Ordinary Council Meeting

Business Paper

Pursuant to section 9 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council Meeting of Parkes Shire Council will be held in the Parkes Council Chamber, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, on Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 3:00 PM.



Kent Boyd PSM

GENERAL MANAGER

Governing Body

Composition:	Ten (10) Councillors
Membership:	Councillor WP Jayet, Councillor KM McGrath, Councillor LA O'Leary, Councillor J Paddison, Councillor DJA Pout, Councillor GW Pratt, Councillor MK Scherer, Councillor GS Wilson
Quorum:	6 Councillors
Chairperson:	Chairperson, Councillor NC Westcott
Deputy Chairperson:	Deputy Chair, Councillor MA Applebee

Pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the role of Parkes Shire Council's governing body is:

- To direct and control the affairs of Parkes Shire Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, in consultation with the General Manager.
- To provide effective civic leadership to the local community.
- To ensure as far as practicable the financial sustainability of the Council.
- To ensure as far as practicable that the Council acts in accordance with the principles set out in Chapter 3 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and other strategic plans, programs, strategies and policies of the Council.
- To determine and adopt a rating and revenue policy and Operational Plans that support the optimal allocation of the Council's resources to implement the strategic plans (including the Community Strategic Plan) of the Council and for the benefit of the local area.
- To keep under review the performance of the Council, including service delivery.
- To make decisions necessary for the proper exercise of the Council's regulatory functions.
- To determine the process for appointment of the General Manager by the Council and to monitor the General Manager's performance.
- To determine the senior staff positions within the organisation structure of the Council, following consultation with the General Manager.
- To consult regularly with community organisations and other key stakeholders and keep them informed of the Council's decisions and activities.
- To be responsible for ensuring that the Council acts honestly, efficiently and appropriately.

Matters determined by meetings of Parkes Shire Council's governing body will include all those non-delegable functions identified in section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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Guiding Principles

In accordance with section 8A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Councillors are reminded of the guiding principles applicable to decision-making by local councils:

Councils should recognise diverse local community needs and interests.

Councils should consider social justice principles.

Councils should consider the long-term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.

Councils should consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

Council decision-making should be transparent and decision-makers are to be accountable for decisions and omissions.

Statement of Ethical Obligations

In accordance with clause 3.22 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under section 233A of the Act and their obligations under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Oath or Affirmation of Office

The Oath or Affirmation is taken by each Councillor whereby they swear or declare to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Parkes Shire and Parkes Shire Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

Conflicts of Interest

All Councillors must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at Council meetings in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. All declarations of conflicts of interest and how the conflict of interest was managed will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the declaration was made.

Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link must declare and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct. Where a Councillor has declared a pecuniary or significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter being discussed at the meeting, the Councillor's audio-visual link to the meeting will be suspended or terminated for the time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by Council, or at any time during which Council is voting on the matter.

Councillors should ensure that they are familiar with Parts 4 and 5 of Council's Code of Conduct in relation to their obligations to declare and manage conflicts of interests.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

In the spirit of open, accessible and transparent government, meetings of Parkes Shire Council are video recorded and webcast, consistent with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council accepts no liability for any defamatory, discriminatory or offensive remarks or gestures made during the course of meetings. Opinions expressed or statements made by individual participants are the opinions or statements of those individuals, and do not imply any form of endorsement by Council.

Closed sessions of Council meetings are not video recorded or webcast.

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Authorised media representatives are permitted to record meetings provided written notice has been lodged. A person may be expelled from a meeting for recording without notice. Recordings may only be used for the purpose of accuracy of reporting and are not for broadcast, or to be shared publicly. No recordings of any private third-party conversations or comments of anyone within the Chamber are permitted.

Please ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devised are turned off or are in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

Under Council’s Code of Meeting Practice, individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present.

3 PRAYER

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In accordance with clauses 5.3, 5.5 and 5.7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, apologies must be received and accepted from absent Councillors and a leave of absence from the Council Meeting may be granted.

5 APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

In accordance with clauses 5.19 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillors may attend and participate in meetings by audio-visual link with the approval of the Council where they are prevented from attending the meeting in person because of ill-health or other medical reasons or because of unforeseen caring responsibilities.

Requests by Councillors for approval to attend a meeting by audio-visual link must be made in writing to the General Manager prior to the meeting in question and provide reasons why the Councillor will be prevented from attending the meeting in person.

Councillors attending a meeting by audio-visual link are reminded that they must ensure that no other person is within sight or hearing of the meeting at any time that the meeting is closed to the public under section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Note: Consistent with clause 5.45 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, attendance by Council staff at meetings of the Council by audio-visual link shall be with the approval of the General Manager.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our local government is open, accountable and transparent.

Strategy: Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

Annexures: **A. Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 17 March 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 appended at *Annexure A.*

Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 17 March 2026

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at the

Parkes Council Chamber, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes

Present:

Cr Neil Westcott	Councillor (Chairperson)
Cr Marg Applebee	Councillor (Deputy Chair)
Cr William Jayet	Councillor
Cr Ken McGrath	Councillor
Cr Doug Pout	Councillor
Cr George Pratt	Councillor
Cr Matthew Scherer	Councillor
Cr Glenn Wilson	Councillor

Council Officers in Attendance:

Mr Kent Boyd PSM	General Manager
Mr Andrew Francis	Director Infrastructure and Sustainability
Mr Logan Hignett	Director Operations
Mr Anthony McGrath	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy
Mr Jaco Barnard	Chief Financial Officer
Mrs Veronica Shaw	Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance
Mrs Nikki Bevan	Procurement, Contracts and Insurance Coordinator (Minute Secretary)

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 3.00pm and concluded at 4.31pm.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 17 March 2026 open and welcomed Councillors, Council Officers and members of the public attending and listening to the meeting.

The Mayor advised attendees that the meeting was being recorded and streamed live on the internet, to enhance the accessibility of Council meetings to the broader Parkes Shire community, and that the recording will be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Mayor asked that attendees ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices were turned off or in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

The Mayor further advised that all care would be taken to maintain privacy, however, as a visitor in the public gallery, members of the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

> *Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Wiradjuri Country and recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the lands and rivers of the Parkes Shire.*
>
> *Council pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extends this respect to all First Nations peoples in the Parkes Shire.*

3 PRAYER

The General Manager read the Prayer:

> O God,
> Guide the Council in the way of Thy divine wisdom,
> We Pray through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,
>
> AMEN

A moment's silence was observed for Peak Hill community member and friend of Parkes Shire Councill, Danny O'Leary, following their recent passing. Council also extended their condolences to Councillor Louise O'Leary and their family at this time.

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Louise O'Leary and Cr Joy Paddison are apologies for this meeting and were previously approved for leave at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 February 2026 (*OCM 033/26*).

5 APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2026

MOTION

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Ordinary Council Meeting receive and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2026 appended at *Annexure A.*

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The Mayor reminded Councillors and Council Officers of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting, and invited Councillors and Council Officers to disclose any such interests.

Cr Marg Applebee disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to item 18.2 *Request for temporary suspension of Alcohol-Free Zone Cooke Park: Homegrown and Light up Parkes Events. No action was required as the item was passed as part of 9.1 Adoption of Multiple items of Business The reason provided was: Event Organiser.*

8 URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that the following urgent item of business had been submitted by Council Officers, and invited a motion to enable the addition of the late items to the meeting agenda.

1. *18.2 – Request for Temporary Suspension of Alcohol-Free Zone Cooke Park: Homegrown and Light up Parkes Events*

8.1 URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED OCM 056/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Accept the urgent report 18.2 – Request for Temporary Suspension of Alcohol-Free Zone Cooke Park: Homegrown and Light up Parkes Events on the basis that the event organisers need support from Council to assist with timely planning for the events.

CARRIED

9 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Council may, at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business, as recommended in the report, by way of a single resolution. The Chairperson must list the items of business to be adopted and ask Councillors to identify any individual items of business listed by the Chairperson that they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the Business Paper, or that they wish to speak on (13.2).

At 3:07 pm, Cr Glenn Wilson joined the meeting.

9.1 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council adopt the recommendations as listed in the Agenda for the following items and that the order of business be adjusted accordingly.

10.1 Meetings, Functions and Events Attended by Mayor and Councillors

13.1 Minutes of the Audit, Risk And Improvement Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2026

13.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Road and Place Naming Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026

13.3 Minutes of the Plant Procurement Advisory Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2026

13.4 Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council Meeting held on 10 March 2026

15.2 Request for Financial Assistance - Trundle Town Improvement Reserve - Trundle CWA Insurance

15.3 Request to Use Trundle Town Improvement Reserve to Support a Community Movie Night at the Trundle Pool

15.4 Request for Financial Assistance - Peak Hill Town Improvement Reserve - Peak Hill AIF Hall Electricity

15.7 Adoption of Council Policies

17.2 Transfer of Crown Road - Morrissey Way and Henderson Street, Parkes

18.1 February 2026 Building Statistics Update

18.2 Request for temporary suspension of Alcohol-Free Zone Cooke Park: Homegrown and Light up Parkes Events

19.3 Reappointment of Independent Member to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

10 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

10.1 MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED OCM 057/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Note the report on the Meetings functions and events attended in an official capacity, by the Mayor and Councillors during the period 13 February to 11 March 2026.

CARRIED

10.2 COMING KNOWN EVENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED OCM 058/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Note the known upcoming meetings, functions and events for the Mayor and Councillors for the period 12 March 2026 through to 15 April 2026:

CARRIED

11 NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

12 COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

Nil

13 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13.1 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 059/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25 February 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.
2. Receive and note the Chairperson's summary of key points as follows:
   (a) In relation to the Waste to Energy project that has been proposed, notwithstanding the current formal position of Council regarding the matter, ARIC's advice is that management:
      (i) Formally identify the project as a strategic risk on its risk register, and subsequently
      (ii) Take steps to risk-assess the situation if the project should ultimately go ahead: both in terms of impacts to be managed and opportunities to be explored.
   (b) Financial Improvement Plan (FIP) development at this stage would support good governance
   (c) An Internal Audit on Rangers Services has been completed
   (d) Internal Audit Contract is due for renewal in June

CARRIED

13.2 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY ROAD AND PLACE NAMING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 060/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Road and Place Naming Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 February 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

13.3 MINUTES OF THE PLANT PROCUREMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED OCM 061/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Plant Procurement Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

13.4 MINUTES OF THE PARKES SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED OCM 062/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

14 REPORTS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

14.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FROM COUNCILLOR KENNY MCGRATH

RESOLVED OCM 063/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr Ken McGrath

That Council:

1. Grant Councillor Kenny McGrath a leave of absence from Saturday 21st March to Saturday 18th April 2026 as he will be away on annual leave.

CARRIED

14.2 SUNRISE MINE PROJECT VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT (VPA) VARIATION

RESOLVED OCM 064/26

Moved: Cr William Jayet
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report.
2. Supports the Draft Deed of Variation in principle.
3. Places the Draft Deed of Variation (*Annexure A*) and the Explanatory Note on public exhibition for not less than 28 days, in accordance with the EP&A Act and Regulation.
4. Receive a future report on any public submissions before adopting the Draft Deed of Variation.
5. Agrees that Lachlan Shire Council and Forbes Shire Council must also have resolved to adopt and sign the same Deed before it is executed.
6. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Deed upon completion of exhibition, consideration of submissions, and after confirmation that Lachlan Shire Council (LSC) and Forbes Shire Council (FSC) have also adopted the Deed.

CARRIED

14.3 INVESTMENTS AND BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 065/26

Moved: Cr George Pratt
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Statement of Investments and Borrowings as at 28 February 2026.

CARRIED

14.4 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 066/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receive and note the year-to-date financial reports for the period up to 28 February 2026.

CARRIED

15 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY

15.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY - FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 067/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr Ken McGrath

That Council:

1. Receive and note the status report of Major Projects within Parkes Shire Council's Customer, Corporate Services and Economy Directorate.

CARRIED

15.2 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - TRUNDLE TOWN IMPROVEMENT RESERVE - TRUNDLE CWA INSURANCE

RESOLVED OCM 068/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information from the Trundle Progress Association.
2. Provides public notice of its intention to provide $1,595.58 in financial assistance to the Trundle Branch of the CWA for their Building and Contents Insurance.
3. Approve the allocation of $1,595.58 from the Trundle Town Improvement Fund Reserve to support the purchase of an honour board for the Trundle CWA, subject to no formal submissions being received that do not support the allocation.

CARRIED

15.3 REQUEST TO USE TRUNDLE TOWN IMPROVEMENT RESERVE TO SUPPORT A COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT AT THE TRUNDLE POOL

RESOLVED OCM 069/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Approve the allocation of up to $700 from the Trundle Town Improvement Fund Reserve to support a movie night at the Trundle Pool.

CARRIED

15.4 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - PEAK HILL TOWN IMPROVEMENT RESERVE - PEAK HILL AIF HALL ELECTRICITY

RESOLVED OCM 070/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information from the Peak Hill CCC.
2. Provides public notice of its intention to provide $1,200 in financial assistance to the Peak Hill CCC for the electricity costs of the Peak Hill AIF Hall for a period of 12 months and purchase of fire safety equipment up to $500.
3. Approve the allocation of $1,700 from the Peak Hill Town Improvement Fund Reserve to support the Peak Hill CCC to cover the electricity costs and fire safety equipment for the Peak Hill AIF Hall, subject to no formal submissions being received that do not support the allocation.

CARRIED

15.5 2027 PARKES ELVIS FESTIVAL - PLANNING UPDATE

RESOLVED OCM 071/26

Moved: Cr George Pratt
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information about the planning for the 2027 Parkes Elvis Festival.

CARRIED

15.6 PARKES CBD VIBRANCY STRATEGY 2026 – FINAL ENDORSEMENT AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK OUTCOMES

RESOLVED OCM 072/26

Moved: Cr William Jayet
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Endorse the Parkes CBD Vibrancy Strategy 2026, included as *Annexure A*, as the final adopted strategy following the conclusion of the public feedback period.
2. Note the Summary of Public Feedback and Council Responses, acknowledging that while feedback has been considered in full, no amendments to the Strategy are recommended.

CARRIED

15.7 ADOPTION OF COUNCIL POLICIES

RESOLVED OCM 073/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Adopt the Fraud and Corruption Prevention, Business Continuity and Contractor Management Policies included as *Annexure A-C* to this report.
2. Publish the adopted policies on Council's Website and intranet if required.

CARRIED

16 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

16.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY - FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 074/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Infrastructure and Sustainability Major Projects and Current Works Report for February 2026, appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

17 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

17.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - OPERATIONS - FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLVED OCM 075/26

Moved: Cr William Jayet
Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Operations Major Projects and Current Works Report for February 2026, appended at *Annexure A*.

CARRIED

At 4:03 pm, Cr Doug Pout left the meeting.

At 4:06 pm, Cr Doug Pout rejoined the meeting.

17.2 TRANSFER OF CROWN ROAD - MORRISSEY WAY AND HENDERSON STREET, PARKES

RESOLVED OCM 076/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That:

1. Council supports the transfer of the crown section of Forbes Road, between Morrissey Way and Henderson Street, Parkes to Council.
2. The seal of council be affixed to the appropriate documentation as required.

CARRIED

17.3 CLOSURE OF PART OF ROAD RESERVE OF SALEYARDS ROAD, PARKES

RESOLVED OCM 077/26

Moved: Cr Neil Westcott
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. Council endorse the closure of part of the road reserve of Saleyards Road, Parkes, (as shown in figure 1 below), subject to confirmation of the land being road reserve through a Historical Land Tenure Search.
2. That after acquisition the land be amalgamated into the larger ~15ha lot shown in Figure 1 below.
3. That the seal of Council be affixed to the appropriate documentation to facilitate the recommendation as required.

CARRIED

18 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

18.1 FEBRUARY 2026 BUILDING STATISTICS UPDATE

RESOLVED OCM 078/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and note the February 2026 Building Statistics Report.

CARRIED

18.2 REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE COOKE PARK: HOMEGROWN AND LIGHT UP PARKES EVENTS

RESOLVED OCM 079/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report by Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy on the temporary suspension of the alcohol-free zone in Cooke Park for the events taking place in March and April 2026.
2. Suspend the alcohol-free zone from Cooke Park between 9am to 2pm on the Saturday 21 March 2026, for the Homegrown Parkes event.
3. Suspend the alcohol-free zone from Cooke Park between 5pm to 9:30pm on the Saturday 18 April 2026, for the Light Up Parkes event.
4. Provide a public notice of the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in Cooke Park between 9am to 2pm on the Saturday 21 March 2026 and 5pm to 9:30pm on the Saturday 18 April 2026.

CARRIED

19 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED OCM 080/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. Moves into Closed Session to deal with the matters below, which are classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of *the Local Government Act 1993* for the reasons specified:

   19.1 PSC2026/015 – SUPPLY AND PLACEMENT OF ASPHALT

   This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

   Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

   19.2 2026/017 - SUPPLY OF ASPHALT - BOGAN ROAD & MCCLINTOCKS LANE, PARKES

   This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

   Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

   19.3 REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

   This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

   Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

2. Exclude the media and public from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential, pursuant to 10A(1), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

3. Withhold reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from the media and public as provided by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

4. Make public resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session after the conclusion of the Closed Session, and record such resolutions in the minutes of the Council meeting.

CARRIED

At 4.14pm, the Meeting went into Closed Session.

RESOLVED OCM 081/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That Ordinary Council Meeting:

1. Resume in Open Session and note the Mayor's report on Confidential Resolutions.

CARRIED

At 4.29pm, the Council in Closed Session returned to Open Session.

20 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

19.1 PSC2026/015 – SUPPLY AND PLACEMENT OF ASPHALT

RESOLVED OCM 082/26

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath
Seconded: Cr Marg Applebee

That:

1. Accept the quotation submitted by Civil Independence Industries Pty Ltd for Contract PSC2026/015 – Supply and Placement of Asphalt, for the sum of $209,420.00 (GST exclusive).

CARRIED

19.2 2026/017 - SUPPLY OF ASPHALT - BOGAN ROAD & MCCLINTOCKS LANE, PARKES

RESOLVED OCM 083/26

Moved: Cr Ken McGrath
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That:

1. Accept the quotation submitted by Civil Independence Industries Pty Ltd for the supply and placement of asphalt at the intersection of Bogan Road and McClintock's Lane, Parkes, for the sum of $792,000.00 (GST exclusive) under the LGP 213.3 contract.

CARRIED

19.3 REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED OCM 084/26

Moved: Cr Doug Pout
Seconded: Cr William Jayet

That Council:

1. Confirm the reappointment of Mr Tony Harb as an Independent Voting Member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a term of four (4) years, commencing 01 June 2026 and concluding 31 May 2030 subject to continuing to meet eligibility requirements prescribed under the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

CARRIED

21 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 4.31pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 18 pages numbered 1 to 18 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 March 2026 and confirmed on Tuesday, 21 April 2026.

MAYOR

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

In accordance with Part 16 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, all Councillors must disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting.

Council's Code of Conduct deals with pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflicts of interest and political donations, and provides guidance on how these issues should be managed.

Councillors, and where applicable, other Council Officials, must be familiar with Council's Code of Conduct and their obligations to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest that they may have in matters being considered at this Council Meeting.

Note: Councillors and staff who declare an Interest at the Council Meeting are also required to complete a Declaration of Interest form.

Obligations	
Pecuniary Interests	A Councillor who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the Council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting. The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting: (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or (b) At any time during which the Council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.
Non-Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest	A Councillor who has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter, must disclose the relevant private interest in relation to the matter fully and on each occasion on which the non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to the matter.
Significant Non-Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest	A Councillor who has a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a Council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.
Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interests	A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is not significant and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest must also explain why conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

8 URGENT BUSINESS

9 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Council may, at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business, as recommended in the report, byway of a single resolution. The Chairperson must list the items of business to be adopted and ask Councillors to identify any individual items of business listed by the Chairperson that they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the Business Paper, or that they wish to speak on (13.2).

10 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

10.1 MEETINGS, FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Advocate and provide strong representation for our community at the regional, state, and federal levels.

Author: **Cr Neil Westcott**

Annexures: **Nil**

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note the report on the Meetings functions and events attended in an official capacity, by the Mayor and Councillors during the period 12 March to 15 April 2026.

REPORT

Table 1: lists the Meetings, functions and events attended by the Mayor and Councillors during the period 12 March to 15 April 2026:

Table 1: Meetings, Functions and Events attended by Mayor and Councillors

Date	Function
Thursday 12 March	Library Ambassador Induction, Parkes Library **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee and Cr Bill Jayet** Branding Reference Group **Cr Bill Jayet and Cr Joy Paddison**
Saturday 14 March	Official Launch – Promise Faith Centre Churches International **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee** **Apology: Mayor Neil Westcott** Trundle Back in Time, Trundle **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee**
Tuesday 17 March	Ordinary Council Meeting, Council Chambers **All Councillors and Directors** **Apology: Cr Louise O'Leary and Cr Joy Paddison**

Table 1: Meetings, Functions and Events attended by Mayor and Councillors	
Date	**Function**
Wednesday 18 March	Elvis Visit to Bracken House Nursing Home, Dubbo **Mayor Neil Westcott and Cr Bill Jayet along with Mayor Josh Black (Dubbo City Council)**
Friday 20 March	Launch of Henry's Community Pantry, Parkes **Mayor Neil Westcott and Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee** Central West Zone Meeting Lithgow, Online **Cr Bill Jayet**
Saturday 21 March	Homegrown Parkes **Mayor Neil Westcott**
Monday 23 March	Peak Hill Community Consultative Committee meeting **Apology: Cr Louise O'Leary**
Thursday 26 March to Saturday 28 March	ALGWA Conference, Blacktown **Cr Joy Paddison**
Thursday 26 March	Country Mayors Association Financial Sustainability Workshop, Parliament House Sydney **Mayor Neil Westcott** Trundle Community Consultative Committee meeting **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee**
Friday 27 March	Country Mayors Association General Meeting, Parliament House Sydney **Mayor Neil Westcott**
Saturday 28 March	Parkes Public School Easter Fete **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee**
Sunday 29 March	Fly'n for Fun, Parkes Airport **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee**

Table 1: Meetings, Functions and Events attended by Mayor and Councillors	
Date	**Function**
Monday 30 March	Little A's Presentation Night **Cr Joy Paddison**
Tuesday 31 March	Central West Police District Awards Ceremony **Mayor Neil Westcott and Cr Bill Jayet**
Wednesday 1 April	Floodplain Management Committee **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee** Trundle Community Consultative Committee Special Meeting **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee**
Thursday 2 April	Parkes High School Term 1 Recognition Assembly for 2026 **Cr Bill Jayet** Rene Britt's 100th Birthday **Mayor Neil Westcott**
Tuesday 7 April	Village Visit – Peak Hill **All Councillors and Directors** **Apology: Cr Doug Pout, Cr Kenny McGrath and Cr Glenn Wilson** Councillor Workshop, Council Chambers **All Councillors and Directors** **Apology: Cr Kenny McGrath and Cr Glenn Wilson** Extraordinary Workshop, Council Chambers **All Councillors and Directors** **Apology: Cr Kenny McGrath and Cr Glenn Wilson**
Thursday 9 April	Sports Grants Selection Committee **Cr Louise O'Leary and Cr Doug Pout**

Table 1: Meetings, Functions and Events attended by Mayor and Councillors	
Date	**Function**
Saturday 11 April	2026 Parkes and District Kennel Club Agility and Jumping Trial **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee** Parkes Visitors Information Centre & Henry Parkes Museum Open Day **Mayor Neil Westcott and Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee**
Monday 13 April	Bogan Gate Community Memorial Hall Inc. Committee Meeting **Cr George Pratt** Parkes Shire Australia Day Committee Meeting **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee, Cr Doug Pout and Cr Louise O'Leary** **Apology: Mayor Neil Westcott**
Tuesday 14 April	EfW Inquiry - Witness invitation, Parkes Leagues Club **Mayor Neil Westcott and Cr Joy Paddison** Super Tag Gala Day **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee** Sports Council Meeting **Cr Louise O'Leary and Cr Doug Pout**



Pictured Back Row: Cr Bill Jayet, Annalise Teale, two students chosen for Library Ambassador, Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee and Debbie Gould

Pictured Front Row: Students chosen for Library Ambassador at the Library Ambassador Presentation on Thursday 12th March.



Pictured: Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee at the Promise Faith Centre Churches International official opening in Alectown on 14th March 2026.



Pictured: Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee with local tractor enthusiast at Trundle Back in Time in Trundle on 14th March 2026.



Mayor Neil Westcott (AKA Elvis), Brenda Rich (Activity Officer Bracken House Dubbo), Cr Bill Jayet and Mayor Josh Black (AKA Elvis) visiting the residents at Bracken House in Dubbo who were unable to attend the 2026 Parkes Elvis Festival



Mayor Neil Westcott (AKA Elvis) and Mayor Josh Black (AKA Elvis) entertaining the residents at a visit to Bracken House, Dubbo on 18 March 2026



Pictured: Mayor Neil Westcott, Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee and Mr Philip Donato MP (State Member for Orange) with volunteers and community members at the Launch of Henry's Community Pantry on 20th March 2026.



Pictured: Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee at the Parkes Public School Easter Fete on 28th March 2026.



Pictured: Cr Joy Paddison presenting at the Little A's Presentation Night on 30th March 2026.



Pictured: Councillors, Council Staff and Peak Hill community members at the Peak Hill Pool during the Village Visit to Peak Hill on 7th April 2026.



Pictured: Councillors, Council Staff and Peak Hill community members at the Bogan Gate Weir during the Village Visit to Peak Hill on 7th April 2026.

Cr Neil Westcott

MAYOR

10.2 COMING KNOWN EVENTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Advocate and provide strong representation for our community at the regional, state, and federal levels.

Author: **Cr Neil Westcott**

Annexures: **Nil**

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note the known upcoming meetings, functions and events for the Mayor and Councillors for the period 16 April 2026 through to 13 May 2026:

REPORT

Table1 below, lists the upcoming meetings, functions and events requiring the attendance of the Mayor or Councillors in relation to community or civic matters during the period 16 April 2026 through to 13 May 2026:

Table 1: Known upcoming Meetings, Functions and Events for Mayor and Councillors

Date	Function
Saturday 18 April	Light Up Parkes, Cooke Park **Invited: All Councillors**
Monday 20 April	Peak Hill Community Consultative Committee **Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee and Cr Louise O'Leary**

Date	Function
Tuesday 21 April	Arts Advisory Meeting **Invited: All Councillors and Directors** Community, Liveability & Access Advisory Committee Meeting **Invited: All Councillors and Directors** Waste Advisory Committee Meeting **Invited: All Councillors and Directors** Ordinary Council Meeting **Invited: All Councillors, General Manager and Directors**
Thursday 23 April	Trundle Community Consultative Committee meeting **Invited: Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee**
Friday 24 April	Meeting with the NSW Agriculture Commissioner **Invited: Mayor Neil Westcott, Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee and General Manager Kent Boyd**
Saturday 25 April	ANZAC Day Services around the Shire <u>Alectown</u> 6:00 am Dawn Service - Soldiers Memorial Hall **Attending: Cr Louise O'Leary** <u>Bogan Gate</u> 5:50 am – 7:20 am Dawn Service - Hutton Street **Attending: Cr George Pratt** <u>Parkes</u> 5:30 am Dawn service - Memorial Hill **Attending: Mayor Neil Westcott, Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee, Cr Bill Jayet and Cr Doug Pout** 8:30 am Commemorative Service - Cooke Park Cenotaph

Date	Function
	Attending: Mayor Neil Westcott, Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee, Cr Bill Jayet and Cr Louise O'Leary Peak Hill 6:00 am Dawn Service - AIF School of Arts Memorial Gates 10:30 am Civic Ceremony - AIF School of Arts Memorial Gates **Attending: Cr Louise O'Leary** Trundle 10:00 am – 12:00 noon March and Memorial Service - Trundle War Memorial Hall **Attending: Cr Joy Paddison** Tullamore 6:00 am Dawn Service - Tullamore Memorial Park 10:45 am Commemorative Service - Tullamore Memorial Park **Attending: Cr Kenny McGrath** **Invited: All Councillors, Staff and general public**
Wednesday 29 April	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) **Invited: Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee with Cr Joy Paddison (as alternate) and General Manager Kent Boyd**
Saturday 2 May	Trundle ABBA Festival **Invited: All Councillors**
Tuesday 5 May	Council Workshop **Invited: All Councillors and Directors**
Wednesday 6 May	Local Traffic Forum **Invited: Mayor Neil Westcott, Cr George Pratt and Cr Kenny McGrath**

Date	Function
Thursday 7 May to Friday 8 May	Country Mayors Association Workshop & General Meeting, Parliament House, Sydney **Invited: Mayor Neil Westcott, Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee and General Manager Kent Boyd**



Cr Neil Westcott
MAYOR

10.3 ENERGY FROM WASTE (EFW) - OPPOSITION ACTION PLAN

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Community

Goal: Our community is safe, active and healthy.

Strategy: Deliver and support services, programs, and initiatives to promote community safety including safeguarding all children, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Author: **Cr Neil Westcott**

Annexures: **A. Draft EfW Opposition Action Plan** ⇩

MOTION

That Council:

1. Adopt the Energy from Waste (EfW) Opposition Action plan in principle as a guide for Councils actions opposing the EfW facility.

REPORT

On 17 February 2026 Council resolved to oppose the Energy from Waste (EfW) Facility proposed for the Parkes Special Activation Precinct. Part of that resolution was to develop an action plan to guide Councils actions in opposing the facility.

The draft action plan is attached; it is a guide only and subject to implementation costs not burdening the budget to a significant extent. The plan is not exclusive and if other actions are considered beneficial, then they will be included.



Cr Neil Westcott

MAYOR

Parkes Shire Council – Energy-from-Waste (EfW) Opposition - Draft Action Plan

Parkes Shire Council has prepared this Energy-from-Waste (EfW) Objection Action Plan in response to the proposed development of an EfW facility within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct (SAP).

No.	Action	Steps to Implement the Action (& Comments)
1.0	***As formally resolved 17-2-2026***	
1.1	Formally rejects and objects in the strongest possible terms to the proposed Energy-from-Waste (EfW) displaying our clear opposition to any Energy-from-Waste (EfW) within the Parkes Shire.	Publish a Council resolution and public statement; Write to NSW Government and the proponent; Update Council communication channels. Advise Chairperson of Parliamentary Inquiry. All correspondence in relation to EfW to include Council objection.
1.2	Lobby the NSW Government in the strongest possible way to prevent the Energy from Waste facility progressing in the Shire.	Seek meetings with Ministers; Prepare briefing papers; Provide written submissions; Present to the Parliamentary Inquiry.
1.3	Reiterates its request to the Minister for Planning, that the proposal be urgently called-in as a State Significant Development (SSD) and be referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) at the earliest possible stage.	A number of requests were made to the Premier and Minister requesting the matter be called in as a State Significant Development and have the IPC as the approval body, to ensure independence in the approval process. The Minister has since formally actioned the matter as above, this action is therefore considered complete.
1.4	Pursue all lawful and reasonable avenues available to it within its statutory powers to oppose the proposal, including, but not limited to, the seeking of independent legal advice and the exploration of	Obtain legal advice; Monitor procedural steps; Identify challenge opportunities; Report legal implications/opportunities and potential costs to Council.

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	judicial or administrative review mechanisms available under State legislation, ensuring that any costs incurred are proportionate and do not place an unreasonable financial burden on Parkes Shire ratepayers.	
1.5	Call upon the NSW Government to immediately impose a moratorium on the approval of new thermal Energy-from-Waste facilities across New South Wales pending the completion of an independent, statewide cumulative environmental and public health impact assessment, and to review the permissibility of such infrastructure within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct.	Write to/meet the Premier and Ministers to advocate accordingly
2.0	***Other Initiatives to oppose the Development***	
2.1	Establish an Energy-from-Waste Community Working Party	Working Party Members to include: a. The Mayor. b. Interested Councillors. c. Traditional Owners including, but not limited to, Parkes and Peak Hill representatives, as nominated by the respective Aboriginal communities. d. Representatives of directly affected neighbouring landholders. e. Representatives of local business and industry. f. Representatives of agricultural stakeholders, including NSW Farmers and other relevant bodies. g. Representatives of recognised community groups.

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		The Working Party will: a. Provide a structured forum for information exchange and community concerns. b. Consider independent expert advice commissioned by Council. c. Identify environmental, health, infrastructure and emergency preparedness considerations. d. Provide recommendations to Council for formal consideration. The Working Party will operate under a clearly defined and publicly available Terms of Reference adopted by Council and will function in an advisory capacity only, without replacing or duplicating statutory planning processes.
2.2	Lobby for the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation to establish a Community Consultative Committee (CCC)	Lobby the relevant Minister for the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation (RGDC) to establish a Community Consultative Committee. The CCC would; Facilitate formal consultation with the various stakeholders, including Parkes Shire Council and the local community regarding the strategic direction of the Parkes Special Activation Precinct, and a review of permissible land uses within the Parkes Special Activation Precinct to better reflect the economic , agricultural and community prioritise of the region, with particular emphasis on value-adding agricultural processing, advanced manufacturing and complementary regional industries.

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2.3	Baseline Monitoring	As a matter of priority, install baseline air monitoring equipment strategically to ensure independent measurements establish pre/post development air-quality.

3.0 Council emphasises that the inclusion of the following clauses does not constitute support for the proposed Energy-from-Waste project. These measures are provided solely to safeguard the community should the NSW Government proceed despite Council's stated opposition

3.1	Prior to any progression of the current proposal or future proposals Council seeks legally binding conditions and agreements requiring the proponent and/or the State Government to fund and implement:	Councils response to DA to identify these matters if not fully and satisfactorily addressed. Many have been identified in the SEAR's. The main reference in the SEAR's is set out below…
	a. Independent baseline and ongoing ambient air quality monitoring, with publicly accessible real-time reporting.	SEAR's - #5
	b. Independent soil, water and agricultural impact monitoring with publicly accessible real-time reporting.	SEAR's - #7, #6
	c. Independent public health baseline and longitudinal health impact studies with publicly accessible reporting.	SEAR's - #14
	d. Road, transport and heavy vehicle impact on existing infrastructure with assurity for upgrades and maintenance protections.	SEAR's - #10
	e. Water security protections and enforceable limits on water usage at Council's discretion.	SEAR's - #14
	f. Transparent publicly accessible emissions reporting on all monitoring exceeding minimum statutory requirements.	SEAR's - #4 – dot point 4

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	g. An independent assessment, be provided to Council within one (1) month of the completion of any report, of regional emergency response capacity, including • Fire and Rescue, • Rural Fire Service, • ambulance services, • hospital capacity and • hazardous materials response capability, detailing any required upgrades, specialised equipment, training and contingency arrangements for ongoing funding necessary to manage industrial, fire, toxic release or transport-related emergencies associated with the EfW facility to be fully funded by the proponent and the State Government.	SEAR's - #11 dot point 4, #16
	h. Assurance from NSW Government for all monitoring, safeguards, infrastructure protections, and emergency preparedness measures to be fully funded by the proponent and the NSW State Government.	
	i. The establishment of a Community Consultative Committee, with an independent Chairperson, similar to that required by most Mining approvals.	SEAR's - #4
3.2	If the current proposed project is approved by the NSW Government, contrary to Council's formal and clear opposition, Council requires the establishment of a mandatory, legislated community-hosting levy payable by the NSW Government directly to the Parkes Community, in line with the waste hierarchy and the	Council strongly advocates for a hosting-levy equivalent to 50% of the Sydney landfill levy. The proposed hosting levy reflects the principles of the waste hierarchy, which prioritises waste management strategies from

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	NSW landfill waste levy, indexed annually and imposed at the point of waste generation, with all revenue directed to the Parkes Community. Ideally this levy will be: a. Enshrined in legislation rather than subject to discretionary agreement. b. Structured to reflect the long-term environmental, health, infrastructure and reputational impacts associated with thermal Energy-from-Waste infrastructure. c. Fully directed, transparently, to the Community for environmental monitoring, infrastructure resilience, agricultural protection, health safeguards, and community wellbeing initiatives. d. Be fully allocated to the Community at no cost to the Community.	most to least preferred: avoidance, reuse, recycling, energy recovery, and landfill.
3.3	Critical review of Development application when lodged to ensure it is comprehensive, that it fully addresses all the matters raised in the SEAR's, and if there are grounds to challenge the application.	Budget $50,000 for consultant's expert in the field to review DA Under the NSW planning system, the proper and lawful mechanism for considering and, if warranted, opposing a proposed development such as the EfW facility is through the statutory development assessment and approval process, including any formal rights of review or legal challenge that arise from that process. This is, in effect, the only legally sustainable pathway available to Council to seek to prevent or modify the proposal. However, any challenge must be based on clear, substantive planning or legal grounds. If the development application is assessed as technically sound, compliant with the

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applicable planning framework, and supported by adequate environmental and technical studies, the prospects of a successful challenge are reduced.

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10.4 SUPPORT FOR CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is sustainable and plans for the future.

Strategy: Operate in a financially sustainable and responsible manner.

Author: **Cr Neil Westcott**

Annexures: **A. Invest in us so we can invest in them - Campaign Material** ⇩

MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes the Country Mayors Association of NSW "Invest in Us" campaign advocating for increased Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to Local Governments. The campaign seeks to restore at least 1% of total Commonwealth taxation revenue for local Councils across Australia
2. Recognises the critical role Local Government plays in delivering essential services and infrastructure that underpin community wellbeing, economic vitality, and national resilience.
3. Supports the campaign's core message: 'Invest in us so we can invest in them.'
4. Commits to participating in the campaign by:

   a. Sharing campaign materials through Council communication channels
   b. Engaging with local media and community stakeholders to raise awareness.
   c. Lobbying Federal representatives to support the funding increase.
5. Requests the Mayor to write to the relevant Prime Minister, Treasurer, Federal Minister for Local Government, the Shadow Minister for Local Government, our local Member of Parliament and Senator expressing Council's support for the campaign and urging their commitment to the proposed funding increase.

REPORT

Purpose

This Mayoral Minute seeks Council endorsement of the Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) 'Invest in Us' campaign, set against the context of severe and worsening financial pressures facing local government, including the loss of key State and Commonwealth funding programs.

Financial and Sector Context

Recent sector-wide analysis demonstrates that NSW local government faces significant and unsustainable financial pressure:

- 71% of NSW Councils reported General Fund operating deficits (before capital income) in 2024/25.
- NSW Councils collectively recorded General Fund operating deficits of approximately $570 million, a blow out of $266M from YE 23/24.
- Depreciation expenses have increased by more than $1 billion over the past five years.

Impact of Withdrawal of Key NSW and Commonwealth Grants

In addition to structural funding pressures, Council has been materially impacted by the withdrawal and discontinuation of several significant NSW and Commonwealth Government grant programs that were previously allocated on a recurring basis. These programs were critical to Council's capital works and asset renewal programs, and their removal has had a devastating impact on Council's capital capacity.

The last round of these key grants were;

- Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 5: $1,420,467
- Resources for Regions Program: $4,037,244
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Round 3: $2,675,226

Based on the last Round of funding, the total withdrawn capital funding was $8,132,937.

Consequences for Councils, Residents and Businesses

As funding pressures intensify, councils across New South Wales are facing an increasingly constrained set of financial choices. After exhausting discretionary expenditure and reviewing all available revenue sources, councils are often required to reassess the scope and level of services they provide. Compounding this pressure, local government is frequently the supplier of last resort, meaning that when State services are reduced or withdrawn, councils must either advocate for their continuation or absorb those responsibilities themselves, often without additional funding.

Ultimately, and as a last resort, many councils are being driven to consider Special Rate Variations. The cumulative effect is a growing transfer of costs for essential services and infrastructure onto local communities, underscoring the need for stronger and more reliable intergovernmental funding support.

"Invest in us so we can invest in them" Campaign

As a consequence of the significantly deteriorating financial circumstance of Local Government, the Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) is inviting all its member Councils to participate in a vital campaign advocating for the restoration of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to Local Governments.

The campaign seeks to restore at least 1% of total Commonwealth taxation revenue for local Councils under the rallying call: 'Invest in us so we can invest in them.'

Over recent years, councils have faced unprecedented increases in operational costs at the same time as successive Australian Governments have progressively reduced Financial Assistance Grants from their original benchmark of one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue to close to half that level. There are other federal funding programs accessed by rural, remote and regional Councils in NSW but they are project-based and do not help to keep the lights on.

Local Governments are the backbone of our communities, delivering essential services and infrastructure that shape the daily lives of Australians. Despite this, funding constraints continue to limit our ability to meet growing demands. This strategy outlines a comprehensive communications approach to raise public awareness, build coalitions, and influence Federal policymakers.

Lobbying has been undertaken by your CMA, Local Government NSW (LGNSW), Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and more. This is a different, positive approach and strong backing is encouraged at local levels. Some typical campaign material attached.

Councils don't ask much from our communities - now is the time to help us help you.



Cr Neil Westcott
MAYOR

Invest in us so we can invest in them



Restore Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to **1% of total taxation revenue**

Everyday, across Australia, councils are creating and maintaining the communities you, your family and your friends live, work and play in.

Our children and grandchildren are playing on sports fields provided by their local council, running on grass cared for by council staff, using change rooms and bathroom facilities built and maintained by council and disposing of their post-match ice cream wrappers in bins that will be collected by council.

Local Government.
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SUPPORT the return of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government to **1% of total taxation revenue**

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COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

10.5 NSW COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION HONOUR PAST LEADERS

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Strong relationships

Strategy: Work in partnership with other Councils, regional organisations and State and Federal Governments.

Author: **Cr Neil Westcott**

Annexures: **A. CMA Media Release** ⇩

MOTION

That Council:

1. Note the information in the report.
2. Write a letter to Emeritus Mayor Ken Keith OAM congratulating him on receiving the honour of Patron of the Country Mayors Association.

REPORT

At the March General Meeting of the Country Mayors Association (CMA), the Board and its members resolved to bestow the honour of Patron on three of it's former Chairmen, Emeritus Mayor Ken Keith OAM being one of those receiving this honour.

Ken Keith OAM has been invited to receive the insignia of his role at a reception at Parliament House in Sydney on 7 May 2026 where Legislative Council President Mr Ben Franklin is hosting the function and the guest speaker will be General The Hon. Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC (Mil) CVO MC (Retd).

See attached Media Release from the Country Mayors Association regarding this honour for Emeritus Mayor Ken Keith OAM, Emeritus Mayor Katrina Humphries (Moree Plains Shire) and Jamie Chaffey MP (Gunnedah Shire).

On behalf of Parkes Shire Council, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to our previous Mayor Ken Keith OAM on receiving this honour from the CMA.



Mayor Rick Firman OAM JP (Chairman of CMA & Mayor Temora Shire Council), Emeritus Mayor Ken Keith OAM and Mr Jamie Chaffey MP (Gunnedah Shire)



Emeritus Mayor Katrina Humphries (Moree Plains Shire)

Cr Neil Westcott
MAYOR

THE COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC
"What we want is nothing more than equity"

MEDIA RELEASE

15/04/2026

NSW Country Mayors honour past leaders

The Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) Board and Members recently resolved to bestow the honour of Patron on three of its' former Chairmen.

Emeritus Mayors in Katrina Humphries (Moree Plains Shire), Ken Keith OAM (Parkes Shire) and Jamie Chaffey MP (Gunnedah Shire) were proposed by the CMA Board, and unanimously endorsed by its 89 rural, remote and regional Member Councils.

Mrs Humphries is the longest serving past CMA Chairman, having served from 2016-2020. Mr Keith was the leader from 2020-2022 with Mr Chaffey elected in 2022 and retired in 2024.

Current CMA Chairman, Mayor Rick Firman OAM (of Temora Shire) said "the CMA Board, Members and Staff are very proud to bestow such an honour on three outstanding leaders of NSW Local Government".

"The time, vision, dedication and effort that goes into the role of Mayor is large enough, however, to be elected by your peers across rural, remote and regional NSW to lead a state organisation is a significant commitment," he said.

Former Mayor Humphries was Mayor of Moree Plains Shire from 2008-2021 and did not seek re-election in 2021. Former Mayor Keith held the Mayoral role for an impressive 17 years and stood down at the 2024 election. Former Mayor Chaffey was Mayor for eight years, retiring from local government at the 2024 general elections. Mr Chaffey went on to be elected as the Federal Member for Parkes.

"The CMA has evolved and grown to 89 full Member Councils and five Associate Members. This has occurred – to a large extent - due to the tremendous leadership these three provided us. Their contributions are highly valued and we are very pleased to honour them as our inaugural patrons of the CMA,' Mayor Firman added.

An appropriate presentation will be made to the three Local Government luminaries at a CMA Members' meeting or function, later in the year.

--- ENDS ---

Captions: CMA Chairman Mayor Rick Firman OAM (Temora Shire), with the CMA's inaugural Patrons, Emeritus Mayor Ken Keith OAM (Parkes Shire), and Emeritus Mayor Jamie Chaffey MP (Gunnedah Shire) at Emeritus Mayor Keith's final CMA meeting.

Second photo (for inset): Emeritus Mayor Katrina Humphries (Moree Plains Shire).

Media Contact:
Mayor Rick Firman OAM, CMA Chairman: 0429 204 060

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Mr Gary Fry, CMA Secretariat: 0427 008 572
Email: admin@nswcountrymayors.com.au

11 NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

12 COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

12.1 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD) LUNCHEON HELD IN SYDNEY ON 6 MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Advocate and provide strong representation for our community at the regional, state, and federal levels.

Author: **Marg Applebee, Deputy Mayor**

Authoriser: **Kent Boyd PSM, General Manager**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the information provided by Deputy Mayor Marg Applebee following her attendance at the LGNSW International Women's Day (IWD) Luncheon in Sydney on 6 March 2026 representing the Parkes Shire Community.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) hosted its annual International Women's Day (IWD) Lunch at the Shangri-La Sydney, Grand Ballroom, on Friday 6 March 2026, as part of NSW Women's Week. The event celebrated the leadership, achievements and contribution of women in local government across New South Wales and provided a high-profile networking and professional development opportunity for the sector.

I attended this event along with over 400 guests including Mayors, Councillors, General Managers, Council staff and State and sector leaders from across New South Wales.

The event was fully booked out, with tickets and tables selling out before the event. This year's IWD theme adopted by LGNSW was "Balance the Scales", focusing on:

- Celebrating women's leadership in Local Government.
- Promote Gender equity and inclusion.
- Encourage participation and advancement of women in elected and executive roles.
- Provide a visible platform for sector-wide advocacy aligned with IWD principles.

The keynote speaker was Kerri Pottharst OAM OLY – three time Olympian and Olympic Gold Medallist, Author and Sports Commentator. Her keynote addressed leadership, resilience, high performance and balancing professional and personal commitments, drawing parallels between elite sport and leadership in public roles.

Many may remember Kerri and Natalie Cook winning Gold on Bondi Beach in 2000. It was so lovely to hear her speak about that experience.

As much as it was exciting to hear about her wins, it was even more interesting to hear about her fails, the times she didn't think she could recover and did recover.

Official Speakers and Hosts included:

- Mayor Darcy Byrne, President of LGNSW and Mayor of Inner West Council.
- Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM, Past President of LGNSW.
- David Reynolds, CEO of LGNSW.
- Senior women leaders from NSW Government and the sector more broadly.

In Mayor Darcy Byrne's address – he highlighted:

- That women made up around 41% of elected Councillors in NSW.
- That while representation had improved since previous elections, Local Government still lagged behind State and Federal Parliaments.
- The need to address structural issues such as Councillor and Mayoral remuneration to support diversity in Council Chambers.

IWD is a acknowledged to raise awareness in general about discrimination and gender equity.

I am grateful to Parkes Shire Council for the opportunity to attend this Luncheon, allowing me to network with other Councillors and women from across NSW and to represent the Parkes Shire Community. I left the Luncheon feeling inspired and encouraged. I shared lunch with Councillors and staff from Cumberland City Council.

For all those who attended the various IWD events across the Shire and wider communities, I hope you all had an enjoyable day like I did. Happy International Women's Day 2026.





Cr Marg Applebee

DEPUTY MAYOR

12.2 ALGWA CONFERENCE NSW HELD IN BLACKTOWN ON 26 - 28 MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Advocate and provide strong representation for our community at the regional, state, and federal levels.

Author: **Joy Paddison, Councillor**

Authoriser: **Kent Boyd PSM, General Manager**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the information provided by Cr Paddison following her attendance at the ALGWA Conference in Blacktown on 26 – 28 March 2026 representing the Parkes Shire Community.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

I had the privilege of attending the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Conference NSW in Blacktown on 26 – 28 March 2026.

Cr Penny Pedersen, ALGWA NSW President attended and provided a Welcome to all those that attended the Conference.

The following speakers were in attendance:

- Sandra Sully, News Anchor, Journalist, MC and Host.
- Lucy Bingle, LinkedIn Expert.
- Amy Stewart, Emotional Intelligence and Critical Thinking Expert.
- Elfa Moraitakis, CEO SydWest.
- Dee Brooks, The Jeder Institute.
- Fiona Miller, The Jeder Institute.
- Cr Kylie Spears, National ALGWA President.
- Mayor Phyllis Miller OAM, Past LGNSW President.
- Cr Darriea Turley AM, Past LGNSW President.
- Cr Julie Griffiths AM, Councillor Blacktown City Council.
- The Hon. Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government.
- The Hon. Jodie Elizabeth Harrison MP, Minister for Women.
- Mayor Darcy Byrne, President LGNSW.

These speakers were very informative to listen to about their careers and experience that they have gained over the years. There were also a number of workshops that I attended that were very enjoyable.

It was really a great couple of days being involved in the ALGWA NSW Conference which focuses on connecting with women in Local Government from across NSW.

Sandra Sully did a fantastic job as MC (who knew newsreaders could have such a cheeky sense of humour?)

It was also lovely to spend time with Forbes Shire Council's Mayor Phyllis Miller, Councillors Michele Herbert, Marg Duggan and Sarah Sweeney; as well as to meet many other women doing great work in their communities.

It's always interesting to hear the different experiences from Councillors across the State.

I also caught up with Kath Roach, Managing Director of SINC Solutions and Sinconline, who recently presented to our Councillors on the Code of Conduct.

I'm also grateful to Parkes Shire Council for the opportunity to attend this Conference, allowing me to network with other Councillors and women from across NSW and to represent the Parkes Shire community.



Cr Joy Paddison, Cr Jenny Ellis (Griffith City Council), Cr Marg Duggan, Cr Sarah Sweeney and Cr Michele Herbert and Manager Engineer Brianna Duncan (all from Forbes Shire Council) attending the ALGWA Conference on 26-28 March 2026



Deputy Mayor Julie Griffiths AM (Blacktown Council & Secretary of ALGWA), Cr Tammy Greenhalgh (Deputy Mayor Orange City Council), Mayor Phyllis Miller (Forbes Shire Council) and Cr Joy Paddison at the ALGWA Conference on 26-28 March 2026



Kath Roach (Sinc Solutions) and Cr Joy Paddison at the ALGWA Conference on 26-28 March 2026



Attendees at the ALGWA Conference on 26 – 28 March 2026

Joy Paddison

COUNCILLOR

13 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13.1 MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our local government is open, accountable and transparent.

Strategy: Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

Author: **Sue McGrath, Business Support Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Logan Hignett, Director Operations**

Annexures: **A. Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 26 March 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26 March 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

Rural Roads Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday 26 March 2026

Minutes of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee

Held on Thursday, 26 March 2026 at the

Bogan Gate Pub, 45-47 Station Street, BOGAN GATE NSW 2876

Present:

Mr Andrew Field

Mr Robert Mortimer

Mr Graeme Hunter

Mr Gary Langley

Mr Ron Umbers

Mr Gavin Tom

Council Officers in Attendance:

Logan Hignett Director Operations

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 6:05pm and concluded at 8:04pm.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairperson declared the Rural Roads Advisory Committee of Thursday, 26 March 2026 open and welcomed Council Officials in attendance.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Wiradjuri Country and recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the lands and rivers of the Parkes Shire.

Council pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extends this respect to all First Nations peoples in the Parkes Shire.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr. Neil Wescott, Cr Ken McGrath, Cr Louise O'Leary, Cr Glenn Wilson, Mrs Marisa Malherbe

Cr George Pratt (no response),

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE RURAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for confirmation at the meeting. The minutes were subsequently distributed to Committee members following the meeting and will be confirmed at the next meeting.

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The Chairperson reminded Council Officials of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting, and invited Council Officials present to disclose any such interests.

Nil interests were disclosed.

6 LATE BUSINESS

The Chairperson advised that no late items of business had been submitted to the meeting.

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR (NHVR) CONDITIONS 3 MONTH TRIAL UPDATE

RESOLVED RRA 001/26

That:

1. That the information contained within the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 SAFER LOCAL ROADS & INFASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TRANCHE 3 - COOKAMIDGERA AND LAKE ENDEAVOUR ROAD - SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME

RESOLVED RRA 002/26

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information within the report.

CARRIED

7.3 UPDATE - 2025/2026 ROADS PROGRAM

RESOLVED RRA 003/26

That:

1. The information and verbal update from Council be noted by the Rural Roads Committee

CARRIED

7.4 UPDATE - COMMITTEE CUSTOMER REQUEST

RESOLVED RRA 004/26

That:

1. That the information contained within the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 GARRY LANGLEY

DISCUSSION

1. Discussion about Graddle Creek Bridge further information required on the culverts at the approach on the Tullamore side of the bridge.
2. Thanked Council for putting the fire break back on Letterbox Lane
3. Wattlebank Lane – suckers need spraying
4. Suckers need spraying in the Tullamore area

COUNCIL RESPONSE

3. RD2026/0107
4. RD2026/0106

8.2 ANDREW FIELD

DISCUSSION

1. 200m back from Nanardine Lane on Back Trundle Road there is a Culvert that needs to be inspected/repaired
2. The Welcome Road sheeting – commended Council on a job well done.
3. Along Plains Road, The Welcome and Pipeclay Road there is illegal dumping with items such as washing machines, mattress and rubbish which needs collection.
4. Plains Road sign is missing at the intersection of Back Yamma Road.

COUNCIL RESPONSE

1. RD2026/0103
3. WA2026/0189
4. SI2026/0034

8.3 RON UMBERS

DISCUSSION

1. Burrawang Park – at Bogan Gate needs signage in accordance with new wayfinding strategy.
2. Tubby Lees Road - reports of speeding, review the traffic counts for results and advise community members of the outcome.
3. Carlachy Bridge on Condobolin Road needs treatment, rough surface.
4. Discussion on the Community Consultation of the renaming of Marta Lane

COUNCIL RESPONSE

1. PK2026/050 - In accordance with Councils wayfinding strategies funding will need to be sourced – check with Tim G
2. RD2026/0104
3. RD2026/0105

8.4 GAVIN TOM

DISCUSSION

1. Giveway sign missing to Pipeclay Road
2. At the intersection of The Welcome Road and Pipeclay Road there is a tree that is blocking sight distance to the west when giving way to Pipeclay.

COUNCIL RESPONSE

1. SI2026/0033
2. TR2026/0075

8.5 ROBERT MORTIMER

DISCUSSION

1. Alagala Road the bitumen is in poor condition and needs some work
2. Alagala Road needs spraying for Myall Trees and suckers, including mop up spraying for those suckers that were missed.
3. Middlefield Road – there are washout and is in need of maintenance
4.. Discussion on the truck parking and the community does not want the restrictions on the truck parking

COUNCIL RESPONSE

1. RD2026/0108
2. RD2026/0109
3. TD2026/0110

8.6 GRAEME HUNTER

DISCUSSION

1.. Victoria Street - near the cricket nets is in need of repair/reseal
2.. Taylors Lane – causeways are in poor condition
3.. May Street – just past the new carpark (Services Club) needs repair
4.. Middle Trundle Road is in need of a turning lane
5.. Along the Henry Parkes Way past Cooks Myalls the is a small depression in the road
6.. East of Bogan Gate along Henry Parkes Way approx. 4km rough surface / culvert

COUNCIL RESPONSE

1.. RD2026/0111
2.. TD2026/0112
3.. RD2026/0113
4.. RD2026/0114
5.. RD2026/0115
6.. RD2026/0116

9 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

10 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 8:04pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 6 pages numbered 1 to 6 of the Rural Roads Advisory Committee held on Thursday, 26 March 2026 and confirmed on .

Logan Hignett
CHAIRPERSON

13.2 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our local government is open, accountable and transparent.

Strategy: Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

Author: **Sue McGrath, Business Support Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Logan Hignett, Director Operations**

Annexures: **A. Extraordinary Local Traffic Forum Meeting Minutes - 31 March 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Local Traffic Forum Meeting held on Tuesday 31 March 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

Extraordinary Local Traffic Forum Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 31 March 2026

Minutes of the Extraordinary Local Traffic Forum Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 at the

Via Email

Sent Via Email:

Cr Ken McGrath	Councillor
Mr Jason Nicholson	Transport for NSW
Mr Mitchell Gage	NSW Police
Mr Chris McQuie	Western Road Liners

Council Officers in Attendance:

Logan Hignett	Director Operations
Ben Coultas	Senior Design Engineer
Melanie Suitor	Road Safety Prevention Officer
Sue McGrath	Business Support Coordinator

NOTES

The meeting commenced via email at 3.45pm on Tuesday 31 March and concluded at 3.00pm on Friday 10 April 2026.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairperson declared the Extraordinary Local Traffic Forum Meeting of Tuesday, 31 March 2026 open and welcomed Council Officials in attendance.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Wiradjuri Country and recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the lands and rivers of the Parkes Shire.

Council pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extends this respect to all First Nations peoples in the Parkes Shire.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Ken McGrath Councillor

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC FORUM COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That these minutes have previously been confirmed at Council Meeting held on 17 February 2026.

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The Chairperson reminded Council Officials of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting, and invited Council Officials present to disclose any such interests.

Nil interests were disclosed.

6 LATE BUSINESS

The Chairperson advised that no late items of business had been submitted to the meeting.

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 LIGHT UP PARKES EVENT AND FIREWORK DISPLAY - SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026

FORUM RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. That the Local Traffic Forum review and endorse the proposed temporary road closures and traffic management arrangements for the “Light Up Parkes” event scheduled for Saturday 18 April 2026, as detailed in this report.

7.2 2026 INKREDIBLE FUNDRAISER AND FLASH DAY - CLOSURE OF CLARINDA STREET FROM COURT STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF WELCOME AND CLARINDA STREET, PARKES

FORUM RECOMMENDATION

Council Responsibilities:

That:

1. The Local Traffic Forum review and endorse the proposed temporary road closure and associated traffic management arrangements for the “2026 Inkredible Fundraiser and Flash Day” event scheduled for Sunday 3 May 2026, as detailed in this report.

7.3 NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR (NHVR) CONDITIONS 3 MONTH TRIAL UPDATE

FORUM RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Note the outcomes of the trial period relating to the removal of the NHVR time of day access condition for Class 2 vehicles.
2. Amend Council’s NHVR road manager consent conditions to remove the restriction: “No access 7:30 - 9:00 am and 3:00 - 4:30 pm on school days”

DISCUSSION

3. No objections to council’s application to amend consent conditions with NHVR. Recommend that should the changes occur, ongoing monitoring and community feedback is considered. Reconsideration in the future if risks are evident. In communication with local operators perhaps make it known that the matter can be reconsidered if safety issues occur.

8 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

9 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 3.00pm Friday 10 April 2026.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 6 pages numbered 1 to 6 of the Extraordinary Local Traffic Forum Meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 and confirmed on Tuesday, 17 April 2026.

CHAIRPERSON

13.3 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our local government is open, accountable and transparent.

Strategy: Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

Author: **Veronica Shaw, Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance**

Authoriser: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Annexures: **A. Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 7 April 2026**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 April 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 7 April 2026

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 7 April 2026 at the

Parkes Council Chambers, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes

Present:

Cr Neil Westcott	Councillor (Chairperson)
Cr Marg Applebee	Councillor (Deputy Chair)
Cr William Jayet	Councillor
Cr Louise O'Leary	Councillor
Cr Joy Paddison	Councillor
Cr Doug Pout	Councillor
Cr George Pratt	Councillor
Cr Matthew Scherer	Councillor

Council Officers in Attendance:

Mr Kent Boyd PSM	General Manager
Mr Logan Hignett	Director Operations
Mr Anthony McGrath	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy
Mrs Annalise Teale	Director Planning and Community Services
Mr Jaco Barnard	Chief Financial Officer
Mrs Veronica Shaw	Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 4:02pm and concluded at 4:09pm.

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 7 April 2026 open and welcomed Councillors, Council Officers and members of the public attending and listening to the meeting.

The Mayor advised attendees that the meeting was being recorded and streamed live on the internet, to enhance the accessibility of Council meetings to the broader Parkes Shire community, and that the recording will be archived and made available on Council's website.

The Mayor asked that attendees ensure that mobile phones and other electronic devices were turned off or in silent mode for the duration of the meeting.

The Mayor further advised that all care would be taken to maintain privacy, however, as a visitor in the public gallery, members of the public should be aware that their presence may be recorded.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

> *Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Wiradjuri Country and recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing connection with the lands and rivers of the Parkes Shire.*
>
> *Council pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extends this respect to all First Nations peoples in the Parkes Shire.*

3 PRAYER

The General Manager read the Prayer:

O God,
Inspire Council to make wise decisions,
Grant Integrity to face the truth,
Courage to make difficult choices,
And compassion for the needs of others,
We pray through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

AMEN

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Ken McGrath is an apology for this meeting and was previously approved for leave at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 17 March 2026 (*OCM 063/26*).

Cr Glenn Wilson is an apology for this meeting.

5 APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Nil

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The Mayor reminded Councillors and Council Officers of their obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting, and invited Councillors and Council Officers to disclose any such interests.

Nil interests were disclosed.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that no urgent items of business had been submitted to the meeting.

8 ADOPTION OF MULTIPLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Council may, at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business, as recommended in the report, by way of a single resolution. The Chairperson must list the items of business to be adopted and ask Councillors to identify any individual items of business listed by the Chairperson that they intend to vote against the recommendation made in the Business Paper, or that they wish to speak on (13.2).

9 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

9.1 LACHLAN DUPLICATION PIPELINE PROCUREMENT PRE-APPROVAL

RESOLVED ECMCC 001/26z

Moved: Cr Marg Applebee
Seconded: Cr George Pratt

That Council:

1. Note the report on the procurement of pipe for the Lachlan Pipeline Duplication Project
2. Note that a reduced tender period has been considered
3. Resolve that because of the extenuating circumstances set out in the report a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders to submit a price and then await the outcome of the submission.
4. Note that the reasons for the decision of the Council in resolution 3 are as follows:
   (a) The product with respect to which the tender relates can only be provided by larger manufacturers
   (b) Council has received expert advice that due to the nature of the relevant market, offers from those manufacturers which will be made in response to the request for tender will only be open for acceptance for a period of 48hours
   (c) Even if the tender period was shortened to 7 days as permitted under the Regulations, some if not all the relevant tenders would expire prior to Council being able to undertake an assessment of tenders, report the matter to Council and resolve to accept or reject any tenders.
   (d) This would result in Council either having no valid tenders which it is able to accept, or it would not be able to consider for acceptance all of the tenders lodged in response to the request for tender.

(e) This would not be a satisfactory result for Council.

5. Delegate the authority to execute the contracts for the supply of the pipe for the Lachlan Pipeline Duplication Project to the General Manager.
6. Provide a report to a future Council meeting on the outcome of the procurement process.

CARRIED

10 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

11 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting concluded at 4:09.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 6 pages numbered 1 to 6 of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 7 April 2026.



MAYOR

13.4 MINUTES OF THE PARKES SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our local government is open, accountable and transparent.

Strategy: Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

Author: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Authoriser: **Kent Boyd PSM, General Manager**

Annexures: **A. Minutes of the Northparkes / Parkes Shire Sports Grants Sub-Committee held on 9 April 2026** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council Meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2026 (Sports Grants Selection Sub-Committee) appended at *Annexure A*.

9 April 2026 Sports Grants Selection Committee

Thursday, 9 April 2026 4:00 PM

Meeting Formalities

Meeting Structure

Grants Selection Committee Meeting Structure

Location, Date and Time

Teams and face-to-face meeting in the Parkes Shire Council Committee Room commencing at 4:05PM

Attendees

Michael Greenwood (Community Representative), Kassidy Martin (Evolution Mining - Northparkes Operations), Anthony McGrath (Parkes Sports Council), Luke Nash (Sports Council), Al Gersbach (Chair Parkes Sports Council), Cr Louise O'Leary, Cr Doug Pout, Gail Richardson (Sporting Groups Representative)

Minutes by
Anthony McGrath (Secretary Parkes Sports Council)

Apologies

Brooke Plunkett (Evolution Mining - Northparkes Operations).

Declaration of Interest

Luke Nash declared a significant non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Parkes Soccer Executive and left the room during discussions on their grant application. Cr Doug Pout declared a significant non-pecuniary interest as an employee of Currajong Disability Services and left the room during discussions on their grant application.

1. Review of Previous Actions

Item #	What	Who	By Wh
~~1~~	~~That the groups and individuals selected for grants be offered the amounts as listed in the minutes and that those who were not successful be advised.~~	~~Anthony~~	~~10/10/202~~
~~2~~	~~That the presentation of funds be arranged, ensuring that representatives from CMOC Northparkes and Parkes Shire Council are available to present the cheques.~~	~~Anthony~~	~~10/10/202~~
~~3~~	~~That the funds are transmitted to the groups and individuals as listed in the minutes~~	~~Luke~~	~~31/10/202~~
~~4~~	~~That the next round be advertised including the funds carried forward as indicated in the minutes.~~	~~Anthony~~	~~March 20~~

Discussion

Tasks listed above were confirmed as being completed by Anthony.

2. Grant Funds Available for this Round

The funds currently available for distribution in the **2026 Round 1** allocations of grants is as follows:

Item	Total Available This Round

Facility	15,000.00
Participation #	15,000.00
Rising Star	5,000.00
Grand Totals	**35,000.00**

Grant funding agreement allows for additional funds to be allocated to participation projects should facility project total not be fully allocated.

For the information of the Committee.

3. Sports Grant Applications Received and Evaluation

The following groups submitted applications for grants:

Group	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Group Contrib	Project Total	Review Comments
Parkes Golf Club	Facilities	purchase of a new greens roller for the golf course. The current roller is well beyond its use by date and needs to be urgently replaced. The greens roller is a key piece of equipment to maintain the course at a competition standard.	15,000	3,000	18,000	Exceeds maximum grant amount
Parkes School of Dance	Facilities	install a high-quality sprung dance floor in our studio, upgrading the facility to provide a safe, fit-for-purpose training surface for children, young people and adults. The project supports active participation in dance as a recognised physical activity while enhancing opportunities for creative arts within the Parkes Shire.	15,000	3,848	24,348	Exceeds maximum grant amount
Parkes Hockey Inc	Facilities	purchase two custom-printed shade marquees and club-branded tear-drop flags to improve sun safety, visibility, and professional presentation at training, competitions and community events.	7,048	0	7,048	
Parkes and District Kennel Club Inc	Facilities	install an efficient watering system in the Parkes and District Kennel Club's competition rings. The system will ensure the grounds are well-maintained, providing a safer and more comfortable environment for dogs, handlers	7,000	5,000	12,000	

		and spectators during training sessions and agility trials.				
Tullamore Bowling and Citizens Club	Facilities	sand and restore the wooden flooring in the Tullamore Bowling and Citizens Club's auditorium.	12,375	0	12,375	Fails to meet the objectives of the program.
Parkes Dragon Boat Club	Participation	purchase 20x Dragon Boat paddles. This will allow the club to accommodate additional paddlers during community engagement "come and try" days for locals and community groups such as College of seniors, Lions Club, VIEW clubs etc.	4,100	100	4,200	
Parkes and District Amateur Soccer Association	Participation	install a new set of soccer goal posts at Harrison Park to replace the existing unsafe equipment. The new posts will meet FIFA and Australian Standards, ensuring player safety, compliance, and supporting the growth of community football.	3,820	3,820	7,640	
Parkes Bowling and Sports Club	Participation	establish and run Junior and School Lawn Bowls Program.	8,000	500	8,500	Quote provided for bowls only (5,574.00)
Parkes and District Netball Association	Participation	purchase new training equipment to improve player skills and safety. A court cleaner will keep surfaces safe and playable, reducing injury risk. New post pads enhance safety and, when customized with sponsor logos, create fundraising opportunities to support ongoing costs and association growth.	6,269	2,000	8,269	2 previous grants not yet acquitted.
Holy Family School Parents Friends Assoc	Participation	repair its cricket pitch to ensure a safe, even playing surface and allow students to properly develop skills without injury risk. New high jump equipment is needed to meet safety standards and give students the chance to train and compete confidently in athletics.	5,136	2,000	7,136	Quote for pitch repair missing.
Currajong	Particip	hold a SuperTag Gala Day - an	3,000	4,800	7,800	Includes

Disability Services	ation	inclusive community sporting event providing people with disability in Parkes access to structured, mainstream sport. delivered through local partnerships, it promotes participation, social connection, and community inclusion while establishing a pathway for ongoing engagement.				project business case with budget breakdown but no quotes provided.
Parkes Spaceme n Rugby League Football Club	Particip ation	increase public awareness by purchasing branded items including 3 marquee, 6 double sided feather signs, 2 signs, 1 Home Game banner and 1 6m banner.	9,500	2,710	12,210	

Discussion

The committee was pleased with the high number of applications, however this meant that there would be difficulty in allocating grants to all applicants. The following groups were **not allocated** any funds:

Title	Project Title	Committee Comments
Parkes Hockey Inc	purchase two custom-printed shade marquees and club-branded tear-drop flags to improve sun safety, visibility, and professional presentation at training, competitions and community events.	Other projects were evaluated by the Committee to better align with the program objectives.
Parkes and District Kennel Club Inc	install an efficient watering system in the Parkes and District Kennel Club's competition rings. The system will ensure the grounds are well-maintained, providing a safer and more comfortable environment for dogs, handlers and spectators during training sessions and agility trials.	Other projects were evaluated by the Committee to better align with the program objectives.
Tullamore Bowling and Citizens Club	sand and restore the wooden flooring in the Tullamore Bowling and Citizens Club's auditorium.	Other projects were evaluated by the Committee to better align with the program objectives.
Parkes and District Netball Association	purchase new training equipment to improve player skills and safety. A court cleaner will keep surfaces safe and playable, reducing injury risk. New post pads enhance safety and, when customized with sponsor logos, create fundraising opportunities to support ongoing costs and association growth.	The Committee identified that the previous grant projects need be closed out and acquitted before any further funds can be granted, in accord with the guidelines.
Parkes Spacemen Rugby League Football Club	increase public awareness by purchasing branded items including 3 marquee, 6 double sided feather signs, 2 signs, 1 Home Game banner and 1 6m banner.	Other projects were evaluated by the Committee to better align with the program objectives.

Committee Recommendation

1. That the following groups be offered grant funds from the Evolution Mining - Northparkes Operations / Parkes Shire Council Sports Grant Scheme as indicated in the following table.

Title	Project Type	Project Title	Grant
Parkes Golf Club	Facilities	purchase of a new greens roller for the golf course. The current roller is well beyond its use by date and needs to be urgently replaced. The greens roller is a key piece of equipment to maintain the course at a competition standard.	6940
Parkes School of Dance	Facilities	install a high-quality sprung dance floor in our studio, upgrading the facility to provide a safe, fit-for-purpose training surface for children, young people and adults. The project supports active participation in dance as a recognised physical activity while enhancing opportunities for creative arts within the Parkes Shire.	6940
Parkes Dragon Boat Club	Participation	purchase 20x Dragon Boat paddles. This will allow the club to accommodate additional paddlers during community engagement "come and try" days for locals and community groups such as College of seniors, Lions Club, VIEW clubs etc.	4100
Parkes and District Amateur Soccer Association	Participation	install a new set of soccer goal posts at Harrison Park to replace the existing unsafe equipment. The new posts will meet FIFA and Australian Standards, ensuring player safety, compliance, and supporting the growth of community football.	3820
Parkes Bowling and Sports Club	Participation	purchase bowls to establish and run Junior and School Lawn Bowls Program.	3000
Holy Family School Parents Friends Assoc	Participation	purchase high jump equipment to meet safety standards and give students the chance to train and compete confidently in athletics.	2200
Currajong Disability Services	Participation	hold a SuperTag Gala Day - an inclusive community sporting event providing people with disability in Parkes access to structured, mainstream sport. delivered through local partnerships, it promotes participation, social connection, and community inclusion while establishing a pathway for ongoing engagement.	3000

4. Rising Star Grant Applications Received and Evaluation

The following individuals submitted applications for grants:

Nominee	Sport	Previous Recipient
Marcus Skinner	Swimming	No
Mason Wild	Dirt Track Racing	Yes R12024

Reed Wild	Dirt Track Racing	No
DAISY RICE	Hockey	No
Emrys Cassidy	Athletics	Yes R12025
Arlo Cassidy	Athletics	Yes R2024
Henry Kross	Squash	Yes R12024

Discussion

The following Rising Star Applicants were not allocated any funds because the recipients were ranked higher in terms of need and potential, had previously received grants or did not provide enough detail:

Nominee	Sport	Reason
Nil		

Committee Recommendation

1. That the following individuals be offered Rising Star grant funds from the Evolution Mining - Northparkes Operations / Parkes Shire Council Sports Grant Scheme as indicated in the following table.

Nominee	Sport	Grant
Marcus Skinner	Swimming	1000
Mason Wild	Dirt Track Racing	500
Reed Wild	Dirt Track Racing	500
DAISY RICE	Hockey	1000
Emrys Cassidy	Athletics	500
Arlo Cassidy	Athletics	500
Henry Kross	Squash	1000

5. Grant Fund Reconciliation

Following the allocation of grant funds as per Item 2 above, the grant funds that will be available for next round is as follows:

Item	Total Available This Round	Funds Granted	Total Carried Forward	Top Up Funds	Total Available Next Round
Facility	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	**15,000.00**
Participation #	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	**15,000.00**
Rising Star	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	**5,000.00**
Grand Totals	**35,000.00**	35,000.00	0.00	**35,000.00**	**35,000.00**

Grant funding agreement allows for additional funds to be allocated to participation should facility grants remain unallocated.

Discussion

Nil.

6. Other Business

Louise advised that the Peak Hill Swimming club had previously received $6055 in but have not formed. The Committee resolved to write to the committee seeking an acquittal.

The committee selected Thursday 30 April at 4:30pm for the presentation ceremony.

7. Meeting Actions

Item #	What	Who	By Wh
1	That the groups and individuals selected for grants be offered the amounts as listed in the minutes and that those who were not successful be advised.	Anthony	10/04/202
2	That the date for the presentation of funds be arranged, ensuring that representatives from Northparkes and Parkes Shire Council are available to present the cheques.	Anthony	10/04/202
3	That the funds are transmitted to the groups and individuals as listed in the minutes	Luke	30/04/202
4	That the next round be advertised including the funds carried forward as indicated in the minutes.	Anthony	Sept 2026

8. Next Meeting Date

October 2026.

9. Meeting Close

5:08pm

13.5 MINUTES OF THE PARKES SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our local government is open, accountable and transparent.

Strategy: Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

Author: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Authoriser: **Kent Boyd PSM, General Manager**

Annexures: **A. Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council Meeting held on 14 April 2026** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and confirm the Minutes of the Parkes Sports Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2026 appended at *Annexure A*.
2. Review the situation with lack of suitable public toilets at Woodward Oval and advise whether there is funding for temporary facilities until a new facility can be built and that a new facility be prioritised.

14 April 2026 Sports Council Minutes

Tuesday, 14 April 2026 7:00 PM

Welcome
Al Gersbach welcomed all to the meeting.

Attendance
Al Gersbach (Chair), Luke Nash (Finances), Anthony McGrath (Secretary), Louise O'Leary (Councillor Representative), Greg Morrissey (Mr Cricket),Andrew Thomas (Senior Rugby League), Wayne Osbourne (Soccer), Geoff Finn (Sports Fields Supervisor, Parkes Shire Council), Michael Greenwood,

Online
Linda Snyman (Dragon Boating), Doug Moore (Little Athletics),Wilbur Harris (Netball), Cr Louise O'Leary

Guests
Nil

Apologies
Kerrie Edwards (Parkes Little As, Peak Hill sport), Cr Doug Pout, Gail Richardson (Community Representative),Richard Rice (Hockey), Chris Reynolds (Touch), Tim Gillogly (PSC), Andrew Daley (Hockey), Ken Keith (Golf), Jason O'Bryan (Junior League)

Confirmation of Previous Minutes
The previous minutes were distributed with the agenda, moved by Anthony seconded by seconded by Luke Nash that they are a true and correct record with the correction to add Linda Snyman as an apology. Carried

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General Meeting

Notable Sporting Performances or Events

Dragon Boating
- Three Parkes members attending the National (Auschamps) representing Western NSW. Linda is captain of the women's team. Warren Edwards is assistant coach

Little As
- 14 Parkes athletics attended State championships. Toby Morgan broke 6 records in the t26 class, including a national javelin record for all classifications.
- 3 representing at National champs - Toby Morgan, Vashti Williams and Aphelia Robinson

Cricket
- Maddie Spence in NSW indigenous side at Mackay.
- Zac Guy and Eamon Moody in Western Colts squad.

Triathlon
- 21 Parkes athletes attended the Husky Triathlon**.** Wayne Osbourne came away with a medal.

Review of Outstanding Actions

13/8/2019	1	Sports Legends Board at Parkes Leagues Club to be reviewed and alternatives considered.	Alan Macdonald
14/10/2020	2	Dedication ceremony for the Cheney family trophy to be conducted before the first Grinsted Cup match this season	Luke Nash
12/03/2024	3	Investigate switchboard upgrade at SDF. Also lights out on Miriah Williams field (SW)	Geoff
~~10/6/2026~~	4	~~SMS lighting system at Lindner Oval is not working consistently~~	~~Anthony~~

		~~consistently~~	
10/02/2026	5	Seek approval from Scott Westcot to name the park run track in his honour	Anthony
11/03/2026	6	Peak Hill would like the Long Jump pits at Lindner Oval in Peak Hill reviewed for possible upgrade. Would like a quote.	Tim
~~11/03/2026~~	~~7~~	~~There are no sanitary bins provided for Cheney Park. Parkes Touch understood that these would be provided by Council.~~	~~Sharon Ross~~
11/03/2026	8	Determine what the Services Club's intentions are for the Sporting Life Members board located upstairs at the Club	Anthony
~~11/03/2026~~	~~9~~	~~Parkes Little As (Kerry) would like a copy of the Northparkes masterplan sent out.~~	~~Luke~~

Discussion / Action Taken
Update provided on the outstanding tasks as follows:

7, Parkes touch have been in contact with building services to supply a sanitary bin.
4, New SMS controller installed.
9, Masterplan for Northparkes sent out to Little As.

Correspondence

The following items of correspondence was received or sent

1. Advice of meeting and minutes sent out to groups.
2. Notice of sports grants open sent out to groups

Action
1,2 For information.

Grants Received

This item on the Agenda is for sporting groups to report any other grants they may have received.

- Parkes Netball advised that they will receive a 20k grant to build a practice wall.

Sports Projects Update

Geoff provided the following update at the meeting.

- Setting goal posts at Cheney to complete the 4 sets of posts and fields
- Started dredging Lake Endeavour to improve boat launch area.
- Fertilizer program underway
- Sports groups please ensure bookings are up to date, for both training and match days.
- Ensure dressing sheds are checked and cleaned when you leave the facility.
- When training, vary the location and avoid wet areas to minimise wear and tear on the fields.

Around the Grounds

Super Tag Gala Day

- Cr Doug reported that a highly successful Super Tag Gala Day was held at Pioneer today. Some 80 participants from 5 service providers from as far away as Newcastle. Field was in excellent condition.

Cricket

- Concludes with presentations this Sunday at Spicer Oval, including contribution of funds from the Duncan Macdonald foundation.
- Lachlan U14 playing at Bowral this week.

Rugby League
- Season starts with a home game against Dubbo Cyms.
- Access from Pioneer to Spicer still an issue. Planning to install 2x750 pipes when conditions are suitable. Working with Tim to ensure compliance.

Soccer
- Christian School booked Harrison for carnival
- Premier League started last week with the first of 4 home games.
- Eastern goal post needs some maintenance (missing bolts). Geoff to investigate
- Competition starts 2-3 May 2026.
- Soccer field turf condition is poor with bare patches due to summer watering issues. Geoff advised that they can treat bare areas with rye grass. There are also problems with ground pearl which can be treated with a new herbicide.
- Watering issues need to be addressed prior to next summer season.

Dragon Boating
- Season on hold until Lake dredging is completed
- Incident over the weekend where an Ambulance was called but didn't use wifi calling. Also Google maps sent the ambulance via the Bindogundra Road.
- Suggest an emergency sign be installed advising of wifi calling and what three words location. Tim to investigate.

Netball
- Received 20K grant to build a practice wall - will work with Council to complete
- Held carnival on 29 March with 21 teams, which is down a little
- Still have 3 carnivals to go before state carnival in June
- New Tuesday night comp starting on 21 April and looking for more players
- Courts have some issues with cracking. Geoff is reviewing with an alternate contractor.

Little Athletics
- Presentation held 2 weeks ago with Cr Paddison attending
- AGM planned for May
- School carnival season starting soon.

Financial Report - Operational and Capital Works Projects

Luke presented the financial report and asked that the committee accept the report, which was seconded by Michael Greenwood and carried.

Sports Council (Sporting Grounds) Overview - Month Ending - 31 March 2026

Sporting Grounds - Operational Revenue

	Budget	Actual	% Budget Received
Sports Council -Levies/Usage Charges	$51,731	$50,333	97%
Sports Council - SMS Lighting	$16,210	$6,752	42%
	$67,941	**$57,086**	**84%**

Sporting Grounds - Operational Expenditure

	Budget	Actual	Committed	A + C	% Spent	Bud Rema
Sporting Grounds Operating	$293,701	$236,866	$0	$236,866	81%	$56
	$293,701	**$236,866**	**$0**	**$236,866**	**81%**	**$56**

Sporting Grounds - Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure Projects	Budget	Actual	Committed	A + C	% Spent	Bud Rema
Berryman Oval - Trundle (Flood Repairs) - Carpark, Tennis Courts & Pool Pump Shed **(NSW Govt)**	$636,300	$342,641	$13,121	$355,762	56%	$2
Lindner Oval Irrigation	$56,000	$55,188	$0	$55,188	99%	
Cheney Park Clubhouse Capital Improvements	$10,913	$10,913	$0	$10,913	100%	
Cheney Park - Lighting Upgarde **(ClubsGrant $210.5k & PMJRL $75k)**	$285,580	$282,018	$13,265	$295,283	103%	-
	$921,880	**$624,659**	**$26,386**	**$651,045**	**71%**	**$270**

General Business

Home Game Banner
Andrew Thomas put forward the idea of using a temporary “home game street banner”. As

previously discussed the idea is to place the banner at the roundabout on Bushman's and Clarinda St (where the Elvis and Christmas signs go) during the week prior to all home games and to encourage and make to public aware of the club's presence. Those present supported the idea. It could be used for any events or other sporting events. Anthony has raised the matter with the Planning department to see if there are any regulatory issues. Pending no issues, Andrew to work with Tim and Geoff to establish a suitable protocol for the use of a banner.

Pioneer Oval Grandstand DA
Andrew Thomas asked when does the DA expire for the grandstand project. Anthony undertook to find out and report back. Andrew's concern was that if there was no activity on the project then the DA would lapse and require another lodgement and additional cost to council.

Sports and Rising Star Grants - Offers Made
The following sporting groups were offered grants under the latest round of the Evolution Mining - Northparkes Operations / Parkes Shire Sports Grants.

Title	Project Title	Grant
Parkes Golf Club	purchase of a new greens roller for the golf course. The current roller is well beyond its use by date and needs to be urgently replaced. The greens roller is a key piece of equipment to maintain the course at a competition standard.	6,940
Parkes School of Dance	install a high-quality sprung dance floor in our studio, upgrading the facility to provide a safe, fit-for-purpose training surface for children, young people and adults. The project supports active participation in dance as a recognised physical activity while enhancing opportunities for creative arts within the Parkes Shire.	6,940
Parkes Dragon Boat Club	purchase 20x Dragon Boat paddles. This will allow the club to accommodate additional paddlers during community engagement "come and try" days for locals and community groups such as College of seniors, Lions Club, VIEW clubs etc.	4,100
Parkes and District Amateur Soccer Association	install a new set of soccer goal posts at Harrison Park to replace the existing unsafe equipment. The new posts will meet FIFA and Australian Standards, ensuring player safety, compliance, and supporting the growth of community football.	3,820
Parkes Bowling and Sports Club	purchase bowls to establish and run Junior and School Lawn Bowls Program.	3,000
Holy Family School Parents Friends Assoc	purchase high jump equipment to meet safety standards and give students the chance to train and compete confidently in athletics.	2,200
Currajong Disability Services	hold a SuperTag Gala Day - an inclusive community sporting event providing people with disability in Parkes access to structured, mainstream sport. delivered through local partnerships, it promotes participation, social connection, and community inclusion while establishing a pathway for ongoing engagement.	3,000

The following individuals were offered grants under the Rising Star program:

Nominee	Sport	Grant
Marcus Skinner	Swimming	
Mason Wild	Dirt Track Racing	
Reed Wild	Dirt Track Racing	
DAISY RICE	Hockey	
Emrys Cassidy	Athletics	
Arlo Cassidy	Athletics	

Henry Kross	Squash	

There was some discussion among those present about why schools and other non-sport based organisations are allowed to access the grants. Anthony advised that the objective of the program was to improve health and wellness in the community by increasing participation in active pursuits. The current guidelines allow shire based not for profit registered organisations to apply for grants. The program guidelines will be revised at the end of the current year when a new agreement will be sort.

Sports Awards
Some discussion around how to recognise local teams that perform well. The current guidelines, which are on our web site, are currently under review. The sports award for an outstanding team is based on that team's performance at a regional state, national or international level. The issue was that sometimes an outstanding team, e.g. winning a regional competition over a number of years is not selected because another team achieved success at a state based competition level.

Woodward Oval Public Toilets
The public toilets at Woodward Oval are closed. There is no access to the female toilets for the public during events at the Oval. In addition, access to the toilets for male visitors is not up to today's standards as there is no path to the facility. Visitors are forced to use the dressing rooms inside the Pavilion. The toilets are used by Croquet, Cricket and Soccer. The Parkes Premier League soccer side has 4 home games in a row.

Moved by Greg Morrissey seconded by Wayne Osbourne that council review the situation and advise whether there is funding for temporary facilities until a new facility can be built and that a new facility be prioritised for Woodward oval. Carried.

Masterplans
Louise asked where they were up to. Luke advised that they are currently being reviewed and likely to be presented to the May council meeting.

Sports field signage
Louise asked about signage for the other fields at Lindner Oval as well as other sports fields. Louise advised that her family was prepared to pay for signage at O'Leary's oval. Anthony to follow up with Comms team on a suitable sign based on the new brand and signage guide.

Masters games
Louise will email the group to ask whether there is any interest in continuing with the event. Doug advised that masters is also included with the Little As program via NSW Athletics and asked how that would work with the PMG.

Next Meeting
12 May 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting Close 8:33pm

Meeting Actions

14/04/2026	1	Eastern soccer goal post at Woodward oval needs repair.	Geoff
14/04/2026	2	Investigate installation of a sign at Lake Endavour to advise of Use of WiFi to call emergency services, also add what-three-words to communicate location.	Tim
14/04/2026	3	Access from Pioneer to Spicer remains a problem as users are ignoring the ramp closure. League are willing to install pipes at their own cost to improve access.	Tim
14/04/2026	4	Netball request repair of cracks that have reappeared on McGlynn court surface.	Geoff
14/04/2026	5	Investigate use of a temporary banner on Wholesome Blend corner of Bushman Street roundabout to advise of upcoming events, similar Elvis and Christmas signage.	Anthony / Tim
14/04/2026	6	League would like to know when does Pioneer Grandstand and Amenities DA expire?	Anthony
14/04/2026	7	Investigate what a new sports field sign might look like based on the new brand and signage strategy	Anthony

		brand and signage strategy.	ny

Attachments

Nil.

14 REPORTS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

14.1 FUEL SECURITY – BUSINESS CONTINUITY PREPAREDNESS

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is contemporary, effective and effecient.

Strategy: Ensure compliance with statutory requirements and ensure Council's operations are supported by good corporate governance and effective risk management.

Author: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Authoriser: **Kent Boyd PSM, General Manager**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the national fuel security context and associated risks to local government operations.
2. Notes that Council has developed a Fuel Disruption Action Plan as part of its Business Continuity Planning framework.
3. Notes the financial and operational impacts associated with rising fuel costs and potential fuel supply disruption.
4. Acknowledges that Council is prepared to implement fuel reduction and continuity measures should fuel availability or supply reliability deteriorate.

BACKGROUND

Australia continues to experience heightened risk in relation to national liquid fuel security, driven by global supply chain instability, geopolitical factors, refinery constraints, shipping capacity, and price volatility. These pressures have increased the likelihood of fuel supply disruption and ongoing upward pressure on fuel prices, particularly for diesel and other distillate fuels essential to local government operations.

The Commonwealth has established legislative and operational frameworks to manage serious fuel supply disruptions, including the **Liquid Fuel Emergency Act 1984** and the **National Liquid Fuel Emergency Response Plan (NLFERP)**. These frameworks recognise that all levels of government, including local government, play an important role in preparedness and demand management during periods of fuel disruption.

In response to the evolving national context and recognising Council's reliance on liquid fuels to deliver essential services, Council has proactively developed a **Fuel Disruption Action Plan** to support business continuity and operational resilience.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Council operations are highly fuel dependent, with diesel and petrol forming a critical input to services such as infrastructure maintenance, waste management, water and sewer operations, fleet services, parks and open space maintenance, emergency response support, and community facilities.

Council's **Fuel Disruption Action Plan** has been developed as a practical, scalable response framework under Council's broader Business Continuity Planning (BCP) arrangements. The plan is designed to be activated quickly should fuel availability deteriorate or supply delays occur, and to be adjusted in line with the severity and duration of the disruption.

Key impacts to Council under a worsening fuel security scenario include:

- Service delivery disruption
- Rising fuel costs impacting operational budgets and service delivery.
- Increased costs of goods and services procured by Council where fuel is a component cost.
- Project cost variations and delays associated with higher transport and construction input costs.
- Broader inflationary pressures affecting contracted services and supplier pricing.

Key elements of Council's preparedness include:

- Identification of critical services and operations that are fuel-dependent.
- Clear prioritisation protocols for fuel allocation to essential services.
- Pre-identified operational actions that can be rapidly implemented if fuel supply becomes restricted.
- Scenario planning for short-term supply delays and more prolonged disruption events.
- Internal coordination arrangements to support rapid decision-making if required.

As part of its immediate preparedness actions, Council has already implemented and promoted a range of fuel reduction strategies, including:

- Encouraging carpooling and reduced non-essential vehicle travel.
- Limit non-essential travel, particularly to meeting that can be attended online.
- Reviewing work practices to minimise unnecessary fleet usage.

Council has also maintained regular internal communications to staff regarding the current fuel security situation. These updates are intended to:

- Keep staff informed of emerging risks and Council's preparedness position.
- Recommend fuel efficiency strategies across the organisation.
- Actively seek staff suggestions for additional fuel reduction and efficiency initiatives.

This approach ensures that fuel security is managed as a whole-of-organisation issue, supports cultural awareness, and enhances Council's ability to respond quickly if conditions worsen.

At present, Council does not face an immediate fuel supply shortfall. However, Council's preparedness ensures it is well-positioned to manage escalating risks in a controlled and coordinated manner, consistent with good governance and risk management principles.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Council's fuel security preparedness is informed by the following legislative and policy frameworks:

- **Liquid Fuel Emergency Act 1984 (Cth)**, which provides powers and arrangements to manage national liquid fuel emergencies and promote coordinated demand restraint.
- **National Liquid Fuel Emergency Response Plan**, which outlines roles and responsibilities of governments during fuel supply disruptions and emphasises early demand management measures.
- **Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)**, which requires councils to exercise sound financial, asset and risk management and ensure continuity of essential services.

- Council's **Risk Management Framework** and **Business Continuity Planning Framework**, developed in accordance with the NSW Office of Local Government *Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government*.

These frameworks support Council's proactive planning and its emphasis on early mitigation and preparedness rather than reactive response.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with the development of the Fuel Disruption Action Plan, as it has been prepared using existing internal resources.

However, ongoing fuel price increases and any future supply disruption may have financial impacts for Council, including:

- Increased operational expenditure for fuel-dependent services.
- Higher costs for capital projects and maintenance works due to fuel-related cost escalation.
- Flow-on increases in the cost of supplies, materials, and contracted services.

These impacts will be monitored as part of Council's regular financial management and reported to Council as required.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Fuel disruption represents a **high operational and financial risk** to Council if unmitigated. Potential consequences include service disruption, budget overruns, project delays, and reputational impacts.

The Fuel Disruption Action Plan mitigates this risk by:

- Establishing clear operational priorities.
- Identifying early fuel reduction and demand management measures.
- Supporting timely, coordinated decision-making during disruption events.
- Enhancing organisational resilience and continuity of essential services.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There are no community consultation requirements for Council associated with this report.

14.2 INVESTMENTS AND BORROWINGS REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership
Goal: Our Local Government is sustainable and plans for the future.
Strategy: Operate in a financially sustainable and responsible manner.

Author: **Luke Nash, Executive Manager Finance**

Authoriser: **Jaco Barnard, Chief Financial Officer**

Annexures:
A. Investment Register - 31 March 2026 ⇩
B. Loans Register - 31 March 2026 ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Statement of Investments and Borrowings as at 31 March 2026.

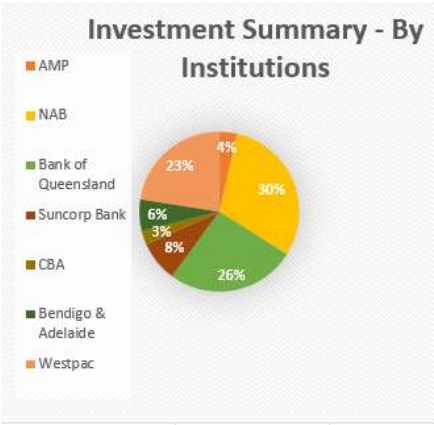
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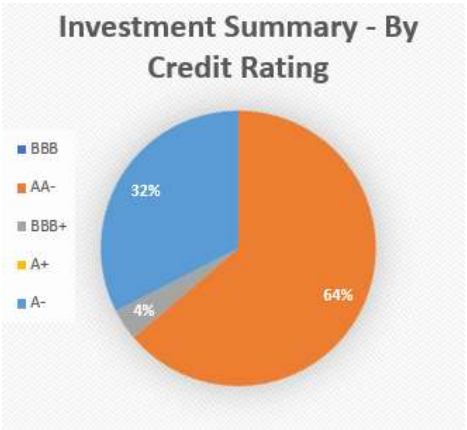
In accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 ("the Regulations"), the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide Parkes Shire Council ("Council") with a monthly written report setting out details of Council's investments under section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act"). The report must also include certification that these investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

The balance of Council's investments as of 31 March 2026 stands at $54,517,229 and the principal outstanding on council's borrowings at $19,363,714. Investment holdings increased by $1.67 million during March following the receipt of grant funding payments.

On 31 March 2026, Council's investment portfolio continued to yield 4.47 per cent per annum. The strong performance over longer-term timeframes continues to be driven by the handful of the longer-dated deposits that were originally invested beyond 9-12 months, as well as the FRN portfolio. Council's investments cover externally restricted cash reserves and internal restricted cash reserves. The following charts depict a summary of the investments held by Council based on the individual institutional exposure and credit rating of the institutions with which they are held.





LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Council's investments are held in accordance with Council's Investment Policy which accords with the requirements of the:
• Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act") - Section 625
• Local Government Act 1993 - Order (of Minister) dated 16 November 2020
• The Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997 - Sections 14A(2), 14C(1) and (2); and
• Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 ("the Regulation") - Clauses 212 and 215.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All returns on investments are included in Council's Operating Budget. Any amendment to budgeted interest income is affected through the Quarterly Budget Review process. Both the average level of funds invested, and the rate of return determine returns. In accordance with the Australian equivalent of International Accounting Standards, securities that are classified as held for trading are required to be valued at market value at each balance date. Investments in the form of cash or cash equivalents and held to maturity investments are valued at cost. Floating Rate Notes acquired on the secondary market are valued at cost. Where the purchase consideration is different to face value, the resulting premium or discount are amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the Note.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council's investments are managed in accordance with Council's Investment Policy. As at the end of March all counterparties were within the Policy limits. Overall, the portfolio is diversified amongst the investment grade spectrum with no exposure to unrated ADI's.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There are no community consultation requirements for Council associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

The Chief Financial Officer has certified that the investments listed in the Investment Summary have been made in accordance with section 625 of the Act, clause 212 of the Regulation and Council's Investment Policy. Council's investments continue to focus on capital protection, as well as compliance with the Investment Policy, whilst actively seeking the best return allowable within these parameters. It is recommended that Council receive and note the Statement of Investments and Borrowings as on 31 March 2026.

Parkes Shire Council
Investment Register as at 31 March 2026

ADI/Issuer	Rating	Investment Type	Principal	Yield	Settlement Date	Maturity Date
Bank of Queensland	A-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.24	9/10/2025	9/04/2026
Bank of Queensland	A-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.19	23/10/2025	23/04/2026
Bendigo & Adelaide	A-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.24	19/01/2026	19/05/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	2,000,000	4.05	28/08/2025	28/05/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	3,000,000	4.10	30/06/2025	29/05/2026
Bank of Queensland	A-	Term Deposit	2,000,000	4.34	17/11/2025	17/06/2026
Bank of Queensland	A-	Term Deposit	1,000,000	4.34	24/11/2025	24/06/2026
Bendigo & Adelaide	A-	Term Deposit	2,000,000	3.89	29/08/2025	29/06/2026
AMP	BBB+	Term Deposit	2,000,000	4.40	15/01/2026	14/07/2026
Bank of Queensland	A-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.49	20/01/2026	20/07/2026
Suncorp Bank	AA-	Term Deposit	1,000,000	4.67	19/02/2026	19/08/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	1,000,000	4.10	21/08/2025	21/08/2026
Suncorp Bank	AA-	Term Deposit	500,000	4.67	19/02/2026	21/09/2026
Suncorp Bank	AA-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.67	19/02/2026	21/09/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	5.23	19/03/2026	19/10/2026
Bank of Queensland	A-	Term Deposit	2,220,000	4.29	28/11/2025	28/10/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.15	29/10/2025	29/10/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	5.24	19/03/2026	19/11/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.25	27/11/2025	27/11/2026
Bank of Queensland	A-	Term Deposit	2,000,000	4.84	27/02/2026	27/11/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	2,000,000	4.75	27/02/2026	29/12/2026
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.60	9/01/2026	11/01/2027
CBA	AA-	Floating Rate Note	1,517,685	4.43	11/01/2022	14/01/2027
Suncorp Bank	AA-	Term Deposit	1,500,000	4.45	19/01/2026	19/01/2027
NAB	AA-	Term Deposit	1,000,000	4.77	16/02/2026	16/02/2027
Bank of Queensland	A-	Floating Rate Note	2,511,625	4.76	12/11/2025	20/11/2028
Westpac	AA-	Cash at Call - Main	1,532,914		***At Call***	
Westpac	AA-	Cash at Call - Maxi	10,735,005		***At Call***	
Total			**54,517,229**			

Investment Balances by Type			
Term Deposit	38,220,000		
Floating Rate Note	4,029,310	**42,249,310**	***Investments***
Cash at Call - Main	1,532,914		
Cash at Call - Maxi	10,735,005	**12,267,919**	***Cash***
Total Balance - 31/03/2026	**54,517,229**		

I, Jaco Barnard, Parkes Shire Council Chief Financial Officer, certify as required under Section 212 of the Local Government Regulations 2021, that Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Parkes Shire Council Investment Policy.

Signed: *Jaco Barnard*

Parkes Shire Council Loan Register as at 31 March 2026							
Borrower (by Purpose)	**Lender**	**System Loan No.**	**Loan Term Years**	**Date of Maturity**	**Interest Rate**	**Original Amount Borrowed $**	**Principal Outstanding as 31 March 2026**
General Fund							
Airport Runway Rehabilitation	NAB	1	20	2030	8.21%	$ 2,000,000	688,216.91
30 Welcome Street	NAB	3	20	2030	8.21%	$ 500,000	172,054.23
Henry Parkes Centre	NAB	4	20	2030	8.01%	$ 950,000	357,199.12
Community Infrastructure, Drainage Projects and IT	TCorp	10	10	2026	3.485%	$ 2,220,000	2,220,000.00
Transport Infrastructure	TCorp	11	10	2028	3.670%	$ 3,000,000	3,000,000.00
Land Development	TCorp	12	10	2044	5.730%	$ 4,000,000	3,831,174.08
Total General Fund						**$ 12,670,000**	**10,268,644.34**
Sewer Fund							
Parkes Sewer Treatment Plant	TCorp	7	10	2026	2.90	$ 4,000,000	4,000,000.00
Total Sewer Fund						**$ 4,000,000**	**4,000,000.00**
Water Fund							
Parkes Water Treatment Plant	TCorp	9	20	2036	3.045	$ 8,500,000	5,095,069.19
Total Water Fund						**$ 8,500,000**	**5,095,069.19**
Total All Funds						**$ 25,170,000**	**19,363,713.53**

14.3 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership
Goal: Our Local Government is sustainable and plans for the future.
Strategy: Operate in a financially sustainable and responsible manner.

Author: **Luke Nash, Executive Manager Finance**

Authoriser: **Jaco Barnard, Chief Financial Officer**

Annexures: **A. Director's Report - March 2026** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the year-to-date financial reports for the period up to 31 March 2026.

BACKGROUND

The NSW Local Government Act section 8B establishes principles of sound financial management as follows:

a) Council spending should be responsible and sustainable, aligning general revenue and expenses.
b) Councils should invest in responsible and sustainable infrastructure for the benefit of the local community.
c) Councils should have effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for the following:
    (i) performance management and reporting,
    (ii) asset maintenance and enhancement,
    (iii) funding decisions,
    (iv) risk management practices.
d) Councils should have regard to achieving intergenerational equity, including ensuring the following:
    (i) policy decisions are made after considering their financial effects on future generations,
    (ii) the current generation funds the cost of its services (which also means the current generation should not bear costs for benefit of future generations

This report monitors the progress of the 2025-26 operational budget, which programs the plan to achieve the actions, and strategic objectives set within Council's delivery plan.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Council has achieved a favourable consolidated net operating result of $498k at the end of March which is $3.3m under budget. The general fund reflected a loss of $1.1m, the water fund reflected a profit of $1.5m while the sewer fund reflected a profit of $1.4m. The year-to-date income was $10.5m more than budgeted, while the cash expenses were $2.3m more than budgeted.

Depreciation was $4.8m more than budget mainly due to the road assets revaluation which was done in the 2024/25 financial year.

Annexure A provides more detailed commentary into the financial performance of the organisation for the period ending 31 March 2026 compared to the adopted budget.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Local Government Act (section 8B)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The monthly financial report presented a comparison between actuals vs. budget for the period ending 31 March 2026.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council's budgets are monitored in accordance with the adopted operational plan and long-term financial plan. It is essential for council to monitor programs against budget to avoid depending on savings from other programs and to utilise reserves that had been set aside for other specific purposes.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There are no community consultation requirements for Council associated with this report.

PSC Income Statement 2025/2026
March Year to Date

	Consolidated			General Fund			Water Fund			Sewer Fund			
	Act $'000	Budget $'000	Variance $'000	Act $'000	Budget $'000	Variance $'000	Act $'000	Budget $'000	Variance $'000	Act $'000	Budget $'000	Variance $'000	Financial Commentary
Rates and annual charges	29,004	29,409	(406)	20,613	20,661	(48)	5,044	5,086	(41)	3,346	3,663	(317)	Pension Rebate (-$124k), Waste (+$54k), Water Access (-$41k), Sewer Access (-$317k)
User charges and fees	12,578	8,656	3,922	5,549	3,411	2,138	6,346	4,718	1,627	683	527	156	RMCC (+$1.2m), Waste (+$451k) Asbestos and Inland rail, FDCare (+$474k), Water NPM (+$729k), Water Other ($+983k)
Interest and investment revenue	1,232	815	417	767	412	355	323	269	54	142	134	8	Higher cash balance due to grants and increase in interest rates.
Other revenues	1,733	1,070	663	1,679	997	681	33	55	(22)	21	17	4	Elvis sponsorship (+$310k), Legal Fees (+$93k), Workers Comp (+$75k), Fuel Rebate (-$83k)
Grants and contributions provided for opex	12,422	6,489	5,933	12,394	6,489	5,905	28	0	28	0	0	0	Fresh Start (+$179k), FAGs (+$2.3m), RTR (+$235k), Storm Damage (+$3m), FDC (+$306k)
Income	**56,968**	**46,439**	**10,529**	**41,002**	**31,971**	**9,031**	**11,774**	**10,128**	**1,646**	**4,192**	**4,341**	**(149)**	
Employee Cost	16,750	15,481	(1,269)	14,150	13,186	(964)	1,384	1,238	(146)	1,216	1,057	(160)	Works & Services (-$669k), Water (-$146k), Sewer (-$160k)
Materials & Consumables	1,233	2,899	1,667	728	2,202	1,474	346	375	29	158	323	164	Fleet & Depot (+$547k), Road maintenance (+$895k), Pool (-$102k), Water (+$29k) Sewer (+$165k)
External Services	12,334	10,025	(2,309)	11,059	8,428	(2,631)	963	925	(38)	311	672	361	Econ Dev (-$197k), Events (-$168k), Road maintenance (-$1.5m), Caravan (+$127k), FDCare (-$657k), Water (-$38k), Sewer (+$361k)
Water, Electricity & Statutory	2,816	2,625	(191)	967	809	(158)	1,743	1,636	(107)	106	180	74	Rates (-$332k)
IT & Communications	229	234	6	221	231	10	0	4	4	5	0	(5)	
Insurance	661	698	36	661	698	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Administration	3,102	2,527	(575)	2,634	2,210	(424)	424	295	(129)	45	23	(22)	Governance (-$91k), Timing of IT subscriptions (-$187k), Fleet & Depot (-$82k), WF Licences (-$66k), Software (-$26k)
Travel & Entertainment	245	193	(52)	235	177	(57)	9	11	2	1	4	3	Events (-$76k)
Financials	324	393	69	227	393	166	44	0	(44)	53	0	(53)	
Internal Charges	(1,541)	(1,588)	(47)	(3,519)	(3,522)	(2)	1,273	1,280	7	705	653	(52)	
Interest Paid	599	600	1	387	390	3	123	123	(0)	88	87	(1)	
Cost of Assets Sold	472	540	68	441	540	99	31	0	(31)	0	0	0	Profit due to vehicle sales
Sale Proceeds of Assets	(874)	(613)	261	(811)	(613)	198	(63)	0	63	0	0	0	
Expenses	**36,349**	**34,013**	**(2,337)**	**27,380**	**25,128**	**(2,252)**	**6,277**	**5,887**	**(390)**	**2,691**	**2,998**	**308**	
Cash profit for the year	**20,619**	**12,427**	**8,192**	**13,622**	**6,843**	**6,779**	**5,498**	**4,241**	**1,257**	**1,501**	**1,342**	**159**	
Depreciation	**20,121**	**15,307**	**(4,814)**	**14,786**	**10,446**	**(4,340)**	**3,947**	**3,547**	**(400)**	**1,389**	**1,315**	**(74)**	Increase due to revaluation of roads assets
Net Operation result as at March	**498**	**(2,880)**	**3,378**	**(1,163)**	**(3,602)**	**2,439**	**1,551**	**694**	**856**	**113**	**28**	**85**	

15 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY

15.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - CUSTOMER, CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMY - MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Effectively collaborate, engage, and communicate with our community to inform decision making and promote services, projects and initiatives.

Author: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Authoriser: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Annexures: **A. Major Projects Report - DCCSE - March 2026** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the status report of Major Projects within Parkes Shire Council's Customer, Corporate Services and Economy Directorate.

BACKGROUND

A monthly status report of Major Projects within Parkes Shire Council's Customer, Corporate Services and Economy Department is tabled to keep Council abreast of projects being undertaken across the Parkes Shire.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

This report presents an update on the current major projects within the Parkes Shire being managed or undertaken by Council's Customer, Corporate Services and Economy Directorate. The report outlines work that has been carried out over the past month, together with work to be done in the next month and is provided for the information of Councillors.

The Directorate Major Projects and Current Works Report is appended at *Annexure A.*

Projects listed include:

Project	*Status*	*Comment*
Parkes Elvis Festival (PEF) 2026		*Post event report completed*
Parkes Elvis Festival (PEF) 2027		*Event planning underway*
The Community Improvement District (CID) Pilot Program		*The community event will have been held. Work continues with the new Brand.*
Fresh Start Program – New Cadets, Apprentices and Trainees		*8 of the 18 new positions approved remain filled. Last grant round is early 2027.*
CiA Live Corporate Software System Upgrade.		*Initial planning has commenced*

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

There are no legislative or policy considerations for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projects have been allocated funding either from grants or Council funds as provided in the Operational Budget and indicated in the report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Project risk status is indicated by the RAG (Red, Amber, Green) indicators as shown against each project in the report.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Each project may have its own requirements for community consultation or notification in relation to the delivery of the project works.

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Major Projects & Current Works - March 2026

1. Parkes Elvis Festival (PEF) 2026 - Completed

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

	Total to date ^	*Income Pipeline / Commitments*	*Actual + Commitments*	*Less DNSW Funding for PEF 2027 ^*	*Totals*	*Adjusted Project Budget*	*Op Plan Budget*
Income	1,209,433	65,500	1,274,933	-155,000	1,119,933	1,093,457	852,782
Expenses	1,402,322	109,234	1,511,555		1,511,555	1,352,544	1,352,544
Totals (Loss)			(236,622)		**(391,622)**	**(259,087)**	**(499,762)**

^ DNSW partnership funding was announced after the original budget was set. The amount is for the 2026 and 2027 events; however, a larger portion of the funding will be received during the 2025-26 financial year. An adjustment has been made to show the prepaid portion attributable to the 2027 event.

Project Details

The Parkes Elvis Festival 2026 is a major cultural celebration that honours Elvis Presley's legacy while delivering substantial economic and community benefits to the region. Drawing thousands of visitors annually, the festival boosts local tourism and business activity through a diverse program of performances, competitions, workshops, and community events. Its success relies on strong stakeholder engagement, including sponsors, local businesses, artists, and government bodies, alongside a strategic marketing plan aimed at maximizing audience reach through digital and media channels.

Task Completed

- Strategic Theme Selected: "Love Me Tender" confirmed as the official 2026 Festival theme, guiding program, brand, and marketing development.
- Stakeholder Debriefs Completed: Post-PEF 2025 debriefs held with major sponsors, delivery partners, and internal teams to inform planning and improvements.
- Project Governance Activated
- Internal Improvement Actions Underway: High-priority recommendations from the Elvis Festival Review are being integrated into delivery planning
- Festival Program Framework Initiated: Over 20 artist and performances currently in the pipeline
- Stakeholder Engagement Initiated: Portfolio Holders, NSW Trainlink, venue managers
- Detailed budget and financial plan developed
- DNSW Event Investment Proposal Submitted
- Sponsorship and Partnership Strategy PEF 2026 developed
- Develop a marketing and promotion strategy
- Procurement workflow
- PEF Website live on 1 July 2025
- Created a Sponsorship and Funding Prospectus
- Festival Launch held and tickets are now on sale
- Volunteer program strategy developed
- Programming for the event now finalised
- Marketing campaign plan submitted to DNSW
- Event Management Plan Finalised
- All festival assets & merchandise set to print
- Risk Management plan finalised
- Final touches to souvenir program
- Souvenir Program Printed
- Operational Logistics Finalised
- Music Licensing
- All printed assets & merchandise received
- Volunteer roster finalised and induction completed

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- Emergency Management briefing held
- Event Bump-In Begins
- Parkes Elvis Festival held
- Review of outstanding purchase orders and unpaid sponsorship

- Post-event survey, evaluation and debriefs

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 3 months)

- Final acquittals and reporting

Current Works

Other income not yet recognised in the festival accounts are listed under 'Income Pipeline'. There two outstanding sponsor invoices and the additional Destination NSW funds in relation to the grant milestones that are yet to be claimed in the 2026FY.

Pipeline Income Item	***Pipeline***
Sponsorship Payment – Parkes Courier Service	2,500
Sponsorship Payment – Adjusta Mattress	3,000
Destination NSW 2026 Milestone Funds	60,000
Total:	**65,500**

The festival has now been delivered. A post event report is being finalised for presentation to Destination NSW and to the April meeting of Council. This report also includes a Post Implementation Review, which outlines the lessons learned after the delivery of the 2026 festival.

After reviewing the commitments and adjusting for income as shown in the above table, the overall expenditure for the festival will exceed the original budget by $159k or 12%. There was additional grant income of $235k from DNSW, which was in addition to the original budget amount of $90k. Overall, while disappointing that expenditure was not kept below the budget the overall result was a loss of $392K which was better than the Operational Plan Budget of $500k.

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2. Parkes Elvis Festival (PEF) 2027

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

	Total to date ^	*Income Pipeline / Expense Commitments*	*Actual + Commitments*	*^ Grant Funding Adjustment for PEF 2027 ^*	*Totals*	*Estimated total when works complete **
Income	0	392,222	392,222	266,111	658,333	1,687,100
Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	1,832,924
Totals (Loss)	0	392,222	392,222	**266,111**	**658,333**	**(145,824)**

^ Note that part of the DNSW partnership funding ($155,000) and the Open Streets program ($111,111) was received during the 2025-26 financial year. An adjustment has been made to show the prepaid portion attributable to the 2027 event.
** Estimated totals are draft budget figures pending approval.*

Project Details

The Parkes Elvis Festival 2027 is a major cultural celebration that honours Elvis Presley's legacy while delivering substantial economic and community benefits to the region. Drawing thousands of visitors annually, the festival boosts local tourism and business activity through a diverse program of performances, competitions, workshops, and community events. Its success relies on strong stakeholder engagement, including sponsors, local businesses, artists, and government bodies, alongside a strategic marketing plan aimed at maximizing audience reach through digital and media channels.

Task Completed

- Strategic Theme Selected: "Evis on Tour" confirmed as the official 2027 Festival theme, guiding program, brand, and marketing development.

- Secured Feature Artists
- Dean Z Venue DA - Submitted

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 3 months)

- Secure Wall of Fame artist and concert
- Venues Finalised (Leagues Club, Spicer Oval)

Current Works

Planning for the Parkes Elvis Festival 2027 is now formally underway, with the initial phase focused on establishing foundations for successful delivery and prioritising early contract negotiations. Key activity during this period has centred on high-level program scoping, preliminary operational planning, and the commencement of discussions with headline artists, major suppliers, and core partners to secure availability, manage cost pressures, and reduce delivery risk. Early stakeholder engagement and commercial negotiations are being treated as strategic priorities to ensure certainty around key components, enable accurate budgeting, and support timely progression into detailed planning stages.

Progress Photos

No further photos available.

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3. The Community Improvement District (CID) Pilot Program

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red)/ At Risk (Amber) /On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Approved Budget	*Expenditure this month*	*Total Expenditure to date*	*Outstanding Commitments*	*Actual + Commitments*	*Estimated total when works complete*
300,000 (Ops)	0	$206,308.41	$36,702.93	$243,011.34	300,000
60,000 (Cap)	0	$209.95	$43,021.77	$43,231.72	60,000

Project Details

The Parkes Community Improvement District (CID) Pilot Program is a NSW Government–funded initiative aimed at testing business-led, place-based revitalisation in the Parkes CBD. Parkes Shire Council is one of a limited number of participants across NSW, with $360,000 in funding to deliver a comprehensive two-year pilot exploring governance, engagement, planning, branding, and activation.

Scope and Deliverables
The program delivers a blend of non-physical and physical interventions:

Non-Physical Deliverables include
- the development of a **CBD Vibrancy Strategy** (via an external consultant),
- creation of a **governance model**,
- a suite of training and development **workshops for local businesses**, and
- accessible **branding assets** that businesses can adopt and adapt.

Physical Deliverables include
- a **temporary lighting** installation,
- delivery of a **place-based community event**, and
- both **temporary and permanent street closures** assets with vehicle management to support safe, welcoming activations.

Tasks Completed

- Agreement executed by the Recipient and provided to the Agency
- An agreed draft Project Plan (Annexure A) including a list of anticipate expenditures budget.
- Release of RFQ for Strategic Place Plan for Parkes CBD Vibrancy Strategy (non-physical intervention stream).
- Comms Plan Created (relative to upcoming deliverables)
- Milestone 1 data compiled
- Parkes: Small Business Edition's bookings confirmed.
- Evaluation of RFQ completed
- Strategic Planner engaged for CBD Vibrancy Strategy
- Various engagement activities including NAIDOC and Homegrown
- Small business workshop marketing
- Initial event planning completed including stage and layout
- Milestone Report 1 data compiled
- Business workshops delivered
- Branding consultant appointed
- Type of temporary bollards determined for street closures
- Preliminary findings report about the CBD Vibrancy strategy completed.
- Completion of Clarinda St and Cooke Park lighting.
- Branding workshops held with Council and the reference group.
- Event stage and layout established.
- Lighting Installation complete

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- Draft Vibrancy Strategy to Council
- Draft Vibrancy Strategy open to public feedback
- February branding workshop – consultation 2 held
- Branding reference group consultation held

- Branding reference group meeting held

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps 1-3 months)

- Brand design review and consultation
- Community Event planning and delivery within the Parkes CBD and Cooke Park - 18 April
- Redesign of business engagement committee due to low interest
- Grant Milestone reporting
- Elvis 2027 Business Activation Kit development
- Purchase of street closure bollards

Current Works

There are three components of the project that were progressing for the past month. Firstly, planning for the community event "Light up Parkes" is progressing, with promotion now being seen in social and other media. This event will be held on 18 April. Secondly, the Reference Group has seen some preliminary designs for the district brand and vision project and lastly, orders have been placed for the temporary vehicle management barriers, which will be used to close the street in support of the place-based community event.

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4. Fresh Start Program – New Cadets, Apprentices and Trainees (CATs)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

	Approved Budget	*This month*	*Total to date*	*Outstanding*	*Estimated total when complete*
Expenditure	359,189	31,855	241,366	117,823	359,189
Income	359,189	56,868	173,099	186,090	359,189

Project Details

The Fresh Start Program (the Program) funding is part of a commitment from the NSW government that was negotiated by the Unions to increase the NSW local government workforce by 15%. Under the Program, $252.2 million is being invested over six years to provide direct support to local councils across the state in wage support for 1,300 new apprentices, trainees and cadets.

There are four rounds of funding:

- 1 - January 2025
- 2 - July 2025
- 3 - January 2026
- 4 - January 2027

Note that the project budget will vary depending on the number of new trainees, cadets and apprentices continue in the programme.

Task Completed

- Round 1 Submission
- Council received provisional approval for 8 positions:
  - Apprentice Plumber - Appointed
  - Apprentice Electrician – On hold
  - Small Plant Apprentice - Appointed
  - Parks and Gardens Apprentice - Appointed
  - Work Health and Safety Trainee - Appointed
  - Concrete Trainee - Appointed
  - Cadet Planner - Appointed
  - Civil Engineer Cadet – On hold
- Round 1 progress report completed 30/3/2025
- Round 2 funding submission completed 31/03/2025
- Council received approval for 3 positions under Round 2:
  - Finance Trainee - Appointed
  - Works Coordinator Trainee - Appointed
  - Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprentice – Appointed – Employee resigned
- Round 1 progress report 2 completed 30/04/2025
- Round 3 funding submission submitted on 31 July 2025 for:
  - 7 x Civil Construction Apprentices – Cert 3 (Plant Operator)
    - 1 x Appointed
- Invoices sent in for grant payment for roles that have been recruited.
- Provisional approval for seven (7) Civil Construction Apprentices received under Round 3.
- Recruitment for the Civil Construction apprentices - complete.
- Quarterly claim report completed
- Round 2 recruitment forms due – recruitment update
- Round 3 commencement forms due 28/02/2026 – Recruitment update
- Quarterly Claim Report – 31 March 2026

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Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1 month)
• Quarterly Claim Report Due – 30 June 2026
Current Works
Recruitment tasks and funding body reports are the primary area of work now. Supervisor training is currently underway and will continue in April. So far, Council has received approval for 18 new trainees, apprentices and cadets. To date: • 11 roles have been appointed • 5 civil apprentices could not be filled and have now been withdrawn. • 2 roles could not be supported (electrician and civil engineer) so have been withdrawn. • 2 resigned (Heavy Vehicle Apprentice and Trainee Works Coordinator). Funding withdrawn. • 1 resigned (Finance Trainee) to take a role in the Events team. Funding withdrawn. This leaves 8 new trainees, apprentices and cadets with Council. Council will reapply for further funding in Round 4 later in the year.

Progress Photos
Nil

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5. CiA Live - Corporate Software System Upgrade – Stage 2B Property

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure to Date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated Total when Works Complete
30 June 2027	52,000	0	0	0	52,000

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Project Details

Technology One has introduced an upgrade program, called CiA Live, to move all its existing customers from the older Ci system interface to the newer CiAnywhere browser-based system interface. Technology One is putting most of its R & D effort into the CiA product and sees no future in developing two interfaces. Moving to the CiAnywhere system has provided end users a more user-friendly experience of TechnologyOne products with enhanced performance, a simplified interface, and capability to streamline business processes.

Budget is based on fixed price contract over 5 years, payable annually. Adjustments may be made to the budget for workforce costs once scoping has been completed.

The first part of the project included the upgrade of the Financial based systems and has been completed.

The next stage has been rescoped to run stages 2, 3, and 4 concurrently. This avoids staff having to jump between Ci in the Cloud and Ci Anywhere for Property & Rating functions.

Task Completed

- Financial Systems
- Stage 2A of the Property Systems (including customer requests and management)
- High level resourcing plan completed
- Project SharePoint site with Task Board created.
- A high-level resourcing plan has been developed

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1 month)

- Schedule project introductions and kick off meeting for P&R transitions
- Develop test checklists
- Training content provided

Current Works

At this stage, detailed scoping has not yet begun. The project remains dependent on TechnologyOne completing the same transition for early adopter councils. As those councils have not yet finalised their stages 2–4 rollout, Council's project is currently on hold pending confirmation of timelines and commencement dates.

No budget expenditure has occurred to date. The approved funding is based on a fixed price contract payable annually over five years, with any internal resourcing impacts to be confirmed during scoping.

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Immediate next steps include confirming project introductions with TechnologyOne, preparing internal testing checklists, and reviewing resource impact estimates once the scoping phase begins.

Progress Photos

There are no photos available currently.

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15.2 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2026-2027 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Effectively collaborate, engage, and communicate with our community to inform decision making and promote services, projects and initiatives.

Author: **Teresa Cooper, Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027 for public exhibition, pursuant to section 4.9 of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines.
2. Place the Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027 on public exhibition for 28-days.
3. Report to Council after the public exhibition period advising any submissions received, including a recommended response, before the report is finally adopted by Council.

BACKGROUND

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must develop and adopt an Operational Plan before each financial year. This plan outlines the activities and actions for the year to achieve the commitments in the Delivery Program, developed each election cycle.

The Operational Plan must address the activities in the Delivery Program and identify the services, projects, programs, and events for the financial year. It must be prepared according to the IP&R Guidelines, updated in 2021 and available on the Office of Local Government's website. The Local Government Act and IP&R Guidelines provide robust direction on the elements to be included in this document to ensure it meets community need.

The draft Operational Plan for 2026-2027 details the services, projects, programs, and events Council proposes to undertake to meet the objectives in the Delivery Program, aligned with the four strategic outcomes in the Community Strategic Plan. The Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027 are part of the Parkes Shire 2035+ Delivery Program, outlining the specific projects, actions, and budget for the year. Council reports on these measures every six months.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

The draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027 ("the draft Operational Plan") has been prepared to ensure compliance with the requirements set out in the Guidelines.

Consistent with the legislative requirements, the draft Operational Plan and Budget comprise the proposed:

1. Operational Plan,
2. Budget, and
3. Statement of Revenue Policy ("Revenue Policy").

Commentary on each component is detailed below:

Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2026-2027

Each action programmed for delivery has a clear measure and target and has been assigned to a Council Officer for delivery. Progress on delivering each action will be reported to Council and the Parkes Shire community via 6-monthly progress reports.

Council is proposing to undertake 450 actions in 2026-2027. Highlights include:

- An emphasis on core function delivery and project management to ensure financial sustainability of Council in the long-term.
- 13 Core Functions of Council
- Improvement of Liveability through Continued operation of our four libraries and four swimming pools across the Shire and support for childcare with our Family Day Care operations.
- Improved residential housing accessibility through planned development and sales.
- Maintenance and development to Council operations through Business Systems and Technology and Fleet capital works investments.
- Enhancing liveability vibrancy through place-based initiatives.
- Deliver and support major festivals, and smaller community activations.
- Parkes Wetlands development to enhance Parkes' environmental attractions.
- Environment and sustainability differentiated as a core function encompassing Biosecurity, Climate Change, Biodiversity and Urban Greening and Net Zero and Carbon Neutrality.
- Parkes CBD flood mitigation works and urban stormwater drainage.
- Maintenance across a full range of critical facilities, such as our water infrastructure, to ensure our water quality and security is improving, and ensure sustainable wastewater use.
- Road improvements with grants assistance to upgrade rural assets, such as the Bogan Road upgrade, Peak Hill Road, Baldry Road and Graddle Creek Bridge.

The draft Operational Plan is currently being professionally designed. As such, the version of the document provided to Council for adoption will be styled differently to what is appended to this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Council is required under the Local Government Act and IP&R Guidelines to review and develop the Operational Plan and Budget annually prior to the commencement of each financial year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report proposes a draft for Council's budget for the 2026-2027 Financial Year.

The 2026–27 Budget has been prepared in an increasingly constrained fiscal environment in which service demands, and community expectations continue to grow, while revenue growth remains structurally limited by State-imposed rate-pegging and declining intergovernmental funding support.

For 2026–27, Council is forecast to generate $69.55 million in operational revenue, receive $71.38 million in capital grants and contributions, and invest $90.94 million in capital works, noting that delivery of part of this program is reliant on securing further external grant funding. Council’s capital works program includes $50.84 million in investment focused on water security and asset restoration projects, funded through government grants. Council’s Operating Result from Continuing Operations is projected to be a deficit of ($8.81) million, largely attributable to non-cash depreciation budgeted expenses of $27.74 million, a significant increase from $20.41 million in the previous financial year budget, reflecting valuing methodology imposed by the Office of Local Government.

The Budget has been developed to protect Council’s short-term cash position and overall financial liquidity, and from a cash perspective no material decline in Council’s net financial position is anticipated. However, this approach is achieved through a highly disciplined expenditure framework which, in the current funding environment, necessarily constrains Council’s ability to fully fund asset

maintenance and renewal to optimal levels. Over time, the ongoing escalation of costs continues to outpace constrained revenue growth, increasing pressure on Council's capacity to sustainably manage its asset base. As a consequence, and after the exhaustion of efficiency measures and discretionary expenditure, an increasing number of councils across New South Wales are being compelled to pursue Special Rate Variations on a recurring basis as a practical response to structural revenue shortfalls and to support the continuation of essential services, infrastructure renewal and long-term financial sustainability.

The financial challenges outlined in this report are not unique to this Council but reflect a widespread and deepening structural issue across local government in New South Wales and nationally. The sector is facing sustained operating deficits, escalating asset renewal backlogs and declining real revenue, compounded by the withdrawal of once-recurring State and Commonwealth grant programs. For this Council alone, the loss of over $8.13 million in capital funding from the most recent rounds of key programs has had a material impact on capital delivery and long-term asset sustainability. In this context, continued reliance on short-term, project-based funding is insufficient to address the growing gap between community expectations and councils' capacity to deliver essential services and infrastructure. There is a clear and pressing need for coordinated, sector-wide advocacy to restore Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to their former benchmark of at least one per cent of total Commonwealth taxation revenue, providing local government with a stable, predictable and equitable funding base. Endorsement of the CMA's *'Invest in Us – so we can invest in them'* campaign represents a practical and unified step toward addressing these systemic challenges in the interests of Council, its community and regional New South Wales.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Adoption of the draft Operational Plan and Budget, as recommended, ensures Council complies with its legislative requirements under section 405 of the Act.

Failure to review and adopt this Plan and Budget could have potentially major risk implications for Council.

Robust Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) frameworks play a crucial role in mitigating the risks of misuse and mismanagement of public funds. By ensuring that all activities and expenditures are transparently planned and reported, these frameworks help maintain accountability and trust within the community.

Aligning the annual Operational Plan and Budget with the Delivery Program, Resource Strategy and Community Strategic Plan is essential to ensure that resources are allocated efficiently and effectively towards achieving the community's priorities and goals.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Prior to adoption, Council's Draft Operational Plan and Budget must be publicly exhibited for at least 28 days, and any submissions received during that period must be considered by Council before the final Operational Plan and Budget is adopted.

The exhibition period will be publicised on Council's website, and social media channels, as well as by direct correspondence to Council's various Community Consultative Committees. Hard copies will be available at the Council's Administration Centre and the four Shire libraries.

15.3 CIVIC RECEPTION - NSW PSSA U12 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Community

Goal: Our community is safe, active and healthy.

Strategy: Enhance recreation and culture, provide sport, recreation and play space facilities that encourage participation, connection and support for healthy and wellbeing lifestyles.

Author: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Authoriser: **Kent Boyd PSM, General Manager**

Annexures: **A. Email - Paul Faulkner - Requesting Civic Reception - U12 PSSA Rugby League Championships** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. That Council approve the hosting of a Civic Reception on Wednesday 17 June 2026 to welcome the captains and coaches attending the NSW Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) U12 Boys Rugby League State Championships to be held in Parkes from 15–18 June 2026.

BACKGROUND

Parkes has been selected to host the NSW Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Under 12 Boys Rugby League State Championships. The competition will be conducted over four days from **15 to 18 June 2026** at **Pioneer Oval and Spicer Oval**.

Major sporting events of this nature generate a significant influx of visitors to Parkes, including players, officials, families and supporters, and deliver a positive social and economic benefit to the local community.

The event convenor, **Mr Paul Faulkner**, has formally written to Council (*Annexure A*) requesting that a **Civic Reception** be held on Wednesday 17 June 2026 to officially welcome the team captains and coaches to Parkes as the host community.

Council has a history of acknowledging and welcoming visiting sporting participants, including hosting civic receptions for captains and coaches attending previous PSSA championships, such the U12 AFL boys and U11 Rugby League Boys championships hosted in Parkes in recent years.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Hosting a Civic Reception provides an opportunity for Council to formally recognise the significance of the NSW PSSA U12 Boys Rugby League State Championships and the role of Parkes as the host location.

Such receptions contribute to strengthening Council's reputation as a welcoming regional centre capable of successfully hosting major state-level sporting events. They also enhance relationships with state sporting organisations and schools, supporting future event attraction outcomes.

The proposed Civic Reception would be modest in scale and consistent with previous receptions hosted by Council for comparable sporting events. It would acknowledge the contribution of organisers, officials, coaches and players, and reinforce the positive profile of Parkes across NSW.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

There are no legislative or policy considerations for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of hosting the Civic Reception is not expected to exceed **$1,500**. This expenditure can be accommodated within the existing **Civic Events budget** and does not require any additional or unbudgeted funding.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The risks associated with hosting a Civic Reception for this event are considered **low** and consistent with similar events previously delivered by Council.

Potential risks include low attendance or minor budget overruns; however, these can be effectively managed through appropriate planning, cost control measures and confirmation of attendee numbers in advance.

The reputational benefits of supporting a major state sporting event are considered to outweigh any minimal operational risks.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There are no community consultation requirements for Council associated with this report.

From: "Paul Faulkner" [redacted]
Sent: Mon, 2 Mar 2026 11:04:27 +1100
To: "Council" <Council@parkes.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: NSW PSSA 12yrs Rugby League
Categories: For ECM

Greetings to our friends in Parkes

My name is Paul Faulkner and I have the task of co-ordinating the 2026 NSW PSSA 12yrs boys' rugby league championships to be held in your fine town. It involves 13 sport associations across NSW inlcuding championship and team officials, players and families.

In the past I have has the opportunity to co-ordinate 11yrs rugby league championships also in Parkes. At that event we were very fortunate to have a civic reception arranged for team representatives (captains) and their coaches.

In planning for the 2026 event I was wondering if that may be an option again? If so would Wednesday June 17 be available at 6pm?

I'm more than happy to chat if need be. Otherwise please feel free to reply with any questions that you may have.

Kind Regards

Paul Faulkner

Principal- Bedgerabong Public School

Ph: [redacted]

Mob: [redacted]

Fax: [redacted]



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15.4 INTERNAL COMMITTEE CHANGES - SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SPORTS COUNCIL

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Effectively collaborate, engage, and communicate with our community to inform decision making and promote services, projects and initiatives.

Author: **Veronica Shaw, Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance**

Authoriser: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Annexures: **A. Internal Committee Details** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the Internal Committee delegates and amendments in the Internal Committee Details document attached at Annexure A.
2. Approve the removal of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee and that its functions be incorporated into the Sport Council as set out in the Internal Committees at Annexure A.
3. Communicate the Internal Committee changes to relevant parties.
4. Advertise to seek community representatives for appointment to the various advisory committees as required.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 1993 ("the Act") provides that Parkes Shire Council ("Council") may establish committees to inform its strategy-setting and decision-making processes and provide a mechanism for community involvement in the provision of Council facilities and services.

Council traditionally reviews the appointment of Councillors to its Internal and External committees annually with the Committee Framework Policy reviewed each council term or as required by legislative or Council changes.

As noted above, the Act provides that Council may establish committees to support its decision-making processes and involve community members in the management of Council facilities and provision of Council services. Committees operated by Council can broadly be grouped into the four (4) following categories:

Committee	Purpose
Standing	Established under Clause 20 of the Model Code of Meeting Practice, comprising the Mayor and Councillors, for a specific purpose. Such committees are comprised entirely of Councillors.
Statutory	Established to achieve compliance with Council's legislative obligations under an Act of Parliament (e.g., Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee; Local Traffic Committee). Such committees may comprise Councillors, as well as community representatives and other stakeholders, depending on the applicable legislation.
Advisory	Established to provide specialist advice to Council with respect to opportunities and challenges pertaining to a certain issue or oversee the implementation of a

	strategy or major plan of Council. Such committees may include community representatives, Councillors and/or members of Council staff.
Section 355	Established under section 355 of the Act to exercise a function of the Council (e.g., management of a Council facility or service). Such committees may include community representatives, Councillors and/or members of Council staff.

Parkes Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice provides that Council may appoint or elect Committees as it considers necessary with Council reviewing all appointments annually.

Council must specify the functions of each of its committees when the Committee is appointed or elected but may from time to time amend those functions.

Committees are an important part of community engagement and in executing a Councillors' responsibility.

The Internal Committees attached at *Annexure A* were last amended at the December 2025 Council meeting in response to the new Model Code of Meeting Practice.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Council recommend that the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee be dissolved and that its functions be incorporated with the Sports Council. This move is recommended due to the well-established and effective discharging of responsibilities of the Sports Council that substantially overlap with the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee's intended purpose. In relation to this move, it is recommended that the current composition, administration, sponsor and meetings dates of the Parkes Sports Council are unchanged. Council also recommends that "use of shire pools" is not included under the Sports Council's objectives as all pool related issues are better addressed direct to Council.

Current Committee

The below two tables are the currently established details of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Parkes Sports Council as they currently separately stand.

Strategic Advisory Committees (last adopted 17 December 2024 [OCM 386-24])

Advisory Committees engage with community representatives to seek advice and provide guidance on the development and implementation of Council's strategic plans, priorities and programs.

Committee	Objective	Strategic Oversight	Committee Composition	Members	Administrator	Sponsor	Meeting Dates
Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference: 1705651	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to upcoming major sporting projects, sporting and recreation facilities, including pools, and the prioritisation and implementation of sporting projects and programs in the Parkes Shire.	Sporting Facility & Precinct Masterplan 2025-26 Strategic Asset Management Plan 2025-26 Operational Plan & Budget Use of Shire Pools Open Space Strategy *(in draft)*	**Councillor Delegates:** Three (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio) **Sports Council Representatives** Two (2) Parkes Sports Council representatives **Community Representative** One (1) community representative	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Bill Jayet Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Doug Pout *Cr Matthew Scherer (Alternate)* **Sports Council Representatives** Al Gersbach Luke Nash **Community Representative** Peter Bristol	Business Support Coordinator	Director Operations	Meeting dates are scheduled quarterly February 2026 April 2026 July 2026 October 2026 Quarterly dates to be confirmed

Section 355 Committees (last adopted 17 December 2024 [OCM 386-24])

Under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council can delegate certain functions to committees to provide these on behalf of Council.

Committee	Delegated Function	Committee Composition	Members	Administrator	Sponsor	Meeting Dates
Parkes Sports Council	Hire and use of sports fields and facilities, the selection of the Ron Harrison Bursary Award, management of the Sports Life Member Honour Board, the selection of the Parkes Shire Sports Awards recipients, the management of the Legends of Sport honour roll and the management and selection of projects under the Northparkes/Parkes Shire Council Sports Grants scheme.	**Representatives include:** Two (2) Councillors One (1) delegate from each of the sporting groups that use the sports fields and facilities.	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Doug Pout Cr Matthew Scherer *(Alternate)*	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy	Director Operations	Meeting dates are scheduled monthly February 2026 March 2026 April 2026 May 2026 June 2026 August 2026 September 2026 October 2026 November 2026 December 2026

Proposed Committee

The below table reflects the recommendation to dissolve the Sport and Recreation Committee and incorporate its objectives, apart from "Use of Shire Pools" into the Parkes Sports Council with no changes to the committee's composition, administrator, sponsor or meetings dates. The below changes are reflected in the Internal Committee document attached at *Annexure A.*

Section 355 Committees (last adopted 17 December 2024 [OCM 386-24])

Under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council can delegate certain function to committees to provide these on behalf of Council.

Committee	Delegated Function	Strategic Oversight	Committee Composition	Members	Administrator	Sponsor	Meeting Dates
Parkes Sports Council	Resolve disputes regarding hire and use of sports fields and facilities, the selection of the Ron Harrison Bursary Award, management of the Sports Life Member Honour Board, the selection of the Parkes Shire Sports Awards recipients, the management of the Legends of Sport honour roll and the management and selection of projects under the Evolution Mining – Northparkes Operations / Parkes Shire Council Sports Grants scheme. Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to upcoming major sporting projects, sporting and recreation facilities, and the prioritisation and implementation of sporting projects and programs in the Parkes Shire.	Sporting Facility & Precinct Masterplan 2025-26 Strategic Asset Management Plan 2025-26 Operational Plan & Budget Open Space Strategy *(in draft)*	**Representatives include:** Two (2) Councillors One (1) delegate from each of the sporting groups that use the sports fields and facilities.	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Doug Pout Cr Matthew Scherer *(Alternate)*	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy	Director Operations	Meeting dates are scheduled monthly February 2026 March 2026 April 2026 May 2026 June 2026 August 2026 September 2026 October 2026 November 2026 December 2026

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Council Advisory Committees are established under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, which enables Council to appoint committees and determine their functions, membership and terms of reference. Council may also amend or dissolve such committees by resolution, provided governance arrangements remain consistent with the Act and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. Advisory committees operate in an advisory capacity only unless specific delegations are provided, with Council retaining ultimate decision-making responsibility.

The proposed dissolution of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee and the transfer of its advisory functions to the Sports Council section 355 committee is consistent with Council's powers under the Act. Consolidating advisory functions within a single section 355 committee supports

streamlined governance, reduces duplication, and provides a clearer and more efficient advisory structure for matters relating to sport and recreation.

The proposal also aligns with Council's Committee Framework Policy, which provides guidance on the types, establishment, operation, review and disbandment of Council committees. Implementation of the changes will require a formal Council resolution and updates to the Sports Council Terms of Reference to reflect the expanded advisory role.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for Council associated with this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Endorsement of the Committee Structure and appointment of Councillor Committee members, as recommended, ensures compliance with legislative requirements under section 355 of the Act.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There are no community consultation requirements for Council associated with this report. However, committees are an important way of consulting with the community and fostering participation in Council activities. The Act provides that Council may establish committees to support its decision-making processes and involve community members in the management of Council facilities and provision of Council services.

Committee Framework – Annexure A: Internal Committee Details

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This Annexure provides details about the current Council committees. See also the Council Policy - Committee Framework.

Statutory Committees (last adopted 17 December 2024 [OCM 386-24])

Statutory committees are prescribed by NSW legislation, and their functions are prescribed by guidelines or frameworks.

Committee	Legislation & Guidelines	Committee Composition	Members	Administrator	Sponsor	Meeting Dates
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference: 1904317	Local Government Act 1993, Section 428A OLG: Risk Management and Internal Audit Framework	**Representatives include:** One (1) Councillor Non-Voting Delegate	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor)* Cr Joy Paddison *(Alternate)*	Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance	Director Customer, Corporate Services & Economy	Meeting dates are scheduled bi-monthly 25 February 2026 29 April 2026 29 July 2026 August 2026 (TBC) 23 September 2026 25 November 2026
		Independent Members: One (1) Independent Prequalified Chair Two (2) Independent Voting Members	**Independent Members:** Stephen Horne *(Chair)* Tony Harb *(Independent Member)* Dr Meredith Caelli *(Independent Member)*			
		Council Representatives: General Manager, Director Infrastructure Sustainability Director Operations Chief Financial Officer Executive Manager Finance	**Council Representatives:** Kent Boyd *(General Manager)* Andrew Francis *(Director Infrastructure Sustainability)* Logan Hignett *(Director Operations)* Jaco Barnard *(Chief Financial Officer)* Luke Nash *(Executive Manager Finance)*			

Notes: Council's one (1) Councillor Non-Voting Delegate is appointed for the duration of the Council term, not on an annual basis.

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Committee	**Legislation & Guidelines**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
General Manager Performance Review Panel	Local Government Act 1993, Section 23A Section E (2), (refer page 14) OLG Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers	**Representatives include:** Mayor Deputy Mayor One (1) Councillor selected by General Manager One (1) Councillor appointed by Council	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Neil Westcott *(Mayor)* Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor)* Cr Louise O'Leary *(nominated by General Manager)* Cr Bill Jayet	Manager People, Safety and Culture	Mayor	Meeting dates are scheduled yearly June 2026

Note: The Panel comprises three (3) Councillors, but Guidelines provide: *"Performance review panels should comprise the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, another Councillor nominated by Council and a Councillor nominated by the General Manager."*

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Statutory Committees (last adopted 17 December 2024 [OCM 386-24]) *Statutory committees are prescribed by NSW legislation, and their functions are prescribed by guidelines or frameworks.*						
Committee	**Legislation & Guidelines**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Local Traffic Forum *The Local Traffic Forum is an advisory body only, having no decision-making powers.* *It is, primarily, a technical review committee that is required to advise the Council on traffic related matters referred to it by Council*	Road Transport Act 2013 Transport's Authorisation and Delegation to Councils | Transport for NSW	**Representatives include:** Two (2) Councillors **Independent Members:** Traffic & Highway Patrol Command Transport for NSW Local State Member of Parliament or their nominee **Council Representatives:** Senior Design Engineer Road Safety & Injury Prevention Officer	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Ken McGrath Cr George Pratt *(Alternate)* **Independent Members:** Sgt Mitchell Gage *(Traffic & Highway Patrol Command)* Jason Nicholson *(TfNSW)* Chris McQuie *(Nominee)* **Council Representatives:** Ben Coultas *(Senior Design Engineer)* Melanie Suitor *(Road Safety & Injury Prevention Officer)*	Business Support Team	Director Operations	Meeting dates are scheduled quarterly 4 February 2026 6 May 2026 5 August 2026 4 November 2026

Committee Framework – Annexure A: Internal Committee Details

Section 355 Committees (last adopted 17 December 2024 [OCM 386-24]) *Under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council can delegate certain function to committees to provide these on behalf of Council.*							
Committee	**Delegated Function**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Parkes Sports Council	Resolve disputes regarding hire and use of sports fields and facilities, the selection of the Ron Harrison Bursary Award, management of the Sports Life Member Honour Board, the selection of the Parkes Shire Sports Awards recipients, the management of the Legends of Sport honour roll and the management and selection of projects under the Evolution Mining – Northparkes Operations / Parkes Shire Council Sports Grants scheme. Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to upcoming major sporting projects, sporting and recreation facilities, and the prioritisation and implementation of sporting projects and programs in the Parkes Shire.	Sporting Facility & Precinct Masterplan 2025-26 Strategic Asset Management Plan 2025-26 Operational Plan & Budget Open Space Strategy *(in draft)*	**Representatives include:** Two (2) Councillors One (1) delegate from each of the sporting groups that use the sports fields and facilities.	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Doug Pout Cr Matthew Scherer *(Alternate)*	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy	Director Operations	Meeting dates are scheduled monthly February 2026 March 2026 April 2026 May 2026 June 2026 August 2026 September 2026 October 2026 November 2026 December 2026

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Strategic Advisory Committees (last adopted 17 December 2024 [OCM 386-24]) *Advisory Committees engage with community representatives to seek advice and provide guidance on the development and implementation of Council's strategic plans, priorities and programs.*							
Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Airport Development Advisory Committee	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to Parkes Regional Airport, whilst enhancing and investing in the precinct with capital improvements and business opportunities	Parkes Regional Airport Master Plan	**Representatives include:** Five (5) Councillors Mayor (ex officio)	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor)* Cr Bill Jayet Cr Joy Paddison Cr Doug Pout Cr Glenn Wilson	Business Support Team	Director Operations	Meetings scheduled on an as needed basis
			Council Representatives: Director Operations Manager Facilities Property Officer	**Council Representatives:** Sharon Ross (Manager Facilities) Tania Iffland (Property Officer) *(Alternate)* Logan Hignett *(Director Operations) (Alternate)*			

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Community, Access and Liveability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference: 1705626	Provide advice and guidance on the implementation of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Cultural Services and activities, development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to urban planning, heritage, safety, affordable housing and healthy and connected urban systems within the Parkes Shire.	Disability Inclusion Action Plan Housing Strategy Middleton Master Plan Parkes Western Entry Plan Actions Liveability Strategy Actions	**Councillor Delegates:** Five (5) Councillors Mayor (ex officio)	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor)* Cr George Pratt Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Bill Jayet Cr Doug Pout	Business Support Officer	Director Planning and Community Services	Meeting dates are scheduled quarterly. March 2026 June 2026 September 2026 December 2026
			Community Representatives: Three (3) community representatives	**Community Representatives** Jeff Evans Jessica Macdonald Lyn McLeod			
			CCC Representatives: One (1) representative from each Village CCC.				
			Council Representatives: Director Planning & Community Services Cultural, Education & Library Services Manager	**Council Representatives:** Annalise Teale *(Director Planning & Community Services)* Kerryn Jones (*Cultural, Education & Library Services Manager) (Alternate)*			

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Villages: Alectown, Bogan Gate, Cookamidgera, Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Community Assistance Program Evaluation Panel	Assess Community Financial Assistance Grants against eligibility criteria.	Nil.	**Councillor Delegates:** Three (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio)	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Bill Jayet Cr Doug Pout Cr Ken Mcgrath Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor) (Alternate)*	Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy	Meeting dates are scheduled twice a year March 2026 August 2026
			Council Representatives Director Customer, Corporate Services & Economy Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance	**Council Representatives** Anthony McGrath *(Director Customer, Corporate Services & Economy)* Veronica Shaw *(Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance)*			

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Economy, Destination and Events Advisory Committee Terms of Reference: 2056316	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to tourism development, destination marketing, economic activation, industry development, high-value investment and major events including the Parkes Elvis Festival	Economic Development Strategy *(scheduled for review)* CBD Vibrancy Strategy Destination Management Plan Major Events and Festivals Strategy *(in development)* Henry Parkes Centre Masterplan *(Scheduled for review)* Parkes Shire Signage and Wayfinding Strategy *(in development).*	**Councillor Delegates:** Four (4) Councillors Mayor (ex officio) **Community Representatives** At least three (3) community representatives or as many as required **Council Representatives:** Economic Development Specialist	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Bill Jayet Cr Glenn Wilson Cr Doug Pout Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor)* Cr Joy Paddison *(Alternate)* **Community Representatives** *Andrew Hall* *Andrew Rice* *Kelly Hendry* *Kristy Berry* *Marty Sammut-Paul* *Peter Giles* *Steve Lindsay* *Tracie Robertson* *Treen Swift* **Council Representatives:** Hamish Ritchie *(Economic Development Specialist)*	Economic Development Specialist or Tourism and Visitor Services Coordinator	Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy	Meeting dates are scheduled quarterly February 2026 May 2026 August 2026 November 2026 Dates to be confirmed

Notes: *Term concludes at the date of the next ordinary elections, unless terminated earlier in accordance with these Terms of Reference*

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Floodplain Management Committee	Provide advice and guidance on the development and implementation of floodplain risk management studies relating to the Parkes Shire.	Flood Management Strategy	**Councillor Delegates:** Three (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio)	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor)* Cr George Pratt Cr Glenn Wilson Cr Matthew Scherer *(Alternate)*	Business Support Officer	Director Infrastructure Sustainability	Meeting dates are scheduled quarterly 12 February 2026 May 2026 August 2026 November 2026
			Community Representatives Three (3) community representatives	**Community Representatives** Clive Hawken James Buchanan Peter Kelly			
			Representatives from relevant NSW Government agencies				

Notes: *No EOI required can determine Community Representatives through verbal communications.*

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Parkes Shire Arts Advisory Committee Terms of Reference: 1340920	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification or challenges and opportunities, in relation to the arts, and serve as a forum for communication between Council and local arts stakeholders	Nil.	**Councillor Delegates:** Three (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio)	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Bill Jayet Cr Doug Pout Cr Joy Paddison Cr Louise O'Leary *(Alternate)*	Business Support Officer	Director Planning and Community Services	Meeting dates are scheduled quarterly May 2026 August 2026 November 2026
			Community Representatives Three (3) community representatives	**Community Representatives** Margot Jolly Duncan Clement Elly Tom Janelle Faunt Kerry Peden Lisa Ramsey Rhonda Redenbach Irene Ridgeway Ronda Sharpe			
			Council Representatives: Director Planning & Community Services Cultural, Education & Library Services Manager	**Council Representatives:** Annalise Teale *(Director Planning & Community Services)* Kerryn Jones (*Cultural, Education & Library Services Manager) (Alternate)*			
			Representatives from relevant arts sector stakeholders				

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Composition**	**Councillor Delegates**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Plant Procurement Committee	Provide advice and guidance on Council's plant replacement program.	Nil.	**Councillor Delegates:** Three (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio) **Council Representatives** Fleet and Depot Manager Director Operations Executive Manager Operations	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Ken McGrath Cr George Pratt Cr Glenn Wilson Cr Matthew Scherer *(Alternate)* **Council Representatives** Michael O'Shannessy *(Fleet and Depot Manager)* Logan Hignett *(Director Operations)* Executive Manager Operations *(Marisa Malherbe)*	Business Support Coordinator	Director Operations	Meetings are scheduled as and when required. Meetings are held when plant items are over 250k

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Composition**	**Councillor Delegates**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Road and Place Naming Advisory Committee	Provide advice and guidance on Road naming and Place naming process.	Nil.	Five (5) Councillors Mayor (ex officio)	Cr Bill Jayet Cr Ken McGrath Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Joy Paddison Cr Doug Pout Cr George Pratt *(Alternate)*	Business Support Coordinator	Director Operations	Meetings held as and when required
			Director Operations Executive Manager Operations	Director Operations (*Logan Hignett)* Executive Manager Operations *(Marisa Malherbe)*			

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Rural Roads Advisory Committee	Provide a forum for discussion on proposed programs in relation to whether they satisfactorily address the needs of the Parkes Shire on a priority basis utilising available funds. The Group would be briefed on the Transport Asset Management Plan, funding sources and availability, and the way programs are developed and prioritised.	Parkes Shire Council Transport Asset Management Plan *(Draft)* 2025-26 Strategic Asset Management Plan 2025-26 Operaional Plan and Budget	**Councillor Delegates:** Four (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio) **Community Representatives** Ten (10) Community Representatives	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Glenn Wilson Cr Ken McGrath Cr George Pratt *(Alternate)* **Community Representatives** Gary Langley Graeme Hunter Peter Kelly Garry Parker Ron Umbers Robert Mortimer Andrew Field Gavin Tom Andrew Rawsthorne Owen Miller	Business Support Coordinator	Director Operations	Meeting dates are scheduled quarterly. Dates to be confirmed March 2026 June 2026 October 2026

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Waste Advisory Committee Terms of Reference: 2065853	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to high-value investment in infrastructure to ensure a smart and sustainable Shire, including the operation of the Shire's landfills and other waste issues.	Parkes Shire Waste Strategy Net Zero Strategy Circular Economy Strategy	**Councillor Delegates:** Five (4) Councillors Mayor (ex officio) **Council Representatives:** Manager Environment and Sustainability Director Infrastructure and Sustainability Waste Officer	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Marg Applebee Cr Louise O'Leary Cr George Pratt Cr Glenn Wilson Cr Doug Pout *(Alternate)* **Council Representatives:** Manager Environment and Sustainability *(Michael Chambers)* Director Infrastructure and Sustainability *(Andrew Francis)* Waste Officer *(Sharyn Ware) (Alternate)*	Waste Officer Business Support Officer *(Alternate)*	Director Infrastructure and Sustainability	Meetings held as and when required

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Committee**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Wiradjuri Elders Advisory Committee - Parkes	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues	Nil	**Councillor Delegates:** Three (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio) **Representatives of Parkes** Aboriginal Project Officer (to be appointed)	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Bill Jayet Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Doug Pout Cr Marg Applebee *(Alternate)*	Cultural, Education and Library Services Manager	Director Planning and Community Services	Meetings held as and when required March 2026

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Wiradjuri Elders Advisory Committee – Peak Hill	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues	Nil	**Councillor Delegates:** Three (3) Councillors Mayor (ex officio) **Representatives of Peak Hill** Aboriginal Project Officer (to be appointed)	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Bill Jayet Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Doug Pout Cr Marg Applebee *(Alternate)*	Cultural, Education and Library Services Manager	Director Planning and Community Services	Meetings held as and when required

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Committee	**Objective**	**Strategic Oversight**	**Committee Composition**	**Members**	**Administrator**	**Sponsor**	**Meeting Dates**
Youth Advisory Committee	Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to issues of concern to young people living and working in the Parkes Shire	Youth Engagement Strategy *(to be developed)*	**Councillor Delegates:**	**Councillor Delegates:** Cr Louise O'Leary Cr Doug Pout Cr Marg Applebee *(Deputy Mayor) (Alternate)*	Business Support Officer	Director Planning and Community Services	Youth Engagement Strategy to be developed by June 2024. Dates to be supplied on development of Committee and Scope This Committee is on hold until further notice.
			Community Stakeholders Six (6) community stakeholders aged 12-24 years.				
			One (1) representative from each school's student body)				
			Council Representatives: Director Planning & Community Services Cultural, Education & Library Services Manager	**Council Representatives:** Annalise Teale *(Director Planning & Community Services)* Kerryn Jones (*Cultural, Education & Library Services Manager) (Alternate)*			

15.5 ADOPTION OF COUNCIL POLICY - PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is contemporary, effective and effecient.

Strategy: Ensure compliance with statutory requirements and ensure Council's operations are supported by good corporate governance and effective risk management.

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Authoriser: **Anthony McGrath, Director Customer, Corporate Services and Economy**

Annexures: **A. Draft Council Policy - Procurement and Contract Management Framework** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the Procurement and Contracts Management Framework included as *Annexure A* to this report.
2. Publish the adopted policy on Council's Website and intranet if required.

BACKGROUND

As part of Council's commitment to continuous improvement, all Council policies receive minor amendments from time to time as required and are on a review schedule to ensure that they comply with current legislation and local government best practice. In addition, the Office of Local Government (OLG) recommends that council's review all relevant policies in the first twelve months of office.

The following policy has been reviewed and is presented at *Annexure A* for Council's adoption:

- Council Policy – Procurement and Contracts Management Framework (*Annexure A*)

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

The method of development and amendments for consideration of the Council Policy appended at *Annexure A* is described below.

Procurement and Contracts Management Framework (*Annexure A*)

The Procurement and Contract Management Framework has been developed to provide a structured and consistent approach to the acquisition of goods and services, and the management of associated contracts across Council.

Following a review of current practices, including a Contract Management Audit conducted in 2022, a business decision was made to combine procurement and contract management functions. This approach recognises the interconnected nature of procurement and contract management and supports stronger governance, clearer accountability, and improved management of risk across the full lifecycle of procurement activities.

The Framework is intended to promote consistency, transparency, and value for money, while ensuring procurement and contract management activities are conducted in an efficient, ethical, and legally compliant manner. It supports Council's strategic objectives and aligns procurement practices with relevant legislation, regulatory requirements, and organisational policies.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

The key legislation and regulation for all council policies is the Local Government Act 1993 No 30 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Additional legislation considerations for this policy include:

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 No 52

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety regulation 2017

Tendering Guidelines for NSW Local Government 2009

Model Code of Conduct and Procedures 2020

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for Council associated with this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Adoption and adherence to the attached reviewed policy ensures Council is compliant with Acts and Regulations.

Failure to adopt and adhere to the attached policy could result in serious consequences, including increased risk of damage to Council's reputation, and breaches of legislation that may lead to regulatory penalties or disciplinary action.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There are no community consultation requirements for Council associated with this report. However, the adopted policy will be placed on Council's website.

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CONTROLLED DOCUMENT INFORMATION

ECM Number	[ECM registration ID]
Document Owner	Manager Governance, Risk and Corporate Performance
Document Development Officer	Procurement, Contracts and Insurance Coordinator
Risks Managed	
Consulting Stakeholders	Director Customer, Corporate Services & Economy Director of Infrastructure Director of Operations
Review Timeframe	2 Years
Last Review Date	April 2026
Next Scheduled Review	April 2028

Document History		
Date	**Resolution No.**	**Details/Comments**
April 2026	[Resolution No.]	Creation of Framework

Further Document Information and Relationships	
Related Legislation*	Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 Local Government Act 1993 No 30 Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 No 52 Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Work Health and Safety regulation 2017 Tendering Guidelines for NSW Local Government 2009 Model code of conduct and procedures 2020
Related Policies	Procurement Disposal Contract Management Project Management Contractor Management Code of Conduct Gifts, Benefits & Bribes Statement of Business Ethics WHS 001 - Work Health and Safety Management system

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Related Documents	Procedure - Procurement - To be Written Procedure - Contact Management - To be Written Procedure - Purchase Requisition - Step 1 Procedure - Purchasing Procedure - Project Bid Application Procedure - Supply Chain Management Changing Bin Locations Purchase of Goods and Services - Terms and Conditions Councils Contract Register
Note: *Any reference to Legislation will be updated in this Policy as required. See website http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/ for current Acts, Regulations and Environmental Planning Instruments.*	

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Procurement and Contract Management Framework

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Procurement and Contract Management Framework is to establish a structured and integrated approach to the acquisition of goods, services, and works, and the management of related contracts.

This Framework ensures that all procurement-related activities are conducted in a transparent, efficient, ethical, and legally compliant manner.

Specifically, the Framework aims to:

- **Promote Accountability and Transparency**: Ensure that procurement processes are clear, open, and accountable, fostering trust and confidence amongst stakeholders.
- **Enhance Efficiency and Effectiveness**: Streamline procurement activities to achieve timely and cost-effective outcomes, maximising value for money.
- **Ensure Compliance**: Adhere to relevant laws, regulations, and organisational policies, minimising risks and ensuring legal and ethical standards are met.
- **Support Strategic Objectives**: Align procurement activities with Councils strategic goals, priorities and service delivery needs contributing to overall mission success.
- **Foster Innovation and Sustainability**: Encourage innovative solutions and sustainable practices in procurement to support long-term organisational and environmental goals.
- **Strengthen Supplier Relationships**: Build and maintain strong, collaborative relationships with suppliers to ensure quality and reliability in the supply chain.
- **Legislative Compliance:** Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Part 7 Tendering), GIPA Act, Code of Conduct.

2. Commencement and Review

This Policy is effective from date of adoption by Council resolution and shall remain in force until repealed by resolution of Council

3. Scope and Application

This Framework applies to all procurement, disposal, project management, contractor management, and contract management activities undertaken by Council.
It covers the full lifecycle of procurement, from planning and sourcing through to execution, monitoring, and closure.

3.1. Activities Included

- *Procurement of Goods and Services* **-** All tangible and intangible acquisitions required by Council.
- *Works* - Construction, maintenance, and related works.
- *Consultancy and Professional Services*
- *Supplier Management*

- *Contract Management* - Including monitoring, performance, issue management, and closeout.
- *Disposal of Assets*

3.2. Exclusions

- *Employment contracts*
- *Statutory payments*
- *Procurement via emergency powers (Declared Natural Disaster)*
- *Insurance (Civic Risk Mutual.)*

3.3. Who it applies to:

This framework is applicable to all employees, departments, and stakeholders involved in procurement and contract management activities. It provides guidelines and procedures to ensure that procurement practices are consistent, fair, and aligned with organisational objectives.

The application includes:

- **Employees** involved in requesting, approving, procuring, or managing contracts.
- **All Council Departments** that acquire goods, services, or works.
- **Suppliers and Contractors** engaged by Council.
- **Stakeholders**, including regulatory bodies and the community.
- **All Council Officials**, including Councillors, staff, volunteers, committee members, and delegates.

4. Definitions

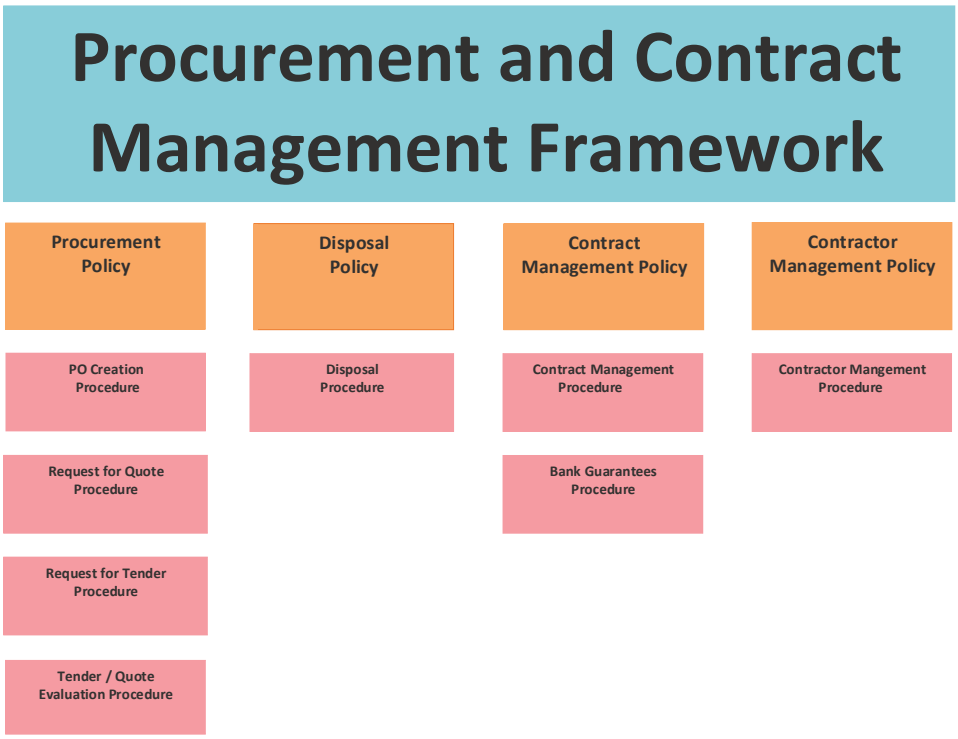
In this Council Policy, the following terms shall be interpreted as having the following meanings:

Term	Definition
Council	means Parkes Shire Council.
Business Day	means a day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday, 27/28/29/30/31 December, nor a public holiday in Sydney.
General Manager	means the General Manager of Parkes Shire Council appointed under section 334 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
Governing Body	Means a person elected or appointed to civic office as a member of the governing body of Council who is not suspended, including the Mayor
Conflict of Interest	A Conflict of Interest exists when it appears likely that an employee could be influenced, or where it could be perceived that they are influenced, by a personal interest in carrying out their duty.

Term	Definition
Contract	A Contract is an agreement between two parties that creates an obligation to perform (or not perform) and to supply (or not supply) goods and services as per the specifications within the document. A contract is typically used for purchases comprising complex goods and services. In particular high risk, high value and extended period procurement require a contract
Contract Manager	The person within Council assigned responsibility for overseeing contract performance, ensuring compliance and acting as the primary point of contact for the Contractor.
Contract Management	The processes applied after contract execution to monitor performance, manage risks, ensure compliance, and achieve value for money.
Contract Register	A spreadsheet-based record that allocates a unique contract number and captures all required contract details, including information mandated for public disclosure under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA). It includes contractor details, contract purpose, value, duration, variations, and other relevant governance information.
Council Official	Includes Councillors, Council staff, committee members and delegates of Council.
Declared Natural Disaster	Means a natural disaster that has been declared in relation to the area of a Council by either— (a) Natural Disaster Declaration for the purposes of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements jointly administered by the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, or (b) a Declaration under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989, section 33
Probity	The practice of ensuring integrity, fairness, impartiality, and transparency in procurement processes.
Procurement	All activities involved in acquiring goods and services either outright or by lease (including disposal and lease termination). Includes acquiring consumables, capital equipment, real property, infrastructure, and services under consultancies, professional services, facilities management, and construction
Procurement Activities	Any actions, decisions, documentation, or processes undertaken during the procurement lifecycle.

Term	Definition
Procurement Plan	A document outlining needs analysis, market assessment, procurement approach, risks, and approvals prior to commencing procurement.
Request (RFQ, RFT, RFP, EOI)	Documentation used to approach the market and obtain offers from suppliers (e.g., Request for Quote, Tender, Proposal, or Expression of Interest).
Supplier	A provider of goods, services, or works engaged by Council through a procurement process.
Whole of Life	All procurement activities will consider the 'whole of life' costs of a purchase rather than the initial cost to Council. Whole of life costing considers the total cost of a product or service over its lifetime, from manufacture through to disposal including purchase, hire or lease, maintenance, operation, utilities, training, and disposal
Value for Money	Value-for-money means getting the best overall result for Council by looking at more than just price, including quality, suitability, risks, and the full cost over the life of the goods or services.

5. Framework Structure



5.1. Framework Overview

The Procurement and Contract Management Framework provides the overarching governance structure for all procurement-related activities across Council. It ensures consistency, compliance, and accountability across the full lifecycle of procurement, contract administration, project delivery, contractor management, and asset disposal. The Framework is comprised of five key policy areas, each supported by detailed procedures and staff guidance to promote consistent and effective application across the organisation.

i. Procurement Policy

Defines the principles, rules, and responsibilities for the acquisition of goods, services, and works.

ii. Disposal Policy

Provides direction on the ethical, transparent, and responsible disposal of Council assets.

iii. Contract Management Policy

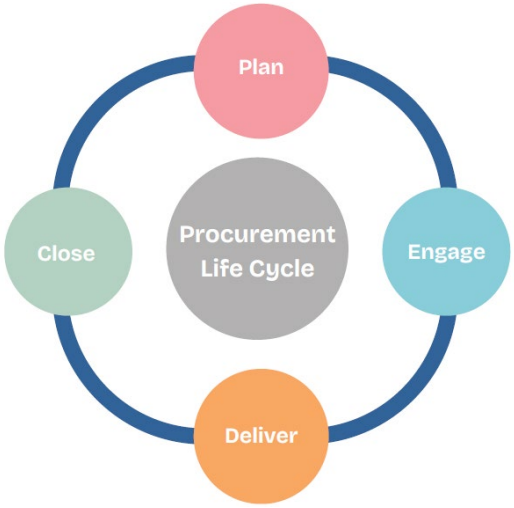
Outlines requirements for managing contracts throughout their lifecycle, including performance, risk, compliance, reporting, and supplier relationship management.

iv. Contractor Management Policy

Sets expectations for managing contractors safely, effectively, and in compliance with legislative and organisational requirements.

6. Procurement Life cycle

The Procurement Life Cycle outlines the four stages of planning, engaging the market, delivering the contract, and closing out the procurement.



i. Plan

This stage confirms what Council needs and how best to buy it.
Includes:

- Procurement Plan: Defines the need, objectives, scope, budget, timeframes, and proposed approach to market.
- Risk Assessment: Identifies potential risks (financial, WHS, delivery, reputational, etc.) and outlines how they will be managed.
- Market Scan: Reviews the supply market to understand capability, availability, pricing trends, and potential suppliers.

ii. Engage

This stage is about approaching the market and selecting the supplier.
Includes:

- RFQ/RFT Documents: Preparing and issuing the Request for Quotation or Request for Tender, including specifications, conditions, and evaluation criteria.
- Evaluation Report: Assessing the offers using the agreed criteria and documenting the recommendation for contract award.

iii. Deliver

This stage focuses on carrying out the contract and ensuring the supplier delivers what was agreed.
Includes:

- Project Delivery: Managing the contract and coordinating work with the supplier.
- Contract Performance Monitoring: Tracking progress, quality, compliance, milestones, and KPIs.
- Variations: Managing and documenting any approved changes to scope, time, or cost.

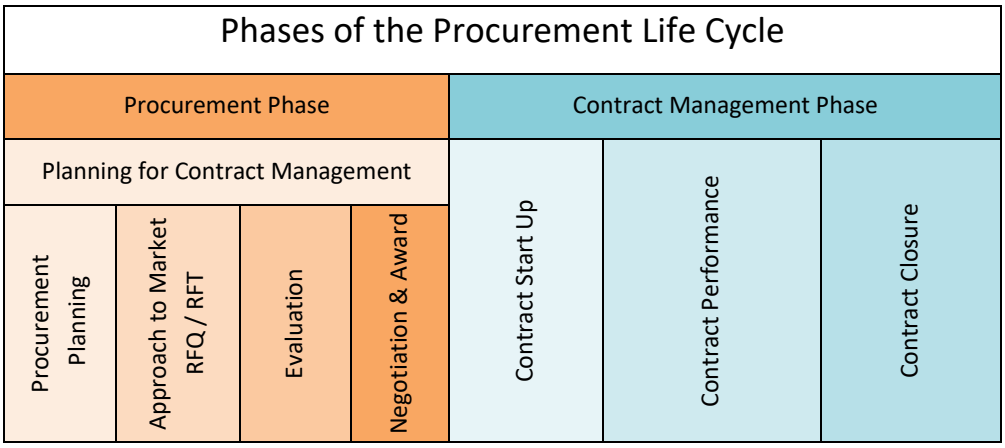
iv. Close

This stage formally completes the procurement and transitions to operations or asset management.
Includes:

- Close-Out Report: Summarises outcomes, performance, finances, and any outstanding obligations.
- Lessons Learned: Documents what worked well and what should improve for future procurements.
- Asset Handover: Transfers any delivered assets to the relevant team, including manuals, warranties, training, and maintenance requirements.

7. Phases of the Procurement Life Cycle

The Phases of the Procurement Life Cycle show the full process from identifying a need through to closing out a contract.



The *Procurement Phase* covers planning the procurement, approaching the market, evaluating offers, and awarding the contract. Planning also includes considering how the contract will be managed once in place.

The *Contract Management Phase* begins after award and includes starting up the contract, monitoring performance, managing risks, handling variations, and formally closing the contract at completion.

8. Review

As part of Council's commitment to good governance and continuous improvement, this Policy must be reviewed and re-adopted by Council not less than once every four years or as Council otherwise determines in line with legislative requirements and policy changes.

16 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

16.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY - MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Effectively collaborate, engage, and communicate with our community to inform decision making and promote services, projects and initiatives.

Author: **Sue McGrath, Business Support Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Andrew Francis, Director Infrastructure and Sustainability**

Annexures: **A. Major Projects and Current Works - Infrastructure & Sustainability** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Infrastructure and Sustainability Major Projects and Current Works Report for March 2026, appended at *Annexure A*.

BACKGROUND

A monthly status report of Major Projects and Current Works within Parkes Shire Council's Infrastructure and Strategic Futures directorate is tabled to keep Council abreast of projects being undertaken across the Parkes Shire.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

This report presents an update on the current major projects within the Parkes Shire being managed or undertaken by Council's Infrastructure and Strategic Futures Department. The report outlines work that has been carried out over the past month and is provided for the information of Councillors. The Major Projects and Current Works Report is appended at *Annexure A*.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

There are no legislative or policy considerations for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projects have been allocated funding either from grants or Council funds as provided in the 2025/2026 Operational Budget.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Project risk status is indicated by the RAG (Red, Amber, Green) indicators as shown against each project in the report.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Each project may have its own requirements for community consultation or notification in relation to the delivery of the project works.

CONCLUSION

The Major Projects and Current Works Report, appended at *Annexure A*, provides Council with a briefing on major projects and works underway within the organisation's Infrastructure and Strategic Futures directorate. It is recommended that Council formally resolve to receive and note the report.

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New Eugowra Road Pump Station and Akuna Road Pump Station Packages (RRP-002)

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
31/12/2026	$15,792,518	$616,564	$1,800,602	$12,523,894	**$15,792,518**
Akuna Road Pump Station	$6,904,057	$348,864	$868,506	$5,574,934	**$6,904,057**
New Eugowra Road Pump Station	$7,644,403	$267,700	$865,138	$6,906,980	**$7,644,403**
Akuna Road Pump Station Solar System	$284,897.50	$0	$66,958	$41,980	**$284,897.50**
Akuna Road High Voltage	$286,387.00	$0	$0	$0	**$286,387.00**
New Eugowra Road High Voltage	$672,774.00	$	$0	$0	**$672,774.00**

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Budget	Resources	Schedule	Risks	Scope	Benefits

Project Details

The Project Implementation Phase of Parkes Shire Council's, Parkes Water Security Program Package 2A - Regional Recovery Partnership is progressing, the scope of works includes:

- Akuna Road Pump Station
- New Eugowra Road Pump Station
- Akuna Road Pump Station Solar System
- Akuna road high voltage
- New Eugowra road high voltage package

Task Completed

- Tender for the HV and the Solar published and submissions have been received
- Preferred tenderer selected for the pump stations and negotiations ongoing
- Tender published and submissions evaluated for the pump stations
- Concept designs completed.
- Preliminary environmental assessments completed.
- No NWG funding is now required for the RRP project.
- Gap analysis completed on the GHD Detail Designs to be able to progress the project.
- Action Plan developed to uplift the current Detail Design to IFT / IFC.
- DGP Water has been engaged to uplift the current designs to IFT / IFC.
- Roadmaps have been refreshed for the Environmental & Planning Approvals and Access / Construction Easement Acquisitions.
- Capital Intensity process completed, including a Level 3 budget estimate review, Minimum Via Capital Cost (MVCC) process, and CAPEX planning.
- Project Control Group meeting with Stakeholders held in August 2025.

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- Complete Minor Works Review of Environmental Factors (MW REFs) based on updated designs and funding arrangements.
- Complete Activity 7 Milestone actions.
- Design for pump station completed
- Request for Tender for the Akuna Road and New Eugowra Road Pump Stations has been submitted on Tenderlink
- Design for the Akuna Road solar and Akuna Road & New Eugowra Road pump station high voltage (HV) complete. However, Essential Energy approval still pending for HV.
- Request for Tender for the Akuna Road solar has been submitted on Tenderlink
- Project Control Group (PCG) meeting with Stakeholders held in 30th Oct, 2026 and next is planned for Dec 2026.
- Milestone Activity 8 to be completed 28/11/25
- Submission of Milestone Activity 8 to be completed by 19/12/2025
- Tender documents to be online (Tenderlink) planned before 21st Nov, 2026 for HV construction
- Procurement of voltage regulator for New Eugowra Road pump station.
- Tender evaluation and council report (in Feb) to be submitted for solar and high voltage package
- Evaluation of tender submissions be completed

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- ***Site mobilisation for both sites by mid Feb 2026***
- ***Negotiations to be completed by end of Jan 2026***
- ***Prelim works on site***
- ***HV and Solar Contracts executed***

Progress Photos



Akuna Road Pad Works

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Safe & Secure - Water Security Project

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
15/12/2027	$39,170,000	$17,542	$2,813,594	$175,404	$61,266,245*
Eugowra Road Pump Station Pipeline	Current $29,223,838 To be reviewed	$16,057	$2,186,484	$175,404	**Current $29,223,838 To be reviewed**
Akuna Road Pump Station Pipeline	Current $6,286,713 To be reviewed	$1,485	$566,814	$0	**Current $6,286,713 To be reviewed**
New Eugowra Road Pump Station Solar	Current $2,759,430 To be reviewed	$0	$60,296	$0	**Current $2,759,430 To be reviewed**

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Project Details

The Project Implementation Phase of Parkes Shire Council's, Parkes Water Security Program is progressing with the support of the SSWP426 Funding.

The scope of works includes:

- The 35km pipeline duplication from the New Eugowra Road Pump Station (NERPS) to the Raw Water Storage Lagoon (RWSL), capacity was determined at 400L/s in the 2023 IWCM.

Task Completed

- ***Procurement strategy and schedule have been updated and submitted to the grant body for information***
- ***Design resource has been locked in to progress the design to IFT (issued for tender)***
- Survey has been completed from the LRP to the RWSL.
- Progressing an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) / Request for Information (RFI) process to better understand market status.
- Letters sent to Landowners providing project update.
- Specific communication with residents and landowners to address any specific enquiries and interests.
- Responses to NWG RFIs have been completed.
- Gap analysis completed on the GHD Detail Designs to be able to progress the project.
- Action Plan developed to uplift the current Detail Design to IFT / IFC.
- Roadmaps have been refreshed for the Environmental & Planning Approvals and Access / Construction Easement Acquisitions.
- Capital Intensity completed, including a Level 3 budget estimate review, Minimum Via Capital Cost (MVCC) process, and CAPEX planning.
- Request for Quotes to further the design to Issue for Tender (IFT) out to market. End date by 15th Nov, 2026
- Review of deed, milestones and key dates

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Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)
• **Engagement with mines and other stakeholders like NWG ongoing to make sure the project can be funded.** • **Estimate of the budget required for the complete package to be revisited** • Review of deed, milestones and key dates • Work on procurement of material to be undertaken simultaneously with the design. This is for the pipeline between Eugowra Rd Pump Station to Akuna Rd Pump Station and Akuna Rd Pump Station to water treatment plant (WTP). • Critical review of the budget to be done before the procurement of material.
Progress Photos
Nil

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Boardwalks and Bird Hides: Elevating Parkes Wetlands

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
31/01/2027	$1,887,476	$51,972.08	$147,994.08	$978,290.93	$1,887,476

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Project Details

This project will activate Parkes Wetlands into a vital ecological site that will also provide a new recreational and tourism offering for the Parkes community. This project will further allow the wetlands to support native wildlife, provide infrastructure for residents and visitors to enjoy the space, support local/regional/global biodiversity, and increase liveability of the region. By transforming the site into an immersive, multipurpose aquatic space, Parkes Wetlands will be ideal for birdwatching, active and passive recreation, outdoor education, citizen science, and conservation research.

Key deliverables:

- Construction and installation of two double-story bird-hides and an aquatic boardwalk
- Habitat creation including revegetation and nesting box installation
- Design and installation of interpretive signage around the wetlands
- Commissioning and installation of sculptural public artwork.

Tasks Completed

- Work with contractor re bird hides and boardwalk final design
- Work with artists on artwork locations and other preliminary considerations
- Finalise tube stock orders for 2026
- Undertake augmented hollows works
- Preliminary site works for boardwalk and bird hides

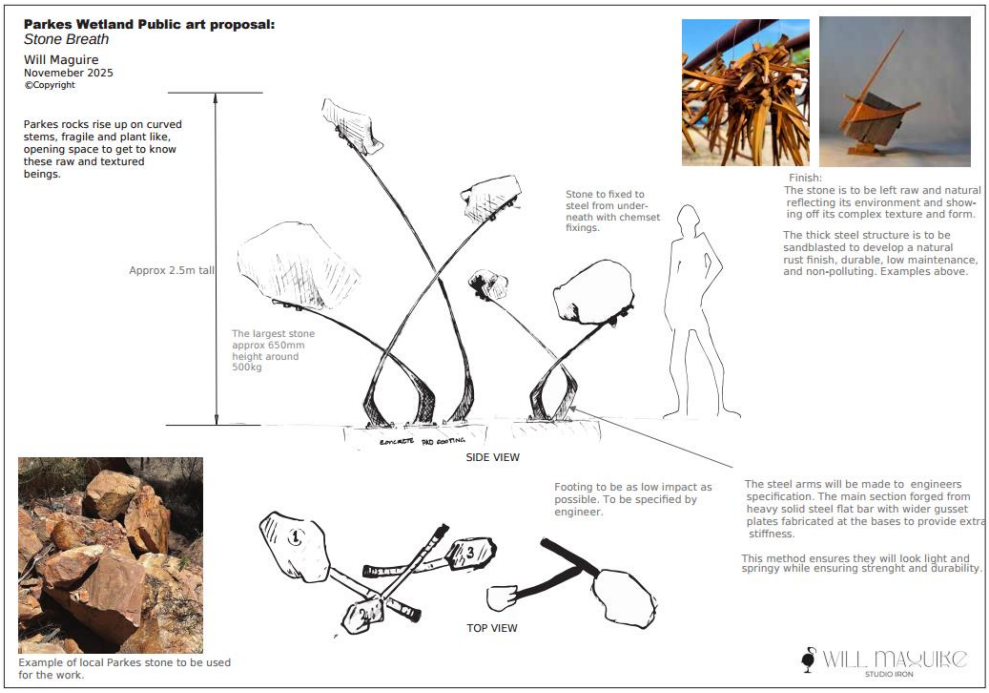
Tasks forecast to be completed

- Begin fabrication and installation of boardwalk and bird hides
- Continue to work with artists to progress artwork installations
- Develop content and artwork/imagery for interpretive signage
- Preliminary works for 2026 revegetation activities

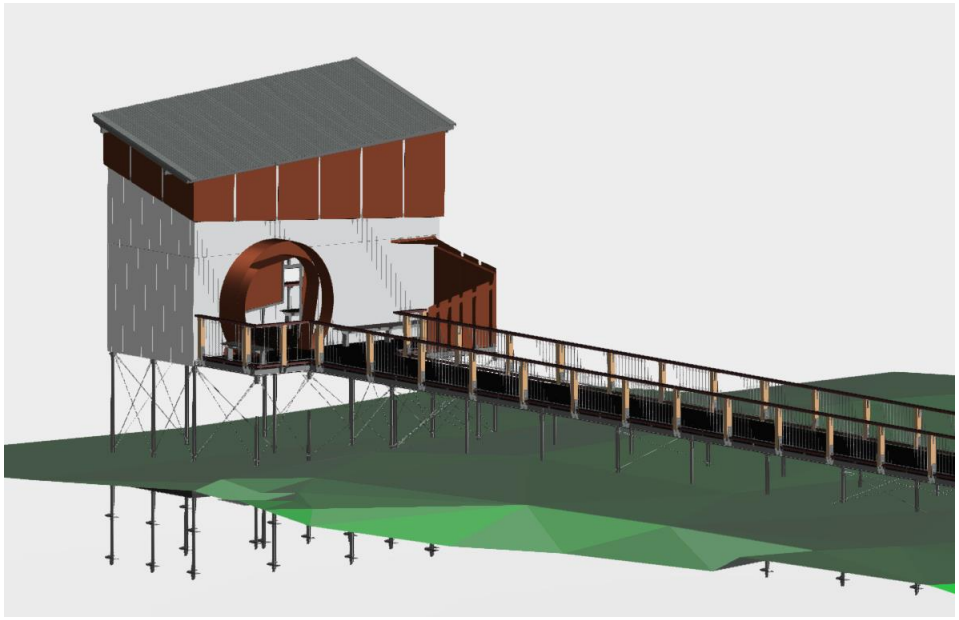
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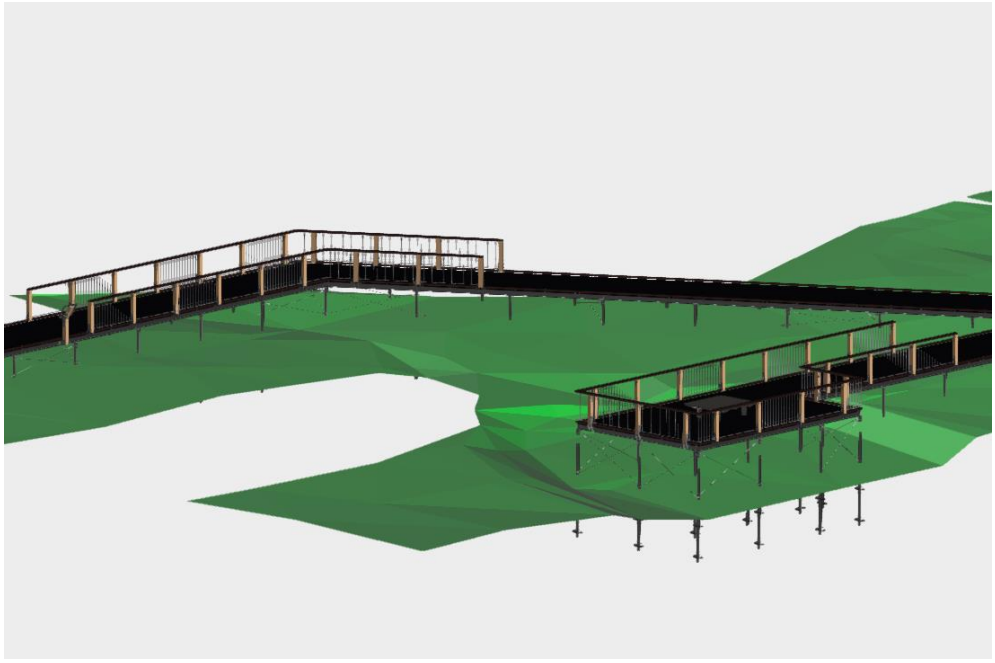
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Pump Station Solar Photo Voltaic Systems (CEUF)

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
30/10/2026	$3,510,200	$0	$0	$4,545	$3,510,200

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Project Details

The solar photovoltaic installation at two of the large raw water pump stations to provide energy offset, will result in substantial savings and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, along with operational flexibility.

Council transfers water over 35km from neighbouring LGA Forbes. This pumping is energy intensive and comes at a considerable financial cost, with significant emissions.

In 2023 the power cost for these two sites alone was a staggering $1.4m with a load of 914tonnes of CO2-e. This will be reduced to less than 50 with this project.

This offset is considerable and is the largest source of power cost for Council. All ratepayers will benefit with a reduction in cost for their local council as well as the enormous savings for the environment with the reduction in emissions.

The proposed solar installations will compliment other water security projects, including the new 20ML raw water storage lagoon. Water will be transferred into Parkes during the day using solar power, for storage within the new lagoon. This will then gravity flow to the existing water treatment facility for treatment using the existing solar power at the site.

Tasks Completed

- Budget review of the project is ongoing
- Rehashing of the PV system on going
- Funding deed signed and returned
- Identify resource for design
- Business Case to be progressed for project setup
- Completion of Design
- Completion of strategy for all the solar assets (existing and new)

Tasks forecast to be completed

- Publish Tender
- Evaluation of tender
- Award Construction Tender

Progress Photos

Nil

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Western Parkes Sewer Augmentation

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
27/11/2025	$1,650,000	$0	$0	$0	$1,650,000

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Project Details

The project is to install sewer mains from the intersection of Hartigan Ave and Hooley st to the carrier main at Austral Street.

The pipeline will cross railway track and TfNSW road.

The project will relieve choked areas of existing sewer network and provide safe and sustainable sewage disposal to SAP.

Tasks Completed

- IFC design (90%) Completed
- Technical Specification completed
- Finalised CEMP
- REF/ CEMP completed
- Geotechnical Investigation Report completed
- Tender has been awarded to Chiverton PL
- Survey inside the rail corridor completed
- Mobilisation 1st week of November
- Prelim works 1st week of Nov
- Letter drop and Facebook organised
- Construction 70% complete
- Work planned to be completed by March 2026
- Approval for underboring across the railway track
- 80% work completed
- 50% work completed
- Contractor mobilised

Tasks forecast to be completed

- Construction completion
- Handover

Progress Photos

Nil

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Lake Endeavour Pipeline and Lake Metcalfe Rehabilitation Project

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
31/05/2028	$22,900,000	$0	$6901	$30,009	$26,122,875
Packages within the Project					
Lake Endeavour Pipeline	$12,234,000	$0	$6901	$27,737	$15,456,875
Lake Metcalfe Rehabilitation	$10,666,000	$0	$0	$2,272	$10,666,000

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Project Details

The Parkes Shire Council Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy identified future water demands impacts from proposed development of the Special Activation Precinct to the west of town, mining, and other residential and commercial growth could not be supplied by the existing pipeline infrastructure. Analysis of the future demands lead to defining the optimum sizing of the Lachlan pipeline duplication and associated pumping infrastructure.

IWCM had identified both Lake Endeavour and Lake Metcalfe as a source when establishing the volume of water production under the sources for water.

And, as of 2022 floods, Lake Endeavour pipeline was washed away hence making that source redundant. Also, severe structural risk rose after the flood at Lake Metcalfe which could cause the risk of catastrophic failure.

This project aims to fix the issues above and enable the delivery of a secure water supply to residents and businesses at present and into the future.

Tasks Completed

- Walkthrough for environmental survey completed
- Scope for design of the pipework
- Resource for REF finalised
- Project Schedule Submitted
- Procurement Plan Drafted
- Financials submitted
- Deed Executed

Tasks forecast to be completed

- Finalise the project document suite
- Finalise REF
- Geotech of the area
- Finalise the scope for design
- Procurement for design resource

Progress Photos

Nil

16.2 WASTE EDUCATION UPDATE OCTOBER 25 TO MARCH 26

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Environment

Goal: Our community reduces, reuses and recycles waste

Strategy: Partner with stakeholders and the Community on campaigns and events.

Author: **Sharyn Ware, Waste Management Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Andrew Francis, Director Infrastructure and Sustainability**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note and receive the information contained within the report.

BACKGROUND

Commitment to waste and resource recovery education is regularly occurring throughout Council. Best outcomes are achieved via a range of delivery methods to reach maximum residents.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Waste education is provided by Envirocom as part of the Netwaste Contract between Council and JR Richards. Various initiatives and events including bin audits, waste facility audits, surveys, pop up information displays, workshops, information fact sheets and flyers eg. Bin Collection Calendars, and in-school education are carried out annually.

Some education initiatives and results from October 2025 to March 2026 are highlighted for your interest:

- **Council Impact Report – Plastic Free July**

  In 2025, 47 councils across Australia became official Council Members of Plastic Free July, representing a mix of urban, rural, and regional areas. General population research found that 517,000 residents from these councils actively participated, choosing to refuse single-use plastics.

  Parkes Shire Council's participation in Plastic Free July provided some favourable statistics:

  - 1853 Shire residents participated in the survey
  - 371 residents formally pledged to consistently reduce plastic use and avoid single use plastics
  - 804 residents became aware and made changes to current use
  - Overall, an estimated 5.6% behaviour change in our Shire

  It is of interest that eight Netwaste Councils became Council Members reaching 26,334 residents from Blayney to Mudgee to Cobar.

- **Bin Inspection Program (Yellow) – Parkes**

Envirocom carried out a yellow bin inspection program in Parkes over five days. 725 properties were inspected with 506 presenting a recycling bin for collection (70%). Of all recycling bins presented 80% showed nil or low levels of contamination, while 6% showed high or gross levels of contamination. Soft plastics were the most common contaminant (32%), followed by tissues (13%), non-recyclable plastics (11%), composite paper (5%) and bagged material (5%).

Inspection periods were inclusive of two hours of visual inspection and kerbside resident engagements in each area. Inspectors recorded the observations of each household along the inspection route using a tailored app. Recycling bins were assigned a contamination rating based on the quantity and severity of contamination observed.

The bin tags used for providing feedback to residents feature a '5-star' rating system, which succinctly describe the correctness of their bin's contents. Having only one tag design helps to provide anonymity to the inspection results amongst neighbouring residents, which helps to mitigate feelings of being 'singled-out' by inspectors. The 5-star system also encourages residents to improve their rating by correcting their recycling behaviours. Recycling bin with no observable contamination received '5 stars' on their tag, while recycling bins with contamination received 1 to 4 'stars', with 1 star representing the poorest result ('Gross'). Bins that contained soft plastics also received a round 'No Soft Plastics' sticker on the lid, as an additional reminder to residents about this particular contaminant.

Visual inspections can only observe materials at or near the top of a kerbside bin, thus limiting the inspector's ability to observe and accurately determine the composition of materials. Nevertheless, in some cases the sub-surface could be observed by moving certain items around inside the bin where it was safe and possible to do so.

Five different areas of town were chosen as below:

Table 1. 2025 Recycling BEE targeted areas and schedule.

Inspection Day	Inspection Area	Streets Inspected
Monday 20 October	Area 1	Hill St, High St, Goobang St, Clarinda St, East St, Thurlstone St, Mill St, Oswin St, Weston St
Tuesday 21 October	Area 2	Church St, Phillip St, Rees Av, Talbot St, Victoria St, Ward St, Elizabeth St, Mitchell St, Coleman Rd, Rose St, Phoenix St, Tichborne St, Rawson St, Carrington St, Clarinda St
Wednesday 22 October	Area 3	Middleton St, Pearce St, Melbourne St, Captain Wilson Av, Kingsford Av, Close St, Dalton St, Grenfell St, Armstrong St
Thursday 23 October	Area 4	Close St, Best St, Koala St, Cedar Cr, Carinya St, Guillan Pl, Glengowrie Cl, Molong Rd
Friday 24 October	Area 5	Moor St, Bowditch Cr, Barton St, Danilenko St, Camellia Pde, Acacia Cct, Hydrangea Av, Ulmus Pl

The majority of households presented a recycling bin that was 80%, 90% or 100% full (56.52%). This indicates that there is limited scope for additional material diversion without household behaviours changing. The changes required may include (but would not be limited

to) further compaction of containers, flattening of carboard boxes and changes in purchasing habits.

In the future, it might be beneficial to extend the reach of the program throughout the LGA so more households can receive direct feedback on their bins or specifically address the geographical areas which present higher levels of contamination through a targeted education campaign.





Figure 1. Contamination ratings of observed recycling bins (all areas combined)

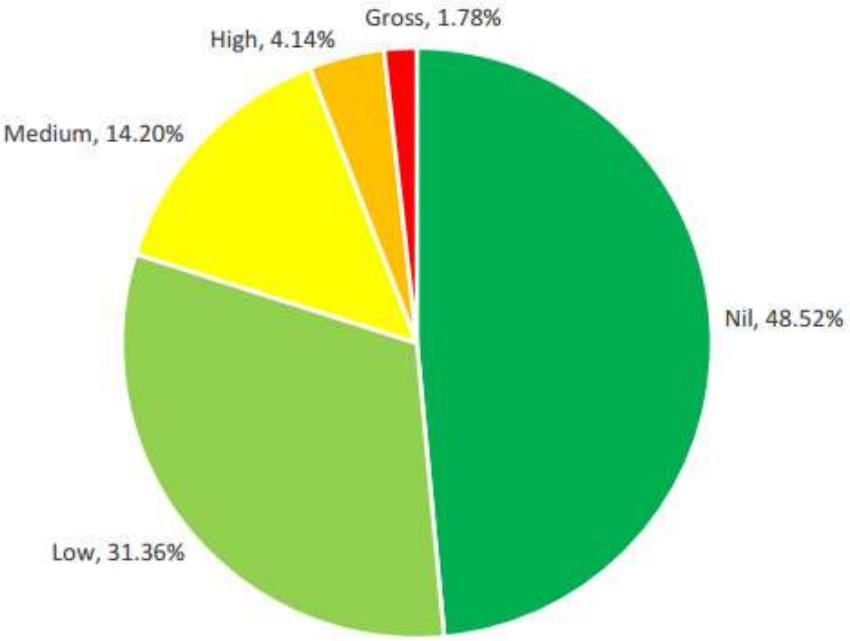
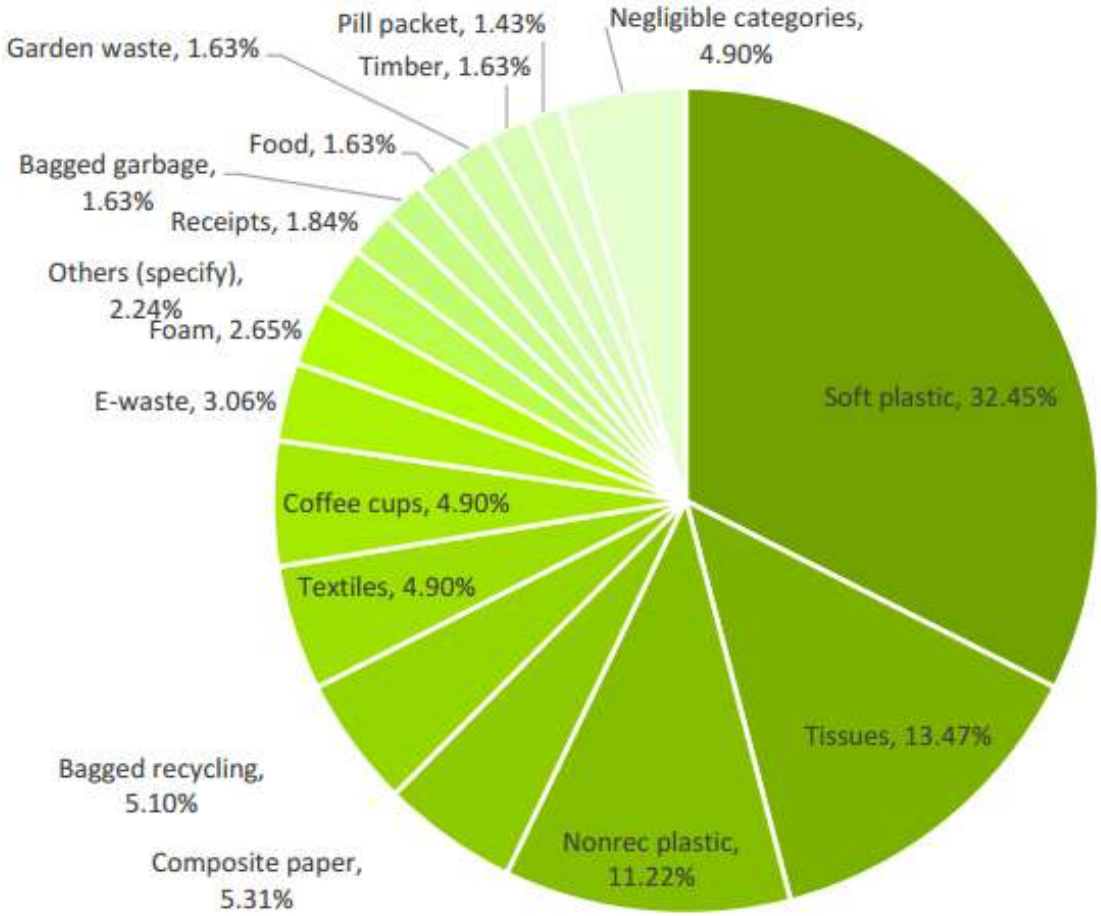


Figure 2. Types of contamination observed (combined areas)



- **Scrap Together Grant – Information Tent at Parkes Open Gardens**

  The Waste Management Coordinator and Envirocom manned a Scrap Together stall at the October Open Gardens at Parkes Racecourse. Despite wet weather, good attendance resulted in sharing information regarding changes to the green bin inputs and highlighted a "greener green bin". Various other waste questions were also answered, including receiving favourable feedback on the yellow bin audit held the week before.

  All stoppers won a raffle ticket which resulted in 3 happy winners of a heavy duty composting tumbler, a complete worm farm kit and a bee hotel. These prizes were funded by Scrap Together Grant monies.



- **Garage Sale Trail Impact Report**

  Garage Sale Trail is a community-powered waste education and behaviour change program that brings people together to buy and sell second-hand over two weekends every November.

  Favourable weather and good registrations (33) resulted in a well visited list of sites in our local community. It also reworked goods that would otherwise go to landfill. Overall responses referred to the fun of the community/family activity, prompt to declutter and enjoying others valuing their items.

Some recommendations were stronger local promotion and improvements to on-line maps and listings to help buyers find nearby sales. I also believe the "group" sale held the previous year was beneficial in engaging more sellers.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

2,330
local residents participated as a seller or a shopper.

33
local sales & stalls.
(2024:90).

ITEMS REUSED

3,485
items sold / reused over two weekends.

35%
would otherwise have gone to landfill.

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

57%
participants who would not otherwise have hosted a garage sale.

27%
participants who would not otherwise have shopped at a garage sale.

ECONOMIC

$27,464
made for local households, community groups and charities.

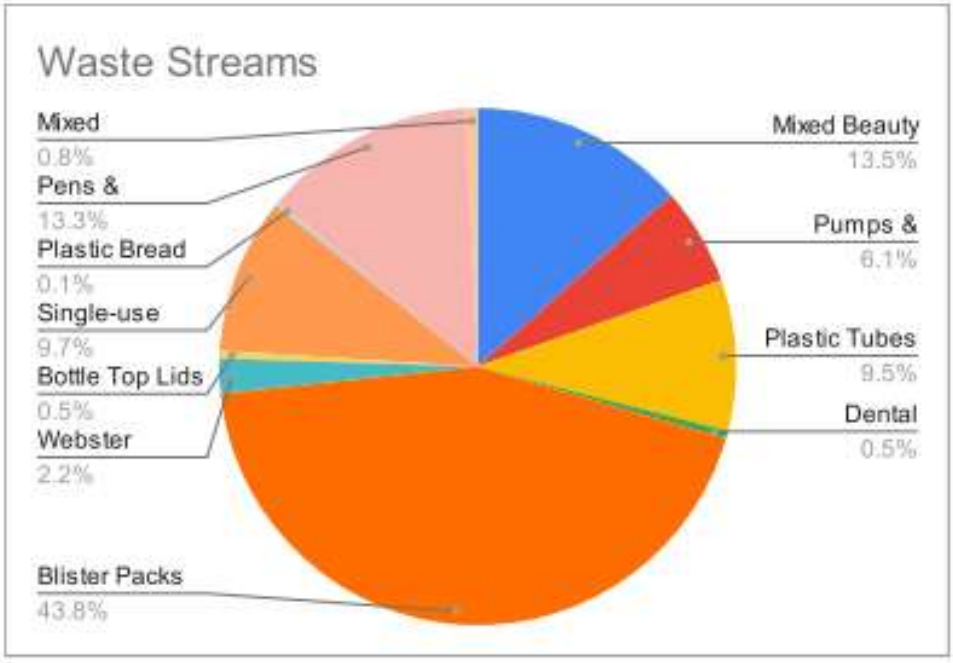
$45,800
saved by shoppers through buying secondhand instead of new.





- **Brad Box Impact Report (Parkes Library)**

  2998 items with a total weight of 11.7 kgs was collected at Parkes Library BRAD box over a 5 month period to November 2025. A breakdown of items recycled is shown below:



- **Recycling Workshop, Alectown**

  The Waste Management Coordinator and Envirocom held a Recycling Information Workshop and Transfer Station Question Time at Alectown Hall in February. This was held one week after closure of the Alectown Landfill to keyholders.

  This workshop aimed at providing information to those who had not previously separated items for recycle and would benefit from the cost-save when attending Parkes Waste Facility prior to their Transfer Station being operational.

  Give-aways and afternoon tea was provided via EPA Landfill Consolidation Grant funding. A total of 14 locals attended the afternoon.





Pop Up Display – Parkes – 13.3.26

Envirocom held our last event for the 25/26 year with a 4 hour pop-up display in Clarinda Street, Parkes. Locals had the opportunity to ask questions regarding waste and recycling.



Homegrown – Environment, Waste & Sustainability Information Kiosk

Another successful Homegrown Event enabled an opportunity to present the last education component of the Scrap Together Grant. A large group of interested people took the opportunity to ask questions, discuss any changes to bin inputs and take advantage of a free raffle with a compost bin, terracotta compost pots and bee-friendly seed shakers as prizes. Local kids were very pleased with 'the compost worm' and give away wheely bins for pen holders.







LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

There are no legislative or policy considerations for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Utilising funding from Netwaste and Envirocom. The allocated budget for all 6 participating Netwaste Councils in 2024/25 was $244,900.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Opportunities above were advertised throughout the community.

17 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

17.1 MAJOR PROJECTS AND CURRENT WORKS - OPERATIONS - MARCH 2026

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Effectively collaborate, engage, and communicate with our community to inform decision making and promote services, projects and initiatives.

Author: **Sue McGrath, Business Support Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Logan Hignett, Director Operations**

Annexures: **A. Operations - Major Projects & Current Works - March 2026** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Operations Major Projects and Current Works Report for March 2026, appended at *Annexure A*.

BACKGROUND

A monthly status report of Major Projects and Current Works within Parkes Shire Council's Operations Department is tabled to keep Council abreast of projects being undertaken across the Parkes Shire.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

This report presents an update on the current major projects within the Parkes Shire being managed or undertaken by Council's Operations Department. The report outlines work that has been carried out over the past month and is provided for the information of Councillors.

The Major Projects and Current Works Report is appended at *Annexure A.*

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

There are no legislative or policy considerations for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projects have been allocated funding either from grants or Council funds as provided in the 2025/2026 Operational Budget.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Project risk status is indicated by the RAG (Red, Amber, Green) indicators as shown against each project in the report.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Each project may have its own requirements for community consultation or notification in relation to the delivery of the project works.

CONCLUSION

The Major Projects and Current Works Report, appended at *Annexure A*, provides Council with a briefing on major projects and works underway within the organisation's Operations Department. It is recommended that Council formally resolve to receive and note the report.

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 500095

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

Peak Hill Baldry Road – Stage 2

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
December 2026	$10,680,000	$0	$3,666,357	$13,223	$10,680,000

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

The project involves widening and overlay of the existing unsealed pavement with bitumen sealing and improvements of longitudinal and cross drainage upgrades and other road safety related issues for approx. This is the next stage of the total project out of the original 15km we have 10.5km length remaining to provide access for Higher Productivity Vehicles.

Task Completed

- Constructed Stage 1
- Resubmission of detailed design, allowing causeways and a 80km/hr. Road Corridor
- REF is completed
- IFC drawings completed for Stage 2 and Stage 3.

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Construction to start in May 2026 for Stage 2
- Tree clearing as per the REF

Progress Photos

Nil

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600142

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

Realignment and New Bridge at Graddle Creek, The McGrane Way

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
December 2026	$8,143,655	$57,844	$737,624	$2,266,888.00	$8,143,655

Red / Amber / Green (RAG)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

The works include construction of a bridge with a length of 45m with a width of 9m. The bridge will be constructed of prefabricated concrete sections to be assembled on site.

The bridge will remove the need to cross the creek on a low-level causeway. Road realignment on either side of the bridge will eliminate issues currently caused by the tight dog-leg turn where the crossing is currently located. Unbound granular pavement DGB 20 with 7/14mm seal will be laid 455m to the west of the bridge and 1420m to the east of the bridge. Road width will be 8.5m. AC 14 will be laid for approaches to the bridge. Bridge construction and road realignment confirmed to Australian roads guide and to bridge technology standards.

Task Completed (last month)

- Construction of piers
- Plank manufacture

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Finalisation of land acquisition
- Completion of Abutments
- Installation of Planks
- Construction/pouring of Deck slab
- Commence road construction

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Progress Photos





Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600277

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

New Facility for NSW SES Parkes Unit

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
April 2026	$4,810,530	$288,149	3,011,559	$925,666	$4,810,530

Red / Amber / Green (RAG)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

The existing SES facility in Parkes, situated on the corner of Clarke and Alluvial streets is outdated, undersized for today's demands on the services and was also flood affected in recent natural disasters. The new proposed facility to be situated at lot 4 Boyd Circuit, Parkes will provide the SES the required headquarters to respond to any natural disasters in a timely manner

Task Completed

- Joinery installation
- Fences and landscaping
- External Concrete

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Minor works
- Final Clean
- Final Commissioning
- Landscaping and Fencing
- Handover
- SES IT fit out

Progress Photos

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026





Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026





Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600229

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

Enabling Infrastructure for New Housing Development - Stage 1 Rose Street Parkes

Due Date	Approved Budget	Expenditure This Month	Total Expenditure To Date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated Total When Works Complete
Dec 2025	$3,723,545	$456,132	$1,156,187	$2,178,680	$3,723,545

Red / Amber / Green (RAG)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

Stage 1 Current Project (Lots 12-15 and 26-30)

Deliver 9 lots on the with the existing infrastructure in the area along the frontages of rose street and Ainsworth Street

- Obtain DA mod for stage 1 of the subdivision (lots 12-15 and 26-30)
- Complete detailed design and obtain subdivision works certificate
- Construct the OSD for the full subdivision if funding permits
- Upgrade any sewer or potable water to services for the all the lots
- Construct other utilities required e.g. power, lighting, NBN and inter-allotment drainage for stage 1
- Construct other retaining walls/ swales in future stages to direct flows to the OSD
- Construct footpaths and landscaping in accordance with urban design plan

Stage 2 – Future Works (Lots 1-11 and 16-21)

- Construct the new roads and infrastructure
- Construct remaining utilities to service the lots e.g. power, lighting, sewer, water, NBN and inter-allotment drainage
- Construct remaining retaining walls for stage 2
- Earthworks for remaining lots
- Footpaths and landscaping

Task Completed (Last Month)

- Commence sewer line works
- Retaining wall set out for footings
- Excavation for retaining wall footings
- Rose street potable water main installed

Tasks Forecast To Be Completed (Next Steps: 1-3 Months)

- Pour all retaining wall footings
- Commence retaining wall installation
- Complete stormwater pipework

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Progress Photos





Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600461
Budget as at 2026

Cheney Oval Lighting – Parkes Junior Rugby League

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
April 2027	$285,850	$143,395	$211,100	$70,825	$285,850

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

Parkes Marist Junior Rugby League were successful in obtaining a Club grant Category 3 – Infrastructure Grants Program for the upgrade of the Cheney Oval sportsground lighting.

Task Completed

- Adjustment of Stage 1 lighting to comply with 100 LUX coverage
- Stage 2 remove metal halide lights
- Stage 2 Supply & fit LED Opti-vision lights

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Install of posts North End fields

Progress Photos





Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600443

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

2024 Community Assets Program – Berryman Oval Flood Repair

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
June 2026	$636,300	$87,956	$336,912	$6,155	$636,300

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

The project involves a series of coordinated upgrades at Berryman Oval, including improvements to the car park, rehabilitation of the tennis courts, and construction of a new pool pump shed. Works will begin with site investigations, detailed surveys, and design development for the car park, followed by the removal of redundant basketball hoops. The tennis courts will be fully renewed through demolition of the existing surface and fencing, installation of a new playing surface, line marking, hardware installation, and new perimeter fencing. Subsequent stages will deliver civil construction of the car park, completing the base layer, stabilisation, and final bitumen sealing, alongside major upgrades to the pool pump shed, including service relocations, demolition, earthworks, subterranean pipework, slab construction, and commencement of the new shed structure. Final works will complete the shed build and internal fit-out, commission the pool pump system, and finish site rehabilitation. The project concludes with full completion of the car park, including line marking, wheel stops, signage installation, and final tidy-up, ensuring the facility is safe, functional, and fit for community use.

Task Completed

- Concrete beams around fence
- Construction of Tennis Courts
- 3 metre chain wire fencing and gates
- Basketball/Netball sleeves installed
- Tennis posts sleeves installed
- Synthetic turf on tennis and multicourts including lines
- Basketball/Netball towers installed
- Tennis posts and nets installed
- Rehab to surrounds

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Detail design for carpark
- Detail design for pump shed
- Construction of carpark
- Surface shaping for stormwater

Progress Photos

Nil

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600444

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

2024 Community Assets Program – Bushman's Dam Flood Repair, Parkes

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
June 2027	$668,252	$1,489	$7,496	0	$668,252

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

The project involves bank stabilisation and reconstruction of the existing wall to improve structural integrity and long-term resilience of the site. Works will include targeted vegetation removal and dredging to restore hydraulic capacity and improve flow efficiency. These measures are intended to protect downstream assets, including the town's main street from future flood impacts.

Task Completed

- Preliminary Flood analysis
- Public consultation to be finalised on the 24 March 2025
- Detail survey, survey and design completed
- 80% design completed

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Capacity requirements for stormwater management
- Combined meeting with infrastructure and operations

Progress Photos

Nil

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600442

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

2024 Community Assets Program – PAC Park Flood Repair, Parkes

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
June 2026	$701,545	$71,865	$77,132.29	$52,672.48	$701,545

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

The repair to flood damaged in PAC Park will include stabilization of the damaged creek banks, removal and replacement of 2 pedestrian foot bridges and a damaged footpath. Works will be completed to ensure the park is safe for public use and connecting infrastructure.

Task Completed

- Bridge design
- Creek clearing works
- Restore creek banks and grind stumps
- Demolish south bridge
- Telstra relocation works

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Complete design review of 2 new bridges
- Fabrication of bridges
- Bridge installation
- Installation of concrete foot paths

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Progress Photos



Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600194

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

Access Upgrades to Mugincoble Silos

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
November 2026	$4,800,000	$1,758	$79,195	$4,06754	$4,800,000

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

This project will realign the existing Eugowra Road by offsetting the access road to the Mugincoble Silos, approximately 55 metres east. Detailed description including the scope, what will be delivered, key benefits, stakeholders, etc.

Task Completed

- Boundaries marked out by surveyor

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Completion of Geotech investigation and report (upon completion of design)
- Removal of trees in preparation for fencing of new boundaries
- Completion of design.
- Commence Construction

Progress Photos

Nil

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600153, 600506

Budget as at: 3 March 2026

AGRN 1034 - Storm Damage Essential Public Asset Restoration (EPAR)

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
June 2028	$8,959,024	$51,603.40	$5,610,880	$28,966	$8,959,024

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

The AGRN 1034 Project in Parkes comprises eight approved recovery packages focused on addressing the impacts of the September 2022 flood event and supporting the community's ongoing relief, recovery and resilience needs. This scope covers a range of reconstruction, rehabilitation and enhancement projects for council and community infrastructure that was damaged by the flooding and is not otherwise reimbursable under standard DRFA essential public asset programs. Works include restoration and improvement of flood-impacted assets, hazard mitigation measures to strengthen future flood resilience, and community initiatives that support social, economic and environmental recovery. All packages are being delivered within the approved program timeframe and align with the overarching objectives of facilitating recovery and promoting disaster resilience for the Parkes local government area

Task Completed

- Package 1 works completed and acquitted
- Damage assessments, scoping and cost validation completed for Packages 2–7

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Amelia Field Bridge Tender finalised
- Tender assessment for Adavale Lane Causeway
- Ongoing scheduling of works in accordance to the works program

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Progress Photos









Pearce Street - In-Situ Stabilisation and Seal

Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600477

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

Regional Transport Resilience Fund (RTRF) - Trundle to Parkes Flood Resilience

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
June 2027	$5,650,000	$89,246	$182,641	$60,355	$5,650,000

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

This project delivers resilience upgrades on the Trundle to Parkes corridor, including replacement/upgrade of crossings to improve flood immunity and maintain access during major rainfall events. The approved scope includes a bridge on Middle Trundle Road, culvert works on The Bogan Way (varied scope), and seven (7) culvert/causeway upgrades on Middle Trundle Road.

Task Completed

- Milestone 2 paperwork has been submitted to funding body
- Causeway at location 2 has been completed
- Engagement of Rhelm for hydraulic modelling
- Detail survey completed at Causeway location 01,02,03, 04 and bridge location

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Scope variation due to flood study findings
- Start Construction on Causeway 01
- Start Construction on Causeway 07

Progress Photos



Operations
Major Project & Current Works – March 2026

Project # 600477

Budget as at: 14 April 2026

Regional Transport Resilience Fund (RTRF) – Parkes Causeway Improvement Program

Due Date	Original Budget	Expenditure this month	Total Expenditure to date	Outstanding Commitments	Estimated total when works complete
June 2027	$1,350,000	$459	$4,224	$4,224	$1,350,000

RAG (Red Amber Green)

Project Status (RAG - Report):	Critical (Red) / At Risk (Amber) / On Track (Green)					
	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Resources	Risks	Benefits

Description of the Project

Upgrade culverts and causeways at the following locations:
1. Bruie Plains Road - GPS -32.808735 147.84851
2. Brolgan Road - GPS -33.143646 148.021191
3. Dwyers Road - GPS -32.963669 148.290755

Task Completed

- Milestone 3 commencement of works submitted to funding body
- Engagement of Rhelm for the hydrology and hydraulic assessment

Tasks forecast to be completed (next steps: 1-3 months)

- Results return from Rhelm for the hydrology and hydraulic assessment for Bruie and Dwyers causeways
- Construction starting March
- Tenders to be sent for both Bruie Plains Road and Dwyers Road

Progress Photos



17.2 ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE TO ADJOINING OWNER - COUNCIL ROAD BETWEEN ANDREW STEWART ROAD AND EMERTON ROAD

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Provide open and transparent decision-making and undertake the civic duties of Council with professionalism and integrity.

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Authoriser: **Logan Hignett, Director Operations**

Annexures:

A. Map showing the unformed Council Road Corridor between Andrew Stewart and Emerton Road ⇩

B. Road corridor map showing the water supply line between Andrew Stewart Road and Emerton Road. ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the closure and sale of the unformed road reserve between Emerton Road and Andrew Stewart Road.
2. Require a four (4)-metre-wide easement for stormwater along the full length of the road reserve, adjacent to Lots 123 and 21 DP 750179.

BACKGROUND

.Council has been approached by an adjoining landowner to purchase the unformed road reserve between Emerton Road and Andrew Stewart Road.

The road reserve is unformed and not used for public access. It provides a corridor for overflow from an upstream dam. A 4-metre-wide easement for reticulated water and stormwater is proposed.

The adjoining landowner has indicated they are happy to proceed with the easement.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

The road reserve is surplus to current road network requirements but provides the only practical corridor for overflow from an upstream dam. Selling the land without an easement would remove the option to manage future drainage.

A 4-metre-wide easement for stormwater along the full length of the road, adjacent to Lots 123 and 21 DP 750179, ensures the drainage path is preserved. The adjoining landowner has agreed to the easement.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

The road closure and sale are governed by the *Roads Act 1993* and Council's policies on road closures and the sale of surplus land. Easements will be created under the *Conveyancing Act 1919* to provide for drainage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for Council associated with this report. All costs related to the road closure, easement creation and sale will be borne by the applicant.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

If the land is sold without an easement, Council would lose the only practical corridor to manage future drainage from the upstream dam. This could result in ongoing overflow across private properties and potential liability.

The proposed 4-metre-wide easement mitigates this risk by protecting the water supply line and preserving the drainage corridor.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community consultation will be undertaken as part of the statutory road closure process in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*. Adjoining landowners and relevant authorities will be notified, and any submissions received will be considered before finalising the closure and sale.



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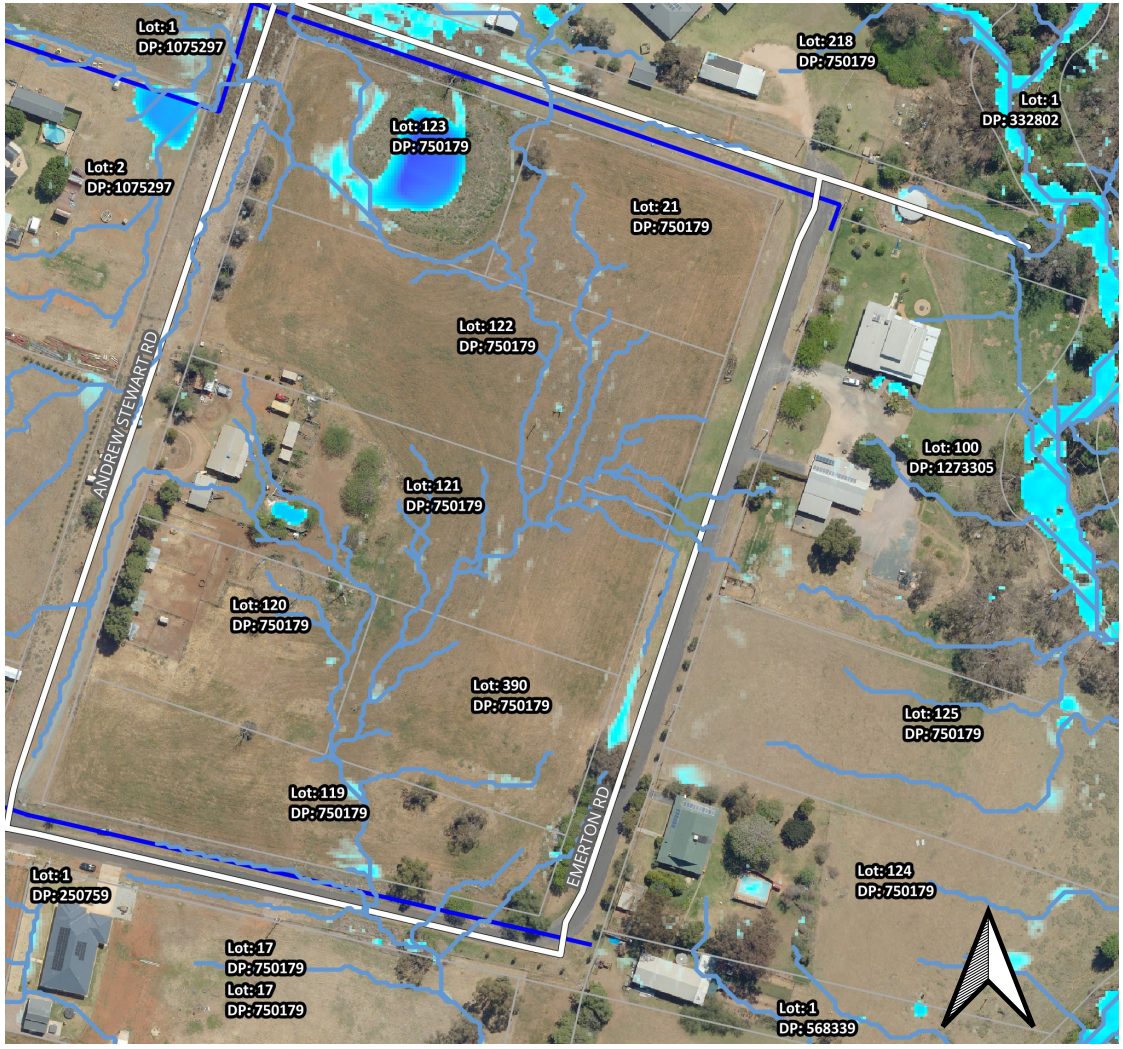
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Emerton Road and Andrew Stewart Road

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17.3 OPEN SPACE STRATEGY - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Community

Goal: Our community is liveable, growing and connected.

Strategy: Provide vibrant and welcoming town centres, streetscapes, public spaces and meeting places.

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Annexures:
- **A. Pocket Parks - Letter** ⇩
- **B. Pocket Parks - Map** ⇩
- **C. Pocket Parks - Have Your Say Survey Questions** ⇩
- **D. Pocket Parks - Survey Results** ⇩
- **E. Masterplans - Survey Results** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council notes the Parkes Shire Open Spaces Review of Submissions Report 2026 and the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026.
2. Council resolves to adopt the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026, including the changes to Section 13.2 Reclassification of Open Space that removes Ken Turner Park and includes the statement 'Any proceeds from Reclassification of Open Space is to be reinvested in open spaces and initiatives in the Parkes Shire.'
3. Council publishes notice of its adoption of the Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026, along with a link to the adopted Strategy and the Parkes Shire Open Spaces Review of Submissions Report 2026.
4. Council supports the reuse of the name 'Beryl Logan' at an appropriate open space location within the Parkes Shire at a future time, subject to the relevant naming processes.

BACKGROUND

Parkes Shire Council received funding under the NSW Resources for Regions grant program for the preparation of an Open Spaces Strategy to apply to the whole of the Parkes Shire.

The aim of the Strategy is to undertake a comprehensive review of the existing open space network to ensure that public open spaces are safe, functional, attractive, accessible and manageable in the local context.

The draft Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy has been informed by a review of best practice guidelines, as well as local data and advice from sporting associations and park user groups. Open Space Hierarchy Maps have been prepared for Alectown, Bogan Gate, Cookamidgera, Parkes, Trundle and Tullamore, categorising open spaces as destination, local or low-scale parks. The Strategy also identifies opportunities to better align open space provision with community needs, including consideration of alternative uses where there is limited demand or duplication within the network, with some of these proposed for potential reclassification to operational land for alternate use or sale.

A series of masterplans has also been prepared for key destination parks to guide future improvements and investment, supported by a Priorities and Actions Table to establish a consistent framework for open space management across the Shire.

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2024, Council resolved to endorse the draft Strategy for public exhibition, undertake direct consultation with relevant stakeholders and receive a further report following exhibition for final adoption.

Since that time, Council has undertaken a comprehensive community engagement process, including targeted consultation with affected residents and broader engagement with the community. This process has generated a significant volume of feedback, providing valuable insight into community values, expectations and concerns in relation to the future of open space across the Shire.

In response to the submissions received, an Issues Paper has been prepared to consolidate the feedback and demonstrate how the Strategy addresses the matters raised by the community. In addition, minor amendments have been made to the Strategy to better reflect community input while maintaining the overall strategic intent of the document.

This report presents the final Strategy for Council's consideration following completion of the exhibition and consultation process.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Recognising that many residents located near the identified pocket parks may have limited access to digital engagement platforms, Council undertook a targeted mail out to approximately 1,700 households. This included background information, mapping and clear instructions on how to provide feedback.

Community consultation was undertaken from September to October 2025, with submissions invited through Council's Have Your Say platform, paper-based surveys and written submissions. Surveys closed on 24 October 2025.

In addition to direct engagement, Council facilitated broader community awareness through public exhibition in the Administration Building foyer, the availability of materials at Council's front counter and township libraries, and communication via social media, media releases and local advertising.

The consultation process identified a range of views across the community. There was clear support for improving the quality, amenity and level of investment in larger destination parks and recreation facilities, as well as recognition of the need for Council to prioritise resources and manage the open space network in a sustainable manner. At the same time, concerns were raised regarding the potential loss of local green space and neighbourhood access, particularly in relation to smaller parks that support passive recreation and local use.

Submissions also highlighted the environmental and social value of open space, including its role in urban cooling, tree canopy and community wellbeing. The importance of smaller parks for local access, particularly for children and residents with limited mobility, was also a recurring theme. In addition, several submissions noted the significance of parks named after local individuals and the importance of retaining this recognition.

An Issues Paper has been prepared to consolidate these submissions and provide a structured response to the matters raised. This document demonstrates how the Strategy addresses the feedback received and outlines where refinements have been made.

In response to community feedback, a number of refinements have been incorporated into the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026. Greater consideration has been given to Aboriginal cultural heritage and built heritage across relevant sections of the document, along with improved recognition of road network capacity, traffic impacts, safety and active transport connections. Language within the Strategy has also been refined to ensure it appropriately reflects the value of open space within the community.

As a direct response to feedback, Ken Turner Park has been removed from the proposed reclassification list. In addition, Council has included a clear commitment within Section 13.2 that any proceeds from the reclassification of open space will be reinvested into open spaces and related initiatives within the Parkes Shire.

The Strategy also recognises the importance of local identity and community history. In this regard, Council supports the reuse of the name 'Beryl Logan' at an appropriate open space location, subject to the relevant naming processes.

Further refinements have been made to mapping, masterplans and supporting content to reflect submissions received, while maintaining the overall strategic direction of the document.

The Parkes Shire Open Spaces Review of Submissions Report 2026 documents all 'Have Your Say' comments and written submissions received from members of the community, with a planning response and recommendation provided for each submission. A track change version of the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026 is also available to allow comparison between the exhibited draft and finalised documents.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

The Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026 sits in a wider legislative and policy framework as outlined in Section 7 of the finalised Strategy.

In particular, the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026 complements the Parkes Shire Council Plan of Management (POM) Framework for volumes 1 Sportsgrounds, 2 Sportsgrounds, 3 Natural Areas and 4 General Community Use in the POM Framework.

The finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026 only provides strategic guidance on Council's administration of its responsibilities under the Local Government Act 1993 and POM Framework.

Any reclassification of land is subject to the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, including public consultation and, where required, a public hearing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026 provides a robust framework for the ongoing management of open spaces in the Parkes Shire under a hierarchy approach.

Greater efficiencies will be derived from the improved management strategies, priorities and actions proposed in the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026.

Where land is ultimately reclassified and disposed of, any proceeds are intended to be reinvested into open space improvements, as detailed in Section 13.2 of the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are risks associated with the implementation of the Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026, primarily relating to community perception, environmental considerations and delivery.

Community consultation has identified a level of concern regarding the potential loss of Low Scale Open Space. This risk has been mitigated through targeted engagement with affected residents, careful consideration of submissions received and refinement of the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy to address key issues raised.

Environmental considerations have also been acknowledged, particularly in relation to the role of green space in urban cooling and biodiversity. The finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026 responds to these matters through its focus on improving the quality and functionality of retained open spaces.

Failure to adopt the finalised Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy 2026 presents a risk of continued inefficiencies, duplication of assets and increasing pressure on Council's operational and financial capacity.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2024, Council resolved to endorse the draft Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy for public exhibition, undertake direct consultation with relevant stakeholders and receive a further report following exhibition for final adoption.

Community consultation was undertaken in September to October 2025, with submissions invited through Council's 'Have Your Say' platform, paper-based surveys and written submissions. Surveys closed on 24 October 2025.

In addition to direct engagement, Council facilitated broader community awareness through public exhibition and the display of exhibition material at Council's Administration Centre and town libraries, including the display of exhibition notice, maps and hard copies of the survey. Regular updates and reminders were shared through social media, a media release and advertising in the Champion Post, including Council's regular column.

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As a result of the public exhibition of the draft Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy, Council received 182 completed surveys and nine (9) written submissions.

The Parkes Shire Open Spaces Review of Submissions Report 2026 documents all 'Have Your Say' comments and written submissions received from government agencies and members of the community, with a planning response and recommendation provided for each submission.

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Parkes Shire Council

12 September 2025

Dear Resident/Business Owner

Draft Parkes Shire Open Spaces Strategy - Public Exhibition

Council is seeking community feedback on the Draft Open Space Strategy which is on public exhibition. The Strategy sets a long-term vision for the management of our parks, playgrounds, and sporting facilities.

The draft recognises that while our Shire has an extensive network of open spaces, some sites are not as frequently used or developed as others. A number of smaller “pocket parks” have been identified for possible reclassification from Community Land to Operational Land. This would give Council the flexibility to consider future redevelopment opportunities, with any proceeds reinvested into priority community projects such as destination play spaces, sporting complexes, and upgraded recreation hubs.

The following “pocket parks” have been listed for community feedback:

1. Rose Street Park
2. Moon Crescent Park
3. AE Fox Park
4. Beryl Logan Park
5. Boulder Hill Park
6. Ken Turner Park
7. Davey Park
8. Rotoract Park
9. Lions Play Park
10. Bernard Maguire Park
11. Vaucluse Place Park

Council acknowledges that a number of these parks hold special significance, including those named after respected members of our community. We understand that this is a sensitive issue, and your views are important in helping Council strike the right balance between preserving local identity and delivering high-quality facilities for the future.

We invite you to participate in the community consultation by completing the ‘Have Your Say’ survey which can be found on Council’s website by scanning the QR code provided.

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You may also complete the survey using the hard copy provided and return it in the enclosed envelope. All survey and written submissions close on 24 October 2025.

Council encourages all residents to contribute to this important discussion about the future of open spaces in our Shire.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Shire Presentation Coordinator, Mr Tim Gillogly, on 02 6861 2333.

Yours faithfully

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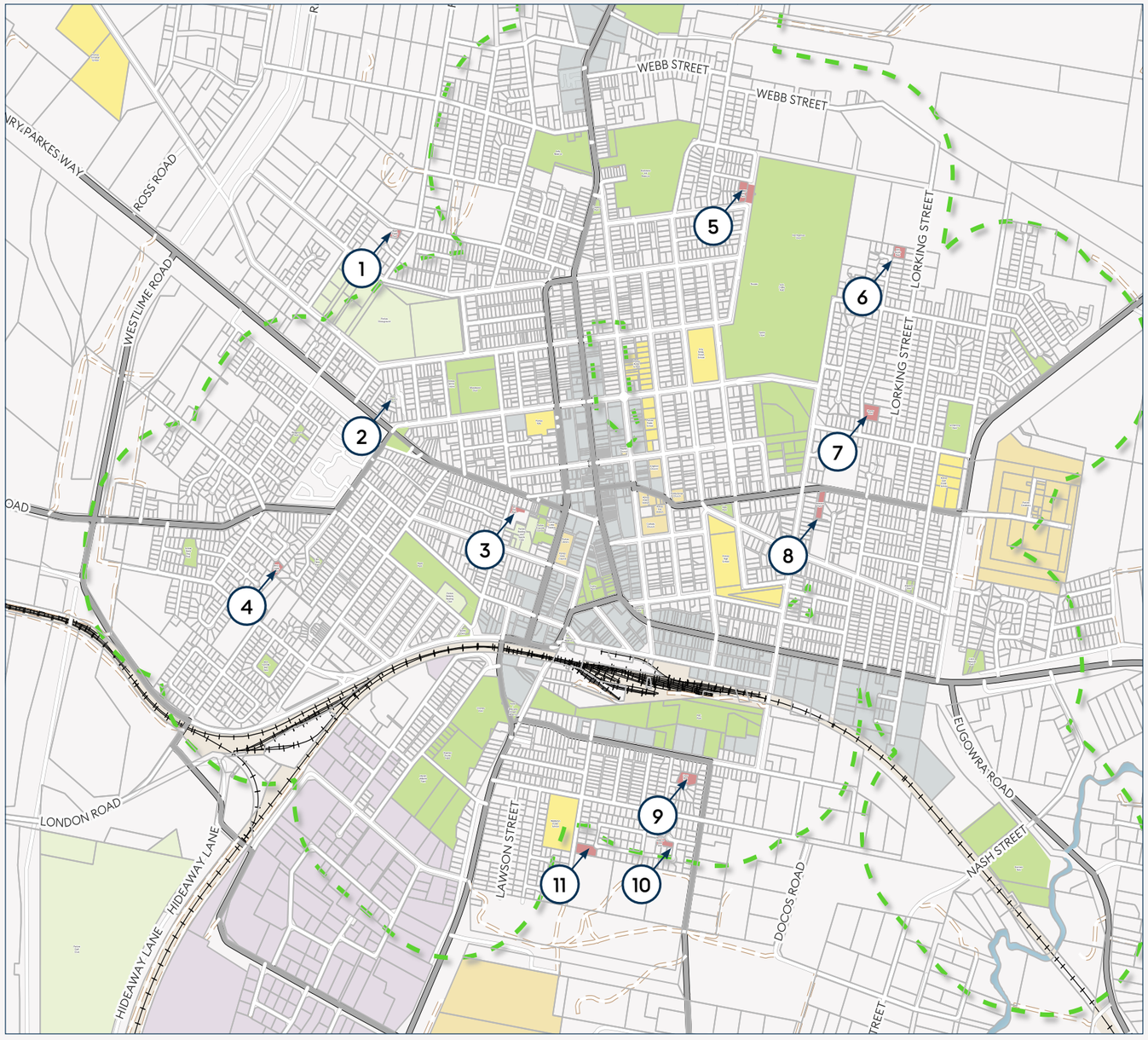
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PARKES OPEN SPACE RECLASSIFICATION MAP

Parkes Shire Council

The open spaces nominated for reclassification to operation land are shown on the Parkes Open Space Reclassification Map to the right. The parks have been identified 1 - 11 as follows:

1. **Rose Street Park -** The land is not utilised for recreational purposes and does not provide any community, environmental, cultural or social benefit.
2. **Moon Crescent Park -** The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Moon Crescent Park.
3. **AE Fox Park -** The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle.
4. **Beryl Logan Park - T**he park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a suitable number of local parks within proximity of Beryl Logan Park.
5. **Boulder Hill Park -** The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Boulder Hill Park.
6. **Ken Turner Park -** The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle.
7. **Davey Park -** The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Davey Park.
8. **Rotoract Park -** The play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Rotoract Park.
9. **Lions Play Park -** The park play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle. There is a destination park within the walkable catchment of Lions Play Park.
10. **Bernard Maguire Park -** The play equipment does not comply with current safety regulations and is beyond its anticipated asset life cycle.
11. **Vaucluse Place Park -** The land is not utilised for recreational purposes and does not provide any community, environmental, cultural or social benefit.



Have Your Say
Parkes Shire Draft Open Spaces Strategy

Parkes Shire Council has prepared a Draft Open Space Strategy to guide the future of parks, playgrounds, and sporting facilities across the Shire.

The Strategy looks at how Council manages over 185.643 Ha of open space, recognising that while our community values these spaces, it is not financially sustainable to maintain every park at the same standard.

The draft strategy proposes a hierarchy of open spaces:

- Investing in high use “destination” play spaces and sporting precincts.
- Maintaining local neighbourhood parks to a safe and usable standard.
- Reviewing underutilised “pocket parks” for possible reclassification, with funds reinvested into major community priorities.

The consideration of reclassifying the identified pocket parks would allow Council to save at least $220,000 in maintenance each year, to reinvest into the high use precincts.

Council acknowledges that some smaller parks are named after respected community members and that this is a sensitive issue. If reclassification is considered, Council will explore appropriate ways to continue recognising their contribution.

We want to hear your views to help guide the balance between keeping local spaces and creating high-quality recreational destinations.

DISCLAIMER

Parkes Shire Council invites you to participate in a survey (online and via hard copies at reception) to provide feedback on this proposal.

Council wants you to know, as part of engaging with the survey, Council will be collecting your personal information to understand community views on the proposed reclassification of pocket park land. This survey information is collected under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and providing your information is voluntary, however, without it, we may not be able to consider your submission.

Your data will be stored securely and may be shared with consultants assisting the Council. You have the right to access and correct your personal information. For more details, see our Privacy Management Plan.

By completing this survey you acknowledge, in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 1998, that your submission received by Council from you containing personal information may be made public when the matter goes before Council for consideration, as it may be included in Council’s Business Papers and stored on the website.

While no names are required, your address is. Please acknowledge you understand that providing your information as part of their submission might still identify you.

Thank you for your interest in this exhibition. By completing the feedback form, you agree to our privacy policy.

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Have Your Say
Parkes Shire Draft Open Spaces Strategy

Section 1: Feedback on the Draft Strategy

Please complete this short survey to share your thoughts on the overall Draft Open Spaces Strategy.

1. How often do you use small local parks of “pocket parks” near your home?

☐ Daily ☐ Rarely
☐ Weekly ☐ Never
☐ Monthly

2. What do you value most about these small parks? (select up to 2)

☐ Close to home/convenient
☐ Play equipment for children
☐ Green space/trees/nature
☐ Quiet space to relax
☐ Other (please specify): _____

3. The draft Strategy suggests some small, low-use parks could be reclassified and the funds reinvested into larger, higher-quality parks and sporting facilities. Do you support this idea?

☐ Strongly support ☐ Oppose
☐ Support ☐ Strongly oppose
☐ Neutral/unsure

4. If Council reinvests funds, which of the following should be the highest priorities? (select up to 3)

☐ Large, modern playgrounds (destination play spaces)
☐ Upgrades to sporting fields and complexes
☐ Walking and cycling paths that connect parks and facilities
☐ Shaded seating and picnic areas
☐ Community event spaces (markets, festivals, gatherings)
☐ Other (please specify): _____

5. Some local parks are named after respected community members or families. If one of these parks was reclassified, how important is it to you that the person’s contribution is still recognised in another way (e.g. plaque, name transferred to another facility, heritage record)?

☐ Very important ☐ Neutral
☐ Important ☐ Not important

6. Do you have any concerns about the possible reclassification of some small parks?

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Have Your Say
Parkes Shire Draft Open Spaces Strategy

7. Do you have any other comments or suggestions about any of the pocket parks that have been identified? Please ensure you name the park/s you are referring to.

Have Your Say
Parkes Shire Draft Open Spaces Strategy

Section 2: Feedback on the Masterplans

As part of the Strategy, Council has also prepared individual Masterplans for key regional play spaces and sporting precincts, including:

Destination Play Spaces

Lions Park, Kelly Reserve, Cooke Park

Major Sporting Complexes

Cheney Oval, Woodward Oval, Spicer/Northparkes/Pioneer Ovals precinct

These plans set out the proposed future upgrades, new facilities, and design principles for each site, a list of the Masterplans can be found below.

Parkes	
Rotary Arboretum Masterplan	PAC Park Masterplan
Bushmans Hill Masterplan	Woodward Oval Masterplan
Cheney/McGlynn Masterplan	Harrison Oval, Parker/Stone Field Masterplan
Cooke Park Masterplan	Lions Memorial Park Masterplan
Kelly Reserve Masterplan	Management of Redundant Open Space
Northparkes/Pioneer/Spicer Precinct Masterplan	
Trundle	**Peak Hill**
Berryman Oval Masterplan	Lindner Oval Masterplan

To provide feedback on a specific Masterplan, please visit https://bit.ly/PSCopenspaces, or scan the QR code provided to go to the website and navigate to the Masterplans.

Alternatively, you can attend the Council Administration Building, located at 2 Cecile Street Parkes, to view the Masterplans and leave a comment, or return this form with your comments over page.

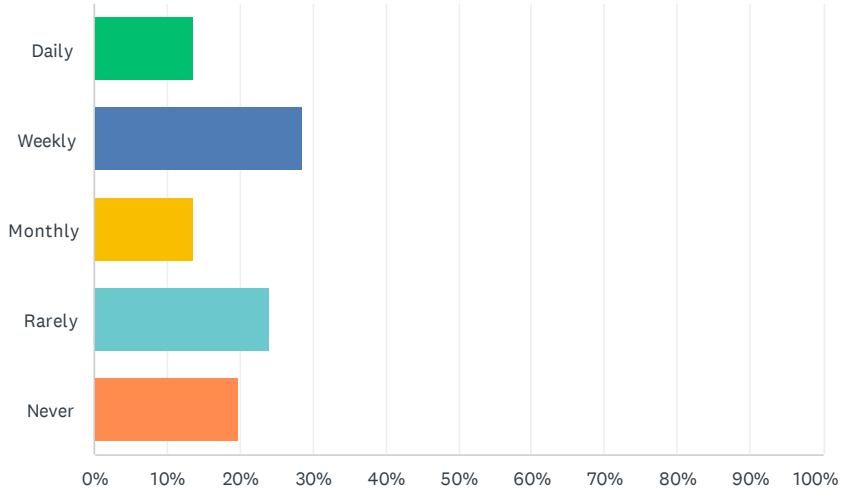
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Parkes			
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☐	Bushmans Hill Masterplan	☐	Woodward Oval Masterplan
☐	Cheney/McGlynn Masterplan	☐	Harrison Oval, Parker/Stone Field Masterplan
☐	Cooke Park Masterplan	☐	Lions Memorial Park Masterplan
☐	Kelly Reserve Masterplan	☐	Management of Redundant Open Space
☐	Northparkes/Pioneer/Spicer Precinct Masterplan		
Trundle		**Peak Hill**	
☐	Berryman Oval Masterplan	☐	Lindner Oval Masterplan

1. Do you have any feedback or comments on a specific Masterplan? Please ensure you name the Masterplan/s you are referring to.

Q1 How often do you use small local parks of “pocket parks” near your home?

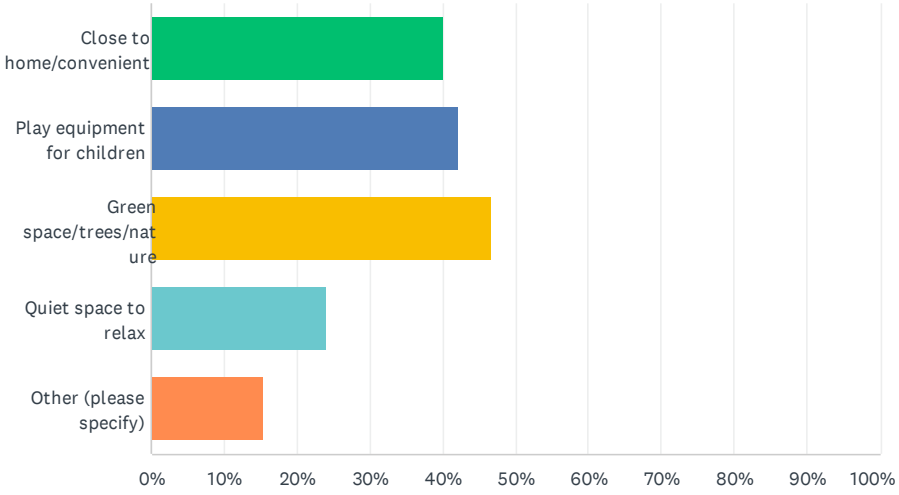
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	13.74%	25
Weekly	28.57%	52
Monthly	13.74%	25
Rarely	24.18%	44
Never	19.78%	36
TOTAL		182

Q2 What do you value most about these small parks? (select up to 2)

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



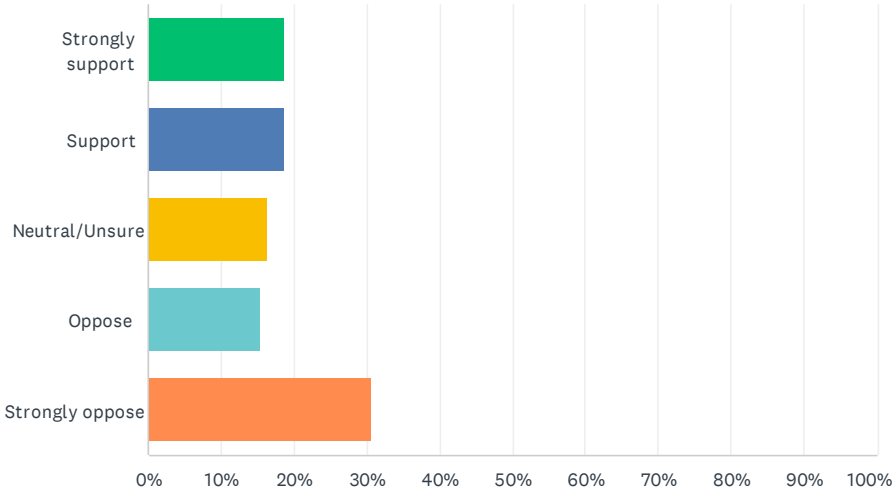
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Close to home/convenient	40.11%	73
Play equipment for children	42.31%	77
Green space/trees/nature	46.70%	85
Quiet space to relax	24.18%	44
Other (please specify)	15.38%	28
Total Respondents: 182		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Close to home - park close to neighbourhood	10/28/2025 10:36 AM
2	We do not have any of these small parks in Peak Hill	10/22/2025 12:25 AM
3	N/A	10/21/2025 2:27 PM
4	All of the above + safe to play	10/21/2025 2:17 PM
5	A space to sit and eat. Or wait for somebody	10/19/2025 6:29 PM
6	Must be dog friendly	10/18/2025 3:19 PM
7	They used to have a purpose however now they don't.	10/15/2025 11:37 PM
8	N/A	10/14/2025 9:11 PM
9	Most are unfamiliar and I didn't know they exist	10/14/2025 7:30 PM
10	N/A	10/14/2025 1:46 PM
11	All of the above + community connection spaces	10/14/2025 1:21 PM

12	Enhancement of environment	10/14/2025 12:55 PM
13	Families with small children to play	10/14/2025 12:51 PM
14	Place to meet other people from the neighbourhood, usually more quiet than the bigger parks, further away from traffic	10/11/2025 9:01 PM
15	All parks are a different environment for the kids to play	10/6/2025 10:29 PM
16	Away from busy roads	10/3/2025 7:01 PM
17	N/A	10/2/2025 6:14 PM
18	ALL of the above	9/30/2025 11:46 AM
19	With an aging population it is important to have passive areas where people can just sit or picnic	9/29/2025 6:14 PM
20	Nothing	9/28/2025 8:35 PM
21	Cleanliness	9/28/2025 3:18 AM
22	Nothing	9/26/2025 1:14 PM
23	They are simply not utilised	9/25/2025 8:56 PM
24	Due to the fact we are deliberately limited to choose only 2 options in this section, when four options is what I need to easement to answer completely I will put all the answers here 1: Close to home/convenient, 2: Play equipment for children, 3:Green space/trees/nature, 4:Quiet space to relax	9/25/2025 3:54 PM
25	Nothing if the equipment is broken and seen better days. Keeping some pocket parks would be greatly appreciated with people who are doing exercise, taking there furry friends for a walk or even just someone nice and quite to sit	9/24/2025 8:00 PM
26	That they were made available in the first place.	9/24/2025 12:19 PM
27	The cooling effect of the park on the surrounding area, especially with increased temperatures due to climate change.	9/19/2025 3:19 PM
28	I don't.	9/18/2025 5:03 PM

Q3 The draft Strategy suggests some small, low-use parks could be reclassified and the funds reinvested into larger, higher-quality parks and sporting facilities. Do you support this idea?

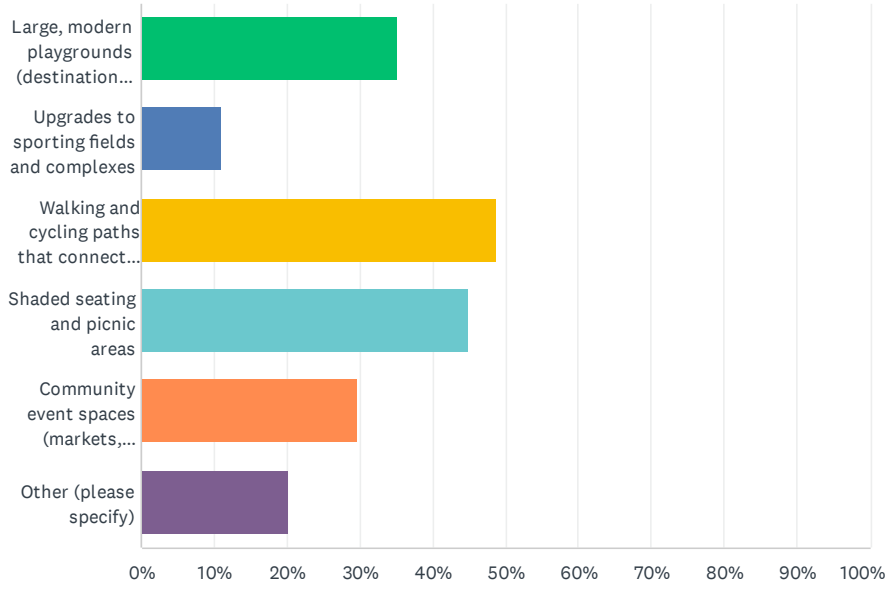
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly support	18.68%	34
Support	18.68%	34
Neutral/Unsure	16.48%	30
Oppose	15.38%	28
Strongly oppose	30.77%	56
TOTAL		182

Q4 If Council reinvests funds, which of the following should be the highest priorities? (select up to 3)

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



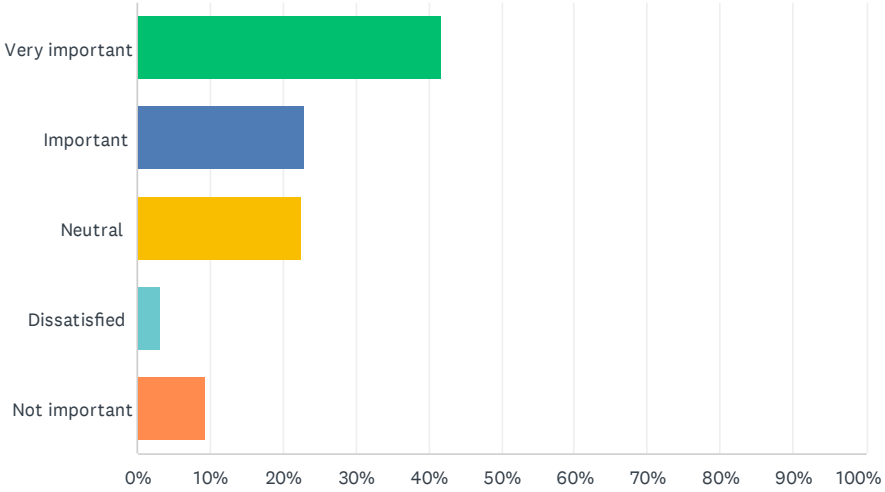
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Large, modern playgrounds (destination play spaces)	35.16%	64
Upgrades to sporting fields and complexes	10.99%	20
Walking and cycling paths that connect parks and facilities	48.90%	89
Shaded seating and picnic areas	45.05%	82
Community event spaces (markets, festivals, gatherings)	29.67%	54
Other (please specify)	20.33%	37
Total Respondents: 182		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Keep some small & local, not all at bigger area.	10/28/2025 10:36 AM
2	Better facilities and upkeep of remaining pocket parks	10/24/2025 1:54 PM
3	Don’t agree in reinvesting.	10/24/2025 10:43 AM
4	Upgrades to sporting fields and complexes, shaded seating and picnic areas and community event spaces.	10/21/2025 2:17 PM
5	From physical survey - no option selected	10/21/2025 9:47 AM
6	I am not in support of reinvesting funds from savings made by selling parks....the only park I	10/20/2025 4:01 PM

	can see that is possible would be Rose street as it is more like a block of land and has not been developed.	
7	No need to sell	10/20/2025 12:10 PM
8	More options for teenagers	10/15/2025 11:37 PM
9	Indoor swimming/activity/function centre, landscape/shade existing pathways at the ovals (northparkes, pioneer, spicer) (up by the water treatment plant), maps/signage/ distances for existing walks, repair existing high traffic walking paths (parkrun track & renshaw McGirr way)	10/14/2025 7:30 PM
10	Burr free paths	10/14/2025 1:46 PM
11	The first 4	10/14/2025 1:21 PM
12	More shade and seating in the CBD	10/14/2025 1:03 PM
13	Whichever small parks you do keep, upgrading them with shade cloths and seating	10/11/2025 9:01 PM
14	None of above	10/8/2025 8:09 PM
15	stop wasting money on things that are not your core roll	10/8/2025 7:47 PM
16	Modernise existing parks	10/6/2025 10:08 AM
17	Stopped butching the grass. Grass under 5mm in high attracts snakes. Councils head gardener is a moron!!!!!!!	10/5/2025 11:51 AM
18	None of the above	10/4/2025 11:17 PM
19	Accessibility to disabled people	10/2/2025 7:06 PM
20	Relocating swooping magpies that limit access to local parks.	10/1/2025 9:37 PM
21	Leave smaller parks alone instead of a massive money grab	10/1/2025 10:37 AM
22	Better toileting facilities . Invest more money into PACC park as it has a lot of potential	9/30/2025 5:44 PM
23	Parkes needs a sporting indoor complex/stadium for gymnastics, basketball, volleyball and school sports events	9/30/2025 5:13 PM
24	Morr native tree,shrub and flowers for wildlife	9/30/2025 12:42 PM
25	We need passive spaces for our health and well being	9/29/2025 6:14 PM
26	Better shopping	9/29/2025 2:20 PM
27	Indoor pool	9/29/2025 11:34 AM
28	None opposed	9/27/2025 9:32 PM
29	None of the above	9/27/2025 9:16 PM
30	Safety	9/26/2025 9:32 PM
31	Reclassify some pocket parks and invest the into updating a pocket park in each area of town	9/26/2025 8:19 PM
32	I believe the town would thrive with little farmer markets events and would love to have a park within walking distance that has workout equipment available.	9/24/2025 8:00 PM
33	Can we please get an off leash dog park south of the rail line. We walk our dogs to pac park but would love an off leash dog park.	9/24/2025 6:40 PM
34	Better facilities at new parks, baby changing area etc.	9/24/2025 12:19 PM
35	Keep and maintain all small parks they are there for everyone not just council and developers green areas are getting harder to find everywhere for $220,000 keep them out rates certainly cover all requirements or look at other waste in council	9/22/2025 3:14 PM
36	None, as council should not get rid of any pocket parks	9/17/2025 4:39 PM
37	More trees	9/15/2025 2:57 PM

Q5 Some local parks are named after respected community members or families. If one of these parks was reclassified, how important is it to you that the person's contribution is still recognised in another way (e.g. plaque, name transferred to another facility, heritage record)?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	41.76%	76
Important	23.08%	42
Neutral	22.53%	41
Dissatisfied	3.30%	6
Not important	9.34%	17
TOTAL		182

Q6 Do you have any concerns about the possible reclassification of some small parks?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/A	10/28/2025 10:36 AM
2	N/A	10/28/2025 9:34 AM
3	No	10/24/2025 3:34 PM
4	Yes, they have their own value which will be lost if they are removed	10/24/2025 1:54 PM
5	Yes. Sometimes people don't want to go to a busy 'destination' park. One of the benefits of living in a rural space is having access to parks and nature.	10/24/2025 10:43 AM
6	Best way to kill off smaller neighbourhoods and encourage screen time or worse from kids	10/23/2025 8:54 PM
7	If the small pocket parks are reclassified for building/residential purposes they will be lost for ever. Our previous town planners can be thanked for planning and maintaining these small, natural spaces allowing residents to walk easily to locations close to their homes rather than having to drive. Town planners cannot assume that everyone can drive - probably half the population does not drive eg, children, youth, elderly, people with disabilities, non-drivers - therefore having long distances to walk to access a park is not reasonable. Close proximity to parks is important to be maintained. If reclassified and lost to the community, we further shrink the opportunity to experience nature close by (with many housing developments now having very little shared space, if any, and very limited outdoor yard space). The pocket parks provide relief from urban sprawl and density of buildings. I do not agree with the assertion that these parks have little benefit (community, environmental, cultural and social). The benefits I see are: mental health wellbeing, social cohesion through small local get togethers, shared public spaces, enabling access for all in close proximity to their homes, relief from screen-time for young children, opportunities for nature play, provide a small patch of nature for the young and elderly and families, quietitude and shade, and much more.	10/23/2025 2:35 PM
8	Boulder Hill is a very dirty park	10/22/2025 6:19 PM
9	Once council start taking these areas from the public it will just see that as a free rein to take them away as they please	10/22/2025 5:28 AM
10	No	10/22/2025 12:25 AM
11	none	10/21/2025 6:03 PM
12	No	10/21/2025 2:27 PM
13	N/A	10/21/2025 2:23 PM
14	Definitely is a progressive and necessary option in these economic times. Cannot sustain outdated play equipment etc. so yes necessary to move to "larger higher - quality parks" but the land needs to be reused - or sold and housing blocks for homeless... Sub let for project homes? too smaller blocks but need to not leave land empty.	10/21/2025 2:17 PM
15	Yes, they should reguarly upgraded instead of no maintenance for years then identified as unviable assets.	10/21/2025 9:47 AM
16	Na	10/20/2025 8:50 PM
17	I have great concerns including loss of green space in town; I would say more public green space in town is a good idea. I am also worried about break down of community.	10/20/2025 4:01 PM
18	Taking away less crowded park options for quieter kids	10/20/2025 2:22 PM
19	Yes	10/20/2025 12:10 PM

20	None. These parks can quickly descend into a haven for drug addicts if not maintained	10/19/2025 6:29 PM
21	Yes	10/19/2025 1:50 PM
22	Although not mentioned, I would like to see Armstrong Park kept and possibly upgraded. I walking tracks along main roads between the school, park and up along Danelenko street would make it much safer for children and families walking home and encourage more use of the park by local kids riding bikes and scooters.	10/19/2025 9:00 AM
23	No	10/18/2025 3:19 PM
24	Yes	10/18/2025 8:41 AM
25	I live right at Davey Park, it influenced us in our purchase - Open Space! I see what happens there - it is used daily. Mums with prams/babies/toddlers meet there - only a small park but a loved area!! Our visitors always comment on how lovely the park is!!	10/17/2025 2:07 PM
26	My main concern is the loss of green space. There is still a need for green area with some trees/gardens and seating. "Utilisation" of parks does not have to mean "activity" or "sport"	10/17/2025 1:42 PM
27	N/A	10/17/2025 1:34 PM
28	N/A	10/17/2025 1:32 PM
29	N/a	10/16/2025 10:50 PM
30	Yes The township of Parkes is not very green as it is. Why would you remove small parks. I don't have any parks near me and enjoy coming to them when I come to town. The larger ones are noisy and full of children which is good however the smaller ones are good for older people	10/16/2025 8:58 PM
31	No	10/16/2025 7:18 PM
32	No	10/16/2025 8:29 AM
33	No	10/15/2025 11:37 PM
34	Increased noise and urban density if used for more housing	10/15/2025 10:23 PM
35	No	10/15/2025 9:51 PM
36	I feel it’s nice to keep these parks within walking distance of homes, a place kids can walk to safely within homes perimeters	10/15/2025 5:51 PM
37	Not at all	10/15/2025 12:10 PM
38	See answer in question 8	10/14/2025 11:04 PM
39	Lions Park especially needs to retain play equipment	10/14/2025 9:11 PM
40	No	10/14/2025 7:30 PM
41	Please see below	10/14/2025 2:04 PM
42	No	10/14/2025 1:51 PM
43	N/A	10/14/2025 1:46 PM
44	No	10/14/2025 1:43 PM
45	N/A	10/14/2025 1:41 PM
46	N/A	10/14/2025 1:39 PM
47	Yes. Small green spaces such as the pocket parks are important in our changing climate and as houses are built with small yard spaces. They are community spaces, many with natural features that add to a healthier town. Many people and children cannot cope with large, busy places and a smaller local park they can walk to is better suited. We need more parks not less as we try and encourage everyone to disconnect from devices and reconnect with the natural environment. For example, Moon Crescent park has a magnificent tree and just needs a picnic table and seats, Boulder Hill Park would be a perfect nature play park by removing the old play equipment. nature	10/14/2025 1:29 PM
48	Will further erode community connections in areas of town/community intimacy and open	10/14/2025 1:21 PM

	spaces for play and peaceful spaces.	
49	Personally I think respected community members are long gone. Most residents don't know them, maybe name streets in new areas in their honour.	10/14/2025 1:03 PM
50	N/A	10/14/2025 12:59 PM
51	I believe small parks are necessary for the environment in both appearance and functionality. Trees and green spaces are essential - not just large modern playgrounds!	10/14/2025 12:55 PM
52	All parks should remain as they are and kepted up to standards	10/14/2025 12:53 PM
53	No	10/14/2025 12:51 PM
54	No, it is a good plan. All the best. We need something similar to the Forbes Lake Walking Track	10/14/2025 12:49 PM
55	Should have 4 regional playgrounds. 1) Kelly Reserve - North. 2) Lions - East. 3) PAC Pk - South (middleton). 4)Widgerum Pk - West	10/14/2025 12:43 PM
56	Small parks are very handy to the elderly. They like to walk there, sit for a while then walk back home. Ok it may not be safe at some parks because the drug thugs of this town think that the park is their private property. Do something about that.	10/14/2025 12:13 PM
57	N/A	10/14/2025 12:00 PM
58	Leave them alone. Do NOT need change in nature spaces. Redevelopment is GOOD but not at the expense of small parks. Parkes is a family community - small parks essential!	10/14/2025 11:57 AM
59	Yes, these small parks are a opportunity for people to rest while avoiding traffic for a while.	10/14/2025 11:54 AM
60	I'm not in a position to give an opinion to the above	10/14/2025 11:50 AM
61	No	10/14/2025 11:49 AM
62	N/A	10/14/2025 11:37 AM
63	What will the reclassified land be used for? Residential or left vacant?	10/14/2025 11:35 AM
64	No	10/13/2025 8:14 PM
65	Families would have nowhere to go nearby	10/13/2025 4:26 PM
66	Memories	10/13/2025 4:09 PM
67	- Easier being closer to home, - Kids don't have to wonder far, - More of an intimate environment, - Less Overwhelming, - Easier supervision, - Sense of Safety	10/13/2025 3:07 PM
68	No	10/12/2025 8:28 PM
69	Great idea	10/12/2025 8:00 AM
70	Once they are lost, it takes away that "third space", that free space, that point of community connection - often with no suitable replacement. It's great to have the larger parks but it's also nice to have something closer to home, small and quiet. Once a house or something is built there, the playground (or an equivalent) can never come back.	10/11/2025 9:01 PM
71	No	10/10/2025 4:50 PM
72	It shouldn't happen. Read any research on the value of green spaces to mental health, air quality and community	10/10/2025 9:48 AM
73	Yes	10/9/2025 7:32 PM
74	Yes	10/8/2025 10:22 PM
75	Some parks were established on land as part of new subdivisions. If no longer required the land should be given back	10/8/2025 8:09 PM
76	yes you are proposing to sell of public land to cover your financial incompetence and spending on things you shouldnt be.	10/8/2025 7:47 PM
77	Not enough trees	10/8/2025 6:44 PM

78	These small parkes are refuges for small families/carers nearby, looking for quick outings that aren't overwhelming, and don't need to be. The small children wanting to explore walking in open space, or counting ants, or playing make believe with rocks and sticks and simple equipment. Larger parks are great too, but can seem overly sterile/restrictive in their use because of the tailored equipment that narrows the imagination of the user.	10/7/2025 11:00 PM
79	De-value existing property prices of dwellings near the parks. Council hasn't disclosed how the parks will be "reclassified", eg public housing, car parks etc.	10/7/2025 9:10 AM
80	My main concern is what the land will then be used for, I can only imagine it would be something that wouldn't benefit the community	10/6/2025 10:29 PM
81	no	10/6/2025 5:44 PM
82	No	10/6/2025 11:03 AM
83	Loss of access for people with mobility issues/ disabilities	10/6/2025 10:18 AM
84	Yes	10/6/2025 10:08 AM
85	No	10/5/2025 10:40 PM
86	No	10/5/2025 8:06 PM
87	Loss of green spaces	10/5/2025 5:08 PM
88	No	10/5/2025 11:51 AM
89	The potential loss of green spaces	10/5/2025 7:28 AM
90	Yes	10/5/2025 1:57 AM
91	Yes	10/4/2025 11:17 PM
92	No	10/4/2025 2:17 PM
93	Boulder Park has been very useful for us as grandparents. The boulders and natural landscape there provide a great play space. A small amount of development there utilising the natural features would make it an attractive draw card.	10/4/2025 8:35 AM
94	How about you force the renovation of the ugly Cole's building? Fill in the vacant old target space? Pretty the place up instead of leaving it as ugly as all sin. How about you find a place for travelling caravaners to park their cars and vans so they can walk around the town? Where can they park? No where! This town is a disgrace when we have an old mayor who has pushed through the WTE incinerator and lined his own pocket and his brothers with the cash they got from selling off the land from the bypass, and we have a mayor who now is supporting this monstrosity! You'll have more problems soon when people start leaving and your healthcare and retail outlets fail your town because you won't be able to staff them!	10/3/2025 9:35 PM
95	Yes. Green space and nature reserve at Vaucluse place park will be lost if something if it reclassified. I walk my dog through the park daily and my children walk to and from Middleton school.	10/3/2025 7:53 PM
96	Yes. Destruction of habitat, notably in Vaucluse park. Vaucluse park is used frequently by residents for walking.	10/3/2025 7:46 PM
97	No	10/3/2025 7:18 PM
98	Minimising the spaces for children to play that aren't over populated or close to main roads.	10/3/2025 7:01 PM
99	Yes	10/3/2025 6:31 PM
100	No	10/2/2025 7:06 PM
101	No	10/2/2025 6:14 PM
102	Yes	10/1/2025 10:31 PM
103	Potential damage that can happen to nearby houses as a result of works that would happen after reclassification. Many pocket parks have been listed as unimportant due to other parks being in the walkable catchment - this is untrue as swooping magpies make it impossible to safely walk. Pocket parks are something that makes our town unique - Why should they be	10/1/2025 9:37 PM

	taken away? The provided map lists parks as having out of date or damaged equipment - why hasn't the equipment been maintained properly and managed well over time? - Also, who completed this investigation- eyeball inspection council or an actual contractor with specific feedback? There are a lot of empty commercial buildings in town. Why can't council incentivise the creation of some of the proposed facilities in spaces that are actually being unused.	
104	In neighbourhoods with young families, small parks and green space close by makes for nicer neighbourhoods and social opportunities for families.	10/1/2025 9:04 PM
105	No	10/1/2025 7:33 PM
106	No	10/1/2025 6:19 PM
107	Yes	10/1/2025 4:18 PM
108	Yes, you just want to take away the parks to build more houses. Some of these parks are still used and lived by the community	10/1/2025 2:18 PM
109	It would be a shame to lose close Parkes and green spaces which get used by the community daily	10/1/2025 1:41 PM
110	Yes they need to be there for all to utilise for years to come, get a better accounting process to fix your budget	10/1/2025 10:37 AM
111	Lose	10/1/2025 10:25 AM
112	No all of these parks are not used.	10/1/2025 9:49 AM
113	I think it's a great idea as most of these parks are old and not utilised.	10/1/2025 9:47 AM
114	No	9/30/2025 11:14 PM
115	We need to keep as many green spaces as possible	9/30/2025 7:07 PM
116	That it would be sold off and the proceeds swallowed not utilised correctly	9/30/2025 5:44 PM
117	Armstrong park play equipment isn't included on this list and it should be (Hodges st)	9/30/2025 5:13 PM
118	No	9/30/2025 12:42 PM
119	Yes as they were purpose built to serve the families in the area.	9/30/2025 11:46 AM
120	Keep native vegetation and habitats for birds and other wildlife:Boulder Park, AE FOX PARK, Lions Park,Rotary Park	9/29/2025 11:31 PM
121	Yes all are needed. You may not think they are used but they are. Passive areas are very import	9/29/2025 6:14 PM
122	Yes	9/29/2025 2:20 PM
123	No	9/29/2025 11:34 AM
124	Not really. Play equipment is expensive to maintain	9/29/2025 9:36 AM
125	Yes, the connections- family and lost ones	9/29/2025 7:50 AM
126	Yes	9/29/2025 6:11 AM
127	No	9/28/2025 8:35 PM
128	Yes	9/28/2025 7:13 PM
129	No	9/28/2025 3:40 PM
130	The reclassification of Vaucluse Place Park will result in noise pollution and possible rubbish pollution for nearby residents. We also get alot of wild life in this area (rabbits and kangaroos daily)	9/28/2025 10:30 AM
131	n/a	9/28/2025 9:42 AM
132	Council should leave these parks alone	9/28/2025 3:56 AM
133	No I think some of the smaller parks are an eyesore	9/28/2025 3:18 AM

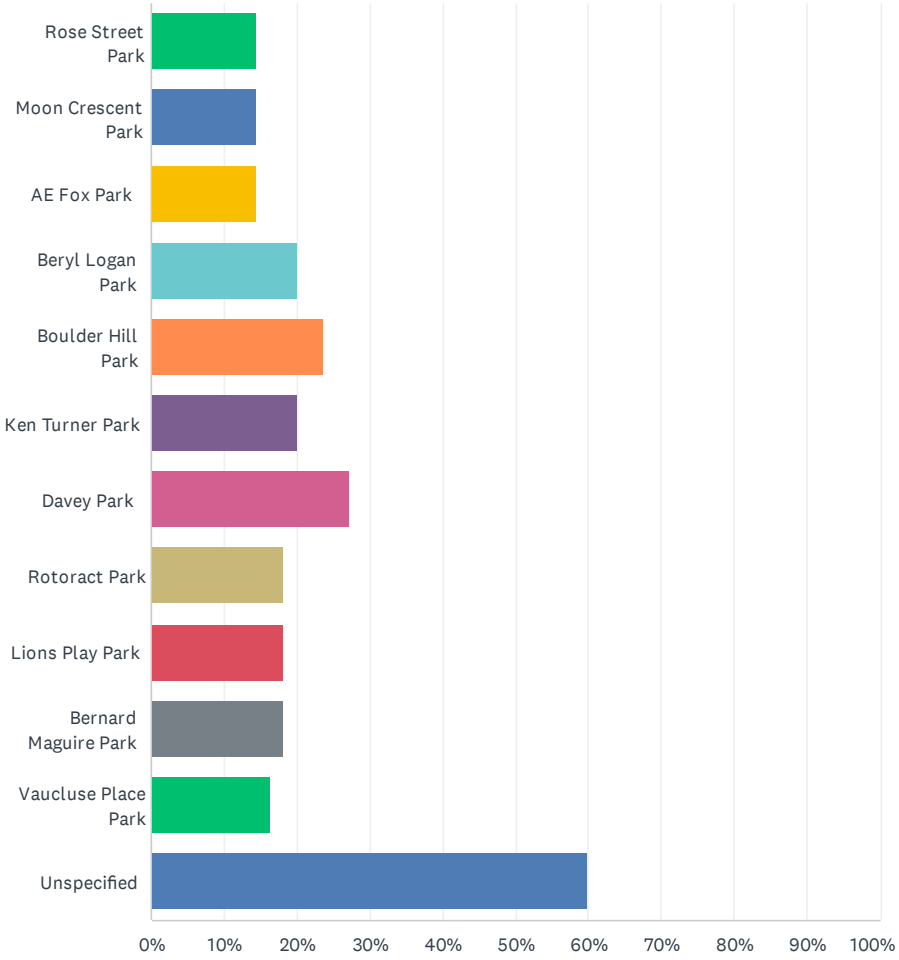
134	No	9/28/2025 12:47 AM
135	People use them so leave alone	9/28/2025 12:30 AM
136	As the town grows, these small areas are of high importance to families.	9/27/2025 10:25 PM
137	losing small parks will be a negative impact on our families especially those with young children needing to access them for mental health strategies or simply having quiet fun with their children	9/27/2025 9:35 PM
138	Yes this should not be happening, the council should be maintaining these areas for all people that live around these small parks, not everyone has the ability to travel distances, our council charges rate payers to maintain all our parks including small parks. Why have we been charged over the years if they aren't maintaining	9/27/2025 9:32 PM
139	Some people chose to live close to these facilities that create good opportunity for people to be active and outside. Don't make it harder for people	9/27/2025 9:25 PM
140	Yes	9/27/2025 9:16 PM
141	Yes. I feel as ratepayers the maintenance of these areas shouldve been better prioritised by the council instead of them neglecting the play equipment to the point where its now too costly to upgrade.	9/27/2025 8:53 PM
142	No	9/27/2025 8:37 PM
143	No as I do believe the very small parks maybe don't get much use.	9/27/2025 8:08 PM
144	Honestly, some of these parks already receive no care. MOON CRES for example is terrible.	9/27/2025 5:49 PM
145	No	9/27/2025 4:57 PM
146	Yes, I do have some concerns. Small parks play an important role in providing green space, shade, and recreation for the community. Reclassifying them could potentially limit access or change how they're used, which might negatively impact families and residents who rely on them. I'd want to make sure the community is properly consulted and that their needs are prioritised before any decisions are made.	9/27/2025 11:16 AM
147	No	9/27/2025 7:37 AM
148	no not if it won't upset family members who are attached to the memory of them	9/27/2025 7:30 AM
149	Yes the smaller parks are valuable to the children that are less fortunate to go to the main parks. Some parents would not bother taking their kids or not be able to and these children will miss out on important social connections.	9/26/2025 9:32 PM
150	Yes kids need to be able to play close to home not wander the streets and be away from parental supervision	9/26/2025 8:23 PM
151	My young family goes to 3 of these pocket parks (alternating) almost everyday because they are so close and are a quick and easy outing to exert some energy. I love that Lions park has been done up but not having the little ones close by would mean we would have to get in the car if we don't have a lot of time and that just isn't always feasible. Especially on a week day afternoon when things are a bit more rushed. My kids, my husband and I would really miss these little parks greatly! I think if these parks are no longer there, lions park will become very over populated.	9/26/2025 8:19 PM
152	No	9/26/2025 7:56 PM
153	No	9/26/2025 5:01 PM
154	No as long as a modern park is made available in our area- not just waiting until the remaining park needs replacing	9/26/2025 2:14 PM
155	No	9/26/2025 1:14 PM
156	NA	9/26/2025 12:59 PM
157	Not everyone has their own transport and these parks allow people to access a green space close to home	9/25/2025 11:04 PM

158	No	9/25/2025 8:56 PM
159	No	9/25/2025 8:45 PM
160	Yes	9/25/2025 4:53 PM
161	Yes, some people use these smaller parks/nature areas that do not have vehicles, which makes it difficult for them to access these types of places if they are further away. Some if these spaces were allocated to create gathering spaces for parts if the community in those areas, except Boulder Hill Park a it was initially created to remove access to vehicles launching thier cars off the top of the Alexander Street hill as it created a massive risk to the residential properties when the vehicles that did this lost control. The park was a good solution to fix that problem and creates a gathering space for those who lived in the neighbourhood	9/25/2025 3:54 PM
162	No	9/25/2025 2:27 PM
163	No	9/25/2025 1:24 PM
164	Yes these spaces are the only play/ Family gatherings areas	9/24/2025 9:37 PM
165	Maybe keep some small parks just for picnics or just an area close by were residents can walk and not have to waste fuel travelling to the over side of town to go to the big parks.	9/24/2025 8:00 PM
166	No	9/24/2025 6:40 PM
167	My concern is that the land will then be used to build more unaffordable homes. If these spaces are to be changed into something other than a park I should think it would be something still useful to the community. Extra parking for houses nearby that dont have driveways etc	9/24/2025 12:19 PM
168	That the community spirit will be effected	9/24/2025 11:49 AM
169	No	9/24/2025 6:32 AM
170	I find some parks should still remain as they are much loved and cover areas where other parks are far away or children have limited options/safe spaces e.g boulder park	9/23/2025 6:12 PM
171	The loss of green spaces throughout the community. Its great that the larger parks/playgrounds could be improved but i think is important to have non-developed spaces (green areas) throughout the suburbs.	9/23/2025 5:07 PM
172	Loss of potential Safe accessible Play Space	9/23/2025 4:49 PM
173	No	9/23/2025 7:54 AM
174	Keep and maintain all small parks they are there for everyone not just council and developers green areas are getting harder to find everywhere for $220,000 keep them out rates certainly cover all requirements or look at other waste in council	9/22/2025 3:14 PM
175	Easy access for family and children who need access to smaller quiet area to play instead of large overpopulated playgrounds	9/21/2025 7:33 PM
176	Yes, these parks are essential to residents around them. They would be more used if updated and have a history in our town. It is important to keep our green spaces throughout our streets. There is plenty of land available for housing and over the years council have made decisions to remove history, beautiful houses, the verandas from our old pubs etc, which are attractions in other small towns. Parks and green spaces are what attracts people to towns not car parks and heavily populated streets.	9/21/2025 9:11 AM
177	Yes. After reading the newly released Climate Report and taking into account the federal government's updated climate targets, it's obvious that we need all the cooling in our town that we can get - in fact, there should be more pocket parks and urban forests, which have been shown to significantly reduce heat and heat stress in urban areas. Heat related deaths are predicted to rise more than 400% across Australia as temperatures increase. As Parkes is in an area already experiencing impactful heat incidents during summer, this is more important than ever.	9/19/2025 3:19 PM
178	No	9/18/2025 5:03 PM
179	Yes. Green spaces are so important for social connection, mental health and wellbeing, urban cooling, and habitat provision. In the face of a changing climate, council would be mad to get	9/17/2025 4:39 PM

	rid of any of them. If anything more big trees should be planted in these spaces	
180	No	9/15/2025 2:57 PM
181	Green spaces are vital to keeping our townships cool in the fight against heating as part of climate change.	9/15/2025 2:46 PM
182	No	9/11/2025 4:51 PM

Q7 Please select the park/s you are referring to

Answered: 55 Skipped: 127



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rose Street Park	14.55%	8
Moon Crescent Park	14.55%	8
AE Fox Park	14.55%	8
Beryl Logan Park	20.00%	11
Boulder Hill Park	23.64%	13
Ken Turner Park	20.00%	11
Davey Park	27.27%	15
Rotoract Park	18.18%	10
Lions Play Park	18.18%	10
Bernard Maguire Park	18.18%	10
Vaucluse Place Park	16.36%	9
Unspecified	60.00%	33
Total Respondents: 55		

Q8 Do you have any other comments or suggestions about any of the pocket parks that have been identified?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	ECM Document 2142837 Davey Park, Mengarvie Road We, our family, have 'backed onto' this area since late 1960's - and was used frequently by our family the past years - but the children have now moved on - and an older generation maybe not using it as often BUT as the older generation move out - hopefully the younger generation move in the park would be a welcome area for younger families. No child would be keen to use it for a play session - swings and rusty spring animals - the only attraction there now - sum it up as 'BLAND' - 'uninspiring' and uninviting - I do hear children playing there - with balls - flying kites and interacting - maybe consider added an extra attraction - BASKET BALL POLE - climbing cage (as near memorial hill) soccer net - something to attract activities for the neighbourhood families. NO ONE in the current situation would class it as a fun park to visit.	10/28/2025 10:36 AM
2	ECM Document 2144653 Pocket Parks add character to the streets, cul-de-sac etc. KEN TURNER is a quiet safe park that adds character to the area. It is a convenient park for children, parents and grandparents to use and safely relax at.	10/28/2025 9:34 AM
3	No	10/24/2025 3:34 PM
4	I would love for Council to host a meeting/community discussion about this so our voices can be heard. This is something that's important to a lot of families and we believe it needs further consideration.	10/24/2025 1:54 PM
5	.	10/24/2025 10:43 AM
6	This list is absolutely disgusting and this council should be supporting its community not leading to its downfall	10/23/2025 8:54 PM
7	Homes are being built to fill almost the entire block and families and residents need natural spaces to share. Reclassifying or selling off these blocks for development would be a backward step. The previous town planners obviously realised the importance of these local, shared spaces for community health and wellbeing. Once lost they wont return - developers are not planning spaces such as these. I would suggest removing all the outdated play equipment and replacing with natural spaces, tables and chairs for picnicking, seating and walking. Rather than getting rid of the pocket parks we should be preserving the current available nature spaces and considering their value for liveability in a hot and changing climate.	10/23/2025 2:35 PM
8	No	10/22/2025 6:19 PM
9	If only one person uses that area a day to me that is enough for it to remain There are plenty of other ways the council can save money to reinvest	10/22/2025 5:28 AM
10	No	10/22/2025 12:25 AM
11	no	10/21/2025 6:03 PM
12	ECM Document 2142326 Suggest these smaller park areas could be offered to neighbouring properties if they are too small to sell as a building block! Small land areas such as disused public walkways have been divided up and sold to adjacent property owners.	10/21/2025 2:27 PM
13	ECM Document 2142327 Rarely use the park - but its good to have it handy when visitors - grandchildren visit - not having to utilise cars to get there. Cricket games races lots of good times had. Previously, Rosedurnate residents were wheeled up by carers and used as a close by outing. Don't know if it would still happen when facility reopens. Park No 8 - Rotoract Park. IF TI MEANS REMOVAL OF WELL ESTABLISHED TREES DEFINITELY NOT IN FAVOUR.	10/21/2025 2:23 PM
14	ECM Document 2142330 Idea: Purpose built dry forest. The Groundswell Collective and Benjamin Short Grove Aged Care Facility in Orange NSW. 900 Plant in 300 square meters.	10/21/2025 2:17 PM

	Carbon Positive. So - 8 - Rotoract Park - behind the aged care home of Rosedurnate Retirement Village - soon to be open - perfect position for a 'dry forest'. 5 - Boulder Hill Park - Urban Forest , perfect biodiversity area, cooling and native area, for a pocket forest. 6 - Ken Turner Park - Pocket Forest - all near or Lorking St Water Development area - so - add to our development of a tiny forest. A community garden would be amazing but not aware of just what land would be practical or suitable??	
15	ECM Document 2141999 6. Do you have any concerns about the possible reclassification of some small parks? We (a&#65533;l living childre? of Beryl Logan) are disappointed that the Beryl Logan Park (officially named after Be&#65533;Im &#65533;O IO for _her ttreless work for all constituents within the Parkes Shire) is one of the small pocket parks that 1s bemg considered for possible reclassification from Community to Operational land by the Parkes Shire Council in their "Parkes Shire Draft - Open Spaces Strategy' strategic plan. Highlights on why Beryl's Park should remain as a community open space includes the following but is without doubt not limited to the below points:- • Beryl Logan even now has many direct family that live and work in Parkes and who contribute to the vibrant social and community aspects of the Parkes community on a daily basis. • Beryl has: o Three (3) remaining adult children living in Parkes - Ian Logan, Ross Logan and Danny Logan. o Eight (8) grandchildren who also live, work and have family and homes in Parkes. These family members also participate in various community activities in Parkes. o Fourteen (14) great grandchildren who also live, go to school in Parkes and partake in numerous community activities. • 1987 elected as a Parkes Shire Alderman up until her death in 1997 (re-elected for 3 consecutive terms). • Held the following positions within the realms of Alderman during these terms: o Tidy Towns Chairperson for a number of years o Community Tenancy Scheme (heavily involved and passionate about assisting many, many individuals and families with the Parkes Shire Council, not just for the Parkes town, but for every individual and family reach as far as Tullamore) o Neighbour Hood Centre o Parkes Shire Library o Vice Chairperson of Skill Share Committee • Beryl also was a member of the Australian Local Government Association Woman's Association (high achievement for a woman not obtained by many in the rural or remote areas ofNSW) and was involved in but again not limited to the below, Beryl's autonomous and astute involvement stretched way beyond the below committee involvement: o Home Modification Group (for elderly and the disabled citizens with the Western Area of NSW. • 1992 was elected Western Area President of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society and held this position for over 30 years. Prior to becoming President, Beryl worked tirelessly at the Parkes Saint Vincent De Paul branch where she was almost on call for individuals and families seeking assistance and/or support for housing, domestic violence, utility payment etc taking phone calls all hours of the night, and we all recall on many occasions individuals and families arriving from out of town showing up at our house seeking Beryls help (some had been sleeping in their cars with no basic bare necessities). • Beryl systematically maintained with a passion community, agency/services at local government as well as both State and Federal level networks to continue support and assistance for all constituents under the SVDP Society Western Area as well as the LGA (Local Government Area) banner continued for individuals and families. • 1997 worked vigorously within the Catholic Church of Parkes and the Churches numerous committees and sub-committees delivery welfare and community assistance and support. Beryl was a pivotal link between services and individuals for decades. As Beryl's family, we recognise and acknowledge other families also have Parks within the Parkes Shire Electorate named in their families honoured. However, we would be extremely disappointed if a decision was made to reclassify Beryl Logan Park and remove continued public and original Parkes Council's foresight to acknowledge the astounding tireless effort Beryl made to many many individual's and families spanning well over 40 plus years. We thank you for your time in reading our coUective family response and ask that it is taken with sincere consideration. Kind Regards Michael Logan, Alice Forrester, Colleen Ruddy, Graham Logan and Danny Logan 6. Do you have any concerns about the possible reclassification of some small parks? My name is Colleen Ruddy and I am Beryl Logan's youngest daughter. I thank Parkes Shir.e Council for allowing both this response and my families collective response to ask Council to sincerely reconsider their intention to reclassify our mother's park- Beryl Logan Park. I only wish to add the below addendum in addition to my family's submission (attached). My family were all raised in a belief that 'when one can, one unconditionally helps others however one can'. My mothers mantle stealthed in her deliverance of anything and everything asked of her held this believe strongly. Beryl not only held this mantle but generously delivered what she could (often with nothing but her heart and unconditional passion) to absolutely do what she could for anyone and everyone regardless of their position, class, culture or gender. Our family are fortunate to still have connections to some of the recipients of Beryl's assistance and indeed are aware that many people and their families still remember our mother fondly for what she did and her generosity extended to them and her beloved community. J For many who both knew	10/21/2025 9:47 AM

	Beryl and/or were recipient's of these good deeds Beryl's 'Nothing is impossible' approach and belief achieved so much for so many. For those who worked alongside Beryl became acquainted with this statement and what it really meant 'lets look at the issue to hand and then collectively look at what can be achieved' and on many occasions something was achieved. I firmly believe resonates and aligns with the current Parkes Shire Draft - Open Spaces Strategy. I am particularly aware of the financial responsibilities of LGA's expenditure and responsibilities with the same. Parkes is a growing and beautiful town. However, may I suggest for consideration Beryls as well as other parks are opened up for visitors to lets say the Elvis festival as accommodation for those travelling in their fully functional mobiJe homes. This may create finances which could then collectively be returned back into maintaining the community parks for general access and use. I am certainJy not implying that all parks will be catered for at once; what I am suggesting is that a park is updated each year which would certainly allow for finances to adeptly manage the upkeep and update of equipment to local parks. Again I thank you for allowing and reading my response. Kind Regards	
16	Na	10/20/2025 8:50 PM
17	1. it has been identified that we have hit an all time mental health crisis.Green space, nature space and community can help us here. Maybe these smaller parks could be reimagined into nature spaces and community spaces that offer a different experience to that of a destination park. Boulder Park for example is 2/3 there. The play equipment is unnecessary but the park itself is great. 2 The importance of green space in a changing climate. Perhaps now we have the destination parks the pocket parks can be used to fulfil a different need growing endemic plants and rewilding our environment a little. 3 Another value of these little parks is that people can walk to there local park instead of having to drive. When I visit some of these parks groups of kids are playing happily without needing adult supervision because home is close by. Sometimes you'll come across a couple of families having a picnic and playing games together. It is a common space where people can meet. I would be more inclined to consider how these parks can be altered and updated with these concerns in mind.	10/20/2025 4:01 PM
18	Pushing everything into 2 or 3 big parkes makes them overcrowded and noisy	10/20/2025 2:22 PM
19	Stop the corporate sell out	10/20/2025 12:10 PM
20	Yes. Coopers Park at the top Currajong St and Peak Hill rd. Small triangle shaped and no privacy. Dangerous as trucks and cars speed past often	10/19/2025 6:29 PM
21	Boulder park is a connection point from memorial. Boulder, bushman's hill, and bushman's dam . I often take kids on a walk and show them the history of each park. Please keep them going and looked after. Some information signage would be excellent too	10/19/2025 1:50 PM
22	It would be nice to see the park outside the council preschool upgraded and maintained to a high standard (no obscene graffiti). There really needs to be a centralised play space in town . I would go into town more often with my children and utilise local cafes and businesses if there was a Park for the kids to play at and a quiet spot to sit while they play, and I believe many many other families would do the same. I want to be able to go to the library with the kids, then walk over to the park for a play, grab them an ice cream and get myself a coffee. This is what the town lacks and this is what will help It to grow.	10/19/2025 9:00 AM
23	No	10/18/2025 3:19 PM
24	This park gets used daily by neighbours	10/18/2025 8:41 AM
25	ECM document 2140916. Comments that were on different areas of the survey: 1) I am almost 80 so I don't use the swings!! However I take my family children there! 2) Lots of children in Mengarvie Rd. I asked Council top put a seat near the swings and it is used all the time. 3) Not all people/children enjoy large, busy parks. 4) In Summer people bring a table or blanket - lots of picnics and BBQ's. 5) Should be left at the park where it is - it is there for a reason!	10/17/2025 2:07 PM
26	ECM Document 2139923 For all of the parks where the play equipment is unsafe - just remove it. I rarely see any children using these play areas. Where pocket parks contain trees/shrubs, Council needs to MAINTAIN these gardens. Too often the gardens are left to fend for themselves - there are either NO watering systems are broken, mulch is not replaced, and dead trees + shrubs are not removed/replaced. Any funds raised by re-classifying pocket parks should go in to improving and REGUARLY maintaining green spaces and gardens. We do NOT need any more sporting facilities.	10/17/2025 1:42 PM
27	ECM Document 2139931 Sporting fields already are well supported	10/17/2025 1:34 PM

28	N/A ECM Document 2139936	10/17/2025 1:32 PM
29	No	10/16/2025 10:50 PM
30	Maybe you could use the people on observer to do the work or see if a community organisation would like to take it over with council help	10/16/2025 8:58 PM
31	Put more colour and seating in all parks	10/16/2025 7:18 PM
32	All sporting facilities should receive equal council support. Council mows and maintains many sports fields yet no support is give to The Golf Club. Supporting the golf club would allow costs to be lower and more equitable for everyone to access. Prices have to rise to cover costs like diesel and power and feedback has been received particularly from pensioners that the membership fee restricts their ability to play. Even if diesel could be purchased at bulk rate through the council that would provide a significant advantage for members and the many guests we have. Fields provided for football codes, cricket, tough football etc. Golf keeps many people in sport for life and equal support would be appreciated. I support these smaller facilities being closed to allow the money to be spread across recreation facilities for all.	10/16/2025 8:29 AM
33	We need more infrastructure to encourage positive engagement of teenagers with in our community. Consultation with students in schools etc would give council an idea of where to start, this in turn would create opportunities for our youth in future years possibly reduce the negative impacts of bored youth within the Community.	10/15/2025 11:37 PM
34	Our pocket park is in walking distance from our house. The kids love to go there to kick a ball and just have another space to be in other then their backyard. The 'destination' parks often become too crowded for my kids	10/15/2025 10:23 PM
35	No	10/15/2025 9:51 PM
36	I love all these little Parkes listed. My favourite little park to visit is Wilsmore park because it’s close & a nice little park to visit	10/15/2025 5:51 PM
37	If there are schools or children’s play areas close by then these parks are of no use. Use them for low cost housing	10/15/2025 12:10 PM
38	There really aren’t many natural areas in residential areas. To lose any is a shame. Different parks have various uses and users. I particularly feel to reclassified and perhaps changed lessers the value of that honour to that person, and affects their loved ones. They also offer a historical factor to the area. I believe we should keep all parks and think of ways to make them cheaper to maintain.	10/14/2025 11:04 PM
39	Some feedback on what will be done with the Parkes in the future and not buried in a large document, a plain english document would have been better with this survey, with a map you can read or google references	10/14/2025 9:11 PM
40	I tried to look up pocket parkes by name on google and many don’t even come up.	10/14/2025 7:30 PM
41	ECM Document 2137042 Dear Council Team We would like to express our strong concern regarding the possible reclassification of Davey Park. Our major concern is the potential loss of this beautiful parkland, which is utilised daily not only by children as a playground but also by adults and elderly residents as a place of relaxation and community connection. During the summer months, when the walking tracks are too hot for dogs, open parklands like Davey Park provide a safe and much needed alternative. The area also supports local wildlife, the current family of magpies are raising their young here, and a pair of plovers are presently nesting in the grass. Parkes already faces the loss of several green spaces, with ten other parks reportedly under review. Once these cherished areas are reclassified, they are lost forever. Please help keep Parkes the beautiful, community minded town it is, not another example of unnecessary urban sprawl. We the ratepayers, are not asking for elaborate playgrounds or new equipment, simply the preservation of this valuable community space. A picnic table and BBQ area would be more than enough for families to continue enjoying this park, as they have for many years. Davey Park hosts Christmas gatherings, birthday parties, games of cricket and soccer, and even kite flying, all activities_that bring everyone outdoors, away from technical devices (ie ipads, computer games) and encourage physical wellbeing for all ages. If equipment must be removed for safety or compliance reasons, please consider replacing it with a picnic table and BBQ setting so that the park remains a welcoming and usable space for everyone Thank you for your time and consideration. Kind regards, Bernie & Cath King 4th October 2025	10/14/2025 2:04 PM

42	ECM Document 2136361 No	10/14/2025 1:51 PM
43	ECM Document 2136362	10/14/2025 1:46 PM
44	ECM Document 2136368	10/14/2025 1:43 PM
45	ECM Document 2135805	10/14/2025 1:41 PM
46	ECM Document 2134142	10/14/2025 1:39 PM
47	These pocket parks are an important part of social cohesion and connection. We dont need anymore large, busy destination parks. Maybe each little park could be given it's own theme such as a Nature Play park (Boulder Hill), a Butterfly Park (with plants that attract butterflies), a picnic park, native plants park, etc and connect them all with a bike trail for locals and visitors. This way collectively they become a destination...the Parks of Parkes trail.	10/14/2025 1:29 PM
48	ECM document 2134141	10/14/2025 1:21 PM
49	Refer to ECM Document 2134140 Whilst I don't have an opinion on those parks it does seem like they are pretty much unused and an ongoing expense. However, our park in Panorama cres. is a nice quiet little area and I notice families using it regularly. The equipment is tired and becoming uninteresting. A table would be a nice addition so families could have lunch there. We are very fortunate in that it is well maintained and seems to have avoided the attention of the vandals.	10/14/2025 1:03 PM
50	Refer to ECM Document 2134139 The community needs green space for many reasons! Health, community, areas for families to meet, maybe even initiate Community gardens! We are an aging population and just need to be able to see parks with grass/flowers, shrubs and not necessarily new park equipment everywhere. Lights, seats and bins, tracks connection these spaces as more people see the need for pets and utilising daylight savings times! Parkes 9, 10 and 11 are all close so maybe keep the most used. Otherwise, the rest are scattered nicely around the town.	10/14/2025 12:59 PM
51	Refer to ECM Document 2134138	10/14/2025 12:55 PM
52	Refer to ECM Document 2134137	10/14/2025 12:53 PM
53	Refer to ECM Document 2134136	10/14/2025 12:51 PM
54	Refer to ECM Document 2134135	10/14/2025 12:49 PM
55	Refer to ECM Document 2134319 Many of the playground mentioned are outdated and poorly maintained. Some of these playground should be upgraded but most should be removed. It is important to the community to have some green spaces within their area. 1. Rose Street (removed) Repurposed 2. Moon Cr (removed) Repurposed 3. AE Fox (removed) Repurposed. P.E.C Services the area. 4. Beryl Logan - Keep, it does get used 5. Boulder Hill (remove) 6. Ken Turner (keep) 7. Davey (remove) 8. Rotoract (remove) 9. Lions (Faull Street) (Remove) 10. B Mcguire (remove) 11. Vaucluse - Repurpose	10/14/2025 12:43 PM
56	Refer to ECM Document 2134111 Parks are essential where children live. The parents don't have or can't afford play equipment or a vehicle to attend the bigger parks but need somewhere to take their children instead of having them on iPads or watching tv all day. Not every child in the district is a sport kid. If the smaller parks where a bit bigger or had better equipment and a safe to visit they may get used more. Maybe the Council could better spend rate money helping our town children having somewhere safe to go. There is absolutely nowhere for children between 8 and 15 to go if they don't play sport or skateboard or ride a push bike. Adults have great memories of Elvis Festivals what about our future adults - why do they leave town? Maybe and adventure park!! (The following was over page on masterplan feedback but continuation of pocket parks) Council does not listen, only interested in they own agenda! There is nothing on middleton side of town other than a half arse hospital! The parkes council has lost the ball. More public housing, better hospital facilities the towns people could get treatment in town.	10/14/2025 12:13 PM
57	Refer to ECM Document 2134318 Davey Park is NOT within walking distance of a 'destination' park. There is a GINORMOUS HILL and nobody wants to push a pram with tired toddlers up it. Furthermore, the 'destination' parks are always overcrowded with stuffy mothers and spoilt brats. When we go to Davey Park we know it to be safe, peaceful and quiet. Please do not take our park away!	10/14/2025 12:00 PM

58	Refer to ECM Document 2134317	10/14/2025 11:57 AM
59	Refer to ECM Document 2134316 These parks with outdated play equipment should be changed to table and benches which are shaded. There should be more small green spaces	10/14/2025 11:54 AM
60	Refer to ECM Document 2134315	10/14/2025 11:50 AM
61	Refer to ECM Document 2134314	10/14/2025 11:49 AM
62	Refer to ECM Document 2134313	10/14/2025 11:37 AM
63	Refer to ECM document 2134312 * Develop a community garden with free access available as well as paid allotments (similar to UK), sale of produce or plants to generate a small income *Incorporate a facility to accept un-wanted house/pot plants (e.g. from deceased estates, down sizing or moving away). Plants can be rehabilitated (if needed) or propagated from. Then sold to generate small income for project maintenance or charitable purpose (previous CANASSIST Style)	10/14/2025 11:35 AM
64	No	10/13/2025 8:14 PM
65	Its important for children to have somewhere to play thats close to their home. Refer to Ecm #2134310 for the paper survey	10/13/2025 4:26 PM
66	No Comment refer to manual survey form Ecm#2131117	10/13/2025 4:09 PM
67	DAVEY PARK - is a valuable community park. It bonds our neighborhood. Provides a safe enjoyable space for all our families we regularly enjoy the quiet space to relax, exercised and enjoy the nature. I urge you to focus on enhancing/maintaining. Its such a fun welcoming place for everyone. Handwritten survey Ecm# 2131124	10/13/2025 3:07 PM
68	No	10/12/2025 8:28 PM
69	Use for housing	10/12/2025 8:00 AM
70	AE Fox Park's value lies in that it is right near the preschool, so it's frequently utilised by mums right before pick up and is a place where they can see other mums. Beryl Logan (Thomas Tom) Park is in a perfect little pocket location in an area where lots of young families live. Boulder Hill already has parking and is nicely out of the way of any major traffic. Parks like these, that have distinct advantages, should be upgraded to have shade cloths and seating. I think this would encourage more use of these parks (maybe even help to protect the equipment from sun damage?).	10/11/2025 9:01 PM
71	No	10/10/2025 4:50 PM
72	None of them should be touched beyond upgrading the play facilities to meet safety standards, and maintaining the green spaces	10/10/2025 9:48 AM
73	The pocket parks provide a fun, serene and green space for all ages as we have observed e.g Ken Turner Park These smaller parks are not overwhelming for small children, families or grandparents. And accessible for prams, walkers, cyclists and people with disabilities- such as sensory/ autistic impaired children..	10/9/2025 7:32 PM
74	Item 3 is used by many people.	10/8/2025 10:22 PM
75	Council should stay on budget and not resort to sale of community assert to compensate for it’s failings	10/8/2025 8:09 PM
76	Stop wasting money on things that you shouldn't be involved in at the expence of things you should be.	10/8/2025 7:47 PM
77	More greenery is important… if it’s maintenance costs that’s the issue can we “re wild” suburbia for the native plants and animals and also keep temperatures down	10/8/2025 6:44 PM
78	Perhaps getting the community more involved either by the closest school P&C, or clubs like Q or Lions, to support the periodic cleanup or yard work at these facilities would help nurture the respect of these quiet spaces by the kids who would get the most value out of them. These parkes are underused because they are under maintained, and under maintained because they are less frequented.. it’s a cycle that can only be beaten by respect. I love a community that has pocket parkes, and I frequent even the furthest ones from my house, like boulder park, moon crescent park, even when they seem a little less maintained, we still have a blast with our imagination in this quieter space, and the rare unsavory discoveries bring up	10/7/2025 11:00 PM

	great taking points. I'm not afraid or offended by these parks, and just rush more people would use them.	
79	The possible reason some parks aren't being used to their full potential, is because they are run down, don't meet safety standards and unshaded, making them quite hot to use during the warmer months.	10/7/2025 9:10 AM
80	.	10/6/2025 10:29 PM
81	no	10/6/2025 5:44 PM
82	No	10/6/2025 11:03 AM
83	Upgrade of play equipment Another shade shelter Rotorac Park (Want St)	10/6/2025 10:18 AM
84	I hope I am wrong but it seems council is wanting to develop these parks for their benefit & not necessarily the community	10/6/2025 10:08 AM
85	Do up beryl park	10/5/2025 10:40 PM
86	No	10/5/2025 8:06 PM
87	Boulder Hill was a favourite park for my children … they loved exploring and climbing the rocks	10/5/2025 5:08 PM
88	Stop cutting the dirt. Let the grass be 5cm minimum. It protects the soils micro-organisms that help with healthy soil and green grass. The shorter you cut it the more it costs, both in water, time, money as your damaging not only the soil that supports the life that helps pollinate our food chain. Short grass attracts snakes. Cutting decks of lawn mowers should be 6cm. That way the grass is tall. As it's tucked up n trimered, not cut at root level. Sun heats the soil killing all micro life. Worms and all those bugs that make the nutrients that feed of crops. Tall grass will look after itself if cut at 6cm. It will not grow as fast, water itself, protect the bio life, and shield from snakes, as it forces them above the ground forcing them to move slower. Plus the parkes look discusting just after your gardeners butcher them. I drive through parkes every day twice. It looks disgusting all the sidewalls and parkes are butched. Must have a moron in charge, or you have shares in a chemical factory.	10/5/2025 11:51 AM
89	Transform small parks into specific use areas ie dog park, small bike track for kids, community garden	10/5/2025 7:28 AM
90	Davey park gets used very often by children and adults and neighbours come together to use it	10/5/2025 1:57 AM
91	Every park has a significant role within the community. Children play, birdlife and pet use in a safe environment. Removing the park and replacing it with housing or any other kind of development erodes the beauty of the environment and the region. Just today (Saturday) neighbourhood kids gathered to fly kites and kick a ball. Without the park being close by, kids would either have to go further away from their home or resort to being on a device and this is not what living in a regional town is about.	10/4/2025 11:17 PM
92	No	10/4/2025 2:17 PM
93	To lose all of the pocket parks would be very sad. I was totally unaware of the number of them around Parkes, and I acknowledge that maintenance of areas not utilised appears to be not financially sensible. But if a few of them were maintained to a much higher level with interesting native plantings with some minimal safe play equipment, that would be the ideal. Green space should be able to be available without having to walk some distance. Areas don't have to have lawn, native planting and pathways can create areas that don't need much maintenance in the long run.	10/4/2025 8:35 AM
94	See above	10/3/2025 9:35 PM
95	Keep Vaucluse place park as a green space. Additons of some walking trails would be nice.	10/3/2025 7:53 PM
96	Vaucluse park would be great to leave as is. It is a habitat for wide life and its walking trails are frequently used by local residents for morning and afternoon walks.	10/3/2025 7:46 PM
97	Don't name them after council members.	10/3/2025 7:18 PM
98	No	10/3/2025 7:01 PM
99	No	10/3/2025 6:31 PM

100	No	10/2/2025 7:06 PM
101	From my observation these areas are rarely used. The area near PECC would give extra play area for the preschool children.	10/2/2025 6:14 PM
102	All parka needed for town.	10/1/2025 10:31 PM
103	Boulder Hill Park - great play area for young children during events at NP oval. Should be maintained. Rotoract Park - great open space for local dog walkers - used daily by many in the community for exercise. Lions Play Park, Bernard and Vaucluse Parks - there is no destination park within a walkable catchment. They require avoiding magpies and crossing a busy highway. Overall, the fact that this proposal has gotten to this survey phase shows that the current council does not know the needs of the community. Please scrap this proposal and do better with the resources we have rather than reclassifying them as a short term income scheme.	10/1/2025 9:37 PM
104	Please reinstate play equipment at Cheney park. There is no play space south of the railway lines for families. Also young kids utilised this equipment whilst older siblings play footy, cricket, hockey. Please also keep Armstrong Park play equipment or update it. Kids play on this whilst siblings play cricket or basketball and also on the way home from school.	10/1/2025 9:04 PM
105	As long as their maintained and free to the public	10/1/2025 7:33 PM
106	No	10/1/2025 6:19 PM
107	No	10/1/2025 4:18 PM
108	Bernard Maguire park gets used by all the locals on the daily. We don't need more houses or units in this area, it will be nice to be able to keep this open space.	10/1/2025 2:18 PM
109	N/a	10/1/2025 1:41 PM
110	All the parks on the list need to remain open	10/1/2025 10:37 AM
111	Local identity lost	10/1/2025 10:25 AM
112	No	10/1/2025 9:49 AM
113	No	10/1/2025 9:47 AM
114	No	9/30/2025 11:14 PM
115	. No	9/30/2025 7:07 PM
116	The park near Parkes Early Childhood Centre appears to be used in the afternoons by families meeting up	9/30/2025 5:44 PM
117	Please review Armstrong park play equipment also.	9/30/2025 5:13 PM
118	No	9/30/2025 12:42 PM
119	Our family has used Ken Turner park in an almost daily basis since we moved into the Crescent in the year 2000. It would be very inconvenient to have to load the kids into the car every time they wanted to go for a play. Also Unfortunately not everyone has the access to a vehicle to transport the kids kms to have a play. Why remove a facility that is used every day?	9/30/2025 11:46 AM
120	Keep native vegetation and habitats for birds and other wildlife	9/29/2025 11:31 PM
121	Rotaract Park in Want St. Used for Birthday parties and play. Most parks are used for passive relaxing	9/29/2025 6:14 PM
122	!	9/29/2025 2:20 PM
123	No	9/29/2025 11:34 AM
124	Davey park was well utilised but demographics have changed snd I don think it is used much and equip is old.	9/29/2025 9:36 AM
125	AE Fox Park- there is so other park or equipment nearby that you can easily walk to	9/29/2025 7:50 AM
126	All parks should remain as they are as not everyone has transport or other means to reach the so called destination parks	9/29/2025 6:11 AM

127	Would love to have some money put into pioneer to be able to attract international sports to town which brings money as well. Maybe a sporting precinct with the 3 ovals	9/28/2025 8:35 PM
128	No	9/28/2025 7:13 PM
129	No	9/28/2025 3:40 PM
130	It could be made into a walking/cycling area where most of the land will be preserved and it would avoid noise pollution	9/28/2025 10:30 AM
131	n/a	9/28/2025 9:42 AM
132	Leave these parks alone	9/28/2025 3:56 AM
133	No	9/28/2025 3:18 AM
134	No	9/28/2025 12:47 AM
135	We pay some of the highest rates in the state so start looking after the community	9/28/2025 12:30 AM
136	Once again they are important to the history of our town.	9/27/2025 10:25 PM
137	.	9/27/2025 9:35 PM
138	Maintain existing pocket parks for kids in Parkes to enjoy	9/27/2025 9:32 PM
139	They dont have to be new or fancy, just maintained and allow people to have space near where they live to be outside.	9/27/2025 9:25 PM
140	All parks have not been maintained to a satisfactory standard in the past and have lead to this money grab by council. Every neighbourhood deserves their own small quiet space for children and adults to enjoy	9/27/2025 9:16 PM
141	Yes. East parkes specifically davey and ken turner have been run down and ill maintained by council for decades. Why? Zero money spent on the equipment and seating. Broken damaged yet we still used it as it was convenient and luckily my kids didnt mind. These spaces are within short easy strolls from our house. A small immaterial saving of 220k by closing 9 parks is definitely not warranted in my opinion just because council hasn't maintained them adequately and now wants to save money in the guise of improving bigger 'core' parks. Council shouldve budgeted better. Not a happy resident rate payer if council doesn't keep some of these amenities for residents and their families. Maybe more studies should be done to determine frequency of use before prioritising money?	9/27/2025 8:53 PM
142	I have no issues with any of the Parks	9/27/2025 8:37 PM
143	No	9/27/2025 8:08 PM
144	Don't give any new parks/facilities etc aboriginal names. Name them after people who actually contribute to the community. Service members. Emergency service workers. Health care workers.	9/27/2025 5:49 PM
145	Land adjacent to Southern Cross Village should have walking paths, shady trees and landscaped area for people living on Western side of town. There is no pedestrian access around Dalton St roundabout. Pedestrians (including school children) have to walk on side of Condo Road as no footpaths. No footpaths around roundabout. Can't walk from Victoria St or McGlynn St side of town to Southern Cross Village or Middleton St without having to walk on busy Condo Road where cars are speeding as there are no walking paths. Should be a path going from Page St side of Southern Cross Village where elderly people on gophers can get across to the Men's Shed at Parkes Showground.	9/27/2025 4:57 PM
146	In regards to Lions Play Park and Davey Park, I think there's an opportunity to improve its usability by adding more shaded seating areas and better signage. This would make it more attractive for families and community groups to use. Small enhancements can go a long way to increasing the park's value to residents.	9/27/2025 11:16 AM
147	I took my 2.5 year old neice to 10 last week and the only thing she could use was the spring chicken. We have nothing this side of town.	9/27/2025 7:37 AM
148	it's upsetting to see some getting destroyed eg boulder Hill from feral people	9/27/2025 7:30 AM
149	As a kid are your memories of going to the big fancy parks or just the local park? Children	9/26/2025 9:32 PM

	don't always need the best of the best what type of community expectations are we creating!	
150	.	9/26/2025 8:23 PM
151	I think it would be much better to reclassify a couple of the pocket parks and reinvest money into updating one of the pocket parks in each area instead of making another really big park. I think the small parks can encourage a lot more imaginative play with not as many "things" to play on and you can also meet others in your little area of the community.	9/26/2025 8:19 PM
152	No	9/26/2025 7:56 PM
153	As long as saved money is spent for the whole community not just a selected few. All the areas are lacking in seating. Elderly/ disabled cannot be expected to sit on grass.	9/26/2025 5:01 PM
154	No, just as previously mentioned that these parks are outdated (Middleton are) and replacing with one modern park with better facilities suits our family with young kids as we currently just leave our area for lions or kelly park	9/26/2025 2:14 PM
155	No	9/26/2025 1:14 PM
156	NA	9/26/2025 12:59 PM
157	You should upgrade the pocket parks. Lions park and bushmans dam both get very busy.	9/25/2025 11:04 PM
158	No	9/25/2025 8:56 PM
159	No	9/25/2025 8:45 PM
160	Don't sell them	9/25/2025 4:53 PM
161	Who owns the land that these parks are on. Is it govournmebt land and did the people who some of the parks are named after contribute financially to these land spaces.	9/25/2025 3:54 PM
162	No	9/25/2025 2:27 PM
163	Perhaps the names of those respected community members could be used to name new streets as Parkes expands. I think that council staff/funds will be better utilised to keep the major parks and the cemetery in excellent condition, rather than trying to upkeep unused small park spaces. However, keeping some green spaces, which are essential for people's wellbeing.	9/25/2025 1:24 PM
164	No	9/24/2025 9:37 PM
165	Some of the pocket parks I didn't even know they existed. Until now	9/24/2025 8:00 PM
166	Please put an off leash dog park close to pac park	9/24/2025 6:40 PM
167	I think its a great idea to put money where it needs to be. I didn't even know these parks existed and I grew up here. If the money saved can go towards making a better/safer community for my little girl then that's what id rather. But I think the community should get a say from perhaps a multiple choice survery on how the spaces will be used and how the money saved can improve already established parks. I really dont think Parkes needs more sporting facilities. If anything the town needs more access to the arts.	9/24/2025 12:19 PM
168	Have areas that those who ride cycles can have protection from swooping wildlife	9/24/2025 11:49 AM
169	No	9/24/2025 6:32 AM
170	Boulder Hill Park could use revamping as there is not much to do in that area and no play equipment for smaller children.	9/23/2025 6:12 PM
171	Davey Park - the equipment is not the most important part of this park. Just having the space for kids to get out and interact with neighbouring kids, kicking a ball, flying a kite, is important too. The nearby houses all have gate access from their houses onto this park and the neighbourhood kids regularly access it	9/23/2025 5:07 PM
172	The park that effects me personally the is Boulder Hill Park and I would like to see this park redeveloped instead of reclassification. I frequently see young children playing on the open roads and around corners which is dangerous for their safety and I strongly believe that a safe and usable park nearby would significantly reduce the risk of serious injury or worse occurring. As a parent of young children it is our closest playground and is unsafe and unfit for children and a redevelopment would have huge benefits for many families with young children living in the nearby neighbourhood	9/23/2025 4:49 PM

173	Place a fence around the existing park at lions park as it is so close to the highway	9/23/2025 7:54 AM
174	Keep and maintain all small parks they are there for everyone not just council and developers green areas are getting harder to find everywhere for $220,000 keep them out rates certainly cover all requirements or look at other waste in council Not everyone can go to the larger well maintained parkes so it is important to keep smaller parks and update them according to what ever fairly tale compliance criteria you are referencing. How many serious injuries have been recorded ever since the play equipment has been deemed non compliant?????? Easy to say non compliant but it is still all there and being used everyday and I assume without incident or it wot he gone already	9/22/2025 3:14 PM
175	N/A	9/21/2025 7:33 PM
176	The equipment should be updated and not removed and sold off . The big destination parks become overcrowded and we need to keep the small parks for the kids in those areas, often disadvantaged areas,to have an outdoor area to play safely when they may not have safe yards or a way to get to the 2 big play areas regularly. The smaller parks in better areas are not listed here which is interesting. Disadvantaged kids have enough of a battle in life, give them safe little play areas at least.	9/21/2025 9:11 AM
177	The parks identified as having out of date play equipment eg Boulder Park could simply be revived by removing that equipment and planting micro-forests of native species more likely to survive hot, dry conditions. Some comfortable seating is all that is needed to provide resting places in cool shade. The value of these parks should not be measured by just "usefulness" in the transactional sense of the word, but in the very fact of their existence as cooling agents and carbon sinks.	9/19/2025 3:19 PM
178	No	9/18/2025 5:03 PM
179	As above	9/17/2025 4:39 PM
180	No	9/15/2025 2:57 PM
181	NA	9/15/2025 2:46 PM
182	No	9/11/2025 4:51 PM

Q9 Masterplan – Lions Memorial Park

Answered: 17 Skipped: 165

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3	let us hope all or improved play equipment is kept and not just a water park area	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
4	Good idea to include endemic plants and signage	10/14/2025 1:49 PM
5	It's been well done	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
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Q10 Masterplan – Bushman Hill

Answered: 4 Skipped: 178

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Signage to identify Aboriginal history of the space as well as the mining history.	10/23/2025 2:36 PM
2	no issues	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
3	Would be good to see interpretive signage and mural on the water tower	10/14/2025 1:49 PM
4	1. This area is a link to our mining past. Signage of known mine shafts and there history.	10/14/2025 12:44 PM

Q11 Masterplan – Cooke Park

Answered: 6 Skipped: 176

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think revitalising the water feature which is a staple of the park would be a much better option.	10/24/2025 2:00 PM
2	Keep the water feature - in a hot climate like Parkes, the water features are essential and part of our history. Paint the toilet block with an attractive mural.	10/23/2025 2:36 PM
3	I noticed that it has been advised to remove the existing water feature. I think we should be very careful when wiping out history. Although some may not see the water feature as a valuable part of history it actually is. I believe exciting spaces are spaces that build with and on existing structures and surrounds. This leads to a rich tapestry of soul in a space and has been proven in developments worldwide to be a better solution.	10/20/2025 4:16 PM
4	Cook Park is an important space for all of the towns events and festivals but it is also the only central green space in town. I would like to see it made larger and become a space for children and families to play that is close to the library and cafes, shops in town.	10/19/2025 9:12 AM
5	The shade area should be retained for RSL use when required	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
6	I actually really like the water feature and would be sad to see it removed. Possibly paint the toilet block with a mural with an environmental design.	10/14/2025 1:49 PM

Q12 Masterplan – Berryman Oval

Answered: 1 Skipped: 181

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No thoughts	10/14/2025 9:53 PM

Q13 Masterplan – Lindner Oval

Answered: 2 Skipped: 180

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Peak Hill CCC - Sports Sub-Committee would like to have the following recommendations considered to replace the listed 4 items in the Parkes Shire Draft Open Spaces Strategy 2025: Peak Hill Lindner Oval Masterplan - NEW Facility Complex: formalise plans for a NEW Complex to replace the existing deteriorating Railway Shed structure which would include: - Canteen - Men's & Women's dressing/change rooms - Accessible toilets - Control Area - Grandstand - Meeting room - Vehicle access: redesign the current vehicle access at the back of the current Railway Shed from the northern point (Cricket nets) to encroach onto the adjoining oval (Hutchins/Corrie's) and rejoin on the southern side of the Railway Shed. - Long Jump Pit: upgrade the Long Jump Pit to include a retaining wall along the western boundary of the pool (Lindner Oval Masterplan 2014) - Walking Track: Install a walking track around the perimeter of the Lindner Oval Complex to provide a safe walking area (Lindner Oval Masterplan 2014) and install additional tress/shrubs to assist with screening and beautification. - Block the "man-made" internal vehicle access from Warrah st, to control traffic and prevent damage/injury to complex users - Storage: assist the Peak Hill Roosters Football Club to identify a suitable location to install up to 2 freight container sheds for additional storage - SMS lightening system: Improve/upgrade the current SMS system - Peak Hill Skate Park: upgrade the old skate ramps with newer ramps - Apex Park: Develop the "Apex Park" area into an off the dog leash area. - Remove any identified diseased trees/vegetation	10/22/2025 12:48 AM
2	No thoughts	10/14/2025 9:53 PM

Q14 Masterplan – Kelly Reserve

Answered: 16 Skipped: 166

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I love that the dam has ducks and geese there - please take care of these.	10/23/2025 2:36 PM
2	I noticed that reeds and fences were mentioned regarding the dam. Again I would mention the notion of rewinding rather than controlling nature spaces.	10/20/2025 4:16 PM
3	Fencing to seperate the park from the open water of the dam needs to be made priority. There have been too many close calls where little ones wonder off and could potentially end up in the water.	10/19/2025 9:12 AM
4	Seems okay	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
5	Any chance of expanding Bushmans Dam?	10/14/2025 1:51 PM
6	If you dredge all the reeds out what will happen to health of the water? Also, can people access the dam itself or is it completely fenced off? It would be lovely to sit and have a picnic next to the dam.	10/14/2025 1:49 PM
7	Sounds good	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
8	No comment	10/5/2025 8:07 PM
9	Agree with plan	10/1/2025 9:54 PM
10	Whoever designed the water park had NO regard for the children's fun. There should be a bucket and big wide slides put in (look up forsters water park for reference) I feel the water park is a massive let down. Sure the kids will run through it for a little bit but it's not enough to keep them there. They always want to run to the sand pit which is also a bad idea to have right near the water park, more money should be put into the upgrade of the water park itself and removing the sand pit.	9/29/2025 12:07 PM
11	All compliance… no new attractions.	9/27/2025 9:04 PM
12	Looks good	9/27/2025 5:58 PM
13	More seating options. Hopefully dredging removes bad smell. Maybe a watering system for the west side of park. West side not appealing in summer.	9/26/2025 5:12 PM
14	N/A	9/24/2025 12:32 PM
15	This plan sounds really sensible and attractive.	9/19/2025 3:35 PM
16	Bushmans Dam needs to be kept as natural as possible. Naturalistic, native plantings around the banks, nothing exotic or formalised	9/17/2025 4:45 PM

Q15 Masterplan – Cheney McGlynn Oval

Answered: 11 Skipped: 171

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Develop a new double storey complex on Baker street to include, change rooms, Umpire rooms, First aid room, additional storage and control/sponsor level. Develop a hockey practice area on Baker street. Relocate the children's play equipment onto Baker street (near the Netball Courts).	10/22/2025 12:48 AM
2	Seems okay	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
3	Not interested	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
4	No comment	10/5/2025 8:07 PM
5	Agree with the Baker Street plans. Please reinstate the small playground that was removed for works. Please also consider replacement of the grandstands within the Stephen Davies hockey turf - they are rusted through and pose a significant public safety risk. New grandstands like the covered one in the Mariah turf would be ideal. One at each end + a 2nd one for the Mariah turf. Female home and away change rooms would also be a welcome addition, along with additional female toilets. 3 is not enough - with most netballers being female + a large number of women's hockey players. This needs to be included in the masterplan so that when funding opportunities become available these aspirations can be achieved.	10/1/2025 9:54 PM
6	Love the wall idea and many others included in this plan	9/29/2025 12:07 PM
7	Great development but a lot of money already put into this area when other areas are lacking	9/28/2025 8:44 PM
8	Compliance, no new attractions or interests apart from a bounce wall.	9/27/2025 9:04 PM
9	Put a large steel cover similar to a school COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area)	9/27/2025 5:58 PM
10	Really needs the drainage fixed due to area getting flooded	9/24/2025 8:05 PM
11	N/A	9/24/2025 12:32 PM

Q16 Masterplan – PAC Park

Answered: 18 Skipped: 164

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I just don't know if people would visit PAC Park even after a renovation, due to its reputation as a dodgy place.	10/24/2025 2:00 PM
2	Are there any alternatives to concrete and bitumen for paths in our hot climate that would suit the natural space of Pac Park and allows water to drain through rather than run-off? Consider recycled material options	10/23/2025 2:36 PM
3	This looks fantastic and is really needed.	10/16/2025 11:01 PM
4	seems okay	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
5	Dont put a bitumen path - they are ugly and hot and don't suit the natural environment.	10/14/2025 1:49 PM
6	1. Continue lemon scented gums along walk way. 2. Lights (solar) along walk from East St to Newell Highway 3/ Develop Playground to service south Parkes (Middleton). Similar to Lions pk/Kelly Reserve 4. Complete screening of rail line with native plants 5. Bridge foot crossing over creek 6. Develop a community garden	10/14/2025 12:44 PM
7	Needs a lot of work but sounds good	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
8	Have an aboriginal link to community	10/5/2025 8:07 PM
9	Agree with plan	10/1/2025 9:54 PM
10	Great idea to use such a massive area.	9/29/2025 12:07 PM
11	Great space already, just really needs toilets as a priority	9/27/2025 9:41 PM
12	Compliance	9/27/2025 9:04 PM
13	This one really interests me. There should be a pathway that connects along the back fence towards the rail corridor, heavy enough for emergency vehicles to gain access to the area in the event of an emergency or fire	9/27/2025 5:58 PM
14	Rest areas to stop and admire/relax.	9/26/2025 5:12 PM
15	AMAZING! Love love love this. Every Person I have spoken to said how much our town could benefit from this update. Young children being able to ride along the track and not have to worry about cars or large hills. We won't have to drive over to Forbes anymore on the weekend to use the space. I do believe that the equipment there has reached its end of life. Taking me 7,6 and 2 year old there play only lasts 5 or so minutes before kids are bored or what's there- compared to hours at Kelly or lions park. If the small parks around the area are being removed then this should be updated for families in the area.	9/26/2025 2:20 PM
16	N/A	9/24/2025 12:32 PM
17	Maintenance of the arboretum on the Cheney park end is necessary; removal of non-native plants along that end of the creek and replacement with indigenous species please.	9/19/2025 3:35 PM
18	Plant only native plants. Plant as many big trees here as you can! There's so much wasted space here that should be planted out	9/17/2025 4:45 PM

Q17 Masterplan – Rotary Arboretum

Answered: 14 Skipped: 168

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Looks like the masterplan includes some amazing and fun new ideas!	10/24/2025 2:00 PM
2	Bitumen paths would be too hot and out of character for the area	10/23/2025 2:36 PM
3	seems okay	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
4	Do not put bitumen path - they are ugly and hot and don't suit the natural environment. Walking paths in these areas need to suit the natural surroundings.	10/14/2025 1:49 PM
5	Definitely needs upgrades to the carpark and also more accessible bins!	10/11/2025 9:04 PM
6	Good	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
7	Can we have a flying fix	10/5/2025 8:07 PM
8	But of an underwhelming park	10/1/2025 9:54 PM
9	The play equipment here needs attention, it’s that boring of a place it visit, I would take the kids here a lot more if it had a decent play area for them, the web and slide are only good for older kids and still not that exciting. It’s got a great area especially with the bbqs but lacking a lot in excitement for children.	9/29/2025 12:07 PM
10	All your doing is upgrading to legislative requirements? Nothing new or improved.	9/27/2025 9:04 PM
11	Lovely	9/26/2025 5:12 PM
12	N/A	9/24/2025 12:32 PM
13	Why concrete the lovely gravel paths that allow water to seep into the ground? They are part of the charm of the park. Concrete is very environmentally expensive.	9/19/2025 3:35 PM
14	Plant more big native trees!	9/17/2025 4:45 PM

Q18 Masterplan – Northparkes/Pioneer/Spicer Precinct

Answered: 13 Skipped: 169

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	seems okay maybe new stands to attract bigger games NRL or similar maybe	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
2	Need shade/landscaping along walking paths at east - parkrun path	10/14/2025 7:37 PM
3	I see that trees have been removed from this precinct. I would like to see more tree planting to create natural shade for people to park under, sit under and in the off-lead dog area.	10/14/2025 1:49 PM
4	Pleased put a playground at the footy oval.	10/14/2025 12:01 PM
5	Good	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
6	No comment	10/5/2025 8:07 PM
7	-	10/1/2025 9:54 PM
8	Looks good	9/29/2025 12:07 PM
9	Great plan for sports precinct needs to be able to attract international football for future pathways.	9/28/2025 8:44 PM
10	Compliance and upgrades to drainage, no new equipment!	9/27/2025 9:04 PM
11	N/A	9/24/2025 12:32 PM
12	Build a super grandstand stand to attract international events not some half arse effort for a change what ever it costs now will be half of the cost in 5 years from now and it will be there for our children's children	9/22/2025 3:21 PM
13	Plant big native trees around the perimeter of these ovals - shade for spectators and habitat	9/17/2025 4:45 PM

Q19 Masterplan – Harrison Park – Parker Stone Field

Answered: 9 Skipped: 173

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	These plans look great but would love to see a little playground or something added. There are so so many children at soccer who would use it!	10/24/2025 2:00 PM
2	Any improvement is beneficial	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
3	Not interested	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
4	No comment	10/5/2025 8:07 PM
5	-	10/1/2025 9:54 PM
6	Looks good	9/29/2025 12:07 PM
7	Upgrades relevant only to those who play soccer	9/27/2025 9:04 PM
8	N/A	9/24/2025 12:32 PM
9	Same as 13	9/22/2025 3:21 PM

Q20 Masterplan – Woodward Oval

Answered: 10 Skipped: 172

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	So glad to see that this much used space will get some actual landscaping (esp the car parking!)	10/24/2025 2:00 PM
2	Any improvement is beneficial	10/14/2025 9:53 PM
3	Not interested	10/6/2025 10:23 AM
4	No comment	10/5/2025 8:07 PM
5	-	10/1/2025 9:54 PM
6	Looks good	9/29/2025 12:07 PM
7	Not seeing bang for buck here	9/28/2025 8:44 PM
8	Compliance and relevant to only those who play cricket	9/27/2025 9:04 PM
9	N/A	9/24/2025 12:32 PM
10	Same as 13 and 14 but on a smaller scale perhaps	9/22/2025 3:21 PM

17.4 NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR (NHVR) CONDITIONS 3 MONTH TRIAL UPDATE

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Annexures:
- **A. Letter - Community Consulation** ⇩
- **B. Written Submission - Opposing the NHVR Trial** ⇩
- **C. Online Submissions** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information contained in this report; and
2. Endorse the amendment to the time-of-day operating condition applied to NHVR permits for Class 2 vehicles on Council roads; and
3. Note that Council will continue to monitor heavy vehicle operations and may review conditions if required.
4.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 September 2025, Council resolved to undertake community consultation regarding the potential removal of the following condition applied to heavy vehicle access permits on Council roads:

“No access 7:30 - 9:00 am and 3:00 - 4:30 pm on school days.”

This condition historically applied to heavy vehicles operating under National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) permits and was originally introduced in response to concerns regarding potential interactions between heavy vehicles and school transport services during peak school travel periods.

Following community consultation, Council resolved to undertake a trial removal of the time of day condition for Class 2 vehicles in order to assess whether the restriction remained necessary to manage safety outcomes on the local road network.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

The trial was undertaken to assess the ongoing relevance of the time-of-day restriction in the context of current freight operations and observed road use.

Heavy vehicle transport practices have evolved, with higher-capacity vehicle combinations enabling greater freight efficiency and reducing the overall number of vehicle movements on rural roads. The trial provided an evidence-based assessment of operational impacts under current conditions.

During the trial period, Council received no reports of incidents or safety concerns associated with heavy vehicle movements during the previously restricted time periods. No concerns were raised by bus operators, schools or NSW Police.

Heavy vehicles continued to operate under existing NHVR permit conditions, including applicable speed restrictions and route controls. Based on these outcomes, the trial did not identify evidence that the time-of-day restriction remains necessary to manage safety risks on Council roads.

Following completion of the trial, the results were presented to the Rural Roads Advisory Group on 26 March 2026. The Group supported the proposed removal of the time-of-day condition, noting that appropriate controls remain in place through the NHVR permit framework, existing speed restrictions and Council's role as road manager.

The trial outcomes were also circulated through an Extraordinary Local Traffic Forum meeting conducted electronically via email from 31 March 2026 to 10 April 2026. The Local Traffic Forum noted the results of the trial and the proposed change to permit conditions. As a technical advisory forum, the Local Traffic Forum does not endorse or determine heavy vehicle access conditions on Council roads.

The absence of adverse outcomes during the trial, together with the continued operation of existing controls and the support and noting provided through the relevant advisory bodies, indicates that the condition is no longer required to manage safety risks on Council roads.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) must obtain consent from the relevant road manager prior to issuing a permit for restricted access vehicles on local roads.

As the road manager, Council is responsible for determining appropriate access conditions to ensure the safe and efficient use of the road network, protect infrastructure, and manage public safety outcomes.

Council has the authority to apply, amend or remove local conditions where supported by evidence and operational experience. The proposed removal of the time-of-day condition reflects the outcomes of the trial and Council's ongoing monitoring of heavy vehicle operations.

Advisory bodies, including the Rural Roads Advisory Group and the Local Traffic Forum, provide input to inform Council's decision-making; however, they are not the determining authority for NHVR permit conditions on Council roads.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with amending the condition.

Minor staff time will be required to update NHVR mapping systems and adjust existing permit conditions where applicable.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The primary risk associated with modifying the condition relates to community perception that the change may reduce safety during school travel periods.

However, several controls remain in place to manage safety risks, including:

- The existing 80 km/h heavy vehicle speed limit
- Continued regulation of heavy vehicle access through the NHVR permit system
- Council retaining its role as road manager under the Heavy Vehicle National Law
- Ongoing monitoring of heavy vehicle operations on Council roads

General access heavy vehicles are already permitted to operate on many Council roads during these time periods.

The trial period did not result in any reported incidents attributable to the temporary removal of the condition

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Prior to implementing the trial, Council undertook consultation with key stakeholders, including bus operators, schools and Community Consultative Committees. An online survey was also made available to the broader community.

A total of 40 submissions were received, comprising online responses and one written submission.

Survey results indicated mixed community views:

- 29 respondents supported removal of the condition
- 11 respondents opposed the proposal

Submissions opposing the proposal primarily raised concerns relating to:

- Safety of school bus passengers during school travel periods
- Heavy vehicle behaviour and compliance with speed limits
- Dust generation and reduced visibility on unsealed roads
- Perceived impacts of heavy vehicles on rural road conditions

These concerns were considered as part of the trial monitoring process. Many of the issues raised relate to broader heavy vehicle operations and road conditions rather than the specific time-of-day restriction.

Council monitored heavy vehicle operations during the trial period and did not observe, nor receive reports of, incidents or safety issues attributable to the removal of the condition.

CONCLUSION

The trial removal of the time-of-day restriction has not resulted in any identified safety or operational issues. The evidence indicates that the condition is no longer required to manage risk on Council's road network.

The proposed change represents an evidence-based adjustment to permit conditions, consistent with Council's role as road manager under the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

Council will proceed to remove the condition from applicable NHVR permits for Class 2 vehicles and continue to monitor operations. Should future issues arise, Council retains the ability to review and amend conditions as required.

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Parkes Shire Council

3 October 2025

Name
Company
Email:

Dear Name

Community Consultation – Proposed Trial Removal of Heavy Vehicle Operating Restrictions

Council has received a request from the Agricultural and Transport industry to review existing conditions placed on heavy vehicle operations within the Parkes Shire Council Road Network.

Currently, conditions apply to:

- **Class 1** – Oversize/Overmass vehicles
- **Class 2** – B-doubles and Road Trains
- **Class 3** – Other heavy vehicles

These conditions restrict the movement of such vehicles during school zone times on school days:

- **7:30am to 9:30am**
- **3:00pm to 4:30pm**

Following this request, Council is proposing a **trial period** to temporarily remove these restrictions **for Class 2 vehicles only**, as outlined under the following national notices:

- National Class 2 B-double Authorisation Notice 2024
- National Class 2 Heavy Vehicles 4.6m High Livestock Carrier Authorisation Notice 2024
- National Class 2 PBS Level 1 & 2a Truck and Dog Trailer Authorisation Notice 2024
- National Class 2 Performance Based Standards (High Productivity) Authorisation Notice 2024
- National Class 2 Performance Based Standards (Tier 1) Authorisation Notice 2022
- National Class 2 Heavy Vehicle Road Train Authorisation Notice 2025

The trial period will compliment community consultation in order to undertake due diligence when considering the permanency of such a change. The gazetted routes for these vehicle classes can be reviewed on the **National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) National**

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Network Map:
www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/route-planner/national-network-map

Further information on the classes of heavy vehicles can be found here:
www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/mass-and-dimension/classes-of-heavy-vehicles

Trial Period

- **Start Date:** 3rd November 2025
- **End Date:** 1st March 2026

During this period, the following condition will apply to affected roads in leiu of the existing "no travel" condition:

- A **maximum speed limit of 80km/h** will be imposed on all **school bus routes in rural areas**.
- On **urban roads**, vehicles must continue to operate at the posted or conditional speed limits.

Below is a list of the proposed road that the School Travel time condition will be temporarily removed for the trail period:

Adavale Lane	Carlachy Road	Nash Street
Alagala Road	Capell Road	Numalla Road
Alectown West	Cooks Myalls Lane	Pipeclay Road
Ascot Road	Coradgery Road	Plowman Lane
Avondale Road	Curra Lane	Robertson Road
Baldry Peak Hill Road	Freebairn Road	Taweni Road
Back Peak Hill Road	Five Chain Lane	Telescope Road
Back Trundle Road	Glenara Lane	Treweekes Gap Lane
Back Yamma Road	Hollywood Lane	The Bogan Way
Blacktock Hill Road	Hopetoun Lane	Wards Lane
Bogan Road	Kadina Road	Warrah Street
Boorr Hill Road	Kentucky Lane	Warregal Road
Brolgan Road	Leafy Tank Road	Watson Road
Bruie Plains Road	McClintocks Lane	Wyatts Lane
Burra Road	Middle Trundle Road	Yethera Road
Calarie Road	Mingerong Road	

Any roads of the road listed above or part of the Listed Authorisation Notices that lead into another Local government area that section of the will still need to follow that Local Government area conditions.

We invite you to participate in this community consultation by completing the 'Have Your Say' survey available on Council's website, or by scanning the QR code provided.

Any written submissions should be emailed to council@parkes.nsw.gov.au or addressed to

General Manager
Parkes Shire Council
PO Box 337
PARKES NSW 2870

All survey and written submissions close at **5:00pm, Friday 31 October 2025.**

Once all survey submissions are reviewed, a summary report will be presented to the Local Traffic Forum and Council's Ordinary Council Meeting to formally adopt or consider further alternative based on feedback received.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Senior Design Engineer, Mr Ben Coultas, on 02 6861 2333.

Yours faithfully

Logan Hignett
DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

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29 October 2025

Dear Council,

Re: Proposed Trial Removal of Heavy Vehicle Operating Restrictions

I refer to Council's correspondence seeking feedback on the proposed trial removal of Heavy Vehicle Operating Restrictions for Class 2 – B-Doubles and Road Trains within the Parkes Shire area. I wish to express my strong opposition to both the proposed trial and any permanent removal of these restrictions.

While I acknowledge the importance of supporting local industry and freight efficiency, road safety must remain the highest priority—particularly on roads used by school and route bus services.

In regard to the proposed roads used by Peak Hill bus services, the following roads should not be included in the trial:

- Bogan Road
- Blackstock Hill Road
- Coradgery Road
- Hollywood Lane
- Mingerong Road

The main road of concern for Peak Hill services is the Bogan Road, where trucks are known to exceed the 100 km/h speed limit. Buses typically travel at 60 km/h on unsealed roads, and less in poor conditions.

Excessive dust generated by heavy vehicles is a significant safety concern, as it greatly reduces visibility for following or oncoming traffic - especially in still conditions with no wind. Expanding access from rigid trucks and semi-trailers to vehicles with additional trailers, such as B-Doubles and road trains, will only worsen dust issues, further reduce visibility and increase safety risks.

These roads are not constructed or designed to safely accommodate Class 2 heavy vehicles, particularly when two large vehicles must pass. In many sections, the roads are too narrow, forcing buses to move off the road or pull over to allow trucks to pass. This is not always possible and becomes increasingly difficult and dangerous.

Our experience shows that larger trucks, especially when loaded, tend to hold the middle of the road and do not slow down, leaving little room for oncoming traffic and forcing buses and other vehicles onto the shoulder or off the road, creating safety risks and contributing to road damage.

While a maximum speed limit of 80 km/h will be imposed, it is often not adhered to, and there is little to no policing to ensure compliance. The resulting road damage, dust, and flying stones cause frequent vehicle damage, including broken windscreens and stone impact.



The picture shows stone damage to the front of a school bus that services Bogan Rd, Blackstock Hill Rd and Coradgery Rd - noting this occurred under the current restrictions and with a relatively new windscreen.

The main road of concern for Peak Hill services is the Bogan Road, where trucks are known to exceed the 100 km/h speed limit. Buses typically travel at 60 km/h on unsealed roads, and less in poor conditions.

Unfortunately, large trucks do not always respect the load limits on the Shire's gravel roads during wet conditions, causing further damage.

During harvest periods, courtesy and adherence to safe driving practices are further reduced, particularly among loaded trucks or those attempting to gain additional loads.

Whilst all school buses are now fitted with seatbelts, compliance among students remains limited, despite regular reminders. Children often remove their seat belts during trips, which drivers cannot easily monitor. When passing a school bus, please be mindful that most students may not be wearing their seatbelts or wearing it correctly.

Additionally, all school buses operating under Transport for NSW (TfNSW) contracts are GPS-tracked to ensure adherence to approved timetables. Delays caused by increased heavy vehicle traffic can impact contractual KPIs and reporting requirements. These operational challenges are compounded by road and weather conditions, which Transport does not always fully account for. Buses used in TfNSW contracts have a contracted life expectancy of 15 years for smaller buses and 25 years for larger buses, and they cannot be replaced prior to this or without Transport's approval. Operators are responsible for ensuring the reliability and safety of buses throughout their lifespan.

To assist local industry, reduced operating time limits could be considered between 7:30 am to 8:30 am and 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

For these reasons, I strongly urge Council to maintain the existing restrictions for Class 2 vehicles on the above roads.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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Do not want waste fill trucks coming through town

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Trucks have continued to get bigger, with larger combinations now moving commodities around the district.
The regulations on the shire roads have not kept pace with the substantial change in vehicle type operating on the roads, particularly during harvest.
I support this trial and the condition of 80km per hour.
Well done Parkes Shire on attempting to implement positive change for rate payers and heavy vehicle operators across the Shire.

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NO

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We don't need this there is children's safety to consider. Why do we need more class 2 vehicles more accidents.
Then more rubbish trucks.
We have a wonderful community please don't destroy it.

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YES

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It's absolutely ridiculous that these restrictions exist in the first place! We have to use restricted roads to get trucks to our property.
It is crippling for our business especially during harvest & we don't get cheaper registration to apply with these rules.

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Are the restrictions for no access between sunset and sunrise also being lifted? As a lot harvest b-double and road train combinations are required to be used at night due to staff shortages and efficiency moving grain and fodder.

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Too many trucks on most roads now. Rural roads get destroyed by trucks, which makes it difficult to drive a vehicle without it being destroyed by the massive & unexpected potholes. The dust the generate makes the roads even less visible. Most importantly, they never stick to the limits on back roads, & drive way too fast

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With 3 children on the bus run I would be a lot happier with the bdoubles and road trains sitting on 80kph then having twice as many singles to cart same amount of grain doing 100kph. The same amount of tonnes needs to be carted in from harvest and people should be encouraged to be as efficient as possible. More tonnes per load equals less trucks on roads.

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SURVEY FORM - OPERATIONS - HEAVY VEHICLES

I. Survey Questions

Do you agree with the proposal for the removal of the conditions limiting heavy vehicles operating during school times?

NO

Please provide any additional feedback, suggestions, or concerns.

Safety and congestion concerns

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Do you agree with the proposal for the removal of the conditions limiting heavy vehicles operating during school times?

NO

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Safty comes first and large trucks travelling at speed is dangerous enough already for children travelling on a bus. Also it's hard to drive in rural areas where bigger trucks are longer. Stop charging the rules that are there to protect children and others instead of giving into industry. A duty of care is your responsibility to all the taxpayers of your region

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Do you agree with the proposal for the removal of the conditions limiting heavy vehicles operating during school times?

YES

Please provide any additional feedback, suggestions, or concerns.

Heavy vehicles are inconvenienced by the restrictions and why have the 40km speed limit in place and banned heavy vehicles from using the short stretch of road for that time, may as well banned all traffic

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17.5 BUSHMAN'S DAM FLOOD REPAIR PROJECT - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Community

Goal: Our community is safe, active and healthy.

Strategy: Enhance recreation and culture, provide sport, recreation and play space facilities that encourage participation, connection and support for healthy and wellbeing lifestyles.

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Authoriser: **Logan Hignett, Director Operations**

Annexures:
- **A. Letter Community Consultation - Bushman's Dam** ⇩
- **B. Map - Letter drop to affected residents** ⇩
- **C. Bushman's Dam - Survey Data** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council note the outcomes of the community consultation process for the Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project and endorse the revised design approach, including modification to excavation depth and removal of the existing island, to balance flood mitigation outcomes with visual amenity and environmental considerations.

BACKGROUND

Following the Natural Disaster in November 2022, which resulted in widespread flooding and damage across the Shire, Council submitted funding applications for impacted community assets. Bushman's Dam was successfully approved for funding of approximately $670,000 to undertake restoration works, including cleaning of the dam, retaining wall repairs and footpath reinstatement.

In addition to essential restoration works, the project presents an opportunity to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the area. These improvements are intended to complement the recent upgrades to the Splash Park and playground, contributing to a cohesive, accessible and inclusive recreational precinct for the community.

The proposed works are aimed at improving the long-term resilience of the site during significant rain events, while also enhancing safety, accessibility and overall usability of the space.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Council undertook community consultation in February 2026 through a targeted letter drop to affected residents, supported by online and paper-based survey options. Submissions closed on 24 March 2026.

The consultation process confirmed that Bushman's Dam is a highly valued community asset, with a significant proportion of respondents regularly visiting the site. There was strong overall support for the project and clear recognition of the importance of improving flood resilience. At the same time, feedback highlighted the importance of maintaining the existing visual amenity of the waterbody and preserving environmental values associated with the site.

A key theme arising from submissions was the perceived value of the existing waterbody as a visual and recreational feature, with respondents expressing concern that significant changes to the depth and configuration of the dam may impact its character. In particular, the island and surrounding vegetation were identified as contributing to habitat and the overall appeal of the space.

The original concept design proposed excavation of the dam to a depth of approximately 2.5 metres below existing sediment levels to maximise storage capacity and hydraulic performance. While this approach provides a strong engineering outcome, it introduces a higher likelihood of fluctuating water levels and a reduced ability to maintain a consistent waterbody, which would directly impact the visual amenity of the site.

In response to community feedback, Council has reviewed the proposed design and is adopting a more moderate dredging approach. Excavation depths will be reduced to approximately 0.75 metres, which provides a more balanced outcome by improving functionality while maintaining a more consistent and visually appealing waterbody.

As a result of the reduced excavation depth and associated storage volume, it becomes necessary to optimise the available capacity within the basin. In this context, removal of the existing island is required to maximise the effective storage volume and ensure the basin performs its intended function in managing stormwater and mitigating flooding impacts.

In recognising the environmental considerations raised through consultation, Council will incorporate design elements to maintain and enhance habitat opportunities within the broader waterbody, including edge treatments and vegetation where appropriate.

Council will also continue to investigate opportunities both upstream and downstream of the site to further improve the performance of the wider drainage network and provide a more holistic approach to flood mitigation.

The revised design represents a balanced outcome that responds directly to community feedback, maintains the visual amenity of the site and ensures the infrastructure continues to perform its primary flood mitigation function.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

The works are being delivered under approved disaster recovery funding arrangements and are consistent with Council's obligations to restore essential public assets and improve resilience to future events.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project is funded under approved disaster recovery funding of approximately $670,000. Council is currently refining the detailed cost estimate in line with the revised design approach to ensure the project remains within the available funding allocation.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The primary risks associated with the project relate to community perception, environmental considerations and delivery outcomes.

Community feedback has identified sensitivity around changes to the existing character of the dam, particularly in relation to the island and habitat values. These risks have been mitigated through refinement of the design to maintain a consistent waterbody and incorporate habitat considerations within the broader basin.

There is also a risk that reduced excavation depth may limit storage capacity. This has been addressed through optimisation of the basin footprint, including removal of the island, and consideration of complementary upstream and downstream improvements.

Failure to proceed with the works presents a risk of continued flood impacts, asset deterioration and reduced functionality of the site.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council undertook community consultation in February 2026 through a targeted letter drop to affected residents, supported by online and paper-based survey options. The consultation period commenced on 16 February and closed on 24 March 2026.

The consultation process generated a strong level of engagement, with a high volume of responses received. Feedback confirmed that Bushman's Dam is a well-used and valued community space, with many respondents identifying a strong connection to the site.

Key themes emerging from the consultation included the importance of maintaining the visual amenity of the waterbody, preserving habitat values associated with the island and surrounding vegetation, and ensuring the project delivers meaningful improvements to flood resilience. Suggestions were also received regarding additional amenities and enhancements to the broader reserve.

Council has carefully considered the feedback received and has refined the project design accordingly. In particular, the proposed excavation depth has been reduced to better maintain a consistent waterbody, and the design has been adjusted to balance flood mitigation outcomes with visual amenity and environmental considerations.

While not all suggestions can be incorporated within the scope of the current project, the feedback has informed a more balanced and context-sensitive design outcome.

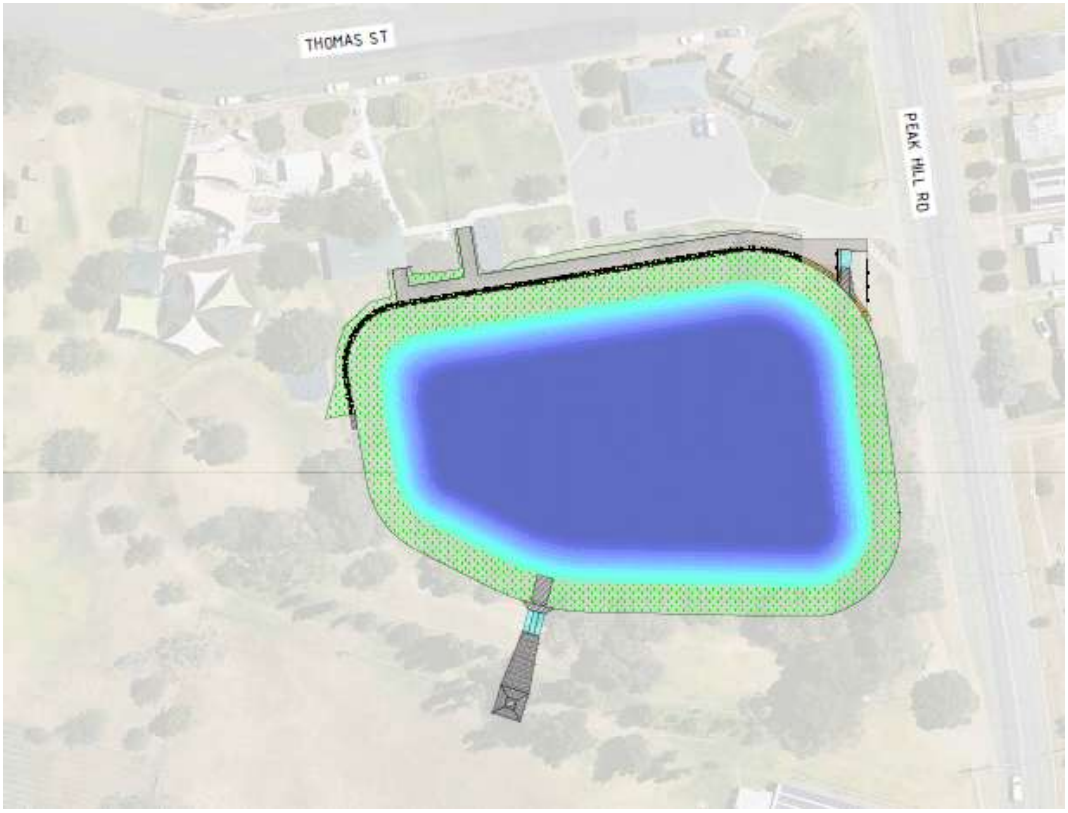


Figure 1 - Aerial view of Bushman Dam Concept layout

Building a connected, vibrant and sustainable regional city

Parkes Shire Council

16 February 2026 Doc ID: 2177631

Dear Resident/Business Owner

Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project – Have Your Say

Parkes Shire Council is seeking community feedback on the Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project, funded by the New South Wales Government under the Community Asset Program 2024.

Following the Natural Disaster in November 2022, which resulted in widespread flooding and damage across the Shire, Council submitted funding applications for impacted community assets. Bushman's Dam was successfully approved for funding of approximately $670,000 to undertake restoration works. The project will primarily involve cleaning of the dam, retaining wall repairs and footpath reinstatement.

In addition to essential restoration works, Council will explore opportunities to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of the area. These improvements will complement the recent upgrades to the Splash Park and playground, with the aim of creating a cohesive, accessible and inclusive recreational precinct for the community.

What is being proposed

The proposed works aim to address ongoing flood management challenges and improve the long-term resilience of the site during significant rain events. In addition to improving flood capacity, the project presents an opportunity to enhance safety, accessibility and the overall functionality of the area.

Council is committed to listening to community feedback to help inform the final design and ensure an appropriate balance between preserving the character of Bushman's Dam and delivering infrastructure that meets future needs.

Community Consultation

Council invites community feedback on this proposal via the Have Your Say survey available on Council's website, or by scanning the QR code below.

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You may also complete the survey using the hard copy provided and return it in the enclosed paid postage envelope. All survey and written submissions close at **10:00am** on **24 March 2026**.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Project Officer, Miss Bronte O'Shannessy, on 02 6861 2333.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

Logan Hignett
DIRECTOR OPERATIONS

Community Consultation Survey

Parkes Shire Council

DISCLAIMER

Parkes Shire Council invites you to participate in a survey (online and via hard copies) to provide feedback on this proposal.

Council wants you to know, as part of engaging with the survey, Council will be collecting your personal information to understand community views on the proposed changes to Bushman Dam, Parkes. This survey information is collected under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and providing your information is voluntary, however, without it, we may not be able to consider your submission.

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By completing this survey you acknowledge, in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 1998, that your submission received by Council from you containing personal information may be made public when the matter goes before Council for consideration, as it may be included in Council's Business Papers and stored on the website.

Thank you for your interest in this exhibition. By completing the feedback form, you agree to our privacy policy.

1. *How often do you visit Bushman's Dam?*

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

2. *What is your connection to Bushman's Dam? (Select all that apply)*

- ☐ I live nearby
- ☐ I regularly use the area for recreation
- ☐ I occasionally visit
- ☐ I operate a business nearby
- ☐ I am a general Parkes resident
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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3. Do you support the following proposed works*?

- ☐ Removal of the island
- ☐ Removal of the fence around the waterway
- ☐ Installation of a fence to close off the splash park area
- ☐ Construction of a shared footpath connecting to the splash park
- ☐ Installation of a new large ornamental fountain
- ☐ Large-scale planting of new native vegetation
- ☐ Addition of native and natural gardens

Comments/Feedback

**Council acknowledges that Bushman's Dam is a valued recreational space that holds significance for many residents. Council recognises its importance to the community and understands that any proposed changes may generate strong interest and diverse views.*

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3. What aspects of Bushman's Dam are most important to you?

Comments/Feeback

4. Are there any features you believe must be preserved?

Comments/Feeback

Community Consultation Survey

5. Do you have concerns about how the proposed works may change the character of the area?

Comments/Feeback

6. How important is improving flood resilience at Bushman's Dam?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Not important

7. Do you believe the proposed works appropriately balance flood mitigation and community amenity?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Community Consultation Survey

8. Do you have alternative suggestions Council should consider?

Comments/Feedback

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9. Please provide any feedback you may have in relation to the proposed elements, or share any new ideas you'd like us to consider

Comments/Feeback

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10. Overall Project Support

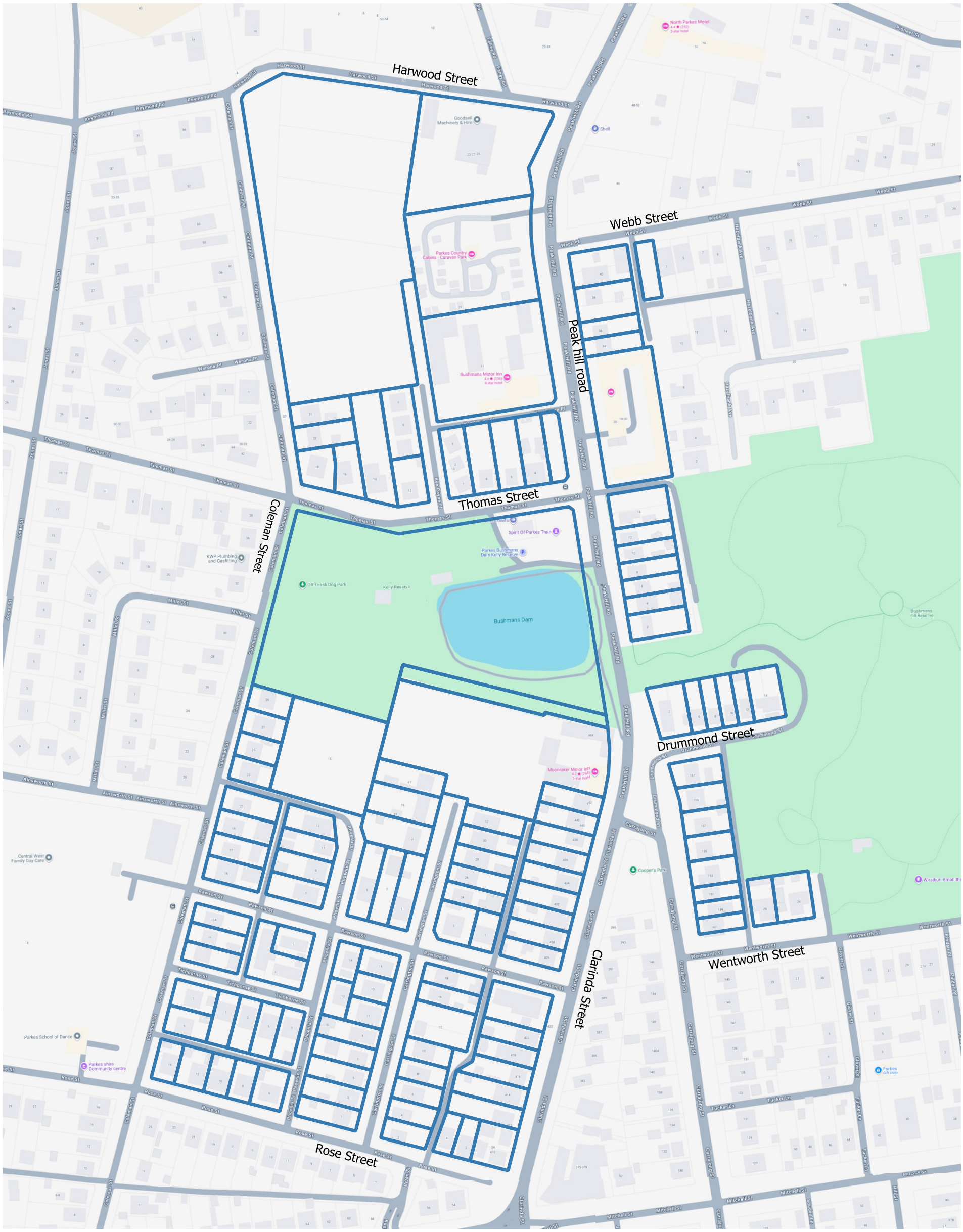
Before this survey, were you aware of the proposed Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project?

☐ Yes ☐ No

a) Based on the information provided, do you:

☐ Strongly support the project
☐ Support the project
☐ Neither support nor oppose
☐ Oppose the project
☐ Strongly oppose the project

Comments/Feedback



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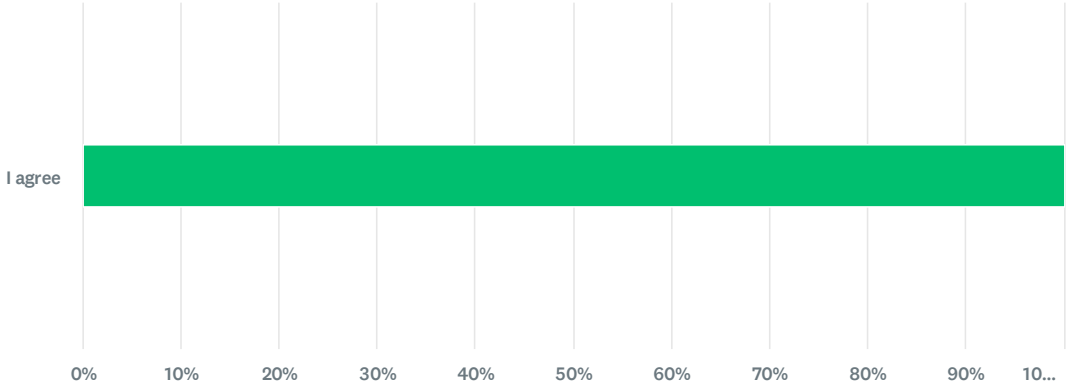
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Have Your Say - Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project

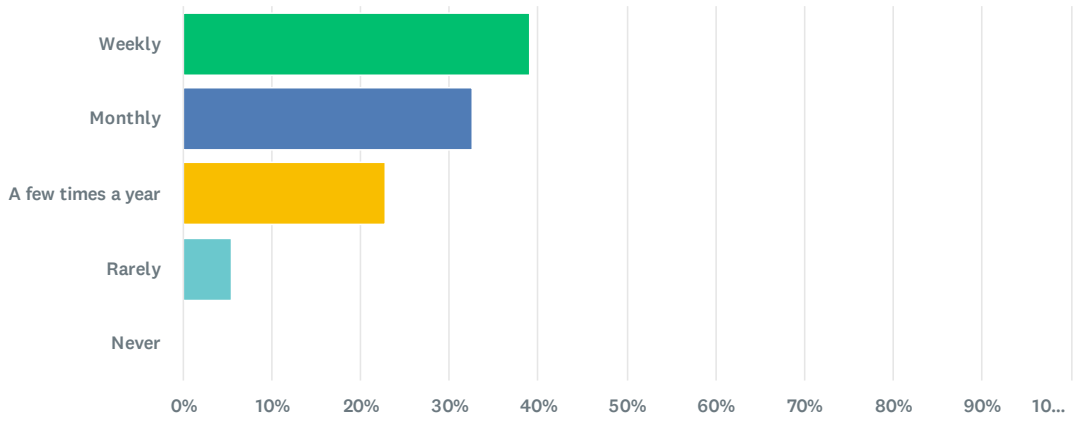
Q1 I have read and agree with Council's Privacy Policy and understand what making a submission means

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0



Q2 How often do you visit Bushman's Dam?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Weekly	39.13%	36
Monthly	32.61%	30
A few times a year	22.83%	21
Rarely	5.43%	5
Never	0%	0
Total		**92**

Q3 Comments/Feedback

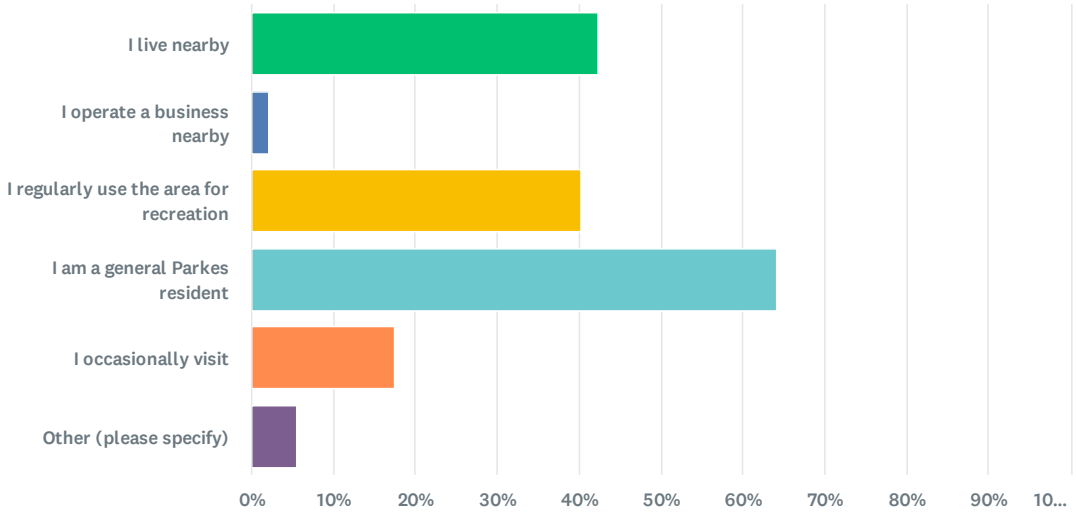
Answered: 33 Skipped: 67

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am a member of the Central West Lachlan Landcare which is situated in the building beside the dam.	3/26/2026 1:50 PM
2	Very nice area, great for relaxation and watching local wildlife. I live opposite and can hear the frogs at night.	3/24/2026 9:11 AM
3	Its meant to be a beautiful space to enjoy. Remove the fence and make it worth visiting.	3/19/2026 8:02 PM
4	I have 2 young children who enjoy the waterpark - Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:16 AM
5	The Dam could be a lot cleaner and family friendly - Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:10 AM
6	I have lived near the dam all my life	3/5/2026 2:26 PM
7	Used the park daily to feed ducks etc when kids were little. Older kids still visit park all the time. Use dog park regularly.	3/5/2026 12:25 PM
8	I would say if you're going to open it all up it needs a very clear view. Like Forbes, so that if children run off you can see exactly where they are. I think putting a nice open plan with nothing but a footpath around it would be wondering for walking and riding bikes . It would also be cool to add another pump track if there is money in the budget for that	3/2/2026 11:00 AM
9	Clearing out of the dam, fenced area of playground so can be utilised by families safely, native plants, walkways/ footpaths are accessible from Coleman rd are included, not just from Dubbo rd/clarinda st. Parking for caravans/ visitors marked out on the road making it more accessible. Or make the road front end 90° parking to allow for more car parking spaces.	3/2/2026 10:13 AM
10	The water park and playground is not fenced behind the playground. Children can wander off and have access to the dam and roads.	2/25/2026 10:55 AM
11	This AI image looks amazing. I strongly encourage the council to keep the large trees, these provide essential shade to those that like to walk / bike around this lake. It's disappointing to see the island going as ducks go there to feel safe from predators, on this flip side duck numbers need reducing as they poop everywhere.	2/24/2026 6:08 PM
12	Love it	2/24/2026 8:21 AM
13	Open it up with a walking track, learn to ride track, picnic tables, bbqs. Open the while space up	2/23/2026 8:52 PM
14	It's certainly overdue for a facelift. Needs desilting. Island is nice, safer for birdlife but not vital as it's an eyesore.	2/23/2026 1:07 PM
15	Beautiful place for families	2/23/2026 12:51 PM
16	The site currently has more than appeal, can be made to be more appealing. I do hope more trees and plants are added to increase the beauty and natural habitat of the area, as this makes the serenity more appealing to spend time there	2/22/2026 9:52 AM
17	Pond and lawn is dry	2/21/2026 5:05 PM
18	The current state of the actual dam is detracting	2/20/2026 3:53 PM
19	Kids enjoy seeing the train, feeding and seeing the ducks and water birds and usde to enjoy the play equipment until it was replaced with the current set up	2/19/2026 9:38 PM
20	Bushman's dam is a great place for people to stop when travelling and an important part of our town's culture. It is a great place to go for a picnic, bbq, have children's parties etc	2/19/2026 6:40 PM
21	I was running exercise programs there twice a week & taking my children to the park	2/19/2026 5:25 PM

22	I have observed waterbirds, dogs, walkers, runners, drunks, those who think they are having secret sex, and those that use what I refer to as the dropoff log. I dont need to visit the dam that often	2/19/2026 11:47 AM
23	Needs more shaded sitting areas under trees	2/19/2026 6:33 AM
24	Would absolutely visit more for daily walks if it looked like the Ai render. Take a look at the Shepparton lake for inspo	2/18/2026 11:01 PM
25	I have two young kids, 1 year old and 3 year old. I regularly take them to the splash pad, play equipment and the dam to watch birds.	2/18/2026 9:43 PM
26	Dont remove the island - it gives birds and turtles an escape from dogs and cats. Put a path all the way around dint remove too many big trees.	2/18/2026 6:36 PM
27	Definitely needs to be freshened up	2/18/2026 1:34 PM
28	It is in a bad way atm would be wonderful to see it as I could be.	2/18/2026 12:26 PM
29	The middle island is lovely addition to the dam. All improvements to date have enhanced the dam. I'm disappointed at the quality of the water. The smell that comes from the dam is unpleasant. Being able to walk around the dam would be good. A proper fountain would benefit the dam and visual appeal would be beneficial. Removing the water reeds that take up most of the dam gives an appearance of neglect. The reeds need to be controlled. More seating would be beneficial to everyone particularly the elderly.	2/18/2026 12:24 PM
30	Beautiful way to spend time with nature	2/18/2026 11:01 AM
31	During summer for family gatherings. Would like more sheltered seating built.	2/18/2026 10:27 AM
32	Kids love the ducks, pelicans and turtles	2/18/2026 10:26 AM
33	If there were additional facilities to cater to more people (eg nice walking track around the dam with gardens) I'd be more inclined to visit for a walk etc	2/17/2026 11:47 AM

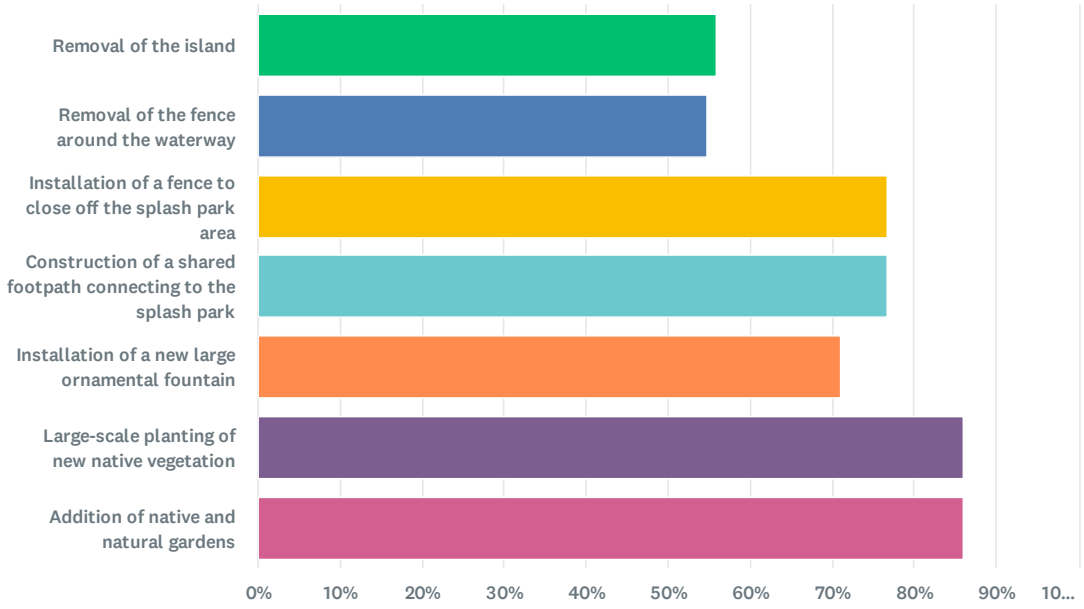
Q4 What is your connection to Bushman's Dam? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 92 Skipped: 8



Q5 Do you support the following proposed works*?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 14



Q6 Comments/Feedback

Answered: 46 Skipped: 54

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Shared footpath need to be wide enough for prams and strollers. Seating on perimeter of dam walkway for those of us who can't walk long distances but to get some exercise.	3/25/2026 4:23 PM
2	I do not support the above proposed works without prior completion of a detailed feasibility study that would bring a complete list of species that inhabit the area (the island and dam are home to various birds, amphibians and other aquatic species). The proposed works would likely impact this ecosystem that supports vulnerable native species. For as a member of community who lives nearby and regularly visits this area, the Bushman Dam and its native wildlife have a great significance and complements the other visitor facilities as fenced dog park, exercise and barbeque area. I can not see the removal of the natural island and replacing by artificial fountain would significantly improve visitors experience of the area that could compensate the native species and habitat loss.	3/24/2026 9:12 AM
3	Don't take the island out its a haven for animals.	3/19/2026 8:03 PM
4	Get rid of the reeds overtaking the sam	3/18/2026 10:33 AM
5	I highly object to removal of the island. This is habitat and a safe refuge for many native species esp from FERAL CATS	3/18/2026 10:24 AM
6	I would like Council to consider connectivity with the water if the fence is being removed. I would love to see a fenced viewing platform (or a small board walk long term!). This would be a great interface. It will bring the water "closer" to the users of the park whilst managing safety concerns. I would also like the shared path to wrap around the dam. We all want the experience of exploring around the dam but the walk isn't safe for little legs at the moment. Has the dam ever been tested for contamination as an ex mine tailings dam? Are there biodiversity concerns about removing the island? Will you do it outside of nesting season?	3/18/2026 10:14 AM
7	ECM 2211085 This should be a large welcoming entrance to Parkes. Lots of space for visitors - shady trees and plenty of seats and tables for visitors. Dam should be uncluttered - perhaps birds, fish may even return!	3/13/2026 1:13 PM
8	Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:16 AM
9	The footpath needs to go around the southern side with cameras and plenty of bins around so rubbish doesn't get in the waterways. Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:10 AM
10	for safety reasons the fence should remain remove all reeds along dam remove big tree in dam trim trees along peak hill road	3/5/2026 2:39 PM
11	As the dam is ATSR it cannot be completely fenced in. A fence around the splash park may keep dogs out.	3/5/2026 2:28 PM
12	Walking track around whole park. Kids play area should be fenced in Keep island for ducks Keep the Willow tree	3/5/2026 12:26 PM
13	If you’re going to do gardens that would be really nice but make them low colourful flowers would be beautiful	3/2/2026 11:01 AM
14	The town is in desperate need of places for families to go and relax safely and in groups .... we need more covered table areas and footpaths and very well lit to ensure a safe area	3/2/2026 10:25 AM
15	Fencing the children's play areas should be priority.	2/25/2026 10:56 AM
16	Enjoy having a good bbq on a summer's evening so keep those picnic tables and BBQs coming. Don't forget CCTV to keep the vandals and creeps away	2/24/2026 6:10 PM
17	No to the removal of the Island. It provides a safe place for the wildlife away from humans and animals.	2/24/2026 8:52 AM

18	I think the whole park should be closed off with a fence	2/24/2026 8:22 AM
19	Lake Ginninderra District Park In Canberra is great! Could do something at smaller scale. Walking track, learn to ride, picnic areas, small basket ball courts with smaller hoops for younger kids, etc	2/23/2026 8:55 PM
20	I support none of the use of the money's for this project. In fact the proposal that states it was damaged in the 2022 floods is a slap in the face to every resident that felt non-supported by council at this time. The fact that little rainfall fell in this area and that the dam sits on a hill shows that it was hardly damaged the same way residents along the Billabong Creek were. The fact that council wants to spend almost 700,000 on this is disgusting when there are so many other issues needed to be faced, one of them and accident waiting to happen with the Billabong Creek on ugower road being in such reprehensible repair and now that be triple trucks are allowed on that road is extremely dangerous when going through that Creek	2/23/2026 8:34 PM
21	Maybe dig the dam deeper so there isn't as much spill when it's too full	2/23/2026 12:53 PM
22	The park must remain safe from the waters edge. Complete the fencing accordingly if the larger portion of the waters edge is to be left fence less.	2/23/2026 11:18 AM
23	More plants for wildlife. Not young plants	2/21/2026 5:05 PM
24	I support all the works	2/20/2026 3:54 PM
25	The dam needs to be cleaned and dug deeper to hold more water, remove the bulrushes	2/19/2026 9:39 PM
26	An island needs to be there as a safe haven for the waterbirds.	2/19/2026 8:03 PM
27	I am mindful of the safety of the wildlife and birds living there. Removing the island may put them in danger so if the island is removed can something be done to protect the wildlife there, particularly the ducks and other birds. Improving the area is a must and I am glad there is money to revamp it and at the same time protection from the flooding will be put in place.	2/19/2026 6:42 PM
28	I feel it would be beneficial for the exercise equipment to have a cover over it, to provide shade during summer & stop frost getting on it in the winter. Plus the possibility of mist over the equipment on a hot day. Another benefit would be to invest in equipment for older & more fragile people to improve their mobility, fitness & health outcomes	2/19/2026 5:30 PM
29	Only ticked large scale planting because could not continue survey NOT one thing in these proposal has ANYTHING to do with Flood Repair Splash Park has had its turn (If more work is required there get funds from elsewhere NOT Flood Repair DO NOT WASTE MONEY on ornamental fountains and gardens unless you intend to instal monitored security system AGREE with new trees being planted and current water fountain in dam being repaired and maintained AGREE with removal of all Bullrushes that have been left to overtake dam area leaving little space for waterbirds. Birds also need island to escape being chased by runaway and unleashed dogs	2/19/2026 12:39 PM
30	Make the fence not as hideous, remake the island for the birds to use for safety purposes and give them areas to nest on it. Fill the dam with cod and yellow belly and yabby's so we can actually fish up there and utilize it	2/19/2026 6:36 AM
31	Bushman's Dam is definitely in need of a major overhaul, and upgrade. I do not agree with the removal of the fence around Bushman's Dam as a local resident to the area, who has two small children. My children, and other children need that buffer between the Dam and the local environment, just in case they slip away from their parents. There is already an increased safety risk with trying to access toilets across a driveway with small children. The amount of Domestic waterfowl that is dropped off to Bushmans dam, after locals purchasing the cute and cuddly versions of ducklings, and then not realising that they grow into it appalling. I can only assume that Council, or another organisation over the years have provided culls/removal of these animals from the area. Locals need to be educated on the fact that the area should be utilised for native waterfowl and bird life only. This would assist with trying to reduce the amount of animal poo found in and around the splash park. I believe beautification works should be preferences over the installation of a fountain, given the grant funding has been provided. A fountain, can come at a later date, should it be required, and or if funds are left over from doing the major works required.	2/19/2026 3:59 AM
32	The reeds need to go. Please keep the waterbirds .	2/18/2026 10:51 PM
33	I fence to ensure children are protected from the road and dam is essential. You currently need	2/18/2026 9:47 PM

	to exit the playground fenced area to use the toilets which can be quite frequent with young kids. So im glad the dam is fenced off. Its currently a bit of a swamp so the vegetation needs to be something that keeps the water clean.	
34	Make it look better	2/18/2026 8:13 PM
35	Enclosing the playground area would be a huge safety improvement. More areas all around the play areas for parents to sit and watch would be good (even if it's decorative sandstone blocks or similar). And to swap the main access gate for a smaller gate or covering it with a fine mesh or similar to stop kids from climbing it will prevent it from breaking to increase safety and security. Some community murals or art work to add colour would be lovely too.	2/18/2026 7:39 PM
36	Maybe a smaller island in the middle to still allow protection and a safe place for baby ducklings	2/18/2026 7:24 PM
37	With autistic children who just love the water and ducks I feel safer if a fence around the water remained	2/18/2026 6:35 PM
38	What about the ducks?we're will there safe place be?	2/18/2026 1:35 PM
39	Could there be a path around the perimeter of the dam. The dam does need a good clean out .	2/18/2026 12:26 PM
40	The overgrown weeds in the dam are an eyesore and need to be removed. The splash park and play equipment have been a fantastic addition to the town for families to use!	2/18/2026 12:20 PM
41	It would be better to fence the entire dam so families can bring their children and not worry about the risk of drowning. Fully fence play areas.	2/18/2026 11:09 AM
42	Ensuring the dam is an excellent and attractive way for residents to enjoy the day all year round is essential	2/18/2026 11:02 AM
43	What will be the effect on the natural wildlife habitat if the island is removed? For safety purposes there needs to be a childproof fence around the waterway. But a concrete pathway inside it would allow more people to enjoy the view safely.	2/18/2026 10:34 AM
44	I think the island is useful for birds and nesting. To provide safe cover for animals and babies. Pelicans do eat baby ducklings and the island provides some sanctuary for them. Also some land for the turtles to come out of water when needed is important. I think the fencing is important to prevent the public assessing the water, nests, animals and their babies. Also to prevent pollution from rubbish.	2/18/2026 10:29 AM
45	Keep fence around the dam, tidy up old fence, so many young kids will get to close to dam without fence	2/18/2026 10:09 AM
46	I think upgrades across all of these aspects would be lovely	2/17/2026 11:47 AM

Q7 What aspects of Bushman's Dam are most important to you?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	a body of water providing habit for birds and animals	3/26/2026 2:20 PM
2	Keep the dam area clean	3/25/2026 4:33 PM
3	Peace and wildlife watching	3/24/2026 9:18 AM
4	.	3/23/2026 8:09 PM
5	It has a quiet space. Id like a space away from the water park. The gym equipment needs to be in a private space so kids arent using as a play ground.	3/19/2026 8:07 PM
6	Child safety. Animal and environment friendly	3/18/2026 11:12 AM
7	Water, food, habitat for native animals. In particular water birds, vunerable Eastern Long-necked Turtles, Amphibians, birds	3/18/2026 10:50 AM
8	Needs to look good and inviting not like a dilapidated duck breeding swamp.	3/18/2026 10:37 AM
9	Its potential to be a high quality walking track/recreational area. This is the main thing Parkes is missing compared to Forbes - a walking track around the lake!	3/18/2026 10:16 AM
10	Not too commercial! Parkes is a country town - lets feature the wealth of the district - heat - sheep - as well as the telescope - less fuss (?)	3/13/2026 1:24 PM
11	That our street wont flood ever again because the gate is left open we wanted to convert our shed into a flat but this prevent us from doing so. - Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:20 AM
12	Health eco system etc fish birds and wildlife - Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:14 AM
13	All areas - Kids play area and dog park	3/5/2026 2:44 PM
14	general outlook for all visitors	3/5/2026 2:42 PM
15	dam needs rushes removed the island is a good place for the birds it would be nice to see water plants such as water lillies	3/5/2026 2:35 PM
16	Historical Significance Provision of key community facilities Overall appearance and presentation - the current condition is an absolute disease ridden disgrace and a terrible reflection on Parkes. Lacks regular maintenance.	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
17	Bushman's Dam matters to me most as a critical habitat for local birds and wildlife, and I believe any changes should protect and strengthen the ecological health of the reserve. I also value it as a shared natural space where the community can connect with nature through quiet, accessible areas that respect the environment. In addition, the children's play area and waterpark are important features because they offer a safe, sensory-rich place for kids to learn about waterways and develop an appreciation for caring for Country.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
18	NA	3/5/2026 12:30 PM
19	Play for the kids and safety for the kids	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
20	I think as it is our ONLY park in town with a lake it would be the lake ..... being able to sit and relax by a water source is imperative to the mental health of people living in rural country towns and it must be taken into full consideration from the council. The well-being of the towns people is extremelyimportant.	3/2/2026 10:38 AM
21	The history of the dam.	3/2/2026 10:15 AM
22	The children's play areas	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
23	Shade, nature, safety for the kids	2/24/2026 6:14 PM

24	The open spaces, family picnic areas, shade and seating.	2/24/2026 8:58 AM
25	That it gives the town something to do	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
26	Splash park and play area	2/23/2026 10:03 PM
27	I think it is all a really great space that isn't utilised to its full potential	2/23/2026 8:58 PM
28	Community greenspace	2/23/2026 8:37 PM
29	Splash park & playground Looking at dam n birds walking n driving past	2/23/2026 1:16 PM
30	Playground & Splash Park	2/23/2026 1:02 PM
31	Dam itself. Is beautiful and having the ducks are lovely.	2/23/2026 12:56 PM
32	Splash park being utilised by families. A nice looking area to be able to want to visit more often.	2/23/2026 12:54 PM
33	The natural habitat and natural vegetation in the area, if this can be improved upon it will make it a beautiful place to spend time.	2/22/2026 9:57 AM
34	Pond	2/21/2026 5:10 PM
35	Visual and the whole area should be attractive to all visitors	2/20/2026 3:58 PM
36	Wild life and a nice clean area for kids to enjoy seeing and interacting with the ducks	2/19/2026 9:42 PM
37	The enjoyment of a recreational space with water, as we dont have a river going throigh our town.	2/19/2026 8:06 PM
38	Interaction with the waterway	2/19/2026 7:20 PM
39	It is spacious enough for lots of people to picnic together, it is cool and shady in summer, keeping it as a well known Parkes place for tourists to stop	2/19/2026 6:48 PM
40	Gated off play area for kids	2/19/2026 6:17 PM
41	The dam it's self& the wildlife that is found there	2/19/2026 5:42 PM
42	FIX FLOODING - Overflow drain (at times) not able to cope with volume of water so it runs across land at back of Moonraker Motel and builds up against our side fence to a point when it then run across and completely covers our front yard and part of side walkway before it continues into neighbours yard and beyond. If anyone is interested I have MANY photos of these floods	2/19/2026 12:43 PM
43	Native wildlife, clean water, there is always rubbish in the water.	2/19/2026 11:51 AM
44	Natural Environment Walking track around the dam	2/19/2026 11:48 AM
45	Free area for free activities for families in a struggling economy	2/19/2026 6:40 AM
46	Bushman's Dam is a fantastic central facilty, however we need to ensure the safety of our smallest members, so I believe the fencing around the dam, should be maintained. There's a fence around the train to assist with safety - Would this also be removed in the upgrades?	2/19/2026 4:10 AM
47	It has been a huge part having grown up on Bushmans Hill. Make it a beautiful place for local families and visitors to enjoy again.	2/18/2026 11:08 PM
48	Visual appeal, safety (no crackheads!!)	2/18/2026 11:03 PM
49	Making it look and smell clean. More aesthetically pleasing. Dam and roads should be entirely fenced as its a place for young kids. But somehow having better and safer access to the toilets. Its needs a baby change table.	2/18/2026 9:53 PM
50	Social setting	2/18/2026 8:33 PM
51	Clean, green and inviting	2/18/2026 8:15 PM
52	Shade trees and space to picnic on the grass, (mostly) enclosed play spaces for kids of all ages.	2/18/2026 7:48 PM
53	Family oriented space with more sheltered areas	2/18/2026 7:27 PM

54	The dam and the wildlife	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
55	Safety of my small humans when out and about in my own. Wild life remains.	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
56	Keeping the ducks	2/18/2026 4:09 PM
57	Exercise equipment/play area for children	2/18/2026 1:40 PM
58	Wild life,serenity,peaceful walks	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
59	The water quality and visual appeal of the dam. Trees and native vegetation to enhance the area. More seating and more trees for shade. A proper fountain to add appearance. More seating to sit and admire, not everyone can sit on the grass.	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
60	The splash park and playground area for young families.	2/18/2026 12:23 PM
61	Children's safety	2/18/2026 12:22 PM
62	Nice place to meet up and spend time as a family	2/18/2026 11:11 AM
63	Exposure to nature	2/18/2026 11:03 AM
64	Safe community relaxation area. Being able to watch the natural bird life.	2/18/2026 10:45 AM
65	Cleanliness, suitable and safe habitat for the animals that call it home.	2/18/2026 10:34 AM
66	Great area for partys and general play, leave fence around dam for added safety	2/18/2026 10:10 AM
67	family and exercise	2/17/2026 2:53 PM
68	None really	2/17/2026 11:49 AM
69	The availability of the play ground and splash park for birthdays and other celebrations. The availability of the bbq areas and the toilet facilities being cleaned	2/17/2026 10:32 AM
70	Passive waterway	2/16/2026 6:21 PM

Q8 Are there any features you believe must be preserved?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no answer	3/26/2026 2:20 PM
2	the south wall	3/25/2026 4:33 PM
3	Natural habitat and native species that live there.	3/24/2026 9:18 AM
4	.	3/23/2026 8:09 PM
5	Island and the walk right around ability	3/19/2026 8:07 PM
6	Nil	3/18/2026 11:12 AM
7	Island, ALL Gum trees. Some reeds.	3/18/2026 10:50 AM
8	No	3/18/2026 10:37 AM
9	Its history. Have you consulted with Wiradjuri at all?	3/18/2026 10:16 AM
10	N/A	3/13/2026 1:24 PM
11	Nil comments - Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:20 AM
12	The train but it definitely needs a tidy up - Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:14 AM
13	NA	3/5/2026 2:44 PM
14	NA	3/5/2026 2:42 PM
15	The dam itself	3/5/2026 2:35 PM
16	Toilet facilities Children amenities Coffee Shop	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
17	The island within Bushman's Dam is a critical refuge for birds and wildlife, and it must be preserved as an undisturbed habitat that supports nesting, feeding, and protection from predators. The surrounding native plants are equally important, providing food sources, shelter, and ecological stability, and they should be maintained and strengthened rather than replaced with ornamental or non-native species. Protecting these natural features ensures the reserve continues to function as a healthy ecosystem and a meaningful place for the community to experience local biodiversity.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
18	Willow Tree Bank area	3/5/2026 12:30 PM
19	No. I believe as long as it's a clear view a while re hall would be reasonable.	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
20	No	3/2/2026 10:38 AM
21	No	3/2/2026 10:15 AM
22	The habitat for animals should be improved and not minimised	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
23	Trees (not necessarily the shrubs)	2/24/2026 6:14 PM
24	The island, to preserve the habitat for wildlife. Maybe more flora to make it more appealing.	2/24/2026 8:58 AM
25	No	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
26	Shade trees	2/23/2026 10:03 PM
27	I think most of it should be preserved if possible with the removal of the fence and additions!	2/23/2026 8:58 PM
28	Greenspace	2/23/2026 8:37 PM
29	Safe bollards between cars n water	2/23/2026 1:16 PM

30	Nil	2/23/2026 1:02 PM
31	The fountain in the dam maybe have a couple of them one at each end.	2/23/2026 12:56 PM
32	No	2/23/2026 12:54 PM
33	Natural habitats and vegetation in the area	2/22/2026 9:57 AM
34	Island	2/21/2026 5:10 PM
35	No	2/20/2026 3:58 PM
36	Train	2/19/2026 9:42 PM
37	The island should be upgraded, but preserved. The reeds are also important to waterbirds to hide in.	2/19/2026 8:06 PM
38	No	2/19/2026 7:20 PM
39	The island to keep the ducks safe, or create a new living place in the middle and take the old island away .	2/19/2026 6:48 PM
40	No	2/19/2026 6:17 PM
41	I feel the Island helps protect many of the animals from the feral cats in the area	2/19/2026 5:42 PM
42	Keep Island Dam Water Fountain Few Native Trees and Shrubs	2/19/2026 12:43 PM
43	The island acts as a native habitat for the birds, I would like to think that the new areas would be similar, it's important to make sure there is enough area designated to this.	2/19/2026 11:51 AM
44	Native plants and large trees	2/19/2026 11:48 AM
45	All large trees	2/19/2026 6:40 AM
46	Unsure	2/19/2026 4:10 AM
47	The Elvis Wall and the opennessof the dam	2/18/2026 11:08 PM
48	No	2/18/2026 11:03 PM
49	Plenty of appropriate vegetation, particularly native trees.	2/18/2026 9:53 PM
50	Spaces for community to sit and gather	2/18/2026 8:33 PM
51	I like the island do the birds/ducks/turtles ect have somewhere to rest/hide	2/18/2026 8:15 PM
52	Natural habitat for Birdlife.	2/18/2026 7:48 PM
53	Smaller island in the middle	2/18/2026 7:27 PM
54	The island	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
55	No	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
56	Bigger established trees that create shade and the gym equipment	2/18/2026 4:09 PM
57	No	2/18/2026 1:40 PM
58	Wildlife and a fountain be it a new one though.	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
59	No.	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
60	Ensure the wildlife are preserved.	2/18/2026 12:23 PM
61	The grassed areas	2/18/2026 12:22 PM
62	No	2/18/2026 11:11 AM
63	N/A	2/18/2026 11:03 AM
64	Trees already in place need to remain to provide shade.	2/18/2026 10:45 AM
65	Land and water habitat to support the birds, fish, turtles etc. providing some suitable land access for them to nest.	2/18/2026 10:34 AM

66	Fence around dam	2/18/2026 10:10 AM
67	No	2/17/2026 2:53 PM
68	No	2/17/2026 11:49 AM
69	The natural beauty of the park	2/17/2026 10:32 AM
70	None	2/16/2026 6:21 PM

Q9 Do you have concerns about how the proposed works may change the character of the area?

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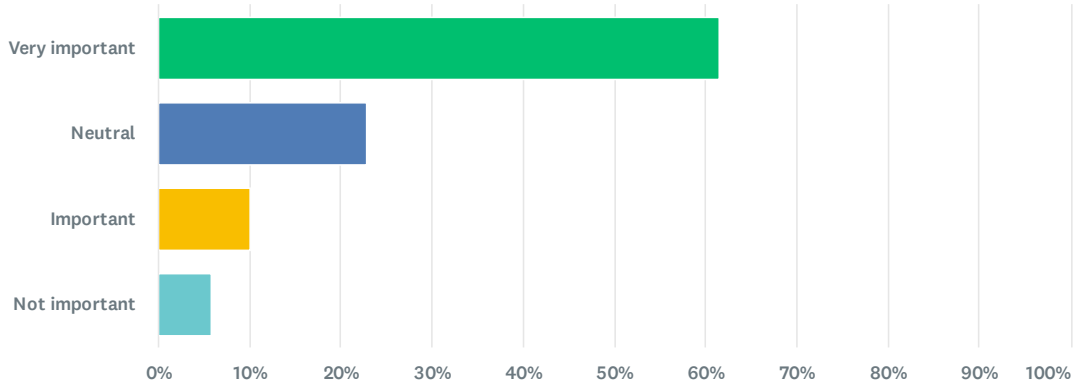
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1	no answer	3/26/2026 2:20 PM
2	no	3/25/2026 4:33 PM
3	Yes. As I explained above, it might bring a habitat loss for native species the Bushman's dam supports.	3/24/2026 9:18 AM
4	.	3/23/2026 8:09 PM
5	Yes. The water park has already done that.	3/19/2026 8:07 PM
6	No	3/18/2026 11:12 AM
7	Only to the native animals	3/18/2026 10:50 AM
8	No	3/18/2026 10:37 AM
9	No. It is in need of an upgrade.	3/18/2026 10:16 AM
10	Yes. Drainage work was done in the past in Jones and Jubilee Streets which result in flood water flood our homes Thomas and Coleman Road. Despite constant requests this situation remains upsetting foundation in homes - ever drowning fowls in back yard of homes in Thomas St. More care and attention given to residents - sometimes changing are made which greatly ruins quality of life in existing residents.	3/13/2026 1:24 PM
11	No, we just dont want it to cause any more flooding to our property due to a downpour like in 2019. - Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:20 AM
12	No the playground could need upgrades as like a biggerslide - Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:14 AM
13	No!	3/5/2026 2:44 PM
14	make dam more attractive to all visitors	3/5/2026 2:42 PM
15	Hopefully not	3/5/2026 2:35 PM
16	anything to improve current state	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
17	Yes, the proposed works raise clear concerns about losing the natural, habitat-rich character that makes Bushman's Dam meaningful. The suggestion of removing or altering the island, along with plans for vegetation removal, risks shifting the area away from a quiet ecological refuge and toward a more engineered, recreational space. The island functions as a safe sanctuary for birds and wildlife, offering nesting sites, feeding areas, and protection from disturbance, and its loss would directly reduce biodiversity and the sense of wildness that defines the reserve. Removing native vegetation would further erode this character by reducing habitat complexity, destabilising the banks, and replacing the natural landscape with something more manicured and less ecologically functional. Together, these changes could diminish the calm, nature-centred identity of the area and weaken the community's ability to connect with local ecosystems in an authentic way.	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
18	NA	3/5/2026 12:30 PM
19	Only if it becomes open without a clear view for safety even with it fenced off around the park	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
20	No	3/2/2026 10:38 AM
21	No	3/2/2026 10:15 AM

22	No	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
23	No, we must welcome change, especially a positive one as this looks to be	2/24/2026 6:14 PM
24	No.	2/24/2026 8:58 AM
25	Yes	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
26	No	2/23/2026 10:03 PM
27	No	2/23/2026 8:58 PM
28	No	2/23/2026 8:37 PM
29	Affect nesting of water birds	2/23/2026 1:16 PM
30	If the removal of fencing around water way is to go ahead, having the playground full fenced would be essential for the safety of young children	2/23/2026 1:02 PM
31	No	2/23/2026 12:56 PM
32	No, I believe the changes are positive	2/23/2026 12:54 PM
33	Yes, but I do hope it can be improved upon by adding in more vegetation and habitats.	2/22/2026 9:57 AM
34	Yes it might not look natural and habitual for wildlife. Don't want it to look like something you will see in the city	2/21/2026 5:10 PM
35	No	2/20/2026 3:58 PM
36	No	2/19/2026 9:42 PM
37	I think it will make it better and I will use the area more.	2/19/2026 8:06 PM
38	No	2/19/2026 7:20 PM
39	Things can only improve the area , just be wary of the wildlife	2/19/2026 6:48 PM
40	No	2/19/2026 6:17 PM
41	Na	2/19/2026 5:42 PM
42	YES- Keep in mind it is a historical dam NOT a fun park	2/19/2026 12:43 PM
43	No, it is in need of an update.	2/19/2026 11:51 AM
44	No	2/19/2026 11:48 AM
45	Only if it ruins the feel of the dam. I miss the dams lay out in the 90's	2/19/2026 6:40 AM
46	I believe the changes would only help to enhance and attract more visitors /locals to stopp and enjoy the area My only concern would be with removing the fence around the Dam, would pose a safety risk to children. Given that the old Hospital site will also have a retention pond. There are a significant amount of children who attend Bushmans Dam with their families, and we also have a Preschool in the area.	2/19/2026 4:10 AM
47	Not at this time	2/18/2026 11:08 PM
48	No	2/18/2026 11:03 PM
49	No just make it look and smell better.	2/18/2026 9:53 PM
50	No. I think there is lots of room for improvement of the character and general appeal of the dam area	2/18/2026 8:33 PM
51	Not if done properly	2/18/2026 8:15 PM
52	I would love to see as many trees as possible retained (and even more planted), and I'm worried about the impact on the current wildlife while works are being undertaken. Also concerned about the impact on the safety of use of space by families while work is being done.	2/18/2026 7:48 PM
53	No	2/18/2026 7:27 PM

54	No	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
55	No	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
56	No .	2/18/2026 4:09 PM
57	No	2/18/2026 1:40 PM
58	No	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
59	No concerns as long as it caters to all ages and groups.	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
60	No	2/18/2026 12:23 PM
61	No, only enhance	2/18/2026 12:22 PM
62	No	2/18/2026 11:11 AM
63	N/A	2/18/2026 11:03 AM
64	Just worried about the bird habitat being disturbed or destroyed.	2/18/2026 10:45 AM
65	Pls do not allow the public to freely access the waterway. I believe this should be fenced off. Dangerous for toddlers if no fence also.	2/18/2026 10:34 AM
66	No	2/18/2026 10:10 AM
67	No	2/17/2026 2:53 PM
68	No	2/17/2026 11:49 AM
69	No	2/17/2026 10:32 AM
70	No - it will make it better	2/16/2026 6:21 PM

Q10 How important is improving flood resilience at Bushman's Dam?

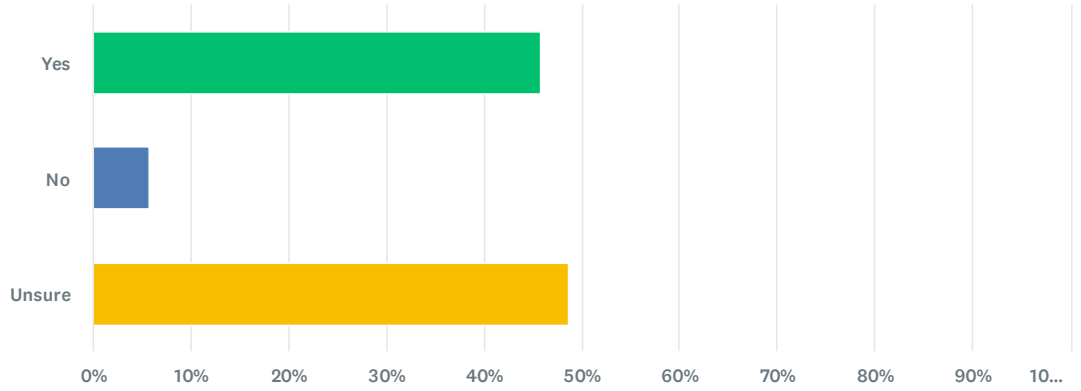
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Very important	61.43%	43
Neutral	22.86%	16
Important	10.00%	7
Not important	5.71%	4
Total		**70**

Q11 Do you believe the proposed works appropriately balance flood mitigation and community amenity?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	45.71%	32
No	5.71%	4
Unsure	48.57%	34
Total		**70**

Q12 Do you have alternative suggestions Council should consider?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 30

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Better planting around the dam would be fantastic. If the money for this project is absent flooding. Which occurred on the East of Parkes on the Billabong Creek the money should be spent remediating the creek that runs through the weir which was effected by the 2022 flood most detrimentally. The crossing on the Parkes/Eugowra Road below Harrison Park needs major work. Is there a proposal to do work in this area? The creek was not cleaned out properly and is not healthy.	3/26/2026 2:20 PM
2	clean out storm drain in lane between #16 and Parkes International Motel. It is east/west section of lane off Peak Hill Road that is full of mud.	3/25/2026 4:33 PM
3	Planting more native vegetation that retains water and provides shade. The is the best preventative measure for potential flooding and erosion.	3/24/2026 9:18 AM
4	Maintain a grassy area for active play (kicking a ball) for older siblings of those playing in the water play area.	3/23/2026 8:09 PM
5	We need a community garden space. It would be great to incorporate that on the west top side of the park	3/19/2026 8:07 PM
6	No	3/18/2026 11:12 AM
7	Please explain the full reason how the dam as is, is an issue when it floods. As I have lived here 50years and dont recall major issue in the area.	3/18/2026 10:50 AM
8	No	3/18/2026 10:37 AM
9	At the moment it gears towards flood mitigation, but there's lots of options where the dam could also be utilised for recreation. Ie, a viewing platform or boardwalk.	3/18/2026 10:16 AM
10	ECM 2211085 Big mistakes have been made in the past - lets hope all these highly qualified people do their work well. I live daily with flood water coming into my home area - under my home for weeks what (?) vegetation - a result of changes made to drainage in 2 streets higher up then where I live. I am forgotten for this to be corrected - no money!???	3/13/2026 1:24 PM
11	Install better drainage to prevent flooding residencies close - Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:20 AM
12	They could extend the dam right back to the playground and use alot of the land to the western side of the dam. - Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:14 AM
13	No!	3/5/2026 2:44 PM
14	more lights more parking for caravans	3/5/2026 2:42 PM
15	clean out the culverts so the water can flow freely like it use to	3/5/2026 2:35 PM
16	NA	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
17	No	3/5/2026 12:44 PM
18	Bank area walking track 2nd dog water station was removed when water park went in, possibility of another 1 or 2 solar lights light it up around Christmas with the main street	3/5/2026 12:30 PM
19	As stated above. Open it up clean it right up and make it a clear view. Making the park with fencing but then would be nice to have seating all around it not just on the two designated areas because when its busy with parties there isn't a lot of seating space. Also I think a footpath around the entire dam would be nice.	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
20	I think in town planning the council should be looking at adding another park with a lake or dam that is bigger and with more walking tracks around it. I understand we do not live in a town with	3/2/2026 10:38 AM

	a river but we need to look at other towns which are smaller than parkes such as Temora who have created a large man made lake.	
21	Wheelchair accessible/all ability	3/2/2026 10:15 AM
22	The addition of educational signs around the dam highlighting the different species of fauna using the area and some guidance on appropriate feeding (kids feed the ducks and other inhabitants all day long)	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
23	As above	2/24/2026 6:14 PM
24	Ensure its wheelchair friendly making is more accessible for all.	2/24/2026 8:58 AM
25	No	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
26	No	2/23/2026 10:03 PM
27	Already stated	2/23/2026 8:58 PM
28	Spending almost a million dollars in upgrading flood mitigation in actual flooding area	2/23/2026 8:37 PM
29	If fence is removed, construct low wall or bollards to prevent vehicles accidentally entering water. Hit wrong pedal, etc!	2/23/2026 1:16 PM
30	Toilet facility closer to the playground area	2/23/2026 1:02 PM
31	Dig the dam deeper	2/23/2026 12:56 PM
32	Extend works throughout the whole of bushman's dam. The area from the dog park and the splash park is not well utilised or well looked after	2/23/2026 12:54 PM
33	No	2/22/2026 9:57 AM
34	Filtered water to drink. Better soap dispensers in bathroom the one that is there release the smallest amount of soap not enough for hands.	2/21/2026 5:10 PM
35	No	2/20/2026 3:58 PM
36	No	2/19/2026 9:42 PM
37	.	2/19/2026 8:06 PM
38	Western entry	2/19/2026 7:20 PM
39	No, just thankful that we have such a Place to go to.	2/19/2026 6:48 PM
40	No	2/19/2026 6:17 PM
41	Shelter for the exercise equipment & possible misting in summer More suitable exercise equipment for the older generation as they have more trouble joining gyms (most 70 year olds can't use the jumping blocks or chin up bar) cement pathways around gardens to provide walking tracks for 4ww & frequent seats	2/19/2026 5:42 PM
42	Sometime ago we were told by a Council Engineer that the land at the back of the Moonraker Motel would never be built on because Council owned the watercourse that went from the spoolway drain to our rear laneway. That watercourse has been filled in and levelled by previous owners of the Moonraker Motel to allow easier access for large motor vehicles and trucks of their guests Hence the water from overflowing drain now runs across land to our side fence before passing through our yard	2/19/2026 12:43 PM
43	.	2/19/2026 11:51 AM
44	No	2/19/2026 11:48 AM
45	Fish and yabby's would be an awesome addition to the dam. Help keep in cleaner looking hopefully not too many chemicals end up going in	2/19/2026 6:40 AM
46	Not presently	2/19/2026 4:10 AM
47	It was/is part of the Great Australian Stock Route as well as the tailings dam for the first gold mine for Parkes including information boards would be great to give clarity on dams heritage	2/18/2026 11:08 PM
48	Better lighting for night time	2/18/2026 11:03 PM

49	Dam and roads should be entirely fenced as its a place for young kids. But somehow having better and safer access to the toilets. Its needs a baby change table.	2/18/2026 9:53 PM
50	Consider a balance of encouraging wildlife, increasing amenity and improving character	2/18/2026 8:33 PM
51	Maybe add more animals ? Not exactly sure what type but I know kids love going to feed the ducks	2/18/2026 8:15 PM
52	More rubbish bins, and an extra toilet inside the fenced play area so parents don't have to wrangle entire family groups across a carpark to use the facilities in the middle of a play session.	2/18/2026 7:48 PM
53	No	2/18/2026 7:27 PM
54	No	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
55	Upgrade a fence surrounding the dam	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
56	No	2/18/2026 4:09 PM
57	Safe place for the ducks	2/18/2026 1:40 PM
58	No	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
59	No	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
60	No	2/18/2026 12:23 PM
61	A fully enclosed park and play area	2/18/2026 12:22 PM
62	No	2/18/2026 11:11 AM
63	N/A	2/18/2026 11:03 AM
64	None at the moment.	2/18/2026 10:45 AM
65	Keeping some kind of island to protect nesting. A sanctuary in the middle is necessary for this and to keep the public accessing nests, babies etc	2/18/2026 10:34 AM
66	More seating and shade, and leave fence around dam, just tidy it up with new fence	2/18/2026 10:10 AM
67	More of an exercise recreation space like Forbes	2/17/2026 2:53 PM
68	Nope I like what is proposed	2/17/2026 11:49 AM
69	No	2/17/2026 10:32 AM
70	No	2/16/2026 6:21 PM

Q13 Please provide any feedback you may have in relation to the proposed elements, or share any new ideas you'd like us to consider

Answered: 70 Skipped: 30

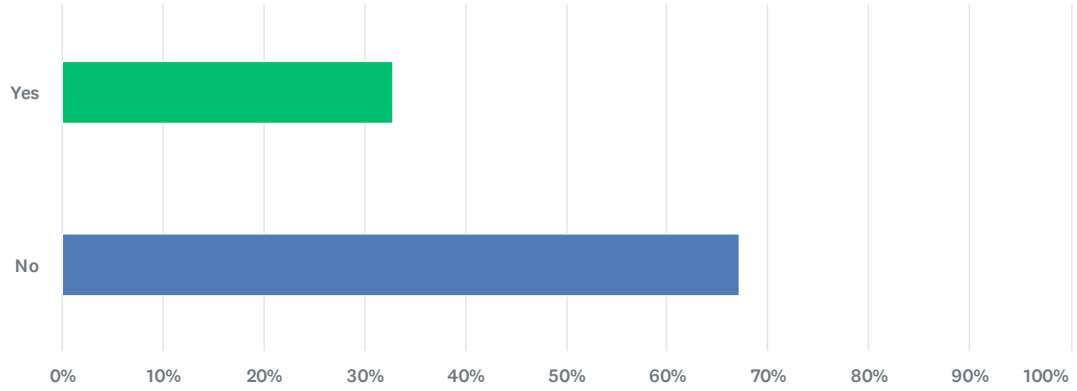
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	no answer	3/26/2026 2:20 PM
2	The entire park area needs to be user friendly and appealing to the local community and visitors that travel to our town. We want everybody to stop and take in the peaceful natural surroundings, rest a while. Needs signs erected on all major incoming roads to show where Bushman's Dam is located. Also need signs to stop semis, trucks and other long noisy vehicles from parking on northbound side outside of Bushman Dam 24 hours/7 days a week. There is a designated truck stop north of Parkes on Peak Hill Road. Jennifer Forrester	3/25/2026 4:33 PM
3	As I already explained, the proposed artificial features can not replace the native habitat.	3/24/2026 9:18 AM
4	.	3/23/2026 8:09 PM
5	Parkes has minimal pretty spots. We need to bring colour and relaxation into our community. Maybe an art wall. Something to bring interest.	3/19/2026 8:07 PM
6	No	3/18/2026 11:12 AM
7	What are the plans for protecting the vulnerable Eastern Long-necked Turtles when the dam is cleaned? The island is a must for the safety of many species! Esp from major FERAL CAT problem at the dam! Dogs and humans! Some reeds should be left, they provide safe haven for ducklings for eg. Also they are a very important part of the eco-system! What are the plans for the many Frog species that will be impacted,injured,killed? Many water birds reside here, also use it as a stop off, rest point. So the trees, ESP Gum and the island are extremely important. Too many people are concerned of asthetics and not the fact this is HOME to many animals. Thankyou for giving me the opportunity to express my concerns.	3/18/2026 10:50 AM
8	A pier that goes over the waters edge with shade or an elevated path that goes across the dam entirely.	3/18/2026 10:37 AM
9	Viewing platform or boardwalk.	3/18/2026 10:16 AM
10	First things first Moneys should be used to correct unwise changes which were put in area in Parkes township - I refer to changes which have been put in to dispose of floodwater/drainage from Jones/Jubilee Streets. We complain regularly - but get the reply - no money is available? Does anyone hear?	3/13/2026 1:24 PM
11	Nil - Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:20 AM
12	The ideas that I have shared with you I think would make it a lot more family friendly and safer for everyone. - Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:14 AM
13	NA	3/5/2026 2:44 PM
14	NA	3/5/2026 2:42 PM
15	maybe put solar lights and cameras at the dam	3/5/2026 2:35 PM
16	Need to address flooding issues generated by the dam. Countless properties south of the dam suffer considerable flood damage.	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
17	I support the introduction of shared footpaths around Bushman's Dam, including a path that connects the reserve to the water park. Creating safe, accessible walking routes encourages the community to spend more time in nature and helps guide movement in a way that protects sensitive habitat. I am neutral about removing the existing fence around the dam itself, but if Council chooses to proceed with fence removal, it becomes essential that the water park is fully fenced. This ensures children have a safe, contained play area given the proximity to open water, while still allowing the broader reserve to remain open and welcoming. These	3/5/2026 12:44 PM

	changes can work well if they balance community access with safety and the ongoing protection of the site's natural character. ---	
18	NA	3/5/2026 12:30 PM
19	As above stated already.	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
20	A couple of small little fire pits for winter would add another element to the park	3/2/2026 10:38 AM
21	Pontoon on the dam	3/2/2026 10:15 AM
22	More bins for parents please	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
23	As above	2/24/2026 6:14 PM
24	Maybe more lighting (like around forbes lake) and cameras to deter people from doing bad things there.	2/24/2026 8:58 AM
25	No	2/24/2026 8:24 AM
26	Will the water be run off or treated as people will try and enter	2/23/2026 10:03 PM
27	Will removal of island impact local birds and other animals that live it the area?	2/23/2026 8:58 PM
28	Previously provided	2/23/2026 8:37 PM
29	As above	2/23/2026 1:16 PM
30	Nil	2/23/2026 1:02 PM
31	Just digging the dam deeper hopefully this will assist with the flooding situation.	2/23/2026 12:56 PM
32	Implementing these changes in one go would be good, prevent to much disruption.	2/23/2026 12:54 PM
33	Add more gardens, add more habitat, clean up the dam and make it larger	2/22/2026 9:57 AM
34	Keep it rural looking not city looking	2/21/2026 5:10 PM
35	The park is under utilised mainly due to its untidy state	2/20/2026 3:58 PM
36	Creation of a platform high enough for kids to get up in the train, like we used to as kids, it will prevent falls and then the fence can be removed	2/19/2026 9:42 PM
37	.	2/19/2026 8:06 PM
38	Seating and picnic areas	2/19/2026 7:20 PM
39	More shade area would be good. I think there still needs to be some preventative thing to stop children swimming in the dam or falling in and drowning	2/19/2026 6:48 PM
40	Consideration to utilise proposed open space to the west and south currently at bushman's dam. Future funding and project	2/19/2026 6:17 PM
41	Same as previous	2/19/2026 5:42 PM
42	This has been answered in previous questions	2/19/2026 12:43 PM
43	.	2/19/2026 11:51 AM
44	Upgrades that improve accessibility Bird hide	2/19/2026 11:48 AM
45	Anti slip paint in the drain line in the splash pad run off. It's dangerous slippery and near rocks because of its angle to direct the water, kids love walking it and it's sooo slippery	2/19/2026 6:40 AM
46	I personally would love to see more BBQ areas in the top sections of Bushmans Dam, currently due to the splash park installation there is often high demand from families to enjoy these facilities throughout the week. Unfortunately the council booking system of these facilities doesn't seem to assist, as it doesn't really matter if you book, if someone is there before you and takes up all the chairs and tables - Unfortunately you miss out. Which doesn't assist when you are trying to plan events. Could council also apply for a grant to upgrade the toilet facilities at Bushmans Dam as well?	2/19/2026 4:10 AM
47	Maybe stock dam with native fish	2/18/2026 11:08 PM

48	N/A	2/18/2026 11:03 PM
49	Can you set it up that it could be used as a wedding ceremony location? There are currently not many places in parkes that could be used for this.	2/18/2026 9:53 PM
50	As above	2/18/2026 8:33 PM
51	Keep it maintained … I think anything you do will be an improvement	2/18/2026 8:15 PM
52	Extra toilet. Ensure play area is enclosed properly.	2/18/2026 7:48 PM
53	N/A	2/18/2026 7:27 PM
54	N	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
55	No	2/18/2026 6:38 PM
56	More shaded seats on the grass area near the splash park . Picnic table style and also some sunlounges similar to what they have at parks aquatic centre . Also the undercover area right on the waters edge pictured in the advertisement would be great . Paths all the way around	2/18/2026 4:09 PM
57	Would like exercise equipment moved up top end near Coleman rd so can be used more privately without being watched from play area.	2/18/2026 1:40 PM
58	The splash park and dog area are fantastic so I'm sure you will do a great job.	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
59	More seating and shade.	2/18/2026 12:31 PM
60	N/a	2/18/2026 12:23 PM
61	Aa	2/18/2026 12:22 PM
62	No	2/18/2026 11:11 AM
63	N/A	2/18/2026 11:03 AM
64	More shaded and seated areas for family gatherings.	2/18/2026 10:45 AM
65	A walking path around the fenced area is sufficient.	2/18/2026 10:34 AM
66	.	2/18/2026 10:10 AM
67	Better use of the whole space, the top part near coleman rd is a waste	2/17/2026 2:53 PM
68	I'm not sure if it's planned, but it would be nice to have some nice lighting along the path for night time	2/17/2026 11:49 AM
69	N/A	2/17/2026 10:32 AM
70	No	2/16/2026 6:21 PM

Q14 Before this survey, were you aware of the proposed Bushman's Dam Flood Repair Project?

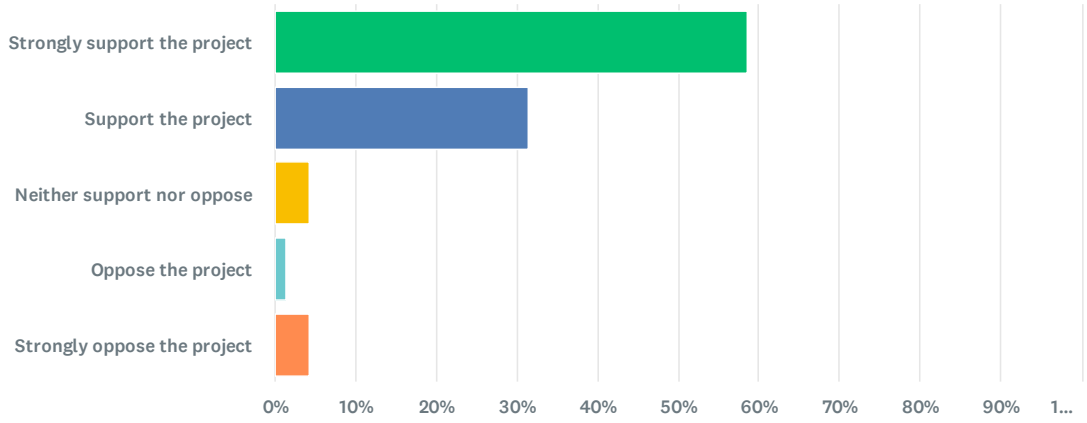
Answered: 70 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	32.86%	23
No	67.14%	47
Total		**70**

Q15 Based on the information provided, do you:

Answered: 70 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Strongly support the project	58.57%	41
Support the project	31.43%	22
Neither support nor oppose	4.29%	3
Oppose the project	1.43%	1
Strongly oppose the project	4.29%	3
Total		**70**

Q16 Comments/Feedback

Answered: 22 Skipped: 78

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I support any improvement to Kelly Reserve and the Dam. As I am not fully aware of the source of the funding for this project I am not sure if the money could not be spent elsewhere as previously noted. As a great supporter of council I would like to know. Margot Jolly margotjolly@bigpond.com ECM Document number 2218322	3/26/2026 2:20 PM
2	On Saturday 20 Feb 2026 I spoke to Jack from PSC and gave him a photo of the flood water taken on 7 Dec 2024 @ 3:40pm. Jack mobile (No 0407240240). Jack has these photos. Keith Forrester 0428233799 As per Document Set ID 2216903 for written submission.	3/25/2026 4:33 PM
3	I do not oppose all of the project. For things that 100% may need to be done. I strongly oppose to habitat destruction. The impacts, deaths, injuries of the native animals that call it home.	3/18/2026 10:50 AM
4	Refer to written submission ECM #2204554	3/12/2026 8:20 AM
5	Well over due project - Refer to written submission ECM #2204553	3/12/2026 8:14 AM
6	ECM 2203921	3/5/2026 2:44 PM
7	ECM 2203922	3/5/2026 2:42 PM
8	the dam and the hill have been there since Parkes was founded and needs to be preserved.	3/5/2026 2:35 PM
9	The addition of more facilities in the area is to be welcomed. However the present condition of the dam is woeful. In comparison Lake Forbes continues to be developed as a facility of which the community can be justifiably proud. Attention to flooding issues involved with the dam is critical. And finally the content of this survey needs much to be desired.	3/5/2026 2:25 PM
10	Thank you for trying to make Parkes better for families and kids	3/2/2026 11:04 AM
11	Please refer to my above answers as to the taking into consideration the well-being and how livable parkes as a town is at the current time..... I really believe the council must look at another bigger park with a lake that is "safe" for recreation and exercise. I have it said to me at least once a week how do you live in parkes with no proper lakes or walking tracks around a water waterway or nice gardens etc. The council Must look at options for making the town more attractive and liveable.	3/2/2026 10:38 AM
12	An extension of the playground with a toddler to pre-school aged bicycle track (like Singleton near their visitor information centre). That age group desperately needs additional age appropriate play facilities.	2/25/2026 11:04 AM
13	Keep the trees for shade!!!! So important in this town that has 45deg plus!!	2/24/2026 6:14 PM
14	Previously provided	2/23/2026 8:37 PM
15	I think the dam must be improved and made larger. But I also, think there should be more done to improve the natural environment of the area, especially by improving the gardens and vegetation in the park	2/22/2026 9:57 AM
16	.	2/19/2026 8:06 PM
17	Council does wonderful things to improve our town's culture. It's a shame so many complain about things instead of embracing the project at the Council does do and provide for us. Well done to the council and the staff . Improving bushman's dam will attract more tourists and help the flooding problems	2/19/2026 6:48 PM
18	Oppose project in the current form as per Point 5 above	2/19/2026 12:43 PM
19	Just make Parkes Great Again	2/19/2026 6:40 AM
20	Cinsider its home for wildlife	2/18/2026 6:38 PM

21	Hopefully it all goes ahead	2/18/2026 1:40 PM
22	You haven't explained why the island needs to go?	2/16/2026 6:21 PM

18 REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

18.1 MARCH 2026 BUILDING STATISTICS UPDATE

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Environment

Goal: Our built environment is functional, sustainable and meets the needs of our growing community.

Strategy: Manage our built environment in line with the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and relevant legislation.

Author: **Cordelia Moon, Development-Certificates Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Annalise Teale, Director Planning and Community Services**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the March 2026 Building Statistics Report.

BACKGROUND

The Building Statistics Report is furnished to Council on a monthly basis and provides a snapshot of development activity in the Shire during that period.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

During the month of March 2026 there were ten (10) Development Applications received totalling $503,540.00 and five (5) consents were issued. There was one (1) Private Certifier Complying Development Certificates received totalling $0.00 and one (1) Private Certifier approval issued.

The figures shown Table 1 below are for Development Applications received during February 2026 with respect to the specified building types and a comparison to the February 2025 figures.

Table 1: Development Applications

Development Category	March 2026		March 2025	
	No.	Estimated Value	No.	Estimated Value
Commercial	1	$1.00	1	$1,963,069.00
Community Facilities	-	-	-	-
Industrial	1	$56,100.00	1	$330.00
Infrastructure	-	-	-	-
Tourist Development	-	-	-	-
Single Dwelling-house	-	-	-	-
Residential Alterations and Additions inc. ancillary / outbuildings	7	$414,158.20	5	$210,684.41
Residential Other	-	-	-	-
Multi-Residential	-	-	-	-
Seniors Living	-	-	-	-
Subdivision only	-	-	-	-
Secondary Dwelling	1	$33,280.80	-	-
Other inc. demolition, earthworks, advertising structure	-	-	-	-
Mixed Development	-	-	-	-
Totals	**10**	**$503,540.00**	**7**	**$2,174,083.41**
FYTD Totals	**78**	**$22,165,398.60**	**71**	**$16,569,434.81**

Table 2, below, lists the Development Consents that were issued in the month of February 2026.

Table 2: Development Consents

Application No.	Address	Description
DA2026/0006	2 Elizabeth Street, PARKES NSW 2870	Alterations to Existing Dwelling
DA2026/0008	7126 Eugowra Road, PARKES NSW 2870	Additions to Recreation Facility (Major)
DA2026/0009	24 Boori Street, PEAK HILL NSW 2869	Manufactured Home (Relocatable)
DA2026/0012	127 Clarinda Street, PARKES NSW 2870	Change of Use - Indoor Recreation Facility (Pilates Studio)
DA2026/0022	8 Bollinger Street, PARKES NSW 2870	Demolition of Existing Shed

The figures shown in Table 3, below, are for Complying Development Certificates received during February 2026 with respect to the specified building types and a comparison to the February 2025 figures.

Table 3: Complying Development Certificates

Development Category	March 2026		March 2025	
	No.	Estimated Value	No.	Estimated Value
Commercial	-	-	-	-
Community Facilities	-	-	-	-
Industrial	-	-	-	-
Infrastructure	-	-	-	-
Tourist Development	-	-	-	-
Single Dwelling-house	1	$0.00	-	-
Residential Alterations and Additions inc. ancillary / outbuildings	-	-	2	$194,504.55
Residential Other			-	-
Multi-Residential	-	-	-	-
Seniors Living	-	-	-	-
Subdivision only	-	-	-	-
Secondary Dwelling	-	-	-	-
Other inc. demolition, earthworks, advertising structure	-	-	-	-
Totals	**1**	**$0.00**	**2**	**$194,504.55**
FYTD Totals	**15**	**$9,124,896.90**	**8**	**$1,402,121.32**

Table 4, below, provides a list of Complying Development Certificates which were issued in the month of February 2026.

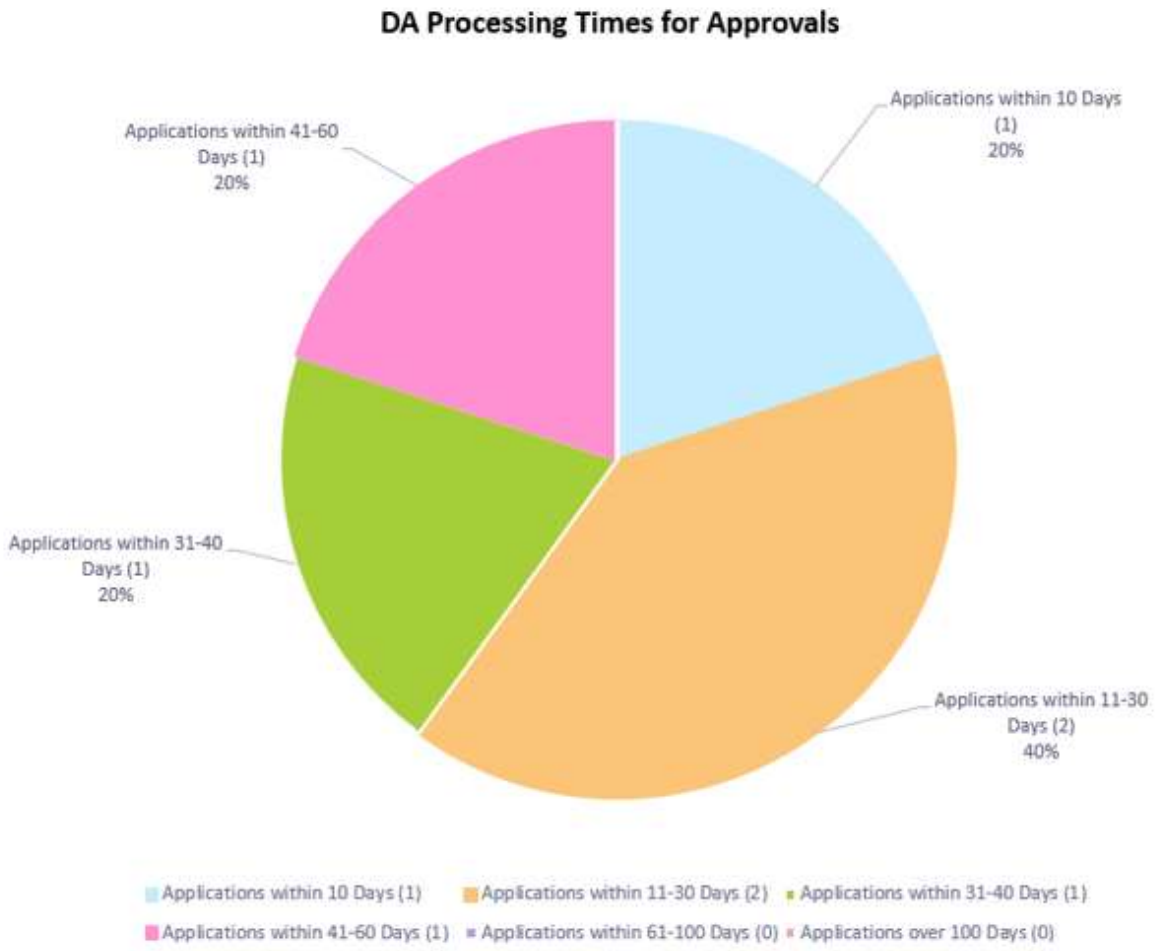
Table 4: Complying Development Certificates

Application No.	Address	Description	Certifying Authority
CDC2026/0003	2 Fossickers Drive, PARKES NSW 2870	Dwelling house with Attached Double Garage, Alfresco & Porch	Private

DA Processing Times for Determinations

The information shown in the pie chart below is Development Application determinations issued for the period 1 March 2026 to 31 March 2026. It should be noted that a total of five (5) Development Applications have been determined with an average of 22.16 days.

The average timeframe in which the internal referrals to the Technical Services and/or Infrastructure Departments were completed was 21.23 days.



Activation Precinct Certificate Determinations

There were no new Activation Precinct Certificate determinations.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

There are no legislative or policy considerations for Council associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for Council associated with this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications for Council associated with this report.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Where a Development Application or Modification Development Application is required to be publicly exhibited, the application was made available for inspection at the Parkes Shire Council Administration Centre commencing from the date on which the public notice was placed in the local newspaper. The application was also included on the Parkes Shire Council website.

For Development Applications requiring neighbour notification, written notification of the proposed development was provided to the owner(s) of land immediately adjoining or adjacent to the subject land (as shown on Council's Property and Rating System at the time of notification) including land that is separated from the subject land by watercourse, road, pathway, driveway, railway or similar thoroughfare.

Where more than one person is listed as the owner, written notification to one of the owners, is taken to be a notice to all of the registered owners.

CONCLUSION

During the month of March 2026 there were ten (10) Development Applications received totalling $503,540.00 and five (5) consents were issued. There was one (1) Private Certifier Complying Development Certificates received totalling $0.00 and one (1) Private Certifier approval issued.

Parkes Shire Council

Development Activity Report

March 2026

Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates lodged and approved in the Parkes Shire.

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10 Development Applications

1 Complying Development Certificates

DETERMINED

5 Development Applications

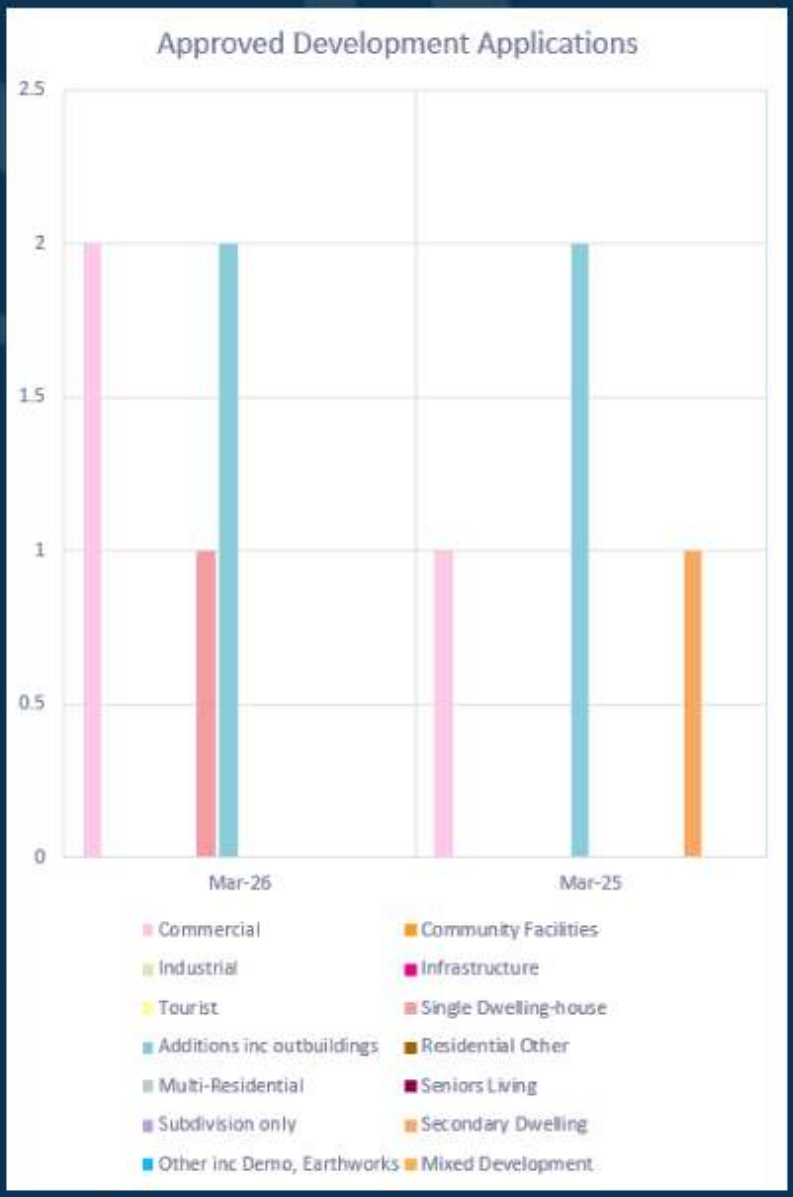
0 Complying Development Certificates

1 Private Certifier Complying Development Certificates

AVERAGE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING TIME

THIS MONTH

22.16



VALUE OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

$503,540.00

18.2 PEAK HILL PRESCHOOL - EXEMPTION OF 7.12 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Leadership

Goal: Our Local Government is open, accountable and representative.

Strategy: Effectively collaborate, engage, and communicate with our community to inform decision making and promote services, projects and initiatives.

Author: **Annalise Teale, Director Planning and Community Services**

Authoriser: **Kent Boyd PSM, General Manager**

Annexures: **A. Request for fee waiver** ⇩

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. That Council support request from the Peak Hill Preschool Kindergarten Incorporated to waive the 7.12 Developer Contributions.

BACKGROUND

Development Application No. DA2025/0060 was approved by Council on 6 November 2025 for the Alterations and Additions to Existing Building and Change of Use – Centre Based Child Care Centre at Frazer Avenue, Peak Hill. Condition 19 of the Development Consent requires Peak Hill Preschool Kindergarten Inc a 7.12 Developer Contribution of $15,891.53, in accordance with Council's 7.12 Developer Contribution Plan 2016.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

The Peak Hill Preschool Kindergarten Incorporated has requested via formal letter (attached) a request that Council waive the 7.12 Developer Contribution of $15,891.53 as required by Condition 19 of the Development Consent for the Alterations and Additions to Existing Building and Change of Use – Centre Based Child Care Centre at Frazer Avenue, Peak Hill.

The request is supported by an attached letter which confirms that the proposed preschool development is a community-led, not-for-profit service. The preschool and long day care service will deliver clear social benefits to the Peak Hill community.

On this basis, it is considered that the proposal is consistent with the type of exemptions within the 7.12 Developer Contribution Plan 2012 and can be supported.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Section 3.13 of Council's 7.12 Developer Contribution Plan 2016 sets out certain types of developments that are exempt from 7.12 Developer Contributions, such as community infrastructure. The plan states that exemptions may be permitted 'w*here Council considers an exemption is warranted, and the decision is made by formal resolution of Council at an Ordinary Council meeting.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for Council associated with this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not required.

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

On behalf of Peak Hill Preschool Kindergarten Inc., I respectfully submit this formal request seeking a waiver of the Section 7.12 developer contributions, in accordance with Section 3.13 of Council's Section 7.12 Contributions Plan.

The proposed development comprises a community preschool and long day care centre that is intended to service a clearly identified local need within the Peak Hill area. The facility will provide essential early childhood education and care services, support local families and contribute positively to the social infrastructure of the community.

Given the community-focused nature of the development, and its role in delivering significant social benefits rather than commercial gain, we consider that it aligns with the circumstances under which Council may grant an exemption. The waiver of developer contributions would assist in ensuring the financial viability and timely delivery of this important community asset.

Considering the above, we respectfully request that Council consider and approve a waiver of the Section 7.12 developer contributions for the Peak Hill Preschool development.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you require any further information or supporting documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Skye Westcott

President
Peak Hill Preschool Kindergarten Inc

18.3 SHOPPING TROLLEYS- TOWN PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

IP&R Linkage: **Pillar:** Environment

Goal: Our natural environment is preserved and enhanced for current and future generation.

Strategy: Effectively manage our public lands, reserves and cemeteries.

Author: **Scott Brakenridge, Executive Manager Planning and Certification**

Authoriser: **Annalise Teale, Director Planning and Community Services**

Annexures: **Nil**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the information contained within the report.

BACKGROUND

A motion was raised at the February 2026 Council meeting in relation to community concerns regarding the increasing number of abandoned shopping trolleys throughout Parkes, including residential areas, roadways and public spaces.

As an outcome, it was requested that Council staff engage with local retail supermarkets and major retail operators including Coles, Woolworths and BIG W, to discuss:

- Current trolley retrieval systems
- Potential containment measures such as coin return systems, geo fencing, or wheel lock technology
- Retailer responsibility for proactive management and retrieval

It was requested that a report be presented to Council following engagement, outlining:

- Feedback from retailer engagement
- Available containment and management options
- Potential enforcement and cost recovery mechanisms available to council should voluntary measures prove insufficient
- Any relevant legislative considerations

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Feedback from retailer engagement

Council staff have engaged with the abovementioned retail operators to discuss the concerns relating to the increased number of abandoned shopping trolleys.

All retail outlets consulted advised that they have trolley retrieval systems in place but did acknowledge that they were aware of an increased number of shopping trolleys being taken from their respective sites.

Woolworths Supermarket:

- Woolworths supermarket staff currently retrieve trolleys within property boundaries of their site on a regular basis. Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies prohibit staff from leaving the site to collect trolleys.

- They do have dedicated delivery drivers that are also employed to collect trolleys external from site. These collections occur for 1 hour 5 days a week.

- Members of the public can report an abandoned trolley through the “Trolley Tracker App” where an alert is sent to the store advising of the abandoned trolley location. Woolworths supermarket actively promotes the Trolley Tracker App by placing pamphlets in mailboxes to the area where trolleys are collected which also provides an opportunity to win $1000 through the promotion.

- Acknowledged that whilst other larger areas have measures such as wheel locks etc to prohibit trolleys being stolen, it is currently seen as a competitive disadvantage to introduce in Parkes.

- Trolley numbers have reduced from 190 trolleys to 118 within the last 12 months.

- Woolworths have committed to priority collection upon reports directly from Council.

Coles Supermarket:

- The Cleaning team is responsible for trolley collection within close proximity to the store on a regular basis.

- Coles Supermarket engage a contractor to collect abandoned trolleys. Collections occur for a 2 hour period 2 days per week.

- Members of the public can report an abandoned trolley through the “Count and Collect App” where an alert is sent to the store advising of the abandoned trolley location.

- No plan to incorporate any measures to restrict trolleys being stolen at this time. Similar to Woolworths, it is viewed as a competitive disadvantaged to introduce the measures.

- Coles have committed to priority collection upon reports directly from Council.

Big W:

- The Cleaning team are also responsible for trolley collection which is restricted to the property boundaries of the site.

- Big W engage a contractor to collect abandoned trolleys. Collections occur 3 days per week over varying hours.

- Members of the public can report an abandoned trolley through the “Trolley Tracker App” where an alert is sent to the store advising of the abandoned trolley location.

- Neither coin nor wheel lock systems were being considered at this time.

Aldi Supermarket:

- Currently have a coin operated trolley system.

- Engages a contractor to collect abandoned trolleys for 2 hours, 2 days per week.

- Noted that damage occurs to trolleys through coins being removed. Often where trolleys are stolen, multiple trolleys are stolen still “linked together”.

- Stolen trolleys are still an issue despite the coin operated system being in place.

- Members of the public can report an abandoned trolley through the Aldi website.

Feedback received during the consultation confirmed that whilst stolen trolleys were becoming a bigger problem, the introduction of any additional containment measures were not currently being considered by any of the local supermarkets or retail operators. Consideration would only be given where a significant increase in the number of abandoned trolleys were reported through the relevant Apps. Statistics could then be provided to regional and/or state management to review.

It was also mentioned that the number of stolen trolleys has increased significantly with trolleys having to be retrieved from the Return and Earn Site within the Woolworths Carpark and throughout residential “hotspots”. It is believed that some residents use the trolleys to transport bottles and cans as well as other household items.

Available containment and management options

Council is governed by the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (Act), which requires Council to take “reasonable steps to notify the owners of the shopping trolley”.

Once notified, a minimum notice period of 4 days is to be provided prior to Council impounding the shopping trolley. However, where the shopping trolley is found to be obstructing access to a public place or is a risk to a person, the shopping trolley may be impounded immediately.

Whilst Council can suggest or recommend geo fencing, coin return systems or wheel lock technology, Council does not have any regulatory authority to enforce such systems to be implemented.

Enforcement and cost recovery mechanisms

Following the shopping trolley being impounded, the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (Act) states it may then be sold and the proceeds kept. However, the Act does allow for the

shopping trolley owner to claims the proceeds up to 3 months from the date of sale (excluding any costs incurred by Council relating to the sale). Historically, trolleys have been disposed without sale.

Council currently require a $37 release fee (per trolley) in accordance with Council's 2025/26 Fees and Charges. A review of other regional councils has revealed that release fees vary:

- Orange City Council - $292.90
- Cowra Council - $73.00
- Hilltops Council - $240.00
- Bathurst Council - $67.00
- Forbes Council - $85.00
- Dubbo Council - $99.00

Consideration is needed around release fees, as a higher fee may discourage collection.

The Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 allows for fines of $1320 to be issued for leaving the shopping trolley in a public place.

Legislative considerations

Council's role as a regulatory authority for abandoned shopping trolleys is limited to the legislative requirements under the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (Act).

Conclusion

Dumped trolleys significantly reduce the amenity of our neighbourhoods and in some instances create a public hazard, particularly when dumped on pedestrian or cycle paths. Visual pollution, obstruction to pedestrian thoroughfare, safety of pedestrians and motorists, public nuisance, environmental impact and use of trolleys as tools for vandalism.

The following actions are proposed to address this:

- Increase community awareness of the Trolley Tracker App through social media as well as meeting regularly with the businesses to monitor the matter and partner to identify areas to reduce the number of abandoned trolleys.
- Update Council's website with information about how the community can report an abandoned trolley.
- Actively engage with the local retailers, sharing information and monitor the issue.
- Council could consider raising the release fee, to incentivise retailers to direct more resources to collect abandoned trolleys.
- Update to Council's Customer Request Management (CRM) system, specific for reporting abandoned trolleys.
- Enforce the issuing of fines for ongoing non-compliance.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

As above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

There are no community consultation requirements for Council associated with this report.

19 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

20 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.