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CCC25/52 DRAFT PUBLIC AMENITY STRATEGY (ID25/1847)

The Committee had before it the report dated 12 September 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Draft Public Amenity Strategy.

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

MOTION

- 1. That the Public Amenity Strategy be adopted by Council.**
- 2. That it be noted that Council investigates strategies to reduce anti-social behaviour and vandalism at the Church Street amenity block.**
- 3. That Council shall modify the Cameron Park amenity block to create additional public toilets for the community with the original supplier of the facility, Pureable being engaged to undertake the works at an estimated cost of \$120,000 ex gst.**

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CCC25/53 OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION FOR RIVERSIDE RESERVES PLAN OF MANAGEMENT. (ID25/1849)

The Committee had before it the report dated 13 September 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Outcome of Public Exhibition for Riverside Reserves Plan of Management.

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

MOTION

1. **That Council adopt the Riverside Reserves Plan of Management.**
2. **That the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure – Crown Lands be notified that the Riverside Reserves Plan of Management has been adopted.**
3. **That the Riverside Reserves Plan of Management be placed on Council's website to make it publicly available.**

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CCC25/54 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - WESTERN PLAINS CULTURAL CENTRE (ID25/1807)

The Committee had before it the report dated 4 September 2025 from the Cultural Development Coordinator regarding Plan of Management - Western Plains Cultural Centre.

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

MOTION

1. **That Council endorse the draft Plan of Managements for Westen Plains Cultural Centre be placed on public exhibition for 42 days.**
2. **That following the public exhibition phase, the draft Plans of Management be submitted back to Council for consideration.**

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CCC25/55 MANAGEMENT POLICY - HOMELESS PEOPLE IN PUBLIC PLACES (ID25/1948)

The Committee had before it the report dated 29 September 2025 from the Youth Development Officer regarding Management Policy - Homeless People in Public Places.

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

MOTION

That Council endorse the Homelessness in Public Spaces Management Policy to guide staff responses to individuals experiencing homelessness on Council-owned spaces.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CCC25/56 SUBMISSIONS - PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DUBBO REGION EVENTS STRATEGY (ID25/1887)

The Committee had before it the report dated 24 September 2025 from the Events and Partnerships Team Leader regarding Submissions - Public Exhibition - Dubbo Region Events Strategy.

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

MOTION

- 1. That the Dubbo Region Events Strategy be adopted with the following amendment:
Focus Area 2: Action 3: Investigate the use of public and private space to support niche and major event activity.**
- 2. That the CEO write to each respondent thanking them for their submission and providing a copy of Annexure A.**

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CCC25/57 WATER SAFETY REPORT (ID25/1757)

The Committee had before it the report dated 28 August 2025 from the Community Development Officer - Seniors and People with Disability regarding Water Safety Report.

Moved by Councillor K Richardson and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury.

MOTION

- 1. That Council note the engagement of third-party specialists to conduct a risk assessment of Councils formal inland waterway access points.**
- 2. Council note the action being taken to promote the availability of existing water safety programs from professional service providers.**

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

The meeting closed at 6:36.

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CHAIRPERSON