



# **AGENDA**

## **Extraordinary Council Meeting**

**Date: Monday, 10 February 2025**

**Time: 5 pm**

**Location: Cowra Council Chambers  
116 Kendal Street, Cowra**

**Larissa Hackett  
Acting General Manager**

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## **I INTRODUCTION**

### **I.1 Recording & Publishing**

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### **I.2 Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wiradjuri people, and pay our respects to elders both past and present.

### **I.3 Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors**

List of apologies for the meeting.

### **I.4 Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors and staff please indicate in relation to any interests you need to declare:

- a. What report/item you are declaring an interest in?
- b. Whether the interest is pecuniary or non-pecuniary?
- c. What is the nature of the interest?

### **I.5 Presentations**

### **I.6 Public Forum**

I invite any member of the public wishing to speak on an item in the agenda to please come to the lectern, introduce yourself, state the item you wish to speak on and allow time for any councillor or member of staff if they have declared an interest in the item to manage that conflict which may include them leaving the chamber during your presentation.

## **2 LATE REPORTS**

### 3 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

#### 3.1 Notice of Rescission - Art Gallery Upgrade – Grant Opportunity

File Number: D25/205

We, Councillors Cr Paul Smith, Cr Karren Cave and Cr Nikki Kiss, give notice that at the next Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 10 February 2025, we intend to move the following rescission motion:

#### MOTION

The resolution 12/25 titled **Art Gallery Upgrade – Grant Opportunity** that was passed at the ordinary Council meeting of 28 January 2025, be rescinded:

1. Note that NSW Government has invited council grant requests for up to \$5 million by 20 February 2025 under its Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program (REDCIP).
2. Note that Council is well-placed to present a strong REDCIP proposal to comprehensively upgrade of the Cowra Regional Art Gallery (CRAG), drawing on a 2022 design and business case that complies with Council's Civic Square Redevelopment Master Plan.
3. Note that a CRAG REDCIP submission would require a scaled-back design to fall within the \$5 million grant cap, and an update of the 2022 business case and economic evaluation.
4. Agree that staff prepare and submit a CRAG REDCIP proposal that is consistent with Council's Civic Square Redevelopment Master Plan, and within the \$5 million funding envelope. In doing so, the proposal should seek for Cowra to be excused from the 20% co-contribution requirement (noting that requests to waive the co-contribution are permissible under the REDCIP guidelines).

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#### RATIONALE

Since Council made its decision, senior Council staff have received advice that the grant is very heavily contested. Although the grant guidelines allow proposals to seek relief from the required 20% co-contribution, securing a grant without a full co-contribution would be challenging.

The full co-contribution would require an \$800,000 commitment from Council, which is not affordable. In the circumstances, investing staff time and incurring professional service fees now would be uneconomic. Rather, Council should reconsider the potential to advance this project as future grant opportunities emerge.

We commend this Notice of Rescission to Council.

**Cr Paul Smith**

**Cr Nikki Kiss**

**Cr Karen Cave**

#### ATTACHMENTS

Nil