



# REPORT

## CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

### 13 JUNE 2024

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**PRESENT:** Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** The Chief Executive Officer, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officers, the Chief Financial Officer, the Manager Property and Land Development, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Manager Customer Experience and Engagement, the Communications Services Team Leader, the Communications Partner, the Acting Manager Growth Planning, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the Director Development and Environment, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Recreation and Open Space, the Manager Regional Experiences and the Manager Macquarie Regional Library.

Councillor J Gough assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:03 pm.

**CCC24/29 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID24/1145)**

There were no requests for leave of absence.

Councillor M Dickerson and R Ivey attended via Audio Visual Link.

**CCC24/30 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID24/1146)**

There were no conflicts of Interest declared.

**CCC24/31 PRESENTATION BY RUGBY NSW - OUTCOMES IN COMMUNITY FROM THEIR HUB AT FORMER DUBBO CITY BOWLING CLUB. (ID24/1204)**

The Committee reports having met with Ms L Hull from Rugby NSW regarding this item.

**CCC24/32 REPORT OF THE DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 9 APRIL 2024 (ID24/1008)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held 9 April 2024.

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor S Chowdhury

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting held on 9 April 2024, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCC24/33 REPORT OF THE MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 13 MAY 2024 (ID24/1086)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held 13 May 2024.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 May 2024, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCC24/34 MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY QUARTERLY REPORT - JANUARY 2024 TO MARCH 2024 (ID24/1040)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 15 May 2024 from the Manager Macquarie Regional Library regarding Macquarie Regional Library Quarterly Report - January 2024 to March 2024.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

**That the Macquarie Regional Library Performance Report for January 2024 to March 2024 be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CCC24/35 WELLINGTON CAVES SERVICE REVIEW MANAGEMENT RESPONSE (ID24/1167)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 30 May 2024 from the Manager Regional Experiences regarding Wellington Caves Service Review Management Response.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor P Wells

**MOTION**

- 1. That the CEO undertake the development of a Capital Works Program, Operational Improvement Program and Funding Strategy to address the twenty (20) recommendations of the Wellington Caves Service Review through a path of continuous improvement through product and business investment and development as part of Dubbo Regional Council's financial budget development.**
- 2. That, as the two businesses develop, and resources are made available, the CEO investigates opportunities to expand commercial, scientific and operational partnerships including funding opportunities through government funding streams, philanthropic support and voluntary planning agreements (VPA).**
- 3. That the CEO investigate the value to the Wellington Caves of World Heritage Listing. This would include evaluating the impacts, implications and benefits to determine if an application should be pursued. A suitable timeline and appropriate resource allocation would need to be determined.**
- 4. That Manager Regional Experience develop a stage 1 investment program to refurbish/upgrade existing infrastructure for a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) with renewable prospects for the value of \$5,000,000.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor P Wells and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

**That confidential item CCC24/36 be deferred to the conclusion of the Corporate Services Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, R Ivey, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

The closed session was held from 6:59pm to 7:32pm during the Corporate Services Committee meeting, where item CCC24/36 was considered. During the open session at 7:33pm, the following resolutions were displayed on screen:

**CCC24/36 TENDER FOR THE DUBBO AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE - REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADE OF 50 METRE POOL AND WATER SLIDE PLANT ROOM (ID24/1176)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 2 June 2024 from the Manager Recreation and Open Spaces regarding Tender for the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre - Refurbishment and upgrade of 50 metre Pool and Water Slide Plant Room.

Moved by Councillor J Gough and seconded by Councillor M Wright

**MOTION**

**That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).**

Moved by Councillor J Gough and seconded by Councillor M Wright

**MOTION**

- 1. That Council notes that Hydrocare Pool Services Pty Ltd tender for the DALC Refurbishment and Upgrade of the 50 metre Pool and Water Slide Plant Room of \$1,179,200 inc gst and an 18-week construction period which is outside the available budget and construction window.**

2. That Hydrocare Pool Services Pty Ltd be notified of Council's decision not to proceed in accordance with section 178(3)(b) of the Local Government regulations 2005, where Council will invite, in accordance with clause 167, 168 or 169, fresh tenders based on the same or different details and thank them for the submission.
3. That a works program be developed and undertaken to address the identified Work Health and Safety issues prior to the commencement of the 2024/2025, with collaboration from Belgravia Leisure.
4. That adjustments be made in the Aquatic Centre's budget to reflect the decision not to proceed with the Dubbo Aquatic Leisure Centre – Refurbishment and Upgrade of the 50-metre Pool and Water Slide Plant Room.
5. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Councillors J Black, L Burns, S Chowdhury, M Dickerson, V Etheridge, J Gough, D Mahon, P Wells and M Wright.

**Against:** Nil

*Councillor R Ivey was absent from this vote.*

The meeting closed at 6:38 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON