



COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

16 JUNE 2026

Your attendance is required at a Communities Committee meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 16 June 2026 commencing at the conclusion of Infrastructure Committee for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 June 2026

Next Meeting Date: 21.07.26

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Communities Committee held 19 May 2026

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. May 2026 [↓](#)
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle
Author: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding Table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee meetings. The current Business Outstanding Table for Communities Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Communities Committee be received.

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

May 2026

Meeting Date: 16 June 2026

Attachment No: 1

		Division: Committee: Communities Committee Officer:			Date From: Date To: Printed: Tuesday, 9 June 2026 9:30:52 AM
Action Sheets Report					
Meeting Date	Subject	Resolution	Officer	Target Date	Notes
17/03/2026	Sole Provider Provision for Rockhampton Museum of Art	COMMITTEE RESOLUTION THAT pursuant to s235(b) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , Council approves the use of the nominated supplier as specialised to supply productions, exhibitions and services detailed in the report.	Johnston, Amy	12/06/2026	08 Apr 2026 9:29am Walsh, Karen - Reallocation Action reassigned to Webb, John by Walsh, Karen - Jonathan McBurnie has left Organisation 08 Apr 2026 12:38pm Walsh, Karen - Reallocation Action reassigned to Johnston, Amy by Walsh, Karen - Requested to reassign to Amy from PA to Manager Communities and Culture 08 Apr 2026 4:25pm Johnston, Amy - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Johnston, Amy from 31 March 2026 to 31 May 2026 - Loan agreement to be recieved May from Art Gallery South Australia - Tarnanthe Exhibition 03 Jun 2026 8:23am Johnston, Amy - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Johnston, Amy from 31 May 2026 to 12 June 2026 - Sole Provider Loan Agreement to be recieved week of 8 June 2026.

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

10.1 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

File No: 10097
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle

SUMMARY

Portfolio Councillors for Communities, Culture and Heritage, Planning and Regulation; Parks, Sport and Public Spaces; Environmental Sustainability will provide an update on matters of interest within their portfolio.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Portfolio Updates for Communities, Culture and Heritage, Planning and Regulation, Parks, Sport and Public Spaces and Environmental Sustainability be received.

COMMENTARY

Councillors have requested an opportunity to speak about their relevant Portfolio during Committee Meetings.

The following Councillors will provide an update on their Portfolio at Communities Committee:

- Deputy Mayor, Councillor Drew Wickerson – Communities, Culture and Heritage
- Councillor Grant Mathers – Planning and Regulation
- Councillor Cherie Rutherford – Parks, Sport and Public Spaces
- Councillor Elliot Hilse – Environmental Sustainability

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 PROJECT DELIVERY CAPITAL REPORT - COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - MAY 2026

File No: 16255

Attachments: 1. **Communities Committee Status Reports - May 2026** [↓](#)

Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Andrew Collins - Manager Project Delivery

SUMMARY

Monthly Status Report on Organisational Services and Communities and Lifestyle Services Capital projects currently managed by the Project Delivery Unit.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Project Delivery Capital Report – Communities Committee – May 2026 be received.

COMMENTARY

The Project Delivery section submits the monthly project report outlining the status of capital projects managed by the Unit on behalf of the Organisational Services and Communities and Lifestyle Services Departments.

The following projects are reported on for the month of May 2026 and detailed individual reports are attached:

Project
RBGZ Enclosures 25/26
Rockhampton Sports Precinct
Victoria Park Tennis Courts – Stormwater Remediation and Resurfacing
Customs House Restoration
Kershaw Gardens Waterfall Structure Repairs
Gracemere Hall Roof and Air Conditioning
Historic Library Roof and Gutters
Pilbeam Theatre Redevelopment Master Plan
Pilbeam Theatre Chiller Renewal
Showgrounds (Robert Archer) Grandstand Repairs
Showgrounds Power Distribution

**PROJECT DELIVERY CAPITAL
REPORT
COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
MAY 2026**

**Communities Committee Status
Reports - May 2026**

Meeting Date: 16 June 2026

Attachment No: 1

PD-PRO-2025 Zoo Enclosure Renewals

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management

Council Custodian:	Open Spaces and Recreation	Project Manager:	Darren Toohey	Project Phase:	Strategic Assessment
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Project Scope

Activity	Scope	Traffic Light	Scope Change
Enclosure Refurbishment Program Design, construction or refurbishment of series of existing animal enclosures			
Preliminary Evaluation	Refurbishment of Chimpanzee Enclosure	G	No scope change

Project Funding and Finance

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
Council Allocation:	\$2,961,261	\$36,920	\$0	\$2,924,341	G	No financial change
External Funding:	\$0					
Total Project Budget:	\$2,961,261					
2025/26FY						
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update
	\$30,000	\$36,920	\$0	-\$6,920	G	No financial change

Project Schedule

Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Project 5 - Early Investigation - Dome Structure	01-Sep-25	30-Nov-25	01-Sep-25	30-Jun-26	90%	28%	G	No schedule change

Commentary

The structural assessment has been received and reviewed by FAF, Project Delivery and relevant internal stakeholders. The project team has defined the scope required for the ongoing structural works.
 Site works will be placed on hold for approximately 1 - 2 years due to the presence of upcoming newly born infant chimpanzees.

A comprehensive tree audit has been completed to identify any potential impacts to existing trees associated with the proposed works. A detailed onsite survey has been completed to capture accurate topographical information and site features, which will inform the design development and planning stages of the project.

A briefing session is scheduled with Council for the 2nd June 2026 presenting options. Options were discussed to enable scoping and design of key projects: Chimpanzee enclosure, Dome Aviary and Zoo staff facilities.

Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)	Risk Responses
Financial/Budget/Cost	Budget required unknown until structural investigations completed.	Future Year enclosure renewals budget available.

Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month

Draft Briefing Council Session		
Three Month Horizon		
Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026
Council Briefing session	Planning and prioritisation	

PD-PRO-2024 Rockhampton Sports Precinct

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management					
Council Custodian:	Open Spaces and Recreation	Project Manager:	Aaron Pont	Project Phase:	Detail Design

Project Scope			
Activity	Scope	Traffic Light	Scope Change
Detail Design	The aim of this Project is to prepare detailed designs and design specifications in a manner that aligns with the project's progression from its preliminary design phase and planning approvals to staged construction of the Sports Precinct. The key activities include the development of preliminary design and planning approval documentation. A Detailed Business Case and Project Validation Report will also be developed.	G	No scope change

Project Funding and Finance						
Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
Council Allocation:	\$0	\$3,279,455	\$2,074,440	\$41,646,105	G	No financial change
External Funding:	\$47,000,000					
Total Project Budget:	\$47,000,000					
2025/26FY						
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update
	\$1,500,000	\$2,196,672	\$2,074,440	-\$2,771,112	G	No financial change

Project Schedule								
Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Engagement of Consultant For Design Development and Project Planning Approval Package							G	No schedule change
Phase 1: Whole of Site Preliminary Planning	16-Jan-25	24-Oct-25	16-Jan-25	24-Oct-25	100%	92%	G	No schedule change
Phase 2: Detail Design for Whole Of Site	24-Oct-25	29-Jul-26	24-Oct-25	29-Jul-26	79%	14%	G	No schedule change
Engagement of Consultant For Project Validation Report Package								
Phase 1: Masterplan Validation	16-Jan-25	05-Mar-25	16-Jan-25	05-Mar-25	100%	92%	G	No schedule change
Phase 2: Project Validation Report	05-Mar-25	30-Jul-26	05-Mar-25	30-Jul-26	88%	42%	G	No schedule change

Project Milestones	Date
Commencement of Consultant Engagement For Design Development and Project Planning Approval Package	16-Jan-25
Phase 1: Whole of Site Preliminary Planning	24-Oct-25
Phase 2: Detailed Design for Whole Of Site	29-Jul-26
Commencement of Consultant Engagement For Project Validation Report Package	16-Jan-25
Phase 1: Masterplan Validation	05-Mar-25
Phase 2: Project Validation Report	30-Jul-26

Commentary

Stage 1 Design works have achieved the 90% milestone and are on track for tender release 18 June 2026. Whole of site preliminary design is progressing in parallel with subsequent stages to be detailed design in coming months.

Detailed Business Case and Project Validation Report has recommenced, with further reports forthcoming as this progresses.

Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)	Risk Responses
Compliance	Land currently state owned with CQU as trustee	Land Tenure and RRC ownership being addressed with State Gov / CQU
Project	Project is in early stages of planning, as part of the project's development workshops have been programmed to assess design and construction risks.	Risk Management / Safety in Design Workshops

Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month

Continue review and provide additional feedback on received on Stage 1 90% Detailed Design packages. Continue whole of site preliminary design.

Three Month Horizon		
Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026
Receive 100% Detailed Design package for Stage 1. Prepare tender documentation. Release tender package.	Stage 1 Tender package in the market. Whole of site design works to progress.	Stage 1 Tender period to conclude.

PD-PRO-2025 Victoria Park Tennis Courts – Stormwater Remediation and Resurfacing

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management

Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Dan Farlow	Project Phase:	Design & Construction
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Activity	Scope	Traffic Light	Scope Change
Design & Construction	This Project is to address the poor condition of the tennis court playing surfaces at Victoria Park Tennis Complex. The project scope includes: *Resurfacing of up to 15 tennis courts, including replacement of asphalt surfacing and regrading gravel base; and *Installation of drainage to redirect overland stormwater flow to Fitzroy River.	G	No scope change

Project Funding and Finance

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
Council Allocation:	\$2,201,969	\$145,607	\$20,000	\$2,036,362	G	No financial change
External Funding:	\$0					
Total Project Budget:	\$2,201,969					
2025/26FY						
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update
	\$347,824	\$91,462	\$20,000	\$236,362	G	No financial change

Project Schedule

Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Detail Design	14-Aug-25	30-Dec-25	14-Aug-25	11-Mar-26	100%	100%	G	Previously reported change
Contractor Procurement	15-Feb-26	08-Mar-26	12-Mar-26	18-May-26	100%	70%	G	Previously reported change
Construction	08-Mar-26	30-Dec-26	18-May-26	30-Mar-27	4%	0%	G	No schedule change

Project Milestones

	Date
Detail Design completed	30-Dec-25
Construction Procurement	08-Mar-26
Construction Completion	30-Mar-27

Commentary

Tenders closed 22nd May and evaluation and negotiation currently underway.

Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)	Risk Responses
Financial/Budget/Cost	Budget is based off a concept level design. Once the design is complete and tender prices are received, the project cost may exceed budget.	Reduce the scope of the project from 15 courts to 10 courts.
Stakeholders	Construction activities may cause excessive disruption to operations of tennis centre.	Stakeholder engagement with operator, staging of works to minimise disruption Schedule works to avoid major events.

Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month

Evaluate and negotiate Tenders received.

Three Month Horizon		
Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026
Award tender and establish to site	Demolition	Construct Drains

PD-PRO-2024 Customs House Restoration

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management								
Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Darren Toohey	Project Phase:	Preliminary Evaluation			
Project Scope								
Activity	Scope				Traffic Light	Scope Change		
Preliminary Evaluation	Customs House refurbishment - Various elements of building require restoration including external clean down of building, Dome gutter and downpipe replacement, Salts removal to Sandstone internal fabric, Falling damp render repairs, Chemical injection of raising damp, Copper roof restoration works, repointing of stairs and landing and traditional plaster ceiling repairs.				G	No scope change		
Project Funding and Finance								
Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at			Traffic Light	Monthly Update		
		Actuals	Committals	01/06/2026 Remaining Budget				
Council Allocation:	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,771,388	G	No financial change		
External Funding:	\$0							
Total Project Budget:	\$10,000							
2025/26FY								
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update		
	\$100,000	\$28,577	\$35	\$71,388	G	No financial change		
Project Schedule								
Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Design	29-Sep-25	16-Apr-26	29-Sep-25	16-Apr-26	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Heritage	29-Sep-25	19-Jun-26	29-Sep-25	19-Jun-26	93%	95%	G	No schedule change
Construction contractor Procurement & Funding	24-Feb-26	15-Jun-26	24-Feb-26	30-Jun-26	76%	0%	G	No schedule change
Construction / Installation	15-Jul-26	01-Mar-27	15-Jun-26	01-Mar-27	0%	0%	G	No schedule change
Project Milestones							Date	
Design Complete							16-Apr-26	
Funding Approval							30-Jun-26	
Construction Refurbishment Works Completion							01-Mar-27	
Commentary								
Scope of works and Tender documentation completed, waiting on Revised budget approval.								
Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)				Risk Responses			
Financial/Budget/Cost	Budget is currently unknown for refurbishment works. Once design and scoping is complete a Budget estimate will be presented to council for consideration for future years Budgets.				Reduce scope if unfunded			
Stakeholders	Construction activities may cause excessive disruption to operations of Customs House				Stakeholder engagement and staging of works to minimize disruption. Schedule works to avoid major events.			
Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month								
Nil								
Three Month Horizon								
Jun-2026		Jul-2026			Aug-2026			
Revised budget approval		Release for tender following funding approval for 26/27 financial year.			Tender Advertisement and Evaluation			

PD-PRO-2024 Kershaw Gardens Waterfall Structure Repairs

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management								
Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Darren Toohey	Project Phase:	Design & Construction			
Activity	Scope			Traffic Light	Scope Change			
Design & Construction	The Kershaw Gardens Waterfall has reached the end of its life. As a significant asset to both the local community and visiting tourists, this project aims to review and refurbish the waterfall to preserve its sentimental value while enhancing its design for increased longevity and in service safety.			G	No scope change			
Project Funding and Finance								
Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update		
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget				
Council Allocation:	\$3,213,336	\$468,858	\$5,300	\$2,739,178	G	No financial change		
External Funding:	\$0							
Total Project Budget:	\$3,213,336							
2025/26FY								
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update		
	\$250,000	\$255,522	\$5,300	-\$10,822	G	No financial change		
Project Schedule								
Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Procurement of Consultant	17-Oct-24	20-Nov-24	17-Oct-24	20-Nov-24	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Detail Design and Specifications	27-Nov-24	01-Jul-25	27-Nov-24	17-Feb-26	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Procurement of Contractor	18-Jul-25	06-Aug-26	01-Feb-26	20-Sep-26	52%	0%	G	No schedule change
Construction	01-Sep-25	01-Jun-26	20-Sep-26	06-Aug-27	0%	0%	G	Previously reported change
Project Milestones							Date	
Design tender award							20-Nov-24	
Detail Design and Specification Final Design report							17-Feb-26	
Construction tender award							20-Sep-26	
Project completion							06-Aug-27	
Commentary								
Final designs and QS Estimate has been received. Options Report to be presented to Council on 16 June 2026.								
Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)			Risk Responses				
Safety	The Facade is showing signs of structural fatigue and the internal pump station is a servicing a hazard.			The proposed structural stabilization and construction of the external plant room will address the risk.				
Financial/ Budget/Cost	The Project budget has not been validated against a confirmed scope of works or a design.			A P 90 Cost Estimate to be provided as part of the Design Development package. This will confirm budget and provide a tender benchmark.				
Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month								
Council Report drafted - Options report to be presented to Council 16 June 2026.								
Three Month Horizon								
Jun-2026		Jul-2026			Aug-2026			
Options Report to council		Final Design Review and Tender documentation prepared			Tender advertisement			

PD-PRO-2025 Gracemere Hall Roof and Air Conditioning

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management

Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Darren Toohey	Project Phase:	Construction
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Project Scope

Activity	Scope	Traffic Light	Scope Change
Construction	This Project comprises of a complete roof replacement of Hall, Kitchen foyer/breezeway and renewal of all end of life existing air conditioning plant.	G	No scope change

Project Funding and Finance

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
Council Allocation:	\$850,000	\$164,062	\$289,289	\$396,648	G	No financial change
External Funding:	\$0					
Total Project Budget:	\$850,000					
2025/26FY						
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update
	\$300,000	\$164,062	\$289,289	-\$153,352	G	No financial change

Project Schedule

Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	% Plan	% Complete		
Scoping and detail Design	14-Aug-25	20-Nov-25	14-Aug-25	20-Nov-25	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Contractor Procurement	04-Dec-25	15-Feb-26	15-Jan-26	18-Mar-26	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Construction	08-Apr-26	30-Jun-26	08-Apr-26	30-Jun-26	64%	50%	G	No schedule change

Project Milestones	Date
Design Consultation Completion	20-Nov-25
Proposed Completion of Contractor Procurement	18-Mar-26
Proposed Completion of Construction Phase	30-Jun-26

Commentary

Contractor commenced works on site 11 May. Works are progressing well.

Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)	Risk Responses
Safety	Working at Heights, Fall prevention	Edge protection supplied, Safety management Plan - SWMS
Environmental	Impact to construction delayed due to wet weather.	Construction scheduled dry season.

Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month

Contractor commenced works on site 11 May. Works are progressing well.

Three Month Horizon		
Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026
Construction	Construction Completed	

PD-PRO-2025 Historic Library Roof and Gutters

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management

Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Darren Toohey	Project Phase:	Construction
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Project Scope

Activity	Scope	Traffic Light	Scope Change
Construction	This project comprises of a complete roof replacement and renewal of all end of life existing air conditioning plant which includes installation of dehumidifiers to archive and negatives storerooms and upgrade of the current BMS system.	G	No scope change

Project Funding and Finance

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
Council Allocation:	\$850,000	\$29,819	\$7,180	\$813,001	G	No financial change
External Funding:	\$0					
Total Project Budget:	\$850,000					
		2025/26FY			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
	\$300,000	\$29,819	\$7,180	\$263,001	G	No financial change

Project Schedule

Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Scoping and detail Design	14-Aug-25	20-Dec-25	14-Aug-25	20-Dec-25	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Contractor Procurement	10-Jan-26	15-Feb-26	10-Jan-26	18-Mar-26	100%	95%	G	Previously reported change
Construction	08-Apr-26	30-Jun-26	08-Apr-26	30-Mar-27	15%	0%	R	Major schedule change

Project Milestones

	Date
Design Consultation Completion	20-Nov-25
Proposed Completion of Contractor Procurement	18-Mar-26
Proposed Completion of Construction Phase	30-Mar-27

Commentary

Tenders continuing to work with Contractor on contract conditions before award and commencement on site.

Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)	Risk Responses
Safety	Working at Heights, Fall prevention	Edge protection supplied, Safety management Plan - SWMS
Environmental	Impact to construction delayed due to wet weather	Construction Scheduled dry season
Safety	Council Staff working below roof	Move staff to areas out of risk of falling objects

Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month

Tenders and contractor are working together on terms and conditions to award contract. Project completion date can not be confirmed until project Program supplied with expected delivery of aircon long lead items is still currently unknown.

Three Month Horizon

Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026
Award tender and schedule works.	Construction to commence.	Construction to commence.

PD-PRO-2024 Pilbeam Theatre Redevelopment Master Plan

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management

Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Edward Brooks	Project Phase:	Business Case
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Project Scope

Activity	Scope	Traffic Light	Scope Change
Concept Design	The Pilbeam Theatre has reached the end of its service life. A review of the current concept design is required to ensure alignment with Council and community needs, and to confirm the development is value managed for cost-effectiveness. A Detailed Business Case will assess the most practical and sustainable option for renewal moving forward.	G	No scope change

Project Funding and Finance

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
Council Allocation:	\$187,500,000	\$311,382	\$212,405	\$186,976,214	G	No financial change
External Funding:	\$0					
Total Project Budget:	\$187,500,000					
2025/26FY						
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update
	\$550,000	\$239,692	\$212,405	\$97,903	G	No financial change

Project Schedule

Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Scope Definition	01-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	01-Jun-24	30-Sep-24	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Procurement of Design Consultant for Review	30-Sep-24	30-Oct-24	30-Sep-24	30-Oct-24	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Stage 1: Design Report	30-Oct-24	28-Feb-25	30-Oct-24	28-Feb-25	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Stage 2: Business Case Procurement	01-Aug-25	30-Sep-25	01-Aug-25	19-Dec-25	100%	100%	G	Previously reported change
Stage 2: Business Case	01-Oct-25	01-Jun-26	20-Dec-25	01-Sep-26	64%	60%	G	No schedule change

Project Milestones

Milestone	Date
Scope Definition	30-Sep-24
Procurement of Design Consultant for Review	30-Oct-24
Stage 1: Concept Design Report	28-Feb-25
Stage 2: Commence Business Case Procurement	01-Aug-25
Stage 2: Business Case Completion	01-Sep-26

Commentary

Business case workshops continued. Preliminary cost estimation revised to agreed refurbishment concept and new build option concept being refined.

Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)	Risk Responses
Design and Engineering	Current Concept Design no longer valid requiring significant design redevelopment.	Design to be validated and updated. Retain completed design where applicable.
Technical and Operation	Failure of roof and chiller to existing Pilbeam Theatre.	Maintenance projects have been initiated to extend the current life of the existing Pilbeam Theatre and specifically target the roof and AC chiller system.

Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month

Business case workshops continued. Preliminary cost estimation revised to agreed refurbishment concept and new build option concept being refined.

Three Month Horizon

Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026
Further stakeholder engagement. Draft Business Case report started to be prepared.	Draft business case.	Final Business case submission to Council.

PD-PRO-2024 Pilbeam Theatre Chiller Renewal

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management								
Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Nathan Everton	Project Phase:	Construction			
Project Scope								
Activity	Scope				Traffic Light	Scope Change		
Construction	* Chiller 2 is to be replaced with a chiller capable of meeting the likely 'coincident' cooling load (approximately 460kW). The new chiller to be set to operate as the 'run' chiller including new pumps and modified pipework. * Chiller 3 to be repaired and set to operate as the standby (and possibly peak load) chiller. * Extensive maintenance on mechanical plant and duct work.				G	No scope change		
Project Funding and Finance								
Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update		
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget				
Council Allocation:	\$0	\$989,147	\$140,061	\$170,792	G	Previously reported change		
External Funding:	\$1,300,000							
Total Project Budget:	\$1,300,000							
		2025/26FY			Traffic Light	Monthly Update		
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget				
	\$1,000,000	\$826,173	\$140,061	\$33,766	G	No financial change		
Project Schedule								
Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Develop Detail Design Brief	05-Aug-24	25-Nov-24	05-Aug-24	25-Nov-24	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Design	10-Dec-24	24-Jan-25	10-Dec-24	11-Apr-25	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Construction Contractor Procurement	24-Jan-25	23-Feb-25	02-May-25	28-Jun-25	100%	100%	G	Previously reported change
Construction of AC	23-Feb-25	16-Sep-25	21-Jun-25	19-Jun-26	95%	46%	A	Minor schedule change
Project Milestones							Date	
Design Consultation Completion							25-Nov-24	
Proposed Completion of Contractor Procurement							28-Jun-25	
Proposed Completion of Construction Phase							19-Jun-26	
Commentary								
Building Management System works are currently underway and are waiting on delivery of a Switchboard segment.								
Continuing remediation work of the air handler units and continuing progress of the new Building Management System.								
Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)			Risk Responses				
Financial/Budget/Cost	Funding insufficient for this project			Reallocate funding from roof project.				
Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month								
Continuing remediation work of the air handler units and continuing progress of the new Building Management System.								
Three Month Horizon								
Jun-2026		Jul-2026			Aug-2026			
Continuing finalisation of new Building Management System and insulation repairs to pipes and ducting.								
Installation of Switchboard Segment, Commissioning of new Building Management System.								

PD-PRO-2025 Showgrounds (Robert Archer) Grandstand Repairs

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management								
Council Custodian:	Fleet and Facilities	Project Manager:	Eliza Crossley	Project Phase:	Detail Design			
Project Scope								
Activity	Scope				Traffic Light	Scope Change		
Preliminary Evaluation	The scope of general repairs to the Robert Archer Grandstand includes conducting a comprehensive structural and condition assessment to identify and confirm any necessary remediation and restoration works required to ensure the integrity and safety of the facility.				G	No scope change		
Project Funding and Finance								
Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at			Traffic Light	Monthly Update		
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget				
Council Allocation:	\$1,500,000	\$20,627	\$1,400	\$1,477,973	G	No financial change		
External Funding:	\$0							
Total Project Budget:	\$1,500,000							
2025/26FY				Traffic Light	Monthly Update			
Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget					
\$100,000	\$20,627	\$1,400	\$77,973	G	No financial change			
Project Schedule								
Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Structural Assessment and Defining of Scope	-	-	10-Aug-25	10-Nov-25	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Detail Design	10-Aug-25	20-Nov-25	15-Nov-25	20-Feb-26	100%	100%	G	Previously reported change
Contractor Procurement	30-Nov-25	15-Feb-26	20-Feb-26	30-Jul-26	63%	10%	G	Previously reported change
Construction	01-Mar-26	30-Jun-26	29-Aug-26	28-Apr-27	0%	0%	G	Previously reported change
Project Milestones							Date	
Structural Assessment and Defining of Scope							10-Nov-25	
Design Consultation Completion							20-Feb-26	
Proposed Completion of Contractor Procurement							30-Jul-26	
Proposed Completion of Construction Phase							28-Apr-27	
Commentary								
As a result of the cost plan and scope being revised, it was determined that the current budget allocation is insufficient. The identified issues that affect the structural integrity and safety of the structure are under review to ensure they are addressed. The proposed procurement and construction dates have been previously adjusted to show a delay awaiting the budget review outcome.								
Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)			Risk Responses				
Scope	Due to the unknown nature of the scope the project may exceed time and estimated costs.			Investigation review and determination of allowable scope within the budget allocation will be completed and confirmed.				
Schedule	Due to the location of the project the schedule of events may be impacted by the construction of the project			Event schedules and coordination requirements to be outlined within Tender Documentation and programs confirmed with Construction Contractors prior to award.				
Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month								
Project scoping for tender completed - pending budget allocation.								
Three Month Horizon								
Jun-2026		Jul-2026			Aug-2026			
Waiting on outcome of 26/27 Budget.		Confirmation of Project Scope and Tender Documentation.			Release for Tender if funding approved for 26/27 financial year.			

PD-PRO-2025 Showgrounds Power Distribution

Monthly Status Report

May-2026

Project Management

Council Custodian:	Growth and Community Partnerships	Project Manager:	Eliza Crossley	Project Phase:	Detail Design
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Project Scope

Activity	Scope	Traffic Light	Scope Change
Concept Design	This project aims to review, plan and design the power distribution throughout the Showgrounds and Victoria Park Precinct. This is to facilitate the higher capacity events as well as regular and community users of the proposed area by reducing the requirement for generators on site.	G	No scope change

Project Funding and Finance

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Project Life (10 Years) as at 01/06/2026			Traffic Light	Monthly Update
		Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget		
Council Allocation:	\$150,000	\$33,300	\$73,700	\$43,000	G	No financial change
External Funding:	\$0					
Total Project Budget:	\$150,000					
2025/26FY						
	Budget	Actuals	Committals	Remaining Budget	Traffic Light	Monthly Update
	\$150,000	\$33,300	\$73,700	\$43,000	G	No financial change

Project Schedule

Scope	Baseline		Forecast/Actuals				Traffic Light	Schedule Update
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish	Plan%	% Complete		
Procurement of Design Consultant	20-Dec-25	05-Jan-26	20-Dec-25	05-Jan-26	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Preliminary Planning and Review	05-Jan-26	04-Mar-26	05-Jan-26	04-Mar-26	100%	100%	G	No schedule change
Detailed Design	05-Mar-26	27-May-26	05-Mar-26	24-Jun-26	78%	85%	A	Minor schedule change

Project Milestones	Date
Procurement of Design Consultant	05-Jan-26
Preliminary Planning and Review	04-Mar-26
Detailed Design	24-Jun-26

Commentary

The project is currently in the design phase and is expected for completion by the end of May.

Risk Categories	Risks (Cause, Risk, Impact)	Risk Responses
Scope	Additional works to supply the sites requires authority approvals, this may increase the budget and time for completion	A hold point after the Planning Stage is implemented to review findings and determine if progression to the design phase is feasible.
Scope	Unconfirmed condition of the existing infrastructure that may result in additional works to be repaired or replaced	Condition assessment of all critical interface points and ongoing asset management practices
Financial/Budget/Cost	Delivery of the construction phase of the project is currently unfunded	To be reviewed upon design completion

Key Tasks & Deliverables This Month

The detailed design documentation was delayed due to co-ordination with stakeholders and is now due for completion mid June. The project is awaiting a confirmed construction budget to confirm tender scope and enable release of tender.

Three Month Horizon		
Jun-2026	Jul-2026	Aug-2026
Detailed Design Completion and Tender Documentation.	Issue for Tender	Tender Period

11.2 OPEN SPACES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SIGNIFICANT PROJECT STATUS REPORT - MAY 25/26

File No: 15225
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle
Author: Justin Bulwinkel - Sports and Active Communities Coordinator

SUMMARY

This report outlines progress and key updates on significant capital projects delivered across the Open Spaces & Recreation and Growth and Community Partnerships teams for the period May 2026 (FY 2025–26).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Open Space & Community Partnerships significant capital projects status report for the month of April 2026, be received.

COMMENTARY

State Sporting Carnival Activation – Completed

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|---|----------|
| 1. Solar Lighting Installation | Complete |
| 2. Sports Field Lighting Design Packages: | |
| a. Norbridge Park | Complete |
| b. Rockhampton Cricket Grounds | Complete |
| c. Cyril Connell Fields | Complete |

Note: The financial position for this capital program remains unchanged, with all works Completed.

Parks Irrigation Renewal Program

3. RCG Irrigation Renewal (Year 2 – 2025/26): In Progress
 Consultants (Sport Eng) have progressed the review and update of the Irrigation Design Package, with draft design amendments currently being finalised. Soil testing investigations are in the final stages, with results informing footing and service requirements for the proposed infrastructure. Engagement with Fitzroy River Water has continued, with preliminary service and supply requirements confirmed to support detailed design development.

Preliminary contractor investigations and early cost planning have also progressed to inform staged delivery in the 2026/27 financial year, with the proposed construction scope remaining focused on the irrigation tank, pump and associated services.

Preliminary works for Development Approval documentation have commenced, with lodgment anticipated following completion of the final irrigation design package and confirmation of soil testing outcomes. The project budget remains unchanged and is tracking in accordance with the revised 2025/26 capital allocation of \$44,180, which is targeted to deliver detailed irrigation designs, soil testing, preliminary contractor investigations, and required Development Approvals.

The 2026/27 capital allocation of \$395,000 is proposed to deliver Stage 1 works, including the irrigation tank, pump and associated services. Subject to final costs and procurement outcomes, this scope may be expanded to include Field 3 irrigation works.

**11.3 PROPOSED DOG OFF-LEASH AREA FOR CEDRIC ARCHER PARK,
GRACEMERE**

File No: 15224

Attachments:

1. Cedric Archer Park DOLA Community Engagement Summary [↓](#)
2. Proposed DOLA Location [↓](#)

Authorising Officer: Steven Ellis - Acting Manager Growth & Community Partnerships
Damon Morrison - General Manager Communities and Lifestyle

Author: Jacinta Daniels - Master Planner

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to deliver a community-supported Dog Off-Leash Area at Cedric Archer Park, including designation of the Dog Off-Leash Area in Council's Dog Off-Leash Area Register in Schedule 7 of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 upon completion of the project.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- a) approves the development of a fenced Dog Off-Leash Area project at Cedric Archer Park, Gracemere;
- b) resolves that upon completion of the project:
 - (i) the fenced area at Cedric Archer Park (as indicated in the attached plan) is designated as a Dog Off-Leash Area in accordance with section 11(1) of the *Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011*; and
 - (ii) the designated fenced Dog Off-Leash Area is included in the Dog Off-Leash Area Register in Schedule 7 of the *Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011*.

COMMENTARY

Council endorsed the undertaking of community engagement in late 2025 regarding the proposed development of a Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) at Cedric Archer Park.

Community engagement was conducted by Council officers from 12 February to 8 March 2026 to seek feedback from local residents and the broader community on the proposed fenced DOLA. The engagement process generated strong participation, with a total of 90 survey responses received.

Overall sentiment was highly supportive of the proposal, with 94% of respondents indicating support (86% strongly supportive and 8% somewhat supportive), and 4% opposed. Feedback was considered locally representative, with 89% of respondents residing in Gracemere. Further detail on engagement outcomes is provided in the attached Engagement Report.

In response to the feedback received, and consistent with desired DOLA design and embellishment standards, the following indicative program and cost estimate has been developed for delivery by Council's Fleet and Facilities team.

Activity / Embellishment	Cost
Site preparation	\$5,000
Fencing (~225m) inc. maintenance gate	\$52,900
Air lock with concrete pad and gate	\$3,400
Bubbler	\$4,700
New water connection	\$6,000
Rubble pit	\$20,000
Signage	\$2,000
Bench seats inc. slab x 2	\$6,000
Shade tree planting	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$105,000

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

18 November 2025 – Committee Resolution:

“THAT Council endorses officers to undertake community engagement regarding the proposed development of a dog off-leash area at Cedric Archer Park.”

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that \$105,000 be allocated to facilitate delivery of the Cedric Archer Park Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) from the DOLA works program in the 2026/27 financial year

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The delivery of this project has considered human rights implications, particularly in supporting the right to take part in public life and access community facilities. The proposed DOLA will provide a safe and accessible space for residents to recreate with their animals, contributing positively to community wellbeing and social participation.

The Local Law permits the designation of areas within the Rockhampton Region as dog off-leash areas, enabling Council to formally establish and manage such facilities.

Consideration has been given to the human rights protected under the Human Rights Act 2019. The proposed decision engages the rights to take part in public life and access community facilities.

Any potential impacts on nearby residents (including amenity considerations) are considered minor and are appropriately mitigated through the design and location of the facility.

On balance, the proposal is compatible with human rights and supports their promotion through enhanced access to community infrastructure.

LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

The development of a fenced DOLA within Cedric Archer Park provides several risk mitigation benefits. Establishing a clearly defined and regulated space for dogs, reduces the likelihood of uncontrolled dog interactions in shared park areas, thereby improving safety for all park users.

The inclusion of fencing will ensure dogs remain within the designated area, minimising potential conflicts with nearby sporting fields, playgrounds and pedestrian pathways. The controlled environment supports responsible dog ownership and assists Council in managing compliance with relevant local laws.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The project aligns with the following Corporate Plan objectives:

- 2.1 – Our places and spaces enhance the liveability and diversity of our communities
- 4.3 – Our public spaces add value to our Region and our communities
- 5.1 – Our Region has Infrastructure that meets current and future needs

CONCLUSION

The proposed development of a DOLA at Cedric Archer Park is strongly supported by the community, aligns with Council's strategic objectives, and can be delivered within the existing allocated budget. The engagement process confirms a clear local demand for this facility, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from nearby residents.

The project represents a practical and low-risk enhancement to community infrastructure, providing a safe, accessible, and well-managed recreational space for dog owners while improving overall park amenity and user safety. The cost of \$105,000 allows for delivery within the approved budget, with remaining funds able to be strategically reinvested into upgrading existing dog off-leash areas across the Region.

Overall, the proposal is considered a sound and beneficial initiative that supports community wellbeing, responsible pet ownership, and the continued improvement of Council's public open spaces.

**PROPOSED DOG OFF-LEASH AREA
FOR CEDRIC ARCHER PARK,
GRACEMERE**

**Cedric Archer Park DOLA Community
Engagement Summary**

Meeting Date: 16 June 2026

Attachment No: 1

Community Engagement Report

Cedric Archer Park Proposed Dog Off-Leash Area

Date of Engagement	12 February - 8 March 2026
Method of Engagement	Engage Rockhampton Survey



Executive Summary

The objective of the community engagement process was to solicit input and perspectives from local residents as well as the wider community regarding the proposed fenced dog off-leash area (DOLA) at Cedric Archer Park. The results of the engagement will be used to guide planning and budget considerations and ensure Council is making well-informed decisions.

For this engagement, community members were invited to complete an online survey answering the questions outlined below.

A total of 90 survey responses were received.

Consultation overview

Public consultation began on Thursday 12 February 2026, as a survey on Council's Engage Rockhampton Region website and ran through to Sunday 8 March 2026.

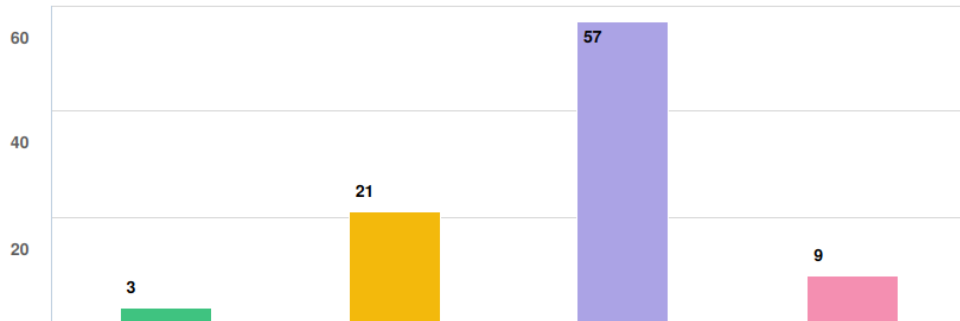
- Media releases and a social media campaign directed the community to the Engage Rockhampton Region site
- Approximately 20 surrounding properties received letters advising of the engagement and background on the proposal
- 6 corflutes were displayed at various points around Cedric Archer Park



Results

Note: Questions 1 and 2 relate to the respondent's name and email address.

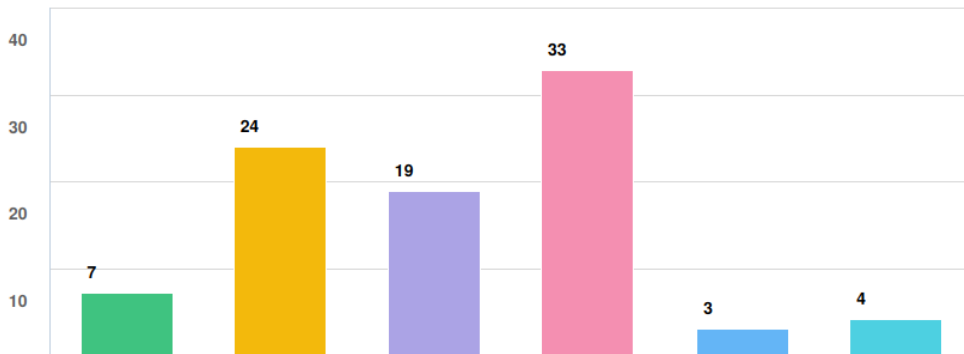
Q3. Do you live near Cedric Archer Park?



Question options

- I live adjacent to the park
- I live within walking distance
- I live in Gracemere and visit the park
- I live outside Gracemere

Q4. How often do you visit Cedric Archer Park?

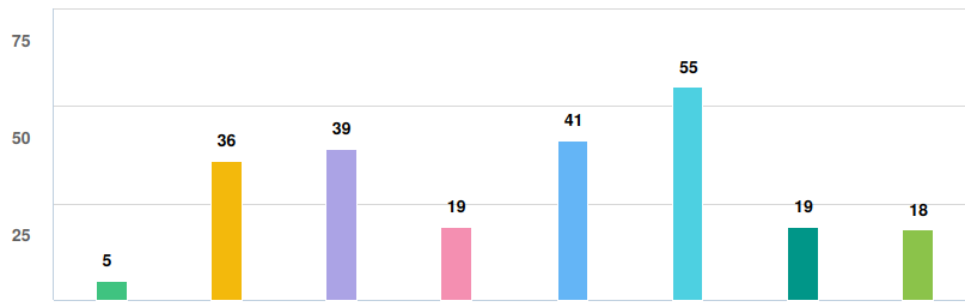


Question options

- Daily
- A few times a week
- Weekly
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never



Q5. How do you currently use Cedric Archer Park?



Question options

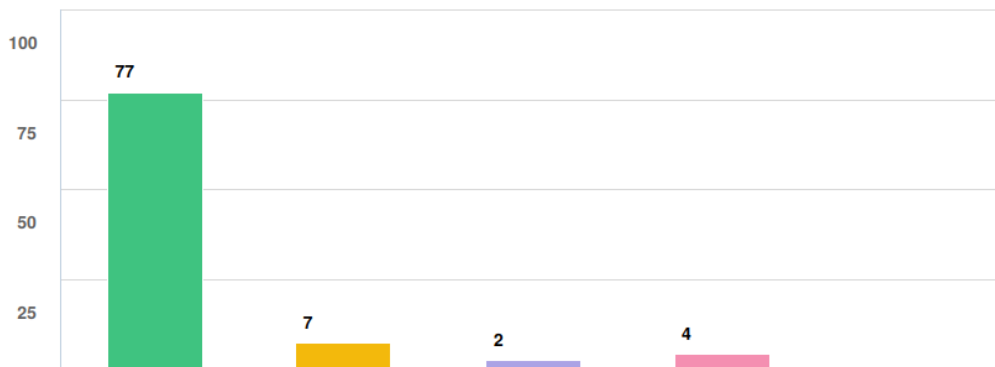
- Other (please specify)
- Walking or jogging
- Playground/water play
- Pump track
- Using the playground with children
- Dog walking (on-leash)
- Picnicking or relaxing
- Sports, recreation or fitness activities

Other Comments:

All items below were mentioned once.

- Attending community events
- Have never wanted to go there before, but would use it if there was an off-leash area for my dogs
- Roller skating on the hard courts
- Pickleball
- Dog obedience classes

Q6. How supportive are you of the proposed fenced Dog Off-Leash Area at Cedric Archer Park?

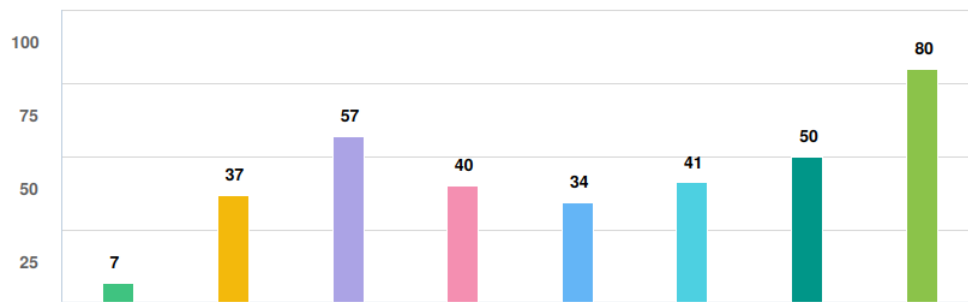


Question options

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Neutral
- Strongly oppose
- Somewhat oppose



Q7. What benefits do you see from having a Dog Off-Leash Area at Cedric Archer Park?



Question options

- Other (please specify)
- Convenient access to public amenities
- Adds another fenced dog off-leash area for my dog
- Proximity to a fenced playground and family-friendly facilities
- Proximity to my home
- Easy access to car parking
- Enhances overall appeal and usability of the park
- Allows dog owners a place to exercise their dogs safely

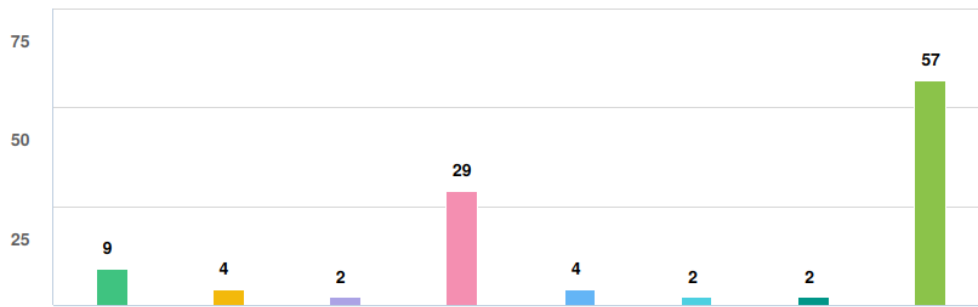
Other Comments:

All items below were mentioned once.

- Bad idea
- If dogs are in public, they should be on a leash
- Ted Price Park doesn't get used
- Waste of taxpayer money
- No benefits
- Proximity to where I shop
- Would be the only dog park in Gracemere
- Dog socialisation skills
- Shade
- Less dogs being walked off-leash throughout the park, thereby reducing safety issues



Q8. What concerns, if any, do you have about the proposed Dog Off-Leash Area at Cedric Archer Park?



Question options

- Other (please specify)
- Safety of other park users
- Noise or disruption due to proximity to nearby home
- Potential for dog-related incidents (e.g. aggression, waste)
- Impact on enjoyment of the park by non-dog owners
- Increased traffic or parking issues
- Environmental impact
- I have no concerns

Other (please specify) responses:
All items below were mentioned once.

Practical or maintenance concerns

- Upkeep required
- Owners not being responsible
- Risk of aggressive dog behaviour

Financial and priority concerns

- No need for it
- Too much money spent on non-essential works
- Other priorities preferred (e.g. road upgrades, line marking)
- Improve Ted Price Park and Remembrance Park first

Design and safety concerns

- Proposed location too close to the road; and concerns about lengthy fence repair times if damaged
- Need for lighting and cameras
- Desire for enforcement-based signage, not just enter at own risk
- Concerns about elderly dog walkers needing access to concrete paths

General sentiment

- Questioning the purpose (“dogs already live in yards”)
- Concern about dogs not listening or recalling

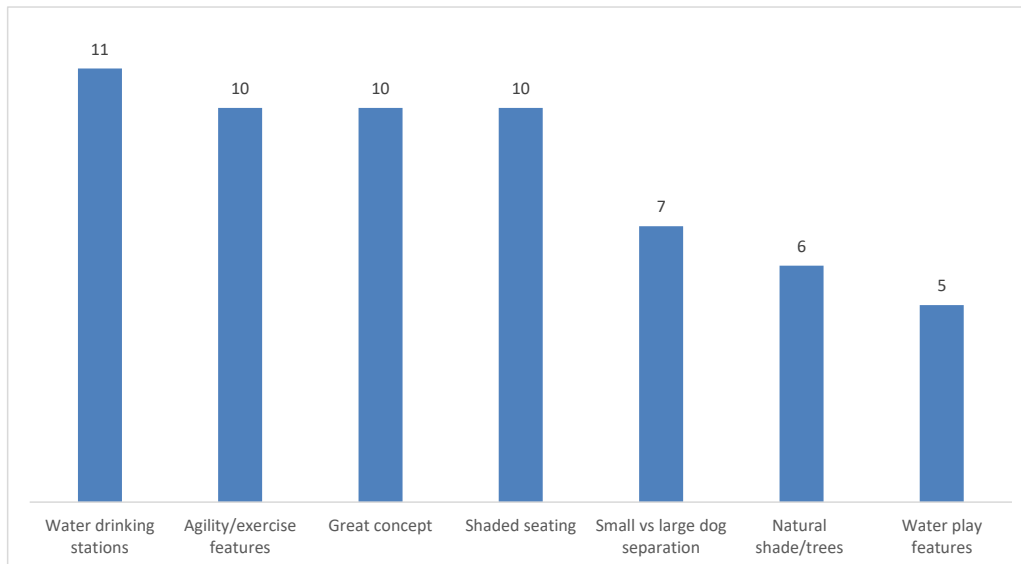


Q9. Do you have any other comments, suggestions or concerns that have not been addressed in the previous questions?

44 responses, 46 skipped

High-Volume Themes (5+ responses)

These represent strong, repeated community expectations.

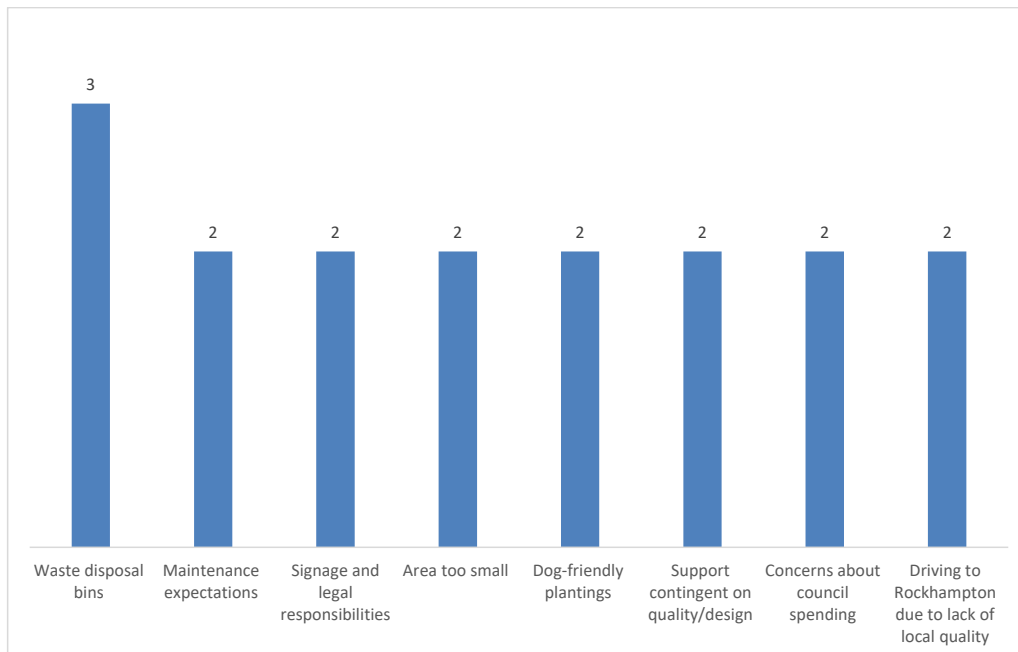


Note: Feedback on shaded seating included requests for both natural shade and built shade structures.



Medium-Frequency Themes (2–4 responses)

These show notable but not dominant community suggestions.



Low-Frequency Themes (1 response)

These represent singular comments.

- Move to Eastern side of football fields
- CCTV cameras
- Ground to fence gap for small dogs
- Off street parking
- Everything doesn't centre around Cedric Archer Park
- Lighting for early morning or evening visits
- Footpaths within the fenced area
- Flea and tick treatment



Conclusion

The community engagement process for the proposed Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) at Cedric Archer Park generated strong participation, with 90 survey responses received during the consultation period. Feedback showed broad support for the project, with 86% of respondents strongly supportive, 8% somewhat supportive, 2% neutral, and 4% strongly opposed. The respondent profile also reflects a high level of local relevance, with 89% of participants residing adjacent to the park, within walking distance, or living in Gracemere.

Across the survey, many respondents recognised the value of providing a safe, dedicated space for dogs to exercise and socialise, while also reducing off-leash activity in other areas of the park. Respondents highlighted clear and consistent priorities for the design and function of the DOLA. The highest-volume themes included the need for water drinking stations, agility or exercise equipment, shaded seating (both natural and built), and dedicated areas separating small and large dogs. There was also strong interest in water play features and additional tree planting to increase comfort and usability throughout the year.

Medium-frequency themes reinforced expectations around maintenance, waste management, safety signage, and the importance of delivering a high-quality space that exceeds the standard of existing dog parks in Gracemere. Some respondents noted that their support depended on the DOLA being well-designed, well-maintained, and more than a basic fenced grassed area.

While overall sentiment was positive, a small number of concerns were raised, including Council's capacity to maintain the facility, the need to upgrade existing DOLAs, the prioritisation of other projects such as road upgrades, and concerns about perceived waste of taxpayer money.

Overall, the engagement findings indicate strong community support for establishing a fenced DOLA at Cedric Archer Park, provided it is thoughtfully designed, incorporates key embellishments, and is supported by appropriate maintenance and safety measures. Given the positive community response, the engagement outcomes demonstrate a solid basis for Council to progress with planning and delivery of the proposed DOLA.



**PROPOSED DOG OFF-LEASH AREA
FOR CEDRIC ARCHER PARK,
GRACEMERE**

Proposed DOLA Location

Meeting Date: 16 June 2026

Attachment No: 2



12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING