



AGENDA

Late Reports

General Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, 11 May 2026

Time: 5.45 pm

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

**Paul Devery
General Manager**

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5 LATE REPORTS

5.1 Councillor Information Request

File Number: D26/629

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RECOMMENDATION

That council note the responses provided to questions raised after the General Committee meeting agenda was published.

INTRODUCTION

This report includes as an attachment, details of queries raised and responses provided to councillors since the publication of the General Committee meeting agenda.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Councillor Query Form - Infrastructure & Operations [↓](#)



Date of Query: 10 May 2026	Inquirer: Cr Erin Watt	Responder: Director – Infrastructure & Operations, Dirk Wymer
Report title: 3.1 Cowra Sports Fields Master Plans		
Meeting: General Committee	Meeting date: 11 May 2026	Email/phone/in person: Email

Question:

- I. Please clarify as to whether changes have been made, or were considered, to the Cowra Sports Field Masterplan around Cr Wright's suggestion of co-locating play facilities with sportsgrounds?

Response:

- I. Our Project Team haven't amended the 'Key Site Opportunities Plans' as originally submitted (pages 30, 52, 72 of the papers) because the original scope was site layout for the sportfields and amenities focussed.

We haven't done any of the background work on designing play areas; eg the target age group, safety in design principles, designing where the play area would be best located on the 3 sites.

For example refer pages 26, 50 and 69: 'Project Considerations' for the three sites; this could be amended to include 'Provide play equipment' which would then lead to Page 28, 51 and 70 'Functional Brief' including all the details of the play area design for each of the sites; similar to the change room and amenities detailed floor area information.

Given there is a parallel strategic plan in the draft budget; the Play Strategy; our intent was to assess the options and strategic design of additional play areas at all suitable Council sportfields in the Play Strategy.

Another option would be to include '*Provide play equipment; the functional brief to be included in the Play Strategy*' or '*subject to the adopted Play Strategy*' in the 'Project Considerations' on pages 26, 50 and 69.



Date of Query: 10 May 2026	Inquirer: Cr Erin Watt	Responder: Director – Infrastructure & Operations, Dirk Wymer
Report title: 3.2 IPART Review of WaterNSW Proposed Bulk Water Pricing Increase		
Meeting: General Committee	Meeting date: 11 May 2026	Email/phone/in person: Email

Question:

- I. It is promising to see the impact on bulk water charges is less than originally anticipated.

Is the proposal that we would also adjust this line item for the remaining years in the LTFP accordingly? If so - can we be provided with that estimate.

Response:

- I. I can confirm that the intent would be that our finance team adjust the remaining years expenditure in the LTFP upwards accordingly; using their forward CPI assumptions from 2029/30 onwards.

I believe these figures will be in the final version LTFP before adoption by Council.



Date of Query: 11 May 2026	Inquirer: Cr Cheryl Speechley	Responder: Director – Infrastructure & Operations, Dirk Wymer
Report title: 3.1 Cowra Sports Fields Master Plans		
Meeting: General Committee	Meeting date: 11 May 2026	Email/phone/in person: Email

Question:

I. Apologies if this has already been discussed, just seeking clarification on this.

Page 89 of our General Committee papers for tonight,

Stage I at Mulyan as \$1,681,000
 Stage I at WCRG as \$1,659,000

Our Long Term Financial Plan (page 57 of 88) has funding allocated to Match Grant Funding in 2027 which brings the total amount available for each project to \$1,495,000,

Mulyan shortfall \$186,000
 WCRG shortfall \$164,000

Together this is a total shortfall of \$350,000, how are we going to make up this shortfall which is based on Estimated Costs at 23rd Feb 2026.

Response:

I. The 'Play our Way' grant for the female amenities was successfully applied for prior to completing the Sportsfields Masterplans.

While the location and layout of the amenities is consistent in both the grant and the masterplans;

- the grant estimate was based on modular or prefabricated construction
- the masterplans include estimates for brick / masonry construction onsite.

The Project Manager is preparing the tender based on the following options for pricing:

1.1 Masterplan Stage 1 option
Bidders are to price and propose a like-for-like response based on the adopted masterplan Stage 1 layout.

1.2 Alternative relocatable/modular option
Bidders are also to be permitted to submit an alternative relocatable or modular option, including Modus-style options, provided the Stage 1 functional requirements, grant intent and future staging requirements are not compromised.

The intent with this approach is to maintain alignment with the approved masterplan and grant-funded outcome, while still allowing Council to test the market for potentially more cost-effective or flexible delivery options.

Given we only have project estimates at this stage, it is recommended Council consider the options and impact on the 2026/27 budget when assessing the tendered options.