

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 23 August 2022

Seating Plan for Council meetings



Statement of ethical obligations

Obligations	
Oath [Affirmation] of Office by Councillors	I swear [solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm] that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Randwick City and the Randwick City Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.
Code of Conduct conflict of interests	
Pecuniary interests	<p>A Councillor who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting.</p> <p>The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, orb) at any time during which the council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.
Non-pecuniary conflict of interests	A Councillor who has a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter, must disclose the relevant private interest in relation to the matter fully and on each occasion on which the non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to the matter.
Significant non-pecuniary interests	A Councillor who has a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.
Non-significant non-pecuniary interests	A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is not significant and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest must also explain why conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Prince Henry Centre, 2 Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay on Tuesday, 23 August 2022 at 7pm

Prayer and Acknowledgement of the local indigenous people

Prayer

"Almighty God,

We humbly beseech you to bestow your blessings upon this Council and to direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of your glory and the true welfare of the people of Randwick and Australia. Amen"

Acknowledgement of Country

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples who occupied the Sydney Coast, being the traditional owners. On behalf of Randwick City Council, I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past and present, and to Aboriginal people in attendance today."

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Address of Council by Members of the Public

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Confidential Director City Services Reports (record of voting NOT required)

CS42/22	Heffron Centre Update - August 2022 <i>This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) Of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.</i>
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Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

Kerry Kyriacou
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM28/22

Subject: Vale Timmy Ella

Motion:

That Council hold a minute silence in remembrance of Timmy Ella and extend condolences to the family for their loss.

Background:

It is with great sadness that I received the news of the passing of Timmy Ella on 1 August 2022. Timmy was a well-respected community member, knowledge holder and leader from the La Perouse Aboriginal community. The community and loved ones are in deep mourning of his loss.

Timmy's family is one of the traditional families of Coastal Sydney that travels the Songline from Bidjigal (La Perouse) to Yuin (Narooma – South Coast) Country. Timmy is the youngest brother of 12 siblings including Gary, Mark, Glenn and Marcia. His family settled in the La Perouse area and have remained On Country for many years.

Timmy has done great work in the Local Government Area and with Randwick City Council. He owned local business, Kadoo Tours and felt very proud to share his knowledge and culture. Timmy lived by culture and his connection to the land which he was proud to share. He will be greatly missed.

Upon hearing the sad news, flowers were sent on behalf of Council to the family to acknowledge Timmy's passing with our condolences.

The funeral service was held on 12 August 2022 at St Andrews Catholic Church, where all were welcome to celebrate and pay respect to a local legend.

Council extends its deepest sympathies to Timmy's family. Council will observe one minute's silence in remembrance and as a mark of respect for the late Timmy Ella.

Source of funding:

There is no financial implication to Council in relation to this matter.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2022/06574

MM28/22

Mayoral Minute No. MM29/22

Subject: Ukrainian Independence Day - 24 August 2022

Motion:

That Council raise the Ukrainian national flag at Randwick Town Hall to mark the national Ukrainian Independence Day on 24 August 2022 and demonstrate our support for the innocent people of Ukraine.

Background:

In the face of the shocking invasion of Ukraine, Council raised the national flag at Randwick Town Hall in March to show that Randwick stands in solidarity with the innocent people of Ukraine.

I have received a follow up request regarding the national Ukrainian Independence Day and Council's support for Ukraine.

Independence Day of Ukraine is celebrated on 24 August in commemoration of the Declaration of Independence from the U.S.S.R in 1991.

On 24 August 1991, the Act of Independence of Ukraine was adopted by the Ukrainian parliament, and a yellow and blue flag was raised on the building of the Verkhovna Rada (Supreme Council of Ukraine).

The blue and yellow colour of the Ukrainian flag has a deep historical tradition. During the 20th century, it became the national flag of the Ukrainian People's Republic between 1917 and 1920. It was banned under the Soviet regime, becoming a symbol of the independence movement.

Noting the significance of Ukrainian Independence Day on 24 August, I propose raising the Ukrainian national flag at Randwick Town Hall to mark this day and continue to show our support for Ukraine.

Source of funding:

There is no financial implication to Council in relation to this matter.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2022/06574

MM29/22

Mayoral Minute No. MM30/22

Subject: Financial Assistance and Donations - August to September 2022

Motion:

That Council:

- a) donate plants to the value of \$500 from Council's Nursery, to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund, to the Coogee Public School P&C Association for the annual Father's Day stall; and
- b) waive the fees associated with the Festival Indonesia Sydney 2022 event being held at Arthur Byrne Reserve on 8 October 2022, totalling \$3,830 to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund

Background:

Coogee Public School P&C Annual Father's Day Stall

I have been contacted by Coogee Public School's P&C regarding the upcoming Annual Father's Day stall, the first held in a few years due to COVID-19.

The P&C has contacted Council's Nursery regarding indoor plants which can be purchased at the stall as environmentally sustainable gifts for Father's Day. Funds raised from the plants purchased will go back to the school.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the P&C have requested assistance with the purchasing of these plants. I propose approving a donation of plants from Council's Nursery to the value of \$500 to contribute towards the Father's Day stall on this occasion, promoting the importance of the environment and sustainability to the community.

Festival Indonesia Sydney 2022

I recently met with the Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Sydney to discuss plans for Festival Indonesia Sydney 2022 to celebrate Indonesia's 77th Independence Day anniversary and promote Indonesian culture and cuisine in Randwick.

According to the 2021 ABS Census, there are 73,179 Indonesian speakers in Australia, and the population of Indonesian speakers in NSW significantly contributes to the total of Indonesian speakers in the country.

Indonesian is among the top ten most spoken languages in Randwick City. There are also significant numbers of Indonesian students living or studying in Randwick.

The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Sydney, Indonesian Diaspora Network NSW, Indonesian Restaurant Association Sydney, Indonesian Student Associations and The Rock Indonesian are currently planning the Festival Indonesia Sydney to commemorate Indonesia's 77th Independence Day anniversary.

The community event is planned to be held at Arthur Byrne Reserve, Maroubra Beach on 8 October 2022 and will include food stalls, games and music and cultural performances.

I propose waiving the associated fees in support of the community event that nurtures a sense of inclusiveness, celebrates our Indonesian community, promotes culture and marks the 77th Indonesian Independence Day anniversary.

The associated fees are as follows:

Application Fee:	\$543.00 (no GST)
Park Hire (day fee):	\$2,277.00 (including GST)
Waste Management x 10 bins @ \$101.00 per bin (supply and remove 240lt sulo):	\$1,010.00 (including GST)
Total:	\$3,830.00

The Mayor or the Mayor's representative will be invited to address the event and all are welcome to attend.

Source of funding:

Should the recommendation be endorsed, the financial implication to Council is \$4,330.00 in-kind support to be funded from the 2022-23 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2022/06574

Mayoral Minute No. MM31/22

Subject: Proposed joint Motion for consideration at Local Government NSW Conference - Climate Change Impacts and Resilience

Motion:

That Council submits the following joint motion with Waverley, Woollahra and Bayside Councils for consideration by the 2022 Local Government NSW Conference:

“That LGNSW requests urgent access and availability of funding to assist councils to prepare and respond to extreme climate events and infrastructure damage, outside of Natural Disaster declarations, and that State Government agencies are held accountable to commitments to mitigate the impacts of climate-related disruptions on local communities across the state.”

Background:

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has previously noted the increasing intensity and frequency of extreme weather events as a consequence of global climate change. Recent record breaking rainfall and flooding events across the NSW East Coast, highlight that climate related risks and vulnerabilities are escalating and accumulating. Local Councils are at the forefront of responding to climate impacts on communities, and are bearing the cost burden to repeatedly rectify damages to local roads, coastal infrastructure, stormwater drainage and other Council owned infrastructure and assets, with some councils already experiencing damage and loss beyond their ability to manage.

Given climate impacts are considered as foreseeable, Councils should not have to compete with each other for the financial capacity to anticipate and rectify essential community infrastructure and services. Despite extensive scientific projections, resources and even an [Adaptation Strategy](#), the State Government has failed to create funding streams or legislation to help local Councils' restore and build climate resilience, outside of established response and recovery approaches.

Investing \$1 in resilience has been shown in some instances to reap savings of \$4–11 in recovery (CSIRO 2020). NSW Treasury has already estimated that \$15.8–17.2 billion in total economic costs will be incurred every year on average by 2060–61 from disasters triggered by extreme weather events. A fund of just 1% of these costs, could help to account for annual avoided costs of between \$158 and \$172 million by 2060–61.

Councils need a pool of non-contestable funding to address the rapidly increasing damage costs and safety issues arising from changing climate conditions and extreme weather events. In addition, strengthened support, information sharing and accountability from NSW critical infrastructure agencies such as water and electricity utilities and Roads and Maritime Services, is urgently required to identify manage and respond to interdependent risks and failures across NSW Infrastructure. It is only by working together with our colleagues in State agencies that we can support and protect our communities in the dynamic risk environment that is already a reality in NSW.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2022/06574

MM31/22

Mayoral Minute No. MM32/22

Subject: Proposed joint Motion for consideration at Local Government NSW Conference - Waste and Recycling and the NSW waste levy

Motion:

That Council submits the following joint motion with Waverley, Woollahra and Bayside Councils for consideration by the 2022 Local Government NSW Conference:

"That Local Government NSW (LGNSW) requests the NSW Government to urgently reinstate the non-contestable waste and recycling grant program funding under the *Better Waste and Recycling Fund*, so that councils have secure funding for waste and recycling education programs to drive waste minimisation, cleaner waste streams and more efficient resource recovery".

Background:

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has previously called for the NSW Government to improve its investment of the Waste Levy in local recycling solutions through the *Save Our Recycling* Campaign.

From 1 July 2022, the NSW Environment Protection Authority's *Better Waste and Recycling* non-contestable grants will be discontinued. This NSW Government funding via the NSW Environment Protection Authority enables councils to implement strategic, waste education programs consistent with the NSW Government waste strategy, to improve recycling rates and promote waste minimisation. The discontinuation of this funding has significantly reduced local councils' ability to resource and undertake these critical waste and recycling programs.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2022/06574

Director City Planning Report No. CP38/22

Subject: Investigating Community Party for the Successful Campaign for No More Incinerators

Executive Summary

- This report is a response to Council's resolution from the meeting on 26 July 2022 to investigate holding a community party for the successful campaign for 'No More Incinerators'.
- It is proposed that a small community event be held in Matraville, at Purcell Park sometime between late September – November.
- The proposed timeframe for the event is outside that of the Council resolution being during the summer months.
- This would allow the celebration to occur in a timely manner with the recent changes to the EPA regulations and to work as best as possible around the existing calendar of events and required planning for events in summer.

Recommendation

That Council endorse a community event to be held in Purcell Park Matraville sometime between September and November 2022, to celebrate the successful campaign for 'No More Incinerators' and acknowledge the work of community groups in the area.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CP38/22

Purpose

At its meeting held on 26 July 2022, Council resolved;

(Burst/Said) that Council investigate a Community Party for the successful campaign for 'No More Incinerators' at Purcell Park, Matraville this coming summer

Discussion

It is proposed that a small community event be held in Matraville, at Purcell Park sometime between late September – November. The event will be an opportunity for the community to come together in an open space to celebrate that the proposed incinerator in Matraville is no longer able to proceed. The event is proposed to be held on a Saturday morning or afternoon and on a date to be confirmed.

The proposed timeframe for the event is outside that of the Council resolution being during the summer months. However, this would allow the celebration to occur in a timely manner with the recent changes to the EPA regulations and to work as best as possible around the existing calendar of events and required planning for events in summer. A flexible window of possible dates is required to enable the events team to work around other scheduled events, and the October long weekend. The exact date would be coordinated with the Mayor and the Precinct Committee.

It is proposed to have a similar format and scale as the recent *Yay Little Bay* event held in June 2022 with light refreshments, short speeches and a local musician and promoted directly to the local Matraville community as well as more broadly.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Economic Development and Placemaking
Function	Place Making
Delivery program commitment	Activate spaces to create an experience where people feel connected and/or inspired

Resourcing Strategy implications

The funding amount required to hold a community event of this size is approximately \$8,500 which would cover:

- Welcome to Country from the Local La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council
- Light refreshments (for example Coffee Cart and sweet treat)
- Kids entertainment (for example 'bubbles')
- Live musician providing entertainment and AV requirements for speech
- Accessible Toilet
- Photographer
- A5 flyer printing and distribution to the Matraville area.

This event is not currently funded in an existing budget and would result in a negative variation to the September Quarterly Budget Review.

Conclusion

There is an opportunity to hold a community event at Purcell Park in Matraville to celebrate the announcement that an incinerator proposed for Matraville can no longer proceed. The event will

provide an opportunity for local community members to come together to celebrate; and also to acknowledge the work done by the precinct members and the community to oppose the incinerator.

Responsible officer: Kiaya Hacene, Producer Events

File Reference: F2021/00038

CP38/22

Director City Planning Report No. CP39/22

Subject: Council's Transition to Net Zero Emissions

Executive Summary

- Council committed in its 2018 City Plan and a previous Council resolution to the objective of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions for Council's operations by 2030.
- In 2020, Council completed its Renewable Energy Roadmap which provides a detailed scope of actions intended to transition Council's operations to net zero emissions by 2030. The scope of greenhouse emissions addressed in the roadmap were those related primarily to electricity and gas consumption as well as vehicle fleet fuel consumption used within Council's operations.
- As of July 2022, Council's electricity is powered by zero emission renewable electricity as a result of an agreed extension to our Power Purchase Agreement negotiated via SSROC. This 100% renewable electricity pathway leaves the replacement of gas consumption and internal combustion engine vehicles as the remaining activities across Council for the achievement of zero emissions by 2030.
- Council's current operational greenhouse gas emissions have reduced by 42% between FY17/18 and FY21/22 and following the commencement of the 100% renewable electricity contract are forecast to reduce by 80% by FY22/23.
- With the elimination of Council's largest operational emission source, electricity, Council now has the opportunity to increasingly focus on gas and fleet fuel consumption, as well as on community emissions (as Council emissions are approximately only 1% of the total LGA's).

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the success of current projects in reducing Council's operational emissions.
- b) prepare a feasibility report for the transition of gas boilers to heat pumps at Des Renford Leisure Centre. If feasible, include the replacement in the FY27/28 budget.
- c) include a preference for heat pumps in the planned upgrade of the Administration Building Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system.
- d) note that Council's strategic approach to fleet vehicles will build on the current progress of hybrid and electric vehicle replacements, resulting in all passenger fleet (leaseback and 'pool' vehicles) transitioning to a mix of hybrid and electric vehicles within 4 to 5 years. Larger plant and equipment will be transitioned over a slightly longer timeframe depending upon the market availability of practical electric, hybrid or hydrogen vehicle replacement technologies e.g. electric garbage trucks etc.
- e) write to the Federal Treasurer & to the Member for Kingsford Smith requesting that the Treasury Laws Amendment (Electric Car Discount) Bill 2022 apply to future employees.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

This report is in response to item c) of Council Resolution CP13/22 (Veitch/Neilson), Carbon Neutral Accreditation, that:

- a) Council discontinues its carbon neutral accreditation as of financial year 2019/20 but continues to publicly disclose its greenhouse gas emissions;
- b) the Climate Active budget be reassigned to programs which reduce Randwick's community emissions and contribute to our delivery of the 60 percent emissions reduction target adopted in our 2020 Environment Strategy; and
- c) Council receive a report detailing the steps to transition Council operations to net zero emissions through the electrification of our fleet and the changeover from gas to renewable energy at key sites by 2027.

Discussion

Electrification of Council's operational buildings and fleet has been a key outcome deliverable as it seeks to achieve its target of zero emissions and 100% renewable energy by 2030 (also refer to strategic approach 2.9 of Council's Environment Strategy).

As of July 1, 2022, Council's operational electricity is powered by zero emissions renewable electricity. As a result of this key milestone, replacing remaining gas and fuel consuming operations across Council with electrical alternatives will provide a pathway for net zero operations by the due date.

Council's Renewable Energy Roadmap, prepared in 2020, outlines the priority actions for this transition across Council operations and includes a summary of Council's emission targets, renewable energy roadmap, emission sources and recommended next steps. Implementation of this roadmap has been underway over this timeframe achieving very positive results for Council and its community (see Table 1 below).

Emission Reduction Targets

Council, in its 2018 City Plan integrated a previous 2018 Council resolution, with the objective of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. This objective included emissions from Council's own operations, namely electricity, natural gas and diesel and petrol fuel used in Council's vehicle fleet. Randwick's Environment Strategy (2020) expanded our own ambition by including the objective or target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Randwick City by 60% by 2030.

For comparative purposes, the NSW Government has an emissions target of '50% below 2005 levels by 2030'. In June 2022, the Australian Government increased its emission reduction target to '43% below 2005 levels by 2030' (from the previous target of '26% to 28% below 2005 levels by 2030'). Both State and Federal Governments also have final targets of net zero emissions by 2050.

A substantial portion of these emission targets are likely to be achieved by the increasing amount of renewable electricity in the electricity networks, often referred to as the power grid. The Federal Government's Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources 'Emission projections 2021' forecasts renewables to generate 84% of electricity in NSW by 2030, a significant increase from 16% in 2019.

Renewable Energy Roadmap

In 2020, Council completed its Renewable Energy Roadmap provides a pathway to transition Council's operations to net zero emissions. The scope of emissions included in the roadmap were electricity consumption, gas consumption and fleet fuel. Below is a summary of the key initiatives outlined in the roadmap and their current status (see Table 1).

Table 1: Renewable Energy Roadmap Initiatives

Initiative	Description	Status
Energy Efficiency	<p>2,342 lights across 25 Council sites have been upgraded to LEDs in the past 5 years, including sites such as the Works Depot and Bowen Library. Lighting upgrades are still required at Administration Building, sports fields and public walkways.</p> <p>Air conditioning and lighting upgrades at Bowen Library have reduced total electricity use by over 60% between 2017 and 2021. Timers have been installed on Works Depot lighting. IT have streamlined staff technologies to remove desktop phones, unnecessary computers and on-site IT servers.</p> <p>Additional work is required at Administration Building to optimize its lighting and air conditioning systems.</p>	Mostly complete with Admin Bldg remaining
Rooftop Solar	210 kW of rooftop solar is currently installed across 15 Council sites, two of which also include battery storage. This action is complete, however new sites are always assessed for rooftop solar, such as the Heffron Centre which will include an additional 50 kW.	Mostly complete with expansion of existing solar on some sites under consideration
Streetlighting Upgrades	Streetlighting is responsible for 50% of Council's FY21/22 electricity use. Over 5,500 of Council's street lights have now been upgraded to LEDs as part of the SSROC Street Lighting Upgrade Program with additional incremental upgrades to be completed.	Mostly completed
Renewable Electricity Contract	Council had previously purchased 20% renewable electricity from the Moree Solar Farm from July 2019. From July 1, 2022, Council is purchasing 100% renewable electricity for all of its sites as part of an SSROC contract with ZEN Energy.	Completed
Gas Boiler Electrification	Gas boilers are used across Council facilities, namely for water heating. An in-depth summary of gas consumption per site can be found in the Natural Gas section below.	Key boilers still to be replaced
Fleet Electrification	<p>Council has approximately 300 vehicles in its fleet (including vehicles such as sweepers and beach vehicles). Diesel, which accounts for approximately 80% of Council's fuel consumption, is predominantly used in the heavy/light commercial vehicles (including garbage trucks). Petrol, which accounts for the remaining 20% of fuel consumption, is consumed in the passenger vehicles.</p> <p>Since 2017/18, Council has purchased 3 electric vehicles, 6 electric bikes and converted over 60 vehicles to hybrid since 2019/20. Council is awaiting delivery for an additional 4 electric vehicles in FY22/23.</p>	Changeover underway and continuing

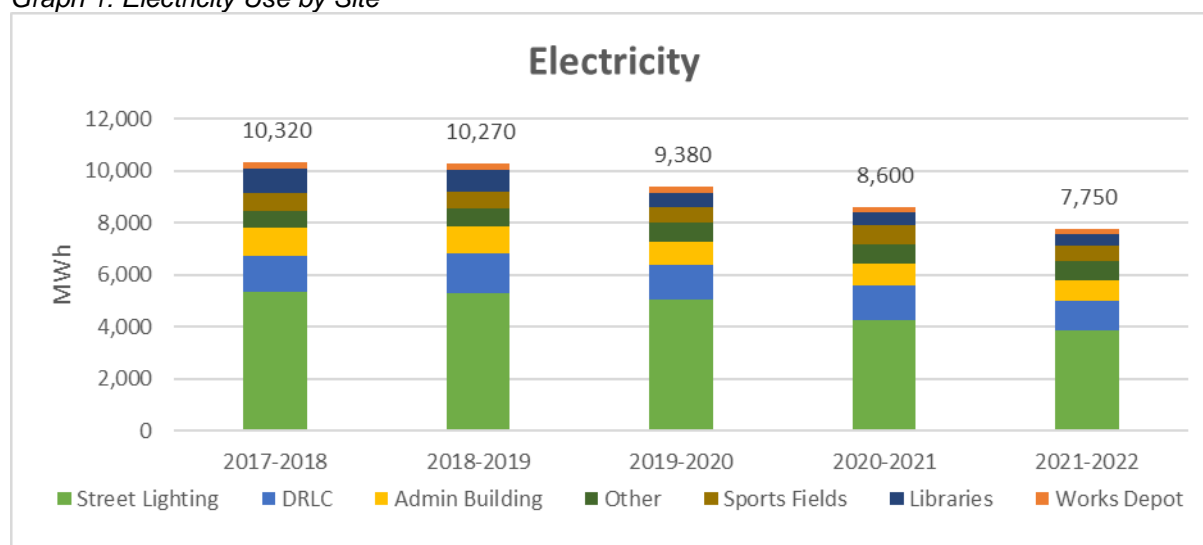
Electricity

Electricity has historically been Council's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. *Graph 1* below, which is a summary of electricity usage by site, shows how street lighting is Council's largest electricity user (approx. 50% in FY21/22), followed by Des Renford Leisure Centre (approx. 15% in FY21/22).

Whilst electricity usage has decreased by 25% over the past 5 years, it is important to note that this downward trend may not continue as more sites and vehicles are electrified. However,

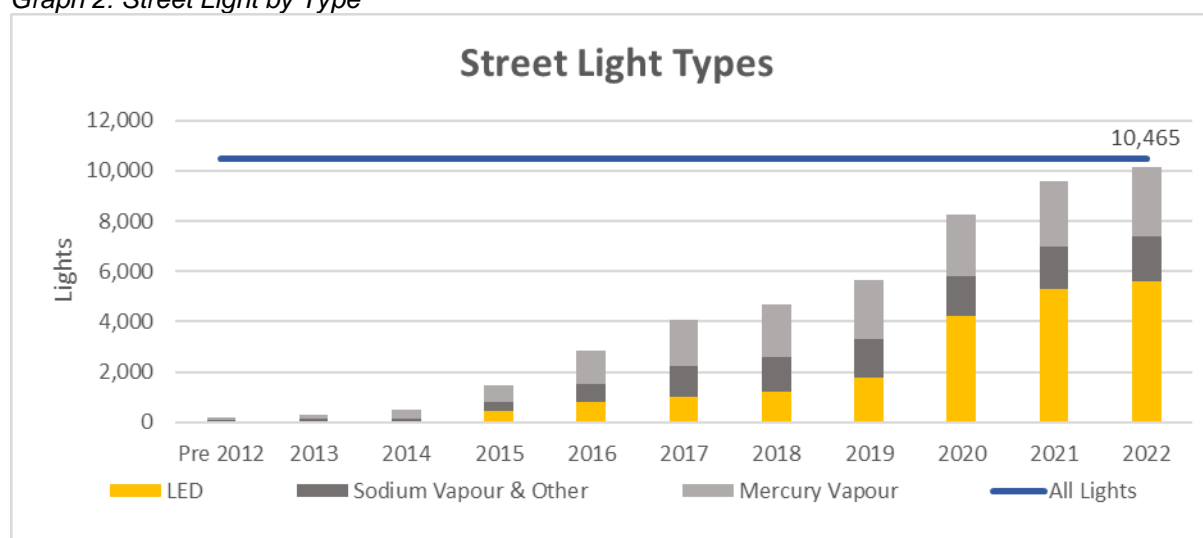
Council's renewable electricity power purchase agreement, which began in July 2022, means that all of this electricity consumed has zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Graph 1: Electricity Use by Site



LED upgrades have reduced street lighting electricity consumption by over 25% since FY17/18, and similarly reduced the associated electricity costs. Since 2012, Council has upgraded over 5,500 lights with LEDs. The average wattage of each LED light is approximately 27W, compared to 130W for Mercury Vapour and 200W for Sodium Vapour.

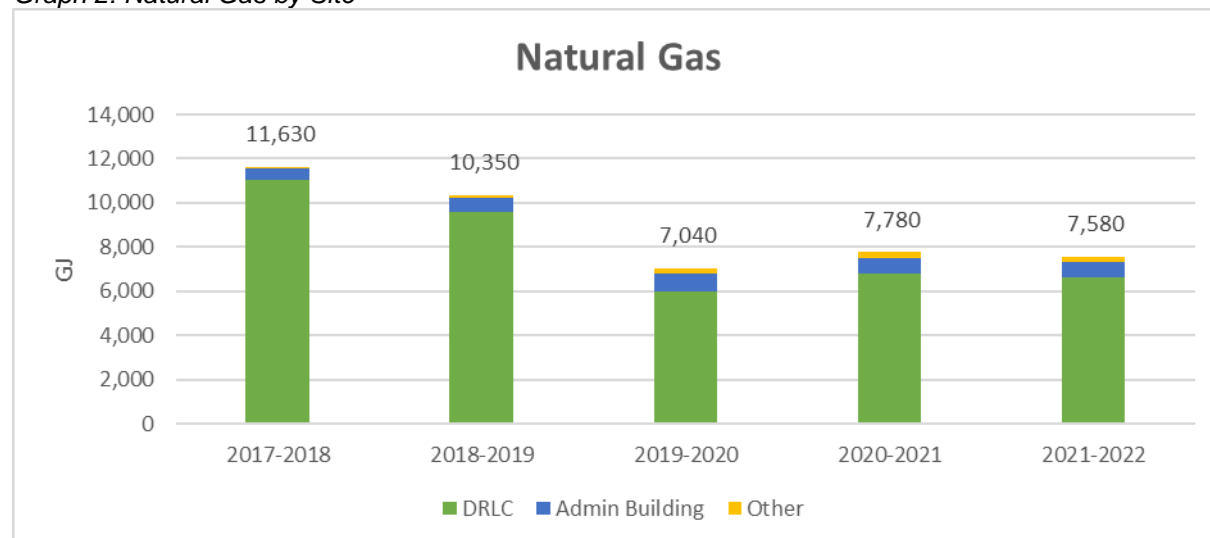
Graph 2: Street Light by Type



Natural Gas

Natural gas is currently used in 7 Council sites for water heating, space heating and cooking. Des Renford Leisure Centre, which uses gas for water heating, is responsible for approximately 87% of this consumption. The Administration Building is the second highest level of gas consumption at 9%. The remaining 3% occurs across Prince Henry Centre, Coogee Oval, Randwick Community Centre, Kensington Community Centre and Mahon Pool Swim Club. The graph below summarises Council's total gas consumption by site.

Graph 2: Natural Gas by Site



Electrifying Council's sites largely involves upgrading gas hot water systems and gas space heaters to electric heat pumps, and upgrading gas kitchen appliances to electric alternatives such as induction cookstoves. *Table 2* below summarises Council's gas use by site and appliance, as well of the status of the upgrade.

Table 2: Natural Gas by Site

Site	End Use	Devices and Upgrades	Status
Des Renford Leisure Centre	Competition and Training Pool Water Heating	Large gas boiler located under indoor grandstand. Boiler was installed in 2021 and is in good condition. The life of the new boiler is approximately 10-12 years. Note that the outdoor 50m pool is already heated with 4 x Evo C200 electric heat pumps.	Not due for replacement
	Dome Pool Water Heating	Gas boiler located next to Dome Pool. Boiler was installed in 2012 and is in fair condition but requires regular services.	Could be identified for replacement
	Amenities	Multiple instantaneous gas boilers located next to competition pool for water heating in amenities. Boilers were installed in 2012 and are in fair condition. Two of the instantaneous boilers are out of order and require replacements.	Replacement is underway
Administration Building	Space Heating	Gas boiler located in Administration Building plant room for heating of building. Small consumption level.	Could be identified for replacement
Prince Henry Centre	Water Heating and Cooking	Gas boiler located in loading dock. Boiler was installed in 2013 and is in good condition. Gas also used in kitchen for cooking. Quite low consumption.	Not due for replacement
Coogee Oval	Water Heating	Gas boiler is in good condition and is located behind site offices for water heating. Small consumption level.	Not due for replacement

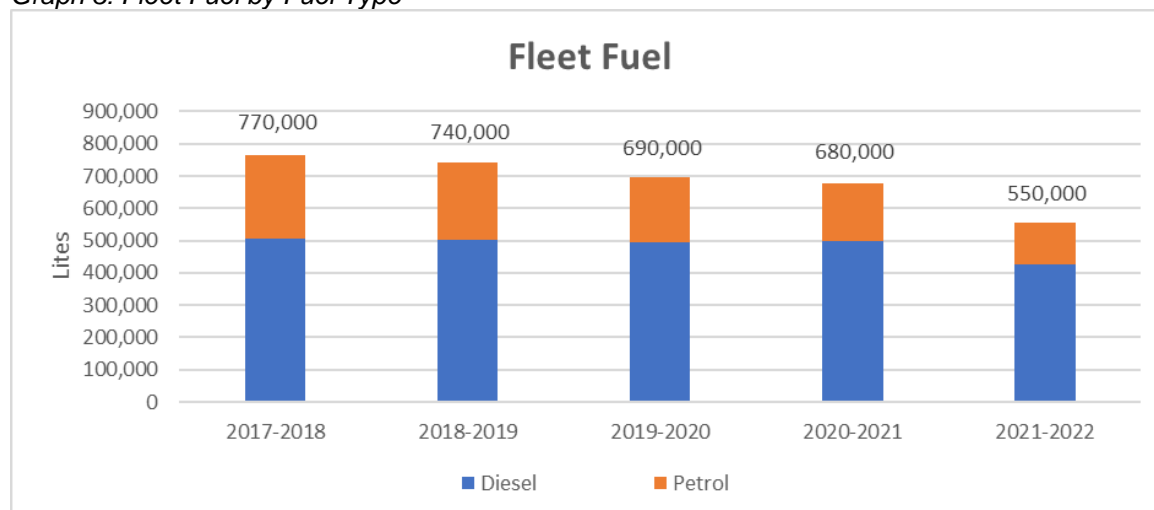
Site	End Use	Devices and Upgrades	Status
Randwick Community Centre	Space Heating	Gas used in hall for space heating. Heaters are in fair condition. Note that the gas boiler for water heating has already been replaced with a Sanden heat pump. Small consumption levels.	Not due for replacement
Kensington Community Centre	Water and Space Heating	Gas used for water and space heating. Quite low consumption.	Not due for replacement
Mahon Pool Swim Club	Water Heating	Gas used on site for hot water showers. Quite low consumption.	Not due for replacement

Fleet Fuel

In FY2021/22, Council's 300 vehicles consumed approximately 400,000 litres of diesel and 125,000 litres of petrol, a total of approximately 525,000 litres (at an annual cost of approximately \$800,000). These 300 vehicles comprise a mix of passenger fleet vehicles reflecting both leasebacks and 'pool' vehicles as well as the various plant and equipment vehicles operated primarily from our Works Depot e.g. garbage and light trucks, service vehicles for streets and beaches etc.

Around 25% of Council's total fuel consumption occurs in garbage compactors. *Graph 3* below shows the fuel consumption by fuel type. In the past 5 years, total diesel and petrol consumption has decreased by 16% and 51% respectively (an overall decrease of 29% in fuel consumption). This decrease is largely attributed to the transition of petrol vehicles to hybrid vehicles and due to staff numbers working remotely (resulting in less trips to and from the office).

Graph 3: Fleet Fuel by Fuel Type



Since 2019/20 Council has converted over 60 passenger leaseback vehicles to hybrids bringing an estimated 28% reduction in CO2 emissions. A further reduction of approx. 8% is anticipated once the remaining passenger leaseback vehicles are transitioned across to hybrid by FY23/24 (i.e. 288 tonnes down to 185 tonnes). These fleet vehicles are anticipated to transition to electric vehicle by the time of their expected replacement around FY 28/29 and FY 29/30. Four additional electric vehicles have also recently been purchased, due for delivery this financial year on top of our existing 2 electric vehicles (6 electric vehicles in total). There is also currently a proposal to look at transitioning eleven (11) 'pool' vehicles across to EV's over FY22/23 and FY23/24.

Council is continually reviewing new vehicle technologies within the market that could potentially enable operational fleet upgrades or transitioning to EV or hybrid to contribute to Council's net zero emissions objective by 2030.

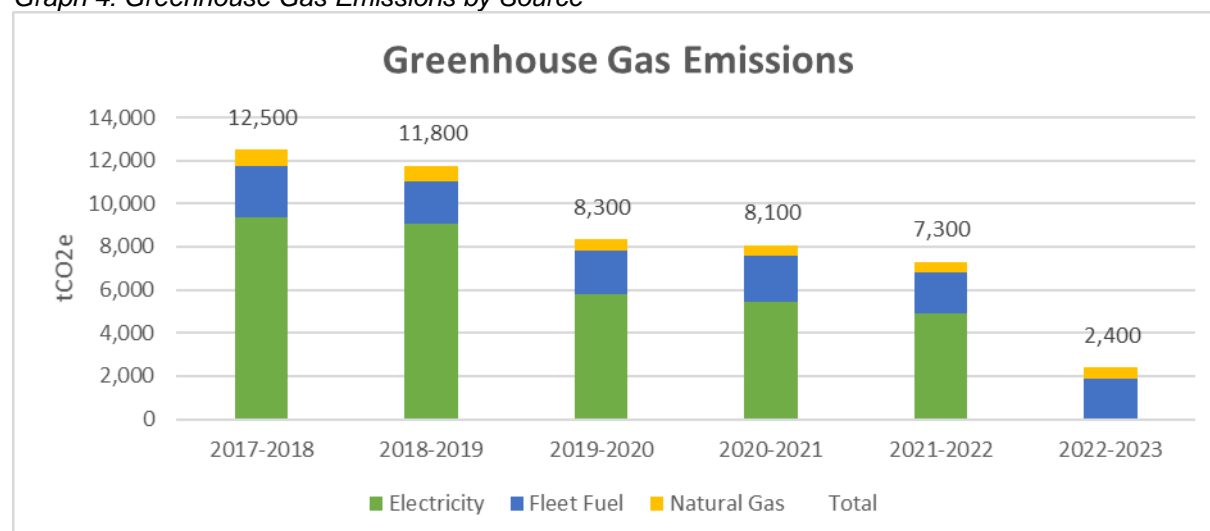
The [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Electric Car Discount\) Bill 2022](#) was recently introduced into the House of Representatives on 27 July 2022. The Bill proposes to remove Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) on eligible electric cars provided by employers to **current employees** for private use. However, it does not apply to future employees which would limit its ongoing effectiveness. The Bill has been referred to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee, which is due to provide its report on the Bill by 21 September 2022. It is considered that Council should write to the Federal Treasurer & to the Member for Kingsford Smith requesting that it apply to future employees as well.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Since FY17/18, Council's emissions from electricity, gas and fleet fuel have reduced by 42%. This can largely be attributed to the completed projects in *Table 1*, such as the street lighting upgrades. By the end of FY22/23, the reduction is expected to be approximately 81% (due to the 100% renewable electricity contract which began in July 2022).

The street lighting upgrades and renewable electricity contract have made a very significant impact on Council's overall emissions and provides Council with the opportunity to focus further on the electrification of gas boilers and the fleet, as well as on community emissions (as Council emissions are approximately only 1% of the total LGAs).

Graph 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source



Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome/Direction	Delivery Program actions
Outcome	10. A healthy environment.
Direction	10b. Policies and programs are developed and implemented in response to environmental risks and their potential impacts.
Direction	10f. Energy conservation and efficiency programs are implemented.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The electrification of Council sites and vehicles is funded by a combination of the fleet budget, Capital Works and environmental levy program.

Conclusion

As of July 2022, Council has successfully transitioned its electricity supply to renewable electricity. This has reduced Council's emissions by over 80% and achieves a significant milestone in Council's transition to net zero emissions for its operations.

Options remain for the reduction of natural gas and fleet fuel consumption - our two remaining substantial emission sources. However, this is likely to require more significant planning and investment in the available solutions.

Council can prioritise these options on the basis of an acceptable business case or where assets are reaching end of life. Electrical alternatives to gas boilers and petrol/diesel vehicles currently tend to have a higher upfront cost than non-electric (excluding government rebates), however once the changeover is achieved, operating costs are generally much lower.

Council's remarkable progress in our transition toward zero emissions should be noted.

Responsible officer: Sam Kelley, Sustainability Projects and Reporting Officer

File Reference: F2017/00493

Director City Planning Report No. CP40/22

Subject: Re-location of WIRES at Randwick Environment Park

Executive Summary

- The volunteer wildlife rescue organisation WIRES has been utilising a small area on the edge of Randwick Environment Park for the care and rehabilitation of rescued birds and mammals (mostly possums) via support of Randwick Council for more than 2 decades.
- Council has provided a mostly in-kind level of support over this time, however, its Plans of Management for Randwick Community Centre and Randwick Environment Park recognised this support as well as the need for WIRES re-location to a more appropriate location within Munda Reserve.
- Council's Environment Strategy established provisions to support this re-location and our environmental program budget has resources allocated to this opportunity in 2022/23.
- Earlier in 2022, WIRES sought Council support for them to make a number of on-site improvements to the mostly adhoc arrangements they have installed over the years and used for the rehabilitation of animals rescued and picked up by local residents. These improvements are increasingly important to meet relevant standards for both the many volunteers involved as well as the local fauna rescued across the City.
- These combined circumstances led Council to apply for funding to contribute to the re-location of WIRES via the Metropolitan Greenspace Program and enable the new facility to also provide interpretive signage and information around Randwick's local birds and fauna.
- Council has been advised of its successful application for this funding to an amount of \$400,000 on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis with a smaller amount likely to be provided by WIRES itself.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) notes the successful funding advice from the Metropolitan Greenspace program for our project to re-locate WIRES and create a wildlife interpretive facility at Munda Reserve.
- b) endorses the development of plans and preliminary consultation with our community to re-locate WIRES and develop an interpretive facility in Munda Reserve.
- c) allocates \$400,000 from the environmental program budget to match the approved funding.
- d) notes a further report to be provided with detailed designs, costings and results of community consultation by early 2023.

Attachment/s:

1. Draft concept plans for WIRES wildlife rescue facility at Randwick Community Centre

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement for the re-location of the wildlife rescue facility operated by the WIRES volunteer group at Randwick Community Centre (Munda Reserve).

Discussion

For more than 20 years, Randwick Council has provided in-kind support for the WIRES volunteers and their ongoing efforts to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife reported and picked up by resident across Randwick City. To ensure safe housing away from public view or visitation, this facility has operated from the edge of Randwick Environment Park in a number of small pens and aviaries. Over the years these small sheds and pens have deteriorated to the point where fairly urgent attention is needed to re-build or relocate these facilities to meet work, health safety standards for volunteers as well as the appropriate standards for the care and rehabilitation of injured wildlife.



Photos 1 and 2: indicating conditions provided for WIRES volunteers and rescued animals in the WIRES enclosures.

For most of these years, WIRES rescues and cares for almost 200 injured animals each year (mostly possums and birds), sometimes for as little as a few days but on occasions for a number of weeks, before rehabilitated creatures are released close to local sites they were rescued from.

Volunteer involvement in this care and protection is a time-consuming effort as rescued animals not only need a secure and protected site for their rehabilitation but food and water must be brought into them on a daily basis. Over the past 12 months alone, approximately 200 trained volunteers have provided in excess of 800 hours of support on a 365-day roster.

Plans of Management for Randwick Community Centre and Randwick Environment Park recognised the important contribution of WIRES in protecting local wildlife and included provision for their re-location from within Randwick Environment Park to a more appropriate location within the adjacent Munda Reserve.

Efforts have been underway through Council's environmental levy program to progress the complex task of enabling a re-location capable of meeting standards for the care and protection of what are categorized as 'wild' animals. A number of concepts have been prepared indicating the size and footprint this new facility might take-up and its location within Munda Reserve. Visits to and input has also been provided by wildlife experts from Taronga Zoo who are very supportive of this initiative in the eastern suburbs. Designs and costings are still required for the facility particularly in light of the recent decision to shift its proposed location from the western side of Munda Reserve just north of the wetland area to an area on the eastern side of Munda Reserve, just opposite its current location on the edge of the Randwick Environment Park (see site map below).

With deteriorating conditions of the existing aviary spaces and possum pens used by WIRES, a funding application was submitted to the 2022 Metropolitan Greenspace program for its re-locations and inclusion of a wildlife interpretive space. Council was advised of its success in this funding application early in 2022 for an amount of \$400,000 on a dollar-for-dollar matching contribution from Council.



Map 1: Previous option (yellow) shows initial site considered for WIREs facility re-location. Green option indicates current proposed site in south-east corner of Munda Reserve (just opposite fence where WIREs is currently located).

It is proposed to construct a facility primarily matching existing storage and recovery spaces currently provided. This will be seeking to include around 8 small enclosures for mammals, mostly possums, and 3 enclosures for birds, totalling in area around 90 m². This sizing and placement of facilities will be subject to the site analysis and final design costings.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:

Strategy	Environment
Outcome	A city with diverse ecosystems that are restored and protected
Objective	Increase by at least 60% the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline
Delivery program commitment	Manage visitor access to Randwick Environment Park by constructing an augmenting walkway and associated facilities by 2025.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Metropolitan Greenspace funding has approved \$400,000 on a matching basis from Council.

Currently, \$187,000 is allocated to this project in the 2022-23 budget. Council approval is sought to allocate up to \$400,000 from the environmental program budget to match the approved funding. Council is also seeking a financial contribution for WIREs towards the costs of the project. Once more detailed costings are available, a report will be provided to Council to consider any further budget allocations.

Policy and legislative requirements

Randwick Community Centre Plan of Management
 Randwick City Plan
 Randwick 2020 Environment Strategy.

Conclusion

The re-location of the current WIRES facility is a priority project due to the importance of the work carried out by their volunteers to protect and repatriate rescued birds and mammals across the eastern suburbs as well as the deteriorating conditions noted in their existing aviaries and stalls.

Funding approved by Metropolitan Greenspace program provides a substantial contribution to the anticipated costs for this facility upgrade and enables the progression of this project which is identified within our Plan of Management for the reserve, has budget allocation approved by Council and is a strategic outcome identified within our 2020 Environment Strategy.

Responsible officer: Peter Maganov, Manager Sustainability

File Reference: F2020/00421

Director City Planning Report No. CP41/22

Subject: Community Investment Program July 2022

Executive Summary

- The Community Creative and Community Connect streams of the Community Investment Program had their July funding round which closed on 17 July 2022.
- Seventeen (17) Community Creative applications were received requesting total funds of \$102,104 (\$97,862 Cash, \$4,242 in-kind). Ten (10) Community Creative applications are being recommended for funding totaling \$60,560 (\$56,318 cash, \$4,242 in-kind).
- Twenty-one (21) Community Connect applications plus one rapid response application was received requesting total funds of \$128,133 (\$102,750 cash, \$25,383 in-kind). Twelve (12) Community Connect applications (including the rapid response) are being recommended for funding totaling \$40,532 (\$18,500 cash, \$22,032 in-kind).
- For the 2022-23 financial year there are currently 5 Mayor's Contingency Fund allocations totaling \$43,963
- There were several applications received in the Community Connect stream which the panel assessed as being strong community partnership applications and recommend that these are funded, with a total of \$34,600 from the rolled over Community Partnership budget of \$38,000. These include:
 - \$4,600 for 'Hope and Heal' retreat for victims of Domestic Violence
 - \$10,000 for The Royal Society for the prevention of cruelty for animal NSW for supporting victims of violence and homelessness in caring for and housing their pets
 - \$10,000 for the 'run for good' homemaker packs to support people in crisis
 - \$10,000 for Weave youth and community services for an afterschool tutoring program.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) approve the Community Creative funds allocation of \$60,560 (\$56,318 cash, \$4,242 in-kind) to the recommended projects.
- b) approve the Community Connect funds allocation of \$40,532 (\$18,500 cash, \$22,032 in-kind) to the recommended projects.
- c) approve funding of \$4600 (\$2800 cash and \$1800 in-kind) for Hope and Heal retreat from the rolled over Community Partnerships budget instead of the Community Connect budget.
- d) approve funding of \$10,000 for The Royal Society for the prevention of cruelty for animal NSW from the rolled over Community Partnerships budget instead of the Community Connect budget.
- e) approve funding of \$10,000 for The Run For Good Project inc from the rolled over Community Partnerships budget instead of the Community Connect budget.
- f) approve funding of \$10,000 for Weave Youth and Community Services from the rolled over Community Partnerships budget instead of the Community Connect budget.
- g) note the status of the Mayors Contingency Fund allocations for 2022-23 as of August 2022.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

The Community Creative and Community Connect streams of the Community Investment Program had their February 2022 funding round which closed on 20 February 2022.

Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 23 June 2020, Council agreed to adopt the 'Community Investment Program' which is a strategic framework for community funding and donations. The Community Investment Program has five streams of funding including Community Creative, Community Connect, Community Partnerships, Community Contingency (Mayors) and Community Contributions (Donations/sponsorship).

Community Creative

The Community Creative stream has the following objectives:

- supporting the development and the delivery of, creative, artistic, and cultural projects that enrich our communities
- investing in experimental, innovative ideas which encourage, drive change and increase local opportunities for our arts and cultural community
- providing free use of our community venues, in order to support community participation, social gatherings and promote a sense of belonging.

Application assessment.

An expert panel including council staff with skills in community development and arts and cultural assessed all applications. *Please note that for this round of community creative that the Mayor was not available to assess the applications and advised that he would defer to the panel's recommendations. The panel's recommendations and rationale were subsequently distributed to the Mayor for his information.*

Each application was assessed and scored against five core criteria drawn from the Community Creative Guidelines:

1. Ability to deliver
2. Support to local creatives
3. Benefit to the community
4. Social inclusion
5. Evaluation and reporting

Funding

Total funding across the financial year for this stream is \$170,000, with 3 rounds of funding, that is an approximate break down of \$57,000 per round split across cash and in-kind contributions.

A summary of the recommended funding allocation for the July round is provided below. In this stream we received Seventeen (17) applications requesting total funds of \$102,104 (\$97,862 Cash, \$4,242 in-kind). Ten (10) applications are being recommended for funding totaling \$60,560 (\$56,318 cash, \$4,242 in-kind).

The recommended projects will enhance the cultural landscape and provide increased opportunities for our community to engage on a deeper level with creative ideas and innovations.

A detailed analysis on the recommended and non-recommended funding requests is provided under separate cover.

CREATIVE	Recommended		
Project and Description	In-kind	Cash	Assessment Panel's comments
Mixing Media: The Urban Experience A two person pop up art exhibition at 7 Clovelly Road exhibition space. The show will feature never before exhibited artworks by local Randwick artists Amanda and Anthony O'Carroll that explore the urban environment through painting, drawing, textiles and mixed media.	\$0	\$2,200	Both artists have strong backgrounds. Whilst a small exhibition, the panel agreed it is a modest sum to support this creative concept.
Creating Spaces Regenerating through Creativity, the Community Permaculture Garden (next to Kooloora Community Centre, with local residents, using creative sustainable design utilising wasted resources within the garden and local Community.	\$0	\$3,000	The panel felt this is an interesting project to tie artistic expression into gardening. The applicant has done a lot of community work and we support this project being done at Kooloora community garden within a marginalised community area.
Mothers Talk A creative cross exchange for mothers in making, sharing and letter writing. Through workshops run by artists, writers and theatre makers, who themselves have lived experience of motherhood, participants will develop their own reflective pieces. This will culminate in a collective shared "showing" through a coordinated event.	\$66	\$2,934	This very bespoke community needing support - a lovely project which is all about inclusivity
Randwick Poetry Project A series of poetry readings and accompanying film program to be held on the third Sunday of every month (September 2022 - February 2023). Each event will involve short (20min) readings by two invited poets, followed by the screening of a film that relates to the readers' field/s of interest.	\$0	\$3,000	Really nice to see the spoken word as part of the applications for this round of funding. The panel supports this intimate and creative initiative
Clipped TV: Music video Premiers Clipped are relaunching our monthly music video premieres with a launching night at the Randwick Ritz. The screening is a chance for music video fans to see new clips on the big screen with a live Q&A.	\$0	\$3,000	A nice way to showcase video content and support multimedia creatives and a youth crowd

CREATIVE	Recommended		
The Burger Centre: This is who I am Intergenerational theatre project to expand BC Positive Ageing Wellness Program for seniors 65+. Clients will create monologues with acclaimed local artist/writer from the truth of their lived experiences for presentation in live/digital contexts. Monologues will highlight their often-overlooked contributions to community, raise awareness around unconscious bias, foster understanding, and shift perceptions around ageing.	\$0	\$10,000	A really strong project - a great idea and way to celebrate intergenerational knowledge
The Ritz: Jewish International Film Festival The Jewish International Film Festival (or JIFF) is an annual showcase of the best new Jewish-themed and Israeli cinema. The festival showcases films from Israel and the global Jewish diaspora community, complementing the film programming with a series of special events, including live music and discussions.	\$0	\$10,000	Council has funded this festival before. The Ritz and festivals like this are crucial to our arts and culture expression in the City and it's a good event to highlight Councils commitment to the sector
Twenty Ten (auspice org for individual artist): Randwick Pride Randwick Pride is a vibrant, colourful display that pays tribute to the diversity of the LGBTIQ+ Community. It will feature painted portraits of people within the Randwick Council community and LGBTIQ+ communities to appear as artworks on flag banners which will fly proudly along the streets of Coogee.	\$4,176	\$5,824	Our flag poles at Coogee are a great asset for artistic expression, which we saw with the Covid Hero's banner by the same artist. The panel is happy to support this initiative and to continue to see vibrant flags
Mardi Gras Film Festival The Mardi Gras Film Festival is Sydney's LGBTIQ+ film festival. The film festival is owned and operated by Queer Screen Limited a community organisation. We showcase a range of films, short stories and documentaries that resonate with gay, lesbian, queer, gender diverse and transgender audiences.	\$0	\$10,000	This is part of the bigger Mardi Gras Film Festival across Sydney and provides Council an opportunity to be involved and support a great initiative.
Art for Wellbeing The Art for Wellbeing Workshops aims to create a safe and friendly space for	\$0	\$6,360	A project with limited reach, however in a high area of need. A nice concept to

CREATIVE	Recommended		
new migrants and refugee women, facing various emotional needs, living in Randwick local area.			support new migrants through artistic expression.
TOTAL	\$4,242	\$56,318	
RECOMMENDED CREATIVE FUNDING TOTAL	\$60,560		

Community Connect

The Community Connect stream has the following objectives:

- To invest and support projects, events or activities that harness community ideas and encourage local connection, participation and social inclusion.
- To empower our communities to identify and respond to local areas of social need
- Provide subsidized use of Randwick City Council's community venues (parks, beaches or reserves, halls or meeting rooms) in order to support community participation, social gatherings and promote a sense of belonging.

Application assessment

An expert assessment panel including council staff with skills in community development projects and the Mayor reviewed all applications. Each application was assessed and scored against six core criteria drawn from the Community Connect Guidelines.

1. Ability to deliver
2. Benefit to the community
3. Participation and collaboration
4. Social inclusion
5. Evaluation and reporting
6. Budget

Funding

Total funding across the financial year for this stream is \$120,000, with 3 rounds of funding, that is an approximate break down of \$40,000 per round split across cash and in-kind contributions.

A summary of the recommended funding allocation for the July round is provided below. In this stream we received Twenty-one (21) applications plus one rapid response application requesting funds of \$128,133 (\$102,750 cash, \$25,383 in-kind). Twelve (12) applications (including the rapid response) are being recommended for funding totaling \$40,532 (\$18,500 cash, \$22,032 in-kind).

The recommended projects will enhance community connection and capacity and provide opportunity to respond to community needs through social inclusion, participation, and engagement.

There were several applications received in the Community Connect stream which the panel assessed as being strong community partnership applications and recommend that these are funded, with a total of \$34,600 from the rolled over Community Partnership budget of \$38,000. These include:

- \$4,600 for 'Hope and Heal' retreat for victims of Domestic Violence
- \$10,000 for The Royal Society for the prevention of cruelty for animal NSW for supporting victims of violence and homelessness in caring for and housing their pets
- \$10,000 for the 'run for good' homemaker packs to support people in crisis

- \$10,000 for Weave youth and community services for an afterschool tutoring program

A detailed analysis on the recommended and non-recommended funding requests is provided under separate cover.

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CONNECT	Recommended		
Project and Description	In-kind	Cash	Assessment Panel's comments
Clovelly Surf Life saving Club: Nippers Proficiency Swim Assessments Each season, our club requires all renewing and new nippers from Age 8+ to have a certain level of swimming competency. We require the pool as in September, the ocean is still quite cold and we want the children to be as comfortable and confident as possible.	\$930	\$0	The panel acknowledges the contribution surf lifesaving clubs bring in connecting our community. This is a modest in-kind amount to provide proficiency assessments
South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club: Nippers Proficiency Swim Assessments In order for nippers to participate in the South Maroubra SLSC Nipper program, they are required to complete a Junior Activities preliminary skills evaluation (pool swim).	\$1,170	\$0	The panel acknowledges the contribution surf lifesaving clubs bring in connecting our community. This is a modest in-kind amount to provide proficiency assessments
Five Star Seniors: Our community group provide the place for the seniors to get together, sing/karaoke & line dancing	\$2580	\$0	A strong program for seniors which meets the objectives of the connect funding stream
Holdsworth Community Ltd, Seniors Wellbeing - Coogee & Kensington The Seniors Wellbeing Program is an exercise and reablement program for older people who are very frail, recovering from a stay in hospital or have been identified as a high risk for falls. The program is carried out in small groups including participant transport.	\$10,000	\$0	A strong program for seniors delivered by a reputable organisation which meets the objectives of the connect funding stream
Indonesian Welfare Association: Maroubra A weekly Support Group for Indonesian community (men, women & elderly) with activities to promote sense of comfort	\$2,471.50	\$0	Meets the objectives of the program in connecting the community

CONNECT	Recommended		
and happiness. It aims in assisting the target community to connect, increase social interaction and bring them together to develop friendship & social networks, increasing emotional happiness, self-confidence and new skills.			
<p>La Perouse Junior Rugby League Football Club: Empowering our community</p> <p>The purpose of our application is that we would like to host an event that encourages our community to empower themselves. Parts of our community are not connected however they do share common interests and we want to enable the process to increase people taking control of their lives.</p>	\$0	\$3,500	A beneficial event for the community and good value for money
<p>Latrobe Community Health Service: Family Fun Day</p> <p>An all inclusive family fun day for people with a disability in the local community. The aim of the event will be to promote social inclusion and enable people to obtain information about services in the local community by inviting community organisations to set up stalls at the event.</p>	\$0	\$10,000	A family event focused on inclusion of people with disabilities which meets the objectives of the program in connecting the community
<p>Mood Active Association: Cardio Tennis classes</p> <p>Subsidized Cardio Tennis classes for people experiencing mental ill health</p>	\$0	\$5000	Meets the objectives of the program in connecting the community
<p>NSW Wildlife information rescue and education service inc: Training workshop</p> <p>This workshop equips individuals with the skills and knowledge to effectively rescue and care for injured, sick and orphaned native wildlife. The workshop builds community cohesion by connecting students with experienced local professionals, strengthens community resilience and capacity to respond to wildlife rescue situations and protects/conserves local native wildlife populations.</p>	\$700	\$0	A low investment to support volunteer training with positive outcomes
Old Friends Singers Group: Social activities and entertainment for Seniors	\$1,655.50	\$0	A strong program for seniors which meets the objectives of the connect funding stream

CONNECT	Recommended		
All activities are undertaken by the community of Old Friends Singers Group in the Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre, Maroubra - built purposely for retirees and the elderly, making friends, exchange ideas, helping each other, fun activities and exercises to get fit/healthy such as: singing, line dancing			
<p>The Shalom Institute: Jewish Food Festival</p> <p>A Jewish food and learning festival for the whole community. food tasting, cooking workshops, informative lectures about food and farming. It will be a whole day of food and the role it plays in culture and the future.</p>	\$2,025	\$0	The panel liked the concept of a food festival. Only the in-kind has been approved as there is a high entry fee which would be a barrier for many to attend
<p>RAPID RESPONSE APPLICATION</p> <p>Filipino Australian Community Association: Filipino Festival</p> <p>To promote not only the rich Filipino cultural heritage but also our advocacy for other multicultural groups to join our Fiesta to show and exhibit their groups' participation through songs, dance, stage plays, entertainment, food, etc. We've done this in the past and we can do it again this year.</p>	\$500	\$0	Received after the closing of applications. In-kind venue support for a program connecting the community
TOTAL	\$22,032	\$18,500	
RECOMMENDED CONNECT FUNDING TOTAL	\$40,532		

PARTNERSHIPS			
<p>Hope and Heal Incorporated, Hope and Heal retreat</p> <p>Hope and Heal facilitates evidence based, trauma informed programs that empower survivors of DFV. We provide education on the physical and mental health impacts of trauma, and holistic strategies to manage these including group therapy, yoga, meditation, breath and body work.</p> <p>We receive referrals from DV counsellors/Caseworkers and psychologists.</p>	\$1,800	\$2,800	This is an excellent program addressing a high-level social need. The program is more suited to community partnerships as it's service provision and more suited to the Community Partnerships stream.

PARTNERSHIPS			
<p>The Royal Society for the prevention of cruelty for animal NSW</p> <p>Our multiple programs help support our most vulnerable community members by assisting victims of domestic violence, homeless, elderly, and isolated people. Along with our expertise case workers we aim to keep pets and their people together by providing practical assistance, medical treatment, and safe boarding.</p>	\$0	\$10,000	The panel acknowledged the merit of this program and felt it is more of a program suited to the Community Partnerships funding stream for service delivery. It is not specifically an event or activity to connect the community which is the objective of this funding stream.
<p>The run for good project inc: Randwick New Homemaker Pack</p> <p>The Randwick New Homemaker Project will assist people in crisis to establish a new home in the Randwick LGA by providing them with a homemaker starter pack, which will include new:</p> <p>sheets, pillows, doonas as well as kitchen items: a new toaster, kettle, pots /pans set, plates, cutlery and glasses/mugs.</p>	\$0	\$10,000	<p>The panel acknowledged the merit of this program and felt it is more of a program suited to the Community Partnerships funding stream for service delivery.</p> <p>It is not specifically an event or activity to connect the community which is the objective of this funding stream</p>
<p>Weave Youth and Community Services: Afterschool Tutoring Program</p> <p>To extend Weave's free tutoring program to the Randwick community due to the high level of demand from the community.</p> <p>Our Tutoring Program links children with skilled volunteers to provide free weekly after-school tutoring/mentoring. Our dedicated tutors are recruited from within the community and have strong academic backgrounds.</p>	\$0	\$10,000	The panel acknowledged the merit of this program and felt it is more of a program suited to the Community Partnerships funding stream for service delivery. It is not specifically an event or activity to connect the community which is the objective of this funding stream
	\$1,800	\$32,800	
RECOMMENDED PARTNERSHIPS FUNDING TOTAL		\$34,600	The panel concluded that in a competitive round of the Community Partnerships funding stream these applications would have scored high and been positively weighted. Therefore, the assessment panel would like to recommend these programs are funded from the rolled over Community Partnerships funding.

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Mayor's Community Contingency Fund

For the 2022-23 financial year there have been 5 Contingency Fund allocations totaling \$42,300. All allocations are listed in the table below.

2022-23 Contingency Fund allocations

Annual contributions (ongoing)

Ord Council - 27 July 2021	Annual contribution (3 years from 2021-22 to 2023-24) – Renewal of Community Partnership Agreement with Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service	\$20,000.00
Ord Council – 23 November 2021	Annual contribution (5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26) of \$5,000 for Sydney Sick Kids Appeal – Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation Annual contribution (5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26) of \$2,000 for the Lights for Kids Campaign - Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation	\$7,000
Ord Council – 8 Dec 2020	Annual contribution of \$1,000 for the Mayor's Award for Randwick Boys' High School. The award will continue under the approved 5 year agreement (2020-21 to 2024-25)	\$1,000
Ord Council – 22 Feb 2022	Annual contribution of \$1,000 for the Mayor's Award for Randwick Girls' School. The award will continue for a further 5 years (2022-23 to 2026-27).	\$1,000

One-off allocations

Ord Council – 28 June 2022	Running for Premature Babies Kids Fun Run on 21 August 2022 at Grant Reserve, Coogee fee waiver (one-off allocation)	\$663
	Donation to Black Dog Institute in remembrance of John Xenos	\$500
Ord Council – 26 July 2022	Assist with support, including the hosting of a civic reception, for the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club (RPCC) in hosting Cricket Ireland for "Cricket Week" at Coogee Oval between 30 September 2022 and 9 October 2022	\$13,800
		\$43,963

Funding allocations

	Community Creative				
	Annually	July 22 round allocation	October 22 round allocation	February 23 round allocation	Remaining funds
Cash	\$100,000	\$56,318			\$43,682
In-kind	\$70,000	\$4,242			\$65,758
TOTAL	\$170,000	\$60,560			\$109,440

	Community Connect				
	Annually	July 22 round allocation	October 22 round allocation	February 23 round allocation	Remaining funds
Cash	\$70,000	\$18,500			\$51,500
In-kind	\$50,000	\$22,032			\$27,968
TOTAL	\$120,000	\$40,532			\$79,468

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Inclusive Randwick
Outcome	A resilient city where people are engaged, informed, connected and feel a sense of community and belonging
Objective	The percentage of residents who feel a part of their community will remain above the metro benchmark through to 2031
Delivery program commitment	Explore opportunities to increase targeted events for communities feeling socially isolated on a needs basis.
Delivery program commitment	Increase the promotion of annual grant funding which invests in community ideas, initiatives and events.
Outcome	A city where people can access social support and amenities whatever their ability and wherever they live
Objective	Increase by 10% the number of people who feel their social needs are being met by 2031 from the 2021 baseline
Delivery program commitment	Increase the promotion of Council's grant program for funding service providers.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Council has allocated \$170,000.00 (including up to \$70,000 for in-kind use of Council facilities) in the 2022-23 Budget for the Community Creative Investment Stream.

Council has allocated \$120,000.00 (including up to \$70,000 for in-kind use of Council facilities) in the 2022-23 Budget for the Community Connect Investment Stream.

The total allocated budget for the Community Creative and Community Connect Investment Streams is \$290,000.

Council has allocated \$90,000.00 in the 2022-23 Budget for the Mayors Community Contingency.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993 – Section 377
Community Investment Program – Guidelines.

Conclusion

The Community Investment Program, through its multiple streams, enables our community to see their ideas and innovations come to life while providing our residents with access to inclusive programs, events, and services.

The program provides opportunities for individuals and groups to be creative and connected in a new way and will enable Council to celebrate the impact and success of community innovation for our city.

Responsible officer: Jodi Tweed, Manager Community Development

File Reference: F2020/00336

Director City Planning Report No. CP42/22

Subject: Streets as Shared Spaces Program - McKeon Street Plaza, Maroubra

Executive Summary

- Council is implementing a trial project to improve and increase the amount of public space in McKeon Street, Maroubra, as it received \$500,000 in grant funding from the NSW Government Streets as Shared Spaces (Round 2) program.
- The community has been consulted on the project idea and said that they wanted a place to enjoy what local businesses have to offer, a place to connect with others and outdoor dining was the priority.
- Council will create a temporary plaza which includes outdoor dining furniture, places to sit in the shade, a children's play space, temporary landscaping and a program of entertainment.
- Council will liaise with businesses to create distinct areas in the temporary plaza that they can serve customers.
- The temporary McKeon Street Plaza will be installed for 6 months from end September to end March.
- It will be removed at the end of the trial project. An evaluation report will subsequently be provided to Council to enable it to consider the creation of a permanent public space in McKeon Street.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) receive and note the Streets as Shared Spaces McKeon Street Plaza Community Consultation Report
- b) endorse the Streets as Shared Spaces McKeon Street Plaza project which is being implemented in accordance with the feedback received in the consultation report
- c) waive fees associated with application or occupation of the footway or roadway for new areas of outdoor dining associated with the Streets as Shared Spaces McKeon Street Plaza project.
- d) note that an evaluation report of the Streets as Shared Spaces McKeon Street project will be provided to Council to enable it to consider the creation of a permanent public space in McKeon Street

Attachment/s:

1.  Community Consultation Report McKeon Street Plaza
2.  Baseline Concept Design Package - McKeon Street Plaza

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the feedback provided by the community on the Streets as Shared Spaces McKeon Street Plaza project and provide an update on its progress.

Discussion

In alignment with the Economic Development Strategy, Randwick Council is implementing a trial project to improve and increase the amount of public space in McKeon Street, Maroubra, as it received \$500,000 in grant funding from the NSW Government Streets as Shared Spaces (Round 2) program.

Council resolved to apply for the second round of the grant program at its February 2022 meeting, as part of its package of Covid business support initiatives. The grant program was created to aid communities and businesses to use streets differently: to exercise, socialise and access services safely during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The grant program is funding trial projects that strengthen the amenity, accessibility, and economic vitality of a street, and surrounding area. For example, this could include creating pedestrian areas on streets, new landscaping, furniture for outdoor dining, business façade improvements or a program of entertainment.

The trial project is expected to run for six months from end September 2022 to end March 2023. Randwick Council intends to use the grant funding to make McKeon Street, Maroubra an even more attractive place to live, visit, dine, and shop.

Randwick Council will close McKeon Street (between Marine Parade and Fenton Avenue) to traffic to create a pedestrian area -- 'McKeon Street Plaza' -- which can be used by the community to connect, gather, dine and be entertained.

Following community feedback, Council will create a temporary plaza which includes outdoor dining furniture, places to sit in the shade, a children's play space, temporary landscaping and a space for programmed entertainment.

The temporary McKeon Street Plaza will be removed at the end of the trial project. An evaluation report will subsequently be provided to Council to enable it to consider the creation of a permanent public space in McKeon Street.

Community consultation activities

The community was able to provide feedback on the project idea, as part of a comprehensive consultation plan, which took place for 28 days, from Monday 30 May to 27 June 2022.

The engagement activities included:

- Email to Maroubra Business Chamber
- Letter drop to local businesses adjacent to the site: 17 March 2022
- Door knock of local businesses adjacent to the site: May 2022
- Workshop with local businesses: 24 May 2022
- Letter drop to residents in McKeon Street: 12 May 2022
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- Dedicated consultation website to learn more and engage with the project
- Flyer drop to mailboxes around the site
- Posters onsite
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- Social media posts: 30 May and 4 June 2022
- Mayor's video
- Pop up (Council staff) at McKeon Street: 15 and 18 June 2022

- Email to all precincts
- Digital display screens and all Randwick libraries and Customer Service Centre
- Listing on Randwick City Council's Current Consultations webpage
- Councillor notification.

Consultation response

During this time, the consultation resulted in:

- 642 visits to the Your Say Randwick site
- 245 survey responses
- 17 submissions.

The community consultation report is attached.

Consultation survey responses

The key findings from the survey responses:

- 87% agree community will benefit from a temporary pedestrianised public space on McKeon St
- 89% agree/strongly agree people would visit McKeon Street more often or stay longer if it was a well-designed public space
- 90% support the plan to create a public space on McKeon Street (between Marine Pde and Fenton Ave)
- 'a place to enjoy what local businesses have to offer' was the option selected the most when people thought about what benefit it would bring (195) followed by 'a place to connect with others' (168)
- The top three things that people wanted to see in the space were outdoor dining (133), trees and planting (88) and markets (81)
- 53% thought it very important/important that Council creates more on street parking options when McKeon Street is closed, 26% thought it was not at all/unimportant and 21% were neutral.

Most of the comments reiterated the respondents support for the project, welcoming the opportunity to improve Maroubra, enjoy more public space, support local businesses and dine outdoors.

Other comments included requests to improve the restaurants/cafes, fix the buildings and clean up the area, make the closure permanent, consider markets on the weekends to support local art, and create a pedestrian crossing across Marine Parade.

Consultation findings

The feedback demonstrated that there is overall support for the trial project, with many people looking forward to having a place for the community to meet and eat outdoors. There are some concerns about increased antisocial behaviour, noise, and parking problems. This will be addressed in the project implementation.

Based on the feedback Council will focus on creating a lively place for the community to connect and enjoy what local businesses have to offer. The community feedback will inform the design of the temporary public space including furniture for outdoor dining, performances and play for children, installation of temporary plants and trees, shade structures or lighting.

No formal consultation on the final design plan is planned given the:

- strong support for the project idea
- detailed feedback on the use, design and materials of the temporary plaza
- grant requirement to create the temporary plaza by end September.

Project update

Council's Traffic Committee provided in principle approval for the road closure at its March 2022 meeting. In addition, angle parking will be introduced at Fenton Avenue, with a total of 29 parking spaces created and an extra 15 spaces gained. Vehicle access for residents in the adjacent apartments will remain.

The consultation feedback informed the project briefs for the Request for Quotes to develop the concept design plan for the temporary plaza and entertainment program.

Council is in the process of seeking quotes for the design, installation, maintenance and removal of a temporary plaza which includes outdoor dining furniture, places to sit in the shade, a children's play space, temporary landscaping and a space for staged entertainment.

A draft Baseline Concept Design Package was created by Council to inform the application to the Streets as Shared Spaces grant program. This was then provided to potential suppliers as it provided an example of what could be created in the space. It illustrated the design aspirations, or style of hardscape elements, furnishings and plantings that might be used to inspire their own design for the plaza. Suppliers have been asked to prepare and submit a design plan for evaluation by Council.

The Baseline Concept Design Package is attached.

Council is in the process of seeking quotes for additional elements, such a program of entertainment and activities to take place in the temporary plaza including program curation, scheduling, contracting of artists, technical production and stage management.

The entertainment program is intended to create a 'family friendly' atmosphere; one that acknowledges and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage, is inclusive and reflects people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. It can also include activities which engage young people and encourage them to interact with each other in the temporary plaza.

Council is in the process of seeking quotes for creative placemaking elements which could include temporary art installations, colourful road artworks and lighting.

Outdoor dining

The Streets as Shared Spaces program aims to increase the amenity and economic vitality of neighbourhoods. The community said that they wanted a place to enjoy what local businesses have to offer and outdoor dining was the priority.

Several businesses in McKeon Street currently have outdoor dining with an assortment of different chairs, tables and umbrellas. This area will remain. The option to extend their area of outdoor dining into the street will be considered in the design of the space. The outdoor dining furniture will be provided by Council as part of creating the temporary plaza.

Currently, seven business have indicated that they wish to extend their outdoor dining into the street. That is, to create distinct areas in the temporary plaza that they can serve customers. Only five of these trade in the early evening.

The plaza is to retain public places for people to sit and gather; that is the area cannot be used solely for the outdoor dining associated with businesses. However, Council will encourage local businesses to increase the amount of chairs and tables that are available for customers.

It is therefore recommended that Council waive fees associated with application or occupation of the footway or roadway for new or extended areas of outdoor dining associated with the Streets as Shared Spaces McKeon Street Plaza project.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Economic Development
Outcome	A city with diverse, active places for businesses, including vibrant town and neighbourhood centres

Objective	Ensure 86% or more of our community are satisfied* with the vitality of town centres by 2032
Delivery program commitment	Identify and prepare 3 business cases for prioritised public space improvement or activation projects to leverage State and Federal Government funding opportunities as they arise by 2023.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Resourcing in relation to project management and coordination will be accommodated within the existing staff complement. Otherwise, the project will be delivered with the funds provided by the \$500K grant.

Conclusion

The community supports the plan to create a temporary plaza by closing McKeon Street (between Marine Parade and Fenton Avenue) in Maroubra to traffic and make it an even more attractive place to live, visit, dine, and shop. Community feedback has informed planning for the trial project and implementation is underway. The trial project is expected to run for six months from end September 2022 to end March 2023. The evaluation of the project will enable Council to consider if it could become a permanent public space.

Responsible officer: Katie Anderson, Manager Economic Development & Place Making

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1. Summary

Randwick Council is planning to create a new public plaza on McKeon Street at Maroubra Beach for a six-month trial period from September 2022.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to collect community ideas on how the space should be designed.

The community were invited to take a survey, make a submission, or meet with the project team onsite on 15 and 18 June 2022.

The consultation was promoted using digital and social media, mailbox drop and posters onsite.

The Your Say Randwick webpage had 642 visits and 262 engagements (245 surveys and 17 submissions).

A workshop was held for businesses in and adjacent to McKeon Street with 7 business owners or managers attending.

Based on the feedback received, there is overall support for the trial project, with many looking forward to having a place for locals to meet and eat outdoors. There are some concerns about increased antisocial behaviour, noise, and parking problems.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background

Randwick Council is planning to create a new public plaza on McKeon Street at Maroubra Beach. The new space will be created by closing McKeon Street to traffic between Marine Parade and Fenton Avenue for a six-month trial period to provide more space for people.

The project is being funded by the NSW Government Shared Spaces initiative and is aligned with Randwick City's Economic Development Strategy; with the aim of strengthening our economy, enabling community prosperity, and creating vibrant places for people to connect.

2.2. Objectives

The consultation program aimed to:

- Obtain feedback from the community about what they'd like to see in the space
- Meet locals onsite to understand how they could use the space

2.3. Consultation period

The consultation was open 30 May to 27 June 2022.

The project was assessed as having a **higher-level local impact**.

IAP2 Consultation level: **Involve** - *we will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.*

2.4. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

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3. Consultation outcomes

3.1. Your Say Randwick website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to inform the community of the project and take a short survey: yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/mckeonstreetplaza

The website was launched on 30 May, was open for 28 days, closing 27 June 2022.

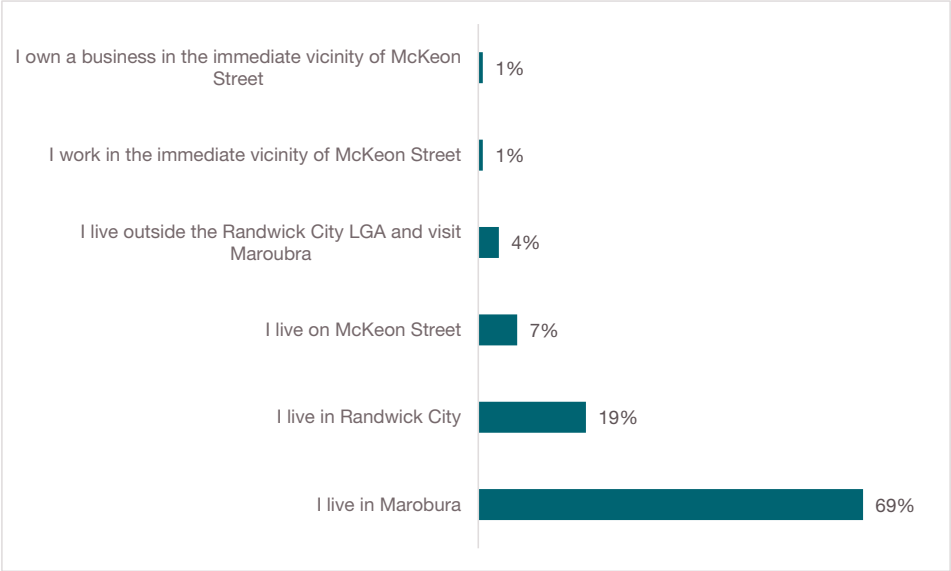
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- 17 submissions

3.2. Survey results

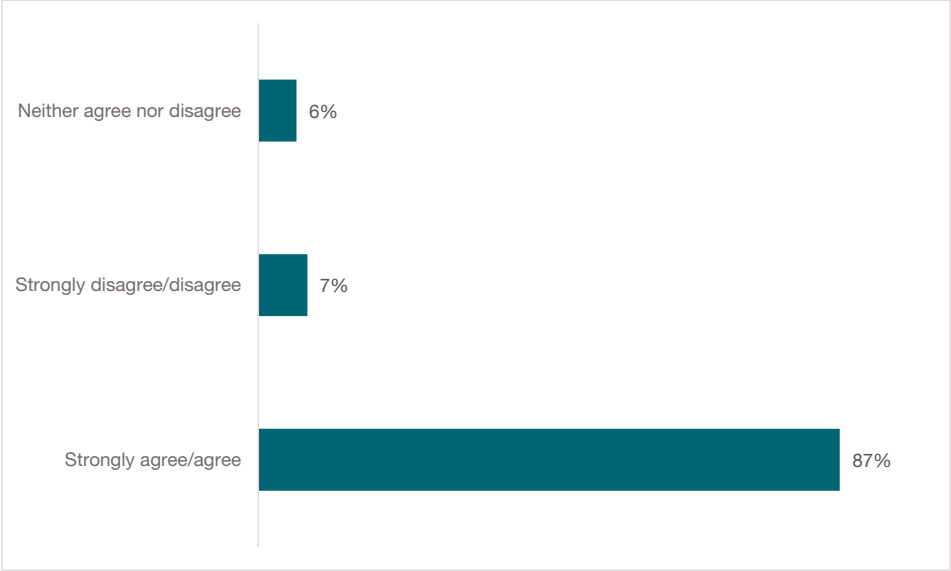
Council received 245 responses to the McKeon Street shared space survey. The results are presented below.

3.2.1. Which best describes you?



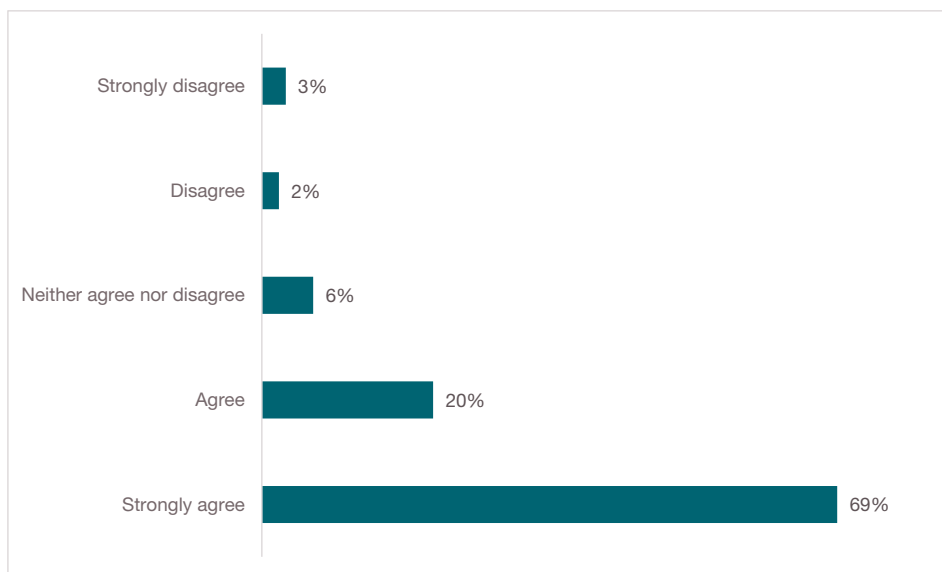
Graph 1 (n=245): Relationship to McKeon Street, Maroubra

3.2.2. The community will benefit from a temporary pedestrianised public space on McKeon St



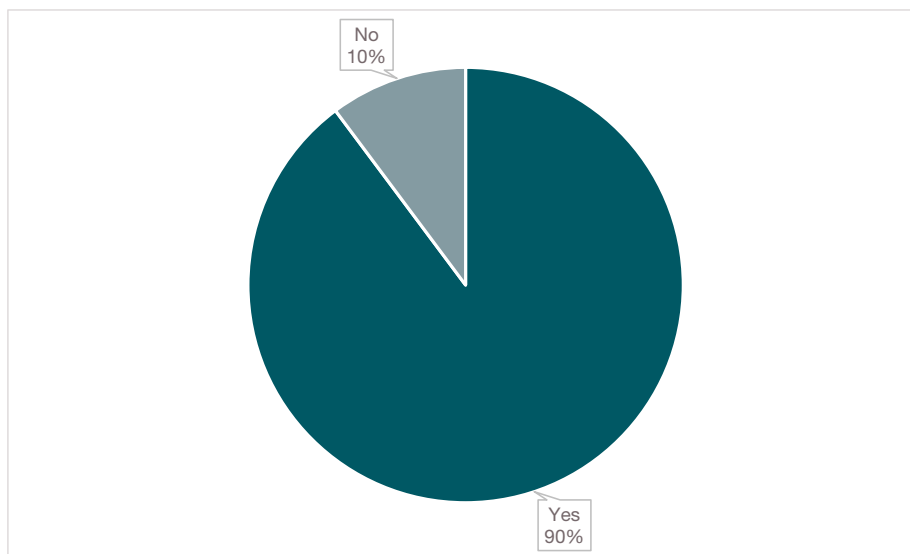
Graph 2 (n=245): Level of agreement to pedestrianise McKeon Street

3.2.3. People would visit McKeon Street more often or stay longer if it was a well-designed public space



Graph 3 (n=245): Level of agreement that people would use a well-designed public space on McKeon St

3.2.4. Do you support the plan to create a public space on McKeon Street (between Marine Pde and Fenton Ave)?



Graph 4 (n=245): Support for the McKeon Street project

3.2.5. When you think about how the community will benefit from the temporary public space on McKeon Street what comes to mind? (choose any options that apply)



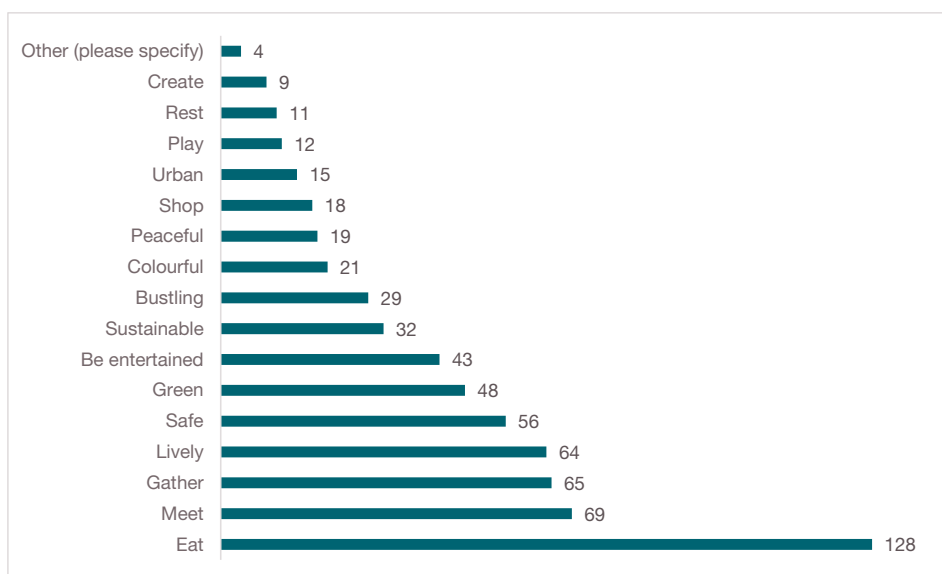
Graph 5 (n=552): Perceived benefits of the McKeon St project for the community

42 ‘other’ benefits were identified by survey respondents. The most common benefits mentioned include:

- Enjoy live music and art
- No cars
- A place to relax
- Opportunity to diversify the businesses and create a more prosperous space in Maroubra
- Create a community hub

See Appendix A for all comments.

3.2.6. When you imagine the new space on McKeon Street, what words come to mind? (choose up to three words)

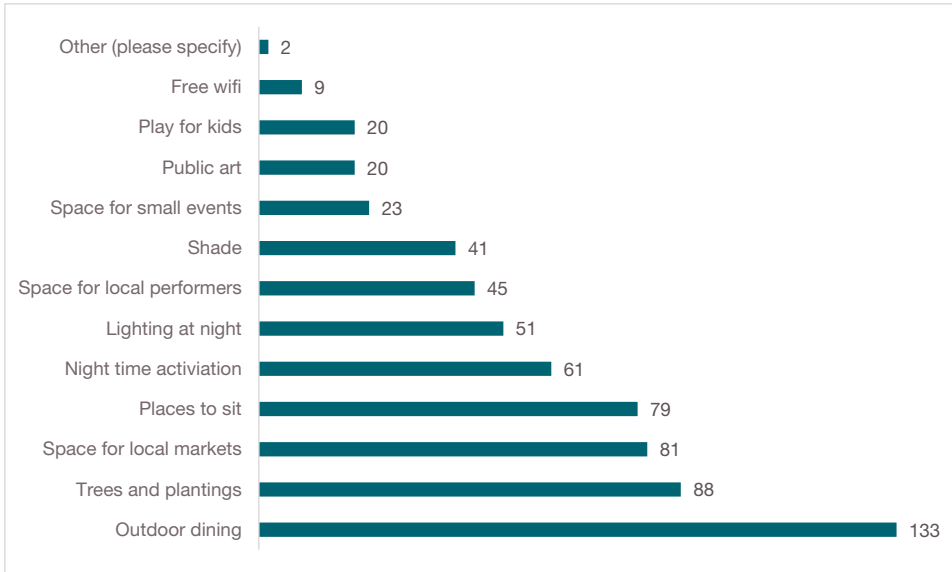


Graph 6 (n=643): Words to describe the new space

Four 'other' words used to describe the new space:

1. Work (from home)
2. Multicultural and anti-racist
3. Drinks in the sun
4. Travelling in Europe at the moment. At the centre of all interesting cities, large, medium and small is a main square where people meet because there are no cars. That is what should be created permanently at McKeon Street.

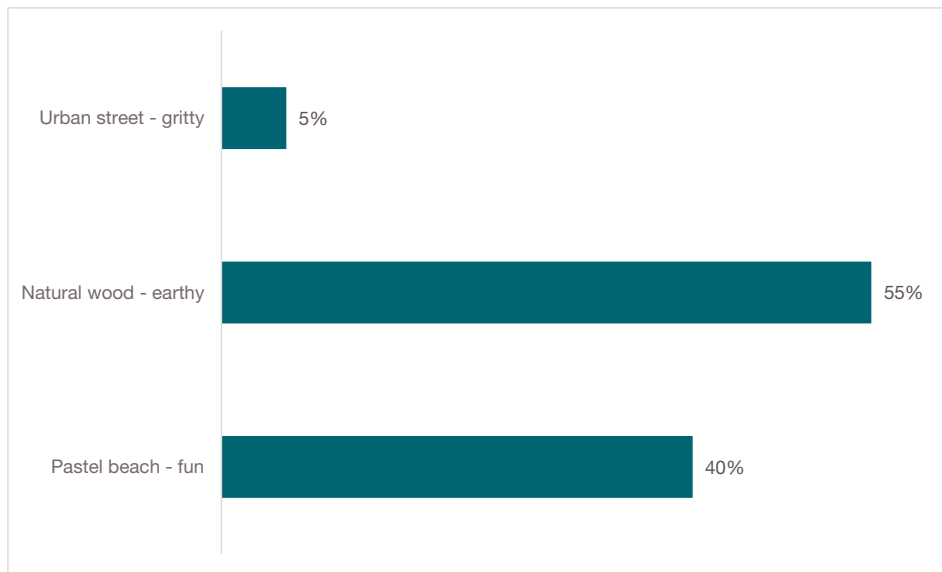
3.2.7. Choose up to three things that you would like in the temporary public space on McKeon Street



Graph 7 (n=653): Things to include in the new space

Two ‘other’ ideas for the space were suggested by survey respondents:

1. Pedestrian traffic light between the beach and McKeon street
2. Sheltered picnic tables where to co-work with power points (electricity access + solar panels)

3.2.8. If you could choose the style of materials used in this temporary public space would it be

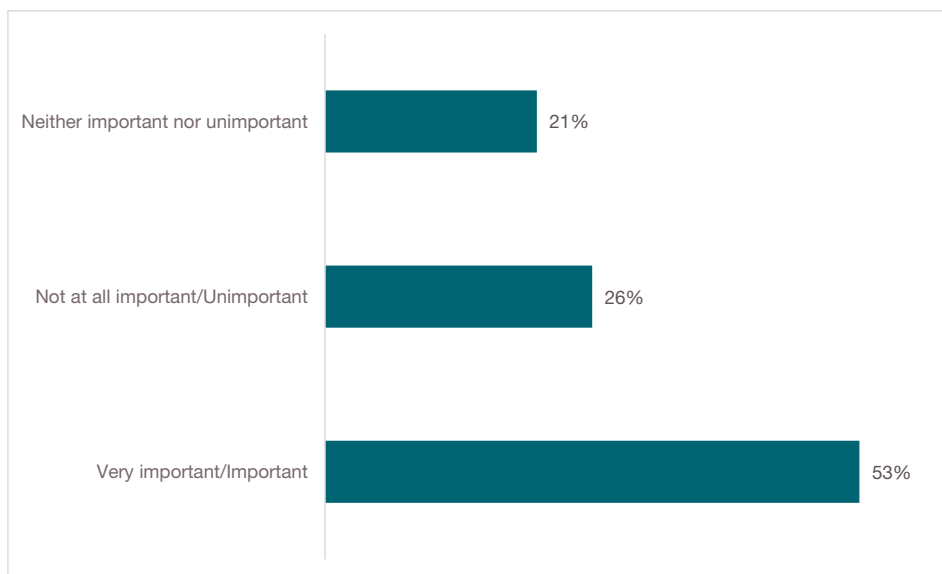
Graph 8: Preferred style for the space

3.2.9. If you could give this temporary public space a name, what would it be?

Over 200 name suggestions were made by respondents. The most popular was 'Maroubra Beach Plaza', followed by the suggestion to use an Aboriginal name (such as Merroberah, Kaya Bunji Co-ee or Coeee Bunji), then 'Beach Plaza', 'McKeon Plaza' or 'The Bra'.

See Appendix B for full list of suggestions.

3.2.10. How important do you think it is that Council creates more on street parking options when McKeon Street is closed?



Graph 9 (n=220): Perceived importance of creating more parking

3.2.11. Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?

176 other comments were made. The majority of the comments reiterated respondents support for the project. Other common comments included requests to improve the restaurants/cafes, fix the buildings and clean up the area, make the closure permanent, consider markets on the weekends to support local art, and finally to fix the pedestrian crossing across Marine Parade.

Comments received include:

"If it is done well, it should be permanent, not temporary. This is what could finally make Maroubra live up to its potential. As above, think about a central square / plaza, / piazza in Europe, remove the cars and encourage people to use the space, but use a beach theme to keep it local to Maroubra culture."

"I love this idea! Please make it green, leafy - not just more room for commercial enterprises."

"That we maintain the gentle laid back 'village' feel we have now...markets and real produce is a great idea- so is entertainment on weekends- if a gentle nature...Shade and comfortable seating too."

"More parking essential for the businesses as customers use McKeon st regularly to grab and go their coffee and food. Outdoor dining spaces to further support the pubs and cafes down there as I feel this is what really holds our area back from growing."

"I'm keen to see anything be attempted, but as someone who lives on this bit of McKeon, I don't quite get what the attraction is meant to be. Food options are average at best, not much retail here, and no bars beyond the one pub on the corner. It's dead around here outside of daylight hours on weekend, and even then only if it's sunny."

"Traffic Lights are required at Maroubra Beach. Cnr of McKeon & Marina Pde and probaly cnr of Mons & Marine Pde. It is chaos there in summer or whenever the weather is good."

"It will lead to greater noise for local residents who live in the immediate vicinity and probably lead to an expansion of alcohol in the area from the pub. There is already a good outdoor space next to the cafe's. Why make it more difficult to get around and attract greater impact on the local area from inter suburban visits who don't care as much as locals for the area."

"Reconnecting our community is vital. This would be a great space to bring cultural and environmental awareness, music, arts, events, collaboration activities, markets e.g. blak markets or food markets."

See Appendix C for all comments.

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3.3. Submissions

Council received 17 submissions related to the project. All submissions are shown in the following table.

	Submissions
1	<p>I think it's a great idea, however, you should be addressing the problem of the lack of pedestrian traffic lights to cross Marine Parade. Having a zebra crossing is no longer the answer. There is a lot of foot traffic on the weekend especially in summer and school holidays. People including children just run out across the road and cars are piled up in both directions.</p> <p>Writing back and saying to find another route around the beach isn't the answer.</p>
2	<p>I oppose the square. The roads are also congested. Closing more roads will lead to more congestion which will actually hamper economic development.</p>
3	<p>I just saw the notice for this on the Randwick Council website and I just wanted to say how thrilled and excited I am about this possibility. Thank you so much for exploring this.</p> <p>I really endorse and support this initiative. I am sure there will be some people concerned about what this means for less parking but my intuition is that for folk that already live around the area, it is unlikely to have too much of an impact.</p> <p>McKeon street is a thriving part of Maroubra community and side-walks are already so crowded on weekends with people trying to get out with their families. It's been a bit of a problem, even before Covid, having more space for people to engage, share, run around is so reassuring for me as a parent with 2 young kids, but also someone who wants to be more active in the community. This feels like a really great move.</p> <p>I'm available to provide more comment if needed.</p>

	Submissions
4	<p>Great Idea - long overdue - hope it becomes permanent. Maroubra and surrounding suburbs definitely deserve a central hub of activity with GOOD dining and drinking options. It's a prime location which is being wasted by some sub-par offerings.</p> <p>I think this will reinvigorate the area, hopefully the increased patronage will result in good quality businesses utilising the space to its amazing potential.</p> <p>1) current Al fresco dining areas are cramped/ dirty/small - the fencing and gardens/vegetation need a complete overhaul 2) multiuse space for food trucks/mobile bars to set-up on a "pop-up" basis 3) have always liked overhead string lighting criss-crossing the street or get some decorations from Vivid festival when they are finished with them 4) space for outdoor feature art works 5) could be ideal to use space for a farmers or foodie market on a regular basis</p>
5	<p>I am strongly in support of the trial. However, parking will become an issue. Could I suggest a permanent car park be established behind the bus terminal opposite the ambulance station. As it stands at the moment it is either a sandy wasteland in summer or a swamp in winter. The few remaining trees are in danger of falling as part of a procession of unstable trees. Removing the existing trees and planting new trees for shade and environmental enhancement would serve a long term purpose and amenity.</p> <p>It doesn't need to swallow up the entire park but be sufficient to accommodate the displaced McKeon "plaza" cars plus a few extra. Looking forward to the trial.</p>
6	<p>Sounds great but please put traffic lights for the crossing over marine parade near that section especially if you are looking to uplift this area.</p>
7	<p>Great this is being trialled. I've been saying for years would be great to have!</p> <p>I'd love you to consider how the plans would be family friendly. Is there space for kids to play/eat/dance to the live music. Will there be sunshade esp for the summer months?</p> <p>If it's just all tables and seats set up closely together, with no sun cover, then would be pretty hard for families with young kids to use it.</p> <p>Also would be good to have a few recycling bins too. Thanks and good luck!</p>
8	<p>I'm a Maroubra resident. I love the idea of making McKeon St a more accessible place to connect with community. Here are some of the things I'd love to see: A weekend market - art/craft/food/etc More seating surrounded by flowers and plants Occasional live music Use the space as a way for Maroubra to engage with festivals like Mardi Gras, Sydney Festival, etc.</p>

Submissions	
9	I would like to suggest weekend markets when you close McKeon Street. Looking forward to the new changes.
10	Making the area a smoke free zone to stop pollution entering apartments above. Consider noise level of people using the space.
11	<p>It is great to see that progress is being made to Maroubra Beach area in relation to creating a Plaza for the community.</p> <p>Whilst trying to create a Plaza for the community in McKEON St it is regrettably upsetting to see the rear all of all the shops is like in a third world country.</p> <p>The rear lane of the shops is disgraceful in relation to that the poor condition all the right surface, pollutes our waterways and our ocean. The silt that can be seen in the video from the storm water pollutes our ocean and creates an undesirable effect for any sea life to live in or swimming in this includes humans.</p> <p>This must be placed on the agenda for consideration upon the assessment of McKeon St. To create a the great Plaza Maroubra Beach deserves like other beaches and communities close by.</p> <p>Humans and animals do travel down this right away.</p> <p>Another issue is parking, large delivery trucks double park on the road due to the fact that there is no loading zones for these trucks. They service these shops delivering all the goods. This must be also put into consideration.</p>
12	<p>To Randwick City Council - Economic Development and Placemaking</p> <p>The attached copy of a letter sent by you department on 14 June 2022 misrepresents the area and is misinforming the community.</p> <p>The building on the corner of McKeon St and Marine Pde is predominantly residential. You have incorrectly labelled this a hotel and retail, which I find personally offensive given I own a unit in this block.</p> <p>A correction needs to be distributed to correctly inform the community of the impact you are proposing.</p> <p>In addition, is there money set aside in the \$20 million grant to provide residents with the upgrades needed to their unit blocks to eliminate the noise from your proposal?</p> <p>Dear Mayor</p> <p>As a resident in Marine Parade in a unit that faces both Marine Parade and McKeon Street I would like to draw your attention to the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - creating a pedestrian space on McKeon street - addition sitting at 182 Marine Parade (DA/717/2017/A) <p>Before these go ahead I would like to see a noise and pollution assessment done and made public.</p> <p>As you may or may not be aware both the noise and smoke from cigarettes travels towards the residents of 180 Marine Parade and down McKeon Street.</p>

	Submissions
	<p>The noise that travels up from the pub at 182 Marine parade especially on the McKeon street side is horrendous. We are unable to sleep in the room on that side of our unit due to the existing people noise at all hours and it is ridiculous to think you are happy to increase the noise level.</p> <p>In addition the smoking of cigarettes is not monitored at 182 Marine Parade. Numerous times I have witnessed people smoking right next to the pub and not the required distance from residential buildings or restaurants. This is already impacting the use and enjoyment of our balcony. I'm constantly closing the balcony doors when I would like to have them open and enjoy the sea breeze.</p> <p>Both issues impact the young children that live in the building and area too. I have an 11 year old that I do not want breathing in secondhand smoke and would like him to have a good night sleep not be woken by noise at odd hours of the night.</p> <p>Further more, how do you propose the residents entering their garages and the prevention of the entrances being blocked or private property being vandalised?</p> <p>I'm not against growth and I for one enjoy outdoor eating but have you considered the above?</p> <p>Have you considered making the area a smoke free zone?</p> <p>Have you considered a time limit on the proposed 90 seats? Should this only be a trial? and consider dropping back to the existing 30 seats at 830pm?</p> <p>Please consider the impact you are proposing on the residences.</p> <p>Look forward to your response.</p>
13	I love this idea! I hope it is a success.
14	<p>A couple of quick comments on the proposed Activation. I'm not in favor of the street closure. I feel that the money might be better spent on the big blue building amenities for male and female toilets. The toilets are in bad shape. The outdoor Gym could also do with some work and the addition of chin up bars, perhaps some more shading in the gym area.</p> <p>Some simple & cheap changes to the shopping strip will suffice for now: i) Removal of the fencing, replaced with small native flower beds & bushes that can survive in the location. ii) Perhaps you could capture half of the on-street parking, however traffic flow is important for the passing trade and drop-ins. iii) repair pavements iv) better on-going security in the area which suffers from youth gang vandalism.</p> <p>Again McKeon st shopping strip should be kept open for traffic.</p>

	Submissions
15	<p>Great idea to open McKeon Street from Marine Parade to Fenton Street!</p> <p>Yes to tables and chairs.</p> <p>Yes to light entertainment or buskers!</p> <p>Free up the walking space for locals and their dogs going to the beach.</p> <p>Note this is usually a daytime coffee/lunch precinct but this could change in summer with food providers agreeing.</p> <p>I'll be back if I think of more. Thanks for a great plan!</p>
16	<p>I have 2 major concerns regarding the design.</p> <p>No 1. Now that there has been approval for the extension of dining to the Maroubra Bay Hotel to 60 seats, I am worried about the merging of the pedestrian zones and the pub's dining zones. The complication being that the dining has alcohol permitted with a meal. It is common practice for this not to be supervised and frequently it is just a beer garden catering to large groups. There is an alcohol free zone sign adjacent to the area. Who and how will this area will be managed. Unfortunately the management plan from the hotel is not checked and there is frequent non-compliance. How does council see them maintaining a family friendly non-alcohol beachfront?</p> <p>I hope the good/bad days don't return. Maroubra beach has come a long way since then but I am witnessing a return of violent and aggressive behaviour returning. What sort of modelling is it that kids and teenagers have to see people consuming alcohol in public spaces? I just don't get council and the Randwick Planning Panels position on allowing an extension to this area outside the pub.</p> <p>No 2. Dogs are a huge problem along Maroubra Beach and the nearby streets especially McKeon Street. Frequently irresponsible dog owners allow their dogs into food shops, up on chairs, on tables, tie them to legs of furniture (including council street furniture) so that the leads become trip hazards... etc etc. Barking, fights between dogs and owners and non-owners... not pleasant. Dog urine and faeces all over the paths and street furniture. It would be great if an education program is conducted before the plaza is trialed and then supported by the council rangers in an ongoing way including fines for continual flaunting of the rules.</p> <p>The plaza seems like a good idea in some ways but I wouldn't want to be a nearby apartment owner as the unintended consequences may be detrimental to their quality of enjoyment.</p> <p>Thank you for including my concerns.</p>

	Submissions
17	<p>To the General Manager,</p> <p>I am a resident in the 15 McKeon Street Maroubra building. As I live in such close proximity to the proposed “McKeon Street Activation” site, I am keenly interested in Council’s plans for this new plaza.</p> <p>I would love to see initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stage for talent such as vocalists and musicians to perform. • Dancers could also get on the stage and facilitate dance moves that could involve anyone on the street – e.g. The “Electric Slide” is often done in Block Parties in the United States https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU43Od2i3i4 While I wouldn’t necessarily promote appropriating a dance from a different culture, why not create our own “Maroubra Move”? • Picnic style tables with umbrellas for people to sit and eat together. Décor could be coastal/beach inspired to complement the natural surrounds. • Farmers markets on Saturdays/Sundays, with fresh/organic produce, indoor plants, candles/homewares, baked goods stalls and market foods such as gozleme (suggest contacting the people who hold the stall at Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick), dumplings. • Night markets, especially during festivals or holiday seasons – e.g. Christmas or Christmas in July markets with fairy lights, Hanukkah or other Jewish holidays, days of significance to Aboriginal people. Promote festive and joyful atmosphere. Inspiration could be taken from German Christmas Markets – mulled wine in the colder months, spiked iced teas/seltzers in warmer months. • Promotion of night time trade okay on the weekends, however Maroubra has a secluded and peaceful atmosphere which I would prefer not to be too disrupted, particularly on weekdays. <p>Thank you for your kind consideration of the community’s views regarding this exciting project.</p>

3.4. Pop ups

Two pop up sessions were held on Wednesday 15 and Saturday 18 June 2022 to provide a face-to-face opportunity for community members to speak with Council staff and share their thoughts or learn more about the project. There was majority support for the project, with requests for live music, greenery, and a safe space for families. Those not in support of the project were concerned about access to the residential apartments and deliveries, as well as some concern about noise. All comments written on the ‘my thoughts’ boards are shown in the following table.

My thoughts

- Don't do it! Parking loss, don't need with the beach opposite, too much traffic.
- Add a kebab shop, Chinese restaurant and Lebanese restaurant.
- Allow easy access to carpark driveway for 180 Marine Pde
- Need a facelift for all shopfronts – make it look modern and trendy.
- Delivery access – bollards at each end to allow trucks access at certain times.
- Coogee Bay Road worked, good vibe
- Would visit with the kids to eat out more
- Run a competition to design it and build in seats along McKeon
- How would a removalist or delivery truck access residential apts on McKeon
- Indigenous engagement
- Good to spread out in summer
- No metred parking like other councils. Keep it community less commercial
- More room for kids
- Place for blokes to meet, and mums and bubs
- Concern about increase in noise, no permanent tables, keep access to parking
- Lovely idea. Why not extend down to end of McKeon?
- Performers, greenery, vege patch, small kids play area
- CCTV for safety
- Add buskers, artists, cooking classes, story telling
- Shops should improve their facades, better food hygiene
- No CCTV
- Waiting for Sunday market. Take out the fences, share table between shops
- Great idea! Smart solar benches eco renewable energy
- Somewhere for dogs to have a drink of water
- Minimise smoking areas
- Greenery and flowers
- No increase of trucks on south/mid end of McKeon
- Traffic lights needed on corner McKeon and Marine for pedestrians
- Traffic controller needed on corner McKeon and Marine for pedestrians
- Survey traffic flow/impact on adjacent street, Chapman Ave and Hereward St before and after closure
- Traffic Calming

My thoughts
• More lights and shared tables
• Trial in summer
• Traffic counts
• Sounds good
• Nothing crazy, but wine bar with live music
• Farmers markets with money going to a local charity
• Artificial grass, safe place
• Giant chess set
• Delivery trucks
• Pastel Miami colour, art deco feel
• Supporting local artists
• Plants and colour
• Block Chapman at crossroad with Fenton Ave so it's not a thoroughfare
• Residents in apartments don't have to wait to turn from Marine Pd – easier access from Fenton
• Pedestrian crossing on Fenton Ave
• Night markets – farmers and artisan
• Shade
• Kebab shop
• Great idea – include live music, coffee, street theatre, yoga, mindfulness
• Live music. Something interactive
• Markets once a month
• Solar benches with free wifi
• More lights
• Cool idea
• Opening event with entertainment
• Family activities in the space
• Sheltered co working space with electricity.
• Solar powered benches with plug ins
• Live music and bar
• Nightlife

Table: Thoughts from the pop up consultations



Images: Pop ups on Wednesday 15 and Saturday 18 June 2022.

3.5. Social Media

 Facebook posts on 30 May and 4 June 2022 reached 1564 users and generated:



96 likes



547 video views



22 loves



45 comments



Instagram story generated:



68 likes



17 comments



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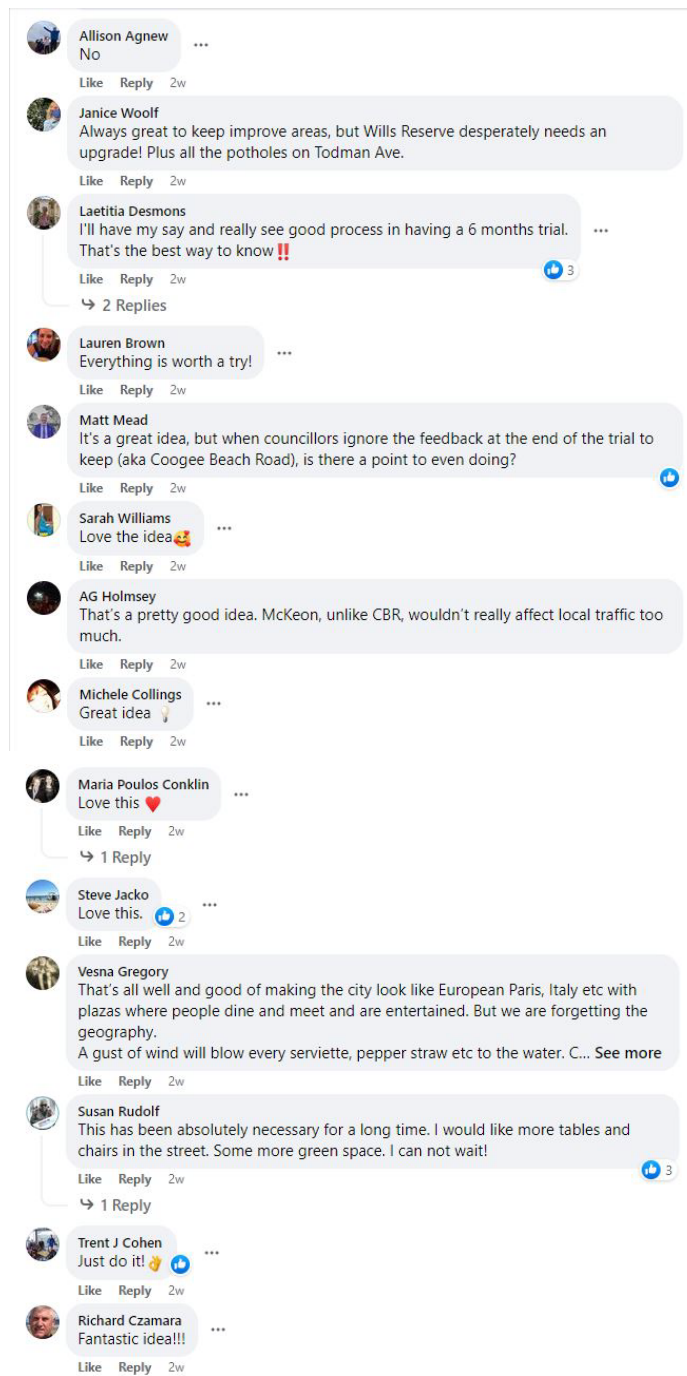
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We are looking to create a new public plaza on McKeon Street at Maroubra Beach. The new space will be created by closing McKeon Street to traffic between Marine Parade and Fenton Avenue for a six month trial period. The aim is to provide more space for people to meet, shop, dine and relax opposite the beach.

We'd love to hear what you think of this idea and what you'd like to see in the space? Visit our Your Say website to let us know: <http://ow.ly/elZO50JkwEr>



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Clancy Rose
Nice idea. ...
Perhaps update the pavilion bathroom facilities as well, shocking state.
Like Reply 2w

Anastasia Orr
Just leave it alone, stopped going to Coogee after they did that... traffic is horrid there already, instead, do some improvements to Arthur Burne & Broadarrow Reserves if the Council has money to burn
Like Reply 2w

Karen Segal
Awesome idea ...
Like Reply 2w

Jon Beves
Great idea!! ...
Like Reply 2w

Robby Therese
It's possibly a good idea. I'd like to see a trial. On the weekends it's difficult to walk along the footpath in that area of McKeon St. The place is overrun with people, dogs and strollers. My main concern is the effect traffic is going to have on su... [See more](#)
Like Reply 2w

Author
Randwick City Council
Hi Robby, Council is exploring parking changes in nearby streets to maintain or increase the availability of nearby on-street parking. Thanks for your comments, they'll be included as a submission. You can also have your say here: <https://www.yoursay.r...> [See more](#)

Robby Therese
Randwick City Council I'm a Chapman Ave resident and I'm not in favour of resident parking. Resident parking is NOT fair. Why would anyone want to pay to park on the street in front of their own home??? I'd rather see some devices to slow the traffi... [See more](#)
Like Reply 2w

Author
Randwick City Council
Robby Therese We're looking to introduce angle parking on Fenton Ave. Changing the parking from parallel to angled narrows the road but increases the amount of parking spaces.
Like Reply 2w

Bj Koppl
Randwick City Council increase by how many spots? Both side or just one side? Also will that change it to 1 way only?
Like Reply 2w

David Habler
Open the rarely used park behind the ambulance station for MUCH needed parking
Like Reply 2w

Maria Granelli
sounds great, but, can you pls fix what we have before any new projects. I walk from 895 Anzac Parade to Pacific Square every day, when it rains the foot path floods with no escape for the water , often I have to walk on the road to avoid my feet getti... [See more](#)
Like Reply 2w

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- Daniel Semo**
Keep turning maroubra into a white collar yuppie paradise 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔 ***
Like Reply 2w
- Jay Wyllie**
Good idea and talking of improvements in and around the area please update the Maroubra beach playground. Currently it's in a state of neglect and is uninspiring for the children who use it. 2
Like Reply 2w
↳ 2 Replies
- Aaron Foster**
Great idea ***
Like Reply 2w
- Georgina Byrt**
I think it would be a good start to just fix up the current space without removing carparking. If you just want to grab a take away coffee there is no parking....
Like Reply 2w
- Judith Koch**
As long as parking remains free ***
Like Reply 2w
- Christopher Morton**
Didn't work in Coogee and won't work in Maroubra. How is the hotel going to receive their deliveries and how are residents above the hotel going to access their underneath parking?
Like Reply 2w
- Author**
Randwick City Council
Vehicle access for residents in the adjacent apartments and essential delivery trucks will remain.
Like Reply 2w
- Emma Nile Blake** ***
Like Reply 2w
- Clancy Rose** ***
Tanya Elsinger ***
Like Reply 2w
- Mel Ann** ***
Sarah Cohen 1
Like Reply 2w
- Adelaide Barakat** ***
Joseph Barakat Katherine Barakat ***
Like Reply 2w



Image: Facebook posts and comments: 30 May and 4 June 2022

3.6. Business workshop

Business owners and managers attended a workshop and provided feedback to Council officers in conversations during consultation. Businesses were, on the whole, supportive of the project as more space with more seating would be welcomed. They saw this as an opportunity for more residents who live nearby to be attracted to the area as many businesses currently cater for visitors to the beach.

The extension of businesses existing outdoor dining areas was beneficial for some businesses while others relied mainly on takeaway trade. Providing moveable tables and chairs that would be the responsibility of business owners to pack up and store was problematic for some businesses as they did not have storage.

Some commented on the need for more umbrellas and shade structures as the area can be hot and windy. The need to fix a number of trip-hazards in the pavement was noted. Some businesses raised the need to include businesses along the length of McKeon Street and Marine Parade and to consider the opportunity for additional outdoor dining or landscaping along the footpath at Marine Parade. There were comments on the need for lighting at night and to

provide an attraction for people to visit at night. Some businesses would consider staying open later if there is more activity and people in the area.

Currently, only one business provides entertainment in the evening. Suggestions for entertainment and activities included markets and buskers. The need to address traffic flow along Marine Parade with traffic lights to replace the pedestrian crossing and concerns about the potential loss of car parking spots was raised. A suggestion to use the nearby Broadarrow Reserve as parking was made.

4. Next Steps

This consultation outcomes report will form part of the design brief to inform the overall design and materials used for the temporary space.

Furthermore, based on community feedback, Council will:

- Develop a program of entertainment that focuses on local artists, caters to families, and takes place during day and early evening.
- Liaise with the local Aboriginal community to investigate how culture could be celebrated in the space or an appropriate name for the space.
- Develop a traffic management plan.
- Undertake traffic counts before and during the project to evaluate the impact of the project on traffic movement in adjacent streets.
- Develop an alcohol management plan (for example, signage and liaison with adjacent businesses that serve alcohol and police to monitor and manage alcohol consumption in public spaces; noting that McKeon Street is an alcohol-free zone).
- Consider signage to inform the community that the outdoor area is a smoke-free zone.
- Continue to work with local businesses, share community feedback on their experience in the area and consider a program to assist businesses to assess and improve their shop façade and business offering.

5. Community engagement material

5.1. Flyer and poster

McKeon Street Maroubra Activation

Randwick Council is planning to create a new public plaza on McKeon Street at Maroubra Beach.

The new space will be created by closing McKeon Street to traffic between Marine Parade and Fenton Avenue for a six-month trial period to provide more space for you to meet, shop, dine or relax opposite the beach.

We are planning to implement the activation project for six months commencing in September 2022.

HAVE YOUR SAY

We are seeking your Ideas on what this new space could look like.

- Take our online survey: yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au
- Meet us at McKeon Street: **Wednesday 15 June** or **Saturday 18 June, 11am to 1pm.**

Consultation period:
30 May to 27 June 2022.

A NSW Government Streets as Shared Spaces Initiative.



1300 722 542
yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au

A. Other community benefits from the temporary public space on McKeon Street

	Other community benefits from the temporary public space on McKeon Street
1	Enjoy art and music and support local creatives
2	enjoy better quality restaurants and food
3	enjoy outdoor dining providing there is a better class of cafe options than is currently available in that stretch.
4	It will be a place that becomes the heart of the community It will be a place that is flexible and accessible for people of all ages and abilities
5	Not have to stress about the dangers of cars
6	It will be a place where people can go to escape the intensity of driving cars and crowded areas. It will be a real part of Maroubra social infrastructure if it's done right and can lead the way to more projects like this
7	Relax.
8	It will enable the businesses to diversify and create more of a destination to visit
9	Hopefully it will open up more outdoor dining spaces for the pub and other cafes so there is more space to enjoy while catching up with friends and eating and drinking
10	enjoy a traffic free space
11	make Maroubra a family-friendly destination, both during the day and in the evenings.
12	Relax
13	Relax and enjoy the seaside atmosphere
14	Engage other local small businesses in the area that have done it so tough over covid - live entertainment, magic, singers, Facepainter's
15	It will be a place to linger on warm Summer evenings.
16	Gentrify the area leading to further investment and development.
17	slow down and relax
18	Enjoy restaurants and maybe provide more space for locals to walk to the beach from their houses as long as it isn't filled up with dogs
19	Less cars better for people 👍😊
20	enjoy outdoors by beach
21	It will be a place that is conducive to being outdoors to enjoy a bite to eat & people watch
22	It will be nice to have more happening in Maroubra and create a little hub in which you can enjoy spending time with your friends and local community. More cafes, bars, live music, outdoor sitting areas.
23	cause accidents unless a pedestrian traffic light is installed to cross from the beach to McKeon street - having a zebra crossing is NOT the answer with the amount of people already frequenting this area
24	be creative and enjoy cultural experiences.
25	It will be a place that street or roaming entertainment can be provided to revitalise the space on a 24 hour basis, all-year round.

	Other community benefits from the temporary public space on McKeon Street
26	Beach goers will be able to enjoy cafes & pub meals -buy better surf boards & flowers for mum -Maroubra Beach precinct will benefit tremendously!!
27	Work outdoors in the sun while enjoying the proximity of other people and local businesses (cafes, etc).
28	It will help transform Maroubra Beach to becoming an inclusive, prosperous, bustling and vibrant place, like some other Eastern suburb beaches e.g. Bondi, Coogee. Maroubra beach currently falls far behind and not making much progress; yet only a stone-throw away from Coogee!
29	enjoy our beautiful local area
30	It will reduce footpath congestion in and around businesses/cafes which will improve the amenity and activation of the area.
31	The community will benefit by having less car dependency around maroubra beach, and hopefully should inspire people to use alternative safer and more environmentally friendly forms of transport such as walking, cycling and buses
32	have more events like live music and market places
33	It will be a place to relax away from traffic
34	It will be a place to relax
35	It would be more beneficial to have public space extend past Fenton st to allow those. Shops get more foot traffic . The space between Fenton and. Marine perhaps needs to be widened a. little on the side of the shops. For weekend traffic only . The side where the pub. Is does not need extra space .
36	sit and eat/drink without car noises and fumes. However, additional disability parking needs to be provided close by as parking spaces will be lost with this initiative and the existing spots outside the club on Marine Parade are always taken.
37	A Place to relax after playing beach Volleyball
38	It will be a place for pedestrians and cyclists to safely interact
39	Connect and spend time
40	Have food markets fresh produce
41	to improve the vibe and stimulation of business of Maroubra beach if proper planning, funding and design is at the forefront of this project. It is long overdue and the people of Maroubra would greatly benefit.
42	Showcase local artisans and artists, music, food, local / farmers market

B. Name suggestions

Name	# of mentions
Maroubra Beach Plaza	9

Name	# of mentions
Aboriginal name	5
Beach plaza	5
McKeon Plaza	5
The Bra	5
McKeon Place	3
Merroberah (aboriginal for place of thunder)	2
Down around	2
Eat street	2
Maroubra by Sea	2
Mckeon street	2
The hub	2
Kaya Bunji Coo-ee (aborigine words meaning: Hello friend/mate come here/I am here)	1
Maroubra meeting place Where you use the Aboriginal word for "meeting place" using the language of the Bigjigal and Gadigal people of the Eora nation. I do not know what it is	1
Please let the Aboriginal custodians of the land name the space and be involved in its design. I suggest that there should be a kids' play area called AbracadaBRA	1
Barry Rogers place	1
Bay Break	1
Bay Lane	1
Beach boulevard	1
Beach Breaks	1
Beach Connect	1
Beach Eats	1
Beach Meet	1
Beach Plaza...or 'our space'	1
Beachie	1
Beachside Plaza	1
Bombora or Bommie alley or some indigenous place name	1
Bra Boulevard	1
Bra Point or Bra Square	1
Bra Zone	1
Coeee Bunji (Aboriginal for come here mate)	1
Eat, play, love	1
Funtastic Place	1
Hangadillo	1
Le Bra	1
M'Bra beach eat & greet	1
Made in Maroubra	1
Magic Mckeon	1
Maroubra Beach Bazaar	1
maroubra beach center	1

Name	# of mentions
Maroubra Beach Place	1
Maroubra beach Square	1
Maroubra Beach Town Centre	1
Maroubra Beach Village	1
Maroubra beach west end	1
maroubra by night	1
Maroubra community hub	1
Maroubra corso	1
Maroubra green	1
Maroubra Lane	1
maroubra meet district	1
Maroubra mini ramblas	1
Maroubra Outdoor Dining Space	1
Maroubra pedestrian mall	1
Maroubra Social	1
Maroubra Space	1
Maroubra Square	1
Maroubra Village	1
McKeatin' street	1
McKeon Creates	1
McKeon Fair	1
McKeon Highline	1
McKeon Lane	1
McKeon Mall	1
McKeon Marvels	1
McKeon Pedestrian zone	1
McKeon Street Corso	1
McKeon Street Mall	1
McKeon village	1
McKeon's Quarter	1
McKeonsive	1
Meander at Maroubra	1
North End Plaza	1
Ocean community markets	1
Open Maroubra	1
Pacific Nation	1
Passage to the dunny bowl	1
Play St.	1
Relax, Eat and Enjoy !!	1
Rockin By The Sea	1
Sea Breeze Plaza	1
Sea Level Plaza	1
Sea Nature	1

Name	# of mentions
Seabreeze lane or Crana Avenue (Crana being indigenous for welcome)	1
Seaside McKeon	1
Seaspace	1
Share space	1
Sunrise Strip	1
The Bay	1
The Bay Bustle	1
The bowl	1
The Bra family lane way!!	1
The Bra Plaza	1
The Bra rest stop	1
The Bra strip	1
The hangout	1
The heart of Maroubra	1
The Hive, Maroubra (following on from 'The Spot, Randwick) or Maroubra Hive	1
The local gathering	1
The Maroubra Commons	1
The Parade	1
The piazza	1
The Rubik's Square	1
The Splash	1
The Strip	1
Thunder Place	1

C. Any other comments

	Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?
1	Please have a plan to keep this open longer rather than just do it temporarily and take it away as soon as people start to like it like you did with Coogee Bay Rd
2	I would improve the restaurants /cafes in the area rather than worry about more pedestrian access. The shops look drab, we need sushi train and some modernized cafe restaurants with good quality food. This will bring more people together!
3	Maroubra Bay Hotel recently applied for an extension to public outdoor dining,has this been factored in to any submissions. There should be regular noise checks so residents can also enjoy any closure of street.Increased noise levels need to monitored. This may include restricted hours .
4	Perfect space for outside eating and relaxing !
5	can we take the opportunity to improve the food and restaurant options in the area - Maroubra would be so enhanced with better restaurants and cafes
6	If going permanent, please remove the pedestrian crossing on Marine Pde and install pedestrian operated traffic lights (with stop, go and flashing orange for go when safe for cars) to improve vehicle traffic flow. Currently traffic backs up past the Maroubra Rd roundabout and also into Fitzgerald avenue due to high pedestrian activity on summer weekends at the mckeon/marine crossing.
7	Do it right and it should be a great initiative, possibly permanent. The space is definitely required on weekends when people are out and about. Some live music, lighting.
8	I think the whole of McKeon street needs an upgrade it seems permanently dirty - some of the cafes need level areas for their outside tables. If the cars were stopped then you could get rid of the metal fences. Also the bins need to be picked up more often. McKeon Street should be permanently closed to thru traffic - only allowing for certain deliveries. It would make for a safer and more appealing modern area that Maroubra Beach now needs.
9	Please choose the materials very carefully to avoid ongoing maintenance, i would suggest granite paving over concrete pavers for the longevity and the amount of foot traffic that visits this area, the current concrete pavers look cheap and always dirty. The plaza should have more trees and landscaping as their if limited greenery in this area and also modern night lighting to encourage night time dining. I would maintain one lane for business and residents on the northern side of the road and the remainder to be footpath, a small parapet wall on the boundary of traffic and footpath is required for safety. Permanent umbrellas or shade structures for the outdoor dining with heating would also be a great idea so all the umbrellas or shade structures are uniform and not café advertising. The shade structures should be designed to have plastic windbreak attachments for the winter months and also encourage more people to visit in winter. This is a wonderful opportunity for council to turn this section of Maroubra Beach into a unique cafe and dining area that attracts more visitors into the area and to improve business also. Please also consider the state of the awnings as they also should be upgraded to suit the new works, it would be a shame to have the area looking beautiful with old awnings adjacent, the time upgrade them is when the works are being undertaken.
10	It's a great idea!

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
11	Pedestrian crossing on marine parade should have lights or the additional people going to mckeen street will cause traffic chaos.
12	I am not in favour of this project.
13	Just closing off a street for the sake of it and calling it green, looking after residents/patrons needs etc if the shops and cafes in the closed off portion dont inspire, entice or attract is a waste of time in my opinion. There also needs to be a renewed vibrancy and quality in the cafes and shops that make people want to venture around the corner. This currently does not exist and wont by just blocking off the street.
14	It would be great to see some more cafes there suitable for kids. So maybe some sort of play area and then a cafe around it
15	I fully support the initiative and Council's approach to trial the plaza with the community!
16	We NEED more car-free spaces in Randwick City - especially in and around Maroubra Junction and Maroubra Beach. Cars dominate our spaces and we NEED to show what it would look like if we designed spaces for PEOPLE and not cars.
17	I would like to see more projects like this, creative and bold. That street offers very little in terms of accessibility as there are a number of surrounding streets that could be used. This space should really be developed to become the new Main Street of Maroubra, eventually working back through to Maroubra road. We have enough cars on our roads, we need to focus on placemaking and sustainability. Let this lead the way to road reclamation projects and a strong/meaningful commitment to connected urban forests and green grids
18	I love this idea! Please make it green, leafy - not just more room for commercial enterprises.
19	Cleaner space, the actual one is not that much
20	I have real concerns about social problems that may increase with this closure. Currently the Hotel is being managed responsibly but there have been extended periods in the past when this was not the case and a street closure then would have been a disaster. I think it works fine now. Any increase in pedestrians here will cause worse queued traffic approaching the pedestrian crossing on Marine Parade. Some pedestrian management measures must be implemented at that crossing prior to any closure proposed.
21	This is a great initiative. The beach area needs is and it will make a great focal hub.
22	Thanks for this participatory consultation. It would be great if the local Aboriginal folks could be engaged to help create some art and educational material for this space that would teach locals and visitors about the Aboriginal culture of the area and its diversity. E.g. artworks, info plaques with stories, photos, sculptures of people, native flora and fauna etc.
23	Bike parking please!
24	I would like this to be a permanent thing not just temporary...please. Maroubra Beach really needs a friendly space for the locals to meet and enjoy the beauty of Maroubra Beach
25	Good idea
26	That we maintain the gentle laid back 'village' feel we have now...markets and real produce is a great idea- so is entertainment on weekends- if a gentle nature... Shade and comfortable seating too.
27	Great idea

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
28	<p>More parking essential for the businesses as customers use McKeon st regularly to grab and go their coffee and food</p> <p>Outdoor dining spaces to further support the pubs and cafes down there as I feel this is what really holds our area back from growing.</p> <p>The street scape and pavement along cafes needs upgrading too as the drain there is a regular slip hazard when it rains and if you sit at the bake house for 5mins you'll see at least 2 people trip on the uneven pavement that's there. I've done it a million times. Scary when holding my new baby</p>
29	Dog shit on pavements is an ongoing, offensive issue. Dog owners are really having their shitty cake and eating it too. It's also gross that dogs (pets, not assistance) are brought into dining spaces.
30	If this space goes ahead then parking needs to be FREE in surrounding areas
31	Thanks so much - this is an excellent direction to be heading in
32	Only thing is about time. We really should have done it the first time not put the half road.
33	This is such a great idea! Locals like us would love this area to be more of a space people can head to, rather than head through.
34	This part of Maroubra badly lacks better eating options (similar to Coogee Village). Is there a rezoning that would fix it?
35	Traffic lights are needed instead of the crossing
36	I think Maroubra beach would benefit from more greenery like flowers, and additional trees as there is a lot of car traffic, asphalt and concrete (what is useful including parking), it's just too grey.
37	The outdoor dining areas are in dire need of a makeover. If this means it's done, then I think it's a good thing.
38	Increasing the amount of activity in the beach area, expanding the night time economy and increasing cafes and retail, mean there will be significantly more crime in the area. These measure are only justifiable if, during the summer months, there is a full-time police presence at the beach. It may be worth looking at one of the local commercial sites and considering whether this should be re-purposed for police use.
39	To ensure traffic is not increased in narrow surrounding streets where kids play outside (e.g. Chapman Ave and Maxwell St), there should be traffic islands or speed humps / signs installed.
40	I'm keen to see anything be attempted, but as someone who lives on this bit of McKeon, I don't quite get what the attraction is meant to be. Food options are average at best, not much retail here, and no bars beyond the one pub on the corner. It's dead around here outside of daylight hours on weekend, and even then only if it's sunny.
41	a new cark park in the area would be beneficial
42	It is a great idea. We lived in Maroubra for a year and the beachfront and cafes surrounding the area leave a lot to be desired. This will be good to elevate the area and encourage people to stay.

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
43	I think temporary bars/food outlets and even art spaces made from shipping containers- that are movable, would be a great idea. My husband works in these types of installs and the best part is that they are in place in one day; and gone the next if needs be. The shops should be a part of the precinct as well- not blocked out by other food places as that will take business from them. I think the residents would like it to be able to go back to "normal" during winter when no-one is around (it happens- it gets super quiet. There needs to be some thought for access for delivery trucks as well, where are the kegs to be dropped off for the pub, the delivery vans etc as they will. Get rid of the bus stop out the front of the pub and make that a delivery spot perhaps , there is no need for 2 bus stops (3 even) in such a short space of road.
44	Great idea and could be the catalyst to redevelop the whole of the Maroubra Beach block (Mons Ave, Marine Parade, McKeon Street) and get rid of the 70's apartment block and tow truck place. Please don't make the mistake of taking the project up-market or trying to change the beach side vibe. We don't need a farmers market, craft fair or new age Byron Beach style market. Just keep it real with activities for local ... kids, surfing, skating, eating - maybe put a basketball hoop in. Just closing the road isn't enough - you will need to change the road surface so it doesn't look like a road with no cars.
45	<p>It will be fantastic to open up McKeon St. It is currently only potentially attractive. The combination of cars, fencing and overbearing apartments makes it a transitory space rather than a destination.</p> <p>Like pleasant urban environments all over the world, you walk into them, not drive. Pleasant walkability is the key. Cars will find a place to park. Drivers and passengers may have to walk a bit further rather than continuously do the circuit around the block until they find a space adjacent to their favourite coffee shop.</p> <p>I always walk to McKeon St.</p> <p>Fashion related enterprises and creative industries should be encouraged to flourish there as much as possible as well - that will encourage the space as a destination.</p>
46	Love this idea...would actually love to see something more thoughtful to connect the beach area too and divert people around the beach at Mons Avenue into Fenton and then back around to the beach.
47	It's so overdue. A Saturday / Sunday market would be great too. There's heaps of parking a block away for the not-so-locals. Festoon lighting at timber installations would be fantastic, and the pedestrian space in front of the pub is perfect for outdoor entertainment when its not raining. Invite food trucks too, add outdoor seating and shade. Put in a few bike racks too, for the cyclists. Hopefully this temporary thing becomes permanent and we have a summer at the end of the year.
48	Worth a trial just to see how it goes.
49	Great idea! I often walk thru here with a walking group and it's hard to find enough outdoor space for 10-15 ... especially with a bit of shade.
50	This area of Maroubra beach is old and ugly. Very dirty too. It needs an overhaul. It will be great for the local community and businesses.
51	If successful this should become a permanent closure
52	Provide disabled access and be safe for kids

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
53	<p>Complete waste of money. You still have residents there who will require access to their properties so it can never be truly pedestrian. You only have shops on one side and most of them are pretty average. For a pedestrian street, you would want both sides of the street lined with shops to entice people to visit. Its already hard enough to park there and you are now removing even more spaces.</p> <p>If you really want to improve the area, can we fix the playground at the beach. Its looking tired and old and would give the area a real lift. Maybe allow for some pop up cafes along the beach, you know where people actually want to hang out, instead of on McKeown street.</p>
54	<p>I have lived up the road and always thought it was a no brainer that this was not a pedestrian friendly space.</p> <p>The only planning suggestion I would think about is using some form of wind abatement barriers ie. trees for the Winter SW and Summer NE winds.This will be important to make it a viable usable space.</p>
55	Anything to beautify this tired looking area the better.
56	I think it's important to create a space for local businesses to work for Randwick council
57	Markets on the weekend
58	<p>I would like to know what happens to the dozen plus parking spaces that will be lost in this area.</p> <p>with your intent to start 2P parking in Maroubra, how will the loss of these parking spaces help residents?</p> <p>we love living in a QUIET suburb. how will you manage the noise that will come with the crowds you wish to attract to our suburb. how will you manage the increased demand for parking.</p> <p>Why does Randwick Council want to turn Maroubra into another overcrowded , congested space like Coogee.</p>
59	<p>Research into WHAT PEOPLE REALLY NEED / ARE LACKING in this area is what's needed BEFORE deciding on anything. as a mum of young children, a child-safe space would be appreciated - eg, benches like in Pitt St and something to occupy children whilst mums can have a coffee and catchup with friends. the playground at the beach needs a serious uplift - as the only large playground in the area, the quality of it is disappointing. also it pools with water whenever there's some rain. this is unhealthy and unclean.</p> <p>McKeon street vendors need to be assessed - the hairdressor and Indian eateries are always vacant - this is PRIME position for small bar / smart-casual restaurant or a nice gift shop. These current vendors detract from the quality of Maroubra.</p>
60	<p>It's been a long time coming.</p> <p>Maroubra Beach and Maroubra Junction are the poor cousins of Randwick. Dark and Deserted at 8 pm due to poor lighting and no activity or inviting spaces.</p>
61	<p>It's possibly a good idea. I'd like to see a trial carried out during the summer months.</p> <p>On the weekends it's difficult to walk along the footpath in that area of Mckeon St. The place is overrun with people, dogs and strollers. My main concern is the effect traffic is going to have on surrounding streets. Chapman Ave for example is a street with families and young children and it's already frequently used as a thoroughfare. More traffic in surrounding streets will not be a good thing. While Mckeon is being looked at I'd like to see some consideration for the amount of traffic using surrounding streets.</p>
62	We would like to see more investment of this type in Maroubra.
63	Great idea - these pedestrian plazas are great for the community

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
64	The area should have free parking to entice visitors to come and enjoy their time here. Market stalls would be good once a month or so, outdoor dining and baskers would be good too.
65	Make it permanent!
66	Need to be clear about dogs - there are so many these days and it's not safe for small kids to have too many dogs around I would love regular 'Made in Maroubra' markets - there is so much local talent - art, plants, food, surf products etc I think parking should be taken away from neighbouring streets and to beach front spaces or use more of the green space by the bus depot - don't want to permanently lose all of it but could use some. So make some new car parks that is off streets Overall I love this idea - the vibe on McKeon St is great just too busy right now
67	There are only 10 15 parking spots in this area of McKeon St on a short term basis
68	It should be pet friendly
69	I think in the interests of local residents parking in Fenton and Chapman st needs to be residents permit and timed to 1 hour for others as start to raise money for the council by putting in pay parking at the beach as there are many costs now that are being born by the resident taxpayers without contributions from the thousand of users of services who come to the beach.
70	Some nighttime activations would be great in summer.
71	Please rid the area of Indian Mynas. Please consider this same proposal for Burnie St Clovelly. 👍😄
72	Randwick City Council should look at more areas where streets can be pedestrianised and local activity can be increased
73	I think it would be a good idea, but firstly we need to create additional parking spots and Also a better system needs to be in place for the pedestrian crossing..... more pedestrian foot traffic also creates traffic jams with one lane and no where to go when busy. Maybe traffic lights or a tunnel
74	Please provide a dog-free area, especially away from dining spaces.
75	This will make delivering to local businesses already more difficult than it is. It takes away precious parking spaces which are not patrolled enough and will make getting to Hereward St, Fenton Ave and the western end of McKean more difficult. This will lead to greater fuel emissions and probably more local rubbish in the area. It will lead to greater noise for local residents who live in the immediate vicinity and probably lead to an expansion of alcohol in the area from the pub. There is already a good outdoor space next to the cafe's. Why make it more difficult to get around and attract greater impact on the local area from inter suburban visits who don't care as much as locals for the area.
76	Try to retain existing businesses & atmosphere avoid turning into Coogee or Bondi
77	I support the idea but I am concerned about the impact of loss of short stay parking. I would like to see some more restaurants open in the evening in the area.
78	Would be great to have pop up markets and street performers. Table settings not exclusive to restaurants, but so you can purchase from various.
79	Coogee Bay Road closure was a great example of what McKeon Street could become. Would like to see both sites permanently closed to traffic and turned into nice social areas supporting local cafes, retail, etc.

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
80	Provide a place that appeals to all age groups . Providing different zones / areas for different purposes . Food , quiet area . Games area , playtime area. Have a variety of hubs that are screened with plants , pots , environmental structures etc
81	Would like the space to have shade and gardens and outdoor dining. Maybe the odd pop up food truck Place to hang out and night lighting x
82	I don't believe this will benefit the cafes in the street, I think with eliminating parking it will do more harm than good. People will stop visiting especially the morning rush
83	It's a great idea. Please focus on it be for locals. The charm of Maroubra is that it isn't Coogee or Bondi. It's laid back vibe is to be embraced.
84	Please do not have tall trees that encourage birds to sit and leave their waste on tables and chairs which happens now in McKeon street.
85	The landlords of those properties MUST be made to look after their properties, they are grossly neglected. I do not see why ratepayers will be funding the concept and the landlords are not made to commit to up keeping their properties
86	Hopefully this will bring better dining to the area. I also believe Providing better use for the blue pavillion would also be a great idea. It Has so much potential to bring maroubra to life but the current lease holder makes it such an unpleasant place to visit
87	I would love to see more options for social activities and things to do at night time or the weekend, so maroubra locals don't always have to go to Coogee/Bondi. Thanks :)
88	If it is done well, it should be permanent, not temporary. This is what could finally make Maroubra live up to its potential. As above, think about a central square / plaza, / piazza in Europe, remove the cars and encourage people to use the space, but use a beach theme to keep it local to Maroubra culture.
89	pedestrian traffic light between the beach and McKeon street. The amount of foot traffic crossing the zebra walk on the weekend or holidays is ridiculous for cars. The answer to fine another route is not very helpful from the council either
90	the fencing along the current footpath and vehicle spaces needs to be removed and safer travel between the road way and the footpath needs to be created . I like the "village feel " it still has .. making sure any changes try to keep that... it would be good to still have that type of feel
91	Traffic in the area is already congested enough on warm sunny days, closing the street will only make matters worse. The footpath has been widened for al fresco dining and the park is across the road. There is plenty of space for eating and socialising.
92	Some of the streets are wide enough to turn into 90 degree parking and lots more parking could be created. Please consider closing permanently as it would improve the area greatly. It is easy enough to drive around the block to park. Perhaps consider making 90 degree parking all the way up and down marine parade, especially where there is more space near the park.
93	It would be amazing if you can use recycle materials to build the benches/facilities (when possible)
94	Great idea. Please keep families with small kids in mind:) thank you!!!
95	The hotel. Please maintain the one door entry policy. You don't want an open space where alcohol is allowed. Keep you bans in place.

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
96	It would be great have a diverse mix of uses and not a sole focus on 'family fun', public art, interactive art, performance art coupled with specialty food and drink activations provide a great mix of atmosphere and cultural diversity. Can't wait to check it out when it's all set up!
97	<p>We need to upgrade the pedestrian crossing with interval access to crossing traffic is ridiculous trying to pass Marine Pde banks all the way to Bond St and Fitzgerald Rd roundabout</p> <p>We need to keep access on McKeon street pedestrian Its blocked with cafe furnitures and strollers every weekend</p> <p>We need to update the surf club also for the community and those Life saver that help patrol Our beaches</p>
98	We need more restaurants and night safe areas in Maroubra
99	<p>Congratulations, the space is probably used more by cars than people at the moment and the plaza concept creates a user-friendly space for people instead. The parking is and always will be a problem in peak season but perhaps Council should be thinking about a multi-storey carpark away from the beach to offer some reprieve in the longterm or as a longterm solution with incentives for public transport or cycling provided whilst still catering to car-parkers (don't forget to include those public electric vehicle chargers as well).</p>
100	<p>We'd love to see this space be green, lively, and creative for bringing together community and we hope it will be permanent (it was sad to see the Coogee Bay Road pedestrian changes like this then be shut down after being so successful). Some ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edible landscaping, including community fruit orchard, permaculture food forests, Community garden 2. Seed exchange library and book swap library 3. Free shed - for the community to leave, take, swap beach and surf oriented items (Beach toys, Rashguards, Sunblock) 4. Lounge chairs and lots of seating 5. Outdoor footyball and ping pong 6. Hammocks! Grownup size swings 7. Surf tool/wax station 8. 3d printer for beach waste plastic 9. Picnic tables under shade 10. Native edible windbreak greenery to slow wind from beach 11. Equivalent of Coogee rainbow - welcoming - paint street rainbow from ocean 12. Drinking fountain with bowl for dogs 13. Community bulletin/art-making Whiteboard

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
101	<p>'This is such a great idea!!!</p> <p>It would be great if functions could be combined for this small but really essential space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combine a community notice board/whiteboard with a street library and maybe a free shed - especially for beach equipment - sunscreen dispenser - seed exchange. All of this could be built into one fairly compact structure that really pulls people together and provides a focus. - Tree Plantings could be used for green and for shade and for a windblock for breezy days and for growing food. - Seating should be moveable and include a variety of types - lounge chairs, picnic seating, etc. - Some recreation for kids, like outdoor ping pong or Foosball would be great - Painting the road could be great to really set it apart as a public space <p>So grateful for this experiment! Really looking forward to its success!!!!</p>
102	<p>Extend Maroubra Bus Terminus & apply for more buses over longer time periods -more space for bus parking /depot in summer months -more police presence to deter inebriates & the antisocials</p>
103	<p>A 100% pedestrian area is a great idea! I'm hoping to see a lot of green, and also space to sit, gather with others, work, read, drink, and have a bite. Sheltered picnic tables would contribute to all-day business where people can sit and enjoy proximity to all amenities.</p> <p>It would be great to develop Maroubra beach, similar to Coogee, Bondi or Manly. Extend the promenade to rollerblade/cycle/skate for longer, have more cafe options right on the beach, increase visibility and number of beachvolleyball nets allowed on the beach.</p>
104	<p>Please think about how the business "open" side of McKeon street would be impacted as well.</p>
105	<p>I would give 100% support to this project as it will help develop local businesses; and help promote & progress Maroubra Beach on the proviso that the Council please PLAN as commensurate to manage noise, safety and parking considerations affecting local residents here. Currently nearby residential areas such as Bona Vista Avenue that is already a nightmare. Parking is becoming an imminent road safety hazard. Beach visitors and residents alike are forever parking precariously and carelessly on both sides of the miserably narrow road - blocking traffic from drivers' and pedestrians' views. Please make some of these nearby/narrow roads e.g. Bona Vista Avenue ONE-WAY; instead of currently 2-way. The solution is that simple and cheap to implement!</p>
106	<p>I think the area works well as it is. You will be removing a lot of parking and already it is challenging to find any parking in the Maroubra beach area. The area is rarely packed to capacity and I spend time there most days having a coffee. It will make it more challenging for people making deliveries to the shops. Currently there is a nice balance which I think will be spoiled by this initiative. Why change something when it already is working well. Look at Coogee it is a mess do something with it.</p>
107	<p>I support it, just. There is plenty of other space in Maroubra that can be used too.</p>
108	<p>They should open the park that's nearby for parking as there is already not enough parking.</p>
109	<p>Make it permanent</p>
110	<p>We need to keep the street open for those less mobile to be able to get as close as possible to shops etc.</p>

	Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?
111	I'd love the idea of making Maroubra beach a more trendy spot to go for dinner and drinks at night. This plaza would help. It would also make the street feel more spacious and safe for pedestrians.
112	Turning streets into public places is a great idea!
113	I would love it to be permanent
114	I think that this is a really fabulous idea!! There must be outdoor bars!
115	Emphasis on a clean, organised area with planter boxes and quality tables/seating. Current footpath seating feels dirty and cheap - especially outside the Cosy Thai House restaurant. Bar Milano have done street dining really well.
116	Add more ways for people to directly access the site without cars eg bike paths, public transport, well lit walking paths
117	The distribution of parking and in particular loading and truck zones so the businesses in the immediate area will need thoughtful consideration. Accessing these zones from Fenton Avenue would assist timely servicing of business's rather than utilising Marine Parade due to the regular summer traffic congestion. The integration of resident vehicle access which is amenable, given bidirectional flow will be needed but this will also result in less pedestrianised activation.
118	I am very proud of this council for converting car only spaces to public spaces, I believe this creates a safer, friendlier environment for everyone, and encourages people to use alternative safer and more environmentally friendly forms of transport. The council could go further to encourage alternate transport and discourage cars by increasing bike and bus infrastructure, which would in turn allow for more public space as less people will need parking.
119	if musicians were to perform, make it an open invitation process, and not a private process like at pacific sq
120	People are going to complain about driving and car parking but I think council needs to show leadership in promoting spaces that are car free. I wish council could do more to reduce the amount of resident vehicles taking up space 24/7 and the amount of people who unnecessarily drive to the beach.
121	Big big mistake. It will become a foul, antisocial, terrifying "strip". I live part of the year in the Coffs Harbour area. They had a plaza for a few years in the main shopping and business centre that was a putrid, crime-ridden area occupied by homeless people, beggars and thieves.
122	Overall, I think this is a really good idea, something that will benefit the area. The project should also include a pedestrian crossing on Fenton Ave to facilitate walking further west on McKeon St (South side).
123	The broader Maroubra beach area could benefit from an upgrade: the pavilion is dated and doesn't offer lots of nice dining options, the Maroubra seals building is... I don't even have the words for it. A good refresh and more dining/entertainment options would make the beach area much more enjoyable!
124	I generally support pedestrian friendly streets, but only when there's no other pedestrian friendly areas in the vicinity. There's plenty of space for foot traffic at the beach promenade. I don't think that taking away the vehicle access to McKeon Street would result in any positive change. Plus, it's rather convenient to be able to swing by the cafes for a take away coffee, find a quick park, and then be on my way.

	Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?
125	some of the cafes are rather grotty - the only places that are decent are cafe marini and Arthur's pizza on each corner. Both the cafes and their (heritage?) buildings needed to be tarted up. I think a good analogy for the site would be the string of cafes opposite Bronte Beach. Also no McDonalds or the like there - inappropriate.
126	Great initiative, I'm all for it
127	This is an amazing project, it will connect the community in a safe place. I reckon it's very important to have a place where the community can enjoy and relax, live music, organic markets and multicultural events.
128	Outdoor dining options should be a plenty. Maroubra beach really needs to be developed as it's the poor cousin of Coogee and has no money spent on it compared to all the development of coogee.
129	This is an exciting prospect! Look forward to the trial.
130	Outdoor seating, more cafes and food options, weekend markets
131	Reconnecting our community is vital. This would be a great space to bring cultural and environmental awareness, music, arts, events, collaboration activities, markets e.g. blak markets or food markets, I really appreciate how proactive and supportive Randwick Council is and I am excited to see what you will do with this space
132	Great idea - love it !
133	There are a lot of people with dogs that come through there. Which is great. More dog friendly with a bag dispenser and drinking bowl.
134	As a long time local it definitely needs some upgrades but it is important to keep the smaller community feel
135	I think McKeon street needs a good refurbishment. It's currently very grubby and all the local businesses leave crates and other rubbish outside their premises, bins are constantly overflowing. A lot of the cafes building's need a fresh paint and the landscaping / footpaths needs an upgrade. This initiative to pedestrianise McKeon could be the start of the McKeon street refurbishment
136	I think a place for people to meet and chat is a great idea. McKeon Street is definitely due an upgrade in relation to places to eat and drink. All the buildings are quite run down and all sell very similar cuisine. It would be great to have a variety of restaurants/shops and outdoor seating would be a great idea too! It would give Maroubra even more life and summer beach vibes!

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
137	<p>From my own experience of living close by McKeon street the pathways on the weekends get extremely crowded from people waiting for coffees and meals. Opening up that area to the local cafes would allow for more flow and movement.</p> <p>Nighttime activation would be great not just for businesses but also for safety. It can get very dark in that area when walking home from the bus stop.</p> <p>There are many local businesses within the community and feel it would be amazing to showcase the communities talents at a weekend market space.</p> <p>As a student landscape architect I feel the planting against the fences at the start of McKeon street is poorly managed. Coastal plantings to connect to the planting around the beach would bring a vibrant flow in the area. Also connecting the planting to the site rather than just placed along pathways would benefit the space to create a welcoming relaxed feel.</p> <p>Maroubra has a diverse community and using that space for cultural holidays and festivals would be great to learn about different cultures and meet new people. It would also hopefully combat a lot of racism within the community.</p>
138	Question 10 asked about on street parking maybe a multi story carpark like northern beaches council have could be more beneficial
139	Great idea/ need to have more cool cafes and places that are a destination in Maroubra near the beach like coogee
140	Good idea.
141	Great idea!
142	For this to be a truly functional, well designed space, you need to think about how climate change will affect how we use this space and how climate change might devastate any infrastructure that you erect here. Perhaps due to growing heat extremes people will increasingly seek to use the space at night. Perhaps due to intense periods of rain, there will be long periods where it won't be used at all and indeed, be flooded. It's time to jettison the developers' concrete-the-lot mentality and start thinking creatively about spaces that are more inclusive and not simply designed for people with deep pockets.
143	Additional disability parking needs to be provided close by as parking spaces will be lost with this initiative and the existing spots outside the club on Marine Parade are always taken.
144	I think it's a worthwhile project to undertake and would be beneficial to the local community.
145	I doubt local business see this as a positive thing. There are more important city project that need attention!
146	<p>I think having night time activations as part of this to attract more people and a bustling vibe is important.</p> <p>I have tried and failed to run Beach Volleyball under lights at the north end of the beach! Something like this would work so well to help the whole vibe of Maroubra in my opinion.</p>
147	There needs to be a much safer traffic concept, i.e. 10km/h or 20km/h limit on Fenton St, McKeon St and Chapman Avenue, with a roundabout where Fenton ST meets McKeon. Even at current state, cars speed, double park, etc. - creating a significant risk for beachgoers, school children crossing the road, dog walkers, and so on.

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
148	I think the project is a fantastic idea! Projects like these have been shown to make a huge positive impact in the city of Sydney, Bondi and Coogee and would offer a fantastic open/free public space for the currently changing community to meet, integrate and celebrate the unique culture found here. Maroubra had amazing pools, beaches, bushwalks, people and parks and all that is missing is a more bustling high street (that isn't Maroubra Junction due to its distance away) to come together to celebrate these things.
149	This is a fantastic idea. It will have a great impact on the cohesion of the local community, giving people an improved space to meet and enjoy each other's company outside the local pubs. Knotts Ave Bondi is a great precedent for paving and streetscape design for a shared space in a coastal location.
150	This should be permanent. It will attract other businesses to set up in this neighbourhood centre. A strong pedestrian experience is critical to supporting the cultural and economic life of this beach-side spot.
151	Maroubra beach has long needed a clean up and total refresh / modernisation of this area. It's long overdue and desperately required. It's currently quite drab.
152	Traffic lights are required at Maroubra Beach. Cnr of McKeon & Marina Pde and probably cnr of Mons & Marine Pde. It is chaos there in summer or whenever the weather is good.
153	The project is a great idea and I fully support it.
154	Please make it permanent as Maroubra needs more pedestrian street activation for locals and tourists to enjoy. I currently visit Coogee beach for cafes as Maroubra has little in the way of outdoor cafe options
155	Please include dog-friendly options for outdoor dining Live music would be great too Little playground or play options for kids would be great too (table tennis, or similar to play area in Coogee Pavilion)
156	Parking is always a problem in McKeon St additional parking is essential
157	I strongly feel that one of the most important areas of the development of McKeon St is safety. Most of the awnings above the shops are rusty and some are not properly secured and need attention before there is an accident. The pavers need to be replaced (they are so dirty) and would be nice to see new plants, and flowers blooming. The metal railing needs to be removed, I believe it's an eyesore and proper outdoor seating is a must to encourage more people to visit, stay and eat and help our local businesses thrive and to encourage new businesses to join our Maroubra community. There is so much potential sitting there waiting to boom. THIS IS LONG OVERDUE!!
158	There should be a Kebab shop (almost all beaches have these) Improve variety of popular food offerings eg Chinese restaurant, Lebanese restaurant, Sushi Train. Allow delivery truck access at restricted times eg 10:30am to 11:30am, by placing removable bollards at both ends. This would help the pub for kegs, garbage trucks and store suppliers.

Is there anything else you would like to say about the project?	
159	<p>It's a shame there aren't better places to eat. Most are just take away places, not restaurants so it's not really a food destination.</p> <p>Local markets could be a draw card.</p> <p>Also I will be concerned about increased litter if more are eating take away there. Any additional outdoor dining should require table service to reduce litter impact. FOGO bins should also be provided.</p> <p>How about mandating compostable coffee cups?</p>
160	Wonderful idea. The space would be kid and pet safe
161	<p>I am not opposed to closing to the traffic to improve the space, but don't agree there is any need to add to the area and suck more traffic in. The businesses are well supported, as you may realise while you wait in a queue try to get dinner at the pub, a coffee in the morning, or fish and chips in the evening on the weekend. I don't think more services or attractions should be installed in the area either, because it has simply become too busy, with traffic and other infrastructure is lacking. The area is over cooked!</p> <p>Could look at developing South Maroubra shopping area into a gather space, e.g. markets, art shows, music etc on the grassed area.</p>
162	Marine Parade is a nightmare to drive along in the summer, one lane and a crossing in the middle with people straggling along the crossings. It is as bad as Arden Street in Coogee past the beach.
163	the street needs some improvements, the pavements are very dirty, and the metallic covers above the shops are rusty and are a health threat
164	Cant wait to see it
165	Focus on the needs of the local businesses first!
166	maroubra has plenty car park for big event we can start make no local pay for parking like the rest of eastern suburbs
167	Utilise the proposed street closure with extended seating, like a mini piazza, community area where one can eat their takeaway food or just chat. Keep it spacious enough so as not to be overcrowded. Make it an aesthetically welcoming and comfortable space lit up with festoon / cantina lights embracing the lovely Maroubra community and coastal vibe.
168	I do not think the proposed changes to parking in Fenton Avenue are a good idea. The street is not wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists to safely use the street if rear to kerb parking is put in. There are also delivery trucks that use this area. The changes will increase traffic in Chapman Ave as people try to avoid the new narrow part of Fenton between Mons and Chapman. Keep the parking in Fenton Ave as is, or impose time restrictions near Arthur's Pizza and between Chapman and McKeon to increase turnover.

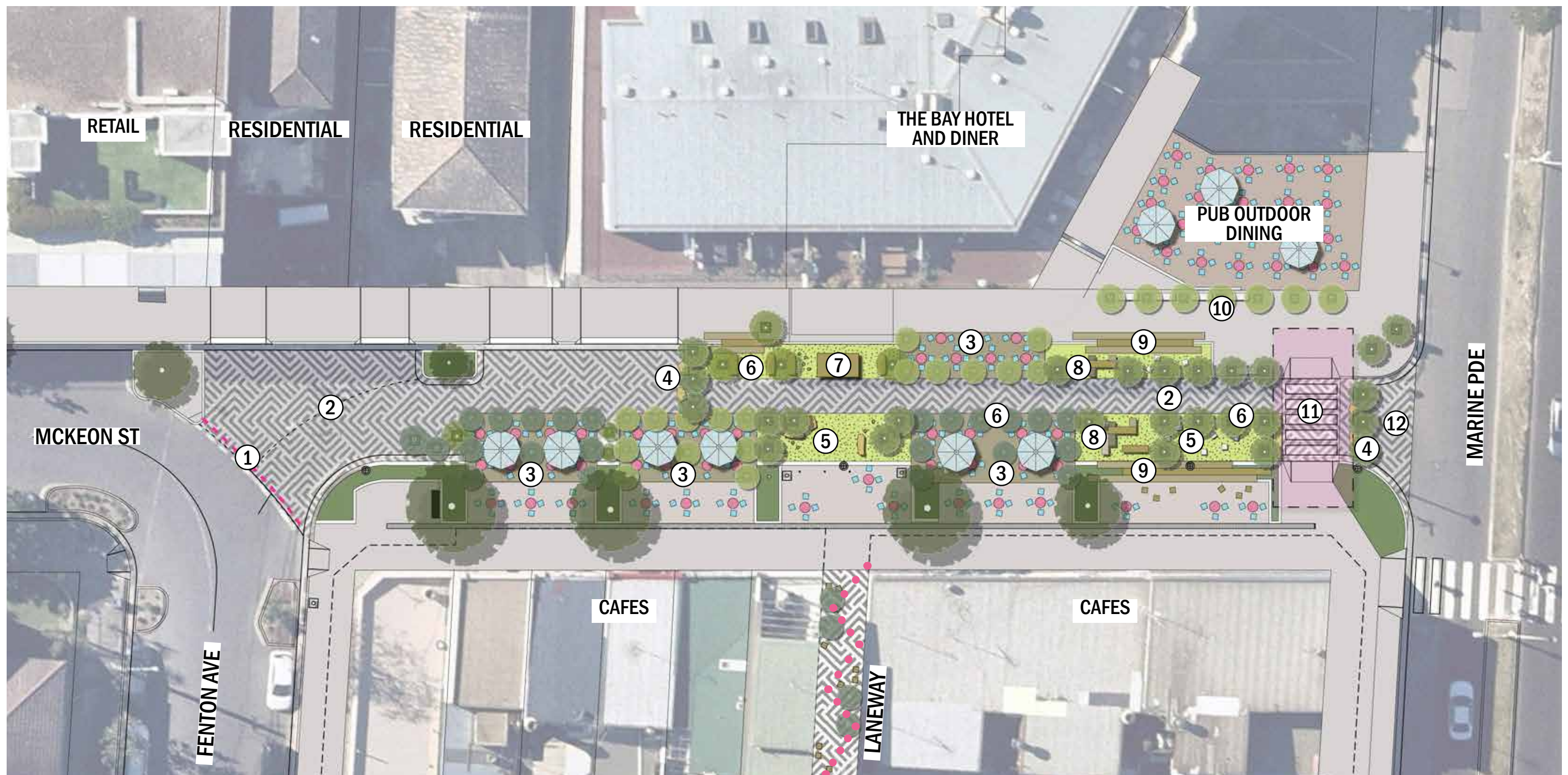


McKeon Street, Maroubra

Baseline Concept Design Package



CONTEXT



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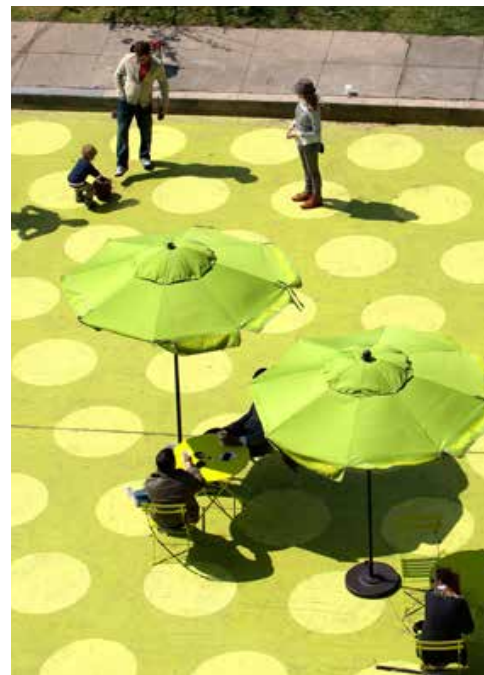
LEGEND

- ① Temporary rubber speed bump to slow traffic.
- ② Local artist to paint road with hyper-graphic.
- ③ Raised decking area with seating, secured umbrellas and pot plants with small trees and shrubs.
- ④ Sandstone boulders and large pots with trees to provide vehicular barrier.
- ⑤ Artificial turf with seating, games, sandstone boulders and large pots with trees.
- ⑥ Large pots with trees and shrubs to create a green avenue of planting.
- ⑦ Moveable wood stage with power supply.
- ⑧ Climbing benches / seating modules for informal games.
- ⑨ Mini wood amphitheatre for informal seating opportunities.
- ⑩ Bench seating with backrests surrounded by pots with large trees.
- ⑪ Shade canopy to be designed by artist.
- ⑫ Loading zone / pub keg drop off area.

CONCEPT PLAN

**SHADE CANOPY**

To be designed by artist and structurally certified by engineer.

**ROAD PATTERN**

Thermally applied paint to be design and applied by local artist.

**MINI AMPHITHEATER**

Custom built wood mini amphitheater. 450mm tall seating terraces.

**MOVEABLE TABLES AND CHAIRS**

Supplier to be determined.

**POT PLANTS**

Supplier to be determined.

**UMBRELLAS**

To be wind rated and fixed. Supplier to be determined.

**CLIMBING BENCHES**

Custom built 400mm tall wood clad modules.

**ARTIFICIAL TURF**

Supplier to be determined.

**SANDSTONE BOULDERS**

Varying dimensions. Supplier to be determined.

**RAISED WOOD DECKING**

Accessible raised wood decking. Varying dimensions. Supplier to be determined.

INDICATIVE MATERIALS PALETTE



Araucaria heterophylla
Norfolk Island Pine
Size: 200 litre pot



Brachychiton acerifolius
Illawarra Flame Tree
Size: 200 and 100 litre pots



Banksia integrifolia
Coast Banksia
Size: 45 litre pot



Cupaniopsis anarcardioides
Tuckeroo
Size: 200 and 100 litre pots



Livistona australis
Cabbage Tree Palm
Size: 200 litre pot



Banksia spinulosa
Banksia 'Birthday Candles'
Size: 300mm pot



Leptospermum laevigatum
Coast Tea Tree
Size: 300mm pot



Lomandra tanika
Mat Rush
Size: 150mm pot



Senecio mandraliscae
Blue Chalksticks
Size: 150mm pot



Westringia fruticosa
Coastal rosemary
Size: 300mm pot

INDICATIVE PLANTING PALETTE

All planting selections to be confirmed by council.
Contractor to organise tree tagging with council staff present.



ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
HARDSCAPE		
Road Painting	Thermally applied paint to roadway surface. Paint to be environmentally friendly and last minimum 6 months.	415m2
Artificial Turf	Installation of artificial turf. To be secured to asphalt.	115m2
Wood Decking	Accessible wood decking area. Decking to be reviewed and certified by relevant engineer. Decking to span from the existing planter bed edge into the roadway as shown on the plan.	190m2
FURNITURE		
Large Pot Plants	Minimum dimensions 1200mm wide x 1200mm wide x 1000mm tall. Shape, colour and supplier to be determined.	20
Medium Pot Plants	Minimum dimensions 750mm wide x 750mm wide x 850mm tall. Shape, colour and supplier to be determined.	22
Small Pot Plants	Minimum dimensions 500mm wide x 500mm wide x 450mm tall. Shape, colour and supplier to be determined.	36
Mini Amphitheater	Custom built wood amphitheater with seating terraces 450mm tall. Refer to concept plan for extent of structure. To be reviewed and certified by relevant engineer.	2 amphitheatres 65 linm x 500mm wide
Climbing Benches	Custom built wood modules with seating terraces 400mm tall. Refer to concept plan for extent of structure. To be reviewed and certified by relevant engineer.	2 benches 20 linm x 500mm wide
Sandstone Boulders	Minimum dimension to be 1200mm long x 500mm wide x 450mm tall. 50/50 ratio of smooth saw cut / split face.	12
Umbrellas	To be wind rated and fixed in position. Supplier and colour to be determined. Minimum size of 3000mm diameter wide.	6
Bench Seating	Accessible bench seating with backrests and arm rests. To be fixed in position. Supplier and colour to be determined.	4
Stool seats	Minimum size 450mm wide x 450mm wide x 450mm tall	10
Tables and Chairs	Supplier and colour to be determined.	32 tables 112 chairs
Stage	Move-able stage with caster wheels. Minimum size 4000mm long x 3000mm wide x 450mm tall. To be reviewed and certified by relevant engineer.	1
PLANTING		
Trees - 200 Litre	200 litre pot size with a minimum of 2 stakes per tree. Ensure adequate drainage, inspection pipe, fertiliser tablets, native soil mix, mulch to a depth of 100mm and is provided. Contractor to provide watering schedule.	20
Trees - 100 Litre	100 litre pot size with a minimum of 2 stakes per tree. Ensure adequate drainage, inspection pipe, fertiliser tablets, native soil mix, mulch to a depth of 100mm and is provided. Contractor to provide watering schedule.	22
Trees - 45 Litre	45 litre pot size with a minimum of 1 stake per tree. Ensure adequate drainage, inspection pipe, fertiliser tablets, native soil mix, mulch to a depth of 100mm and is provided. Contractor to provide watering schedule.	36
Shrubs - 300mm pot	300mm pot to be installed a 4/m2. Ensure adequate drainage, fertiliser tablets, native soil mix, mulch to a depth of 100mm and is provided. Contractor to provide watering schedule.	120
Shrubs - 150mm pot	150mm pot to be installed a 4/m2. Ensure adequate drainage, fertiliser tablets, native soil mix, mulch to a depth of 100mm and is provided. Contractor to provide watering schedule.	230

BASELINE REQUIREMENTS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

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LOCAL CHARACTER



LOOK AND FEEL - PLANTING

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LOOK AND FEEL - SEATING

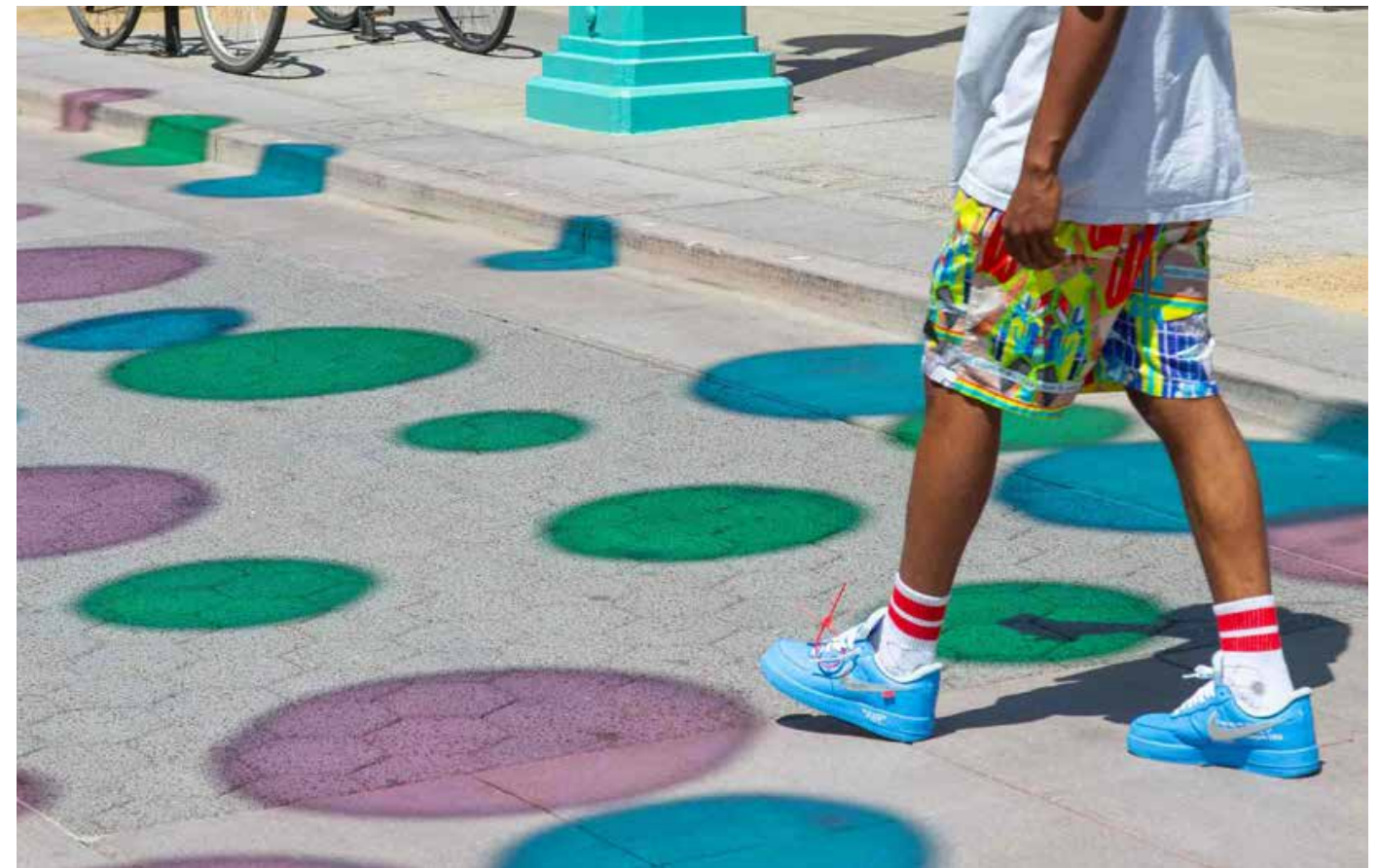


LOOK AND FEEL - ART

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LOOK AND FEEL - INTERACTIVE



LOOK AND FEEL - GROUND PLANE

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Director City Planning Report No. CP43/22

Subject: Public Notification of Voluntary Planning Agreement - 182-190 Anzac Parade & 157 Todman Avenue, Kensington - DA/288/2020

Executive Summary

- A draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) has been prepared by Marsdens Law Group on behalf of Council to provide for, and secure, public benefits in connection with the Development Consent for DA/288/2020 for the land at Nos. 182-190 Anzac Parade & 157 Todman Avenue, Kensington.
- The draft VPA has been proposed by the Developer as per the provisions under Randwick Local Environment Plan 2012 and contains a monetary contribution of \$2,884,675 for the purposes of providing a multi-purpose community centre and exhibition space, public plaza, landscape upgrades including but not limited to Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) works and also an affordable housing contribution amount of \$3,480,597.
- Relevant issues relating to the timing and adequacy of the VPA have been assessed and addressed in the preparation and review of the VPA.
- A letter of offer from the Developer was reported to the Council meeting on 23 March 2021 where Council resolved to accept the terms contained in the letter of offer subject to the Court granting approval to the development and the subsequent endorsement of a VPA.
- DA/288/2020 was approved by the Land & Environment Court on 29 June 2021.
- In accordance with Section 7.5(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the draft VPA was placed on public exhibition for 28 days from 11 July to 7 August 2022.
- A total of 8 submissions were received in response to the public exhibition.
- This report advises Council of the outcome of the public exhibition prior to Council entering into the VPA and recommends that Council enter into the deed with the Developer.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) agree to enter into the Voluntary Planning Agreement in **Attachment 1** pursuant to Section 7.5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; and
- b) authorise the General Manager to make minor drafting changes to the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement as required, prior to its execution.

Attachment/s:

1. Voluntary Planning Agreement -182-190 Anzac & 157 Todman Ave Kensington

Purpose

This report provides the outcome of the public exhibition of the draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for the approved 18 storey mixed use development comprising basement/ground/first floor commercial, and boarding house above to be used as student and key works accommodation containing 308 rooms, provision of a public plaza and through-site links, a dedicated multi-purpose community centre and exhibition space, basement parking, associated site and landscape works communal facilities and associated parking at Nos. 182-190 Anzac Parade & 157 Todman Avenue, Kensington, pursuant to Section 7.5(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

Background

Community Infrastructure Plan

Council's Community Infrastructure Plan (CIC) for the Kensington and Kingsford town centres provides for infrastructure, public domain and physical facilities that support the growth and function of the town centres and benefit the existing and new population as well as the wider Randwick population. The total value of the infrastructure that would be provided for in the two town centres is approximately \$37 million.

The K2K strategy and its amending LEP was designed to allow additional height and density in the town centres and to capture that additional value through the CIC plan. The additional height and density were distributed across the town centres with the predominant height being 9 storeys and up to 17 & 18 storeys on the three key intersections. The CIC plan was a fundamental component of the overall strategy in that it allowed significant public benefits from the additional density.

The mechanism for delivery the Community Infrastructure items listed in this Plan is through a voluntary planning agreement. The contributions would be made towards the provision & fit out of a multi-purpose community centre and exhibitions space, creation of green grid links and landscape upgrades including WSUD works abutting Anzac Parade.

Affordable Housing

The Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres affordable housing plan aims to ensure that lower income households continue to live and work locally within Randwick LGA, to facilitate a socially diverse and inclusive community; and to support the economic functions of the Randwick Education and Health Strategic Centre.

Discussion

Background

A letter of offer provided by the Developer was reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 23 March 2021, at which Council made the following resolution:

(Hamilton/D'Souza) that Council agrees to the terms contained in the attached letter of offer subject to;

- a) the merit issues in the contentions being resolved in each matter; and*
- b) the subsequent endorsement of a Voluntary Planning Agreement.*

On 29 June 2021, the Court granted development consent for the development at Nos. 182-190 Anzac Parade & 157 Todman Avenue, Kensington. In particular, the approved development incorporates the following components that would result in positive contribution to the public benefits of the community and the long term vitality of Kensington town centre:

- Provision of a 300sqm multi-purpose community centre and exhibition space that is greater than the 200sqm space as envisaged under the K2K DCP.
- Agreement to the long term lease (i.e. 99 years) for the multi-purpose community centre and exhibition space.
- Provision of a public plaza having a total area of approximately 500sqm,
- Provision of public art in the public plaza,

- Provision of footpath embellishments, widening, public realm works and landscape improvement works along Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue frontages.
- Provision of through site links on the subject site to improve pedestrian experience and allows permeability and better connections to main pedestrian and cycling networks within the Kensington town centre.

The draft VPA contains the monetary contributions for both community infrastructure and affordable housing as required under Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012. The monetary contribution amount of \$2,884,675 (being 6,073sqm of floor space payable at a rate of \$475/sqm) for the community infrastructures would be provided through works-in-kind and by monetary contributions. In relation to the affordable housing levy, the monetary contribution will be \$3,480,597.

The draft VPA also includes the other works-in-kind in lieu and monetary contributions under Council's Section 7.12 Contributions Plan to the value of \$4,192,229 for the purposes of public art, footpath upgrades, and landscape improvements.

The total value of the contributions including the estimated affordable housing levy for the approved development is approximately \$8.3 million.

Public Exhibition

Section 7.5(1) of the EP&A Act requires that a planning agreement cannot be entered into, and a planning agreement cannot be amended or revoked, unless public notice has been given of the proposed agreement, amendment or revocation, and a copy of the proposed agreement, amendment or revocation has been available for inspection by the public for a period of not less than 28 days. Any public submission received must be considered before finalisation of the planning agreement.

The draft Voluntary Planning Agreement and the Explanatory Note for the Voluntary Planning Agreement was publicly notified in the Sydney Morning Herald and on Council's website on Your Say Randwick and Randwick eNews for 28 days, from 11 July to 7 August 2022. During this time the website had:

- 547 visits.
- 229 downloads of the VPA.
- 87 downloads of the Explanatory Note for VPA.

As a result of the public exhibition, a total of 8 submissions were received in relation to the draft VPA. A summary of the submissions is provided below:

No.	Issue	Comment
1	The pedestrian link is not dedicated as public land in order to be managed for the benefit of the community.	The approved development incorporates laneways along the entire eastern and southern side of the site in accordance with Council's DCP. Public access is provided through an easement on title.
2	The overdevelopment in Randwick is over the top.	<p>The K2K strategy and its amending LEP was designed to allow additional height and density in the town centres and to capture that additional value through the CIC Plan.</p> <p>The Land and Environment Court Commissioner was satisfied that the relevant jurisdictional preconditions have been achieved which includes the consideration of the relevant development standards in relation to</p>

No.	Issue	Comment
		building height and floor space ratio. For these reasons, the approved development was considered to be consistent with the projected outcome of the LEP and the K2K DCP.
3	Consideration of environmental sustainability is limited.	The approved development was accompanied by the Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) report, which sets out the requirements to achieve Five-Star Green Star design, compliance with National Construction Code/Building Code of Australia, and other DCP requirements (i.e. materials, energy efficiency, water efficiency and education).
4	Another suburb and community will be destroyed by a high rise unit development.	The development was approved by the Court on the basis that it met Council's strategic planning objectives and development standards in relation the K2K corridor and also the needs of the local community (i.e. students and key workers).
5	Signing an agreement is inappropriate for Council to be held bound without having full disclosure from the developer on how this boarding house is to be operated (i.e. the number of boarders, definition of affordable, who is going to board there, maintenance issues, private amenity for boarders, parking), impact on character and general amenity in Kensington for all residents.	<p>The VPA is limited to the provisions of contributions as per Council's CIC and Affordable Housing plans, which provides for infrastructure, public domain and physical facilities that support the growth and function of the town centres. The subject VPA relates to the delivery of the contributions which would result in significant public benefit.</p> <p>It is important to note that the approved development whilst classified as a 'Boarding House' is not restricted to rental levels in accordance with affordable housing rates for low and moderate income households. The affordable housing contribution that will be provided to Council will be put towards the creation of affordable housing in the locality. The matters in relation to the operation of the boarding house have been addressed during the Court proceedings and by relevant conditions of consent such as Plan of Management for the overall operation of the boarding house including number of occupants, usage of parking spaces, security, general amenity for the occupants, and maintenance of green infrastructure, etc.</p>

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Development Assessment
Function	Assessment of Development Applications
Delivery program commitment	Assess and determine Development Applications, Modification Applications and Review Applications under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Resourcing Strategy implications

N/A

Policy and legislative requirements

The draft Voluntary Planning Agreement has been prepared and publicly notified in accordance with the EP&A Act and meets the principles and procedures of the Local Government Act and Council's Planning Agreement Policy.

Conclusion

The draft VPA was publicly notified in accordance with Section 7.5(1) of the EP&A Act. As a result of the public exhibition, 8 submissions were received in relation to the draft VPA.

The draft VPA has been prepared, duly processed and publicly notified in accordance with the EP&A Act and meets the principles and procedures of the Local Government Act and Council's Planning Agreement Policy. Accordingly, the draft VPA may now be executed and entered into between the Developer and Council.

Responsible officer: Frank Ko, Manager Development Assessment

File Reference: DA/288/2020

Director City Services Report No. CS37/22

Subject: NSW E-Scooter Shared Scheme Trial

Executive Summary

- Electric scooters (e-scooters) are a micromobility transport option that is being used within our community and around the world, as an alternative means of more sustainable transport.
- Currently it is illegal to ride e-scooters in public spaces in NSW, however, there is notable public interest in their use in NSW, similar to their approved use in other Australian cities and states. The NSW Government has been cautiously and slowly working towards legalising usage of e-scooters, whilst noting concerns related to safety and regulations.
- In 2019, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) announced a proposed e-scooter trial. In response, Randwick Council resolved, on 28 May 2019, to participate in the proposed trial. However, TfNSW subsequently put the trial on hold at that time.
- In April 2022, TfNSW announced a 12-month electric scooter shared scheme trial and all NSW councils have been given the opportunity to express their interests in participating in the trial. Applications are open until 30 September 2022.
- Following a review of the proposed parameters of the trial, concerns remain regarding pedestrian / e-scooter rider safety, access / operational restrictions, parking restrictions and enforcement. Further research, monitoring of the Trial and review of its outcome would be beneficial to Council for safe implementation of e-scooters, at a later time.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) does not take part in the TfNSW e-scooter shared scheme trial, at this time, and
- b) monitors the TfNSW e-scooter shared scheme trial process, and, at the conclusion of the trial, review its impacts and evaluation to better understand the implications of e-scooter usage in the public areas of Randwick.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

To update the Council with the latest information on the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) electric scooter shared scheme trial (Trial) and advise an approach to implementation of e-scooters.

Discussion

Electric scooters (e-scooters) are micromobility that is being used within our community and around the world as an alternative means of sustainable transport. Currently it is illegal to ride e-scooters in public places in NSW, however, there is notable public interest in their use in NSW - similar to other cities and states in Australia. With the exception of NSW, all capital cities and many regional cities, currently have shared e-scooter schemes established as either trials or as permanent schemes. The NSW Government has been cautiously working towards implementation of e-scooters; having regard to concerns related to safety and regulations.

On 28 May 2019, Randwick Council resolved (Andrews/Matson) that:

- a) *Council calls on the NSW Government to urgently introduce a framework for electric scooter mobility trial in Randwick LGA as soon as possible;*
- b) *The Council acknowledges the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities has already approved the use of safe and appropriate e-scooters under the new classification of Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) as 'non-road vehicles' under the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989;*
- c) *The Council acknowledges that valid public safety concerns can be addressed through a combination of rider training and education, dynamic data monitoring and active policing instead of completely banning this legitimate technology; and*
- d) *The Council acknowledges the early success of e-scooter mobility trials in other cities such as Brisbane and Adelaide, and many other global cities, where e-scooters are now a permanent option within the transport mix.*
- e) *Transport for NSW announced an e-scooter trial for NSW. In response, Randwick Council resolved had agreed to be part of the trial following 28 May 2019 Ordinary Council Resolution, however, the e-scooter trial had been put on hold.*

However, TfNSW subsequently put the proposed 2019 trial on hold, at that time.

In April 2022, TfNSW re-initiated a 12-month Trial and invited all NSW councils to participate in the Trial, with applications open until 30 September 2022. As a starter, TfNSW commenced the Trial on 30 July 2022 at three locations in Western Sydney Parklands' Bungarabee Park, Lizard Log and Shale Hills, as well as in The Australian Botanic Garden, Mount Annan.

The Trial requires councils to nominate e-scooter shared scheme provider(s), determine areas of operation / parking and complete road safety audits. The operational boundaries can be 'geofenced' * which will restrict the e-scooters into no-go, slow or no-parking zones. TfNSW also proposed parameters based on previous recommendations of the E-Scooter Advisory Working Group in 2019.

*** (Geo-fencing (geofencing) is a feature in a software program that uses the global positioning system (GPS) to define geographical boundaries. With e-scooters the electric propulsion of the scooter could be turned off or slowed down as you move beyond the geofenced area – usually indicated on a map shown on the user's mobile phone, when using the e-scooter application)**

Trial parameters

The Trial parameters are as noted below:

- At selected trial locations, e-scooter shared schemes will be permitted on:
 - bicycle paths
 - shared paths (which can be identified by signs and/or pavement markings showing a pedestrian and a bicycle).
 - roads (including bicycle lanes) on which the speed limit is up to 50 kilometres per hour.
- E-scooter users will not be permitted to travel on footpaths.
- Speeds will be limited to:
 - 20 kilometres per hour on bicycle paths/lanes and roads.
 - 10 kilometres per hour on shared paths.
- E-scooter users will be required to wear bicycle helmets.
- Minimum age of users is 16 years old.
- E-scooters cannot be used under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

During the Trial, it will remain illegal to use private e-scooters on all roads, footpaths, and shared/bicycle paths in NSW or operate/use e-scooter shared schemes outside of selected trial locations.

At the end of the Trial, TfNSW will be completing an evaluation of the Trial and will require ongoing monitoring in each trial location to ensure crashes or other safety incidents are reported.

Concerns

Notwithstanding the fact that the trial will allow restrictions on the operations of the shared scheme e-scooters and the parameters set by TfNSW, primary safety, operational and enforcement concerns remain:

- Pedestrian safety – The use of the e-scooters on footpaths is the major safety concerns for pedestrians, especially in the areas of high pedestrian activities with limited footpath space.
- Access and operation restrictions – Although areas of access can be prescribed by Council and geofencing technology allows restrictions, the technological accuracy still remains in question - whether access can be restricted to road, shared path or cycleway only and not on the footpath, by geofencing.
- Parking – With the share scheme, it is difficult to restrict parking of e-scooters. Designated parking areas can be allocated and financial incentives from the e-scooter shared scheme providers can be established, however, the concern of cluttering on the footpaths still remains.
- Enforcement – Enforcement is limited to police and constant monitoring of riding on footpaths are not feasible.

With the concerns noted above and the limited regulations in place, the timing of implementation of e-scooter use within Randwick local government area should be revisited after the Trial process has progressed. Once the Trial is completed, and its impacts are assessed, a full evaluation will be undertaken to better understand the implications of e-scooter usage in NSW public areas.

Recently City of Sydney as well as Inner West Council has made the decision not to take part in the trial. City of Sydney and Inner West Council have concerns about e-scooter's interaction with dense pedestrian populations, as well as usage in areas with historic city infrastructure - that are not designed for motorised vehicles on narrow footpaths. They also have concerns about resource availability to support the Trial.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our Integrated Transport Strategy is as follows:

Outcome	Objectives
Outcome 1 - A transport network where sustainable transport options are the preferred choice for people.	Reduce the proportion of private vehicle trips from the 2018- 19 baseline of 58% to 45% by 2031.
Outcome 2 - A safe, efficient and sustainable road network that balances the needs of movement and place to ensure roads are used for their intended purpose.	Achieve a 50% reduction in casualties on the road network from a 2018 baseline of 269 incidents by 2031.

Resourcing Strategy implications

No financial outlay would be required for the Trial, however, significant staff resources and time would be required to establish the Trial parameters and to manage community consultation and on-going feedback in response to community concerns.

Policy and legislative requirements

The State Government has endorsed specific legislation allowing for the introduction of the Trial.

Conclusion

E-scooters have the potential of being an alternative means of sustainable transport that can be the solution to the “first and last kilometre”. As their usage increases in NSW, reviewing the operation of e-scooters within Randwick Local Government Area will be required to protect all transport users. Whilst the Transport for NSW e-scooter shared scheme trial may provide an opportunity to trial their operations in Randwick LGA, given the pedestrian safety and enforcement concerns still remaining, it is recommended that Council:

- not take part in the proposed e-scooter Trial,
- monitor the Trial's processes and progress, and
- re-evaluate this position following a review of the Trial evaluation / outcomes and of any resultant policy or regulation changes.

Responsible officer: Jay Lee-Pieterse, Senior Sustainable Transport Officer

File Reference: F2022/00482

Director City Services Report No. CS38/22

Subject: Removal of Significant Weed Infestation at Fred Hollows Reserve

Executive Summary

- This report responds to Council's resolution endorsed at the Ordinary Meeting in May 2022 to prepare a report detailing "...*weed management service levels at Fred Hollows Reserve*", including the cost to increase service levels to further reduce weed infestations, the scope to perform weed control without the use of chemicals and the feasibility of volunteers to work unsupervised.
- Fred Hollows Reserve contains a mixture of native and exotic species growing on highly disturbed soils. Soil disturbance at the site has severely impacted the native seed bank resulting in vegetation that is impacted by invasive species and has minimal resilience.
- To significantly and sustainably reduce the threat and extent of weeds and other threatening processes, it is estimated that one visit per week for a team of six bush regenerators would be required. This equates to an annual expenditure of approximately \$112,000 at the site, which is a 243% increase on current expenditure.
- Weed control in Fred Hollows Reserve is undertaken using both chemical and non-chemical means. Due to access issues, the highly persistent and invasive characteristics of the weed species and the conditions of the site, a non-chemical approach to weed control is neither practical nor feasible.
- All volunteer access and work performed in the reserve is supervised and involves sign on, a site risk assessment and a hazard identification process. Unsupervised volunteering is not endorsed by Council given the conditions of the site and the current strategic approach to bushland management.

Recommendation

That:

- a) additional funding be allocated to the Fred Hollows Reserve maintenance budget to sustainably reduce weed infestations and promote native regeneration.
- b) current weed management practices involving chemical and non-chemical controls continue as per the current integrated pest management approach.
- c) maintenance of the Reserve continues, using both contractors and volunteers.
- d) access and maintenance of the site by volunteers continues to be supervised.
- e) Council does not endorse unsupervised volunteering in the Reserve.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 May 2022, it was resolved;

(Pandolfini/Neilson) that Council receive a report in relation to weed management service levels at Fred Hollows Reserve and that the report include:

- a) *a costing to increase service levels to remove infestation of weeds;*
- b) *the scope of non-chemical works required to be taken to remove weeds while ensuring habitat loss impacts are minimised;*
- c) *continued maintenance and native planting with Bushcare volunteers and contractors;*
- d) *that council provide a map advising on safety of accessing areas of the park by volunteers for the purpose of Bushcare maintenance; and*
- e) *if appropriate, Council recommend a zone which is demarcated for weed removal and other maintenance by volunteers.*

This report responds to the above resolution; an introduction to the site is provided followed by labelled responses to each of the points above.

Discussion

Fred Hollows Reserve is situated in Randwick and is bounded by Clovelly Road in the north and Alison Road in the south. The Reserve is a small steep-sided gully approximately 2 hectares in area. The Reserve consists of a narrow channel, which is publicly owned, whilst the sides of the gully are a mixture of public and private ownership. The Reserve contains a combination of native and exotic species growing on highly disturbed soils. Soil disturbance at the site has severely impacted the native seed bank resulting in vegetation that is impacted by invasive species and has minimal resilience.

Council has been conducting bush regeneration activities in the Reserve since 1993 and commenced a bush care group at the site in early 2003. Currently, \$46,000 is committed to bush regeneration activities in the Reserve, which equates to 2.6 workdays for a team of four contract bush regenerators per month. This represents 7% of the contract bush regeneration budget, which is currently \$645,550 and is spent across 30 bushland sites.

- a) To significantly reduce the threat and extent of weeds and other threatening processes, it is estimated that one visit per week for a team of six bush regenerators would be required. This equates to an annual expenditure of approximately \$112,000 at the site, which is a 243% increase on current expenditure. This extra expenditure would ensure that weed removal is continued to be performed in a staged fashion, minimising the impact of habitat reduction (weed removal) and maximising the opportunity for habitat creation (sustainable native plant regeneration and planting).

It is important to note that much of the weed infestation currently seen in the reserve occurs on adjacent private land such as 38 Glebe Street and 122 Carrington Road, Randwick. Council does not manage vegetation on these parcels of land. However, Council does partner with certain landowners/managers in the gully to assist with controlling weeds and vegetation on their land, particularly in situations where a concerted in-kind contribution is committed to by the occupants e.g. Coryule Gardens (256-274 Alison Rd, Randwick).

- b) The control of weeds in the Reserve is conducted through both chemical and non-chemical methods, which are incorporated in a bush regeneration scope of works for the site and constitute an integrated approach to pest management. Herbicides are used only as necessary and include glyphosate-based herbicides such as Roundup, as this is one of the few chemicals that are approved for use in sensitive bushland situations (organic herbicides, such as Slasher, are not approved for use in bushland situations). Due to access issues, the highly persistent and invasive characteristics of the weed species and the conditions of the site, a non-chemical approach to weed control is neither practical nor feasible.



Produced By: Dan Hall, July-2020 Base Map: Nearmap

Figure 1: Map of Fred Hollows Reserve land ownership, areas marked as 'zones' are publicly owned, all other land is privately owned.

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- c) Council commenced bush regeneration activities in the Reserve in 1993. At this time, Glebe Gully, as it was known, was almost completely choked with large stands of woody weeds consisting primarily of *Lantana camara* (Lantana) and *Cestrum parquii* (Green Cestrum). Invasive vines and scramblers included *Ipomea indica* (Blue Morning Glory) and *Anredera cordifolia* (Madeira Vine), these species occupied large sections of the canopy and inhibited light to the upper vegetation stratum killing tall mature trees as they spread.

Over time, a great deal of effort has gone into the planned removal of these weedy groves allowing native regeneration to occur. In areas where the seed bank is poor or devoid of any remnant seed and propagules, reconstruction of habitat through appropriate plantings has been undertaken.

Today, the zones which have the highest density of weeds have been strategically confined and isolated to areas which have the least potential for natural regeneration. This creates a weedy interface between the native vegetation and surrounding developments. The interior or core areas of the site are in relatively good condition, which is a result of years of concentrated bush regeneration work. Work practices follow the industry approved 'Bradley Method' of weed control; working from good areas and extending out to poorer or more degraded sections of the site.

Despite the relative success of bush regeneration efforts in the Reserve, it should be noted that the creek and steep-sided slopes of the Reserve are a constant source of weed propagules that require management.

- d) Bushcare has operated in the reserve for over 20 years. All access and work performed in the reserve by volunteers involves supervision, sign on, a site risk assessment and a hazard identification process. All volunteers are registered and inducted into the Bushcare program and a Bushcare Manual is available to all volunteers outlining their role and Council's roles and responsibilities in keeping each person safe when in the field. Unsupervised volunteering is not endorsed by Council given the site and the procedures currently in place.
- e) Selection of work areas is determined each working day by the Bushcare Supervisor, taking into consideration safety and a strategic approach to bushland management. Fred Hollows Reserve is a steep-sided gully that is not conducive to unsupervised volunteering.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Environment
Outcome	A city with diverse ecosystems that are restored and protected
Objective	Increase by at least 60% the number of native and indigenous plantings across Randwick City by 2030 from a 2018 baseline
Delivery program commitment	Review management and revegetation restoration strategies across coastal and terrestrial areas on a 3-yearly cycle.

Resourcing Strategy implications

An increase in service levels at Fred Hollows Reserve will require an additional \$66,000.

Should the maintenance budget for Fred Hollows be increased by this amount, this adjustment will be made as a variation to the budget through the quarterly budget review in December 2022.

This will result in a reduction in the current overall Council Ordinary budget surplus of \$97K to just \$34K.

Cost of current and proposed service levels

Service Levels	Cost
Current (Funded)	\$46,000
Proposed	\$112,000
Difference	-\$66,000

Policy and legislative requirements

The potential change in service levels will not affect or be affected by legislation or Council policy.

Conclusion

The ecology of Fred Hollows Reserve has been affected by development and soil disturbance, thereby reducing the diversity and resilience of the vegetation and promoting weed invasion and persistence. Bush regeneration has been successful in reducing the weed burden and increasing the prevalence of native habitat. Additional resources will continue this process of weed reduction and native regeneration; however, it is not practical nor feasible to be undertaken without the use of chemicals.

Responsible officer: Nicholas Renneberg, Coordinator Open Space

File Reference: F2004/07551

Director City Services Report No. CS39/22

Subject: Maroubra Fun Run & Oktoberfest - Funding considerations

Executive Summary

- The annual Maroubra Fun Run and Oktoberfest has been held in late October for some 24 years, up to 2019. It is a 4km / 8km fun run around the streets of South Maroubra, followed by a family friendly 'fair' on Arthur Byrne Reserve. Due to the pandemic, this event was not held in 2020 and 2021.
- Over the years Council has supported this event financially and in-kind. In 2012 Council resolved, inter alia, to "allocate \$10,000 for future Maroubra Fun Runs to contribute towards the cost of the event, with funding being budgeted for in Council's Events Budget."
- The organisers, Philip and Richard Walsh (President of the Maroubra Chamber of Commerce), have recently been in touch with Council officers seeking Council's permission and support to re-commence this event. They propose that it be held again on Sunday 23 October 2022.
- The current costs for this event are approximately \$25,000, substantially higher than the \$10,000 annual contribution endorsed in 2012. This report recommends that Council's contribution be properly increased to reflect the ongoing financial costs to support this event.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council's annual financial support of the Maroubra Fun Run and Oktoberfest be increased to \$25,000 per annum, in future budgets.
- b) for the upcoming event, funding up to maximum of \$25,000 be allocated from the Traffic Committee Works budget, as an interim funding measure.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

To inform the Council of the request to recommence the Maroubra Fun Run and Oktoberfest family fair.

Over the years Council has supported this event financially and in-kind. In 2012 Council resolved (*Matson/Matthews*) that:

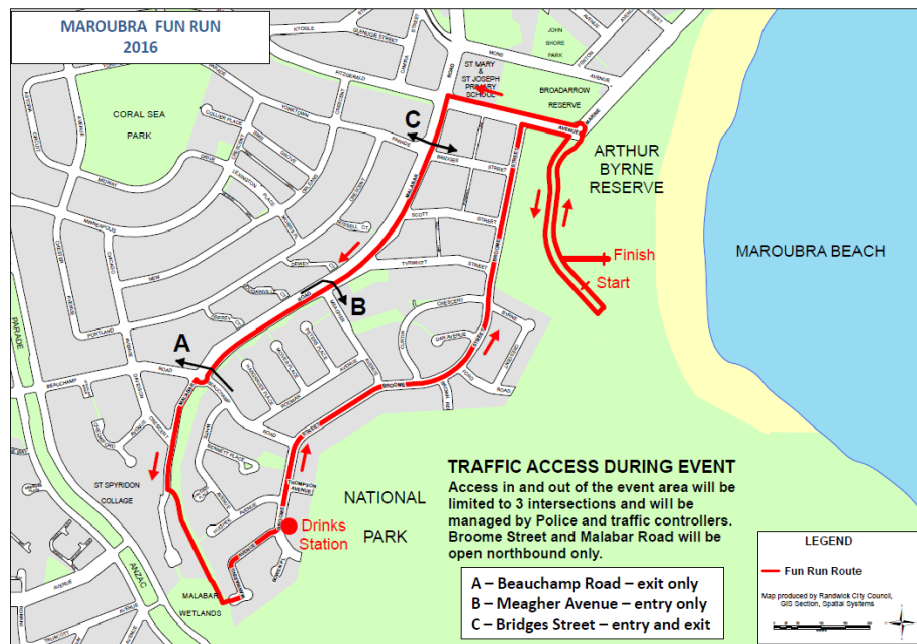
- a) Council donate \$10,000 to the organisers to cover the cost of the stage, the application and the required traffic calming associated with the event, with funding from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund;
- b) Council advise the organisers of the Maroubra Fun Run that Council is agreeable to being advertised as a Major Sponsor of the event both in promotional material and on the day of the event;
- c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council; and
- d) Council allocate \$10,000 for future Maroubra Fun Runs to contribute towards the cost of the event, with funding being budgeted for in Council's Events Budget.'

The organisers, Philip and Richard Walsh (President of the Maroubra Chamber of Commerce) have recently been in touch with Council officers seeking Council's permission and support to recommence this event. They propose that it be held again on Sunday, 23 October 2022.

The current costs for this event are substantially higher than the \$10,000 donation endorsed in 2012.

Discussion

The organisers of the annual Maroubra Fun Run indicate that the event has been held since 1997. The event is a community fun run around the streets of South Maroubra. Participants can either run the 4km course once, or head out again to undertake an 8km run.



Up to 2,000 participants have taken part in some years. Generally, it seems there are about 1,200 to 1,500 participants. It is an inclusive, family friendly fun run, with wheelchair participants, 'prams pushers' and dogs on leashes are permitted, too.



Participants at the start of a recent Maroubra Fun Run

Whilst many aspects of the event were originally supported by lifesavers and other volunteers it was recognised, following the 2011 event, that the traffic control needed to be improved to ensure public safety.



Participants in 2011 – running in the rain, amongst traffic, along Malabar Road

Given the strong community support for the event, the Council agreed, in July 2012, that the traffic control costs would be covered by the Council.

Mr Richard Walsh has recently contacted the Council and has stated:

“In the past council has kindly supported the event by organising and funding the traffic management for the run/walk/wheel. It has also funded a covered stage.

Could you please inform me if council could give the same level of support were the event to be held this year?”

A recent review of the Council costs for support of the event indicates that a sum of \$25,000 is required to support the event this year. Council costs for support of the event:

Item	"In kind" costs	Funding required 2022	2019 Event Costs
Standard Application Fee (fee waived – actual costs incurred - \$0)	\$696	-	\$647 – in kind only
Park Hire - Medium Impact (fee waived – actual costs incurred - \$0)	\$2,730	-	\$2,535 – in kind only
Waste Management - 15 additional bins installed & serviced through the day (<i>internal quote</i>)	\$1,515	-	\$1,410 – in kind only
Stage Hire & Marquee Cover (<i>based on the Council Events Team's understanding of likely costings</i>)	-	\$5,000	\$3,231
Review and Update of 2019 Risk Assessment (<i>*based on previous costs</i>)	-	\$5,000 *	\$4,300
Implementation of Traffic Control Plan (<i>*based on previous costs</i>)	-	\$15,000*	\$13,750
TOTAL	\$4,941	\$25,000	\$21,281 <i>Funded</i>

Resourcing Strategy implications

Funding of \$10,000 has been allowed for the support of this event, within Council's Economic Development and Placemaking Budget. An additional \$15,000 is required for this event to be financially supported this year. This funding can be allocated from the Council's current Traffic Committee Works budget. Subsequently, as part of the September Budget Review, an assessment can be undertaken of the funding options for financial support of this event, for the longer term.

Policy and legislative requirements

The regulation of traffic is required under the Roads Act 1993 and the Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Act 1999.

Conclusion

This well patronised, inclusive, community event has a long-standing history in the South Maroubra area. It is considered that the true costs of the financial support of the event need to be understood and reflected within the Council's annual budget.

An interim option, to financially support this event this year, is to provide funding from the Traffic Committee Works budget. Alternate funding options can be examined later as part of the September Budget Review.

Responsible officer: Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport

File Reference: F2022/00096

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Director City Services Report No. CS40/22

Subject: Randwick LGA Tennis - Request for Space

Executive Summary

- The Randwick City Open Space and Recreational Needs Study 2020 identified tennis as one of Randwick's top 10 sports for both girl and boys
- Tennis has the 3rd highest increase in participation in physically distanced activities for Australians over 15 years of age.
- Tennis NSW has formally approached Council seeking to collaboratively investigate the opportunity for expansion of the Heffron Park Tennis Centre.
- Eastern Suburbs Tennis Club, Coogee has formally approached Council seeking to collaboratively investigation the utilisation of the existing Council tennis courts at Baker Park, Coogee.
- Schools Infrastructure and Matraville Sports High School have informally approached Council seeking in-principal Council interest only in a future shared community use arrangement should multi-purpose tennis facilities be constructed in the future.
- At this stage, only 'in-principle' support is sought from Council to commence investigations into the three unique proposals.
- Should Council endorse this report, following the full investigation and analysis into the proposals a subsequent report will be tabled to a future Council meeting outlining the value of the proposals to our community prior to any formal binding arrangements being entered.

Recommendation

That Council provide in-principal support to:

- a) investigate the Tennis NSW – Heffron Park Tennis Centre – Expansion proposal,
- b) investigate the Eastern Suburbs Tennis Club – Baker Park, Coogee Tennis Courts – utilisation proposal, and
- c) investigate the Schools Infrastructure and Matraville Sports High School – Multi-purpose Tennis Court – Community Use Proposal.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

Both Tennis NSW and the Coogee Tennis Association (individually) have formally approached Council, each with a proposal to consider opportunities for expansion to accommodate growth at Heffron Park, Maroubra and Baker Park, Coogee, respectively. This report outlines the request background for Council to provide “in-principal” support which would allow investigations to commence into the feasibility of the proposal(s).

Discussion

Background

Tennis is one of the fastest growing sports in both NSW and Australia. The AusPlay July 2022 ‘How Australians participation in sport and physical activity is adapting to COVID Normal’¹ report identifies that Tennis has the 3rd highest increase in participation in physically distanced activities for Australians over 15 years of age. During the lockdowns, participation in Tennis increased by 14%. Overall, in 2020, Tennis ranks in the top 10 sports by participation in both adults and children with a 57% male and 43 % female participation.

Randwick LGA is home to four (4) licensed tennis facilities:

- Heffron Park Tennis Centre
- Eastern Suburbs Tennis Club - Coogee
- Eastern Suburbs Tennis Association - Kingsford
- Latham Park Tennis Centre.

Additionally, Council owns and maintains 2 publicly accessible tennis courts at Baker Park, Coogee.

The Randwick City Open Space and Recreational Needs Study 2020 identified tennis as one of Randwick’s top 10 sports for both girl and boys through data derived from the use of the ‘Active Kids’ Voucher Program.

Considering the participation and demand for space to facilitate growth, Tennis NSW and Eastern Suburbs Tennis Club have approached Council seeking expansion at Heffron Park, Maroubra and Baker Park Coogee, respectively.

Proposals

i. Tennis NSW

In Early 2022, Tennis NSW adopted the *Greater Sydney Infrastructure Investment Strategy* with NSW Office of Sport which identified the lack of metro-significant tennis venues (also known as ‘Premier Community Venues’ and ‘Metro Performance Hubs’) which support the sport’s competitive and performance pathway.

Tennis has no such venue in the Eastern District (encompassing the Eastern Suburbs, City of Sydney, and Inner West), with the area missing out on hosting metro-wide competition opportunities, state-significant events, and high-performance training opportunities, with which local players travel outside of the district to Homebush and regional areas to access.

At this stage Tennis NSW are simply seeking Council support to collaboratively investigate the: *“potential for the venue (Heffron Park Tennis Centre) to be expanded to include a further three cushioned acrylic hard courts plus the conversion of an existing court to provide eight hard courts and five synthetic grass courts. This modest expansion of the site would meet competition requirements and provide greater capacity to meet the growing demand for tennis programs and playing opportunities at all levels in the area.”*

¹ [Ausplay-COVID-update-July-2022.pdf \(clearinghouseforsport.gov.au\)](https://clearinghouseforsport.gov.au/Ausplay-COVID-update-July-2022.pdf)



Figure 1 - Heffron Park Tennis Centre - Area Identified for Expansion

ii. Eastern Suburbs Tennis Club (ESTC)



Figure 2 - Baker Park Tennis Courts, Dudley Street Coogee

ESTC is currently investigating options to meet growing community demand for social tennis and coaching within the Randwick municipality.

Since well before the Second World War, the ESTC has operated as a non-profit, community based, organisation dedicated to the provision of facilities and activities for local tennis enthusiasts. The club manages five courts on Bream St, Coogee where they organise social tennis, court hire, coaching clinics, junior development programs, tournaments, and inter-club competitions.

ESTC courts are utilised for up to 90% of the available weekly playing time. The demand for membership is now so high that the club has had to create a membership waiting list in order to allow members to readily utilise the facilities. The club has noted this as an active inhibitor to the continued growth and enjoyment of tennis in our local community.

ESTC are now exploring ways of increasing our access to other courts in the area so that club members and tennis playing locals can enjoy the best available courts and tennis related services at a reasonable cost. The ESTC is proposing to work with Council to utilise the 2 existing tennis courts at Baker Park Coogee (see figure 2 above) to “*find a way to significantly improve both their condition and the local community’s enjoyment of them.*”

The proposal in principle would include the day-to-day management of the courts (including bookings, coaching and social activities) security of the courts, and an appropriate contribution to the renewal and maintenance of the asset(s).

iii. Matraville Sports High School (MSHS)

MSHS and Schools Infrastructure NSW have expressed interest to Council in regard to the future opportunity for new multi-purpose tennis courts to be constructed on the school site as per figure 3. SINSW and MSHS have identified a potential funding opportunity through the State Government available to Sports High School. At this stage, SINSW is seeking potential Council interest only in a future shared community use arrangement should this asset be constructed.

Specific details are not yet known however would be further considered and brought back to Council at a later date.



Figure 3 - Matraville Sports High School - Cnr Franklin Street & Anzac Parade

Considerations

At stage, only ‘in-principle’ is sought from Council to commence investigations into the three unique proposals. Should the report recommendation be endorsed Council officers will conduct a analysis into the feasibility of the proposals taking into consideration factors such as (but not limited to):

- Planning & Land Use Controls
- Community Support
- Capital investment required
- External Funding Opportunities
- Operational & Maintenance yearly overheads
- Expected return from lease and licenses
- Payback period noting income and capital investment
- Asset Lifecycle costs (e.g., surface renewal and expected lifespans).

This information will be provided to Council in a future Council Report in determining the value of the proposals to our community prior to any formal binding arrangements being entered.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering the Outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan:	
Strategy	Open Space and Recreation
Outcome	A city with open space that grows and changes with the community
Objective	Every home in Randwick City will have open space of 1000m ² within 800m by 2031
Delivery program commitment	Explore partnership opportunities to achieve additional open space and recreation areas to meet community demand.
Outcome	A community that is healthy and active
Objective	Maintain a community satisfaction* rating for coastal open spaces, coastal walkway, playgrounds and parks of 97%
Delivery program commitment	Optimise existing sports field layouts to increase number of fields provided and diversity of codes catered for.
Outcome	A community where everyone has the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation
Objective	75% or above satisfaction with new open space and recreation facilities within 2 years of implementation
Delivery program commitment	Investigate opportunities to incorporate informal social sport in particular in areas with many students and culturally diverse population, or as part of new developments if not at ground level than on rooftops.
Delivery program commitment	Review all existing Plans of Management to comply with legislation and ensure the parks management and use reflects current and future community needs.
Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Infrastructure Services
Function	Asset construction
Delivery program commitment	Construct new public assets and infrastructure.
Service area	Technical Services
Function	Asset Lifecycle Planning
Delivery program commitment	Manage asset lifecycle planning (including creation, renewal, operation, maintenance and disposal) to ensure sustainable service delivery
Function	Asset Management & Control
Delivery program commitment	Measure, monitor, evaluate and report on current and future condition and performance of assets, and manage identified risks. This includes asset condition assessments.

Resourcing Strategy implications

There are no resourcing strategy implications as a result of the recommendation(s) of this report as all investigations will be done in house.

Should Council endorse this report, following the full investigation and analysis into the proposals a subsequent report will be tabled to a future Council meeting outlining all details.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993
Crown Lands Management Act 2016
Crown Lands Management Regulations 2018
Native Title Act 1993
Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

Conclusion

Tennis NSW and The Eastern Suburbs Tennis Club have formally approached Council with a proposal to consider the expansion of the Heffron Park Tennis Centre and utilization of the Baker Park Tennis Courts, Coogee, respectively. In a preliminary view, the proposal(s) are considered consistent the recently adopted Open Space and Recreation Informing Strategy outcome and objectives.

Should Council endorse 'in-principal' support for the proposal(s), Council officers may proceed with an investigation and analysis into the further details of the request. The outcome of the investigation will be provided to Council for consideration in a future Council meeting in readiness for future state government funding opportunities and /or a Council Capital Works Program.

Responsible officer: Todd Clarke, Director City Services

File Reference: F2005/00834

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO34/22

Subject: Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Executive Summary

- The Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy is required to be reviewed within 12 months of each ordinary election of Councillors.
- The Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy was last reviewed in October 2021
- This policy is required to comply with the Office of Local Government “Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW”.

Recommendation

That the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy be re-confirmed and adopted without change.

Attachment/s:

1.  Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy

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Purpose

To seek Council endorsement of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy as required by section 252 of the Local Government Act.

Discussion

A comprehensive review of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities policy was undertaken in October 2021 prior to the December 2021 Local Government elections to enable the revised policy to be applied to the newly elected Councillors. This was particularly relevant, as the key amendment proposed in the October 2021 review was in relation to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) expenses and ICT equipment is renewed following elections.

In the past few years, due in part to the pandemic but primarily to meet the hyper-connected digital world that we are in, Randwick City Council has been exploring and implementing new technologies (*hardware, software, connectivity and security*) to continue to allow Councillors to fulfil their important community role either remotely or by hybrid. This also included the remote attendance at Council meetings and briefings/committees, to help provide greater accessibility and transparency to the community and to potentially reach a larger community audience. Through this investment process, there has been a historic opportunity to transform how Councillors and Council together meet the needs and expectations of the customers, businesses, partners, leaders and stakeholders across this diverse city and communities that the Council serves.

The other change made to the policy in June 2021 was that superannuation contribution payments for Councillors were added to the policy in response to amendments to the Local Government Act. The legislation provides that these payments could not commence until 1 July 2022 and, in order to enact the new provisions in section 254B of the Act, Council was required to resolve to make superannuation contributions for Councillors.

As required, our policy complies with the Office of Local Government Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW.

No changes are proposed to be made to the policy as part of the current review.

It should be noted, however, that should Council propose any amendments to the policy, then it would need to be publicly exhibited in accordance with section 253 of the Local Government Act, prior to adoption.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Customer Service & Governance Management
Function	Governance Management
Delivery program commitment	Manage Council's governance framework and controls to ensure accountability, transparency, integrity, equity and ethical Council decision making.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Provision has been included in the 2022-23 Budget for expenses and facilities provided for in the current Councillor Expenses and Facilities policy.

Policy and legislative requirements

- Local Government Act 1993

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW), s.252 – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities - Council, within the first 12 months of each term:

“must adopt a policy concerning the ... provision of facilities to, the mayor, deputy mayor and the other Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office”

s.253 imposes requirements for public consultation of the Policy.

- Office of Local Government Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW (October 2009).

Conclusion

This policy is required to be reviewed (and adopted) within 12 months of each ordinary election. It is not proposed that any changes be made to the policy at this time.

Responsible officer: Julie Hartshorn, Coordinator Administration

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Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy

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Policy summary

This policy enables the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors to help them undertake their civic duties.

It ensures accountability and transparency and seeks to align Councillor expenses and facilities with community expectations. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this policy.

The policy has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulation) and complies with the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to Mayors and Councillors in NSW.

The policy sets out the maximum amounts Council will pay for specific expenses and facilities. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this policy will not be paid or reimbursed.

The main expenses and facilities are summarised in the table below. All monetary amounts are exclusive of GST.

Limits on expenditure table

Clause	Expense/facility	Amount (per Cr unless otherwise stipulated)	Frequency
Expenses			
2.2.1(b)	Travel expenses (Councillors) [see page 5]	\$5,000	Per year
2.2.1(b)	Travel expenses (Mayor) [see page 5]	\$8,000 for Mayor	Per year
2.2.2(b)	Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses (includes all out-of-pocket expenses and any allowable payments in advance) [see page 5]	\$25,000 total for all Crs	Per year
2.2.4(c)	Payment in advance for meals (at conferences) [see page 6]	\$150	Per day
2.2.6(a)	Professional development (includes all out-of-pocket expenses and any allowable payments in advance and annual memberships eg. Australian Institute of Company Directors) [see page 6]	\$20,000	Per term
2.2.7(b)	Conferences and seminars (includes all out of pocket expenses and any allowable payments in advance) [see page 7]	\$50,000 total for all Crs	Per year
2.2.8(a)	Attendance at events if representing the Council [see page 7]	\$150	Per event/ function
2.2.8(c)	Spouse/partners/accompanying persons expenses [see page 7]	\$150	Per event/ function
2.2.10.a.i	Laptop device [see page 8]	\$4,000	Per term
2.2.10.a.iv	Multifunction printer/copier/scanner unit [see page 8]	\$1,500	Per term
2.2.10.b.i	Mobile smartphone [see page 8]	\$2,500	Per term
2.2.10.c.i	Mobile voice calls placed in Australia to domestic fixed line and mobile numbers [see page 8]	Unlimited calls to any Australian	Per Term

Clause	Expense/facility	Amount (per Cr unless otherwise stipulated)	Frequency
		domestic number per month	
2.2.10.c.ii	Mobile voice calls placed in Australia to international numbers [see page 8]	\$100 (or as approved by the General Manager)	Per month
2.2.10.c.iii	Mobile data service for smartphone [see page 9]	Service incorporated into Council's standard data pool	Per Term
2.2.10.c.iv	International Voice and Data Roaming for mobile telephone [see page 9]	The equivalent of 28 days of international roaming at Council's contracted rates for countries included in the International Roaming Pass Program	Per Year
2.2.10.c.v	Internet connection at place of residence (if required this service is to be arranged by the Councillor) [see page 9]	\$100	Per month
2.2.10.c.vi	A messaging service (if required) [see page 9]	\$200	Per month
2.2.11(d)	Carer expenses [see page 10]	\$4,000	Per year
2.2.12(a)	Home office expenses [see page 10]	\$1,000	Per year
2.2.12(b)	Subscription to resource material (including digital newspaper subscriptions) [see page 10]	\$1,200	Per year
Facilities			
3.1.1(a)	Access to facilities in Councillors' Rooms within the Town Hall building [see page 12]	Provided to all Crs	Not relevant
3.1.2(a)	Postage expenses [see page 12]	600 standard stamps	Per year
3.1.2(a)	Christmas or festive cards [see page 12]	300 cards per Cr & 500 cards for Mayor	Per year
3.1.2(a)	Letterheads, business cards etc (printed in-house) [see page 12]	Provided to all Crs on request	Not relevant
3.1.3(a)	Maximum 2 full-time equivalent exclusive staff [see page 12]	To support Mayor & Crs	Not relevant
3.2(a)	Council vehicle and fuel card [see page 12]	Provided to Mayor	Not relevant
3.2(b)	Reserved parking space at Council offices [see page 12]	Provided to Mayor	Not relevant
3.2(c)	Furnished office [see page 13]	Provided to Mayor	Not relevant

Additional costs incurred by a Councillor in excess of these limits are considered a personal expense that is the responsibility of the Councillor.

Councillors must provide claims for reimbursement within three months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time cannot be approved.

1. Introduction

1.1. Introduction

The provision of expenses and facilities enables Councillors to fulfil their civic duties as the elected representatives of Randwick City Council.

The community is entitled to know the extent of expenses paid to Councillors, as well as the facilities provided.

The purpose of this policy is to clearly state the facilities and support that are available to Councillors to assist them in fulfilling their civic duties.

Council staff are empowered to question or refuse a request for payment from a Councillor when it does not accord with this policy.

Expenses and facilities provided by this policy are in addition to fees paid to Councillors. The minimum and maximum fees a Council may pay each Councillor are set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal as per Section 241 of the Act and reviewed annually. Council must adopt its annual fees within this set range.

1.2. Policy objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- enable the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors while undertaking their civic duties
- enable facilities of a reasonable and appropriate standard to be provided to Councillors to support them in undertaking their civic duties
- ensure accountability and transparency in reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors
- ensure facilities and expenses provided to Councillors meet community expectations
- support a diversity of representation
- fulfil Council's statutory responsibilities.

1.3. Principles

Council commits to the following principles:

Proper conduct: Councillors and staff acting lawfully and honestly, exercising care and diligence in carrying out their functions

Reasonable expenses: Providing for Councillors to be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred as part of their role as Councillor

Participation and access: Enabling people from diverse backgrounds, underrepresented groups, those in carer roles and those with special needs to serve as a Councillor

Equity: There must be equitable access to expenses and facilities for all Councillors

Appropriate use of resources: Providing clear direction on the appropriate use of Council resources in accordance with legal requirements and community expectations

Accountability and transparency: Clearly stating and reporting on the expenses and facilities provided to Councillors.

1.4. Private or political benefit

Councillors must not obtain private political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this policy.

Private use of Council equipment and facilities by Councillors may occur from time to time. For example, telephoning home to advise that a Council meeting will run later than expected. Such incidental private use does not require a compensatory payment back to Council.

Councillors should avoid obtaining any greater private benefit from Council than an incidental benefit. Where there are unavoidable circumstances and more substantial private use of Council facilities does occur, Councillors must reimburse Council.

Campaigns for re-election are considered to be a political benefit. The following are examples of what is considered to be a political interest during a re-election campaign:

- production of election material
- use of Council resources and equipment for campaigning
- use of official Council letterhead, publications, websites or services for political benefit
- fundraising activities of political parties or individuals, including political fundraising events.

2. Expenses

2.1. General expenses

- a) All expenses provided under this policy will be for a purpose specific to the functions of holding civic office. Allowances for general expenses are not permitted under this policy.
- b) Expenses not explicitly addressed in this policy will not be paid or reimbursed.
- c) The exchange of one or more allowance(s) to fund an increase in another allowance is not permitted under this policy.

2.2. Specific expenses

2.2.1 General travel arrangements and expenses

- a) All travel by Councillors should be undertaken using the most direct route and the most practicable and economical mode of transport.
- b) Each Councillor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$5,000 per year, and the Mayor may be reimbursed up to a total of \$8,000 per year, for travel expenses incurred while undertaking official business or professional development or attending approved conferences and seminars within NSW. This includes reimbursement:
 - for public transport fares
 - for the use of a private vehicle or hire car
 - for parking costs for Council and other meetings
 - for tolls
 - by Cabcharge card or equivalent
 - by Uber, when using Council's corporate Uber account only.
- c) Allowances for the use of a private vehicle will be reimbursed by kilometre at the rate contained in the NSW Local Government (State) Award.
- d) Councillors seeking to be reimbursed for use of a private vehicle must keep a record of the date, distance and purpose of travel being claimed. This record must be provided with the claim.

2.2.2 Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses

- a) In accordance with Section 4, Council will scrutinise the value and need for Councillors to undertake overseas travel. Councils should avoid interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate trips unless direct and tangible benefits can be established for the Council and the local community. This includes travel to sister and friendship cities.
- b) Total interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses for all Councillors will be capped at a maximum of \$25,000** per year. This amount will be set aside in Council's annual budget.
- c) Councillors seeking approval for any interstate and long-distance intrastate travel must submit a case to, and obtain the approval of, the General Manager prior to travel.
- d) Councillors seeking approval for any overseas travel must submit a case to, and obtain the approval of, a full Council meeting prior to travel.
- e) The case should include:
 - objectives to be achieved in travel, including an explanation of how the travel aligns with current Council priorities and business, the community benefits which will accrue as a result, and its relevance to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties
 - who is to take part in the travel
 - duration of the travel

- a detailed budget including a statement of any amounts expected to be reimbursed by the participant/s.
- f) For interstate and long-distance intrastate journeys by air of less than two hours, the class of air travel is to be economy class.
- g) For interstate journeys by air of more than two hours, the class of air travel may be premium economy.
- h) For international travel, the class of air travel is to be premium economy if available. Otherwise, the class of travel is to be economy. For the Mayor the class of travel is to be appropriate to the position of Mayor, subject to the approval of the General Manager.
- i) Bookings for approved air travel are to be made through the General Manager's office.
- j) For air travel that is reimbursed as Council business, Councillors will not accrue points from the airline's frequent flyer program. This is considered a private benefit.
- k) On return from any overseas travel, which have been funded by Council under this policy, the Councillor will share outcomes of the trip. (eg. briefing sessions/papers on findings/outcomes) with the other Councillors, via the Councillors' Bulletin.

2.2.3 Travel expenses not paid by Council

Council will not pay for traffic or parking fines or administrative charges for road toll accounts.

2.2.4 Accommodation and meals

- a) Council will reimburse the actual costs for accommodation and meals while Councillors are undertaking prior approved travel or professional development.
- b) The daily limits for accommodation and meal expenses both within and outside Australia are to be determined in advance by the General Manager, being mindful of Clause 2.2.2(b).
- c) Councillors can claim payment in advance, subject to a limit of \$150 per day for meals (subject to substantiation on return from the conference/seminar and reimbursement of any unspent funds).
- d) Councillors will not be reimbursed for alcoholic beverages.

2.2.5 Refreshments for Council related meetings

Appropriate refreshments will be available for Council meetings, Council Committee meetings, Councillor briefings, approved meetings and engagements, and official Council functions as approved by the General Manager in accordance with budgetary limits.

2.2.6 Professional development

- a) Council will set aside \$20,000** per Councillor per term in its budget to facilitate professional development of Councillors through programs, training, education courses and membership of professional bodies.
- b) In the first year of a new Council term, Council will provide a comprehensive induction program for all Councillors which considers any guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG). The cost of the induction program will be in addition to the ongoing professional development funding.
- c) Annual membership of professional bodies will only be covered where the membership is relevant to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties, the Councillor actively participates in the body and the cost of membership is likely to be fully offset by savings from attending events as a member.
- d) If Councillors choose to become a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. The membership fee (as set by the Australian Institute of Company Directors) will be funded from the professional development limit set in Clause 2.2.6(a).
- e) Approval for professional development activities is subject to a prior written request to the General Manager outlining the:
 - details of the proposed professional development
 - relevance to Council priorities and business

- relevance of the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties.

f) In assessing a Councillor request for a professional development activity, the General Manager must consider the factors set out in Clause 2.2.6(e), as well as the cost of the professional development in relation to the Councillor's remaining budget.

2.2.7 Conferences and seminars

- Council is committed to ensuring its Councillors are up to date with contemporary issues facing Council and the community, and local government in NSW.
- Council will set aside a total amount of \$50,000** annually in its budget to facilitate Councillor attendance at conferences and seminars, including the Local Government NSW Annual Conference. This allocation is for all Councillors. The General Manager will ensure that access to expenses relating to conferences and seminars is distributed equitably. The expenditure limit set in this clause is subject to review as deemed appropriate by the General Manager in consultation with the Mayor.
- Approval to attend a conference or seminar is subject to a written request to the General Manager. In assessing a Councillor request, the General Manager must consider factors including the:
 - relevance of the topics and presenters to current Council priorities and business and the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties
 - cost of the conference or seminar in relation to the total remaining budget.
- Council will meet the reasonable cost of registration fees, transportation and accommodation associated with attendance at conferences approved by the General Manager. Council will also meet the reasonable cost of meals when they are not included in the conference fees. Reimbursement for accommodation and meals not included in the conference fees will be subject to Clauses 2.2.7(b).

** subject to review by the General Manager if considered necessary and appropriate.

2.2.8 Events/functions

- Reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred by a Councillor in attending functions if officially invited to events/functions representing the Council. This expense is subject to a limit of \$150 per Councillor per event/function.
- Expenses of a Mayor or Councillor's spouse/partner/accompanying person* shall be met by Council in the following circumstances;
 - Where the reasonable expenses of the spouse/partner/accompanying person have been met by the Mayor/Councillor; and
 - The Mayor's/Councillor's spouse/partner/ accompanying person has been officially invited to and has accompanied the Mayor/Councillor to a function/event; and
 - The function/event relates to the discharge of the civic functions of the Mayor/Councillor; and
 - The attendance of the spouse/partner/accompanying person at the function is considered reasonably necessary or appropriate in order for the Mayor/Councillor to fulfil his/her statutory role.

*An accompanying person is a person who has a close personal relationship with the Councillor and/or provides carer support to the Councillor.

- This expense is subject to a limit of \$150 per Councillor per event/function.
- This reimbursement does not extend to functions where the attendance of the Councillor's spouse, partner or accompanying person may be convenient, but could not be properly seen as relating to the discharge of functions of civic office (eg. Attendance at seminars, conferences and the like, with the exception of the Annual Conference of LGNSW). Examples of the types of functions that could be reimbursed under this clause include charitable functions to which the Mayor has been invited and award ceremonies and other functions to which the Mayor is invited to represent the Council. The payment for spouses, partners and accompanying persons for attending appropriate functions (as detailed above) will be confined specifically to the ticket, meal

and/or the direct cost of attending the function. Peripheral expenses incurred by spouse, partners or accompanying persons such as grooming, special clothing and transport are not considered reimbursable expenses.

2.2.9 Local Government NSW Annual Conference

- a) All Councillors are able to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference each year. Council will reimburse the cost of registration fees and where the conference is outside metropolitan Sydney, the cost of travel, accommodation and meals not covered by the conference registration, subject to Clauses 2.2.7(b).
- b) For the Local Government NSW Annual Conference only, Council will meet the costs of the official conference dinner for an accompanying person of a Councillor.

2.2.10 ICT expenses

Council will either purchase and provide Councillors with appropriate ICT devices and services **or** Council will reimburse Councillors for expenses associated with purchasing and providing appropriate ICT devices and services as follows:

a) Computer equipment:

- i) A laptop device to be determined by the Councillor from Council's standard models. A replacement laptop is available at the commencement of the third year of the term. The maximum cost for this equipment is \$4,000 per Councillor per term.
- ii) Accessories including home office equipment (docking unit, screens, keyboard and mouse) and laptop protective carry case or bag selected in conjunction with the Councillor from Council's approved models (*included in the laptop device costs*); Licensed software and associated configuration necessary to utilise appropriate Council systems including access to business papers for Council as well as standard productivity software (*included in the laptop device costs*);
- iii) Multifunction printer/copier/scanner unit Councillor per term. Council will supply all consumables such as ink, toner or the like for the unit. The maximum cost for this equipment is \$1,500 per Councillor per term.

b) Mobile Telephone equipment (Smartphone):

- i) A mobile smartphone running an approved operating system as determined by Council is to be provided along with appropriate accessories such as a protective case and in car mount. A replacement mobile smartphone is available at the commencement of the third year of the Council term. The maximum cost for the purchase of this equipment is \$2,500 per Councillor per term.
- ii) Repairs and replacements of the above should equipment failure, loss or accidental damage occur to ensure that the devices provided remain in working order and that an appropriate level of service is provided to the Councillor.

c) Telecommunication Services

Council will fund the following costs for services connected to Council's account. Other expenses are to be reimbursed once approved by the General Manager:

Service	Cap
i. Mobile voice calls placed in Australia to domestic fixed line and mobile numbers	Unlimited calls to any Australian domestic number per month.
ii. Mobile voice calls placed in Australia to international numbers	\$100 per month or as approved by the General Manager
iii. Mobile data service for smartphone	Service incorporated into Council's standard data pool
iv. International Voice and Data Roaming for mobile telephone	The equivalent of 28 days of international roaming per year at Council's contracted rates for countries included in the International Roaming Pass Program

Service	Cap
v. Internet connection at place of residence (if required this service is to be arranged by the Councillor)	\$100 per month (re-imbursement)
vi. A messaging service (if required)	The cost of this service is subject to a limit of \$200 per Councillor per month.

- d) Council supplied equipment will be purchased and maintained by authorised officers within Council's IMT Services Department, during standard business hours of 7:30am through 5:00pm on Council business days, and for the first three hours of any ordinary or extraordinary Council meeting. Support outside of these hours is at the discretion of the General Manager.
- e) All equipment remains the property of Council until the end of the Council term, when the ownership of the equipment may be transferred to each individual Councillor at the depreciated value (as determined by Council), subject to Council systems and Apps being removed from the equipment.
- f) Councillors must take all reasonable steps to secure the equipment from loss or damage. Any loss, damage or failure of the items provided through this option should be reported to the Manager IMT Services promptly. Subject to the approval of the General Manager, Council will provide a like-for-like replacement of the equipment to ensure continuity of service.
- g) If a Councillors chooses to purchase and provide appropriate ICT equipment (both Computer and Mobile Telephone) must be approved by the GM prior to purchase.

The General Manager may extend ICT benefits beyond the limit of this allowance if considered necessary and appropriate.

2.2.11 Special requirement and carer expenses

- a) Council encourages wide participation and interest in civic office. It will seek to ensure Council premises and associated facilities are accessible, including provision for sight or hearing impaired Councillors and those with other disabilities.
- b) Transportation provisions outlined in this policy will also assist Councillors who may be unable to drive a vehicle.
- c) In addition to the provisions above, the General Manager may authorise the provision of reasonable additional facilities and expenses in order to allow a Councillor with a disability to perform their civic duties.
- d) Councillors who are the principal carer of a child or other elderly, disabled and/or sick immediate family member will be entitled to reimbursement of carer's expenses up to a maximum of \$4,000 per annum for attendance at official business, plus reasonable travel from the principal place of residence.
- e) Child care expenses may be claimed for children up to and including the age of 16 years where the carer is not a relative.
- f) In the event of caring for an adult person Councillors will need to provide suitable evidence to the General Manager that reimbursement is applicable. This may take the form of advice from a medical practitioner.

2.2.12 Home office expenses

- a) Each Councillor may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 per year for costs associated with the maintenance of a home office, such as minor items of consumable stationery.
- b) Subscription to resource material (including software apps and online subscriptions) which will assist in the performance of the role of a Councillor, subject to a limit of \$1,200 per Councillor per annum.

2.3. Insurances

- a) In accordance with Section 382 of the Local Government Act, Council is insured against public liability and professional indemnity claims. Councillors are included as a named insured on this Policy.
- b) Insurance protection is only provided if a claim arises out of or in connection with the Councillor's performance of his or her civic duties, or exercise of his or her functions as a Councillor. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the policies of insurance. The Mayor and Councillors will be provided with full indemnity against any action, liability, claim or demand, arising from the bona fide performance of their responsibilities, with the exception of defamation claims where the availability and extent of an indemnity shall be determined by Council, in its absolute discretion, after the claim has been disposed of by a final judgement in proceedings, withdrawn, settlement or compromise of proceedings or otherwise as the case may be, having regard to all circumstances that Council, in its absolute discretion, considers relevant.
- c) Council shall pay the insurance policy excess in respect of any claim accepted by Council's insurers, whether defended or not. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the Council's policy of insurance.
- d) Insurance provision for Councillors includes:
 - i) Public liability (for matters arising out of Councillors' performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions);
 - ii) Professional indemnity (for matters arising out of Councillors' performance of their civic duties and/or exercise of their Council functions);
 - iii) Personal injury while on Council business (note: Councillors are not covered by Workers Compensation payments or arrangements);
 - iv) Appropriate travel insurances will be provided for any Councillors traveling on approved interstate and overseas travel on Council business.

2.4. Legal assistance

- a) Council may, if required, indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:
 - i) A Councillor defending an action arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the Local Government Act;
 - ii) A councillor defending an action in defamation, provided the statements complained of were made in good faith in the course of exercising a function under the Act;
 - iii) A councillor for proceedings before an appropriate investigative or review body, provided the subject of the proceedings arises from the performance in good faith of a function under the Act and the matter has proceeded past any initial assessment phase to a formal investigation or review and the investigative or review body makes a finding substantially favourable to the Councillor.
- b) In the case of a conduct complaint made against a Councillor, legal costs will only be made available where the matter has been referred by the General Manager to a conduct reviewer or conduct review panel to make formal enquiries into that matter in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.
- c) Legal expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising out of the performance by a Councillor of his or her functions under the Act are distinguished from expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising merely from something that a Councillor has done during his or her term in office. For example, expenses arising from an investigation as to whether a Councillor acted corruptly would not be covered by this section.
- d) Council will not meet the legal costs:
 - i) Of legal proceedings initiated by a councillor under any circumstances;

- ii) Of a councillor seeking advice in respect of possible defamation, or in seeking a non-litigious remedy for possible defamation
- iii) For legal proceedings that do not involve a Councillor performing their roles as a councillor.
- e) Reimbursement of expenses for reasonable legal expenses must have Council approval by way of a resolution at a Council meeting prior to costs being incurred.

2.5. Superannuation contributions for Councillors

- a) In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Act and the Council resolution of 29 June 2021, Council will make a payment (a superannuation contribution payment) as a contribution to a superannuation account nominated by a Councillor, starting from the financial year **commencing 1 July 2022**.
- b) A council is not permitted to make a superannuation contribution payment:
 - i) if the Councillor does not nominate a superannuation account for the payment before the end of the month to which the payment relates, or
 - ii) to the extent the Councillor has agreed in writing to forgo or reduce the payment.
- c) The amount of the contribution payment will be the amount the council would have been required to contribute under the Commonwealth superannuation legislation as superannuation if the Councillor were an employee of the council.
- d) A person is not, for the purposes of any Act, taken to be an employee of a council and is not disqualified from holding civic office merely because the person is paid a superannuation contribution payment and that a superannuation contribution payment does not constitute salary for the purposes of any Act.

3. Facilities

3.1. General facilities for all councillors

3.1.1 Facilities

- a) Council will provide the following facilities to Councillors to assist them to effectively discharge their civic duties:
 - i) A councillor common room appropriately furnished to include telephone, photocopier, printer, desks, computer terminals, business equipment, meeting supplies and appropriate refreshments (excluding alcohol)
 - ii) access to shared car parking spaces while attending Council offices on official business
 - iii) personal protective equipment for use during site visits
 - iv) a name badge which may be worn at official functions, indicating that the wearer holds the office of a Councillor and/or Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
- b) The provision of facilities will be of a standard deemed by the General Manager as appropriate for the purpose.

3.1.2 Stationery

- a) Council will provide the following stationery to Councillors each year:
 - i) Letterhead, to be used only for correspondence associated with civic duties
 - ii) business cards, 'With compliments' slips (if required) and envelopes
 - iii) up to 600 ordinary postage stamps
 - iv) up to 300 Christmas or festive cards per year for Councillors and 500 for the Mayor. The cards will be arranged and order by Council staff in accordance with budgetary limits.
- b) As per Section 4, stamps shall only be used to support a Councillor's civic duties. Councillor mail will only be posted using the stamps provided. Any stamps not used will not be carried over to the next year's allocation.

****Note:** Mass mail outs or letter box distributions to residents are not reimbursable under this policy as such mail outs/distributions are deemed to have a political component regardless of the subject matter. The maximum number of letters/flyers that may be distributed or posted to residents in relation to the one subject and using stationary, postage or other Council facilities under this policy is limited to 150.

3.1.3 Administrative support

- a) Council will provide administrative support to Councillors to assist them with their civic duties only. Administrative support may be provided by staff in the Mayor's office or by a member of Council's administrative staff as arranged by the General Manager.
- b) As per Section 4, Council staff are expected to assist Councillors with civic duties only, and not assist with matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

3.2. Additional facilities for the Mayor

- a) Council will provide to the Mayor full private use of a maintained vehicle (including a fuel card) to a similar standard of the Council vehicle provided to the General Manager and as considered appropriate to the position of Mayor, with conditions of use being generally in accordance with Council's Private Use Policy for motor vehicles.
- b) A parking space at Council's offices will be reserved for the Mayor's Council-issued vehicle for use on official business, professional development and attendance at the Mayor's office.

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- c) Council will provide the Mayor with a furnished office incorporating a computer configured to Council's standard operating environment, telephone and meeting space.
- d) In performing his or her civic duties, the Mayor will be assisted by a small number of staff providing administrative and secretarial support, as determined by the General Manager.
- e) The number of exclusive staff provided to support the Mayor and Councillors will not exceed two (2) full time equivalents.
- f) As per Section 4, staff in the Mayor's office are expected to work on official business only, and not for matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

4. Processes

4.1. Approval, payment and reimbursement arrangements

- a) Expenses should only be incurred by Councillors in accordance with the provisions of this policy.
- b) Approval for incurring expenses, or for the reimbursement of such expenses, should be obtained before the expense is incurred.
- c) Up to the maximum limits specified in this policy, approval for the following may be sought after the expense is incurred:
 - i) Local travel relating to the conduct of official business
 - ii) Carer costs.
- d) Final approval for payments made under this policy will be granted by the General Manager or their delegate.

4.1.1 Direct payment

Council may approve and directly pay expenses. Requests for direct payment must be submitted to the Manager Customer & Compliance (by email) for assessment against this policy, with sufficient information and time to allow for the claim to be assessed and processed.

4.1.2 Reimbursement

All claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred must be made by email, supported by appropriate receipts and/or tax invoices and be submitted to the Manager Customer & Compliance.

4.1.3 Advance payment

- a) Council may pay a cash advance for Councillors attending approved conferences, seminars or professional development.
- b) The maximum value of a cash advance is \$150 per day of the conference, seminar or professional development, subject to a period of stay not exceeding the period of the conference, seminar etc, plus one business day each way for travel.
- c) Requests for advance payment must be submitted to the Manager Customer & Compliance (by email) for assessment against this policy, with sufficient information and time to allow for the claim to be assessed and processed.
- d) Councillors must fully reconcile all expenses against the cost of the advance within one month of incurring the cost and/or returning home. This includes providing to Council:
 - i) a full reconciliation of all expenses including appropriate receipts
 - ii) reimbursement of any amount of the advance payment not spent in attending to official business or professional development.

4.1.4 Notification

- a) If a claim is approved, Council will make payment directly or reimburse the Councillor through accounts payable.
- b) If a claim is refused, Council will inform the Councillor in writing that the claim has been refused and the reason for the refusal.

4.1.5 Reimbursement to Council

- a) If Council has incurred an expense on behalf of a Councillor that exceeds a maximum limit, exceeds reasonable incidental private use or is not provided for in this policy:

- b) Council will invoice the Councillor for the expense
- c) the Councillor will reimburse Council for that expense within 14 days of the invoice date.
- d) If the councillor cannot reimburse Council within 14 days of the invoice date, they are to submit a written explanation to the General Manager. The General Manager may elect to deduct the amount from the Councillor's allowance.

4.1.6 Timeframe for reimbursement

Unless otherwise specified in this policy, Councillors must provide all claims for reimbursement within three months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time cannot be approved.

4.2. Disputes

- a) If a Councillor disputes a determination under this policy, the Councillor should discuss the matter with the General Manager.
- b) If the Councillor and the General Manager cannot resolve the dispute, the Councillor may submit a notice of motion to a Council meeting seeking to have the dispute resolved.

4.3. Return or retention of facilities

- a) All unexpended facilities or equipment supplied under this policy are to be relinquished immediately upon a Councillor or Mayor ceasing to hold office or at the cessation of their civic duties.
- b) Should a Councillor desire to keep any equipment allocated by Council, then this policy enables the Councillor to make application to the General Manager to purchase any such equipment. The General Manager will determine an agreed fair market price or written down value for the item of equipment

4.4. Publication

This policy will be published on Council's website.

4.5. Reporting

Council will report on the provision of expense and facilities to Councillors as required in the Act and Regulations.

4.6. Breaches

- a) Suspected breaches of this policy are to be reported to the General Manager.
- b) Alleged breaches of this policy shall be dealt with by following the processes outlines for breaches of the Code of Conduct, as detailed in the Code and in the Procedures for the Administration of the Code.

A. Related legislation, guidance and policies

Relevant legislation and guidance:

- Local Government Act 1993, Sections 252 and 253
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Clauses 217 and 403
- Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW, 2009
- Local Government Circular 09-36 Guidelines for Payment of Expenses and Facilities
- Local Government Circular 05-08 legal assistance for Councillors and Council Employees.

Related Council policies:

- Code of Conduct.

B. Definitions

The following definitions apply throughout this policy:

Term	Definition
Accompanying person	Means a spouse, partner or de facto or other person who has a close personal relationship with or provides carer support to a Councillor
Appropriate refreshments	Means food and beverages, excluding alcohol, provided by Council to support Councillors undertaking official business
Act	Means the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
Annual conference	Means Local Government NSW annual Conference
Clause	Unless stated otherwise, a reference to a clause is a reference to a clause of this policy
Code of Conduct	Means the Code of Conduct for Councillors adopted by Council or the Model Code if none is adopted
Councillor	Means a person elected or appointed to civic office as a member of the governing body of Council who is not suspended, including the Mayor
General Manager	Means the General Manager of Council and includes their delegate or authorised representative
ICT	Means Telecommunications and Information Communications and Technology
Incidental personal use	Means use that is infrequent and brief and use that does not breach this policy or the Code of Conduct
Long distance intrastate travel	Means travel to other parts of NSW of more than three hours duration by private vehicle
Maximum limit	Means the maximum limit for an expense or facility provided in the text and summarised in the 'Introduction'
NSW	New South Wales
Official business	Means functions that the Mayor or Councillors are required or invited to attend to fulfil their legislated role and responsibilities for Council or result in a direct benefit for Council and/or for the local government area, and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meetings of Council and committees of the whole meetings of committees facilitated by Council civic receptions hosted or sponsored by Council meetings, functions, workshops and other events to which attendance by a Councillor has been requested or approved by Council
Professional development	Means a seminar, conference, training course or other development opportunity relevant to the role of a Councillor or the Mayor
Regulation	Means the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (NSW)
Year	Means the financial year, that is the 12 month period commencing on 1 July each year

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO35/22

Subject: Delegations of Authority

Executive Summary

- The *Local Government Act 1993*, and other relevant legislation authorise Council to undertake a range of functions.
- Section 377 of the *Local Government Act* allows the elected Council to delegate authority to the General Manager, by Council resolution, to make decisions and perform functions required for Council to operate business as usual activities. The General Manager sub-delegates these functions to Council staff in order to provide for the day-to-day operation of the Council.
- Councils are required to review their delegations within 12 months after each ordinary election (section 440(7) of the *Local Government Act*).
- It is recommended that the General Manager's current delegations be re-affirmed.
- A report in relation to this matter was submitted to the April 2022 Council meeting and was deferred for a Councillors' Briefing, which was held on 12 July 2022.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the General Manager's current delegations be re-affirmed by Council, delegating to the General Manager, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, all the powers and functions of the Council that it may under any Act of Parliament lawfully delegate, subject to the limitations set out below:
 - i. those functions designated in Section 377(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* as functions which may not be delegated.
 - ii. any function designated in any other Act of Parliament as a function which may not be delegated.
 - iii. the writing off of debts over the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with clause 213(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, in that the amount above which debts to the Council may be written off only by resolution of the Council is set at \$10,000.
 - iv. the writing off of an individual rate or charge over the amount of \$1,000 in accordance with clause 131(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, in that the amount above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the council is set at \$1,000.
 - v. any adopted policy, decisions or directions of the Council.
- b) in accordance with section 381 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council re-affirms and delegates to the General Manager of the Council, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, the plan making functions under Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.
- c) the Council re-affirms and delegates to the Mayor and Mayor and General Manager jointly, those delegations detailed in this report.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

This report addresses the requirement for Council to review its delegations within 12 months after each ordinary election (section 440(7) of the Local Government Act).

Discussion

Legislative requirements

There are certain functions contained in the *Local Government Act 1993* that Council is unable to delegate. Section 377 of the Local Government Act provides that:

- (1) A council may, by resolution, delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any of the functions of the council under this or any other Act, other than the following:
 - (a) the appointment of a general manager,
 - (b) the making of a rate,
 - (c) a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate,
 - (d) the making of a charge,
 - (e) the fixing of a fee,
 - (f) the borrowing of money,
 - (g) the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations,
 - (h) the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),
 - (i) the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council,
 - (j) the adoption of an operational plan under section 405,
 - (k) the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report,
 - (l) a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6,
 - (m) the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land,
 - (n) the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work,
 - (o) the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,
 - (p) the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194,
 - (q) a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,
 - (r) a decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office,
 - (s) the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister,
 - (t) this power of delegation,
 - (u) any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.
- (1A) Despite subsection (1), a council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if:
 - (a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and
 - (b) the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and
 - (c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and
 - (d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.

Section 381 of the Local Government Act refers to functions imposed on Council employees under other Acts and confirms that those functions are taken to be conferred or imposed on the Council:

381 Exercise of functions conferred or imposed on council employees under other Acts

- (1) If, under any other Act, a function is conferred or imposed on an employee of a council or on the mayor or a councillor of a council, otherwise than by delegation in accordance with this section, the function is taken to be conferred or imposed on the council.
- (2) Such a function may be delegated by the council in accordance with this Part.
- (3) A person must not, under any other Act, delegate a function to;
 - the General Manager, except with the approval of the council
 - an employee of the council, except with the approval of the council and the General Manager.

Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act requires a specific delegation to the General Manager due to the wording of that section:

3.36 Making of local environmental plan by local plan-making authority

- (1) The Planning Secretary is to make arrangements for the drafting of any required local environmental plan to give effect to the final proposals of the planning proposal authority. The Planning Secretary is to consult the planning proposal authority, in accordance with the regulations, on the terms of any such draft instrument.
- (2) The local plan-making authority may, following completion of community consultation;
 - (a) make a local environmental plan (with or without variation of the proposals submitted by the planning proposal authority) in the terms the local plan-making authority considers appropriate, or
 - (b) decide not to make the proposed local environmental plan.
- (3) The local plan-making authority may defer the inclusion of a matter in a proposed local environmental plan.
- (4) If the local plan-making authority does not make the proposed local environmental plan or defers the inclusion of a matter in a proposed local environmental plan, the local plan-making authority may specify which procedures under this Division the planning proposal authority must comply with before the matter is reconsidered by the local plan-making authority.

Delegations to the General Manager

At the 16 October 2018 Council meeting, the General Manager was delegated authority to exercise all the powers and functions of the Council that are detailed in this report and the recommendation. The General Manager has sub-delegated to the staff of Council all those matters that provide for the day-to-day operations of the Council. These sub-delegations are regularly reviewed to ensure that Council officers are acting to the full extent of their responsibilities and in a manner that is most efficient for the organisation.

Delegations to the Mayor and the Mayor and General Manager jointly

At the same meeting (16 October 2018), the Council also delegated to the Mayor and Mayor and General Manager jointly, those delegations detailed below:

Proposed delegations to the Mayor

Title	Detail
Matters for investigation	The Mayor is delegated authority to refer to the General Manager matters considered to need investigation and report with referral to Council, as necessary
Presentation of gifts	The Mayor is delegated authority to authorise the presentation of small gifts to visitor on appropriate occasions
Public Statement	The Mayor is delegated authority to make public statements on matters of official Council attitude or interpretation of Council policy
General Manager leave	The Mayor is delegated authority to determine leave applications of the General Manager, in accordance with the General Manager's contract of employment and relevant Council policies
Certificates of Australian Citizenship	The Mayor is delegated authority to present Certificates of Australian Citizenship after applicants have pledged the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, as provided by the Australian Citizenship Act 2007

Title	Detail
Correspondence	The Mayor is delegated authority to sign outgoing correspondence in relation to the Office of Mayor, however, those matters relating to the day-to-day management of Council are matters that remain with the General Manager to sign
Emergency expenditure	The Mayor is delegated authority to approve, in the event of an emergency, all necessary expenditure after consultation with the General Manager
Meeting recess	The Mayor is delegated authority to exercise, during meeting recesses, the powers, authorities, duties and functions of Council other than; (i) those reserved to the Council itself by section 377 and section 379 of the Local Government Act (ii) those powers and functions delegated to the General Manager by Council from time to time, with such delegations to be effective from midnight on the day of the last Council meeting prior to a recess period as approved by the Council, up to the time of commencement of the first Council meeting at the conclusion of the recess period
Senior staff consultation	The Mayor is delegated authority to consult with the General Manager (in accordance with section 337 of the Local Government Act 1993) prior to the appointment or dismissal, by the General Manager, of senior staff

Proposed delegations to the Mayor and General Manager, jointly

Title	Detail
Miscellaneous donations	The Mayor and General Manager, jointly, are delegated authority to approve donations up to the sum of \$3,000 provided that funds are available within the adopted budget for Miscellaneous Donations
Councillors attendance at conferences	The Mayor and General Manager, jointly, are delegated authority to authorise Councillors attendance at conferences, seminars and similar functions in accordance with Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Customer Service & Governance Management
Function	Governance Management
Delivery program commitment	Manage Council's governance framework and controls to ensure accountability, transparency, integrity, equity and ethical Council decision making.

Resourcing Strategy implications

N/A.

Policy and legislative requirements

The list of Act and Regulations, under which Council has powers and functions, are substantial and varied. The list includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Boarding Houses Act 2012
- 2) Building Professionals Act 2005
- 3) Coastal Protection Act 1979
- 4) Companion Animals Act 1998
- 5) Contaminated Land Management Act 1997
- 6) Criminal Procedure Act 1986
- 7) Crown Lands Act 1989
- 8) Electronic Transactions Act 2000
- 9) Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- 10) Food Act 2003
- 11) Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
- 12) Heritage Act 1977
- 13) Home Building Act 1989
- 14) Impounding Act 1993
- 15) Land & Environment Court Act 1979
- 16) Library Act 1939
- 17) Liquor Act 2007
- 18) Local Government Act 1993
- 19) Noxious Weeds Act 1993
- 20) Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
- 21) Public Health Act 2010
- 22) Public Interest Disclosures Act 2013
- 23) Registered Clubs Act 1976
- 24) Road Transport Act 2013
- 25) Roads Act 1993
- 26) Strata Schemes Management Act 2015
- 27) State Emergency & Rescue Management Act 1989
- 28) State Records Act 1998
- 29) Strata Scheme Management Act 1996
- 30) Swimming Pools Act 1992
- 31) Sydney Water Act 1994
- 32) Trees (Disputes between neighbours) Act 2006
- 33) Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Act 2001
- 34) Work Health & Safety Act 2011.

Conclusion

Delegations are a complex area. If comprehensive and practical delegations are not in place, however, the General Manager and Council staff will be unable to undertake their day-to-day activities and works and services will be severely impacted.

Responsible officer: Julie Hartshorn, Coordinator Administration

File Reference: F2004/06895

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO36/22

Subject: Investment Report - July 2022


Executive Summary

- This report outlines Council's investment portfolio and performance as at 31 July 2022.
- All investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.
- For the month of July, the portfolio provided a solid return of +0.12% (actual) or +1.46% p.a. (annualised), outperforming (annualised) the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.12% (actual) or +1.45% p.a. (annualised).
- Cashflow will continue to be monitored closely, as the RBA expects to take further steps in the process of normalising monetary conditions over the coming months. Investments will continue to be managed to ensure liquidity to meet operational requirements.

Recommendation

That the Investment Report for July 2022 be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.  Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer - July 2022

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Purpose

The Local Government (General) Regulation requires a written report to be provided to the Ordinary meeting of the Council giving details of all monies invested and a certificate as to whether, or not, the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the Council's Investment Policy.

Discussion

As at 31 July 2022, Council held investments with a market value of \$138.534 million. The portfolio value decreased during July by ~\$5.339 million. The decrease is representative of a negative cash flow for the month reflecting the net effect of revenue receipts, rates, grants and miscellaneous payments, offset by capital works expenditure and other operational payments.

The size of the investment portfolio varies significantly from month to month because of cash flows for the period. Cash outflows (expenditure) are typically relatively stable from one month to another. Cash inflows (income) are cyclical and are largely dependent on the rates instalment due dates and the timing of grant payments including receipt of the Financial Assistance Grants.

The investment portfolio as at 31 July 2022 is ~\$47.251 million more than the same time last year or \$13.752 million more excluding the loan funds. This represents a stable cash flow over the year. The increased inflows are mainly from rates, grant and contributions received as well as effective debt management action, while outflows during the current financial year are less than the previous year.

Cashflow continues to be closely monitored, ensuring that there is enough cash in the business to operate on a day-to-day basis and:

- Ensure that Council maintains a balanced operating result,
- Ensure that payments are received on time to control debtors; and
- Manage and financing capital projects.

At the RBAs last meeting on 2 August 2022, the RBA decided to:

- Increase the cash rate target by 50 basis points to 1.35 per cent.
- place a high priority on the return of inflation to the 2–3% range over time, while keeping the economy on an even keel

The labour market has tightened more quickly than the RBA had been expecting with the unemployment rate declined further by 0.4% to 3.5% in June (from 3.9%), which is the lowest among 50 years.

Inflation in Australia is the highest it has been since the early 1990s. Headline CPI came in at +1.8% q/q and +6.1% y/y. Inflation is expected to peak later this year and then decline back towards the 2–3% range. The Bank's central forecast is for CPI inflation to be around 7.75% over 2022, a little above 4% over 2023 and around 3% over 2024.

"Today's increase in interest rates is a further step in the normalisation of monetary conditions in Australia. The increase in interest rates over recent months has been required to bring inflation back to target and to create a more sustainable balance of demand and supply in the Australian economy. The Board expects to take further steps in the process of normalising monetary conditions over the months ahead, but it is not on a pre-set path. The size and timing of future interest rate increases will be guided by the incoming data and the Board's assessment of the outlook for inflation and the labour market."

The financial market is now factoring the possibility of a global recession as early as the second half of 2023. The RBA is expected to further increase the official cash rate and is looking to move towards their neutral setting of 2.5% by calendar year-end.

On Call Funds

On call funds are held to meet Council's immediate cash flow requirements. The on-call funds balance has now gradually been reduced as the economic outlook from the pandemic has improved but will continue to be monitored and reviewed in line with anticipated operational requirements. Funds were withdrawn from Macquarie Bank to fund daily cashflow requirements for end of financial year expenditures.

The on-call balance at month end is \$9.068 million or 6.55% of the total portfolio.

Investment	Rating	Balance - 1 July 2022	Movement	Balance - 31 July 2022	Interest Rate
CBA	AA-	\$7,893,818	\$1,172,328	\$9,066,146	1.45%
Macquarie Bank	A+	\$4,578,493	-\$4,576,185	\$2,308	0.85%

Term Deposits

- At month end, the portfolio included \$103 million in term deposits.
- Term Deposits made up 74.35% of the total investment portfolio.
- Four term deposits totaling \$5 million matured in July 2022.
- During July, two new term deposits \$3 million were placed.
- As at the end of July 2022, the term deposit portfolio was yielding 1.30% p.a. (up 12bp from the previous month).

A	Rating	Balance 1 July 2022	Movement	Balance 31 July 2022	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	21/09/2020	19/09/2022	0.85%
ICBC	A	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	13/11/2020	09/11/2022	0.82%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	03/12/2020	07/12/2022	0.70%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/02/2021	29/03/2023	0.62%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/02/2021	28/06/2023	0.65%
NAB	AA-	\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000	0	26/08/2021	06/07/2022	0.31%
NAB	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	27/08/2021	14/09/2022	0.35%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	-\$2,000,000	0	30/08/2021	20/07/2022	0.39%
NAB	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	31/08/2021	13/09/2023	0.65%
NAB	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	01/09/2021	20/09/2023	0.65%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	01/09/2021	31/09/2022	0.42%
CBA	AA-	\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000	0	02/09/2021	27/07/2022	0.39%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	03/09/2021	12/10/2022	0.41%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/09/2021	18/09/2024	0.94%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	27/09/2021	27/09/2023	0.60%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	27/09/2021	19/10/2022	0.36%
WBC	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	21/10/2021	2/11/2022	0.46%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	1/11/2021	19/04/2023	0.99%
ICBC	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	10/11/2021	3/12/2025	1.70%
CBA	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	10/11/2021	9/12/2026	1.88%

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CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/11/2021	13/12/2023	1.22%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/11/2021	20/12/2023	1.27%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/11/2021	27/12/2023	1.31%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/11/2021	03/01/2024	1.29%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/11/2021	10/01/2024	1.29%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/11/2021	23/12/2024	1.64%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/11/2021	31/12/2024	1.65%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/11/2021	08/01/2025	1.65%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	11/11/2021	15/01/2025	1.66%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	11/11/2021	22/01/2025	1.66%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/11/2021	31/12/2022	0.70%
WBC	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/11/2021	18/01/2023	0.63%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	12/11/2021	25/01/2023	0.74%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	12/11/2021	01/02/2023	0.76%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	12/11/2021	15/03/2023	0.84%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	18/11/2021	12/04/2023	0.85%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	18/11/2021	26/04/2023	0.83%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	18/11/2021	14/6/2023	0.95%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	18/11/2021	21/06/2023	0.96%
ICBC	A	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	18/11/2021	05/07/2023	1.00%
NAB	AA-	\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000	0	02/12/2021	13/07/2022	0.52%
NAB	AA-	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	02/12/2021	04/12/2022	0.52%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	05/04/2023	0.80%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	05/07/2023	1.00%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	11/10/2023	1.10%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	18/10/2023	1.05%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/12/2021	24/01/2024	1.36%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	31/02/2022	12/07/2023	1.20%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	31/02/2022	12/07/2023	1.20%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/03/2022	11/01/2023	0.79%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/03/2022	26/10/2022	0.65%
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	01/03/2022	19/07/2023	1.15%
ICBC	A	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	09/03/2022	25/10/2023	1.74%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	20/04/2022	26/07/2023	2.44%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	20/04/2022	04/10/2023	2.60%
ICBC	A	\$1,000,000	0	\$1,000,000	20/04/2022	24/04/2024	3.13%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/05/2022	03/05/2023	2.71%
CBA	AA-	\$2,000,000	0	\$2,000,000	02/05/2022	01/11/2023	3.08%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	24/05/2022	08/02/2022	1.89%

Suncorp	A+	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	24/05/2022	08/02/2023	2.60%
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	31/05/2022	22/03/2023	2.78%
ICBC	A	\$1,500,000	0	\$1,500,000	01/06/2022	31/01/2024	3.40%
Suncorp	A+	0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	12/07/2022	17/01/2024	4.05%
Westpac	AA-	0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	28/07/2022	13/03/2024	3.80%
Total		\$105,000,000	-\$2,000,000	\$103,000,000			

Floating Rate Notes (FRNs)

- The portfolio includes \$24.863 million in floating rate notes, making up 17.95% of the total portfolio.
- FRNs are classified as “held for trading” and are required to be reported at the latest indicative market valuations at month end.
- The indicative market value of the FRNs as at the 31 July 2022 increased by ~\$39 thousands.
- There is no new floating rate note placed during July.
- Council will continue to look at opportunities and new issuances as they become available, and switch if viable.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 July 2022	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000	\$1,995,458	07/08/2019	07/08/2024	90D BBSW + 80 bpts
Citibank	A+	\$1,000,000	\$999,764	14/11/2019	14/11/2024	90D BBSW + 88 bpts
NAB	AA-	\$2,000,000	\$2,001,881	21/01/2021	21/01/2025	90D BBSW + 77 bpts
Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000	\$1,992,704	12/02/2020	12/02/2025	90D BBSW + 84 bpts
UBS	A+	\$1,300,000	\$1,296,281	30/7/2020	30/07/2025	90D BBSW + 87 bpts
Bank of China	A	\$1,000,000	\$998,897	18/08/2020	18/08/2023	90D BBSW + 80 bpts
UBS	A+	\$3,000,000	\$2,945,032	26/02/2021	26/02/2026	90D BBSW + 50 bpts
CCB	A	\$1,000,000	\$993,685	11/03/2021	11/03/2024	90D BBSW + 58 bpts
ICBC	A	\$1,700,000	\$1,663,046	18/06/2021	18/06/2026	90D BBSW + 66 bpts
NAB	AA-	\$3,100,000	\$3,040,717	24/08/2021	24/08/2026	90D BBSW + 41 bpts
Suncorp	A+	\$1,750,000	\$1,705,961	15/09/2021	15/9/2026	90D BBSW + 48 bpts
CBA	AA-	\$1,500,000	\$1,483,229	14/1/2022	14/1/2027	90D BBSW + 77 bpts
Suncorp	A+	\$1,800,000	\$1,769,871	25/1/2022	25/1/2027	90D BBSW + 78 bpts
Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$2,000,000	\$1,976,448	27/1/2022	27/1/2027	90D BBSW + 73 bpts
Total		\$25,150,000	\$24,862,974			

Fixed Bonds

In August 2021, Council purchased at discount \$1.8 million (face value) of the AAA rated covered fixed bond with ING Bank Australia. An attractive fixed coupon rate of 1.10% will be paid on a semi-annual basis on the \$1.8 million face value.

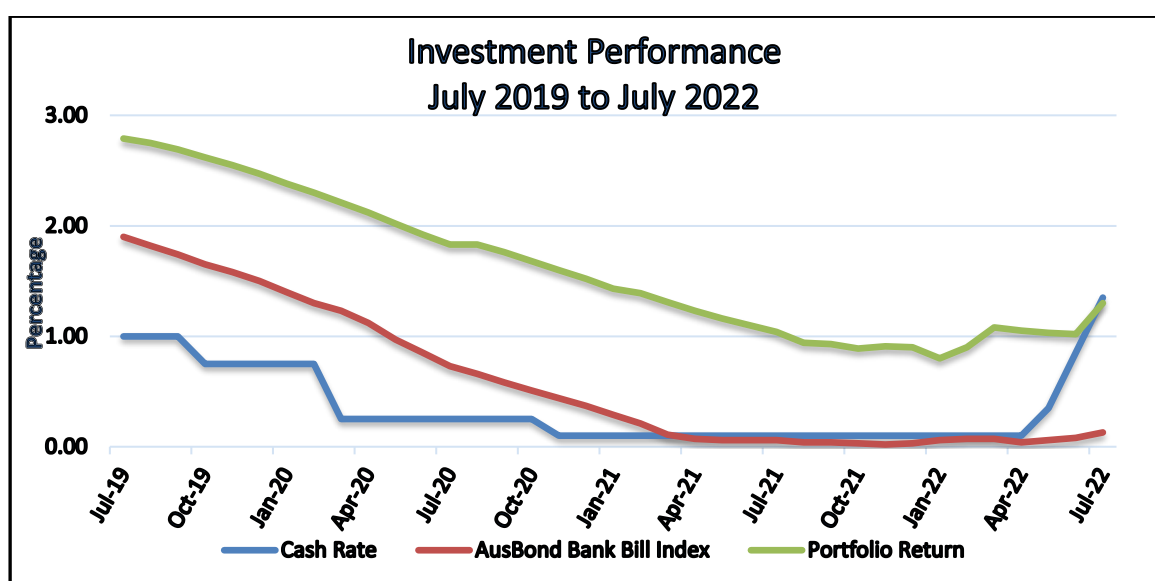
The indicative value is the value Council would receive at 31 July if it were to consider selling this investment prior to its maturity date. Selling prior to maturity would only be considered if a capital

gain resulted, while holding to maturity ensures a return of the full amount invested along with quarterly interest payments over the life of the investment.

Investment	Rating	Purchase Price	Indicative Value 31 July 2022	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
ING Bank	AAA	\$1,794,762	\$1,602,651	19/08/2021	19/08/2026	1.10%
Total		\$1,794,762	\$1,602,651			

Performance

The following graph shows the investment returns achieved against the AusBond Bank Bill Index and the official Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cash interest rate for the period July 2019 to July 2022.



For the month of July, the total portfolio of term deposits (T/Ds) and floating rate notes (FRNs) provided a solid return of +0.12% (actual), or +1.46% p.a. (annualised) outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Index return of +0.12% (actual) and +1.45% p.a. (annualised). The outperformance continues to be driven by a combination of deposits that were originally invested longer than 6 months, as well as the higher yielding FRNs locked in at attractive margins and sold prior to maturity, realising small capital gains and boosting returns.

Over the past year, the combined term deposit and FRN portfolio returned +0.99% p.a., outperforming bank bills by 0.78% p.a. The overall return remains solid given deposit rates have again surpassed their all-time lows following the RBA's successive interest rate cuts over the past 2 years.

The performance for the month ending 31 July 2022 is summarised below.

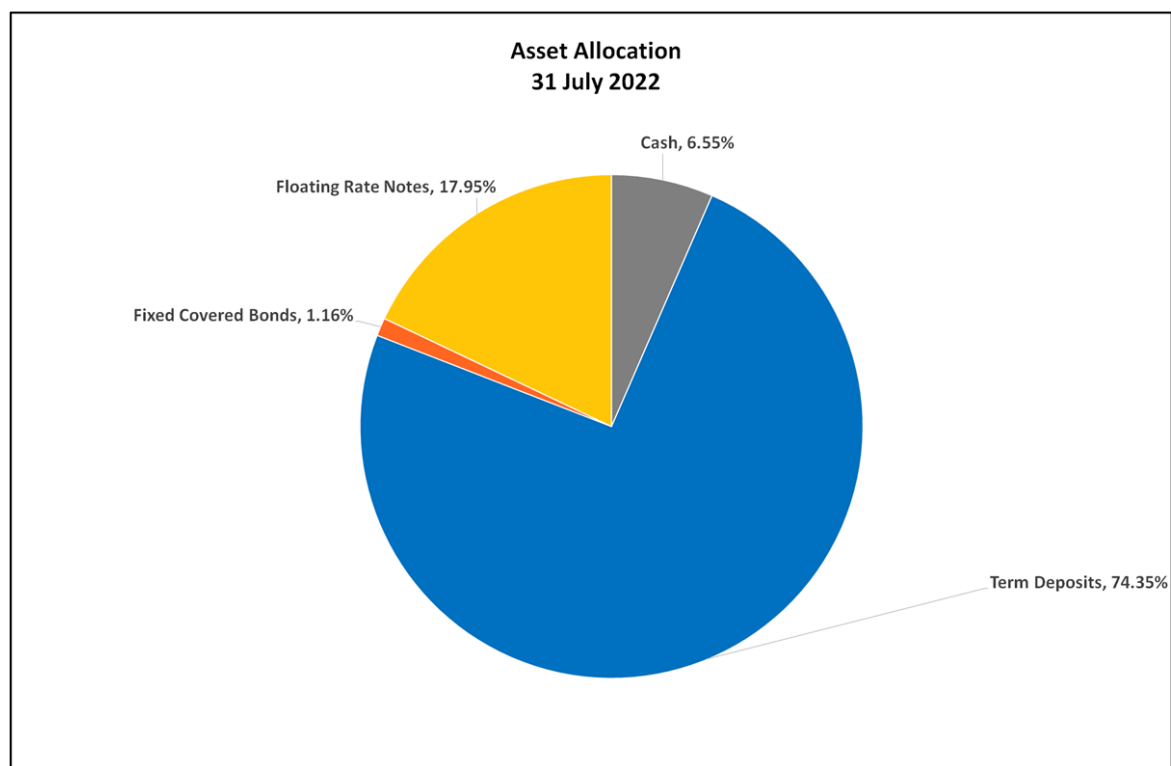
Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	2 year	3 year
Official Cash Rate	0.11%	0.21%	0.24%	0.11%	0.29%	0.21%	0.34%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.12%	0.21%	0.20%	0.12%	0.22%	0.13%	0.33%
Council's T/D Portfolio	0.11%	0.29%	0.51%	0.11%	0.83%	0.89%	1.24 %

Council's FRN Portfolio	0.19%	0.44%	0.66%	0.19%	1.40%	1.30%	1.47 %
Council's Bond Portfolio	0.09%	0.28%	0.54%	0.09%	-	-	-
Council's Portfolio	0.12%	0.32%	0.54%	0.12%	0.99%	1.01%	1.30%
Outperformance	0.00%	0.11%	0.33%	0.00%	0.78%	0.88%	0.97%

Council's Portfolio and Compliance

Asset Allocation

Most of the portfolio is spread between term deposits (74.35%) and senior floating rate notes (17.95%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in the overnight cash accounts with CBA and Macquarie Bank (6.55%) and the "AAA" rated fixed covered bond (1.16%). The FRNs add additional liquidity and are generally accessible within 2-3 business days. FRNs are also dominated by the higher rated ADIs which allows Council to maintain a bias towards the higher rated banks.

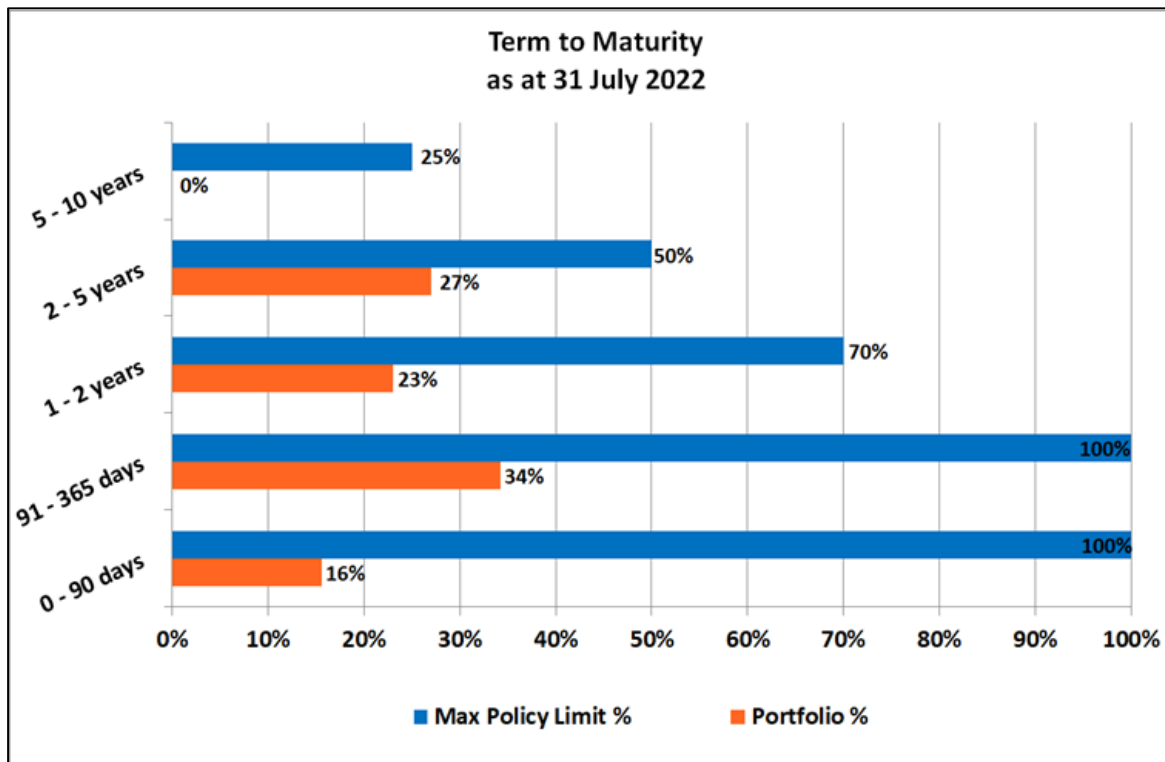


Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains diversified from a maturity perspective with a spread of maturities out to 5 years. Medium-term (2-5 years) assets account for around 27% of the total investment portfolio.

Compliant	Horizon	Invested	%	Min Limit	Max Limit
✓	0-90 days	\$21,568,454	15.57%	10%	100%
✓	91-365 days	\$47,500,000	34.29%	20%	100%
✓	1-2 years	\$31,992,582	23.09%	0%	70%
✓	2-5 years	\$37,473,043	27.05%	0%	50%
✓	5-10 years	0	0%	0%	25%

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The investment portfolio is regularly reviewed to maximise investment performance and minimise risk. Comparisons are made between existing investments with available products that are not part of the Council's portfolio. Independent advice is sought on new investment opportunities.

Credit Quality

As at the end of July, applying the long term S&P ratings only, Council is now compliant across all individual counterparties. The investment portfolio is entirely directly to assets rated "A" or higher, as per Council's adopted policy framework.

Compliant	Rating	Invested	Invested	Max. Limit	Available
✓	AAA Category	\$1,602,651	1.16%	100%	\$136,931,428
✓	AA Category	\$83,951,973	60.34%	100%	\$54,942,106
✓	A Category	\$53,339,455	38.50%	80%	\$57,487,808
✓	Unrated ADIs	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%	\$0

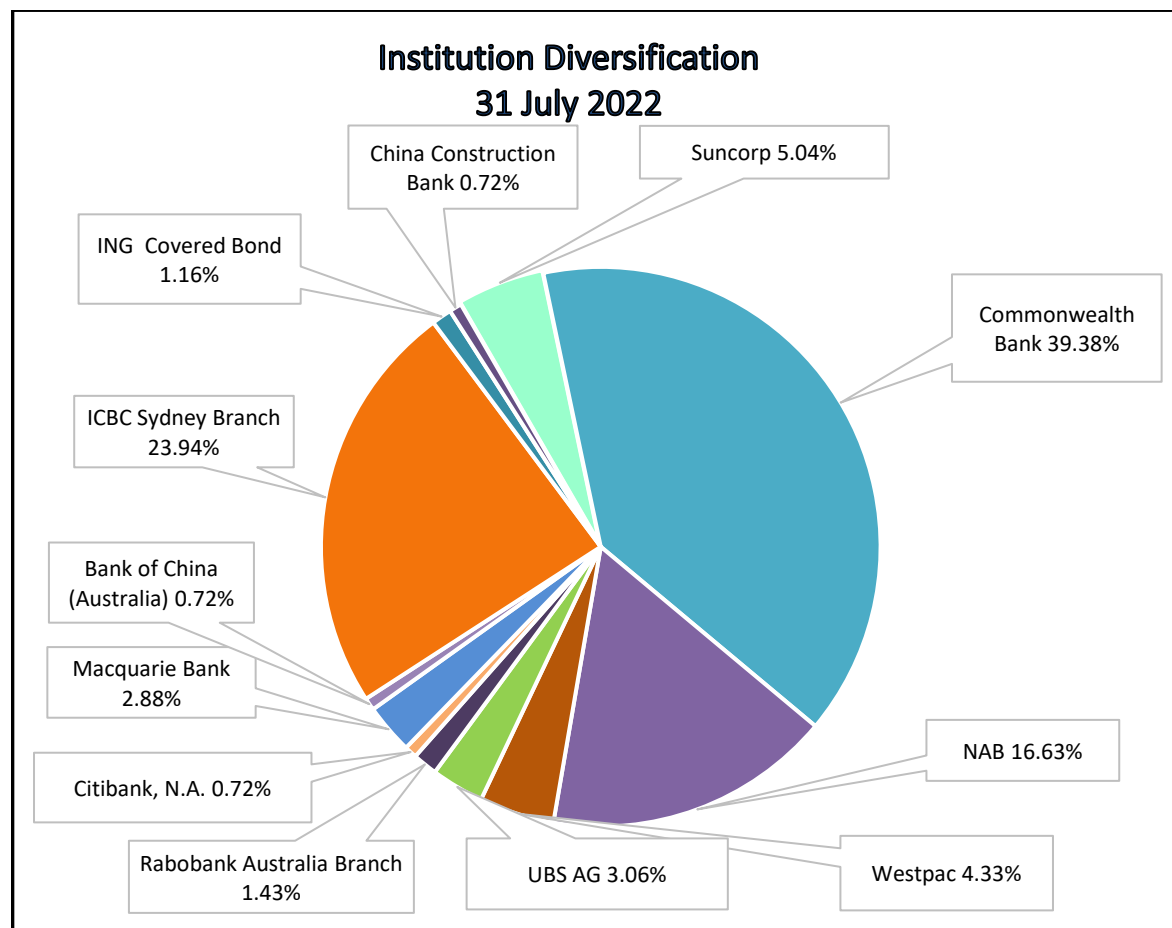
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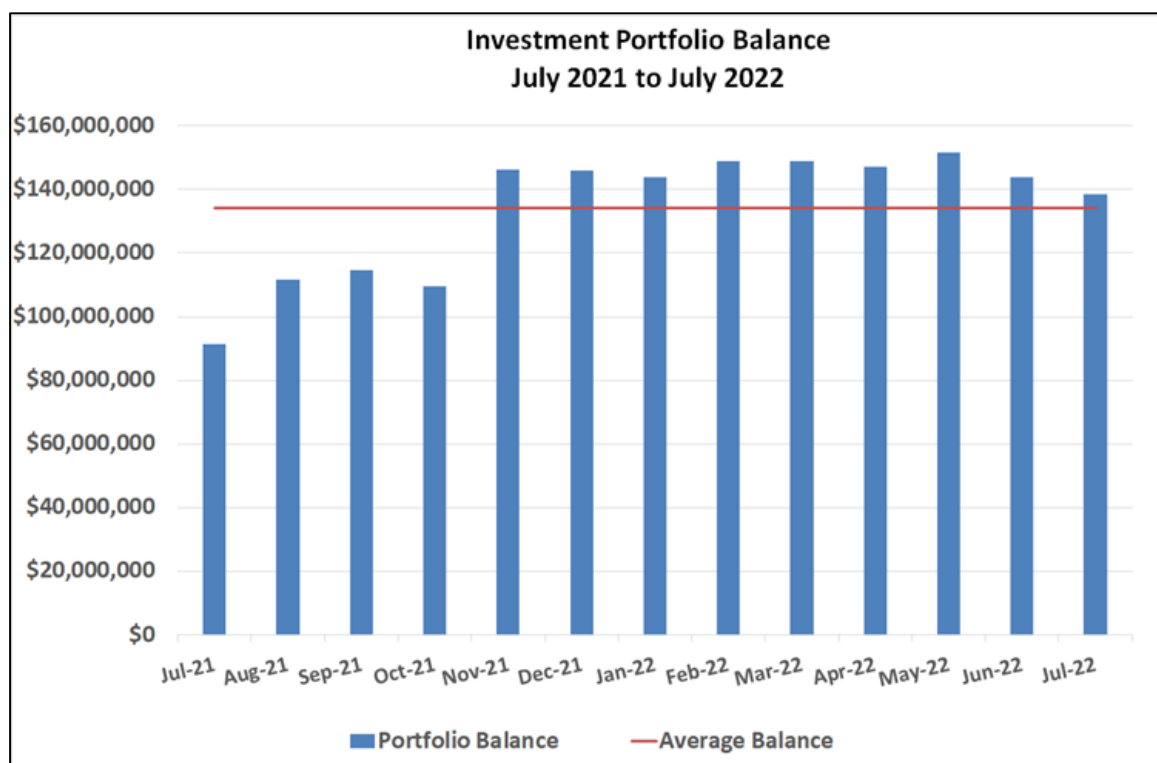
The table below shows the individual counterparty exposures against Council's current investment policy based on long term S&P ratings.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested	%	Max. Limit	Available
✓	ING Covered	AAA	\$1,602,651	1.16%	40%	\$53,810,981
✓	Rabobank Australia Branch	A+	\$1,976,448	1.43%	25%	\$32,657,072

✓	CBA	AA-	\$54,549,375	39.37%	40%	\$864,256
✓	NAB	AA-	\$23,042,598	16.63%	40%	\$32,371,033
✓	Westpac	AA-	\$6,000,000	4.33%	40%	\$49,413,632
✓	Citibank	A+	\$999,764	0.72%	25%	\$33,633,755
✓	UBS	A+	\$4,241,313	3.06%	25%	\$30,392,206
✓	Bank of China	A	\$998,897	0.72%	25%	\$33,634,623
✓	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$3,990,469	2.88%	25%	\$30,643,050
✓	Suncorp	A+	\$6,975,833	5.04%	25%	\$27,657,687
✓	ICBC Sydney	A	\$33,163,046	23.94%	25%	\$1,470,474
✓	China Construction Bank	A	\$993,685	0.72%	25%	\$33,639,835

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Restricted Funds (*Local Government Act 1993 s 409*)

As the End of Financial Year End process is not yet finalised, the breakdown for Council's restricted and unrestricted funds as at 31 July 2022 is not available at the time of issuing the report. This will be included in Financial Statement for FY21-22.

Loan Funds

The total loan funds were drawn down on 10 November 2021 for \$33.5 million at 2.22%. The loan funded the following:

- \$14.5M Capital Works
 - \$6.7M of Building Works which included Blenheim House, La Perouse Museum, Malabar Pool, Dunningham Reserve, Burrows Park and Southern Suburbs Youth Facilities
 - \$5.5M of Parks Projects which included Playground upgrade, Coral Sea Park, Coastal Walkways, Snape Park outdoor gym, and Pioneers Park
 - \$3.8M of Roads Projects which include drainage capital works and footpath construction
- \$19.5M for the Heffron Centre Project

The payment frequency is semi-annually with the first loan repayment due on the 10 May 2022. The repayment total is for \$1,877,039.92 of which \$371,850.00 is interest. The next payment will be due on 10 November 2022.

The current interest rates offered on term deposits currently have far exceeded our cost of funds in obtaining the \$33.5m loan. Indicative term deposit rates offered currently at CBA are as follows:

- For 1 Year – 3.82%
- For 2 Years – 3.87%
- For 3 Years – 3.85%
- For 4 Years – 3.86%
- For 5 Years – 3.89%

As such, the Council is at a notionally advantageous position in earning interest income on our loan. In addition, the delay in the use of loan funds with the deferral of capital works projects into

the next financial year enables the council to invest these surplus funds in the short to medium term investment offerings.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Financial Management
Function	Financial Management and Control
Delivery program commitment	Support Council's sustainable delivery of projects and services through sound Financial Management and Control, including long term financial planning, budget preparation, and financial performance monitoring.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The budget provision for investment income is \$1,270,504. Income received to 31 July 2022 is \$163,499.33, representing 12.87% of the budget year to date. The steady portfolio balance and recent increase of interest rates continues to result in overall improved returns.

Policy and legislative requirements

Council is authorised by Section 625 of the Local Government Act to invest its surplus funds. Funds July only be invested in the form of investment notified by Order of the Minister dated 12 July 2011. The Local Government (General) Regulation prescribes the records that must be maintained in relation to Council's Investment Policy

Conclusion

Funds are invested with the aim of achieving budgeted income in the 2022-23 financial year and outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index over a 12-month period.

All investments as at 31 July 2022 have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

Responsible officer: Xinyu Zhang, Financial Accountant

File Reference: F2016/06527

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Investments

for the period ending 31 July 2022

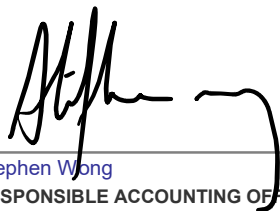
Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer

made pursuant to Clause 212(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005

I hereby certify that all investments as at 31 July 2022 have been made in accordance with Council's Investment Policy (adopted Sept 2021).

I hereby certify that all investments as at 31 July 2022 meet the requirements of section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 including the Ministerial Investment Order (2011).

I hereby certify that all investments as at 31 July 2022, and this investment report, meet the requirements of clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.



Stephen Wong
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

8 August 2022

Date

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO37/22

Subject: Monthly Financial Report as at 31 July 2022




Executive Summary

- Monthly Financial Reports are produced as a means of monitoring the financial performance of the Council and ensuring that all appropriate financial controls are being adhered to.
- Council's liquidity remains sound as at 31 July 2022, with capacity to meet short term obligations as they fall due.
- Council's Chief Financial Officer, as the Responsible Accounting Officer, advises that the projected financial position is satisfactory.

Recommendation

That the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 July 2022 be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.  Monthly Financial Statements - Income Statement - July 2022
2.  Monthly Financial Statements - Cash Flow Statement - July 2022
3.  Monthly Financial Statements - Balance Sheet - July 2022

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Purpose

Section 202 of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that the Responsible Accounting Officer of a council must:

- a) establish and maintain a system of budgetary control that will enable the council's actual income and expenditure to be monitored each month and to be compared with the estimate of the council's income and expenditure, and
- b) if any instance arises where the actual income or expenditure of the council is materially different from its estimated income or expenditure, report the instance to the next meeting of the council.

Discussion

This report provides the financial results of the Council as at 31st July 2022.

- **Income Statement** (Attachment 1):
The Income Statement summarizes the Council's financial performance year to date (YTD). The income statement presents the financial results for a stated period. The statement quantifies the amount of revenue generated and the expenses incurred by the Council as well as any resulting net surplus or deficit.

2022-23 Financial Performance Summary

	Original 2022-23 Budget (\$'000)	2022-23 July YTD (\$'000)
Income from continuing operations	\$182,620	\$14,315
Expenses from continuing operations	\$172,636	\$8,549
Net operating result for 2022-23	\$9,984	\$5,766
Net operating result before Capital Grants and Contributions for 2022-23	\$2,634	\$5,634

- **Balance Sheet Statement** (Attachment 2):
A Balance Sheet is a statement of the financial position of the Council that lists the assets, liabilities, and equity at a particular point in time. In other words, the balance sheet illustrates a Council's net worth. The balance sheet provides a snapshot of the finances (what it owns and owes) as of a specific date.
 - The Council's cash value decreased during July due to movements of revenue receipts, rates, grants, and miscellaneous payments, offset by capital works expenditure and other operational payments. The impact of settling our operational GST and supplier payables in July have resulted in a reduction in our cash balance and subsequent reduction in liabilities.
 - Our non-current liabilities have increased due to the ongoing income received in advance from South Sydney Rabbitohs in relation to the Heffron Centre Project.

Cash balances have also gradually been reduced as the economic outlook from the pandemic has improved and will continue to be monitored with anticipated operational requirements. Any surplus cash reserves are invested accordingly.

- **Cash Flow Statement** (Attachment 3):
The Cash Flow Statement is a financial statement that shows how cash moves in and out of a Council's accounts via three main channels: operating, investing, and financing activities. The sum of these three segments is called net cash flow. The cash flow statement

measures how well the Council manages its cash position, meaning how well the Council generates cash to pay its debt obligations and fund its operating expenses.

The current ratio is a liquidity ratio that measures Council's ability to pay short-term obligations or those due within one year. The current ratio as at 31st July 2022 is 3.13 compared to 3.03 as at 30th June 2022. The Council's target is a ratio equal to or greater than 1.5 based on the Long-Term Financial Plan. Our current ratio meets this target and indicates Council's liquidity remains sound at the end of July 2022. Together with a positive net operating result before Capital Grants and Contributions of \$5.6M, the financial position of the Council remains satisfactory.

Performance Ratio Summary

	Industry Benchmark	Original 2022-23 Budget	July 2022 YTD Actuals
Operating Performance Ratio	$\geq 0.00\%$	1.72%	39.72%*
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	$\geq 60.00\%$	92.01%	91.08%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	> 1.5	2.44	3.13
Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage	$< 5.00\%$	3.8%	4.50%*

*4.50% is as of June 2022 as July results are not available due to rates being sent out but payments are not required until 31 August 2022.

IPART Approves Councils Additional Special Variation

In December 2021, the Council received an initial rate peg received by IPART for the 2022-23 period at an historically low of 1.3%. For comparative purposes, the adopted Long Term Financial Plan factored in 2.5% and the difference would have compromised the Councils ability to meet the increasing demands for services, cost of material and labour, and deliver projects needed by our community. The Council applied for a permanent Additional Special Variation (ASV) in April 2022 in response to a lower than expected rate peg to ensure that we maintain financial sustainability, adequate liquidity, and sound asset performance.

We are glad to announce that IPART has approved the Councils ASV in full on 20 June 2022. Given the challenges of high inflation, global uncertainty and increased costs across the sector, the announcement enables Council to continue to maintain the services and investment committed to the Randwick community.

The Heffron Centre Project

As at 27 July 2022, the Heffron Centre Project is showing a total of \$30.3M actual expense from an approved budget for the financial years 2021-23 of \$57.8M. To date the project is on budget with circa \$3.5M contingency remaining.

Des Renford Leisure Centre - DRLC

Des Renford Leisure Centre's 2022-23 revenues are tracking well against budget with the seasonal effects of winter slightly impacting attendances. Learn to Swim, Facility membership numbers and Centre attendances remain down on pre-COVID levels, however, they are growing steadily during winter when historically numbers decline. This is a positive sign as Des Renford heads into the busier Spring and Summer periods.

Since reopening in October 2021, Facility memberships have grown by 385 to reach 76% of pre-COVID numbers in July 2022. Similarly, Learn to Swim is experiencing a steady return, achieving

80% of pre-COVID enrolments. Expenditure for July 2022 has been well managed (3% of annual budget), while ensuring the Centre is kept fully operational and at the high standards expected by the Randwick community.

Delays in the Splash Park project will result in the new attraction not opening until the end of March 2023. Given the splash park will no longer open in December 2022 as originally expected, there is a risk this may negatively affect Des Renford's income for the 2022-23 financial year.

Regular marketing and promotional campaigns are planned throughout 2022-23, and along with other growth opportunities should attract increased patronage and a return to pre-COVID revenue.

Our user fees and charges along with other revenues, are expected to steadily recover toward our pre-pandemic estimates in 2022-23. Business units such as the Des Renford Leisure Centre, is budgeted to focus on a continuous move towards a recovery.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with our 2022-26 Delivery Program is as follows:

Delivering services and regulatory functions:	
Service area	Financial Management
Function	Financial Management and Control
Delivery program commitment	Support Council's sustainable delivery of projects and services through sound Financial Management and Control, including long term financial planning, budget preparation, and financial performance monitoring.
Function	Accounting
Delivery program commitment	Manage and record the financial transactions arising from Council's activities, including the levy and collection of rates and charges, and the preparation of financial statements and returns.

Resourcing Strategy implications

The recommended Budget for 2022-23, which incorporates a 2.5% rate increase, is balanced and sustainable with a budget operating result before capital contributions of \$2.6M.

Policy and legislative requirements

Section 202 of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Conclusion

The Council's Chief Financial Officer, as the Responsible Accounting Officer, advises that the projected financial position is satisfactory.

Responsible officer: Stephen Wong, Chief Financial Officer

File Reference: F2021/00364



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INCOME STATEMENT

For the period ended 31 July 2022

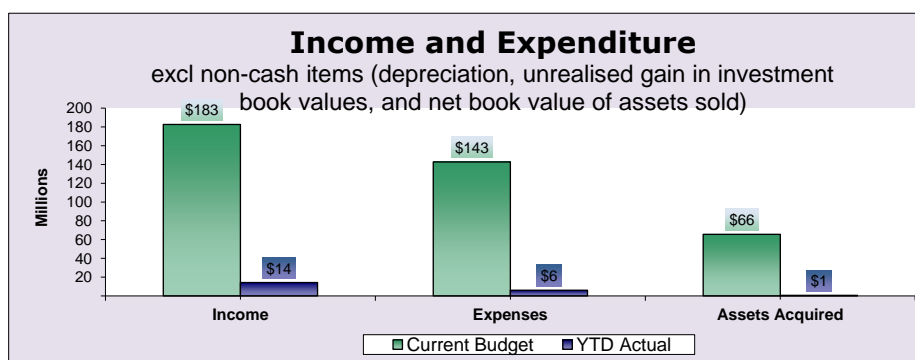
% OF YEAR EXPIRED
AT 31 Jul 2022

8%

	Original Budget (\$'000s)	Current Budget (\$'000s)	YTD Actuals (\$'000s)	% Spent or Earned
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Employee Costs	76,305	76,305	3,296	4.3%
Borrowing Costs	693	693	-	0.0%
Materials and Contracts	61,078	61,078	2,610	4.3%
Depreciation and Amortisation	29,965	29,965	2,497	8.3%
Other Operating Expenses	4,596	4,596	146	3.2%
Loss on Disposal of Infrastructure Assets	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	172,637	172,637	8,549	5.0%
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
Rates and Annual Charges	135,771	135,771	11,305	8.3%
User Charges and Fees	20,555	20,555	1,291	6.3%
Interest	1,471	1,471	243	16.5%
Other Revenues	6,212	6,212	53	0.9%
Other Income	4,012	4,012	146	3.6%
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,250	7,250	1,144	15.8%
Capital Grants and Contributions	7,350	7,350	132	1.8%
Gain on Disposal of Plant & Fleet Assets	-	-	-	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	182,620	182,620	14,315	7.8%
Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	9,984	9,984	5,766	

FUNDING STATEMENT

SOURCE OF FUNDS				
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations - Accrual	9,984	9,984	5,766	57.8%
Add Back Non-Funded Transactions included in Operations above				
- Depreciation	29,965	29,965	2,497	8.3%
- Sales of Assets (Book Value)	2,553	2,553	-	0.0%
- Transfer from Internal Reserves	9,425	9,425	742	7.9%
- Transfer from External Reserves	5,988	5,988	226	3.8%
- Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Market Value of Invest	-	-	65	0.0%
- Loan Borrowings	-	-	-	0.0%
Net Funds Available	57,915	57,915	9,167	15.8%
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Assets Acquired	65,595	65,595	612	0.9%
Loan Principal Repayment	3,061	3,061	-	0.0%
Transfer to Internal Reserves	1,710	1,710	753	44.0%
Transfer to External Reserves	1,287	1,287	753	58.5%
Total Funds Applied	71,653	71,653	2,118	3.0%
Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit)	(13,738)	(13,738)	7,049	



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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

	For the period ended 31 July 2022 (\$'000)	Draft Actual for the year ended 30 June 2022 (\$'000)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts:		
Rates & Annual Charges	4,489	131,464
User Charges & Fees	734	25,723
Investment & Interest Revenue Received	290	854
Grants & Contributions	3,283	24,373
Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts received	186	1,876
Other	669	17,694
Payments:		
Employee Benefits & On-Costs	(4,376)	(69,406)
Materials & Contracts	(11,371)	(67,629)
Borrowing Costs	-	(379)
Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts refunded	(165)	(1,302)
Other	(340)	(562)
Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities	(6,600)	62,706
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Receipts:		
Sale of Investment Securities	5,000	78,013
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	-	1,137
Distribution of net share of interest from ventures and associates		7
Payments:		
Purchase of Investment Securities	(3,000)	(132,745)
Acquisition of term deposits		-
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	(612)	(45,928)
Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities	1,388	(99,516)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Receipts:		
Proceeds from Borrowings	-	33,500
Payments:		
Repayment of Borrowings	-	(1,505)
Principal component of lease payments		2
Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities	0	31,997
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(5,212)	(4,813)
plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	13,519	18,332
Cash & Cash Equivalents - end of the period/year	8,307	13,519
Additional Information:		
plus: Investments on hand	129,466	131,401
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	137,773	144,920



BALANCE SHEET

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	Actual as at 31 July 2022 (\$'000s)	Draft Actual for the year ended 30 June 2022 (\$'000s)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments	137,773	144,920
Receivables	7,084	13,473
Inventories & Other	1,536	1,538
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	146,393	159,931
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Receivables	674	674
Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	1,893,626	1,882,350
Right of Use Asset	231	231
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,894,531	1,883,255
TOTAL ASSETS	2,040,924	2,043,186
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payables & Prepayments	23,151	32,712
Provisions	20,207	20,047
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	43,358	52,759
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Income received in advance	11,797	10,424
Borrowings	28,934	28,934
Lease Liabilities	239	239
Provisions	631	631
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	41,601	40,228
TOTAL LIABILITIES	84,959	92,987
NET ASSETS	1,955,965	1,950,199
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	871,509	865,743
Revaluation Reserves	1,084,456	1,084,456
TOTAL EQUITY	1,955,965	1,950,199

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM63/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Supermarkets for Kensington and Kingsford

Motion:

That Council identify strategies to attract business investment in the Kensington & Kingsford Centres that will provide for:

- a supermarket of at least 2000 Square Metres for Kingsford;
- a supermarket of at least 2000 Square Metres for Kensington;

Background:

With a large population growth forecast in Kensington and Kingsford, there is a need to improve local access to shopping.

A local supermarket will mean for many residents they do not need to own their own car, or perhaps a family can sell a second car. A local supermarket is therefore a key requirement to reducing traffic.

Supermarkets will also restore much needed foot traffic to Kingsford and Kensington along Anzac Parade, bringing back buzz to the once busy streets.

Source of funding:

To be determined.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hay, West Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347

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Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM64/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - Lighting at Woomera Reserve, Little Bay

Motion:

That Council investigate lighting at Woomera Reserve, Little Bay.

Background:

In the RCC Operational Plan & Budget 2022-23 upgrading the playground at Woomera Reserve Little Bay will occur. This would be an opportunity to investigate lighting as more children and families will be using the park. With no lighting this becomes a serious safety concern.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Burst, South Ward

File Reference: F2004/06135

NM64/22

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM65/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Support for Julian Assange

Motion:

That Council:

- a) expresses grave concern that on 17 June 2022 the British Government approved the extradition of Wikileaks co-founder Julian Assange to the United States;
- b) notes that Mr Assange has one last chance to be allowed to appeal the judicial order to the High Court in London, with a ruling expected in September. If his request is rejected Mr Assange will be extradited to the United States within four weeks;
- c) affirms its support for freedom of expression, freedom of the press and whistle-blowers and for their protection in all jurisdictions everywhere;
- d) asserts Mr Assange's rights to humane conditions of imprisonment, to freedom from cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, and to a fair trial, as enshrined in international human rights treaties ratified by Australia, the UK and US; and
- e) requests the Mayor write urgently on behalf of the Council to Australia's Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Attorney-General in support of strenuous diplomatic intervention to free Mr Assange and have the charges against him dropped.

Background:

Walkley-award winning publisher Julian Assange - an Australian citizen and a long-term member of the MEAA (Journalists Union) - is facing extradition from the UK to the US in an unprecedented Espionage Act prosecution for engaging in journalistic activity. If convicted, he faces 175 years imprisonment and therefore needs urgent support and intervention from the Australian Government. International organisation Doctors for Assange has cited the very real danger to Assange's deteriorating health.

Mr Assange was on conditional bail in the UK from December 2010 and was granted political asylum in Ecuador's London embassy in June 2012 where he remained for nearly 7 years. He has been held in Belmarsh Prison in London since April 2019. Having completed a 50-week prison sentence for violating bail terms, Mr Assange has since been held on remand, almost entirely in solitary confinement, exclusively in relation to the extradition request from the US.

The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention concluded in December 2015 that Mr Assange's detention was arbitrary – which is a gross violation of human rights¹ – and that he should be freed and compensated.²

In 2019, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and his medical team, though initially sceptical, conducted a months-long investigation, concluding that “the cumulative effects of ... progressively severe forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [to which Assange] has been deliberately exposed for a period of several years ... can only be described as psychological torture.”³

Further, “Despite the complexity of the proceedings against him led by the world's most powerful Government, Mr Assange's access to legal counsel and documents has been severely obstructed, thus effectively undermining his most fundamental right to prepare his defence.”⁴

The UN Special Rapporteur strongly recommended that Mr Assange's extradition to the US be barred, and that he be promptly released.

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If extradited to the US, Mr Assange is likely to be held in a Colorado prison said to be the most secure in the world, where prisoners never glimpse the sky, and which a prison guard has testified in court is 'worse than death.'⁵ There, he would face "near total isolation without the protective factors which limit his risk at Belmarsh," according to the British judge who last year ruled against his extradition on grounds it would be "oppressive by reason of mental harm."⁶

Wikileaks publications have been reported on by Der Spiegel, The Guardian, the New York Times and countless other media outlets, none of which has been threatened with prosecution, but all of which are threatened by the criminalisation of journalism.

An Obama administration investigation into Wikileaks reported in 2013 that it found no evidence that a single person had been harmed by Wikileaks publications.⁷

In response to the British Home Secretary's decision on 17 June 2022 to approve the extradition, Amnesty International "call[ed] on the UK to refrain from extraditing Julian Assange, for the US to drop the charges, and for Assange to be freed."⁸

1 The Working Group found that his detention violated Articles 9 and 10 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Articles 7, 9(1), 9(3), 9(4), 10 and 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ([full report](#)).

2 UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, 'The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention deems the deprivation of liberty of Mr Julian Assange as arbitrary,' UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ([5 February 2016](#)).

3 N. Melzer, 'UN expert on torture sounds alarm again that Julian Assange's life may be at risk,' UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ([1 November 2019](#)).

4 Ibid.

5 Ithaka: A Fight to Free Julian Assange (2022), an award-winning documentary directed by Ben Lawrence .

6 'Julian Assange: UK judge blocks extradition of Wikileaks founder to US,' BBC News (4 January 2021).

7 Ithaka, op. cit.

8 Amnesty International, 'UK/US: Home Secretary's certification of Assange extradition puts him at risk,' press release (17 June 2022). 9 J. Grierson & B. Quinn, 'Julian Assange's extradition from UK to US approved by home secretary,' The Guardian (18 June 2022).

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM66/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - LGNSW 2022 Annual Conference - Supporting the transition to net-zero in our communities

Motion:

That:

- a) Council endorses the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2022 Annual Conference; and
- b) the General Manager be delegated the authority to make any minor amendments to the wording of this motion if requested by LGNSW and agreed to by the mover of the motion.

Text of motion

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government to:

- a) recognise the key role played by local government in tackling climate change;
- b) facilitate the net-zero transition of the built environment through inclusion of net zero, energy efficiency and climate resilience mechanisms within the relevant state planning instruments; and
- c) establish a community energy target, and fund and support councils to develop and implement community energy projects to help increase the uptake of affordable renewables for their residents, including for apartment dwellers, residential and public housing tenants, small businesses and community organisations.

Background:

In NSW 27.2% of households have rooftop solar PV systems installed, however there are significant barriers for residents who rent or live in multi-unit dwellings seeking to benefit from the cost and emissions reductions of solar PV. These households fall into the category of 'locked-out' renewable energy users. They face barriers such as split incentives, unsuitable roofs, or high levels of complexity (apartment dwellers). They are unable to directly participate in the switch to on-site renewables and are effectively locked out of saving money through cheaper power bills. Community energy projects enable communities to generate, store and/or share their own renewable energy and can include onsite and offsite renewables and storage (such as solar gardens or solar banks), apartment and precinct microgrids and project linked Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs).

Many councils have mandated emissions reductions targets and are working to lower emissions not only within their own operations but across their LGAs. A number of councils are investigating or have embarked on community energy projects or similar to help deliver affordable renewables to their residents, but many councils face significant financial and other barriers to implementing these type of projects. Providing direct support to councils to manage the technical and financial complexities of developing renewable energy projects would help support an increase in small-mid scale renewable energy generation.

Similarly, councils are limited by outdated BASIX targets when seeking to ensure that new builds meet the highest benchmarks for energy efficiency and climate resilience. There are currently no mechanisms by which councils can mandate the installation of solar PV and batteries on new builds or developments.

Councils and the communities they represent are looking to the State Government for support through strong emissions reduction targets, robust planning and building standards, and direct assistance to increase the uptake of renewables.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2004/06645

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Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM67/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Pandolfini - Reimagine International Womens Day Arts Prize

Motion:

That Council receive a report on the potential to reimagine the International Women's Day Art Prize for 2023. The report should take into consideration the following:

- a) holding the exhibition at the Randwick Town Hall;
- b) restructuring the categories to reflect the range and ages of applicants that have historically participated in the prize; and
- c) increasing the prize money through a partnership, sponsorship or minimal application fees.

Background:

The International Women's Day Art Prize began in 2005 and is open to female artists who live, work or study in Randwick City. Each year, Randwick hosts the art exhibition of the best in competition - in honour of International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

Randwick Council has written into its strategic approach an arts and culture strategy for the next 10 years due to an acknowledgement that there is the need to nurture increased arts and cultural activities in Randwick.

The need for increased arts and culture in Randwick was initiated by the council due to passionate responses by residents. Looking at the most recent responses from the Comprehensive Planning Proposal community consultation results, there is still a very high level of interest in arts and cultural activities.

Thriving arts and culture, like all industries, requires investment and an ecology where creatives both emerging and established, community and professional have space and support to practice, produce and share work.

The community of artists in Randwick includes an amazing array of emerging and established artists from a very diverse range of ages and backgrounds.

I have been looking at local LGA art prizes to make a comparison and gain inspiration. There are many including Campbelltown, Blacktown, Woollahra and Waverley and so on. These prizes have all evolved from small events. They have worked at having a high profile, generous prize pools and therefore attract high profile artists, curators and investors to the areas. From the examples I have looked at this can be done while retaining a focus on the importance of the community element of arts and cultural activities.

A good example is the [Fishers Ghost art prize at Campbelltown Art centre](#). This prize has up to 8 categories which focus on contemporary art, traditional art, students, South West Sydney residents as well as having an Aboriginal Art award. These categories ensure there is a focus on the important community in the area, while also encouraging high profile contemporary artists to apply. This is done very successfully and has enjoyed a very high profile for years now adding to its categories and increasing the prize money annually. This has been done incrementally.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Submitted by: Councillor Pandolfini, North Ward

File Reference: F2004/06282

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Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM68/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr D'Souza - Noise Abatement Strategy for Port Botany

Motion:

That Council request the Port Botany Authority for a noise abatement strategy to be put in place, that will control the port noise levels.

Background:

We need a Noise Abatement Strategy in place now.

Eight years ago, the community made a lot of progress when it came to addressing port noise. MP's State and Federal, Councillors, Councils, Mayors, Ministers, EPA, Ports officials and others, we're all involved in trying to make things better.

Carlos Da Rocha along with residents recently raised the issue with me in relation to the excessive noise such as the bangs associated with containers staking and unloading from ships, high pitched deafening tonal noise, crane alarms, gate alarms and more.

At 2am he walked with other community members from Wassell Street towards Military Road and Botany Road towards the ports, he heard the variation of sounds, EPA started monitoring and it did improve but through the years with new tenants and other ports related industries coming to place we are back where we started. This is affecting the health and wellbeing of our residents. Needless to say, sleep deprivation can lead to mental health issues and can create unsafe workplaces.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor D'Souza, South Ward

File Reference: F2005/00793

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Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM69/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Proposed Alcohol Prohibited Zone - Green Street Maroubra (from Anzac Pde to Garden St)

Motion:

That Council introduce:

- a) an Alcohol Prohibited Zone on Green Street in Maroubra running along Green Street between Anzac Parade and Garden Street; and
- b) this prohibition be for all hours of the day and every day of the week.

Background:

Residents of Green St Maroubra, between Anzac Parade and Garden St, have contacted myself and others, with regards to anti-social behaviour occurring in this area. There is often a group of 15 to 20 persons gathering and drinking alcohol on the steps and the adjoining footpath of one of the main buildings on this block. Residents, including those with small children, are having access to their building blocked quite regularly. Some residents have also witnessed members of this group urinating in public. There are also reports of empty bottles and cans being left on the street.

Police have been informed regularly of this behaviour however it is still ongoing. An alcohol prohibited zone would assist with the resolution of this problem.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Rosenfeld, Central Ward

File Reference: F2005/00935

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Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM70/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Chapple - FOGO in schools

Motion:

That Council officers provide a report on the potential to rollout the FOGO program in schools in the Randwick LGA with the aim of having 3-5 schools on board by the end of 2022.

Background:

Our award winning FOGO service began in March 2021 and is well loved and used by residents in our LGA.

In the first year of its use FOGO allowed residents to divert 14,000 tonnes of FOGO waste from landfill, instead turning it into compost.

Council works with schools already in a number of ways including the School Recycling Service.

Expanding this to include FOGO will improve usage of the system in Randwick given the recognised role of children in influencing family behaviour regarding recycling and environmentally friendly behaviour.² It also empowers children to take meaningful steps towards reducing carbon emissions and rubbish creation.

Source of funding:

Within existing operations.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Chapple, Central Ward

File Reference: F2019/00906

² <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0921344922002476>

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM71/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Chapple - Aboriginal names in Randwick Council Addresses

Motion:

That:

- a) Council officers prepare a report following consultation with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and other interested First Nations people in the area on the use of Aboriginal names in the addresses of Council venues; and
- b) the report consider:
 - i. appropriate place names in addresses for council locations including the administrative building, Town Hall, libraries etc.
 - ii. guidance for residents wishing to use Traditional Names in their addresses
 - iii. any other issues regarding local naming raised during consultation.

Background:

Gomeri woman Rachael McPhail's campaign to [add Traditional Place names](#) to mail was a way to recognise country, and to share knowledge about Traditional Owners of land across Australia.

As Rachael says: "Using Traditional Place Names in mailing addresses means acknowledging and celebrating the fact that each area in Australia had a former beautiful name prior to colonisation."

In July 2021 Australia Post updated their address guidelines to include Traditional Place names. This year they have also released 22 different Express Post and Parcel Post satchels which include both an Acknowledgement of Country and a dedicated Traditional Place name field in the address panel.

Orange City Council at its last meeting updated the Council address to reflect the new Australia Post Guidelines by adding Wiradjuri Country as a line in their address.

In Randwick the strong ongoing connection to First Nations culture makes this a particularly relevant move but it should be guided by direct engagement with our local community.

Australia Post announcement: <https://auspost.com.au/our-stories/community-stories/traditional-place-names/rachael-mcphail-making-traditional-place-names-part-of-mailing-addresses>
Rachael McPhail's instagram: https://www.instagram.com/place_names_in_addresses/
Orange City Council news: <https://www.miragenews.com/new-sleepbus-service-dual-naming-for-mt-830520/>

Source of funding:

Within existing council operations

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Chapple, Central Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM72/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Alison Road Cycle and Pedestrian Bridge

Motion:

That Council write a letter to the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities, Active Transport, The Hon Rob Stokes and the Minister for Transport for NSW, The Hon David Elliot, seeking a meeting with General Manager and/or delegated Council Officer(s) and Transport for NSW regarding their future intent of a Pedestrian Bridge above Alison Road, that could extend the cycleway from Centennial Park to the southern side of Alison Road.

Background:

The cycleways that exist are nearly connected in a way that means cyclists do not need to cross a major street, except when they intersect Alison Road. A cyclist must currently dismount and cross two pedestrian crossings to cycle to the city.

Previous attempts for a road-level cyclist-only crossing have been refused. The proximity to Kensington Pond makes a tunnel impractical. Additionally, commuters who catch the light rail to the racecourse must cross a major road on foot. As many attendees who attend the racecourse choose to drink alcohol during their stay, requiring attendees to cross a busy road carries a higher than usual safety risk.

The footbridge seeks to address both issues. As the cost will be high, and Alison Road is a state road, a partnership with the NSW government will be required for any significant progress to be made. Please find a sample diagram attached, which is for reference only.



Source of funding:

To be determined

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Hay, West Ward

File Reference: F2004/08240

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM73/22

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - LGNSW 2022 Annual Conference - Preparing for climate related risks and impacts

Motion:

That:

- a) Council endorses the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2022 Annual Conference; and
- b) the General Manager be delegated the authority to make any minor amendments to the wording of this motion if requested by LGNSW and agreed to by the mover of the motion.

Text of motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2022 Annual Conference:

That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government to:

- a) develop a state-wide climate change adaptation action plan, as recommended by the Audit Office of NSW;
- b) educate and guide councils in preparing for climate related risks and impacts, and applying localised climate change information, knowledge and tools: particularly on incorporating climate change into land use planning, and translating climate information into impacts on local government; and
- c) establish a framework and guidelines to assist councils in preparing a Climate Related Financial Disclosure.

Background:

NSW councils provide essential services and own and control assets with a total value of over \$177.9 billion. These assets include cash, investments, infrastructure, plant and equipment, receivables, inventory and intangible assets. The largest component of council's asset base is infrastructure, with a net value of over \$117.9 billion. Roads and related assets (e.g. bridges and footpaths) make up more than \$67 billion or 56.8% of these assets.

Council assets are important to the liveability and economic viability of our local communities. Many of these assets are vulnerable to climate change impacts including increased extreme temperatures, storm events, sea level rise/storm surge, flooding, and bushfires. The physical impacts of a changing climate also have significant financial costs. Taking into account projected economic growth, NSW Treasury has estimated that the fiscal and economic costs associated with natural disasters due to climate change will more than triple per year by 2061.

DPIE and NSW Treasury advise that leading practice in climate risk management includes a process that explicitly identifies climate risks and integrates these into existing risk management, monitoring and reporting systems. This is in line with international risk management and climate adaptation standards. For councils to manage the physical risks of climate change to their assets and services, they require direct assistance from the NSW State Government to:

- use robust climate projection information to understand the potential climate impacts;
- undertake sound climate risk assessments, within an enterprise risk management framework;
- implement adaptation plans that reduce these risks, and harness opportunities.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2004/06645

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Question with Notice No. QN3/22

Subject: Question from Cr Said - Waverley Flood Study

Questions:

- a) Can the Council please provide the timelines on:
 - (i) when will revised/updated letters be sent to affected owners?;
 - (ii) when will the public consultation period with the community commence, and how long will this go for?; and
 - (iii) when will community representatives for the flood risk committee be advertised and selected? and
 - (iv) when will the draft Flood Study be presented to Council for consideration/adoption?
- b) Has there been any changes made to the draft Waverley LGA Flood Study and maps? If there has been changes made, please advise on what these changes are and provide the revised report and/or maps (ie. Is there a more LGA-specific Flood Planning Area (FPA) mapping for Clovelly and Gordons Bay catchment from late 2021, which we've been told exists?)
- c) What are the Council's remediation plans to address overland flows (as per BMT's draft Flood Study) in the Clovelly/Gordons Bay catchment?
- d) Given the amount of rain over the past few months, it would have been the perfect condition to ascertain if any of the "flood tagged" properties were actually impacted by conducting physical site assessments; so how accurate is the data and the computer modelling used in determining which properties are tagged "flood prone/affected"? Is it fair and realistic to solely rely on computer modelling? How can owners challenge the tagging of their properties especially if the recent, unprecedented heavy rainfall did not impact them at all?

Responsible officer: Councillor Said, South Ward

File Reference: F2017/00357

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Question with Notice No. QN4/22

Subject: Question from Cr Veitch - Activating and promoting our local halls and community centres

Question:

What actions are being planned in response to the 2020 Council resolution (dot points a to d) and what mechanisms are in place for local residents who would like to request activities, classes or other events at their local halls or community centres?

CP40/20 Report on Activating and Promoting our Local Halls and Community Centres
(F2004/07674)

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Andrews) that Council:

- a) as part of a broader Customer Relationship Management system make the user experience simpler and provide a consistent process for community members in booking the facilities, seeing the availability, and generating up to date quotes;
- b) undertake further analysis to identify opportunities for modifying the fee structure to encourage use of Council facilities during the low demand periods;
- c) undertake a sustained and targeted marketing campaign to ensure that there is broad awareness of Council's facilities with a clear call to action on how to enquire and book our venues; and
- d) once coronavirus health restrictions have been eased, that Council undertake strategies to further activate and promote activities, outreach programs, classes and events at our local community centres and halls, in consultation with local residents and hirers.

Responsible officer: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2004/07674