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**ORDINARY MEETING OF GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1 BENEREMBAH STREET, GRIFFITH NSW 2680 ON  
TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2015 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

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**PRESENT**

The Mayor, John Dal Broi in the Chair; Councillors, Alison Balind, Patricia Cox, Simon Croce, Doug Curran, Bill Lancaster, Anne Napoli, Mike Neville, Paul Rossetto, Christine Stead, Leon Thorpe and Dino Zappacosta

**STAFF**

General Manager, Brett Stonestreet, Director Infrastructure & Operations, Dallas Bibby, Manager Executive Services, Shireen Donaldson, Director Utilities, Graham Gordon, Director Sustainable Development, Neil Southorn, Director Business, Cultural & Financial Services, Max Turner and Minute Secretary, Leanne Austin

**MEDIA**

Stephen Mudd, The Area News

**1 COUNCIL PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Meeting opened with Councillor Neville reading the Council prayer and the Acknowledgment of Country.

**2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

No apologies or requests for leave of absence were received.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

15/170

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Stead and Thorpe that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in Griffith City Council Chambers on 9 June 2015, having first been circulated amongst all members of Council, be confirmed.

**4 BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **Pecuniary Interests**

*Councillors making a pecuniary interest declaration are required to leave the meeting during consideration of the matter and not return until the matter is resolved.*

Councillor Zappacosta

CL06 Licence Agreement for 7 Car Parking Spaces on the Road Reserve – Action Property Corp Pty Ltd – 11 – 13 Griffin Avenue Griffith

Reason – Councillor Zappacosta's family member is part owner of the business mentioned in the report.

Dallas Bibby

MM01 Senior Staff Contracts

Reason – The clause mentions Mr Bibby's contract of employee with Griffith City Council.

Graham Gordon

MM01 Senior Staff Contracts

Reason – Mr Gordon is named as a Senior Staff Member in the report.

Neil Southorn

MM01 Senior Staff Contracts

Reason – The item directly relates to Mr Southorn's contract of employment.

Brett Stonestreet

MM01 Senior Staff Contracts

Reason – Mr Stonestreet has a contract of employment referred to in the Mayoral Minute.

Max Turner

MM01 Senior Staff Contracts

Reason – Mr Turner is an employee subject to the report.

### **Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests**

*Councillors making a less than significant non-pecuniary interest declaration may stay in the meeting and participate in the debate and vote on the matter.*

Councillor Balind

CL08 Fit for the Future – Local Government Reform

Reason – Councillor Balind is employed at Murrumbidgee Shire Council. Councils have resolved not to pursue a merger.

Councillor Balind

Minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held 1 June 2015

Reason – Councillor Balind's husband is employed as Road Safety Officer at Council. Husband's role is advisory only.

Councillor Balind

Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held 9 June 2015

Reason – Councillor Balind's husband is employed as Road Safety Officer at Council. Husband's role is advisory only.

Councillor Napoli

CL04 Lease of Crown Reserve 81848 to Griffith Pre-School Kindergarten Inc – Kindergarten Land

Reason – A member of Councillor Napoli's family attends the Griffith Pre-School in Kindergarten Lane.

## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

### **PRESENTATION OF FUNDS FROM GRIFFITH ROTARY CLUB TOWARDS THE ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL GRIFFITH AND GRIFFITH WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM COURTYARD REJUVENATION PROJECT**

15/171

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Stead and Curran that Standing Orders be suspended.

Mr Sam Catanzariti and Mr Greg Murphy, representing Griffith Rotary Club, addressed Council the time being 7:09 pm. The Mayor was presented with a cheque from Rotary for the St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith in the amount of \$100,000. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for the funds for the Private Hospital and acknowledged a further contribution by Rotary of \$5,000, as well as in-kind work provided by members of Rotary, for the Griffith War Memorial Museum Courtyard Rejuvenation Project. The Mayor presented Rotary with a Certificate of Appreciation.

15/172

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curran and Thorpe that Standing Orders be resumed, the time being 7.16 pm

## **7 MAYORAL MINUTES**

### **MM01 SENIOR STAFF CONTRACTS**

Brett Stonestreet, Max Turner, Neil Southorn, Dallas Bibby and Graham Gordon left the meeting, having declared pecuniary conflicts of interest, the time being 7.17 pm.

15/173

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Curran that the General Manager's report of senior staff contractual conditions, as required under Section 339 of the Local Government Act 1993, be received and noted.

Brett Stonestreet, Max Turner, Neil Southorn, Dallas Bibby and Graham Gordon returned to the meeting the time being 7:17 pm.

### **MM02 ARDLETHAN TIN MINE REHABILITATION SOLID WASTE LANDFILL PROJECT**

15/174

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Stead that:

- (a) Council write to the Department of Planning expressing opposition to the proposed development of the Ardlethan Tin Mine Rehabilitation Solid Waste Landfill Project.
- (b) Council organise a community meeting regarding the Ardlethan Tin Mine Rehabilitation Solid Waste Landfill Project and invite Ms Renee Doyle to give a presentation. Invitations to be extended to all commodity groups, local associations, farming organisations and a general invitation to all community members.
- (c) Experts to be invited to speak at the community meeting regarding the effects of Phyloxera, aquifers, fruit fly and other biosecurity issues.

## **8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **CL01 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - ADOPTION OF FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS 2015/16**

15/175

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curran and Rossetto that Council suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Graeme Lyons to address Council.

Mr Lyons addressed Council, representing the residents of Cooper Road Bilbul, the time being 7:27 pm.

15/176

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curran and Thorpe that Standing Orders be resumed, the time being 7:35 pm.

15/177

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curran and Thorpe that:

- (a) Council adopt the following documents including any approved amendments at clause (b) and submissions received as attached:
  - i) Delivery Program 2013/14 - 2016/17 incorporating the 2015/16 Operational Plan (Budget) including the Revenue Policy.
  - ii) Ten Year Long Term Financial Plan 2015/16 Annual Review.
- (b) Approved amendments list
  - i) Removal of 1% Merchant Fee on credit card payments.
  - ii) Increase in Street Lighting network charges as per attached letter of advice from the Australian Energy Regulator.
  - iii) The additional capital maintenance vote for Pioneer Park Museum be increased from \$30,000 as exhibited in the draft budget to \$40,000 for the purpose of delivering the Todd building project.

### **CL02 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2015 TO 30 JUNE 2016**

15/178

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Stead that:

- (a) Levying of Ordinary Rates and Charges for 2015/2016 Ordinary Rates.
- (1) That Council, having adopted its Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July, 2015 and after giving public notice in accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act, 1993 of its draft Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July, 2015 and after considering submissions concerning that Plan in accordance with Section 494 of the Local Government Act, 1993 hereby resolve to make and levy an Ordinary Rate consisting of a base amount percentage (minimum charge) and also an ad valorem rate for the residential, farmland and business categories of all rateable land in the Local Government Area as per the following differential rating mix per category;
  - Residential - 35% base amount / 65% ad valorem amount levied

- Business - 15% base amount / 85% ad valorem amount levied
  - Farmland - 14% base amount / 86% ad valorem amount levied
  - Farmland - Irrigable Intensive - 29% base amount / 71% ad valorem amount levied
- (2) The percentage and dollar value of the base amount payable by the making and levying of an ordinary rate for the residential, farmland and business categories is calculated to produce the following minimum base amounts of the total ordinary rate levy;
- Residential - 35% base amount / \$348.37 per rateable assessment
  - Business - 15% base amount / \$355.54 per rateable assessment
  - Farmland - 14% base amount / \$378.55 per rateable assessment
  - Farmland - Irrigable Intensive - 29% base amount / \$1,026.23 per rateable assessment
- (3) An ad valorem amount for the various rating categories, including residential, farmland and business categories for all rateable land within the City for an ordinary rate commencing 1 July, 2015 according to the following amounts;
- Residential (65% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero seven six eight zero (\$0.007680) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the residential category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July, 2013.
  - Business (85% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero seven nine two zero (\$0.007920) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the residential category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July, 2013.
  - Farmland - (86% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero eight three eight zero (\$0.008380) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the farmland category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July, 2013.
  - Farmland - Irrigable Intensive (71% ad valorem rate) resulting in a dollar value of zero point zero zero nine eight four zero (\$0.009840) cents in the dollar applied to the land value for all rateable lands within the farmland (irrigable intensive) category in the City based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1 July, 2013.
- (b) That Council, having adopted its Operational Plan for the year commencing 1 July, 2015 and after giving public notice in accordance with Section 496(A) of the Local Government Act, 1993 and after considering submissions concerning that Plan, hereby resolve to make and levy a charge of \$25 per residential and commercial assessment and \$12.50 per residential Strata title assessment and \$5 per business Strata assessment in the urban area for the provision of Urban Stormwater Management Services.
- (c) Waste Management Charges for 2015/2016.
- (i) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in

accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of two hundred and eighty five dollars (\$285.00) for the provision of domestic waste management services for each residence for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per week basis of waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not.

- (ii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a domestic waste service charge in respect of vacant residential land an annual charge of thirty seven dollars (\$37.00) per assessment.
- (iii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of one hundred and thirty dollars (\$130.00) for the provision of domestic waste recycling collection services for each residence for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per fortnight basis of recyclable waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not. For any new assessments for the service, the charge will only become effective upon the commencement of the service and will be charged on a pro-rata basis.
- (iv) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of five hundred and thirty dollars (\$530.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July, 2015 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such a charge to provide the removal as requested on a once per week basis of waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin from each separate occupancy, whether rateable or not.
- (v) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of one thousand three hundred and seventy four dollars (\$1,374.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July, 2015 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such charge to provide for the removal as requested on a once per week basis of garbage contained in a 660 litre mobile garbage bin from each occupancy, whether rateable or not.
- (vi) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of two thousand two hundred and seventy five dollars (\$2,275.00) per requested service for the year commencing 1 July, 2015 for the provision of waste management services for each non-residential property for which the service is utilised within the City. Such charge to provide for the removal as requested on a once per week basis of garbage contained in an 1,100 litre mobile garbage bin from each occupancy, whether rateable or not.
- (vii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a charge of two hundred and eighty five dollars (\$285.00) for the provision of industrial/commercial



waste recycling collection services for each requested service for which the service is available within the City and surrounding villages. Such charge to provide for the removal on a once per week basis of recyclable waste contained in one 240 litre mobile garbage bin. For any new assessments for the service, the charge will only become effective upon the commencement of the service and will be charged on a pro-rata basis.

(d) Sewerage Rates and Charges for 2015/2016

- (i) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a residential sewerage charge in respect of residential land an annual charge of seven hundred and seventy four dollars (\$774.00) per tenement.
- (ii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, in accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a residential sewerage charge in respect of non connected residential land within 75 metres of service, an annual charge of six hundred and eighteen dollars (\$618.00) per assessment.
- (iii) That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy, the following charges in relation to Non-residential properties, in accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Sewerage charges for non-residential properties for the 2015/2016 year will be based on:

- Water Consumption (C)
- Sewer Discharge Factor (SDF)
- Annual Access Charge (AC)
- Sewerage Treatment Charge (STC)
- Trade Waste Administration Charge (if applicable) (TWAC)
- Trade Waste Usage Charge (if applicable) (TWUC)
- Trade Waste Discharge Factor (if applicable) (TWDF)

An annual sewer charge of seven hundred and seventy four dollars (\$774.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of less than five hundred kilolitres per annum (<500 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - Low)

An annual sewer charge of one thousand seven hundred and eighty five dollars (\$1,785.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of greater than 500 but less than eleven hundred kilolitres per annum (>500 to <1,100 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - Medium)

An annual sewer charge of three thousand one hundred and two dollars (\$3,102.00) for all chargeable properties connected to the Griffith City sewer system that has no water meter connection and has an estimated annual usage of greater than eleven

hundred kilolitres per annum (>1,100 kL). No consumption is chargeable. (CBD Area - High)

An annual sewer charge of four hundred and forty four dollars (\$444.00) for all non-residential properties not connected to the Griffith City sewer system that are within 75 metres of a water meter connection. No consumption is chargeable.

(iv) Access Charges (based on meter size)

An annual sewer access charge of four hundred and forty four dollars (\$444.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 20mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of five hundred and ninety one dollars (\$591.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 25mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of nine hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$957.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 32mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of one thousand four hundred and seventy nine dollars (\$1,479.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 40mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of two thousand two hundred and eighty six dollars (\$2,286.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 50mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of five thousand eight hundred and twenty six dollars (\$5,826.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 80mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of nine thousand and ninety three dollars (\$9,093.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 100mm connection.

An annual sewer access charge of twenty thousand four hundred and three dollars (\$20,403.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 150mm or 200mm connection.

A sewerage treatment charge of one dollar and forty eight cents (\$1.48) per kilolitre.

(v) Annual Trade Waste Administration Charge

An annual trade waste administration charge of eighty one dollars (\$81.00) for Category One properties.

An annual trade waste administration charge of one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180.00) for Category Two properties.

An annual trade waste administration charge of four hundred and eighty six dollars (\$486.00) for Category Three properties.

A trade waste treatment charge of one dollar and twenty two cents (\$1.22) per kilolitre.

(e) Water Charges 2015/2016

That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016 it hereby resolves to make and levy the following charges, in accordance with section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993:



(i) Access Charges

An annual water access charge of one hundred and twenty nine dollars (\$129.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 20mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and one dollars (\$201.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 25mm connection.

An annual water access charge of three hundred and thirty dollars (\$330.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 32mm connection.

An annual water access charge of five hundred and sixteen dollars (\$516.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 40mm connection.

An annual water access charge of eight hundred and seven dollars (\$807.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 50mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two thousand and sixty four dollars (\$2,064.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 80mm connection.

An annual water access charge of three thousand two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$3,225.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a 100mm connection.

An annual water access charge of seven thousand two hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$7,257.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has either a 150mm or 200mm connection.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and one dollars (\$201.00) for all land rateable to the Yenda water supply that has a dual connection (one raw meter and one potable meter regardless of meter size).

An annual water access charge of one hundred and twenty nine dollars (\$129.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that is within 225 meters of a water main and can be connected to that supply but is not connected. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of two hundred and sixty one dollars (\$261.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that is part of a neighbourhood or strata title development which has a shared meter. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of four hundred and forty one dollars (\$441.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of less than one kilolitre per day (<1 kL), these being CBD (C1) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of eight hundred and twenty five dollars (\$825.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of more than one kilolitre but less than 6 kilolitres per day (>1 - <6 kL), these being CBD (C2) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

An annual water access charge of two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$2,700.00) for all land rateable to the Griffith water supply that has a connection but is unmetered and has an estimated daily usage of more than six kilolitres per day (>6 kL), these being CBD (C3) properties. No consumption is chargeable.

(ii) Consumption Charges

A water supply consumption charge of sixty seven cents (\$0.67) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply up to a maximum of two hundred kilolitres (200 kL).

A water supply consumption charge of one dollar and thirty cents (\$1.30) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply in excess of two hundred kilolitres (200 kL).

A water supply consumption charge of thirty four cents (\$0.34) per kilolitre for all raw water supplied per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply.

A water supply consumption charge of two dollars (\$2.00) per kilolitre for all potable water supplied from designated standpipes at Griffith and Yenda.

A water supply consumption charge of seventy cents (\$0.70) per kilolitre for all non-potable water supplied from designated standpipes at Griffith and Yenda.

The rebate for an additional 100kL of free water for publicly accessible nature strips or reserves will not be available for the 2015/2016 year.

(iii) Backflow Charges

An annual backflow prevention testing charge of one hundred and twenty three dollars (\$123.00) per medium or high risk testable backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of twenty seven dollars (\$27.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 20mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 25mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of forty two dollars (\$42.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 32mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of forty five dollars (\$45.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 40mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of fifty one dollars (\$51.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 50mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of one hundred and eighty dollars (\$180.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 80mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and twenty five dollars (\$225.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 100mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of three hundred and fifty one dollars (\$351.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 150mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of five hundred and eighty five dollars (\$585.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 200mm medium-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of thirty six dollars (\$36.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 20mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of forty eight dollars (\$48.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 25mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of sixty dollars (\$60.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 32mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of sixty six dollars (\$66.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 40mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of seventy two dollars (\$72.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 50mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and sixteen dollars (\$216.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 80mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of two hundred and eighty five dollars (\$285.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 100mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of four hundred and fifty nine dollars (\$459.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 150mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

An annual backflow prevention rental charge of eight hundred and ninety seven dollars (\$897.00) per rateable connection to the Griffith or Yenda water supply that has a testable 200mm high-risk backflow prevention device.

(f) Interest on Overdue Rates for 2015/2016

That whereas the Council has adopted the Operational Plan for the period commencing 1 July, 2015 to 30 June, 2016, it is determined that in pursuance of Section 566 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the interest rate for overdue rates and charges will be 8.5% as advised by the Office of Local Government.

(g) Council resolve to refund the domestic waste carbon liability levy of \$7 per eligible assessment as levied for the 2013/14 financial year to the affected ratepayers, with such refund to be reflected on the 2015/16 Rates Instalment Notices.

Councillor Stead requested Council staff investigate charges to residents with extra unwanted bins.

**CL03 ENDORSEMENT OF VANDALISM - REWARD FOR INFORMATION POLICY FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Councillors Rossetto and Thorpe **MOVED** the following **MOTION** that:

- (a) Council endorse the Vandalism - Reward for Information Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- (b) Following the public exhibition period, if no submissions are received the policy be considered formally adopted.
- (c) If any submissions received there be a report back to Council.

Councillor Balind **MOVED** that the report **LAY ON THE TABLE**. The **MOTION** was **PUT** and **CARRIED**.

15/179

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councilor Balind that the report **LAY ON THE TABLE**.

**CL04 LEASE OF CROWN RESERVE 81848 TO GRIFFITH PRE-SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN INC – KINDERGARTEN LANE**

15/180

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Stead that:

- (a) Council approve the lease of Lot 33 Section 34 DP 758476, Reserve 81848 to Griffith Pre-School Kindergarten Inc. for a term of 10 years (1 September 2015 – 31 August 2025) with a further option of 10 years (1 September 2025 – 31 August 2035).
- (b) Griffith Pre-School Kindergarten Inc. pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the lease agreement together with Council's Administration Fee of \$370.
- (c) The lease fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, proposed fee for 2015/16 financial year \$532.00 p.a. (Inc. GST), in addition to rates and charges that may be applicable to the land.
- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the lease agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

**CL05 LICENCE AGREEMENT WITH MAPUCHE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD – T/AS SHEARERS QUARTERS BACKPACKERS - PIONEER PARK**

15/181

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Neville and Thorpe that:

- (a) Council enter into a licence agreement with Mapuche Australia Pty Ltd for a term of five years commencing 1 July 2015 over part Lot 1347 DP 751709 being known as Shearers Quarters Backpackers, Pioneer Park.
- (b) Mapuche Australia Pty Ltd pays all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration Fee of \$370.
- (c) The licence fee commencing 1 July 2015 will be \$44,898.20 plus GST increasing thereafter with the Consumer Price Index (all groups, Sydney) at the March quarter of that year plus rates and charges applicable to the area occupied by Mapuche Australia Pty Ltd, payable by monthly instalments.

- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

**CL06 LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR 7 CAR PARKING SPACES ON THE ROAD RESERVE - ACTION PROPERTY CORP PTY LTD – 11- 13 GRIFFIN AVENUE, GRIFFITH**

Councillor Zappacosta, having declared a pecuniary interest, left the meeting the time being 7:52 pm.

15/182

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Neville and Stead that:

- (a) Council enter into a licence agreement with Action Property Corp Pty Ltd, as trustee for the Real Company Trust, for 7 car parking spaces on Griffin Avenue for a term of 10 years commencing 1 July 2015.
- (b) Action Property Corp Pty Ltd pay all applicable costs and charges associated with the preparation of the licence agreement together with Council's Administration Fee of \$370.
- (c) The licence fee be charged in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy, (proposed fee for 2015/16 \$50 per car space (Inc. GST)) plus rates and charges.
- (d) Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the licence agreement on behalf of Council under the Common Seal.

Councillor Zappacosta returned to the meeting the time being 7:52 pm.

**CL07 CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY**

15/183

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Rossetto and Balind that:

- (a) The draft Crime Prevention Strategy 2015 be adopted.
- (b) The draft Crime Prevention Strategy include current NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), highlighting crime hotspot and local trends for the previous three years as recommended by NSW Department of Justice.

**CL08 FIT FOR THE FUTURE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

15/184

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Thorpe and Napoli that:

- (a) Council adopt a "Stand Alone (Council Improvement)" Proposal – Template 2 as attachment (a) to this report.
- (b) The Proposal be forwarded to the Office of Local Government for assessment by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.
- (c) A copy of the Proposal be distributed to all Griffith City Council staff for their information.

## **9 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **CL09 REPORT ON 2015 NSW LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS**

15/185

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curran and Thorpe that the report be noted.

## **10 ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MINUTES OF THE GRIFFITH COMMUNITY PRIVATE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2015**

15/186

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Napoli and Neville that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Griffith Community Private Hospital Committee meeting held on 26 May 2015 be adopted.

### **MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2015**

15/187

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curran and Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Transport Committee meeting held on 1 June 2015 be adopted.

Councillor Napoli enquired if the RMS had been notified in relation to CL01 Traffic Incident Murrumbidgee Avenue and Beaumont Road Intersection regarding improving safety issues following a recent fatality. Mr Bibby advised he has entered into discussions with the RMS and is awaiting further information.

Councillor Napoli left the meeting the time being 8:17 pm.

Councillor Balind left the meeting the time being 8:18 pm.

### **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2015**

Councillor Cox requested clarification on the recommendation in CL03 Installation of No Stopping Zone and Line Marking Griffin Avenue to ensure there was no conflict with the approval of the licence agreement in CL06 Licence Agreement for 7 Car Parking Spaces on the Road Reserve – Action Property Corp Pty Ltd – 11013 Griffin Avenue Griffith. Council officers to confirm.

15/188

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Curran and Stead that the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held on 9 June 2015 be adopted.

Councillors Balind and Napoli returned to the meeting the time being 8:21 pm.

## **11 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

## **12 BUSINESS WITH NOTICE – OTHER MOTIONS**

Nil

## **13 COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

Nil



## **14 OUTSTANDING ACTION REPORT**

### **Minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee Meeting held 30 April 2015**

Councillor Rossetto enquired if Council has written to Local State Government Member, Adrian Piccoli MP seeking funding as resolved on 26 May 2015. Mr Gordon advised the document is currently on exhibition and community sessions have been held. A letter is to be written and sent.

Councillor Croce left the meeting the time being 8:26 pm.

### **Community Grant Program**

Councillor Balind enquired if a report had been presented to the Communities Committee regarding the Midnight Basketball program? Mr Southorn advised the program concluded last week and a report is to be presented to the next Communities Committee meeting. The Mayor commended staff on their efforts in providing this program for the community.

### **Scholarship for Diploma in TV Production**

Councillor Rossetto requested an update on the scholarship for a Diploma in TV production. The Mayor advised this is still being investigated.

Councillor Croce returned to the meeting the time being 8:28 pm.

### **239 Banna Avenue – Expression of Interest to Lease**

Councillor Cox enquired if any Expressions of Interest had been received? The Mayor advised two Expressions of Interest had been received and a report would be presented at the next Council meeting.

15/189

**RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillors Neville and Thorpe that the Outstanding Action Report be noted.

## **15 MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY CLOSED COUNCIL**

Nil.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8:33 pm.

Confirmed: .....

CHAIRPERSON