



# City of Cockburn Special Council Meeting **Minutes**

For Tuesday, 27 May 2025

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Presiding Member's signature

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### Minutes

#### Elected Members

Mayor L Howlett	(Presiding Member)
Deputy Mayor C Stone	Central Ward
Cr P Eva	Central Ward
Cr T Widenbar	Central Ward (arrive 6:01pm)
Cr T Dewan	East Ward
Cr C Reeve-Fowkes	East Ward
Cr C Zhang	East Ward
Cr P Corke	West Ward
Cr M Separovich	West Ward (arrive 6:03pm)

#### Staff

Mr D Simms	Chief Executive Officer
Ms C Bywater	Director Corporate Systems and Services
Ms K Johnson	Director Community and Place
Mr A Lees	Director Infrastructure
Mr L Santoriello	A/Director Sustainable Development and Safety
Mr J Blanchard	General Counsel
Ms T Hardmeier	Service Lead Governance and Council Support
Mr B Harrington	System Support Team Leader (IT Support)
Mrs S D'Agnone	Council Minute Officer

## 1. Declaration of Meeting

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

“Kaya, Wanju Whadjuk Boodjar” which means “Hello, Welcome to Whadjuk Land”

The Presiding Member acknowledged the Whadjuk Peoples of the Nyungar Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was held, and paid respect to their Elders both past and present and extended that respect to First Nations Peoples present.

As we mark National Reconciliation Week, we pause to reflect on the importance of reconciliation in our workplace and community. This week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how all of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

First Nations people experience vast differences in health, education, employment and standards of living compared to non-First Nations people.

Reconciliation is about all Australians working together to overcome these inequalities and make this community inclusive and equitable for everyone. This year's National Reconciliation Week theme is Bridging Now to Next. It reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

6:01pm Cr Widenbar entered the meeting.

**2. Appointment of Presiding Member (when required)**

Nil

**3. Disclaimer**

The Presiding Member read the Disclaimer:

Members of the public, who attend Council Meetings, should not act immediately on anything they hear at the Meetings, without first seeking clarification of Council's position.

Persons are advised to wait for written advice from the Council prior to taking action on any matter that they may have before Council.

**4. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Written Declarations of Financial Interests and Conflict of Interest (by Presiding Member)**

Nil

6:03pm Cr Separovich entered the meeting.

**5. Apologies & Leave of Absence**

**Apology**

Cr Kevin Allen,  
Daniel Arndt, Director Sustainable Development and Safety

**6. Public Question Time**

Nil

**7. Deputations**

Nil



**8. Declaration by Members Who have Not Given Due Consideration to Matters Contained in the Business Paper Presented before the Meeting**

Nil

**9. Purpose of Meeting**

Proposed Reallocation of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Funding to Rockingham Road Resurfacing



## 10 Reports - CEO (and Delegates)

### 10.1 Infrastructure Services

#### 10.1.1 (2025/MINUTE NO 0098) Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Funding Project Reallocation

<b>Responsible Executive</b>	Director Infrastructure Services
<b>Author(s)</b>	Director Infrastructure Services, Service Manager Traffic and Major Projects, Group Manager Growth and Sustainability and Director Corporate and System Services
<b>Attachments</b>	N/A

#### Council Decision

MOVED Cr P Corke SECONDED Cr M Separovich  
That Council:

- (1) ENDORSES bringing forward municipally funded capital programs listed below from FY26 to the FY25 Capital Budget for delivery to be funded through the Local Roads and Community infrastructure (LRCI) Program, subject to the approval from LRCI funding amendment
- (2) REALLOCATES Grant Funding of \$621,299 from the Rockingham/Phoenix Roundabout project in FY25 to the projects listed below
- (3) ENDORSES funding for future expenditure on the Rockingham/Phoenix Roundabout from the Municipal Fund in FY26 as required
- (4) AUTHORISES and EFFECTS the following 2024/25 budget adjustments:
  1. Rockingham Rd – Goldsmith to Newton (Resurfacing) INCREASE expenditure and LRCI grant funding by \$400,000; and
  2. Coogee Beach Carpark (North) (Resurfacing) INCREASE expenditure and LRCI grant funding by \$221,299

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL 9/0**

#### Background

In 2020 the Federal Government released the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program to support Local Governments to delivery priority road and community projects, create jobs and long-lasting benefits to the community.

The Federal Government committed \$3.25 billion to the program over four phases.



Each local government across Australia received an allocation and was given the opportunity to nominate able to nominate projects that aligned with the grant conditions

The City received funding across all four phases, which was allocated to the following projects:

- Phase 1 - \$1,077,107
  - Frankland Ave road widening and traffic flow treatments
  - Replacement of evaporative air conditioning system at the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club
  - Henderson Reuse Shop Air Conditioning
  - South Coogee Clubrooms External Works
  - Slow Down Coastal Path
  - Hammond Park Shared Path
  - Urban Forest Crossing
  - Yangebup Local Centre
  - Smart LED Street Light Trial in North Coogee
- Phase 2 - \$3,723,182
  - Jandakot Road (Berrigan to Solomon)
- Phase 3 \$2,154,214
  - Hammond Rd (Bartram to Jubilee)
- Phase 4 Part A (\$1,077,107) and Part B (\$621,299)
  - Part A: Omeo Port Coogee Southern Amenities \$1,077,107
  - Part B: Rockingham Rd / Phoenix Roundabout.

This report seeks Council approval to reallocate the Phase 4 Part B funds to alternative projects.

### Submission

N/A

### Report

The City received notification from the Federal Government for Phase 4 of the LRCI program in July 2023 for allocation to projects meeting the grant conditions.

There were two parts under the Phase 4 funding program totalling \$750 million.

Part A: \$500 million available to 550 councils across Australia to spend on local roads and community infrastructure projects,

Part B: \$250 million available to 466 councils in rural, regional or outer-urban areas to spend exclusively on roads projects.



The City allocated the funds to the following projects:

Omeo Port Coogee Southern Amenities

This project was selected as the most advantageous for the City to nominate as it met all the grant conditions and would be delivered by 30 June 2025.

The entire allocation under Part A \$1,077,107 was assigned to the project as per Ordinary Council meeting (2014/MINUTE NO 0140) RFT 01/2024 Building Construction Services – Omeo Amenities Building, Port Coogee

Rockingham Rd / Phoenix Roundabout

This project was selected as the most advantageous for the City to nominate as it met all the grant conditions and would be delivered by 30 June 2025.

The entire allocation under Part B \$621,299 was assigned to the project and adopted at the Special Council Meeting (2024/MINUTE NO0129) Adoption of the 2024-25 Annual Budget, 2024-25 Differential Rates, and 2024-25 Schedule of Fees and Charges.

However, with the project delivery timelines unable to be achieved it is proposed that Council reallocate the funds allocated to the following projects.

Rockingham Road Resurfacing

The “Draft” FY26 Capital Program lists resurfacing of Rockingham Road (Goldsmith to Todd) with a budget of \$142,217

The proposed scope of works includes a significant extension to the original plan which will expand the project from Goldsmith to Newton.

This section is experiencing similar levels of degradation and would benefit from earlier intervention provided funding is available within this grant.

The estimated cost to extend the scope of work and address additional issues in drainage whilst on site is \$400,000.

Coogee Carpark (Northern Section)

The “Draft” FY26 Capital Program lists the resurfacing of the northern section of the Coogee Car Park (Café to Perlente View) with a budget of \$112,162

The scope of works includes the resurfacing of the northern section of the carpark, kerbing, traffic management and line marking.

It is proposed to include a budgetary figure of \$221,299 to ensure sufficient funds exist to deliver this work with the funding coming from the Phase 4 (Part B) LRCI grant.





**Strategic Plans/Policy Implications**City Growth and Moving Around

A growing City that is easy to move around and provides great places to live.

- An integrated, accessible and improved transport network.

Listening and Leading

A community focused, sustainable, accountable, and progressive organisation.

- Best practice Governance, partnerships and value for money.

**Budget/Financial Implications**

If the City is successful in reallocating this funding under the LRCI program, the impact on Municipal reserves will be negligible.

This reallocation would allow Council to fully benefit from the grant and avoid forfeiting access to the available funding.

However, if the reallocation is not approved, additional own-source funding will be required to meet the City's existing commitments and to deliver priority infrastructure and asset management projects

**Legal Implications**

N/A

**Community Consultation**

N/A

**Risk Management Implications**

There is an extreme risk the City will lose an opportunity to secure an Australian Government grant to fund these road infrastructure upgrades should the resolution not be adopted.

There is a medium to high risk the City's reputation will be compromised by the failure to secure and execute a federally funded grant.

There is a medium to high risk the selected projects are not completed by 30 June 2025 due to the tentatively booked contractors postponing works or inclement weather delaying delivery.

There is a medium to high risk the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts will not approve the amended works schedule.

**Advice to Proponent(s)/Submitters**

N/A



**Implications of Section 3.18(3) Local Government Act 1995**

Nil



## **11. Confidential Business**

Nil

## **12. Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6:05pm.

