

REPORT

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

13 MAY 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 Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, the Communications Services Team Leader, the Manager Customer Experience and Engagement, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Officer Wellington, the Director Development and Environment, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Infrastructure Delivery, the Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewerage, the Director Community, Culture and Places, and the Manager Recreation and Open Space.

Councillor P Wells assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5:45pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber.

CCC25/15 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/465)

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillor Dickerson who was 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 Councillor Dickerson be granted leave of absence from this 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

CCC25/16 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/466)

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CCC25/17 WATERWAY SAFETY (ID25/660)

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 April 2025 from the Community Development Officer Seniors and People with Disability regarding Waterway Safety.

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

MOTION

1. That the CEO seek to engage an independent third-party specialist to conduct a risk assessment of Council's formal inland waterway access points and provide recommendations to address identified issues.
2. That Council consider an allocation of \$10,000 from the proposed Community, Culture and Places budget as part of its review of public comment to the Draft 2025/2026 Operational Plan and Budget.
3. That the CEO work with an independent third-party specialist to build a proposal for an inland waterways safety program for a targeted community audience and report back to Council for consideration.

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

CCC25/18 EXISTING AND FUTURE STRATEGIC MECHANISMS TO IMPROVE THE URBAN TREE CANOPY COVER WITHIN DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL (ID25/545)

The Committee had before it the report dated 25 March 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Existing and Future Strategic Mechanisms to Improve the Urban Tree Canopy Cover within Dubbo Regional Council.

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

MOTION

1. That Council consider as part of community feedback to the draft 2025/2026 budget and Delivery Program, increasing the level of funding for tree planting and maintenance programs to improve the health and canopy coverage of urban areas within the Dubbo local government area.
2. That Council actively explore external funding opportunities to increase its planting budget for urban trees, including the identified funds from the Federal Labor Government following its recent re-election, funds generated from the recycling / sale of assets, the entering into of Voluntary Planning Agreements with companies associated with Renewable Energy, and the implementation of the Public Tree

Removal – Amenity Valuation Policy.

3. That Council allocate \$90,000 of the \$2million from the funds provided by the Federal Labor Government to develop and adopt a Greening Strategy for the urban areas of Dubbo Regional Council.

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

CCC25/19 UPDATE OF TREE AUDITS AND TREE COSTS TO IMPROVE THE CANOPY COVER OF THE URBAN AREAS OF DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL. (ID25/631)

The Committee had before it the report dated 30 March 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Update of Tree Audits and Tree Costs to Improve the Canopy Cover of the Urban Areas of Dubbo Regional Council.

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

MOTION

That Council consider the costings identified in the report while evaluating community feedback to the draft 2025/2026 budget and draft Delivery Program.

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

CCC25/20 TENDER – WAYFINDING AND RESERVE SIGNAGE (ID25/763)

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury 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

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CCC25/20 TENDER - WAYFINDING AND RESERVE SIGNAGE (ID25/763)

The Committee had before it the report dated 22 April 2025 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Tender - Wayfinding and Reserve Signage.

RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. That Council, as per Clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government Regulations does not accept any of the tenders submitted due to price.**
- 2. That Council enter into negotiations with the preferred supplier, Yamari Ochre, to align the scope of works with the available budget of \$125,620 inc. GST.**
- 3. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.**

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 6:10pm.

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CHAIRPERSON