

Ordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday 22 October 2019



ORDINARY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st Floor, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 22 October 2019 at 6:00pm

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."

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Confirmation of the Minutes

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Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM56/19

Subject: Waiving of Fees - St Luke's Anglican Church Carols by Candlelight

Motion:

That:

- a) The fees for the "Carols by Candlelight" event in Varna Street, Clovelly, between Arden Street and Carlton Street, on Sunday, 8 December 2019 be waived and \$3,820.00 be allocated from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund;
- b) The organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event;
- c) The Mayor or their representative is given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council; and
- d) The organisers provide Council with information following the event on the number of attendees and other relevant information.

Background:

St Luke's Anglican Church Clovelly is seeking the waiving of fees to hold their Carols by Candlelight event on the roadway at Varna Street, Clovelly on Sunday, 8 December 2019.

The St Luke's Anglican Church has traditionally held an annual Carols by Candlelight event. The church is requesting a road closure of Varna Street to hold this event on the roadway between Arden Street and Carlton Street. The road closure has been assessed and it was determined that it can be managed safely without significant impact to traffic. The event fees include:

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|---|-------------------|
| Application Fee | \$ 350.00 |
| Road closure including two staff | \$3,000.00 |
| Supply and remove 5 Sulo bins @ \$94.00 per bin | \$ 470.00 |
| TOTAL | \$3,820.00 |

Source of funding:

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$3,820.00. This amount will be funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2019/00096

MM56/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM57/19

Subject: Waiving of Fees - The Bloody Long Walk

Motion:

That:

- a) Council vote from the 2019/2020 Contingency Fund to cover the fees associated with running "The Bloody Long Walk" on Sunday, 10 November 2019 commencing at Pioneers Park;
- b) the event organiser undertakes to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- c) the Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Background:

Ms Jane Hudson of the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation has requested that Council waive fees associated with the running of a community fundraising event "The Bloody Long Walk" to be held on Sunday, 10 November 2019 from 7:00am.

Mitochondrial Disease is an inherited chronic illness that can be present at birth or develop later in life. It causes debilitating physical, developmental and cognitive disabilities with symptoms including poor growth, loss of muscle coordination, muscle weakness and pain, seizures, vision and/or hearing loss, gastrointestinal issues, learning disabilities and organ failure. It is estimated that 1 in 4,000 people have the disease which is both progressive and incurable.

Issues

The event is a 35km coastal walk commencing at Pioneers Park, Malabar and continues along the coast to Circular Quay. Approximately 2,300 people are expected to participate and the funds raised will enable the charity to support research for education about Mitochondrial Disease. There is an entrance fee of between \$80 - \$125 which covers the costs for the event. The organisers will set up on the day prior to the event.

The course will be well signposted. Walkers will be assisted by volunteer staff. The course will include two check points on the Randwick section of the walk at Maroubra and Clovelly. Free water will be provided at these check points. This event raises funds for a good cause and was supported by Randwick City Council in 2018.

Fees associated with the Event are:

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|---|-------------------|
| Application Fee | \$ 627.00 |
| Connection to water | \$ 94.00 |
| Park usage for non-commercial entity X 2 days | \$ 888.00 |
| Supply and remove 8 Sulo bins @ \$94.00 per bin | \$ 752.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,361.00 |

Source of funding:

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$2,361.00 which will be funded from the 2019/2020 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2019/00096

MM57/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM58/19

Subject: Waiving of Fees - Coogee Beach Volleyball

Motion:

That:

- a) Council endorse the actions of the Mayor to waive the fees for the Coogee Beach Volleyball event on Coogee Beach on 19 October 2019 and \$1,034.00 be allocated from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund; and
- b) The organisers provide Council with information on the number of attendees and the funds that were raised for the Cancer Council.

Background:

Coogee Beach Volleyball has requested the waiving of fees for their event, held on Saturday, 19 October 2019 at Coogee Beach. Given this event is being held prior to the Council meeting, I have approved their request in my capacity as Mayor.

The Beach Volleyball Tournament was a fundraising event for the Cancer Council with all proceeds donated to the charity. Five extra courts were set up to facilitate the event. Due to insufficient notice by the event organiser, the request to waive the fee could not be presented to a Council meeting prior to the event.

The event fees included:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Application Fee | \$ 188.00 |
| Hire of Coogee Beach Full Day | \$ 846.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,034.00 |

Source of funding:

The financial implication to Council was \$1,034.00. This amount was funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2019/00096

Mayoral Minute No. MM59/19

Subject: Waiving of Fees - South Coogee Public School Fiesta Event

Motion:

That:

- a) Randwick Council provide funding support to the value of \$3,400 for the South Coogee Public School Fiesta to be held on Saturday 16 November 2019. The funds be allocated from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund;
- b) The fair organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- c) The Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the activity on behalf of Council.

Background:

Council has received a request from the P&C of South Coogee Public School to provide support for the South Coogee Public School Fiesta to be held on Saturday 16 November 2019 on the school grounds.

South Coogee Public School require the partial closure of Tucabia Street from MacLeay Street to Nymboida Street, South Coogee. The road closure has been assessed and it was determined that it can be managed safely without significant impact to traffic. Other support includes plant donation and entertainment. The money raised from this event will go towards buying books for the library, plants for our garden and education resources. The fees include:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Road Closure including staff: | \$3,000.00 |
| Plant Donation | \$ 300.00 |
| Cianna Walker (singer) | \$ 100.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$3,400.00 |

Source of funding:

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$3,400.00. This amount will be funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2019/00096

MM59/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM60/19

**Subject: Financial support - The Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation
Lighting the Way of the Future Gala Dinner**

Motion:

That Council endorse the purchase tickets, for a table of 10 at a total cost of \$2,200, to the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation Lighting the Way of the Future Gala Dinner funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Background:

The Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation requested Council's support for its Lighting the Way of the Future Gala Dinner that was held on Thursday, 17 October 2019.

The event showcases the impact of its supporters and recognises excellence in health care and research, whilst celebrating the passion and ongoing contributions made by the new Research Medal recipient.

The event supports the opening of the Virtual Care Centre in 2022, in the new Acute Services Building. The Virtual Care Centre will be the first of its type in the southern hemisphere and will provide the capability to maintain patients' level of wellness in their own homes by monitoring their health through wearable devices, online, on the spot medical assessments through video conferencing and other technology enhanced clinician support.

All funds raised support the vision of the Foundation, focusing on the future of healthcare. This is a very worthy cause for Council to support.

Source of funding:

The purchase of tickets for a table of 10 at a total cost of \$2,200 to the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation Lighting the Way of the Future Gala Dinner has been funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2019/06574

MM60/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM61/19

Subject: Vale Jeffrey Leonard Sayle OAM

Motion:

That

- a) Council acknowledge the tireless and exceptional contribution of Jeffrey Leonard Sayle OAM to the sporting community within Randwick City Council along with his outstanding contribution to international rugby; and
- b) Council extends its condolences to the family of the late Jeffery Leonard Sayle OAM;
- c) In respecting his wishes, that a \$100.00 donation be made to the Randwick Junior Academy.

Background:

I write this Mayoral Minute to acknowledge the contributions of the late Jeffrey Leonard Sayle OAM to the Randwick City Council community following his passing on 1 October 2019 at the age of 77. On behalf of Council and the Randwick City community, I extend my condolences to his sisters Janette and Pam.

On Friday 11 October 2019, with a heavy heart, the Randwick City community farewelled one of its most loved residents, Jeffrey Leonard Sayle OAM at St Brigid's Church, Coogee. Highly regarded within our Rugby and Surf Club communities, Jeffrey's contribution to our community commenced at a young age, volunteering as a ball boy with Randwick Rugby Club at the age of 10. Since that time, he devoted his life to the club, filling most positions within the club at one time or another, playing 379 games of rugby and holding the role of secretary manager. Jeffrey was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 for services to rugby. Although best known for his contribution to rugby, Jeffrey also volunteered as a lifesaver with the Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club, becoming a surf boat champion and patron of the club. Randwick City Council was proud to support his 2006 nomination for Order of Australia (OAM) for his contribution to Randwick Rugby and Coogee Surf Life Saving Clubs.

Jeffrey championed going out there and doing the best that you could do every time, and to not take yourself too seriously. He was a man that treated every person the same regardless of background. Randwick City prides itself on its 'sense of community', and we are thankful for the community spirit, strength of character, enthusiasm, passion, mentorship and sense of humour that Jeffrey shared with all that crossed his path. Our community is richer and those within it are fortunate to have experienced his friendship and contribution.

Randwick City Council has supported the funeral arrangements through street closures and the provision of staff. To pay respects in his honour, and as requested by Jeffrey himself, in lieu of flowers at the funeral it is recommended that donations be offered to the Randwick Junior Academy.

Source of funding:

A \$100.00 donation to the Randwick Junior Academy, in lieu of flowers, to be funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2019/06574

MM61/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM62/19

Subject: Waiving of Fees - Randwick Botany Cycling Club Inc - Retro Day

Motion:

That:

- a) Council vote \$797.00 to cover the fees associated with hosting the Randwick Botany Cycling Club's Retro Day to be held on Saturday 2 November 2019 at Heffron Park;
- b) The sale of alcohol at the event be noted;
- c) The event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- d) The Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Background:

The cycling club would like to hold a Retro Day at Heffron Park on Saturday 2 November 2019 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The activities planned include their normal races, a retro race and a swap meet. Retro bikes will also be on display for judging. The event will include a food stall, coffee cart and a marquee.

The club has stated that they plan to sell craft beer at this event submit to obtaining a liquor licence. Currently alcohol is permitted to be consumed in this park during the day.

The cycling club has advised that they are not aiming to profit from the event but are hoping to involve the local community.

The event fees include:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Application Fee: | \$353.00 |
| Park Hire (non-commercial full day) | \$444.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$797.00 |

Source of funding:

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$797.00 to be funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2019/00096

MM62/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM63/19

Subject: Rainbow Street Public School - Fundraising Twilight Cinema

Motion:

That:

- a) Council sponsor the Rainbow Street Public School Fundraising Twilight Cinema event being held on Friday, 25 October 2019 in the amount of \$200, to be funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund; and
- b) Council is recognised as a sponsor of the event with a slide that will be shown before the film screens, and mention in the weekly school newsletter and on the P&C website.

Background:

Rainbow Street Public School has approached Council requesting financial assistance for their Fundraising Twilight Cinema event being held on Friday, 25 October 2019. It is estimated that 500 people will attend. This will be the school's first major community event since the new school opening in January this year.

The school is aiming to cover the majority of the cost of hosting the movie to allow the money raised to go back into the school for the students.

Council have been asked to sponsor the event to the value of \$200. This is a worthy cause and Council will be recognised as a sponsor with Council's logo included on a slide to be shown before the movie starts, in the weekly school newsletter and on the P&C website.

Source of funding:

If the report recommendation is adopted, the proposed \$200 sponsorship will be funded from the 2019-20 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Danny Said

File Reference: F2017/07396

MM63/19

General Manager's Report No. GM13/19

Subject: Draft Community Participation Plan

Executive Summary

- Council is required to prepare, exhibit and adopt a Community Participation Plan (CPP) prior to 1 December 2019.
- This requirement is part of changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which passed in the NSW Parliament in November 2017 and commenced operating on 1 March 2018.
- The purpose of the CPP is to provide a single document that sets out how and when Council will engage with the community and minimum mandatory and non-mandatory public exhibition timeframes.
- Community participation requirements outlined in Council's Development Control Plan 2013 (Volume 1) for notification and exhibition of development applications and Council's adopted Community Consultation Principles and Consultation Planning Guide will transfer into the CPP.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the draft Community Participation Plan (CPP) for public exhibition for 28 days and that a report on the consultation outcomes be brought back to Council for consideration and adoption of the CPP.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about its responsibilities to prepare, exhibit and adopt a Community Participation Plan (CPP) prior to 1 December 2019.

Discussion

Community Participation Plans (CPPs) are a new requirement under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act).

This requirement is part of changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 which passed in the NSW Parliament in November 2017 and commenced operating on 1 March 2018.

The purpose of the CPP is to provide a single document that sets out how and when Council will engage with the community and minimum mandatory and non-mandatory public exhibition timeframes.

All applicable NSW planning authorities (including councils) are required to have the final version of their first CPP published on the NSW Planning Portal by 1 December 2019.

Currently Council outlines its community participation requirements in two documents:

- *Development Control Plan 2013* (Volume 1, section A3)
- *Community Consultation Principles and Consultation Planning Guide* (adopted 2008)

The purpose of the CPP is to provide a single document that the community can access that sets out all of council's community participation requirements (including under the planning and other legislation), including all minimum mandatory and non-mandatory exhibition timeframes.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment advised councils in June 2019 that their expectation is councils will transfer all community participation requirements (sometimes referred to as notification, advertising or submission periods) from development control plans to their CPP.

This report proposes a draft CPP incorporating Council's community participation requirements and approach into a single document.

It is intended that this new CPP, once exhibited and finalised, will supersede the *Community Consultation Principles and Consultation Planning Guide* and Council will revoke the community participation requirements from the DCP.

Timeframe

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| 22 October 2019 | Council Meeting to consider draft CPP for public exhibition |
| 23 Oct – 19 Nov | Public exhibition period (28 days) |
| 1 December 2019* | Councils required to publish the CPP on the NSW Planning Portal |
| 10 December 2019 | Council Meeting to consider public exhibition feedback and finalise plan |

* Note: Council has sought an extension to this deadline.

Transferring the Community Consultation Principles and Consultation Planning Guide into the CPP

The draft CPP is written incorporating the same intent of the principles and approach to community consultation outlined in the Consultation Principles and Planning Guide.

This document was originally written and adopted by Council in 2008. Randwick Council has always been an early adopter and this document was adopted at a time when a consultation policy for a council was not mandatory and was not common.

As the document's name implies, it provides guidelines and templates to assist staff in developing consultation plans for a wide range of Council activities and projects. For these types of consultations, Council will continue to refer to the Public Participation Spectrum & the criteria in Section 5.3 of the CPP to determine the specific communication tools and techniques. As this is more procedural, it is appropriate that the guidance and template material be transferred to an internally adopted procedures document for Council staff usage. This way material can be updated more regularly as new consultation tools emerge and change or when Council's consultation plan template changes.

Transferring notification and exhibition provisions from Council's Development Control Plan to the CPP

The draft CPP transfers the exhibition and notification provisions contained within the DCP and generally maintains the same notification requirements and notification periods, with the following minor amendments:

- The notification time period for integrated and threatened species development has been reduced from 30 to 28 days in accordance with Schedule 1 of the EP&A Act.
- *Internal alterations to a dwelling or associated outbuilding (excluding heritage items)* has been added to the list of developments that do not require notification.
- *Building identification signs and business identification signs* now require a written notice (they used to be exempt from requiring any notification)
- Notification requirements for modifications made under Clause 4.55(2) and 4.56 of the EP&A Act have been updated to reflect the requirements of Clauses 118 & 119 of the EP&A Regulation
- A new clause has been added to encourage proponents of major developments to consult with members of the community who may be affected by a proposal, prior to lodging any application with Council

In addition to the above changes, the layout and phrasing of the notification requirements have been amended to make the document easier to read and understand.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|--|
| Outcome | 3. An informed and engaged community. |
| Direction | 3b. The community has increased opportunities to participate in decision-making processes. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

NA

Policy and legislative requirements

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 – Section 2.23

Conclusion

Council's draft Community Participation Plan provides a single document outlining how and when Council will engage with the community as well as committing Council to genuine, open and two-way engagement to help make better decisions.

Responsible officer: Joshua Hay, Communications Manager

File Reference: F2005/00684

General Manager's Report No. GM14/19

Subject: Let's Chat - Councillor and resident community engagement

Executive Summary

- Following the trial of 'Let's Chat' forums in 2018, it is proposed to schedule pop-up 'Let's Chat' forums at beachside reserves, parks and town centres to provide informal opportunities for resident and ratepayers to interact with Councillors.
- The pop-up sessions will include complimentary coffee and refreshments and will be promoted through Council's communication channels.
- The sessions will be held at locations and times convenient for residents.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council commence a series of 'Let's Chat' pop-up community engagement sessions providing opportunities for residents to chat informally with Councillors.
- b) Council schedule two 'Let's Chat' sessions per Ward for the next 12 months and report back to Council after this time.

Attachment/s:

Nil

GM14/19

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on Council's series of face-to-face community engagement forums trialled in 2018 and provide a recommendation on a way forward.

Discussion

Community engagement plays an important role in helping the community have a voice in Council decision-making which can lead to better decisions.

Randwick Council has a long-held tradition of robust engagement with the local community using the experience and knowledge of residents and ratepayers to inform and improve Council projects and services.

Council's community engagement practices include a range of digital and face-to-face techniques designed to inform and involve residents in Council projects and decision-making at key points.

Council's Precinct system has been in place for over 20 years and provides a system for local residents to work cooperatively with Council to make positive changes in their community.

Let's Chat trial review

In 2018, due to a number of Precincts no longer operating, Council decided to trial a new type of face-to-face consultation called "Let's Chat".

The purpose of these consultation forums was to provide a face-to-face engagement platform to complement the Precinct system and help Council, Councillors and residents share information.

Five "Let's Chat" sessions were held – Three in the La Perouse / Little Bay / Chifley / Phillip Bay area and two in the Kensington / Kingsford area.

Ward Councillors hosted community meetings where Council staff provided updates on projects and activities happening in the local area. The meetings were held in the early evening at local community centres with residents invited to attend through advertising and marketing. Despite the meetings being named "Let's Chat" the meetings were largely presentation-based with residents able to ask questions or make comments following the presentations.

Attendance at the events ranged between 40 and approximately 300 people.

The most attended forum was the September 2018 Kensington / Kingsford Let's Chat which was held in conjunction with the official opening of a sculpture of cellist Jacqueline du Pre at Kensington Park. A free BBQ and coffee was also offered and residents were able to mingle and speak directly with Councillors and Council staff about local issues.

Positive feedback was received about the informal and effective style of this face-to-face consultation technique with residents able to speak directly with local Councillors and raise matters relevant to them.

Proposed future Let's Chat format

This report recommends continuing with Council's Let's Chat forums with casual pop-up sessions at popular beachside reserves, parks and town centres.

Council will schedule and implement two Let's Chat sessions per Ward per year (10 in total) providing the opportunity for residents, ratepayers and passers-by to speak directly with Councillors about matters of interest to them.

Council will support the forums by providing a staff member to help set-up and assist as well as a limited supply of free coffee and cakes/pastries to help attract people.

The Let's Chat sessions will be advertised and communicated using Council's communication channels such as *Scene Magazine*, Randwick eNews, social media and local media advertising.

The Let's Chat sessions will be held at various times convenient to community members such as weekends and evenings to make it easier for residents to interact with Councillors.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|--|
| Outcome | 3. An informed and engaged community. |
| Direction | 3b. The community has increased opportunities to participate in decision-making processes. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

The cost of hosting and advertising the Let's Chat pop-up forums can be accommodated within existing budgets.

Policy and legislative requirements

Community Participation Plan

Conclusion

Providing a range of face-to-face opportunities for residents and ratepayers to interact and engage with Council is an important part of Council's community consultation strategy. Talking with people at places and times convenient to them sends a strong message that we value their time and input and has positive reputational benefits.

Responsible officer: Joshua Hay, Communications Manager

File Reference: F2018/00161

Director City Planning Report No. CP35/19

Subject: Randwick City Night Time Economy Study

Executive Summary

- This report provides an overview of the draft Randwick City Night Time Economy Study (**Attachment 1**) prepared by the Strategic Planning Team. It seeks endorsement for public exhibition and consultation of the draft Study for a 4 week period.
- The draft Study has been prepared in response to a Council Resolution (**Attachment 2**) that calls for Council to prepare a long term night life strategy. It provides for possible approaches and initiatives to enhance Randwick's night time economy and seek community and stakeholders ideas.
- The draft Study has been informed by extensive local and international research, site audits, input from the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee and in-depth consultation with a broad section of the community, businesses and stakeholders.
- The draft Study's key directions are:
 - **Diversifying the night time economy** – by making changes to Council's LEP and DCP such as existing trading hours and relaxing controls for small bars;
 - **Supporting live music, events and performing arts** – require adequate noise controls for new dwellings within and near business areas, preparing guidelines for street performers and investigating council-initiated development approvals for night events in certain parks;
 - **Enhancing cultural infrastructure** – adapting Council owned and private spaces for exhibitions, performances and other events;
 - **Improving the public domain** – creating more attractive, safe and welcoming public spaces;
 - **Encouraging pop ups, temporary activations and mobile activity** – by preparing guidelines for investigating funding sources;
 - **Improving transport and access** – advocating for improvements to night time services to and within the LGA; and
 - **Developing ongoing education, promotion and marketing initiatives.**
- The implementation plan contains a range of actions with timeframes and identifies which Council teams are responsible for overseeing and coordinating those actions. Actions of the Study will input into the forthcoming Informing Strategies: Economic Development; Arts and Culture and Open Space.
- Following public exhibition, a further report will be prepared for Council which will include consideration of submissions raised by the community and any changes, refinements and modifications to the Study and implementation actions.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Endorse the draft Randwick City Night Time Economy Study for public exhibition; and
- b) Authorise minor editing and formatting changes to the draft Study prior to public exhibition.

Attachment/s:

1.  Council Resolution
2.  Draft Randwick City Night Time Economy Study **Included under separate cover**

Purpose

This report provides an overview of the draft Randwick City Night Time Economy Study prepared by the Strategic Planning Team. It seeks endorsement for the public exhibition of the draft Study for a 4 week period which will enable the community and stakeholders to consider the proposed initiatives and suggest other ways that can promote a vibrant night time economy in Randwick City.

The draft Study has been prepared in response to a Council Resolution that calls for Council to prepare a long term night life strategy and to set up an Advisory group.

The Study has been informed by extensive local and international research, site audits, input from the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee and in-depth consultation with a broad section of the community, businesses and stakeholders.

Following public exhibition, a further report will be prepared for Council which will include consideration of submissions raised by the community and outlining any changes, refinements and modifications to the Study that will input into Council's upcoming informing Strategies.

Background

In response to the resolution (Attachment 2), the draft Randwick City Night Time Economy Study has been prepared to investigate opportunities and practical initiatives to support and enhance Randwick City's night time economy in a balanced way over the next 10 years. The Study considers the existing policy/legislative frameworks and best practice approaches (both nationally and internationally) for activating and managing the nightlife. It also includes input from industry experts on the Advisory Committee, incorporates outcomes of the site audits, examines opportunities and challenges and analyses community interests and ideas.

Benefits of the Night Time Economy

There is growing recognition globally and nationally of the significant economic, social and cultural benefits a diverse night time economy can offer to a local community. A well-planned and managed night time economy can make a significant contribution to local economies, from supporting businesses and the creative sector, to facilitating job creation and encouraging greater visitation. Research by Deloitte Access Economics (2019) shows that Australia's night time economy makes up about 3.8% of the economy. By comparison, in the UK the night time economy makes up 6% of the total economy and therefore Australia's economy has the potential to become more competitive on the global scale. Whilst NSW is the largest contributor to Australia's Core night time economy (accounting for 34% of Core Night Time Economy establishments and 30% of Core night time economy employment and turnover) it is underperforming against other states and has the potential to grow with arts and culture being an integral component. Deloitte estimates that Sydney is missing out on \$16 billion a year because the night time economy is underdeveloped.

Having a range of inspiring musical and cultural evening events and activities on offer in the LGA can contribute to a more vibrant, safer and rejuvenated town centres. In addition, a thriving night time economy can foster a more connected, cohesive and resilient community contributing substantially to a city's social capital.

Supporting the Night Time Economy in Randwick City

In the context of Randwick City, if nothing is done and no ongoing actions are in place to cultivate, strengthen and diversify the night time economy, it would have ramifications for the Randwick City's competitive capacity, particularly with respect to encouraging and retaining certain sectors of the workforce, and the investment in and the amenity of our town centres. Not supporting the night time economy would mean the loss of potential economic growth, as well as missed opportunities to attract talented workers, new residents, and businesses as well as creatives and artists in the Randwick City local area. Furthermore, it would be a missed opportunity to enhance the liveliness and safety of Randwick City's public spaces in the night time, and encouraging a geographic spread of the night time events and experiences that would enrich the social and cultural life of Randwick City.

A balanced night time economy catering to a broad demographic and which encourages active community participation is important given Randwick City's growing and changing population, smaller household sizes, high rates of apartment living and trends towards more flexible work outside the traditional 9am to 5pm period. Social interaction and place making opportunities will become more vital as a mitigation measure to address social isolation issues and to enhance liveability and productivity of the Randwick City Local Government Area.

Randwick City is well placed to take advantage of opportunities for night time activation given its proximity to the CBD, strong tourism sector, high proportion of shift workers, high student population, introduction of the light rail, higher socio-economic profile, diverse population and cultural mix.

Methodology

The Study has been undertaken using the following methodology:

- Review of related plans, strategies, planning controls and legislation
- Analysis of existing and future resident and worker profiles
- Night time town centre audits and mapping of existing night time economies
- Identification of criteria for successful night time economies
- Stakeholder engagement and extensive consultations
- Analysis of opportunities and constraints to activating key centres
- Development of directions, actions and implementation plan to inform the Randwick City Economy Development Strategy and other Informing Council Strategies.

Review of Best Practices

Following comprehensive research into best practice and analysis of successful night time economies within Australia and across the globe, a number of criteria for a great night time economy have been identified which underpin the recommended key directions and actions contained within the Study.

In the context of Randwick City, the night time economy should:

- Attract every sector of the community regardless of age, race, gender, sexuality or physical ability
- Provide a diverse offering of activities and experiences catering to a wide range of interests, whether it is dining/drinking, music, performance, recreation, or merely gathering in public space
- Be attractive and accessible to people from all socio economic backgrounds
- Be accessible by public, private transport or by foot
- Offer a safe, attractive and welcoming public domain through good signage and wayfinding, lighting, street furniture, public art and security
- Support temporary activations and pop ups to activate underutilized space and create pleasant urban spaces

Neighbourhood and Town Centre Evening Audits

Council undertook an audit of a number of our town and neighbourhood centres to ascertain the level of activity at night. The audits captured areas that have thriving existing night time economies and areas where night time activity is substantially limited. Each centre was visited on a Friday and Saturday night between the hours of 6pm and midnight during June/July 2018. The audits noted the types of businesses that were open, patron activity, conditions of the public domain (including way finding and lighting), any security, safety and anti-social behavior issues, and accessibility to public transport and parking.

The audits identified the following with regards to Randwick City's existing night time economy:

- Randwick City's existing night time economy is confined mostly to the town and neighbourhood centres. Coogee town centre, The Spot at Randwick and Kingsford town centre have the most thriving night time economies which attract local and regional visitors. Night time activity is generally focused around hospitality – dining and drinking activities within these centres.

- On average, after 9pm the majority of available night time activities decrease, with only a small number of pubs, clubs, convenience stores and service stations remaining open in limited locations.
- The public realm of the town and neighbourhood centres should address the needs of both day and night time activity and encourage people to linger and socialize in the evening. The majority of the town and neighbourhood centres would benefit from capital works interventions to support the night time economy and improve perceptions of safety such as lighting and wayfinding, particularly near car parks and public transport nodes.

Randwick Night Time Economy Advisory Committee

The Study has been guided by input from the Randwick City Night Time Economy Advisory Committee which was founded in 2018. The Committee comprises a mix of industry leaders and community members with expertise in live music and performing arts, small bars, retailing, popup and temporary activations, performance space and event management, market research, urban design and criminology. The principal role of the Committee in the preparation of this Study has been to:


- Provide strategic advice on the development of the night time economy in Randwick City, including identification of key issues and barriers affecting local business and the creative and cultural sectors;
- Make realistic and practical recommendations on the implementation of initiatives to enrich and diversify our night time economy; and
- Advise Council on communication and consultation outcomes with night time economy industry stakeholders.

The Committee has been instrumental in providing a cross-sector approach to underpin the development of this study. It has provided a forum for bringing together diverse ideas and inputs, allowing Council to further understand the opportunities, challenges and synergies between various elements that contribute to a thriving, sustainable and inclusive night time economy.

Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholder engagement has played an integral role in the development of the Study, with input from over 900 people helping to shape key directions, considerations and actions. Overall, the community is supportive and enthusiastic of a vibrant Night Time Economy study for the City that sets the framework and directions for enhancing and diversifying the Night Time Economy.

Key engagement activities undertaken are summarised in the table below:

| Activity | Detail |
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| Randwick City Night Time Economy Webpage |  <p>A brand was developed (shown left) as part of the communications strategy to assist in engaging the community.</p> <p>A stand-alone page has been established on Council's website which includes up to date information on the development of the Strategy, consultation opportunities, resources and tools.</p> |
| Randwick Council E News | General information was provided via electronic mail informing the local community of the Strategy and ways to get involved. |
| On- line perception Survey | A robust and successful online-perception survey designed and hosted by D&M Research (on behalf of Council) sought the community's views, insights and ideas on how to create a thriving night time economy. The survey was included as part of the Council's 'Your Say Randwick' website and was open from mid-October to mid-November 2018, with a further |

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
| | <p>period of survey in January 2019 to obtain more representative sample of the community. Data was collected on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for visiting Randwick's town centres at night time • Frequency/time/day of visitation • Feelings about the town centres • Types of businesses visited in the evening and expenditure • Reasons/barriers for not going out • Perceptions on which precincts in Randwick do well and which need to be improved • Barriers are to fostering a vibrant and diverse night time economy • What types of businesses/activities/town centres should be increased, stay the same or reduced • What improvements could be introduced so as to contribute to a better night time economy |
| Intercept on street surveys | <p>These sessions included pop up stations with snacks, music and iPads with questions for people to answer about what they liked about the night time economy and provision for people to provide general feedback. Pop up street intercept session were undertaken in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maroubra Junction Town Centre • Maroubra Beach • The Spot • Coogee Beach • Matraville Town Centre • Randwick Junction – High Street next to the Hospitals Campus • UNSW – High Street and Wansey Road. |
| Hardcopy surveys | Hardcopy surveys were distributed to Council libraries and Administration Building |
| Social Media Updates | Regular social media updates were undertaken on Facebook and Instagram |
| Businesses Focus Group | One workshop was held with local business stakeholders to obtain feedback on key proposals to activate the night time economy and to identify challenges to night time trading. The workshop was facilitated by JOC Consulting and Council. Additional interviews were undertaken with local business stakeholders. |
| Council Staff Briefings and Focus Sessions | A number of focus sessions were undertaken with Council Departments including: Development Assessment, Compliance and Regulatory Services, Events and City Services. |
| Briefing With Eastern Beaches Police Area Command | A preliminary briefing was held with Police on key proposals to activate the night time economy and to further understand current law and order issues pertaining to night time trading/entertainment in Randwick City. |

Feedback from Consultations

- *Community Perception Survey*
 - Live music is the top activity or experience people want to see in Randwick City after 6pm, followed by night markets, small bars, restaurants/cafes and cinema.
 - A greater variety of activities and experiences is the top improvement that can be made to the Randwick night time economy. This is followed by outdoor dining areas, more parking, public art and better lighting.
 - Not enough parking, poor public transport connections, lack of safety, lack of vibrancy and exciting things to do and see and lack of diverse activities and

experiences that suit age are some of the reasons people do not visit the Local Government Area.

- *Local Business Workshop*
 - The extension of trading hours was supported, particularly for retail, with staggered closing times to assist in disseminating people in busier locations.
 - There was strong support for noise attenuation measures for residential development within centres.
 - Support was also given for temporary experiences such as those that focus on family friendly events for a diverse audience such as night markets, cinemas and food trucks.
- *Briefing with Eastern Beaches Police Area Command*
 - There was general support for small bars as these venues generally have a lower level of risk associated with alcohol induced anti-social behavior compared to large scale licensed venues such as pubs and clubs.
 - Frequent late night transport options are important to reduce the critical mass of patrons in public areas after venues close.
 - Lighting of centres and surrounding streets and laneways is essential to improving safety at night.
 - Further consultation will be carried out with the Police during public exhibition

Key Proposed Initiatives

The key proposed initiatives of the Study are outlined below.

A Diverse Offering

This section of the Study sets a new vision for Randwick City's night time economy, focusing on a diverse night time offering and increasing the amount of options in appropriate locations across Randwick City including retail, small bars and cultural venues. This will be facilitated by changes to Randwick City's planning framework to encourage lower risk venues such as shops, small scale restaurants and small bars to stay open later in a select number of locations.

The following initiatives are proposed for consideration:

- *Extension of retail trading hours to 11pm without approval–*

Currently existing trading hours are regulated through development consent conditions typically limiting operating hours to between 8am and 6pm. To change these hours requires a new consent which can be time consuming and difficult to obtain and thus limits the flexibility of premises to open later during seasonal fluctuations or one off occasions. It is recommended that retail businesses that do not supply alcohol that have an existing development approval be granted the flexibility to open later into the evening without requiring additional development approval (i.e exempt development).

- *Extension of trading for low impact uses to 1am and 2am with approval -*

Low impact businesses include premises with a capacity of 100 patrons or less where alcohol is sold such as restaurants and/or any other retail or business premises which operate after 11pm. The DCP currently permits trading to midnight in larger centres and 11pm in smaller centres, Monday to Saturday. It is suggested the DCP be reviewed to enable larger precincts (Kensington, Kingsford, Randwick, Maroubra Junction and Matraville) which are well located and supported by a larger employment base to apply for trading to 2am Thursday to Saturday only. In smaller centres (The Spot, Maroubra Beach and Frenchmans Rd) it is recommended that the DCP be amended to enable trading up to 1am Thursday to Saturday only. No changes are proposed for smaller centres such as Malabar and La Perouse. Note that these changes would not apply to the Coogee town centre given the existing concentration of licensed venues. Consideration could be given to an initial trial period in Maroubra Beach and Randwick Junction to enable consideration of take up and impacts prior to wider application.

- *Encourage smaller, lower risk venues such as small bars in appropriate locations –*

Currently the RDCP 2013 does not differentiate between small bars and larger scale pub / club venues in terms of risk impacts. Consequently small bars are subject to the same stringent controls as a high risk venue, notwithstanding that these more intimate venues generally have much lower levels of risk in terms of anti-social behavior. This has made it difficult and unattractive for prospective licensees to open small venues. Adding to this is the difficulty operators' face navigating the complex approval system and the confusion surrounding liquor licensing and small bars. It is proposed that the DCP be amended to better align the definition and risk category of 'small bars' with other similar venues such as restaurants and cafes. It is also proposed to allow existing restaurants/cafes to convert to a small bar or vice versa through the complying development pathway. It is recommended that council produce fact sheets to guide prospective small bar operators on the steps in the process of setting up a small bar relating to the approval process and obtaining a liquor license.

Live Music, Events and Performing Arts

Live music and the performing arts can contribute positively to the liveability and vibrancy of local areas, encouraging greater visitation and community participation in the night time. This section of the Study focuses on making music and the arts more accessible to the community and seeks to support existing and up and coming artists, musicians, creatives and local businesses. Initiatives focus on cutting red tape, providing support to musicians and creatives, and encouraging better use of Council's cultural venues and assets. The following key actions are suggested:

- Require appropriate noise attenuation measures in residential development located within the B1 Neighbourhood and B2 Local Centre zones.
- Include an advisory note in planning certificates to advise that B1 Neighbourhood and B2 Local Centres accommodate evening trade and night time activity with associated level of activity and noise.
- Prepare guidelines to encourage street performance in the town and neighbourhood centres.
- Investigate opportunities for Council to initiate generic development application approvals for selected parks to accommodate suitable night time events and activities subject to conditions.
- Investigate and prioritise infrastructure requirements to facilitate events in selected open space areas across the City.
- Prepare guidelines/toolkit for suggested events such as night markets, plays, live music and performance based criteria including parking, proximity to public transport, patron capacity and proximity to residences. Identify necessary improvements including water and utility supply, storage facilities, toilets and small stages.

Cultural Infrastructure

Cultural infrastructure is essential to facilitate arts and cultural activity, and encourage the creative/performance arts sector to flourish and evolve. Providing flexible spaces where creative practitioners can make, perform and exhibit their work plays a vital role in both the day and night time economies. They add to the mix of day and night time uses and activities, help to reach diverse audiences and markets, and importantly can maximise the community's participation, enjoyment and appreciation of the arts.

A critical issue affecting the independent arts sector is the lack of affordable and appropriate small-medium sized space for multi-purpose use. This issue is particularly pertinent as most professional artists in NSW do not perform in traditional large scale cultural venues or theatres. Rather, industry trends for diverse, contemporary and experimental works are generating stronger demand for smaller, flexible spaces with less infrastructure requirements.

This section of the Study focuses on supporting the creative and arts sectors by establishing clear and simple pathways to make it easier for artists and performers to make, perform and exhibit their work in our Randwick City. This includes reducing barriers that impede live music and performance being carried out in retail and other commercial spaces, increasing opportunities for cultural and creative activities to take place, collaborating with business property owners, facilitating new multi-

functional creative spaces on large sites through the planning framework, and investing in the upgrade of existing Council owned facilities to encourage greater creative utilisation.

Council is preparing a new Arts and Cultural Strategy over 2019/2020 that will identify opportunities to strengthen and enhance the capacity of Randwick City's creative sector and increase access to and engagement with the community in Council's arts and culture program. The Strategy will also guide decision making with respect to investment in and upgrade of Council's assets including cultural venues.

An Attractive and Welcoming Public Domain

Initiatives within this section of the Study address a range of improvements to the public domain of Randwick City's centres to ensure that they are designed and managed to transition well between day time and night time. Appropriate lighting, wayfinding, signage, street furniture and active shop fronts can facilitate a vibrant night time economy. This can be achieved by taking a place-based approach such as the Strategy prepared by Council for Kensington and Kingsford town centres.

Pop Ups, Temporary Activations and Mobile Activity

This section of the Study presents initiatives that have been adopted by both governments and the private sector to activate vacant shop fronts and laneways and to encourage food trucks in appropriate locations. Key initiatives proposed include developing a framework for temporary use projects and pop ups to support cultural activity and artistic expression at night as part of Council's upcoming culture and arts strategy. This would consider engaging with the commercial sector, industry and other stakeholders to activate vacant tenancies with pop-up shops, restaurants or art galleries. As part of this process, it is suggested that guidelines be prepared to assist the establishment of temporary activities. In addition, the Study identifies the need for a long term funding program (including opportunities for partnerships) for public domain activation activities, installations, events and pop ups. Furthermore, the Study recommends that Council prepare a policy for food trucks to provide a clear framework for the operation of such vehicles within suitable locations across the Randwick Local Government Area.

Transport and Accessibility

This section of the Study focuses on the importance of having efficient, reliable and flexible public transport to support a thriving night time economy. Initiatives include: Advocating for more direct and frequent bus services from various town and neighbourhood centre, investigating opportunities to improve taxi waiting facilities, active transport and potential funding to improve transport initiatives. In addition, the Study highlights the need for safety improvements at key public transport stops within entertainment areas such as CCTV networks, better lighting, transport information and signage.

Marketing, Promotion and Education

To realise the full potential of the City's night time economy, it is important to focus on implementing an ongoing and holistic marketing and media program. In partnership with businesses and through community engagement, Council will be able to identify and create effective on-line promotional initiatives and investigate potential funding sources and grant opportunities. It is also suggested that a set of indicators be created to enable Council to measure and monitor changes in the night time economy across the various precincts over time.

Public Exhibition of draft Study

It is intended that the draft Randwick City Night Time Economy Study be placed on public exhibition for a period of 4 weeks. The proposed engagement activities include on-line content such as a website, social media, e-news, and a local newspaper advert. Hard copies of all material will be placed in Council's Administration Centre and libraries. During public exhibition Council officers will also engage with key industry stakeholders, businesses, agencies, including the Eastern Beaches Liquor Accord, local Police, the South East Health District and a wide cross section of the community.

Next Steps

Following public exhibition, a report will be prepared containing responses to submissions received and any recommended changes to the draft Night Time Economy Study or implementation initiatives arising from considerations of matters raised in submissions. If the Study is endorsed by Council,

key directions will be included in relevant Informing Strategies. Amendments to the LEP/DCP will occur as part of the next LEP/DCP review.

Strategic alignment

While the City Plan does not specifically refer to the night time economy, a key action under *Outcome 8: A strong local economy*, is to implement a range of strategies to support the development of vibrant business and commercial centres.

Other outcomes and actions that are directly or indirectly linked to the night time economy include:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|---|
| Outcome | 2. A vibrant and diverse community. |
| Direction | 2a. Meet the needs of our diverse community and provide equitable access to social services and infrastructure. |
| Direction | 2d. Our cultural diversity is appreciated and respected. |
| Outcome | 6. A liveable city. |
| Direction | 6b. Our centres, beaches, streets and other public places are safe, inviting, clean and support a recognisable image of our City. |
| Direction | 6c. The safety of our community is paramount and is acknowledged and supported through proactive policies, programs and strategies. |

A number of actions included in the Study will provide input into the following future Informing Strategies:

- Economic Development Strategy
- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Open Space and Recreation Needs Strategy

Resourcing Strategy implications

The Study has been prepared by Council's Strategic Planning Team. Expenditure of approximately \$12,000 from the Economic Development Project covered facilitation for the business workshop and servicing of the Night Time Economy Advisory Committee. A further amount of \$5,000 has been allocated from the 2019-2020 budget for community engagement for the Night Time Economy Study.

There are a number of proposed actions that can be better defined and investigated as part of the upcoming Informing Strategies.

Conclusion

The draft Randwick City Night Time Economy Study provides a holistic and comprehensive approach to inform future directions and practical actions to support the growth of Randwick's night time economy. It establishes a vision and recognises that coordination and ongoing commitment is necessary to create a vibrant and sustained night time economy.

Centres within Randwick City are not homogenous and will develop varying degrees of night life activities depending on strategic and locational advantages, transport connections, public domain amenity and established night time culture. The draft study provides principles for future town centre improvements, a range of other city-wide initiatives including changes to planning controls, opportunities for night use of Council-owned facilities and open spaces and new partnership opportunities.

The draft Study recognises the strengths and challenges of Randwick City's existing night time economy and focuses on promoting an inclusive, diverse and safe night offering that caters to all sectors of the community regardless of age, cultural background, gender or ability. It also responds to the various components of the Council resolution to diversify and encourage night time opportunities such as performances, creative arts, live music and small bars and to balance this against safety and amenity, create a geographic spread and inform future council decision making. It is recommended that Council endorse the draft Study for community engagement and feedback.

Responsible officer Stella Agagiotis, Coordinator Strategic Planning; Asanthika Kappagoda, Senior Strategic Planner; Emese Wolf, Environmental Planning Officer

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FOR ACTION

ORDINARY COUNCIL

27/02/2018

TO: Manager Strategic Planning (Alan Bright)

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Parker - Proposing a long term nightlife strategy.
Target Date: 13/03/2018
Notes: Please action or reassign the Council resolution
Document No.: D03152055
Report Type: Report
Item Number: NM18/18

RESOLUTION: (Parker/Stavrinou) that:

1. Council prepare a long-term night-life strategy.
2. the core aims of this strategy are:
 - a) encouraging additional gallery and performance spaces, live music, dining and small bars options;
 - b) encouraging a geographical spread of night-life across Randwick City;
 - c) re-vitalising local businesses strips impacted by the light-rail construction;
 - d) minimising any noise, anti-social behaviour, and parking impacts on local residents;
 - e) informing future reviews of our existing planning controls; and
 - f) informing future reviews of existing fees and charges.
3. Council constitute a night-time advisory committee comprising of Councillors Parker and Veitch and 8 community members.

MOTION: (Parker/Stavrinou) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.[Open Item in Minutes](#)

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Director City Planning Report No. CP36/19

Subject: Planning Proposal for Proposed Cemetery Expansion at Bumborah Point

Executive Summary

- Council has received a Planning Proposal for land known as Bumborah Point, located at Bumborah Point Road, Port Botany (hereafter referred to as 'the site').
- The Planning Proposal seeks to amend the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 (RLEP 2012) by including 'cemetery' as an additional permitted use on the site and to accommodate the expansion of the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park (ESMP). The RE1 Public Recreation Zone currently applying to the site remains unchanged. The proposed expansion will create approximately 3,000 additional full body burial plots in addition to space for ash interments.
- This report outlines the outcomes of the internal assessment by Council officers and the proponent's response to these including advice received from the RLPP.
- A site specific development control plan in accordance with Clause 6.12 under the RLEP 2012 will have to be prepared by the applicant and endorsed by Council prior to the lodgement of a DA or as part of a staged Development Application (DA).

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Support the draft Planning Proposal for the Bumborah Point cemetery expansion;
2. Forward the draft Planning Proposal and supporting material to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment as delegate of the Minister for Planning requesting 'Gateway Determination' under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to enable a public consultation process; and
3. Following 'Gateway Determination' exhibit the Planning Proposal in accordance with the conditions of the Gateway Determination and bring back a report to Council detailing the results of the community consultation for final consideration by Council.

Attachment/s:

1. Near neighbour notification letter
2. RLPP Resolution on Planning Proposal at Bumborah Point

Purpose

This report outlines the outcomes of the internal assessment of the Planning Proposal by Council officers and the proponent's response to these including advice received from the RLPP.

Background

Planning Process

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and Regulations set out the process for amending the zoning or planning provisions (rezoning) relating to a parcel(s) of land in NSW. Changes to the zoning or planning provisions can only be made via a formal amendment to the LEP.

The original planning proposal application was received by Council on 22 December 2017. Following Council's initial assessment a request for additional information and technical studies was made in February 2018. An amended Planning proposal was submitted in July 2018 following discussions with the applicant a final planning proposal was received by Council on 17 June 2019, which is the subject of this report.

A Planning Proposal is the first step to commence changes to the zoning or planning provisions relating to a parcel of land. It is a formal application that sets out the objectives, intended outcomes, and justification for the proposed changes.

Referral to the Randwick Local Planning Panel (RLPP)

On 23 February 2018, the Minister gave a direction (under s9.1 of the EP&A Act) that all planning proposals prepared after 1 June 2018 be referred to their LPPs for advice, unless the planning proposal relates to the correction of an obvious error in the LEP, matters of minor nature or matters that will not have any significant adverse impact. Accordingly, the subject Planning Proposal was referred to the RLPP on 12 September 2019. Their advice is addressed later in this report.

Gateway Determination

If Council resolves to proceed with the subject Planning Proposal, it will be forwarded to the Minister for Planning for a 'Gateway Determination'. The 'Gateway Determination' is essentially a checkpoint for planning proposals, and enables those proposals that are not well founded, or not in the public interest to be stopped early in the process, before significant resources are committed in carrying out technical studies or investigations.

The Minister's 'Gateway Determination' will stipulate whether the subject Planning Proposal should proceed, whether it needs to be resubmitted, the timeframe for its completion (usually nine months from the date of the Determination), the community consultation and State/Commonwealth agency requirements and whether a public hearing is needed.

Exhibition and Making of Amendments

Following the 'Gateway Determination', the Planning Proposal will be formally placed on public exhibition for comment. The final LEP and any accompanying maps which amend the Council's principal planning instrument (i.e. the RLEP 2012) are made by the Minister for Planning (and notified on the NSW legislation web site) in accordance with the EP&A Act. Certain LEPs which are of local significance can be finalized by Council via delegation from the Minister (this is determined at the Gateway stage).

Planning Proposals vs. Development Applications

The Planning Proposal is not seeking consent for development on the site. It is seeking Council's support to commence a planning process for an amendment to the RLEP 2012. Should the proponent wish to proceed with a development proposal (once the LEP is amended), a separate Development Application (DA) is required to be lodged for assessment under relevant planning framework.

Council resolution

A Councillor briefing was held on 4 April 2017, where the representatives from the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager (SMCLM) presented the cemetery expansion proposal. The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) were also present at the briefing. It should

be noted that there has been a prior agreement between the SMCLM, La Perouse LALC and NSW Aboriginal Land Council in relation to the removal of Aboriginal Land Claims over Bumborah Point in exchange for future dedicated Aboriginal burial plots. Following the briefing, Council considered the matter at its meeting on 18 April 2017 and resolved to:

- a) *give its in principle support for a rezoning application of Lot 4858 at Bumborah Point for cemetery use subject to a detailed assessment of all relevant planning and environmental issues in the associated planning proposal including flora and fauna, geotechnical investigation, contamination and remediation, visual impact, public access, traffic, parking and easements, and,*
- b) *Require the creation of a foreshore buffer zone incorporating a coastal walkway.*

The Subject Site

The site (see Figure 1) is bounded by Military Road to the north, Yarra Bay to the south, Prince of Wales Drive and the Port Botany freight and logistics precinct to the west and the existing Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park (ESMP) to the east. With a total area of approximately 4.45ha, the site contains three land parcels, including a Council owned road reserve (Military Road Reserve) and two crown reserves (Lot 4858 in DP 752015 and part of Lot 7302 in DP 1139143).

The site accommodates a car park of 20 car spaces, a driveway from Military Road, an existing coastal walkway linking to the broader network and numerous informal pathways. It is free of built structures and largely covered in thick native vegetation and weeds. The site is by traversed by a number of easements for services, including:

- Easement for Circulating Water Tunnels, Manholes and Inlets – expires 28/06/2036
- Easement for Sewerage 4.265m wide
- Easement for Services 18.29 wide
- Easement for Salt Water Intake 3.05, 4.42 & 10.73 wide



Figure 1: The Subject Site

Local Planning Framework

Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012

The site is zoned RE1 Public Recreation under the RLEP 2012 (as shown in Figure 2). The RE1 zone permits a range of uses to support public open space and recreational activities. Key objectives of the zone are provided below:

- *To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.*
- *To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.*
- *To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.*
- *To protect, manage and restore areas with high biodiversity, ecological and aesthetic values, including buffer areas and habitat corridors*

Development for the purpose of a cemetery is currently prohibited under this zone.

The site is located within the Botany Bay National Park Heritage Conservation Area, as indicated in Figure 3. This heritage area covers an extensive stretch of coastal strip facing Botany Bay and the Pacific Ocean, from Yarra Bay to the former Prince Henry Hospital site. The south eastern corner of the site constitutes a small portion of Yarra Bay Beach and Reserve which is identified as a local heritage item.

Figure 2 RLEP 2012 Zoning Map

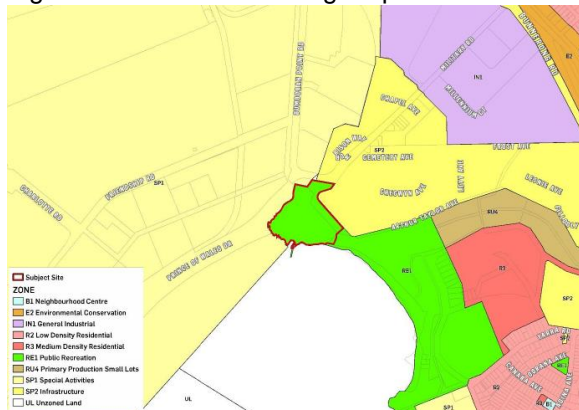
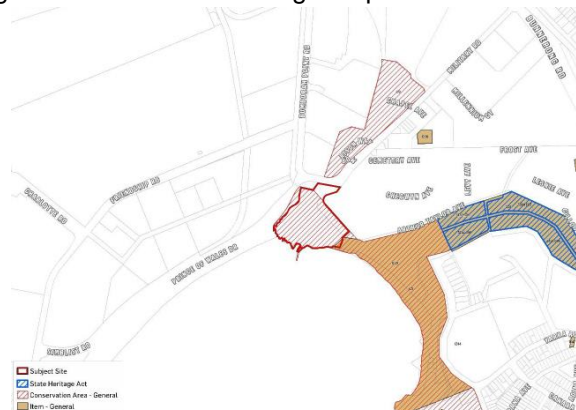


Figure 3 RLEP 2012 Heritage Map



Development Control Plan Preparation Requirements

Clause 6.12 under the RLEP 2012 specifies that sites over 10,000sqm require the preparation of a DCP. A DCP for the proposal is required to be lodged by the applicant and endorsed by Council prior to the lodgement of a DA for the site.

The objective of this clause is to ensure that development on certain land occurs in accordance with a site-specific development control plan. A future DCP will be required to address more detailed planning controls such as landscaping, landscape treatments, public access, environmental management, heritage, circulation, parking, remediation and drainage.

Randwick Development Control Plan 2013

The Randwick Development Control Plan 2013 (DCP) contains controls (section F1) for development in recreation zones (RE1 and RE2). This DCP section requires development proposed in recreation zones to carefully address any potential adverse impacts on the recreational and ecological values and intended public access/use of the land. In the case of RE1 zone, any development proposal is also required to address any relevant plan of management. The plan of management applicable to the subject site is Council's Beach and Coastal Reserves Generic Plan of Management and this will be a matter for consideration at any future DA stage.

The Planning Proposal

The Planning Proposal has been prepared by Urbis on behalf of the SMCLM (the proponent).

The proponent distributed a notification letter to the residential area around Yarra Bay and the Port Botany in mid-June 2019 notifying them of the Planning Proposal and expected timeframes for the future stages of the proposal (Attachment 1).

The purpose of the Planning Proposal is to amend the RLEP 2012 to facilitate expansion of the ESMP onto the site. This will be achieved by amending Schedule 1- Additional permitted uses of the RLEP 2012, to state that development for the purpose of a cemetery is permitted with development consent on part of the site, as identified on the proposed Additional Permitted Uses Map (area coloured pink in Figure 4).

The proposed cemetery expansion will enable the creation of approximately 3,000 full body burial plots (with a maximum capacity of 6,000 double-depth graves) in addition to space for ash internments.



Figure 4 Additional Permitted Uses Map (purple coloured area)

Concept Landscape Plan

The site is to be designed primarily as a contemporary lawn cemetery, with two sections for monumental graves proposed at the interface with the existing cemetery. The proposed landscape is predominantly lawn, with a hierarchy of pathways and cycle ways provided to enhance public access through the site and along the foreshore of Yarra Bay.

The Concept Landscape Plan (Figure 5) proposes a 20-metre wide foreshore buffer zone, to ensure that this critical foreshore corridor is reserved for public open space and environmental protection. Natural vegetation within this zone will be largely retained and a foreshore walk (Item No. 6, Figure 5), in the form of a boardwalk (1.8m wide), will be located directly to the north of the buffer zone to provide access to the beach and link with the regional coastal walkways to the east. It is important to note that the proposed additional permitted use (i.e. the subject Planning Proposal) will not apply in this foreshore buffer zone or the coastal walkway (as indicated in Figure 4).



Figure 5 Concept Landscape Masterplan

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| 01: PARKLAND CEMETERY | 02: MONUMENT INTERFACE |
| 03: LANDSCAPED COLUMBARIA | 04: ABORIGINAL CEMETERY & MEMORIAL GARDEN |
| 05: COMMUNITY FORESHORE | 06: FORESHORE WALK |
| 07: A SENSE OF PLACE | 08: FORESHORE VEGETATION ZONE |
| 09: PARKING | 10: LINKS TO REGIONAL RECREATION NETWORK |
| 11: AN INTEGRATED FACILITY | 12: LANDSCAPE BUFFER |

Proponent's Justification

The proponent claims that the Planning Proposal will increase the usability, accessibility and functionality of the RE1 zoned land and facilitate the dual use of the site for a cemetery and publicly accessible open space. The proponent states that the Planning Proposal facilitates the intended development outcomes sought in the zone.

The Planning Proposal is supplemented by a number of supporting technical studies to help justify the requested amendments to the RLEP 2012. These are summarised below.

Inner Sydney Cemetery Demand Assessment

This assessment report indicates that there was a total of around 8,260 burial plots available as at September 2017 within the Eastern City District, with almost 90% estimated to be within the ESMP. If demand for burial plots remains constant, the current stock of burial plots would be fully absorbed in approximately five years from 2017 (to 2022). The report notes that with the additional 3,000 proposed burial plots, capacity will be reached in approximately seven years from 2017 (to 2024), allowing for an additional two years of supply.

The assessment confirms that there is very limited available burial space within the Eastern City District and new burial space needs to be made available to meet medium and long term local demand.

The proposal includes the establishment of an exclusive Aboriginal Cemetery and Memorial Garden, for the interment of the remains of Aboriginal persons who are members of the La Perouse Local Area Land Council (LALC) or who are residents in the La Perouse LALC area, or members of their families to enable them to be buried in country. The Aboriginal Cemetery and Memorial Garden is to accommodate at least 125 double depth graves.

Contamination Report

Preliminary contamination assessment of the site has been prepared by JBS&G. The assessment has been informed by a desktop review of available information relating to the environmental setting of the site; a site inspection to document site conditions and visual indicators of potential contamination, and a soil sampling program.

The investigation seeks to draw conclusions regarding the potential contamination status of the site to support the rezoning application as per the requirements of SEPP 55.

The assessment concludes that while the site has a long history of disturbance including importation of fill, *"...the investigation did not identify the potential for gross or widespread contamination which may preclude rezoning of the site. Identified potential soil and groundwater impacts are considered representative of common contaminants and potentially contaminating land use activities which can be readily dealt with during the DA stage (i.e. including completion of preliminary and detailed site investigations consistent with relevant Council development control plans (DCPs) and SEPP 55 requirements) for redevelopment and assessment for site suitability"*.

Accordingly, the assessment recommends that a detailed site investigation be completed as part of the development application process to confirm site suitability in accordance with SEPP 55 requirements. Completion of a detailed site investigation to be undertaken in accordance with SEPP55 and relevant EPA Guidelines is to be submitted with the development application. Council will also require a site audit statement to be completed by an EPA accredited site auditor as part of any future development application process.

Flora and Fauna Assessment

The Flora and Fauna Assessment for the site has been undertaken by Eco Logical Australia (ELA). The assessment report states that no threatened species of flora or fauna listed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) and Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) were recorded during the site inspection. According to the assessment, the dominant vegetation communities on the site are Coastal Sand Tea-tree Banksia Scrub and Beach Spinifex Grassland. The site also contains several weeds species.

The Proposal would remove approximately 0.65ha of native vegetation (a reduction from 1.32ha proposed in original 2017 landscape plan) as part of the Concept Master Plan which is above the

clearing threshold for a lot of this size under the BC Act and therefore offset obligations under the BC Act would apply. This matter is further discussed in this report.

The BC Act, which came into effect on 25 August 2017, introduces new requirements for biodiversity assessment, including preparation of a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to identify how the proponent proposes to avoid and minimise impacts, and the offset obligation required to offset the likely biodiversity impacts of the development or clearing proposal, expressed in biodiversity credits. The BDAR is required to be completed in accordance with the Biodiversity Assessment method (BAM) by a Biodiversity accredited assessor under the BC Act and to be submitted along with the Development application for the proposal.

Geotechnical Report

A preliminary geotechnical investigation has been undertaken by Douglas Partners. The investigation comprised cone penetration tests and sampling and testing using hand-held equipment, followed by laboratory testing of selected samples.

According to the assessment, the primary geotechnical issues at this site relate to excavation conditions, earthworks, foundations and groundwater and given the proposed burial plots, groundwater and seepage flow conditions will be important to the performance of the proposed cemetery.

The study concludes that, from a geotechnical perspective, the site may be made suitable for use as a cemetery and suggests a minimum burial setback of 20m from the existing sandstone outcrops as shown in Figure 6 below. This can be addressed through the Development Assessment process.

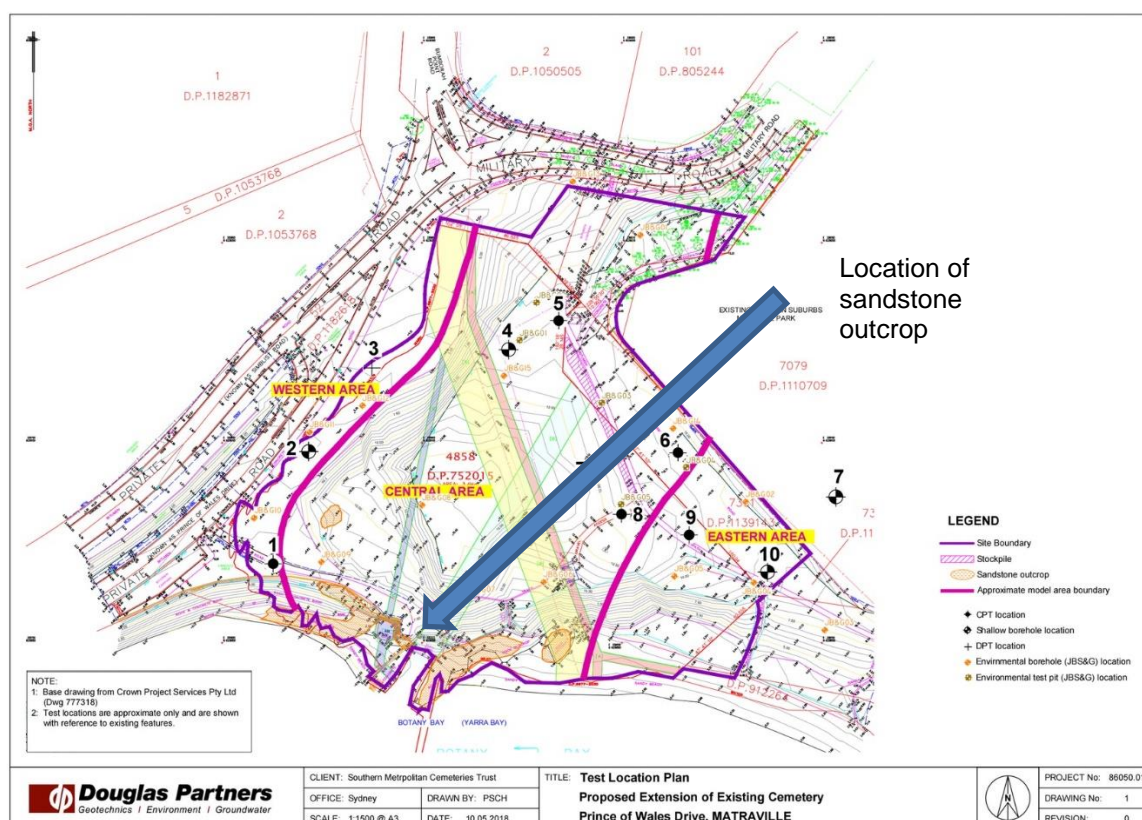


Figure 6 Geotechnical Model for the site

Traffic and Parking Assessment Report

Prepared by Transport and Traffic Planning Associates, the traffic and parking assessment concludes that the proposal will not have unsatisfactory traffic implications and the proposed parking, vehicle access, circulation and servicing provisions will be adequate and suitable for the proposal. Traffic and parking related impacts will be assessed at the DA stage when further information is available on expected attendances to the site.

Coastal Engineering Study

The study, prepared by Horton Coastal Engineering, indicates that the site is unlikely to be impacted by erosion/recession for at least 60 years (based on conservative hazard line delineation) and if this planning period can be accepted, the general layout of the cemetery is acceptable from a coastal engineering perspective. Over the longer term (i.e. beyond 60 years), management of erosion/recession will be required such as beach nourishment, coastal protection works and possible mechanical sand relocation.

The study also provides specific comments on the proposed foreshore boardwalk. It concludes that the proposed foreshore walkway would be exposed to significant wave action at times and recommends that the boardwalk be piled down to bedrock or sufficiently below -1m AHD in sandy areas, with allowance for wave and sand slumping forces. The study also notes that if the foreshore walkway could be located further landward, the risk of undermining by wave action would be lower. As a result the coastal walk has been moved landward as shown in the amended landscape Masterplan shown (Figure 5) and is addressed later in this report.

Visual Impact Assessment

An assessment of the visual impact has been undertaken by Urbis. The assessment indicates that the site has a limited degree of visual exposure and overall, has a low visual sensitivity. It concludes that developing the site for the purposes of a cemetery:

- Can be accommodated into the landscape without significant adverse impacts on the landscape quality of the surrounding area;
- Could achieve a suitable 'environmental fit'; and
- Would increase the functionality and useability of the RE1 zoned land for passive recreational activities.

The visual assessment has been assessed by the Randwick Waverley Design Excellence Panel (see separate discussion of panel findings).

Heritage Assessment

An Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment report, prepared by Artefact Heritage is provided as part of the Planning Proposal. The report considers the study area of low sensitivity for Aboriginal archaeological values.

The Planning Proposal also includes a Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared by Urbis. In terms of heritage significance, the HIS notes that the site has historical and heritage value associated with its use in providing infrastructure for the former Bunnerong Power Station, including an underground water inlet tunnel to draw water from Botany Bay into the Power Station. The remnant sections of the tunnel are the only physical remains of the Power Station today.

In terms of heritage impact, the HIS notes that the proposed lawn cemetery and associated landscaping works will occur within the central portion of the site, contained by a foreshore buffer zone. The HIS argues that the retention of a 20-metre vegetated buffer zone of natural shrubbery along the foreshore will retain the site's connection with the broader Botany Bay National Park Heritage Conservation Area. The HIS also advises that future burials would avoid the significant underground infrastructure associated with the former Bunnerong Power Station as well as typical underground services.

The HIS concludes that the proposal will not impact on the contribution of the site to the natural bushland character of the Botany Bay National Park heritage conservation area, and that there will be no physical or visual impact on the state significant Chinese Market Gardens in the vicinity of the site.

An addendum to the heritage impact statement received by Council on 17 June 2019 notes that no definitive conclusive records of military fortifications were observed during historical research undertaken at the national archives of Australia.

Randwick Waverley Design Excellence Panel Assessment

The original 2017 proposal was referred to the joint Randwick Waverley Design Review Panel (DEP). The original version of the proposed Concept Landscape Plan and Visual Impact Assessment Report on 10 September 2018. The Panel's comments are intended to assist Council

in its design consideration of any future site specific DCP and development application for the proposal to ensure urban design and visual impact principles are upheld.

The panel recommended that with respect to landscaping, consideration should be given to providing a stronger series of 'hedgerow' banks of trees to maintain the wooded view from a distance and greater protection from the sun and wind and the loop road should be pulled away from the 20m foreshore buffer, which could also be further reinforced with additional planting along its western side.

Overall, the DEP advises that, given the site's topography and visibility from both short and long distances, the proposal will alter the current image of the site as a wooded foreshore. As such, while a scattering of new trees has been proposed in the landscape plan, landscape treatments in the form of more continuous windbreaks along major paths could help retain the image of the site as a wooded foreshore when viewed from outside the site.

Urbis was provided with the DEP comments and advises that the visual impact of the proposed development can essentially be addressed by way of greater retention of native vegetation in addition to new planting within the buffer zone in the eastern portion of the foreshore. Furthermore, the existing vegetation to the south of Military Road and north of the existing Memorial Park will be retained and enhanced and formal tree planting along the existing shared path, internal footpaths and proposed internal road network which would assist to filter views towards the port infrastructure once mature.

The Proponent's advice in relation to mitigating any adverse visual impacts is considered reasonable and can be addressed further when more details of the proposal are shown as part of any future DCP and DA process.

Preliminary Assessment by Council officers

A preliminary assessment of the Planning Proposal has been undertaken by Council's Strategic Planning team. Following this preliminary assessment Council officers raised a number of issues with the proponent regarding the following matters:

- Extensive removal of native vegetation

Concerns were raised by Council officers on the proposed removal of native vegetation. The Planning Proposal will result in the removal of the majority of native vegetation from the site, including 0.65ha of Coastal Sand Tea-tree Banksia Scrub. The proposed vegetation removal will trigger a BDAR under the BC Act, to be prepared with any future development application.

The Concept Landscape Plan includes a foreshore buffer zone where a small section of the natural vegetation is to be retained and enhanced. The retention of the native foreshore vegetation is supported as the vegetation cover on beach dunes is critical for stabilising and retaining healthy sand deposits for the beaches they support. This area also provides important habitat corridor linkages east to Kamay Botany Bay National Park, west towards Penrhyn Estuary and the Botany wetlands and northeast through Crown lands to Malabar Headland National Park and the south Maroubra beach sand dunes. It should be noted that Council has invested resources in the management of the site over the last 15 years in conjunction with a community Bushcare group. This site management has involved weeds management and stabilising and revegetating the sand dunes with local native species.

As such, the Concept Landscape Masterplan has been revised to reduce the volume of native vegetation to be cleared and to retain and a larger section of Coastal Sand Tea-tree Banksia Scrub. This provides an opportunity for native vegetation to be enhanced on the site.

- Potential Coastal Processes/Hazards

The Coastal Engineering Study concludes that the site is unlikely to be impacted by erosion/recession for at least 60 years. In particular, the Study indicates that the proposed coastal/foreshore walkway would be exposed to significant wave action at times. In this regard, the NSW Coastal Risk Management Guide 2010 in relation to coastal hazard assessment states that:

It is important to estimate the extent of land that could be impacted upon by coastal processes and hazards (including sea level rise) over longer-term planning horizons (such as 2050 and

2100). These areas encompass the immediate hazard area whilst incorporating allowances for underlying long-term recession of the shoreline that could result from long-term sediment imbalance within the active beach system or from measured and projected sea level rise.

Accordingly, it was noted that the Proponent's Coastal Engineering Study had not addressed coastal hazard along the foreshore of the subject site consistent with the necessary longer-term planning horizons required under the NSW guidelines. The Proponent's study only provided for a short 50 year planning period.

In June 2018, Council appointed BMT Pty Ltd, a coastal engineering and management consultancy, to undertake a peer review of the Proponent's coastal engineering study, in particular, the location and safety of the proposed coastal/foreshore walkway in relation to a suitable planning horizon for assessing coastal hazards including potential wave overtopping events. BMT's peer review report dated August 2018 supported Council's initial concerns regarding the Proponent's short 50 year planning horizon for coastal hazards. BMT recommended that the location and design of the proposed coastal walkway be substantially modified given the potential impacts of coastal hazards in the longer 100 year planning period including wave overtopping events.

In view of the concerns raised in the peer review, the Proponent has amended the Concept Master Plan in June 2019 to include, among other things, relocation of the proposed coastal walkway further inland north of the 100 year (2119) coastal erosion hazard line. This, effectively, ensures that the proposal responds to the coastal processes and hazards over the 100-year planning period.

It should be noted that with the recommended relocation of the coastal walkway beyond the 100 year coastal erosion hazard line and inclusion of all the necessary safeguards against long term (i.e. 100 year) coastal processes and hazards in the amended planning proposal, Council's desk-top calculation indicates that there will be a reduction in the area of the proposed additional permitted cemetery use from that originally proposed in the Proponent's initial planning proposal submission.

- Heritage

The Heritage Study submitted by Urbis includes a section addressing Heritage Conservation which advised that a Heritage Impact assessment would be undertaken as part of the DA process to assess the heritage significance of registered and potentially unregistered heritage items on the site and surrounding area. The submission also included an Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment prepared by Artefact Heritage.

In relation to Aboriginal Archaeological sensitivity, the report notes that the study area is within two areas of legislated archaeological sensitivity, being a headland and within 200m of water, and that one site not formally re-identified since 1897 may be present. The report notes however, that a study of historical land uses indicates that it has been subject to significant disturbance that may include considerable changes to landform, associated with installation of a range of subterranean infrastructure, and possible deposition of material from the Bunnerong Power Station. The report considers the study area of low sensitivity for Aboriginal archaeological values.

In relation to Aboriginal archaeological values, the report notes that final recommendations in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage values in the study area can only be made after the completion of geotechnical and contamination reporting, in order to inform the feasibility and need for any archaeological subsurface testing. The report also notes that geotechnical testing should avoid the potential location of the existing recorded site and a buffer area around it (mapped). The report also recommends that the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council be consulted as to their knowledge of this existing recorded site and to establish their opinion of the desirability or feasibility of its relocation.

Concerns were raised that no Heritage Impact Assessment, had been prepared to address the impact of the proposal on recorded and unrecorded heritage, including the Botany Bay National Park heritage conservation area and the surrounding State and local heritage sites. Such potential heritage impacts should be identified at planning proposal stage, rather than at development application stage. Following a request from Council, a subsequent submission in June 2019 included a Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared by Urbis. The HIS included a Historical Overview of the subject site and Bunnerong Power Station, and provided a Statement of

Significance for the subject site, and an Impact Assessment for the Planning Proposal. However, community concerns that the site may contain historical archaeological relics relating to the possible previous use of the site for defence purposes had not been addressed adequately in the HIS. The Proponent was further requested to provide advice on this matter in August 2019. In response, the proponent has provided further heritage documentation comprising a *Heritage Assessment Bumborah Point, Port Botany* prepared by Urbis and dated 27 August 2019 and *Identifying Historical Archaeological Potential Bumborah Point, Port Botany* prepared by Urbis and dated 27 August 2019.

These additional documentation have been assessed by Council's Heritage Planner who advises that, overall, the *Heritage Assessment* and *Identifying Historical Archaeological Potential* report have carried out a thorough investigation of the historical archaeological potential of the site based on site visits and a review of the considerable quantity of documentary evidence available to date. Furthermore, the *Identifying Historical Archaeological Potential* report includes a Summary Time-line for the subject site and provisions for the preparation of a more detailed Archaeological Assessment for the site, and any application for an archaeological excavation permit, if required. Council's Heritage Planner considers that appropriate conditions can be applied at development application stage to address any possible findings that may arise when future works are undertaken onsite.

- Site Contamination

While the findings of the Proponent's Preliminary Site Contamination report (that *the potential for gross or widespread contamination to preclude rezoning of the site would be minimal*) is noted, Council has requested the proponent to provide a more clearer statement in the specific terms required under clause 6 of SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land in relation to planning proposals for rezoning or change of use. In response, the Proponent's contamination consultant has provided additional advice indicating that site contamination is consistent with the requirements of Clause 6 of SEPP 55, that *"the land can be made suitable for the intended land use subject to development and implementation of an appropriate contamination management strategy, including remediation where required"*. The Proponent's advice is considered reasonable and acceptable in relation to the requirements of Clause 6 of SEPP 55.

- Land Transfer

As indicated earlier in this report, the site includes a Council owned road reserve forming the tail end of Military Road. Any future DA for the proposed cemetery will require a separate parallel process to close this section of Military Road reserve under Council ownership as per the requirements of the Roads Act, 1993. It is proposed to swap the Council owned Military Road road reserve with the section of the site that will be dedicated as a foreshore buffer zone for public open space and environmental protection. The closure of Council's Military Road road reserve is required before any land swap arrangement can be effected. It is considered appropriate that the proponent contribute to the long term maintenance and management of the foreshore area. This would involve an agreement to be entered into with the proponent. A similar approach was undertaken for the Randwick Environment Park near the Bundock Street Defence site.

In order for the Military Road road reserve (paper road) to be available for an exchange, Council will need to close the road as per the requirements of the Roads Act, 1993. This process needs to be initiated by a Council resolution. Following endorsement by Council, Council will initiate the process by notification of the proposal for the road closure to key stakeholders including notifiable authorities. Subject to submissions and no objection from the notifiable authorities, the road may be closed by notice in the Gazette. Once the road is closed, Council can begin the land exchange negotiations with DPI (Department of Industry) Crown Lands NSW.

Randwick Local Planning Panel

The June 2019 planning proposal was referred to the Randwick Local Planning Panel for their consideration at their meeting held on 12 September 2019. At this meeting the RLPP resolved as follows (with Council's assessment and comments included where relevant):

"That the RLPP advises Council that the Planning Proposal for the Bumborah Point cemetery expansion is supported. The submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment should proceed to the gateway determination under S3.34 of the EP&A Act to enable public exhibition. The Planning Proposal is considered to have relevant site specific and strategic

merits to proceed. However, the Panel recommends that before the matter is forwarded for gateway determination, the following matters should be considered:

- *Whether it is necessary to change the classification of Council owned land as part of the planning proposal.*
 Comment: The land is a road reserve and is not classified under the local government act as community or operational land, subsequently no reclassification under the Local Government Act is required.
- *Whether the relinquishing of the land by the Military for use for recreational purposes has created an implied trust and whether this proposal meets any consequent obligations;*
 Comment: The site was reserved for public recreation in NSW Government Gazette 118 3 October 1969 following the revocation of dedication for Defence purposes. As the subject land was reserved and not dedicated, no trust was established. The land has since been reserved by the Minister for Lands in NSW Government Gazette Number 83 29 June 2007 for the public purpose of future public requirements.
- *The nature and extent of the existing recreational use of the land should be surveyed and if the usage is significant, consideration should be given to how that usage is accommodated on-site or off-site.*
 Comment: The site currently has limited access and associated recreational use due to its steep topography and existing dense vegetation. The proposal includes duplication of the existing coastal walkway which will increase access to the site and is likely to result in improved recreational use.
- *In light of submissions received by the Panel, further investigation should be undertaken to identify any remaining Military fortifications on the site.*
 Comment: The proponent has advised that additional investigations with Archives Victoria will be undertaken to determine if any evidence of military fortifications on the site exist and the results of these investigations will inform and be included in the site specific development control plan. Should something be found, the DCP and subsequent DA can respond and an appropriate archaeological and interpretation strategy will be put in place.
- *The cemetery use area must be outside of the Coastal Hazard Area; and*
- *The Foreshore Walkway must be outside of both the cemetery and the Coastal Hazard Area.*
 Comment: Council supports the added clarification in the location of the proposed Foreshore Walkway vis-à-vis the boundary of the cemetery use and coastal Hazard area which will be reflected in the future site specific development control plan and relevant assessment of any future development application for the proposed development.
- *In the interest of consistency with other cemeteries and due to the use not being for public recreation, the cemetery land should be rezoned to SP2 – Special Use Infrastructure rather than being additional permitted use under the existing RE1 public recreation zone.*
 Comment: The proposed character of the expanded cemetery area is contemporary lawn cemetery and resembles parkland, which will be significantly different to existing SP2 cemetery areas within the Randwick LGA, which are predominantly hard stand monument/concrete in nature. The proposal will provide a limited area of monument burial (i.e., approximately 20% of the overall permitted use area will be for land use #02 : Monument Interface as shown in Figure 5) with the majority of the site to be accessible as a parkland cemetery and having an open space character. Overall, the proposal will result in improved access and recreational use over the site consistent with the objectives of the existing public recreation zoning.
- *The planting between the cemetery and the foreshore area needs to create a strong visual buffer.*
 Comment: Planting requirements to address this issue can be included in the future site specific development control plan and relevant assessment of any future development application for the proposed development.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
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| Outcome | 4. Excellence in urban design and development. |
| Direction | 4a. Improved design and sustainability across all development. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

Council's Strategic Planning Team
Randwick Local Planning Panel.

Policy and legislative requirements

Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012
Randwick Development Control Plan 2013.

Conclusion

The Planning Proposal is supported by a range of technical studies on a variety of planning and environmental issues, including the draft concept design, contamination, flora and fauna, traffic and parking, visual and heritage impact, and geotechnical and coastal engineering investigations.

Council's Strategic Planning Team has undertaken an assessment of the Planning Proposal to determine if the proposal has strategic merit. Key concerns raised with the applicant have been addressed by the applicant through correspondences and meetings with Council. The proponent at Council's request undertook further technical studies and investigations to address Council's concerns.

The Planning Proposal has addressed all matters raised by officers in relation to the planning proposal which has been amended and re-submitted in June 2019. The main issues relating to the Planning Proposal resulting from the technical studies and assessments that will require consideration in any future site specific development control plan and/or development application are:

- Submission of site contamination assessment to confirm the site's suitability for the intended uses subject to a future Site Audit Statement;
- Review of the Concept Landscape Plan, including (but not limited to) the boundary of the proposed foreshore buffer zone and the location of the proposed foreshore walkway to respond to any potential coastal hazards;
- Investigation of alternative design options for the Concept Landscape Plan to minimise native vegetation clearing from the site;
- Landscape treatment to provides more continuous windbreaks along major paths to help retain the image of the site as a wooded foreshore when viewed from outside the site; and;
- Terms of an agreement to be entered with the proponent for the care, management and maintenance works including bush restoration, environmental management, erosion control and prevention of degradation of the foreshore area for the long term period.
- Recognition of the sites possible use for WWI and WWII fortifications and considerations regarding the impact of the proposal on any remaining military installations that may exist on the site.
- The cemetery use area must be outside of the Coastal Hazard Area;
- The Foreshore Walkway must be outside of both the cemetery and the Coastal Hazard Area;
- The planting between the cemetery and the foreshore area needs to create a strong visual buffer

As identified in the Greater Sydney Commission's Metropolitan Strategy and the Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW 2017 Metropolitan Sydney Cemetery Capacity Report, cemeteries and crematoria are key social infrastructure and there is an acknowledged shortage of burial space across Metropolitan Sydney and within the Eastern City District. Specifically, Planning Priority E3 in the Eastern City District Plan, states as follows in relation to cemeteries and crematoria:

"Cemeteries and crematoria are key social infrastructure that also need to be accessible geographically and economically, and reflective of a diversity of cultures and backgrounds. A growing Greater Sydney requires additional land for burials and cremations with associated facilities such as reception space and car parking" (p26).

The planning proposal, therefore, has strategic merit and is consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan and the Eastern City District Plan objectives in relation to cemeteries as key social infrastructure.

Having regard to assessment comments from relevant Council officers as well as the subsequent revised planning proposal of June 2019, it is considered that the site can potentially accommodate the proposed cemetery and public open space uses.

Responsible officer: Bronwyn Englaro, Senior Sustainability Officer; David Ongkili, Coordinator Strategic Planning

File Reference: RZ/3/2017



Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager

14 June 2019

Dear Neighbour,

For over 130 years, Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park has been a welcoming parkland of contemplation as well as celebration.

The Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager is currently exploring options to respond to the shortage of burial space in the Greater Sydney area. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment estimates that existing cemetery capacity will likely be exhausted in Greater Sydney by 2050 and by 2024 in the Eastern Suburbs district.

To provide future burial options, Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager are lodging a Planning Proposal with Randwick Council at the end of this week. It is important for Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager to ensure near neighbours are notified of this proposal.

The proposal incorporates current Crown land site, known as Bumborah Point, and will be designed as a contemporary parkland cemetery to accommodate approximately 3,000 burial plots and additional space for ash interments.





Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager

CP36/19

Parkland cemeteries are designed to protect open space for the community. Memorials and plaques are predominately level to the lawn, with minimal protrusion above ground level. There may also be some low scale monuments and ash interment structures, which will not detract from the parkland concept.

Bumborah Point is currently unsafe for recreational uses as it is highly vegetated and does not contain clear access paths, lighting or usable spaces. There is currently no formal or safe pedestrian access to the beach.

To help rectify this issue, the proposal aims to improve the public access of Bumborah Point and the safety of access to Yarra Beach and foreshore through active walkways and cycleways throughout the site. A boardwalk to Yarra Beach with a viewing platform that can be accessed along a foreshore promenade is also included in the proposal.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Whilst the proposal seeks to increase the capacity of the cemetery, it will not increase the frequency of ceremonies undertaken at Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park and is not expected to increase traffic within the area.

The existing car park on Prince of Wales Drive will continue as a public facility for accessing the foreshore. Vehicular access to Bumborah Point is proposed to be a left turn in and a left turn out of Military Road.

The proposal requests the existing car park off Military Road be retained and upgraded to improve access and circulation, linking Bumborah Point to the existing Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park internal road network.

Footpaths and cycleways throughout the site will link Military Road to Yarra Beach for safe and easy public use.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Bumborah Point is a unique headland landscape that is valued by local residents and the wider community. To maintain this outlook, a 20-metre buffer zone of natural shrubbery will be retained to preserve the existing appearance of the headland and provide a visual barrier to the cemetery and parkland space.

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager will also be collecting the seeds from native trees and shrubs to plant across the site, enhancing the natural environment and maintaining the current vegetation and existing appearance of the headland.

When planning for burials on site, care will be taken to avoid the underground infrastructure associated with the former Bunnerong Power Station, as well as other services.



Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager

PLANNING PATHWAY

Bumbarah Point is zoned RE1 Public Recreation within the Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012 (RLEP 2012). The proposal lodged with Randwick Council will seek the inclusion of 'cemetery' as an additional permitted use on the site. Timing for this proposal is likely to be the following:

- **Stage 1:** Lodgement of Planning Proposal – June 2019
- **Stage 2:** Public exhibition of Planning Proposal – September/October 2019
- **Stage 3:** Determination of Planning Proposal – late 2020.

THE SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN CEMETERIES LAND MANAGER

The Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager, consisting of Woronora Memorial Park and Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, was established under NSW Gazette official notices on the 3 August 2012. Cemetery operations commenced at Matraville in 1893 and Woronora in 1895.

MORE INFORMATION

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Land Manager have commissioned community engagement company, Urbis Engagement, to collect feedback and provide further information about this proposal. Members of the community are encouraged to contact Urbis Engagement on engagement@urbis.com.au or phone **1800 244 863** if they have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

Eddie Swat

Manager, Capital Works



Southern Metropolitan
Cemeteries Land Manager

FOR ACTION**RANDWICK LOCAL PLANNING PANEL****12/09/2019****TO:** PA to Manager Development Assessment (Halcro, Andrea)

Subject: Planning Proposal for Proposed Cemetery Expansion at Bumborah Point
Target Date: 26/09/2019
Notes:
Document No.: D03297922
Report Type: Report
Item Number: M3/19

RESOLUTION:

That the RLPP advises Council that the Planning Proposal for the Bumborah Point cemetery expansion is supported. The submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment should proceed to the gateway determination under S3.34 of the EP&A Act to enable public exhibition. The Planning Proposal is considered to have relevant site specific and strategic merits to proceed. However, the Panel recommends that before the matter is forwarded for gateway determination, the following matters should be considered:

- Whether it is necessary to change the classification of Council owned land as part of the planning proposal;
- Whether the relinquishing of the land by the Military for use for recreational purposes has created an implied trust and whether this proposal meets any consequent obligations;
- The nature and extent of the existing recreational use of the land should be surveyed and if the usage is significant, consideration should be given to how that usage is accommodated on-site or off-site;
- In light of submissions received by the Panel, further investigation should be undertaken to identify any remaining Military fortifications on the site;
- The cemetery use area must be outside of the Coastal Hazard Area;
- The Foreshore Walkway must be outside of both the cemetery and the Coastal Hazard Area;
- In the interest of consistency with other cemeteries and due to the use not being for public recreation, the cemetery land should be rezoned to SP2 - Infrastructure rather than being additional permitted use; and
- The planting between the cemetery and the foreshore area needs to create a strong visual buffer.

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Director City Planning Report No. CP37/19

Subject: Protect our 1 Incorporated's request for additional financial support from Council

Executive Summary

- At Council's 27 August 2019 meeting, a new community group, Protect our 1 Incorporated, was approved to receive \$605 for the printing of T-shirts for their organization.
- Protect our 1 Incorporated is campaigning for cleaner oceans and local beaches across Randwick City and has organised a number of beach clean-ups.
- Protect our 1 Incorporated has since requested additional financial support from Council to the value of \$5,263 covering the following items:
 - \$1,000 to cover their public liability insurance
 - \$3063 for a durable marquee / gazebo
 - \$900 for additional hemp organic shirts and hats for group activities
 - \$300 materials for a prototype filtration system aiming to remove nano-plastic sized material from drainage systems carrying water run-off to oceans and beaches.

Recommendation

That Council not fund the request from Protect our 1 Incorporated to the value of \$5,263, but continue to support this group's clean-up activities through the provision of rubbish bags, safety gloves and the removal of waste items collected.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

Council resolved at its Ordinary meeting held on 27 August, 2019 (Mayoral Minute 45/19), to provide Protect our 1 Incorporated \$605 of financial support for hemp organic shirts for group members.

Protect our 1 Incorporated is a new community group who has become active in tackling plastics and litter pollution of our beaches and waterways.

Since the approval was provided, Protect our 1 Incorporated has requested additional financial support from Council to cover costs totaling in the order of \$5,200. This support is requested to provide:

- Public liability insurance
- An all-weather marquee / gazebo for community events
- Additional hemp organic shirts and hats for community members, and
- Materials to go toward a prototype filtration system aimed to remove very small, fine plastics particles from the drainage network prior to their entry to our coastal and marine waters.

Discussion

A request made from the Strategic Waste section of Council to Protect our 1 Incorporated in order to establish the methodology for the filtration system or appropriate elements of the proposed filtration system referred to in the additional funding support. The information was not provided making it difficult to understand what the \$300 material cost was covering.

While the aims of this new community group, Protect our 1 Incorporated, are very well intentioned it is very difficult at this time to support their request for additional financial support from Council. Council supports numerous community clean-up activities of our beaches and ocean areas, in most cases, through distribution of clean-up bags, gloves and then the pick-up and disposal of waste items collected.

Of the numerous community organisation support requests made to Council, Council does not generally provide funding related to running the group. Particular costs such as public liability insurance costs are costs expected to be borne by each organisation.

Support for activities conducted by community organisations may be considered in grants programs including Council's own Cultural and Community Grants programs. These grants can be applied for twice a year with dates, funding criteria and related information available on guidelines on Council's website. It should be noted that the capital component of the funding requested such as the marquee and filtration system items do not meet the criteria for these grants. Further, the payment of the public liability insurance would not be funded. Other external grants are also worth considering via the NSW Government's Environment Trust and their website. Protect our 1 Incorporated is already communicating with the local community bank which is often another funding body sought by worthwhile community-based project groups.

Resourcing Strategy implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

Council through its various programs and initiatives provides widespread support of community organisations in their activities aimed at improving the natural and social settings of our City. However, a balance needs to be maintained in how Council responds to requests for financial support, particularly related to running the group or materials which then transfer to the group. That said, Council will often support the community-based activities conducted by the group such as clean-up activities with the provision of gloves and bags and removing collected items for safe disposal.

In this request Council is unable to provide the level of financial support across the range of items making up the proposal.

Responsible officer: Peter Maganov, Manager Sustainability

File Reference: F2004/07259

CP37/19

Director City Planning Report No. CP38/19

Subject: Variation to Development Standard under SEPP1 and Clause 4.6 - 3 September to 2 October 2019



Executive Summary

- The NSW Department of Planning (DOP) released a Planning Circular in 2008 advising of additional requirements Councils are required to adopt in relation to SEPP1 objections and Clause 4.6 exceptions. This report is in response to one of those requirements.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

1.   SEPP 1 and Clause 4.6 Register between 3 September 2019 TO 2 October 2019

Purpose

The NSW Department of Planning (DOP) released a Planning Circular in November 2008 advising Councils to adopt additional procedures in relation to the administration of variations to development Standard. The additional measures are largely in response to the ICAC inquiry into Wollongong City Council. Those additional measures are:

- 1) Establishment of a register of development applications determined with variations in standards under State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 (SEPP1) and Clause 4.6;
- 2) Requirement for all development applications where there has been a variation greater than 10% in standards under SEPP1 and Clause 4.6 to be determined by full council (rather than the general manager or nominated staff member);
- 3) Providing a report to Council on the development applications determined where there had been a variation in standards under SEPP1 and Clause 4.6;
- 4) Making the register of development applications determined with variations in standards under SEPP1 and Clause 4.6 available to the public on council's website.

Discussion

This report is in response to point 3) above. A table is attached to this report detailing all Clause 4.6 exceptions approved in the period between 03 September and 02 October 2019.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|--|
| Outcome 4 | 4. Excellence in urban design and development. |
| Direction 4b | 4b. New and existing development is managed by a robust framework. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The NSW Department of Planning (DOP) released a Planning Circular in 2008 advising of additional requirements Councils are required to adopt in relation to SEPP1 objections and Clause 4.6 exceptions. This report is in response to one of those requirements.

Responsible officer: Terry Papaioannou, Environmental Planner Officer (Technical & Research)

File Reference: F2008/00122

SEPP 1 AND CLAUSE 4.6 REGISTER BETWEEN 03 SEPTEMBER TO 02 OCTOBER 2019

| Council DA reference No. | Lot No. | DP No. | Street No. | Street name | Suburb/ Town | Post-code | Category of development | EPI | Zone | Development standard to be varied | Justification of variation | Extent of variation | Concurring authority | Date DA determined | Approved by |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|---|-----------|------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| DA/934/2018 | 4 | 29787 | 4 | Ahearn Street | SOUTH COOGEE | 2034 | 1: Residential - Alterations & additions | RLEP 2012 | R2 - Low Density Residential | Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.75:1 | Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views. | FSR increased to 0.766:1 or 2.1% | NSW Dept of Planning | 20-Sep-19 | DEL |
| DA/597/2018 | 20 | 36217 | 253 | Fitzgerald Ave | MAROUBRA | 2035 | 1: Residential - Alterations & additions | RLEP 2012 | R2 - Low Density Residential | Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.75:1 Clause 4.3 - Building height of 9.5m | Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views. | FSR increased to 0.849:1 or 9.88%. Building height increased by 300mm or 3.1% | NSW Dept of Planning | 12-Sep-19 | RLPP |
| DA/665/2018 | 1 | 955138 | 20 | Dundas Street | COOGEE | 2034 | 1: Residential - Alterations & additions | RLEP 2012 | R2 - Low Density Residential | Clause 4.4 - FSR = 0.65:1 | Maintains compatible scale with neighbouring buildings and does not adversely impact in terms of overshadowing, privacy and views | FSR increased to 0.8:1 or 23% | NSW Dept of Planning | 12-Sep-19 | RLPP |

CP38/19

Director City Planning Report No. CP39/19

Subject: Australia Day Community Celebration 2020

Executive Summary

- At its Ordinary meeting held on 24 July 2018, Council resolved to hold the Community Service Awards, Citizenship ceremony and the Community Celebration on Australia Day at rotating venues.
- On Australia Day 2019 the two events were held together, onsite in a marquee at Maroubra Beach. The summer heat made the event very uncomfortable for the attendees and there were additional costs incurred in the staging of the event.
- Surfing NSW have approached Council about partnering to hold a joint community celebration event on Australia Day at Maroubra Beach.
- It is proposed that there be a change to the Australia Day events in 2020 so that on Australia Day the **awards and citizenship ceremonies** are held at the *Prince Henry Centre* from 9.30am – 11am. There would also be a **community celebration** held at *Maroubra Beach* from 9am – 12 noon in partnership with Surfing NSW incorporating and celebrating the beach and surfing culture in Randwick City.

Recommendation

That:

- a) The 2020 Australia Day Community Awards and Citizenship ceremony be held at the Prince Henry Centre on Australia Day from 9.30am – 11am
- b) The 2020 Australia Day Community celebration be held at Maroubra Beach on Australia Day from 9am – 12noon in partnership with Surfing NSW.
- c) The awards & citizenship ceremonies continue to be held at the Prince Henry Centre on Australia Day and that the community celebration format at Maroubra Beach be trialed in 2020 as the format for the Australia Day event going forward.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Purpose

For Council to consider a change to the format of the Australia Day celebrations.

Ceremony Venue

In 2019 Council endorsed a change to the format of the Australia Day celebrations by moving the citizens & awards ceremony and the community celebration away from the Prince Henry Centre to an outdoor marquee. The idea was that both the ceremony and the celebration would be held together outdoors and rotated around different suburbs. The 2019 event was held at Maroubra Beach.

This format was unsuccessful and created additional resourcing requirements and costs. It was also an extremely hot day which made it uncomfortable in the marquee for participants. It is proposed to move the ceremony component of Australia Day back to the Prince Henry Centre so that it is in a weatherproof environment. It is also a more suitable location for new citizens and award recipients to be photographed. Currently the monthly citizenship ceremonies are held at the Prince Henry Centre.

Surfing NSW Approach

Surfing NSW has approached Council about partnering on an event at Maroubra Beach on Australia Day from 9am – 12noon. The event would be promoted as the Australia Day Community Celebration and would include a number of activities for attendees including;

- Learn to surf lessons
- Surf education / beach games / body surfing/bodyboarding
- 3 rides catering to different age groups
- Tarp surfing – a new trend for skateboarders
- BBQ run by Maroubra United Board riders
- Beach cricket
- Ice cream giveaway

The proposed outline is a collaboration between Council, Surfing NSW, Maroubra United Board Rider clubs and local businesses. Running the event by the beach celebrates Australian surfing and beach culture.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|--|
| Outcome | 2. A vibrant and diverse community. |
| Direction | 2b. Strong partnerships between the Council, community groups and government agencies. |
| Outcome | 2. A vibrant and diverse community. |
| Direction | 2d. Our cultural diversity is appreciated and respected. |
| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
| Outcome | 2. A vibrant and diverse community. |
| Direction | 5b. Facilitate a range of sporting and leisure activities. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

Funding has been allocated in the 2019/20 Events budget to produce the Citizenship ceremony, Community Service Awards and Australia Day celebration.

Conclusion

Holding the Australia Day Community Service Awards and Citizenship ceremony at the Prince Henry Centre is the preferred location for the official component of the day. By partnering with Surfing NSW on a community celebration at Maroubra Beach, Council can celebrate with an event by the beach on Australia Day as well as partner with a number of key local organisations and businesses.

Responsible officer: Katie Anderson, Manager Cultural Events and Venues

File Reference: F2020/00433

Director City Planning Report No. CP40/19

Subject: Sidewalk Talks

Executive Summary

- Council has been approached by Sidewalk Talks to establish conversation places in Randwick City.
- Sidewalk Talks involve local volunteers offering members of the public the opportunity to have a quick chat with someone willing to hear their thoughts on any issues.
- Sidewalk Talks volunteers are trained in listening skills.
- Sidewalk Talks take place in open spaces where public meet eg parks, pathways.
- The proposed Sidewalk Talks would be coordinated by a Sidewalk Talks Leader.
- There is an anticipated cost of up to \$300 for the purchase of Sidewalk Talks T Shirts.
- Council would be best equipped to provide support to Sidewalk Talks by promoting the project on Council's website and to local community service provider networks.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) supports a 12 month trial of the Sidewalk Talks initiative by promoting the project through Council's website, and distributing details to local community service provider networks.
- b) allocates \$300 towards the purchase of Sidewalk Talks T Shirts for the volunteers.
- c) requires Randwick Sidewalk Talks to obtain all relevant approvals and public liability insurance.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CP40/19

Purpose

Council resolved at its Ordinary meeting held on 28 May 2019 (*D'Souza/Said*) that:

- a) *in order to promote a sense of belonging and develop human connections through listening in public spaces, Council endorses the preparation of a report in relation to 'Sidewalk Talks'.*
- b) *the report is to be modelled on the San Francisco experience and is to include Council and volunteer involvement, budgetary and resourcing considerations and strategic alignment to our City Plan.*

This report assesses the proposed Sidewalk Talks concept, the likely benefits of the program, any anticipated costs, and other implications for Council in supporting this community listening project.

Discussion

Sidewalk Talks originated in San Francisco in 2014 and now operates across 12 countries. There are examples of Sidewalk Talks in Perth, Manly, Mona Vale, Sunshine Coast and Melbourne. It is totally volunteer led and is not affiliated with any religious, political organisation and promotes diversity of its membership.

Sidewalk Talks aims is to *'teach and practice listening in public places to heal our lonely and disconnected world'*.

A Sidewalk Talks Team Leader is responsible for the organising of the conversation sessions and supervising volunteers. Elizabeth Lee is the local Team Leader and has offered to establish a Randwick Sidewalk Talks Project.

Any member of the public can nominate to become a volunteer, however they need to be willing to listen as equals. Persons are required to register their interest in becoming a volunteer on-line via an Eventbrite website, and make a voluntary donation of \$15 or more.

Volunteers are required to wear a Sidewalk Talks T Shirt at a cost of \$30.

Training is mandatory and included when registering to be a volunteer. The training is designed to gain all the skills of Sidewalk Talks listening.

The Team Leader is responsible for reviewing all volunteer applications to ensure they are appropriate and have completed their training. Volunteers participate by bringing two chairs and offering themselves to listen to member of the public in an informal conversation setting.

Randwick Sidewalk Talks would be required to obtain public liability insurance and all relevant approvals. These approvals may include open space bookings, or agreements with any private property owners to use their space to conduct their activities.

Sidewalk Talks have been conducted at Mona Vale by another Sidewalk Talks Team Leader. They operate in an area where open space activities or events are held. The open space is booked with Northern Beaches Council, who require public liability insurance.

The proposed benefits of a Sidewalk Talks project would increase community connections and enhance social inclusion.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Outcome | 2. A vibrant and diverse community. |

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|--|
| Direction | 2b. Strong partnerships between the Council, community groups and government agencies. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

Allocation of funds of \$300 would be required to go towards purchasing volunteer Sidewalk Talks T Shirts.

Policy and legislative requirements

An Inclusive Randwick City – Social plan

Conclusion

Sidewalk Talks could provide is an opportunity to encourage social inclusion and a sense of belonging and connection through active listening and conversations. Council offering support by promoting the project would assist in increasing participation of our residents in a worthwhile activity that can build social cohesion, either as a volunteer listener or participant.

Responsible officer: Warren Ambrose, Senior Social Planner

File Reference: F2014/00593

Director City Services Report No. CS33/19

Subject: Supporting "Sense of Community" Street Parties

Executive Summary:

- In the past, Randwick City Council has funded the traffic control associated with private Street Parties as part of its commitment to a "Sense of Community".
- These parties have been successful and it is proposed that they continue.
- To allow their continuation, Council will need to allocate funding to prepare Traffic Control Plans and implement traffic control measures.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. support "Sense of Community" street parties in 2019 by arranging, on behalf of residents:
 - a) traffic control plans
 - b) the preparation of traffic management plans and road occupancy licences for submission to the RMS (if necessary), and
 - c) all traffic control measures associated with street parties including all signage, equipment and labour on the day of the event.
2. vote \$12,000 to cover the costs associated with the 2019 street party applications with funds being allocated from Council's Community Donations budget.

Background:

Council receives a number of requests to temporarily close roads for street parties. Street parties can be a positive way of allowing residents and neighbours to interact, reinforcing community values and creating a true "Sense of Community". Council has supported this program for approximately three years with over 30 successful street parties.

Under the Roads and Maritime Services guidelines, temporary road closures for such street parties are able to be approved by Council directly, provided that the applicants adhere to the guidelines. The standard conditions that Council imposes on event organisers are to keep the general public and the participants of the event safe, to direct traffic safely around the event, to inform the emergency services of the event and to reduce the impacts of the event on non-event users.

Discussion

The usual way to manage traffic for temporary road closures, in order to comply with the relevant WHS act and RMS guidelines, is to create a Traffic Control Plan (TCP). A TCP describes the layout of traffic control devices such as barriers and signs. The layout should be designed by suitably qualified traffic control designers.

To further assist residents of Randwick in planning street parties, it is proposed that traffic control measures required for neighbourhood street parties be arranged and funded by Council, on behalf of the event organiser.

Council's insurers confirm that approved street party events will be insured under Council's Casual Hirers protection through Statewide Mutual. This cover is for a public liability claim arising from an incident which occurs upon the street. Event organisers will need to satisfy the requirements of Council's insurer prior to the approval of the street party being granted.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|---|
| Outcome: | 2. A vibrant and diverse community. |
| Direction: | 2b. Strong partnerships between the Council, community groups and government agencies. |
| Outcome: | 6. A Liveable City |
| Direction: | 6c. The safety of our community is paramount and is acknowledged and supported through proactive policies, programs and strategies. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

Depending on the dates and times of the proposed street party, the traffic control and implementation would be undertaken by Council staff or by external contractors. In 2018, Council received eleven applications for street parties to be held during the months of November and December.

The cost to resource and support eleven events in 2019 would be \$12,000. It is proposed to use the funds from Council's Community Donations budget.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services
File Reference: F2009/00454

CS33/19

Director City Services Report No. CS34/19

Subject: Interim Report on 2019-20 Herbicide Trial

Executive Summary

- Council is currently trialing the discontinued use of glyphosate based herbicides and proposing the use of a variety of alternatives across a range of situations. A monitoring strategy has been initiated to determine the effects and efficiencies of the alternate herbicides. At this stage there is insufficient data to comment on the alternative products; further information will be provided as the trial progresses.
- As per the previous Council Resolution, the alternate products to Roundup to be used in coastal areas include:
 - Vigilant
 - Starane
 - Brush-off
 - Taskforce
 - Localsafe
 - Enviroweeder
 - Slasher
 - Arsenal Super

Recommendation

That:

- a) the trial be continued in order to evaluate the effects and efficiencies of alternative herbicides to glyphosate based products for the 2019/20 financial year.
- b) Council officers report back to Council on the effects and efficiencies of the alternate products.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CS34/19

Purpose

Council has resolved to discontinue the use of glyphosate based herbicides and trial suitable alternative products, including organic herbicides such as 'Slasher', during the 2019-20 financial year.

This report outlines the operational response to the Council resolution to substitute glyphosate based herbicides with suitable alternatives.

Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2019:

“(D'Souza/Da Rocha) That:

1. Council substitute the use of Glyphosate based herbicide Roundup with organic based herbicides such as 'Slasher' in our predominant weed management program and in Urban Bushland and Coastal walkway areas substitute Roundup with an alternative herbicide that is approved and regulated for use in these situations for an extended trial for the 2019-20 financial year.
2. Council officers will report back on the alternate product for Urban Bushland and Coastal walkway areas prior to the commencement of use of the product.
3. Council Officers will report back to Council on the effects and efficiencies of the alternate products.”

This report refers specifically to Item 2. of the resolution.

Background

Council staff and contractors operating in non-bushland situations have discontinued the use of glyphosate-based herbicides. Council staff are currently conducting a trial of alternative products, including Slasher, which will test the efficacy and useability of these products, see Table 1.

Council contractors operating in bushland areas have discontinued the use of glyphosate-based herbicides and are currently using the relevant questions listed in Table 1. Other methods of weed control used in bushland areas include weed flaming and hand removal.

A monitoring strategy has been implemented. Council staff will report back on the effects and efficiencies of the alternate products when sufficient evidence has been collected.

A trail of weed steaming will be undertaken at appropriate sites adjacent to schools, parks and playgrounds. The results and findings to be included within report to Council.

Table 1: Herbicides substituting glyphosate based chemicals

| Herbicide | Active Ingredient | Situation |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Vigilant | Picloram & Aminopyralid | Bushland |
| Starane | Fluroxypyr | Bushland |
| Brush-off | Metsulfuron-methyl | Bushland |
| Taskforce | Flupropanate | Bushland |
| Localsafe | Acetic acid & Hydrochloric acid | Bushland |
| Enviroweeder | Sodium Chloride | Bushland |
| Slasher | Nonanoic acid | Parks, reserves, gardens |
| Arsenal Super | Imazapyr | Hard surfaces |

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|---|
| Outcome | 10. A healthy environment. |
| Direction | 10a. Council's programs and partnerships foster sustainable behavioural changes and outcomes. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

The herbicide trial has been in operation for three months. It is not possible to determine any resourcing implications at this stage.

Policy and legislative requirements

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (administration) Act 1992

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994

Pesticides Act 1999

Pesticides Regulation 2017

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017

Conclusion

Council staff and contractors have discontinued the use of glyphosate based herbicides and are currently trialing a range of alternative products for the 2019/20 financial year. A monitoring strategy has been implemented to evaluate the effects and efficiencies of these products and the most effective situations for these alternative products to be used.

Responsible officer: Ryan Zammit, Manager Infrastructure Services

File Reference: F2018/00159

Director City Services Report No. CS35/19

Subject: Food Waste Trial - Quarterly Update

Executive Summary

- During the July-September quarter 19.25 tonnes of food waste has been recycled by the trial participating multi-unit dwellings.
- This quarter 3689 multi-unit dwellings have participated in the food waste trial.
- Both number of dwellings and the amount of food waste recycled have increased this quarter.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) note the July-September 2019 quarter updates on the changes in number of participating dwellings in the food waste trial and the amount of food waste diversion from landfill.
- b) will receive quarterly updates of food waste trial through the Councilors' Bulletin and investigate displaying this information on Council's website.

Attachment/s:

Nil

CS35/19

Purpose

At its Ordinary Council meeting 27 November 2018 Council resolved (Veitch/Matson) that Council:

- a) notes that council has committed through its 2017-2030 Waste Management Strategy to divert 75% of waste from landfill by 2022, divided into short term (1-5 years), medium term (5-10 years) and long term (10-15) year periods;
- b) notes that council has been operating a Food Waste collection trial for residents in multi-unit dwellings since 2013, initially with funding from the NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More grant;
- c) notes that as 73.6% (43,056) of dwellings in the Randwick LGA are multi-unit dwellings, and approx. 40% of waste in council's red lid bins is composed of food and garden organics, the diversion of food waste and garden organics has the potential to make a significant reduction in our waste going to landfill;
- d) bring back a report to council detailing the progress of council's food waste collection since the commencement of the trial, along with recommendations regarding community education and awareness raising programs, targets, milestones and other relevant strategies to increase the uptake of participants in the trial;
- e) bring back quarterly reports to council for the duration of the Waste Strategy Action Plan (9.3) to detail changes over time in the uptake of new and previous participants in the trial, and the amount of food waste being diverted from landfill; and
- f) bring back a detailed report on the trial at the end of the current five-year period, with recommendations regarding appropriate strategies for increasing uptake in the Food Waste collection for both multi and single-unit dwellings for the medium term (5 -10) year period of the Waste Strategy Action Plan.

Council considered a report at its Ordinary Council meeting of 25 June 2019 in response to clause d) of the above resolution.

Purpose of this report is to present a quarterly update for the July–September 2019 quarter on changes of participants and tonnage of food waste collected (clause e) of the above resolution).

Discussion

During the July-September 2019 quarter both participation and amount of food waste collected have increased from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year in the food waste collection trial.

Participation of multi-unit dwellings in the trial

Since April- June quarter two new properties with 24 dwellings have joined the trial increasing the number of properties to 110 with 3689 dwellings.

Amount of food waste recycled

The participants of the multi-unit dwelling food waste recycling trial have recycled 19.25 tonnes of food waste in July-September quarter, which has increased by one tonne from the previous quarter. In 2018 during the same quarter the participants recycled 16.59 tonnes of food waste.

The participants have performed much better this quarter than any other quarters during the trial.

In future quarterly updates on the food waste trial can be provided through the Councilors' Bulletin.

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|---|
| Outcome | 10. A healthy environment. |
| Direction | 10d. Waste is managed sustainably to ensure highest level of resource recovery. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no resource or financial implications for this report

Policy and legislative requirements

- Waste Management Strategy 2017-2030
- NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2014-21

Conclusion

In July-September 2019 quarter 110 multi-unit dwelling properties with 3689 dwellings across the City participated in the food waste recycling trial.

This quarter the trial participants have recycled 19.25 tonnes of food waste.

Responsible officer: Talebul Islam, Coordinator Strategic Waste Management

File Reference: F2013/00423

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO49/19

Subject: Contingency Fund - Status as at 30 September 2019

Executive Summary

- For the 2019-20 financial year there have been 29 Contingency Fund allocations totaling \$127,909.72.

Recommendation

That the status of the contingency funds allocations for 2019-20, be noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to detail the progressive amount of donations, allocations, waiving of fees and other similar contributions that are funded from the Contingency Fund budget.

Discussion

For the 2019-20 financial year there have been 29 allocations totaling \$127,909.72. All allocations are listed in the table below.

| Meeting | Details | Approved allocation |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Annual contributions (ongoing) | | |
| Planning Committee – 13 Mar 2012 | <u>Annual contribution</u> – Australia Day Botany Bay Regatta | \$750.00 |
| Ord Council - 17 Sep 2013 | <u>Annual Contribution</u> (5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20) Waiving of Fees – Rainbow Club Australia Inc – Murray Rose's Malabar Magic Ocean Swim | \$27,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 23 Sep 2014 | <u>Annual contribution</u> (5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20) - Randwick Boys High School - 'Mayor's Award' | \$1,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 26 Apr 2016 | <u>Annual contribution</u> (5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20) - Sydney Children's Foundation Gold Telethon) | \$5,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 26 Apr 2016 | <u>Annual contribution</u> (5 years from 2016-17 to 2020-21) - Sydney Children's Foundation Lights for Kids Christmas campaign) | \$2,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 25 July 2017 | <u>Annual contribution</u> (5 years from 2017-18 to 2021-22) - Randwick Girls' High School - 'Mayor's Award' | \$1,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 27 Jun 2017 | Sponsorship and in-kind support - Surfing NSW - Junior State Surfing Title | \$16,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 28 Nov 2017 | Sydney Film Festival – sponsorship (3 years 2017-18 to 2019-20) | \$5,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 16 Oct 2018 | <u>Annual contribution</u> (3 years from 2018-19 to 2020-21) - Renewal of Community Partnership Agreement with Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service | \$20,000.00 |
| 2019-20 Contingency Fund allocations | | |
| Ord Council - 28 May 2019 | NSW Police Force and International Students Beach Soccer Day | \$4,968.00 |
| Ord Council - 28 May 2019 | Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wrapping of Little Bay by Christo and Jean-Claude | \$3,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 25 Jun 2019 | Waiving of fees – St George Coptic Orthodox Church Annual Fete | \$1,768.00 |
| Ord Council - 25 Jun 2019 | Financial assistance – Attendance at UN Youth Australia Young Diplomats Tour 2020 | \$1,500.00 |
| Ord Council - 25 Jun 2019 | Financial assistance – Taste of Coogee event booklet | \$6,000.00 |
| Ord Council - 23 July 2019 | Donation – SOS Pre-School - plants | \$300.00 |

| Meeting | Details | Approved allocation |
|--|---|---------------------|
| Ord Council - 23 July 2019 | Financial assistance – Australia Blind Football (Soccer) | \$500.00 |
| Ord Council - 23 July 2019 | Donation – Rotary Club (to assist Royal Women's Hospital Randwick) | \$1,200.00 |
| Ord Council – 27 Aug 2019 | Financial assistance – Protect Our 1 Inc | \$605.00 |
| Ord Council – 27 Aug 2019 | Waiving of fees and donation – EPIActive Healthcare | \$2,466.00 |
| Ord Council – 27 Aug 2019 | Waiving of fees – Surf Life Saving and Pool Rescue Coaching Clinic – use of DRLC | \$5,220.00 |
| Ord Council – 27 Aug 2019 | Waiving of fees – The Hon. Pat Farmer's "Quicksand" event – Maroubra Beach | \$4,307.00 |
| Ord Council – 27 Aug 2019 | Waiving of fees – Maroubra Charity Car Show | \$7,878.72 |
| Ord Council – 27 Aug 2019 | Financial assistance – Naming of the Coogee Oval Scoreboard | \$5,000.00 |
| Ord Council – 17 Sept 2019 | Waiving of fees - Filipino Cultural and Arts Festival | \$3,207.00 |
| Ord Council – 17 Sept 2019 | Waiving of Fees - Boomerang Bags Sydney Eastern Suburbs – Margaret Martin Library | \$245.00 |
| Ord Council – 17 Sept 2019 | Donation of plants - St Aidan's Public School | \$300.00 |
| Ord Council – 17 Sept 2019 | Waiving of Fees - Maroubra RSL Junior Diggers Swimming Club – Use of DRLC | \$1,095.00 |
| Ord Council – 17 Sept 2019 | Donation of plants - Prince of Wales Hospital Request for a Memorial Tree | \$300.00 |
| Ord Council – 17 Sept 2019 | Donation of plants - The Coast Centre for Seniors | \$300.00 |
| Total – 2019-20 Contingency Fund allocations: | | \$127,909.72 |

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|---|
| Outcome | 2. A vibrant and diverse community. |
| Direction | 2a. Meet the needs of our diverse community and provide equitable access to social services and infrastructure. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

Council has allocated \$95,000.00 in the 2019-20 Budget for contingencies. The budget adjustment will be dealt with as part of quarterly budget review.

Policy and legislative requirements

Local Government Act 1993 – section 377

Conclusion

This reports contains the details of all Contingency Fund allocations as at 30th September 2019 for the 2019-20 financial year.

Responsible officer: Julie Hartshorn, Senior Administrative Coordinator

File Reference: F2017/07396

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO50/19

Subject: 2018-19 Financial Statements and Annual Report

Executive Summary

- Councils in NSW are required to produce financial reports (Financial Statements) each year and these statements, when audited and final, form part of a council's annual report at the conclusion of each financial year.
- This report presents our audited 2018-19 Financial Statements following the previous submission of draft 2018-19 Financial Statements to Council in August 2019.
- The 2018-19 Annual Report highlights our achievements and performance in relation to the 2018-19 Operational Plan, and also includes the 2018-19 Financial Statements, various statutory information and a supplementary State of the Environment Report.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the presentation of the 2018-19 General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements and the Audit Office of NSW, Engagement Closing Report for the year ending 30 June 2019 be received and noted; and
- b) that the Randwick City Council 2018-19 Annual Report be endorsed by Council; and
- c) the General Manager be authorised to make any minor administrative changes to the Annual Report if required; and
- d) a copy of the Annual Report be posted on Council's website and subsequent advice made to the Minister of Local Government as to the specific URL link..

Attachment/s:

1. 2018-19 Financial Statements **Included under separate cover**
2. 2018-19 Annual Report **Included under separate cover**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the following two items to Council:

1. The audited Randwick City Council 2018-19 Financial Statements, and
2. The 2018-19 Randwick City Council Annual Report.

Discussion

2018-19 Financial Statements – Audit and Public Notice

At the Council Meeting of 27 August 2019, the draft 2018-19 Financial Statements were submitted to Council. The Council resolved, in part, that:

- “...c) The Financial Statements be referred to the Auditor Office of NSW for audit.
d) Arrangements be made to place copies of the audited Financial Statements on public exhibition and the necessary advertisements be published.
e) A copy of the audited Financial Statements be forwarded to the NSW Office of Local Government.
f) The audited Financial Statements be presented at a meeting of Council to be held in accordance with Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993.”*

Following the 27 August 2019 Council Meeting, the Audit Office of NSW conducted an audit of the 2018-19 Financial Statements and have now provided their Engagement Closing Report, which is now contained within the attached final 2018-19 Financial Statements.

A copy of the audited Financial Statements has been sent to the NSW Office of Local Government and public notice has been given to the community to the effect that the 2018-19 Financial Statements will be presented to Council at their meeting of 22 October 2019. Submissions have been invited from the public until 29 October 2019, in accordance with section 420 of the Local Government Act (the Act). Any submission received will be referred to Council's Auditor.

A representative from our auditors will be present at the meeting on 22 October 2019, to address Council concerning the conduct of the audit, and the audit result.

2018-19 Financial Statements – Result

Council achieved an operating surplus of \$13.048m, or \$6.006m excluding grants and contributions received for capital projects. All performance measures set by both the Office of Local Government and the Council's Long Term Financial Plan were met, with the exception of the Debt Service Ratio (because the Council had no debt to service in 2018-19).

The following tables outline the performance of Council during the financial year. Further information is available within the attached 2018-19 Financial Statements.

| 2018-19 Operating result | 2018-19 \$'000 | 2017-18 \$'000 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income from continuing operations | 164,677 | 160,102 |
| Expenses from continuing operations | 151,629 | 151,510 |
| Net operating result for the year | 13,048 | 8,592 |
| Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes | 6,006 | 2,912 |

2018-19 Performance Measures

| operating performance measures | 2018-19 Actuals | Benchmark | Result |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Operating performance ratio | 5.51% | >= 0% | ✓ |
| Own source operating revenue ratio | 90.24% | >= 60% | ✓ |
| Unrestricted current ratio | 4.06x | >= 1.5x | ✓ |
| Outstanding rates and charges | 3.15% | < 5% | ✓ |
| Cash expense cover ratio | 3.33 mths | >=3 mths | ✓ |
| Debt service cover ratio | 0x | > 0x | — |

| Asset performance measures | 2018-19 Actuals | Benchmark | Result |
|--|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Building & Infrastructure renewal ratio | 106.33% | >= 100% | ✓ |
| Infrastructure backlog ratio | 0.51% | <= 2% | ✓ |
| Asset maintenance ratio | 172.14% | >= 100% | ✓ |
| Cost to bring assets to agreed service level | 0.32% | N/A | ✓ |

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2018-19 Annual Report

The Annual Report is a key accountability mechanism between Council and the community in response to the implementation of our 20-year Randwick City Plan.

With 2018-19 being the first year of our current 3-year 2018-21 Delivery Program, this Annual Report outlines progress against the 2018-19 Operational Plan.

The introductory section of the Annual Report presents achievements and information in alignment with the six Randwick City Plan themes of:

- Responsible management
- A sense of community
- Places for people
- A prospering City
- Moving around
- Looking after our environment.

The body of the Annual Report presents mandatory statutory information and finally our supplementary State of the Environment Report (SoE) closes the Annual Report.

The main highlights for the 2018-19 year include the following:

- Completion of new handball Courts and new tennis Courts at Heffron Park.
- Ongoing planning for the Heffron Centre development, including the South Sydney Rabbitoh's Community High Performance Centre, new gymnastics and indoor multi-purpose facilities.
- Comprehensive community engagement, including the continuation of the Environmental Levy and the preparation of the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.
- Declaration of a Climate Emergency.
- Top external recognition received through a number of industry awards.

State of the Environment Report 2018-19

The supplementary report compliments the comprehensive SoE report (with the latter last prepared in the election year 2016-17).

The 2018-19 SoE report provides accountability against the six environmental objectives (10a to 10f) of our 'A Healthy Environment' theme, while tracking change across our environmental indicators over the past 12 months.

| City Plan Outcome | Direction |
|----------------------------|--|
| 10. A Healthy Environment. | <p>10a. Council's programs and partnerships foster sustainable behavioural changes and outcomes.</p> <p>10b. Policies and programs are developed and implemented in response to environmental risks and their potential impacts.</p> <p>10c. Bushland, open spaces and biodiversity are protected and enhanced for future generations.</p> <p>10d. Waste is managed sustainably to ensure highest level of resource recovery.</p> <p>10e. A total water cycle management approach including water conservation, re-use and water quality improvements is adopted.</p> <p>10f. Energy conservation and efficiency programs are implemented.</p> |

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|--|
| Outcome | 1. Leadership in sustainability |
| Direction | 1a. Council has a long-term vision based on sustainability. |
| Direction | 1b. Council is a leader in the delivery of social, financial and operational activities. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Policy and legislative requirements

Sections 416-420 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act), require NSW councils to prepare, audit, publically notify and present financial reports within four months of year end.

Section 428 of the Act and Clause 217 of the Local Government Regulations 2005, require NSW councils to prepare an annual report within five months after the end of each year in address of required and other information. Section 428(4)(a) stipulates that a copy of Council's audited financial reports must be contained within the annual report.

Although 428A(1) of the Act, only requires the production of a comprehensive State of the Environment report (SoE) in the year in which an ordinary election of councillors is to be held, in order to best track environmental outcomes it is Council's practice to produce a supplementary SoE each year as part of the Annual Report.

Conclusion

The Council's Financial Statements which form part of the Annual Report have been finalised for the 2018-19 financial year and Council's financial position remains strong.

The 2018-19 Randwick City Council Annual Report highlights Council's numerous achievements and positive financial performance over the previous year. The report provides an account to the community of our progress in meeting our objectives as set out in the 20-year Randwick City Plan.

Responsible officer: Greg Byrne, Chief Financial Officer

File Reference: F2019/01345

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Director Corporate Services Report No. CO51/19

Subject: Investment Report - September 2019

Executive Summary

- This report outlines Council's Investments and performance as at 30 September 2019;
- Council may invest surplus funds in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy;
- All investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy;
- For the month of September, the portfolio provided a return of +0.18% (monthly), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return by +0.10%; and
- The overweight position to AMP Bank following their credit downgrade in August, from A- to BBB+ will continue to be managed as existing assets mature and opportunities to sell held Floating Rate Notes (FRNs) for the purchase of new FRNs occur, thus rebalancing the portfolio accordingly.

Recommendation

That the Investment Report for September 2019 be received and noted. .

Attachment/s:

1.   Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer - September 2019

Purpose

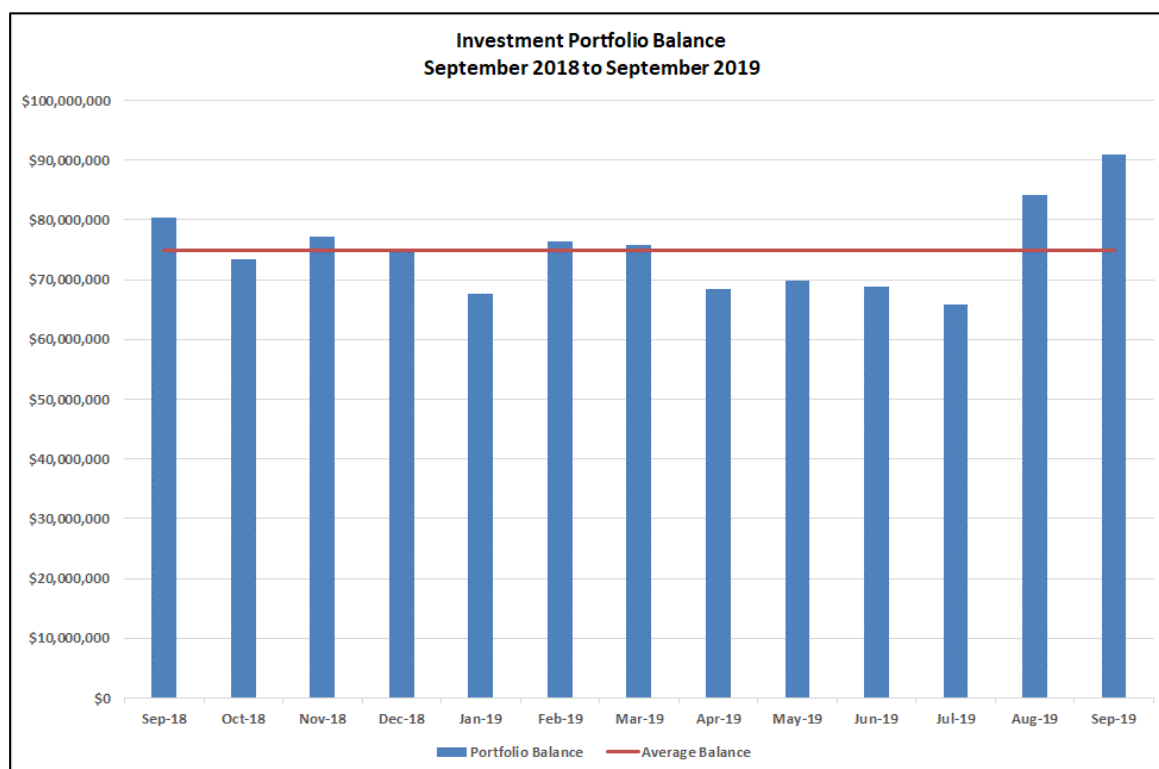
The Local Government (General) Regulation requires a written report to be provided to the Ordinary meeting of the Council giving details of all monies invested and a certificate as to whether or not the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the Council's Investment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

Discussion

As at 30 September 2019, Council held investments with a market value of \$90.935 million. The portfolio value increased during September by ~\$6.745 million. The increase is representative of a positive cash flow for the month reflecting the net effect of revenue receipts (rates, grants & miscellaneous) offset by capital works expenditure and other operational payments.

The size of the investment portfolio may vary significantly from month to month as a result 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 receipts of the Financial Assistance Grants.

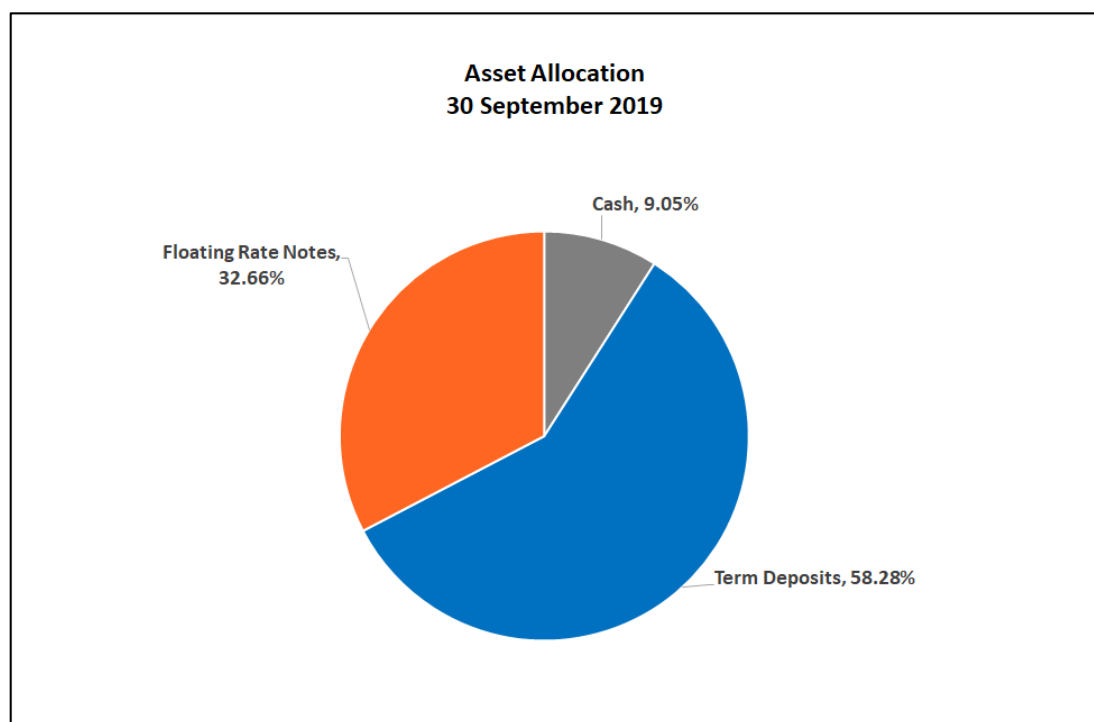
The following graph illustrates the movement in the investment portfolio from September 2018 to September 2019. Peaks are representative of the rates instalment periods.



Council's Portfolio & Compliance

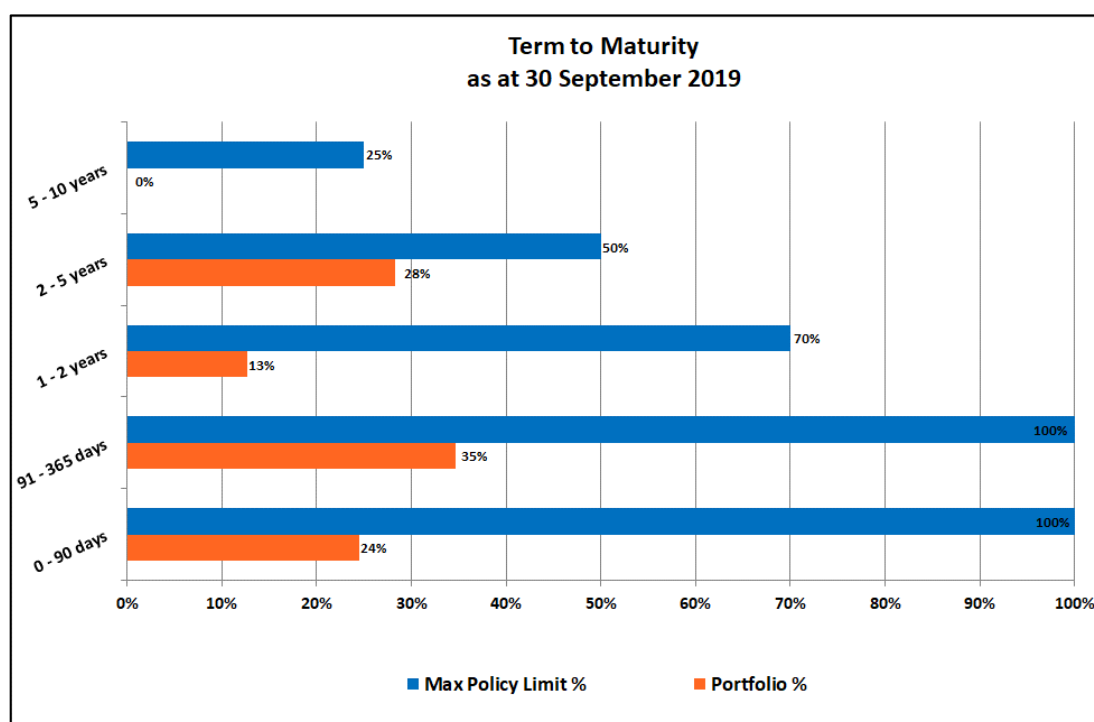
Asset Allocation

The majority of the portfolio is spread between term deposits (58.28%) and senior floating rate notes (32.66%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in the overnight cash accounts with CBA (9.05%). The FRNs add additional liquidity and are generally accessible within 2-3 business days.



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 28% of the total investment portfolio.



All minimum and maximum limits comply with Council's investment policy:

| Compliant | Horizon | Invested \$ | Invested % | Min Limit % | Max Limit % |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| ✓ | 0-90 days | \$22,231,607 | 24.45% | 10% | 100% |
| ✓ | 91-365 days | \$31,500,000 | 34.64% | 20% | 100% |
| ✓ | 1-2 years | \$11,517,819 | 12.67% | 0% | 70% |
| ✓ | 2-5 years | \$25,685,421 | 28.25% | 0% | 50% |
| ✓ | 5-10 years | \$0 | 0.00% | 0% | 25% |

The investment portfolio is regularly reviewed in order 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 September, applying the long-term S&P ratings only, Council had an overweight position to AMP Bank following their credit downgrade on 27th August 2019, from A- to BBB+. Their short term rating remains unchanged at A-2. This was a result of AMP Group selling its life insurance arm at a revised deal earlier in the month. S&P believed that the group's profits will be less diversified going forward due to this sale.

This overweight position can be managed as existing assets mature and rebalanced accordingly. With Council's advisors advising "investors holding any senior-ranking assets (cash, term deposits or senior securities – FRNs or bonds) with AMP Bank should not be concerned given they continue to have a robust balance sheet with their level of capital remaining above the minimum regulatory requirement set by APRA."

| Compliant | Credit Rating | Invested (\$) | Invested (%) | Max. Limit (%) | Available (\$) |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| ✓ | AA Category | \$64,923,831 | 71.40% | 100% | \$26,011,015 |
| ✓ | A Category | \$18,031,649 | 19.83% | 80% | \$54,716,228 |
| ✗ | BBB Category | \$7,979,366 | 8.77% | 0.00% | -\$7,979,366 |
| ✓ | Unrated ADIs | \$0.00 | 0.00% | 0.00% | \$0 |

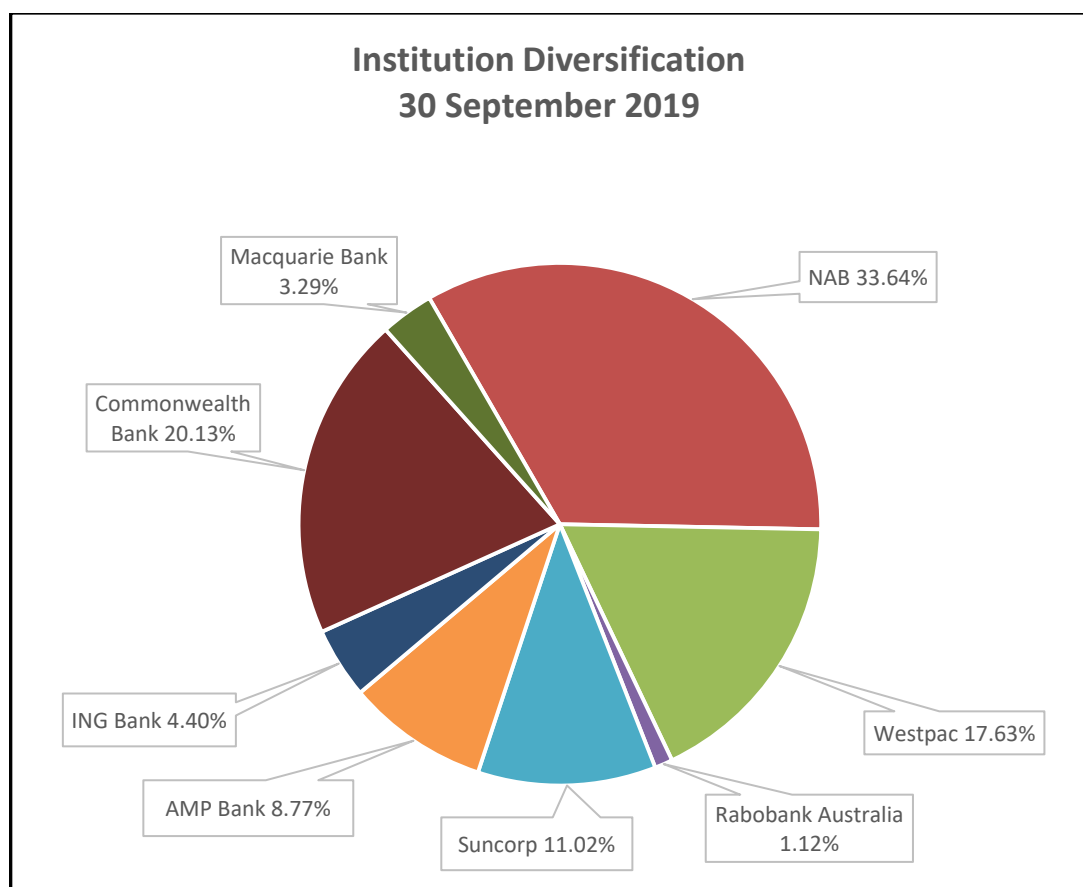
Under the Financial Claims Scheme (FCS), the first \$250,000 is guaranteed by the Federal Government (rated AAA by S&P), per investor, per ADI

Counterparty

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

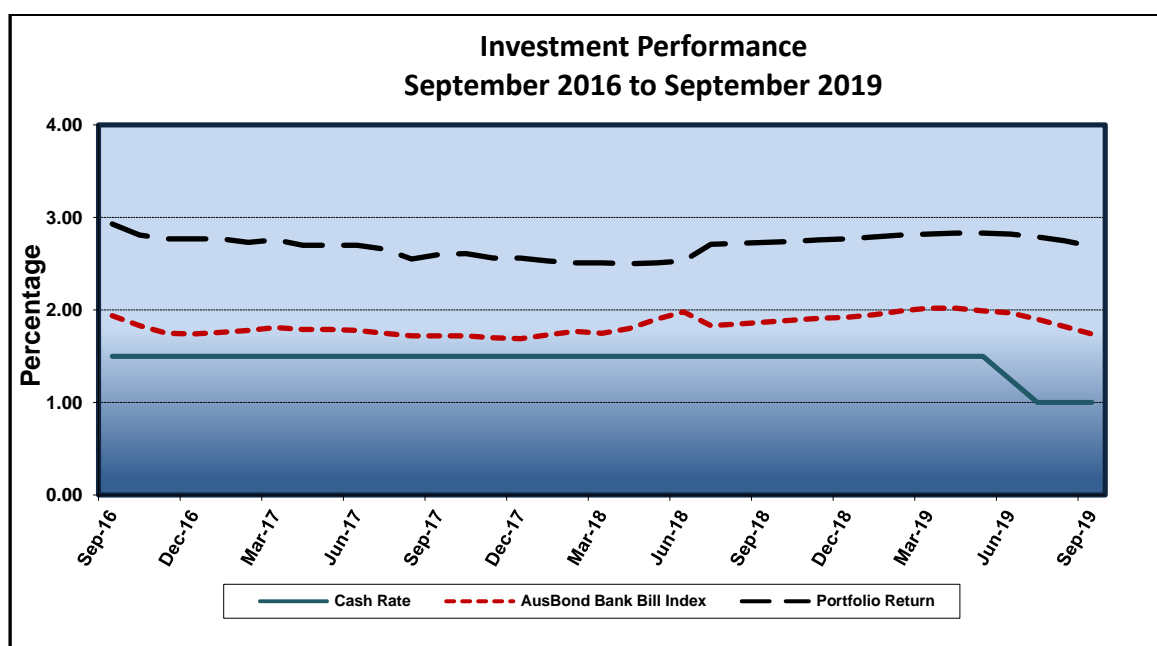
| Compliant | Issuer | Rating | Invested (\$) | Invested (%) | Max. Limit (%) | Available (\$) |
|-----------|----------------|--------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| ✓ | CBA | AA- | \$18,300,961 | 20.13% | 40% | \$18,072,978 |
| ✓ | NAB | AA- | \$30,594,490 | 33.64% | 40% | \$5,779,449 |
| ✓ | Westpac | AA- | \$16,028,380 | 17.63% | 40% | \$20,345,559 |
| ✓ | Rabobank | A+ | \$1,014,484 | 1.12% | 25% | \$21,719,228 |
| ✓ | Suncorp | A+ | \$10,024,255 | 11.02% | 25% | \$12,709,457 |
| ✓ | ING Bank | A | \$4,000,000 | 4.40% | 25% | \$18,733,712 |
| ✓ | Macquarie Bank | A | \$2,992,910 | 3.29% | 25% | \$19,740,802 |
| X | AMP Bank | BBB+ | \$7,979,366 | 8.77% | 0% | -\$7,979,366 |

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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 September 2016 to September 2019.



For the month of September, the total portfolio of term deposits (T/Ds) and floating rate notes (FRNs) provided a solid return of +0.18% (actual), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return by +0.10% (actual). 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. The FRN portfolio (on an accrual basis) continues to outperform the deposit portfolio, as evidenced by the returns over the past 12 months. This has partially been attributed to the strategic sales undertaken, realising capital gains and then switching proceeds into higher yielding (new) FRNs.

Over the past year, the combined term deposit and FRN portfolio returned +2.69% p.a., outperforming bank bills by 0.95% p.a. The overall return remains solid given deposit rates have again surpassed their all-time lows following the RBA's latest interest rates cut in June and July and again in October 2019.

| Performance | 1 month | 3 months | 6 months | FYTD | 1 year |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Official Cash Rate | 0.08% | 0.25% | 0.60% | 0.25% | 1.35% |
| AusBond Bank Bill Index | 0.08% | 0.29% | 0.74% | 0.29% | 1.74% |
| Council's T/D Portfolio | 0.18% | 0.60% | 1.28% | 0.602% | 2.66% |
| Council's FRN Portfolio | 0.17% | 0.56% | 1.25% | 0.56% | 2.73% |
| Council's Portfolio^A | 0.18% | 0.58% | 1.27% | 0.58% | 2.69% |
| Outperformance | 0.10% | 0.29% | 0.53% | 0.29% | 0.95% |

Term Deposits

At month end, term deposits totalled \$53 million, accounting for 58.28% of the total investment portfolio. There were two deposits totalling \$2 million that matured and withdrawn in September. New deposits of \$7.5 million were placed. As at the end of September, the weighted average deposit yield stood at 2.08%, down 11 basis points from the previous month.

Floating Rate Notes (FRNs)

The portfolio includes \$29.703 million in floating rate notes. During September there was no trading of FRN's.

The FRNs are classified as “held for trading” requiring that they are reported at the latest indicative market valuations at month end. The indicative market value of the FRNs as at the 30 September 2019 decreased by ~\$20k.

Ministerial Investment Order

In late 2007, the NSW Government commissioned a review of NSW local government investments. The review, known as the Cole Report included eight recommendations that were all adopted by the NSW Government and incorporated into the Ministerial Investment Order dated 31 July 2008. A revised Investment Order was issued on the 12 January 2011 and includes changes that:

- Remove the ability to invest in the mortgage of land;
- Remove the ability to make a deposit with Local Government Financial Services Pty Ltd; and
- Includes the addition of “Key Considerations” with a comment that a council’s General Manager, or any other staff, with delegated authority to invest funds on behalf of the council must do so in accordance with the council’s adopted investment policy.

Investment Register

The investment register is maintained with details of each individual investment including; financial institution; amount invested; date invested; maturity date and the applicable interest rate.

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| Investment Register - September 2019 | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--|-------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Investment | Credit Rating | Investment Amount as at 1 September 2019 | Monthly Movements | Investment Balance as at 30 September 2019 | Investment Book Value | Date Invested | Maturity Date | Interest Rate |
| On Call Funds | | | | | | | | |
| Commonwealth Bank Business Online Saver Account | AA- | 6,986,537 | 1,245,070 | 8,231,607 | 8,231,607 | Various | NA | 1.30% |
| Term Deposits | | | | | | | | |
| Westpac | AA- | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 7/08/2018 | 5/08/2020 | 2.89% |
| ING Bank | A | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 20/08/2018 | 29/07/2020 | 2.85% |
| ING Bank | A | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 6/09/2018 | 9/09/2020 | 2.85% |
| ING Bank | A | 1,000,000 | -1,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 13/09/2018 | 18/09/2019 | 2.75% |
| ING Bank | A | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 20/09/2018 | 23/09/2020 | 2.90% |
| AMP | BBB+ | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 19/11/2018 | 17/11/2020 | 2.95% |
| AMP | BBB+ | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 10/12/2018 | 10/12/2019 | 2.95% |
| AMP | BBB+ | 1,000,000 | -1,000,000 | 0 | 0 | 14/12/2018 | 24/09/2019 | 2.95% |
| Suncorp | A+ | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 22/02/2019 | 2/10/2019 | 2.65% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 25/02/2019 | 19/11/2019 | 2.62% |
| Westpac | AA- | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 4/03/2019 | 4/03/2020 | 2.65% |
| NAB | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 4/03/2019 | 9/10/2019 | 2.62% |
| NAB | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 4/03/2019 | 18/12/2019 | 2.60% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 5/03/2019 | 17/06/2020 | 2.65% |
| Suncorp | A+ | 2,500,000 | 0 | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 27/05/2019 | 23/10/2019 | 2.26% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 18/06/2019 | 16/10/2019 | 2.07% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 18/06/2019 | 8/01/2020 | 2.05% |
| AMP | BBB+ | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 18/06/2019 | 20/12/2019 | 2.35% |
| NAB | A- | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 20/06/2018 | 18/03/2020 | 2.01% |
| NAB | A- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 30/07/2019 | 8/01/2020 | 2.01% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 6/08/2019 | 29/04/2020 | 1.82% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 6/08/2019 | 5/02/2020 | 1.85% |
| Suncorp | A+ | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 13/08/2019 | 19/02/2020 | 1.65% |
| Suncorp | A+ | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 16/08/2019 | 1/04/2020 | 1.62% |
| Westpac | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 22/08/2019 | 2/09/2020 | 1.62% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 22/08/2019 | 8/07/2020 | 1.59% |
| Macquarie Bank | A | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 27/08/2019 | 24/02/2020 | 1.80% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 29/08/2019 | 22/01/2020 | 1.65% |
| NAB | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 29/08/2019 | 15/04/2020 | 1.60% |
| CBA | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 29/08/2019 | 22/07/2020 | 1.56% |
| CBA | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 30/08/2019 | 24/06/2020 | 1.57% |
| Westpac | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 30/08/2019 | 30/09/2020 | 1.58% |
| Westpac | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 30/08/2019 | 14/10/2020 | 1.57% |
| Westpac | AA- | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 3/09/2019 | 16/09/2020 | 1.57% |
| NAB | AA- | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 3/09/2019 | 10/06/2020 | 1.58% |
| Westpac | AA- | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 3/09/2019 | 28/10/2020 | 1.56% |
| Westpac | AA- | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | 16/09/2019 | 9/12/2020 | 1.70% |
| Floating Rate Notes | | | | | | | | |
| Suncorp Metway | A+ | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,008,445 | 20/10/2015 | 20/10/2020 | 90 day BBSW plus 125 bpts |
| Rabobank | A+ | 1,000,000 | 0 | 1,000,000 | 1,014,484 | 4/03/2016 | 4/03/2021 | 90 day BBSW plus 150 bpts |
| Suncorp Metway | A+ | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,015,810 | 16/08/2017 | 16/08/2022 | 90 day BBSW plus 97 bpts |
| CBA | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,007,910 | 25/01/2018 | 25/04/2023 | 90 day BBSW plus 80 bpts |
| Westpac | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,010,630 | 6/03/2018 | 6/03/2023 | 90 day BBSW plus 83 bpts |
| NAB | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,014,930 | 16/05/2018 | 16/05/2023 | 90 day BBSW plus 90 bpts |
| CBA | AA- | 1,500,000 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 1,512,533 | 16/08/2018 | 16/08/2023 | 90 day BBSW plus 93 bpts |
| AMP | BBB+ | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 1,994,890 | 10/09/2018 | 10/09/2021 | 90 day BBSW plus 108 bpts |
| NAB | AA- | 3,000,000 | 0 | 3,000,000 | 3,025,335 | 26/09/2018 | 26/09/2023 | 90 day BBSW plus 93 bpts |
| NAB | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,016,890 | 9/11/2018 | 26/09/2023 | 90 day BBSW plus 93 bpts |
| Westpac | AA- | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 2,017,750 | 16/11/2018 | 16/11/2023 | 90 day BBSW plus 95 bpts |
| CBA | AA- | 3,000,000 | 0 | 3,000,000 | 3,048,912 | 11/01/2019 | 11/01/2024 | 90 day BBSW plus 113 bpts |
| NAB | AA- | 3,000,000 | 0 | 3,000,000 | 3,037,335 | 26/02/2019 | 26/02/2024 | 90 day BBSW plus 104 bpts |
| AMP | BBB+ | 992,820 | 0 | 992,820 | 984,476 | 21/03/2019 | 30/03/2022 | 90 day BBSW plus 129 bpts |
| Macquarie Bank | A | 2,000,000 | 0 | 2,000,000 | 1,992,910 | 7/08/2019 | 7/08/2024 | 90 day BBSW plus 80 bpts |
| Portfolio Totals | | | | | | | | |
| | | 83,979,357 | 6,745,070 | 90,724,427 | 90,934,846 | | | |

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|---|
| Outcome | 1. Leadership in sustainability |
| Direction | 1a. Council has a long-term vision based on sustainability. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

The budget provision for investment income from this source is \$1,468,980. Income received to 30 September 2019 is \$427,762.82.

Policy and legislative requirements

Council is authorised by Section 625 of the Local Government Act to invest its surplus funds. Funds may only be invested in the form of investment notified by Order of the Minister dated 12 January 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 2019-20 financial year and outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index over a 12 month period.

All investments as at 30 September 2019 have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

Responsible officer: Gail Johnston, Financial Operations Accountant

File Reference: F2015/06527

Randwick City Council**Investments**

for the period ending 30 September 2019

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 30 September 2019 have been made in accordance with Council's Investment Policy (adopted Nov 2018).

I hereby certify that all investments as at 30 September 2019 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 30 September 2019, and this investment report, meet the requirements of clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.



David MacNiven
RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

04/10/2019

Date

Director Corporate Services Report No. CO52/19

Subject: Monthly Financial Report as at 30 September 2019







Executive Summary

- The Council's Director Corporate Services, as the Responsible Accounting Officer, advises that the projected financial position is satisfactory; and
- The current ratio as at 30 September 2019 is 2.44 compared to 2.37 as at 30 June 2019, indicating the Council's liquidity remains strong with capacity to meet short term obligations as they fall due.

Recommendation

That Council acknowledges that the Responsible Accounting Officer has advised that the projected financial position of Council is satisfactory.

Attachment/s:

1.   Monthly Financial Statements - Income Statement - September 2019
2.   Monthly Financial Statements - Balance Sheet - September 2019
3.   Monthly Financial Statements - Cashflow Statement - September 2019

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 30 September 2019. Attachment 1 summarises the Council's financial performance and its source and application of funds. Attachment 2 details the financial position of the Council as at 30 September 2019. Attachment 3 details the cash flow of the Council as at 30 September 2019.

The current Ratio as at 30 September 2019 is 2.44 compared to 2.37 as at 30 June 2019 mainly due to Council has \$19.8m more cash and investment compared with 30 June 2019, indicating the Council's liquidity remains strong with capacity to meet short term obligations as they fall due.

2019-20 Financial Performance Summary

| | 2019-20 Budget | 2019-20 September YTD |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Income from continuing operations | \$163,594,499 | \$44,545,719 |
| Expenses from continuing operations | \$154,872,627 | \$36,034,390 |
| Net operating result for 2019-20 | \$ 8,721,872 | \$ 8,511,329 |

Strategic alignment

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

| Outcome/Direction | Delivery Program actions |
|-------------------|--|
| Outcome | 1. Leadership in sustainability |
| Direction | 1b. Council is a leader in the delivery of social, financial and operational activities. |

Resourcing Strategy implications

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Policy and legislative requirements

Section 202 of *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*

Conclusion

The Council's Director Corporate Services, as the Responsible Accounting Officer, advises that the projected financial position is satisfactory.

Submitted by: Oliver Guo, Coordinator Financial Management & Control
File Reference: F2018/00384

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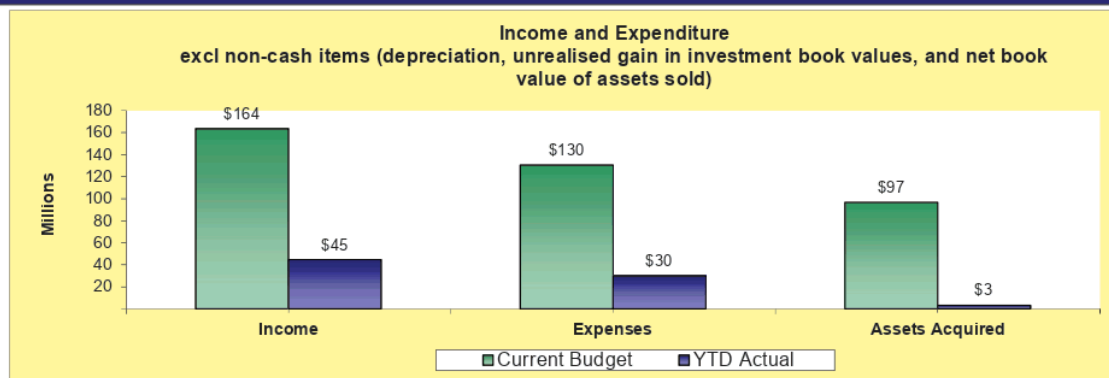


INCOME STATEMENT

for the financial year as at 30 September 2019

| | |
|--|-----|
| % OF YEAR EXPIRED AT 30 Sep 2019 | 25% |
|--|-----|

| | Original Budget (\$'000s) | Current Budget (\$'000s) | YTD Actuals (\$'000s) | % of Budget Spent/Earned |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | | | | |
| Employee Costs | 67,454 | 67,491 | 16,839 | 24.9% |
| Borrowing Costs | 1,084 | 1,084 | - | 0.0% |
| Materials and Contracts | 38,701 | 39,467 | 8,410 | 21.3% |
| Depreciation and Amortisation | 24,439 | 24,439 | 6,110 | 25.0% |
| Other Operating Expenses | 16,466 | 16,562 | 4,675 | 28.2% |
| Loss on Disposal of Infrastructure Assets | 5,829 | 5,829 | - | 0.0% |
| Total Expenses from Continuing Operations | 153,974 | 154,873 | 36,034 | 23.3% |
| INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS | | | | |
| Rates and Annual Charges | 122,551 | 122,551 | 33,801 | 27.6% |
| User Charges and Fees | 19,383 | 19,383 | 5,594 | 28.9% |
| Interest | 1,825 | 1,825 | 499 | 27.4% |
| Other Revenues | 8,737 | 8,737 | 1,642 | 18.8% |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 6,631 | 6,631 | 1,546 | 23.3% |
| Capital Grants and Contributions | 2,889 | 2,889 | 1,463 | 50.6% |
| Gain on Disposal of Plant & Fleet Assets | 1,578 | 1,578 | - | 0.0% |
| Total Income from Continuing Operations | 163,594 | 163,594 | 44,546 | 27.2% |
| Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit) | 9,621 | 8,722 | 8,511 | |
| FUNDING STATEMENT | | | | |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations - Accrual | 9,621 | 8,722 | 8,511 | 97.6% |
| Add Back Non-Funded Transactions included in Operations above | | | | |
| - Depreciation | 24,439 | 24,439 | 6,110 | 25.0% |
| - Sales of Assets (Book Value) | 5,829 | 5,829 | - | 0.0% |
| - Transfer from Internal Reserves | 3,504 | 19,391 | 1,183 | 6.1% |
| - Transfer from External Reserves | 4,241 | 16,458 | 148 | 0.9% |
| - Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Market Value of Investments | - | - | 13 | 0.0% |
| - Loan Borrowings | - | 27,000 | - | 0.0% |
| Net Funds Available | 47,634 | 101,840 | 15,938 | 15.7% |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Assets Acquired | 42,419 | 96,624 | 3,168 | 3.3% |
| Loan Principal Repayment | 898 | 898 | - | 0.0% |
| Transfer to Internal Reserves | 1,232 | 1,232 | 1,011 | 82.0% |
| Transfer to External Reserves | 3,070 | 3,070 | 1,090 | 35.5% |
| Total Funds Applied | 47,619 | 101,825 | 5,269 | 5.2% |
| Total Funds Surplus/(Deficit) | 15 | 15 | 10,670 | |





BALANCE SHEET

at 30 September 2019

| | Actual as at 30 September 2019 (\$'000s) | Actual as at 30 June 2019 (\$'000s) |
|---|--|---|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments | 89,461 | 69,665 |
| Receivables | 7,526 | 8,611 |
| Inventories | 527 | 513 |
| Other | - | 835 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | 97,514 | 79,624 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Investments | 8 | 8 |
| Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | 1,817,828 | 1,820,770 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | 1,817,835 | 1,820,777 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 1,915,350 | 1,900,401 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Payables & Prepayments | 21,663 | 14,659 |
| Provisions | 18,328 | 18,895 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 39,991 | 33,554 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Provisions | 286 | 286 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | 286 | 286 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 40,277 | 33,840 |
| NET ASSETS | 1,875,072 | 1,866,561 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Retained Earnings | 828,217 | 819,705 |
| Revaluation Reserves | 1,046,855 | 1,046,855 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 1,875,072 | 1,866,561 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW at 30 September 2019

| | Actual as at 30 September 2019 (\$'000) | Actual as at 30 June 2019 (\$'000) |
|---|--|--|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | |
| Receipts: | | |
| Rates & Annual Charges | 44,382 | 115,742 |
| User Charges & Fees | 4,750 | 22,383 |
| Investment & Interest Revenue Received | 572 | 2,152 |
| Grants & Contributions | 3,752 | 15,605 |
| Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts received | 561 | 1,905 |
| Other | 2,336 | 17,086 |
| Payments: | | |
| Employee Benefits & On-Costs | (18,607) | (63,934) |
| Materials & Contracts | (9,163) | (52,344) |
| Borrowing Costs | | |
| Bonds, Deposits & Retention amounts refunded | (432) | (1,478) |
| Other | (5,188) | (18,925) |
| Net Cash provided (or used in) Operating Activities | 22,963 | 38,192 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | |
| Receipts: | | |
| Sale of Investment Securities | 12,029 | 68,948 |
| Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | | 1,820 |
| Payments: | | |
| Purchase of Investment Securities | (30,516) | (72,000) |
| Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment | (3,168) | (35,882) |
| Net Cash provided (or used in) Investing Activities | (21,655) | (37,114) |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities | | |
| Receipts: | | |
| Nil | | |
| Payments: | | |
| Nil | | |
| Net Cash Flow provided (used in) Financing Activities | 0 | 0 |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents | 1,309 | 1,078 |
| plus: Cash & Cash Equivalents - beginning of year | 5,449 | 4,371 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents - end of the period/year | 6,758 | 5,449 |
| Additional Information: | | |
| plus: Investments on hand - end of period/year | 82,703 | 64,216 |
| Total Cash, Cash Equivalents & Investments | 89,461 | 69,665 |

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM72/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Andrews - Proposed Installation of Roundabout at Fitzgerald and Robey Streets Maroubra

Motion:

That:

1. Council investigate the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Fitzgerald Avenue and Robey Street Maroubra; and
2. the matter be referred to the Randwick Traffic Committee.

Submitted by: Councillor Andrews, Central Ward

File Reference: F2004/06185

NM72/19

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM73/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Cancellation of CapTel service

Motion:

That Council:

1. Re-affirms its support for an inclusive Randwick City, and its commitment to help remove barriers and enable people with different needs to participate equally in their community.
2. Write to the Federal Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP noting its strong concern regarding the planned cancellation of the CapTel phone service for people with hearing difficulties and requesting that:
 - the Federal government continues discussions in good faith with stakeholders including Deafness Forum of Australia, Deafblind Australia, Deaf Australia and the Australian Communications Consumer Advocacy Network regarding CapTel and other communication accessibility services;
 - the Federal government commit to the ongoing funding and support of the CapTel Service phone service for people with hearing difficulties until such time that appropriate alternatives are agreed upon with stakeholders including those listed above.

Background:

More than 4,000 people around Australia, largely hearing-impaired or elderly, depend on CapTel handsets to communicate on the phone. CapTel phones work with a Captioning Service as part of a federally-funded program that supports telephone accessibility for people with hearing loss at no cost to the consumer. It works like any other telephone with one important addition: it displays every word the caller says throughout the conversation. CapTel phone users can listen to the caller and can also read the written captions in the CapTel's display window.

The Commonwealth Government has awarded Concentrix Services a contract to deliver the National Relay Service (NRS), and has directed Concentrix to shut down the CapTel handset service on 1 February 2020. CapTel is set to be replaced with alternatives that are known to be cumbersome and slow.

Deafness Forum of Australia, Deafblind Australia, Deaf Australia (the group that represents people who communicate in Auslan) and Australian Communications Consumer Advocacy Network have been collaborators for several years to support the National Relay Service and ensure that its services are not degraded but improved.

This group of advocacy organisations met in July 2019 with officers of the Department of Communications (the department that is responsible for the National Relay Service) and its soon to be appointed contractor Concentrix. Deafness Forum argued that the notice period was far too short and would have a profound effect on the 4,000 users of CapTel, many of whom are aged and vulnerable citizens.

Submitted by: Councillor Veitch, West Ward

File Reference: F2011/00054

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM74/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Matson - Proposed Change of Use at 54B Bream Street, Coogee

Motion:

That the General Manager notes the interest of the Coogee Precinct Committee in DA/370/2019 which proposes a change of use at number 54B Bream Street Coogee (i.e. the "Tennis Club") and arranges for both the precinct and interested Councillors to be briefed on the finalised assessment report prior to any action being taken on the recommendation by Council Officers.

Background:

I have been advised that the last meeting of the Coogee Precinct Committee debated issues around DA/370/2019 that proposes a change of use at the tennis facilities at 54B Bream Street Coogee.

I have advised those constituents that Councillors can't take any role in the professional assessment of DA's by Council Officers and no longer resolve DA's.

Submitted by: Councillor Matson, East Ward

File Reference: DA/370/2019

NM74/19

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM75/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Matson - Addressing Ongoing Issues at the 10 Helena Street Randwick Development Site

Motion:

That Council:

- a) Investigates concerns raised by ward Councillors that recently undertaken drainage and stormwater improvements on the 10 Helena Street Randwick development site in response to previous Council approaches appear to be not adequate enough to achieve the positive outcomes sought for by Council on behalf of the 8 Helena Street household, and if found to substantiated;
- b) advise the owners, the builder and private certifier associated with the 10 Helena Street site of the inadequacy of this situation and expresses its opposition to the issuing of either a full or interim occupation certificate until Council officers are satisfied that it is acceptably habitable for future occupants and does not present a structural or seepage threat to either the 8 or 12 Helena Street properties; and
- c) bring a report back to Councillors assessing options for taking compelling action to oblige a rectification of this worrying situation including formal complaints to the appropriate state regulatory bodies.

Background:

Councillors and Council officers have for some time been responding to complaints from the Shaloub household at 8 Helena Street Randwick that they are experiencing water seepage and a threat of structural damage as a result of the development work on the neighbouring 10 Helena Street site.

The issue has been addressed in previous debate at Council but resulting improvements on the site are reported by the Shaloubs to have been inadequately implemented and are not returning the amelioration to them hoped for by Council.

Submitted by: Councillor Matson, East Ward

File Reference: F2016/06032

NM75/19

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM76/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Stavrinou - Proposed Parking and Traffic Study for the Kingsford and Kensington Town Centres

Motion:

That Council commence a Parking and Traffic Study of both the Kingsford & Kensington Town Centres in order to address concerns raised by residents & businesses, and to address parking & traffic implications that an increase in density could create under Councils proposed Housing Strategy.

Background:

A number of residents and businesses have expressed concerns about the current housing strategy being exhibited by council. The issues relate to parking and traffic due to increased densities, and the effect that this will have on the town centres and the flow on affect to side streets. With the light rail construction having been completed, any parking and traffic study requested should be conducted immediately.

Submitted by: Councillor Stavrinou, West Ward

File Reference: F2019/01449

NM76/19

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM77/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Stavrinou - Conduct of Audit of Tree Plantings Under Light-Rail Development Agreement.

Motion:

That Council

1. liaise with TfNSW to conduct an audit into the number of trees being planted as part of the Light-Rail Development agreement to ensure that the number of trees being planted corresponds with the conditions stipulated under the agreement; and
2. identify any shortfalls (if any) into the number of trees being planted and request that the trees be given to Council to plant across the Randwick LGA.

Background:

It has been well publicised that the Randwick LGA has the 2nd lowest amount of Tree Canopy in NSW. Under the Light-Rail Development Agreement, a stipulation was made whereby a certain number of trees would be planted based on the number of trees that were removed and their size. As part of this agreement, it's important that we replace and improve on any tree canopy removed as a consequence of the Light-Rail, so as to replenish the amenity of the Randwick LGA.

Submitted by: Councillor Stavrinou, West Ward

File Reference: F2013/00263

NM77/19

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM78/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Shurey - Contribution of Car Idling to Climate Change

Motion:

That Council notes the growing concern that the unnecessary idling of cars is a contributor to climate change and considers factoring it in to future environmental policies.

Background:

Emissions from cars are a major contributor to climate change and air pollution in cities.

Children are also particularly vulnerable. Here's George Monbiot's research and writing - <https://www.monbiot.com/2017/03/05/car-sick/>

Changes are happening in the US and UK. Here are the anti-idling laws in the US, as compiled by the EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/CompilationofStateIdlingRegulations.pdf>

As I understand it, 23 states in the US limit idling by some or all vehicles. And according to the U.S. Department of Energy, eliminating personal vehicle idling would be equivalent to taking 5 million vehicles off the road there.

There's also momentum amongst Councils in the UK to do more on limiting idling - <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/may/14/patience-exhausted-drivers-who-sit-with-engines-idling-could-face-instant-fines>

Submitted by: Councillor Shurey, North Ward

File Reference: F2005/00230

NM78/19

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM79/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Parker - Promotion and Protection of All Languages

Motion:

That Council:

1. observe and acknowledge International Mother Language Day on 21 February every year to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by the people living in the Randwick Local Government Area;
2. promote the active participation, revitalisation and maintenance of local Indigenous languages through the Aboriginal Advisory Committee; and
3. establish collections and displays, such as an "Ekushey Corner" at the Lionel Bowen Library and La Perouse Museum to promote and protect mother languages.

Background:

UNESCO declared 21 February as the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) on 17 November 1999, to promote awareness of the importance of practicing and protecting Mother Languages. It was designed to develop greater awareness and interest in linguistic and cultural traditions, and to inspire solidarity based on mutual interaction, understanding, tolerance, cohesion and respect within modern multicultural societies.

This was as a result of research by UNESCO, which revealed that the total number of languages used by global communities had dropped from 7500 to 5000 between the 1970s and 2000. It is estimated that every fortnight one language is lost and protective measures are essential. In Australia we have around 12 Aboriginal languages which are still alive from over 317 languages. Only seven have more than 1,000 speaker and it is predicted that only two or more are likely to survive the next 50 years of so.

The Mother Language Conservation Movement has developed strategies to involve and engage all linguistic communities through sharing this information and by developing a global appeal, 'Conserve Your Mother Language' to remind people about the importance of preserving Mother Languages.

The 'Twenty-first (Ekushey) Corner at Library' is one of the strategies proposed by the MLC to enable member countries to participate in this global movement aiming to highlight the threat to mother languages.

Issues:

Cr Dylan Parker was approached by Mr Nirmal Paul, Founder and Chairperson, Mother Languages Conservation (MLC) Movement International Inc. and Mr Azadul Alam, Director Research, MLC Movement International Inc. to encourage Randwick City Council to support the Mother Language Conservation Movement.

A meeting was held with Cr Dylan Parker, Mr Paul Mr Alam and Todd Clarke, Director City Services and Barbara Todes, Manager, Randwick City Library on 30 September 2019. It was resolved that the following strategies could be implemented:

1. Continue to provide collections in the top five community languages at the Lionel Bowen Library. Access to these resources assists in the promotion and protection of mother languages relevant to the Randwick community.
2. Continue to source bulk loans from the State Library of NSW of languages requested by those from smaller language groups in the community.

3. Establish a “Twenty-first (Ekushey) Corner”, with the concept “One Small Shelf, One Giant Step Forward” comprising a poster and small shelf with relevant material to raise awareness and engage the local community in the issue of declining mother languages.
4. Have library displays on 21 February each year to celebrate International Mother Language Day.
5. Conduct a social media campaign promoting International Mother Language Day in February each year, and showcase the range of community language collections and programs currently provided.
6. Invite the La Perouse Museum to establish a permanent “Twenty-first (Ekushey) Corner” and/or display at the Museum to draw attention to the issue, aimed at both the local community and international visitors to the Museum.
7. Involve the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to promote the active participation, revitalisation and maintenance of local Indigenous languages.

Randwick City Council has the opportunity to participate in the international campaign to preserve mother languages, in the face of their rapid decline due to technological development, migration and globalisation. The strategies outlined will raise awareness of this issue and go some way to preserve local languages used in our community.

Source of funding:

The proposed strategies link to existing Council programs and require no additional resources to implement.

Submitted by: Councillor Parker, Central Ward

File Reference: F2012/00347

Motion Pursuant to Notice No. NM80/19

Subject: Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Support for Indigenous Communities opposing Fracking in the Northern Territory

Motion:

That Council:

1. write to Origin Energy:
 - noting our Power Purchase Agreement with Origin through SSROC, 20% of which is currently sourced from the Moree Solar Farm;
 - noting Randwick City Council's Climate Emergency Declaration, and in-principle support for net-zero emissions by 2030;
 - expressing our support for the traditional owners and communities in the Northern Territory who have expressed their strong opposition to fracking due its threats to the climate and to their lands, waters and rights;
 - requesting that Origin Energy cease all plans to conduct fracking in the Northern Territory and elsewhere due to its impact on the climate, communities, environment and water, and commit to further investment in environmentally and socially sustainable renewable energy projects.
2. forward a copy of the correspondence referred to above to all NSW Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs).

Background:

On 2 October 2018, Origin announced a contract to supply solar power from their 56 MW Moree Solar Farm to 20 Sydney local councils, including Randwick City Council. This is via a group Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) led by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC).

Origin Energy pride themselves on their "good energy" brand and claim to take climate change seriously, however, Origin has plans to start shale gas fracking in the Northern Territory. Fracking the NT would not only be one of the largest potential sources of carbon pollution in the world, but it poses huge threats to the lands, waters and rights of Aboriginal people to make decisions about what happens on their country.

<https://www.goodenergy.net.au>

In February this year, The Australia Institute and thirty of Australia's leading scientists – including many of Australia's leading climate scientists – called for a permanent ban on unconventional gas development in the Northern Territory due to its potential impact on global warming.

[https://www.tai.org.au/sites/default/files/P637%20NT%20offset%20paper%20\[WEB\].pdf](https://www.tai.org.au/sites/default/files/P637%20NT%20offset%20paper%20[WEB].pdf)

The Northern Territory is one of the areas that will suffer most from global warming if global emissions are not decisively reduced. CSIRO projections show that, if emissions continue to rise, Darwin could experience up to 275 days per year above 35 degrees by 2070. Combined with Darwin's high humidity, this could make the region virtually uninhabitable. Increasing extreme heat is just one of many potentially devastating impacts of climate change. Despite this, a moratorium on unconventional gas extraction in the NT was lifted by Chief Minister Michael Gunner in April 2018.

A more suitable and positive alternative to shale gas fracking which could be proposed to Origin is to consider suggestions made for Australia to become the world's renewable energy powerhouse, and explore renewable energy grid development.

As an Origin customer and consistent with its Climate Emergency declaration, Randwick City Council has an opportunity to support Traditional Owners and communities in the Northern Territory, and to write to Origin Energy about the matter.

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